

NURSES

KIP GILMAN
Dr. Hank Kaplan in "Nurses"

Kip Gilman stars as Dr. Hank Kaplan, an overworked and financially troubled physician, 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.

Gilman was born and raised just outside Boston in the oceanside community of Winthrop. He credits his early fascination with the theatre to his father, a traveling salesman, who took great pleasure in sharing his love of storytelling and music with his son. He also taught Gilman to play his first instrument, the clarinet.

While attending Bowling Green State University, Gilman performed on the stage for the first time. Upon graduation, a serious bout of mononucleosis delayed his acceptance of a traditional job, enabling him to take time to contact Chicago-area producers about upcoming auditions.

Gilman's first audition, for a local production of the musical "Irma La Douce," resulted in his professional stage debut. After a year of non-stop theatre work in Chicago, including lead roles in "Funny Girl" and "Pal Joey," he moved to New York, where he starred in such productions as "Key Exchange," "Purlie," "The Wager" and "Is Anyone Listening?"

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For television, Gilman has starred in such series as "Loves Me, Loves Me Not" with Susan Dey, and "Foot in the Door." He has also been a series regular on "Jessica Novak," "Trapper John, M.D." and "Studio 5-B."

His motion picture credits include "Scavengers," "Bedroom Eyes" and "Nights in White Satin." He has also appeared in the television movies "Portrait of a Showgirl" opposite Lesley Ann Warren, "Uncommon Love," "The Karen Carpenter Story" and "Side By Side" with Sid Ceasar.

Gilman recently debuted his own one-man musical satire entitled "Man, Women and Assassins."

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