

NURSES

ARNETIA WALKER
Annie Roland in "Nurses"

Arnetia Walker stars as Annie Roland, the charge nurse who is trying to do it all, but balancing career responsibilities and family demands can be a taxing proposition 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.

Walker was born in Columbus, Georgia. By age 12 she set her sights on New York's prestigious High School of the Performing Arts in order to pursue a career in acting. Her career took off before graduation, when a special exemption from a school rule barring professional work was necessary to allow Walker to make her Broadway debut in "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window."

The show closed after three nights, prompting Walker to give up show business for all of a week, until she learned of auditions for Joseph Papp's upcoming musical version of "Two Gentleman of Verona." Walker landed her next starring role in the musical that enjoyed a run of more than two years.

Walker's career was on a roll as hit followed hit. She next starred in "The Wiz," then "Raisin" and finally, "Dreamgirls," in which she was the only woman ever to play all three lead characters. Somehow, Walker also found time to polish her nightclub act before heading to Hollywood, where she

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then co-starred in Paul Bartel's "Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills."

Maintaining her film and television career, Walker went on to co-star in the feature film "Love Crimes" with Sean Young and Patrick Bergin, and the HBO movie "Cast a Deadly Spell." She also co-starred in the television series "Singer and Sons," with guest appearances on "Quantum Leap," "Midnight Caller," and "227."

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