

NURSES

MARY JO KEENEN
Julie Milbury in "Nurses"

Mary Jo Keenen stars as Julie Milbury, an eccentric nurse, who despite her off-beat view of the world is a capable and devoted professional 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.

Born and raised in Westfield, New Jersey, Keenen was drawn to acting at an early age, specifically during a performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Paper Mill Playhouse which she attended as a child.

"When the giant jumped off the stage and ran through the audience, it was the most thrilling and most terrifying moment of my life," says Keenen. "For me acting is still an experience of stark terror and overwhelming joy at the same time."

Following high school, Keenen enrolled in Marymount Manhattan College in New York City, where she eventually earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre.

Keenen made her professional acting debut after edging out hundreds of applicants in an open audition for the role of "Kat" in the long-running daytime series, "Search For Tomorrow." One week after landing the role, she was whisked off to Ireland for several weeks of location filming.

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Keenen's extensive theatre credits include Shelagh Delaney's "A Taste of Honey" and Samuel Beckett's "End Game" at New York City's Phoenix Theatre. She also portrayed Kathleen Jenkins, O'Neill's first wife, in the PBS production of "Eugene O'Neill: Journey Toward Genius."

Additional television credits include guest-starring roles on NBC's "Shannon's Deal," "Monsters" and "Manhattan Nights," as well as a lead role in Showtime's "Poison." Keenen was also seen as a series regular on "City," which starred Valerie Harper.

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