

Jersey Girls

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Lights! Camera! Action!
These New Jersey natives are primetime.

Who knew New Jersey contained so much entertainment? Springsteen and Travolta both came from here — and, of course, *The Sopranos*. But how about the women? Who would have imagined there would be so many of them on TV all at once — and all from Jersey!

Here are the Jersey Girls — the wonderful women of the Garden State, who are bringing TV into full bloom.

Newton

Population 8,337



Janeane

Jack Bauer just found trouble. Born in Newton, **Janeane Garofalo** is a sharp-tongued comic who actually made her name in Rhode Island by winning a contest to find the funniest person in the tiniest state. Ready to make a big splash on FOX's *24* this season as Janis Gold, an expert FBI systems analyst, this one-time film star (1996's *The Truth About Cats and Dogs*) will have Jack's back.

Voorhees Township

Population 28,126



Kelly

Kelly Ripa may costar on *Live! with Regis and Kelly*, but not that long ago she was live in school plays in Voorhees Township. First making a national name for herself on *One Life to Live* (where she was paired on-screen with future husband Mark Consuelos), this Daytime Emmy®-nominee performed double duty for several years with Regis and on the sitcom *Hope & Faith*.

Caldwell
Population 7,584



Camryn

Caldwell-born **Camryn Manheim** first made audiences sit up and take notice when she played the sarcastic yet tough lawyer Ellenor on *The Practice* (which was reshuffled into *Boston Legal*). A vital actress who has long embraced her plus-size, Manheim is now adding her luster to CBS's *Ghost Whisperer*, as Delia Banks — a role that may even land her another Emmy® Award.

Cherry Hill
Population 70,000



Ali

Heroes delivers **Ali Larter** fighting her evil twin — not bad for a kid from Cherry Hill. Still, life there was good: she was a Ford Model while still a teen, and she later played a sassy cheerleader in the sports pleaser *Varsity Blues*. As Larter said recently at a New York benefit, she'll always consider the East Coast a big part of her life: "It has the kind of places where you can be yourself, and you can't beat the culture."

Point Pleasant
Population 19,882



Tawny

Heroes Bonus: Art dealer Simone Diveaux, played by Point Pleasant's **Tawny Cypress**, was killed off toward the end of last season, only to reappear in a dream. Could it be this spunky Jersey Girl will continue to appear over the next year?

Parsippany
Population 50,649



Jane

Jane Krakowski started out as second fiddle to Calista Flockhart's lead on *Ally McBeal* from 1997-2002, but now she is making a name of her own as Jenna on NBC's *30 Rock*, reportedly bumping out Saturday Night Live alum Rachel Dratch in the process. Born in Parsippany, Krakowski leapt from *McBeal* to a 2003 Tony Award® for her Broadway turn as a femme fatale in *Nine*, opposite Antonio Banderas.

Wyckoff
Population 16,508



Katrina

30 Rock Bonus: **Katrina Bowden**, from the town of Wyckoff, is also on the show as Cerie. All of 19, Bowden still manages to display vast experience in her role as a ditzy secretary.