

# NURSES

## ADA MARIS Gina Cuevas in "Nurses"

Ada Maris stars as Gina Cuevas, a recent immigrant who strives to better herself and her new country in "Nurses," the comedy series about a dedicated team of nurses who confront personal and professional challenges with heart and spirit. "Nurses" is a Witt-Thomas-Harris production in association with Touchstone Television.

Maris is well known to television audiences for her portrayal of Maria Conchita Lopez in the popular comedy series about adjusting to life in America, "What A Country." She was also a regular on ABC's "Juarez," and guest starred on the hit series "The Cosby Show."

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Maris has been fascinated by acting since childhood. She attended both Boston University and the University of California at Los Angeles before being lured away to a life on the stage.

Maris began her career at various regional theatres around the country, starring in such shows as "In A Pig's Valise" at New York's Second Stage, "I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road," "Sugar," "Corridos," "Get Happy" and "At Long Last Cole" with Carol Burnett.

Maris is also known for her one-woman stage show, "I Want to Be an American," which she developed several years ago and still performs in nightclubs in and around Los Angeles. A cabaret act consisting of music and

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comedy loosely based on her own experiences, "I Want to Be an American," along with Maris' performance in "What A Country," inspired ABC Television to offer Maris a development deal for a television series of her own.

Maris appeared in the theatrical releases, "About Last Night" and in the comedy "Stiffs."

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