

# The Friends

Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox Arquette, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer are stars in this hit comedy about six close-knit young friends living in New York City.

The series focuses on the friendship of three men and three women who frequently gather at each other's apartments and share sofa space at "Central Perk" coffeehouse. Monica (Courteney Cox Arquette) is a chef with an obsession for neatness and order in her life. She is also married to Chandler (Matthew Perry), humorous man, who is never at a loss for words. Across the hall is Chandler's longtime roommate Joey (Matt LeBlanc), an actor currently on "Days of Our Lives"

playing a man with a woman's brain.

Sharing his apartment is Rachel (Jennifer Aniston), Monica's best friend from high

school and former roommate. Rachel works for a fashion designer and is still trying to get by without help from her wealthy father. Across the alley from Monica and Chandler is Monica's hapless brother Ross (David Schwimmer), a teacher who has been divorced three times, including once from Rachel following a reckless weekend in

Las Vegas. Rounding out the circle of friends is Monica's ex-roommate, Phoebe Buffay (Lisa Kudrow), unusual, eternally optimistic folk singer and massage therapist, who gave birth to triplets as a surrogate mother for her half-brother and his wife.

The series was created by the writing team of Marta Kauffman & David Crane. Emmy and CableACE Award-winning producer Kevin Bright is executive producer with Kauffman and Crane. Scott Silveri and Shana Goldberg also serve as executive producers.

The show was first aired in September 1994.

Since its first season the show "Friends" has received 33 Emmy Award nominations, including four for Outstanding Comedy Series. The cast won a Screen Actors Guild Award in 1996 and has been nominated three times for a Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series, Musical or Comedy. "Friends" won also the People's Choice Award.

## Jennifer Joanne Aniston as Rachel Green

She was born in Sherman Oaks in California, USA on (the) 11. February year 1969. Her birth name is Jennifer Joanne Aniston, but now she is Jennifer Pitt. She was raised in New York City because her father is a famous soap star John Aniston.

Jennifer Aniston has starred in a number of films, including "The Object of My Affection," "Picture Perfect," "She's the One," "Till There Was You" and "Office Space." She appeared in "Rock Star" and this year played opposite Jim Carrey in the summer smash hit "Bruce Almighty."

She was nominated for an Emmy as Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series; she got the People's Choice Award as Favorite Female Television Performer and received her first Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations in 2002 for Best Performance.

Currently, Aniston resides in Los Angeles with her husband, actor Brad Pitt. She

enjoys painting in her spare time, as well as hiking, camping and virtually anything that brings her closer to nature.

### Courteney Cox Arquette as Monica Geller Bing

Courteney Bass Cox was born in Birmingham, Alabama on June 15, 1964. She moved to New York City after her graduation from high school and was subsequently signed by the Ford modeling agency. Soon, she was appearing in magazines, television commercials and music videos. In 1995, as a cast member of "Friends," She was People magazine's cover girl for the "50 Most Beautiful People" issue.

She co-starred opposite Kevin Costner and Kurt Russell in the film "3000 Miles to Graceland," and as television reporter Gale Weathers in "Scream" trilogy, opposite Neve Campbell and Courteney's husband, David Arquette.

Her other feature credits include "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (opposite Jim Carrey), "Commandments," "Blue Desert," "Cocoon: The Return," "Mr. Destiny," "The Rules of the Game," and "Alien Love Triangle.

Her other television credits include guest-starring parts on "Murder, She Wrote," "Seinfeld," and others.

In her spare time, Courtney, who wanted to be an architect while growing up, enjoys remodeling and decorating homes. She and her husband currently live in Los Angeles.

### Lisa Kudrow as Phoebe Buffay

Lisa Kudrow was born in Encino, California on July 30, 1963. She graduated in New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. While growing up, she performed many of her favorite movie scenes for family and friends.

Lisa Kudrow has been honored with five Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her role as the spacey but lovable folk singer and massage therapist Phoebe - and she took home the statuette in 1998. She has also received a Screen Actors Guild, an American Comedy Award and a Golden Globe Award nomination for her performance on "Friends."

She played in film "The Opposite of Sex." She also starred opposite Robert De Niro in the film "Analyze This," for which she won a Blockbuster Award.

Her recent film credits include starring roles in the Analyze That, Hanging Up, Lucky Numbers with John Travolta and in comedy "Mother." She also starred in "Clockwatchers". Audiences will next see Kudrow star in "Wonderland" .

Lisa Kudrow currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband and son.

### Matt LeBlanc as Joey Tribbiani

He was born in Newton, Massachusetts on July 25, 1967. Matt LeBlanc stars in comedy, "Friends," as Joey, a womanizing actor currently on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives" living across the hall from Chandler and Monica.

LeBlanc most recently appeared on the big screen in "Charlie's Angels." He has also starred in "Lost in Space" and "All the Queen's Men."

LeBlanc received his second Emmy nomination this year for his work on "Friends." He has been nominated for two People's Choice Awards and two

Golden Globe Awards as well.  
He currently resides in Los Angeles.

#### Matthew Perry as Chandler Bing

He was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts on August 19, 1969. Matthew Perry was raised in Ottawa where he became a top-ranked junior tennis player in Canada. However, after moving to Los Angeles at the age of 15 to live with his father, he became more interested in acting. When he was offered a leading role on the television series "Boys Will Be Boys," he seized the opportunity to begin his acting career. Perry recently starred with Elizabeth Hurley in the comedy film "Serving Sara." He also co-starred in the hit comedy film "The Whole Nine Yards," as the neighbor of a hit man played by Bruce Willis. Perry's other film credits include "Fools Rush In," "A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon," "She's Out of Control" and "Parallel Lives." Perry also played in the buddy comedy "Almost Heroes" and in the romantic comedy "Three to Tango," opposite Neve Campbell.

He was nominated for an Emmy for his guest appearance on NBC's "The West Wing." Perry currently resides in Los Angeles. He enjoys playing ice hockey and softball in his spare time.

#### David Schwimmer as Ross Geller

He was born on November 12, 1966 in Queens, New York.

He has acted in or directed numerous productions including Of One Blood, West, The Odyssey, The Jungle, In the Eye of the Beholder, The Master and Margarita, The Arabian Nights and The Idiot. His feature credits include Hotel, It's the Rage, Picking Up the Pieces, Six Days Seven Nights, Kissing a Fool, Crossing the Bridge, Since You've Been Gone-which he also directed. His television credits include Friends, which he continues to direct; David Schwimmer's performance as Ross, a sensitive, hopeless romantic, has earned him an Emmy Award nomination as well as popular and critical acclaim for his versatility on stage, in film and television in a wide variety of roles.

Schwimmer is on the Board of Directors of the Rape Foundation for the Rape Treatment Center of Santa Monica and has residences in Los Angeles and Chicago.