

Meet the cast of *What's Cooking?*

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Kristy Wu plays Jenny Nguyen

Isidra Vega plays Gina Avila

Wu and Vega have supporting roles in the new film *What's Cooking?*, the story of four racially diverse families celebrating Thanksgiving in Los Angeles. The movie, released in November, is directed and co-written by Gurinder Chanda, and also stars Julianna Margulies, Mercedes Ruehl and Kyra Sedgwick.

Age: 18

Hometown: L.A.

College/Major: Stanford, will be an English major.

First role: Liz in *Drive Me Crazy*

Favorite role: Jenny in *What's Cooking?*

Hobbies: Singing, drawing, writing

Current Project

What was the best part of working on *What's Cooking?* The way the cast and crew worked as one to procure an amazingly smooth run.

What was your biggest challenge for the role? To cry in, it seems, almost every scene.

On the Net

Favorite web site: Hamsterdance [go to nuttysites.com and click on the dancing hamster]

How much time do you spend online? Between five and 30 minutes a day

What do you use the Internet for the most? Check my e-mail.

Age: You're not supposed to ask a lady her age.

Hometown: New York, NY

First role: Melena in *Hurricane Streets*

Favorite role: Each role had me trying something new, and that makes it hard to choose. If you asked which character I would hang out with, I would say Gina and maybe Melena.

Hobbies: Skating, swimming, skiing

If you could meet anyone, who would it be and why?

Either Francis Ford Coppola or Quentin Tarantino, so they would cast me in one of their movies.

Current Project

What was the best part of working on *What's Cooking?* Gurinder [Chadha] was an amazing director. The cast and the writing were both incredible. Being a part of a cool film like that was a great experience.

What was your biggest challenge for the role?

Well, she was pretty close to myself, which was both hard and fun. Also not freaking out standing next to Mercedes Ruehl.

On the Net

Favorite web site: games.yahoo.com

How much time do you spend online? An hour a day.

Quick Quiz: Identify the film by its tagline.

- "It's 11:59 on New Year's Eve. Do you know where your date is?"
- "Finally, a comedy that will change the way you think, the way you feel, and most importantly—the way you dress."
- "In space no one can hear you scream."
- "...look closer."
- "Everyone has one special thing."
- "It's only a state of mind."
- "They only met once, but it changed their lives forever."
- "It's not who you love. It's how."
- "A Hilarious Look at the Over-the-Counter Culture."
- "Sex. Clothes. Popularity... Whatever."
- "He's a doll. He's a dreamboat. He's a delinquent."
- "See It with a Bud."
- "Get 'touched' by an angel."
- "Remember my name..."
- "The music is on his side."
- "Things fall down. People look up. And when it rains, it pours."
- "The story of a rebel and his bike."
- "They're here."
- "Talk hard. Steal the Air."
- "...It's 4am, do you know where your car is?"
- "Let's go to work."
- "A different set of jaws."
- "In 2033, justice rides a tank and wears lip gloss."
- "Does for rock and roll what *The Sound of Music* did for hills."

ANSWERS

1. 200 Cigarettes (1999) 2. Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994) 3. Alien (1979) 4. American Beauty (1999) 5. Boogie Nights (1997) 6. Brazil (1985) 7. Breakfast Club (1985) 8. Chasing Amy (1997) 9. Clerks (1994) 10. Cleopatra (1999) 11. Crying Baby (1990) 12. Dazed and Confused (1993) 13. Dogma (1999) 14. Fame (1980) 15. Footloose (1984) 16. Magnolia (1999) 17. Peewee's Big Adventure (1985) 18. Forgetful (1982) 19. Pump Up the Volume (1990) 20. Repo Man (1984) 21. Reservoir Dogs (1992) 22. Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) 23. Tank Girl (1995) 24. This Is Spinal Tap (1984)