



Jaime Pressly

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Jaime Elizabeth Pressly (born July 30, 1977)^{[1][2]} is an American actress and model. She is best known for playing Joy Turner on the NBC sitcom *My Name Is Earl*, for which she was nominated for two Emmy Awards (winning one) as well as a Golden Globe Award and a Screen Actors Guild Award. She has also appeared in films such as *Poison Ivy: The New Seduction* (1997), *Joe Dirt* (2001), *The Oogieloves* (2012), *DOA: Dead or Alive* (2006), and *I Love You, Man* (2009). She is currently in the cast of the CBS sitcom, *Mom*.

Early life

Pressly was born in Kinston, North Carolina,^[2] the daughter of Brenda Sue (née Smith), a dance instructor, and James Liston Pressly, a car salesman. She was raised in a Christian family.^[3] In 1992, she moved with her family to Costa Mesa, California, where she spent the first semester of her high school sophomore year.^[4] She spent her childhood and early teenage years training as a gymnast, which led her to modeling jobs.^[5]

Career

Modeling and early roles

At age fourteen, Pressly appeared on her first cover, *Teen Magazine*,^[6] and became the official spokesmodel for the International Cover Model Search.^[7] At fifteen, she left school and went to Japan on a modeling contract.^[4] She succeeded in having herself legally emancipated from her parents at the age of fifteen so she could travel to Japan, as neither of her parents could make the trip.^[4]

Pressly starred as Violet in the 1997 film *Poison Ivy: The New Seduction*. In 1998 she starred as Nikki on the short-lived TV series *Push*, and also played a recurring role as the undead assassin Mika in the TV action series *Mortal Kombat: Conquest*. From 1999-2001, she played "Audrey" on the drama series *Jack and Jill*. Pressly starred in the independent film *Poor White Trash*, playing scheming gold-digger Sandy Lake. Pressly appeared

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Pressly at the Slim-Fast Fashion Show in January 2008

Born	Jaime Elizabeth Pressly <div>July 30, 1977</div> <div>Kinston, North Carolina, U.S.</div>
Occupation(s)	Actress, model
Years active	1991–present
Spouse	Simran Singh (m. 2009–2011)
Children	1

in a number of films in 2001, including *Not Another Teen Movie* (playing Priscilla, a high school cheerleader) and *Torque*, as a crazed, motorcycle-riding criminal; and as a Southern love interest in the comedy *Joe Dirt*, opposite David Spade.^[8]

In 2001, she was made the new spokesmodel for *Liz Claiborne* Cosmetics and its fragrance Lucky You. In 2002, she was ranked #8 in *Stuff* magazine's "102 Sexiest Women in the World". In 2003, she launched a lingerie line, J'Aime, which later became a full sleepwear and ready-to-wear line. In 2006, *Maxim* magazine named her #34 on its annual list;^[9] she is also featured in its gallery.^[10] Pressly posed nude for the March 1998 and February 2004 issues of *Playboy*. She also appeared nude in the May 2006 issue of *Allure*.^[11]

Film and television

Pressly guest-starred in episodes of several TV shows. In an episode of the WB series *Charmed*, she played Mylie, a mermaid trying to find love; (Alyssa Milano, who played Phoebe, later guest-starred on *My Name is Earl*.^[12]) Other series on which she made guest appearances were *The Twilight Zone*, *Fastlane*, *Las Vegas*, *Becker*, *Night Man*, *Silk Stalkings*, and others. She appeared in an episode of the prank series *Punk'd*.^[13]

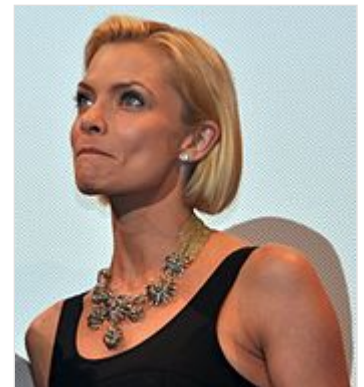
In 2005, Pressly was cast in the NBC sitcom *My Name Is Earl*, as Joy Turner. In 2007, she won an *Emmy Award*^[14] for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her work on the show.^[15]

Pressly sang "Fever" in an appearance with the band *The Pussycat Dolls*.^[16] She has appeared in a number of music videos, including "The Space Between" by *Dave Matthews Band*, "Girls of Summer" by *Aerosmith*, and the *Marilyn Manson* cover of "Tainted Love". On May 31, 2006, she hosted the first annual *VH1 Rock Honors*.^[17]

Pressly was a producer, as well as a star, in the 2005 movie *Death to the Supermodels*. She hosted the October 7, 2006, episode of *Saturday Night Live*. She guest-starred on an episode of *MADtv* (season 11), playing *Hillary Clinton* in a parody of *My Name Is Earl*, "My Name Is Dubya", in which *George W. Bush* (*Frank Caliendo*) makes a list of all the bad things he has done in the past and rectifies them one by one.^[18]

On December 3, 2009, it was announced that she would guest-star on an upcoming episode (series 4, episode 10) of the CBS comedy, *Rules of Engagement*. She would play a possible surrogate mother for Jeff and Audrey (*Patrick Warburton* and *Megyn Price*).^[19] She reprised her role in the fifth-season premiere (series 5, episode 1). She appeared in the Fox sitcom *I Hate My Teenage Daughter*, which aired from November 30, 2011 to March 20, 2012. In July 2012, Pressly starred in Jimbo Lee's *Abby in the Summer*.^[20]

In 2013, *TV Land* announced that Pressly was cast in the lead role for *Jennifer Falls* as Jennifer Doyle, a mother of a teenaged daughter, who must move in with Doyle's mother after being fired from a high-paying job. Doyle becomes a waitress in her brother's bar.^[21]



Pressly at the 2009 premiere of *I Love You, Man*

Personal life

Pressly has revealed in interviews that she briefly struggled with bulimia as a teenager.^[8] In 1996, she met DJ Eric Calvo (DJ Eric Cubeechee), and started dating in 2004. After Pressly became pregnant, the two were engaged in October 2006. Pressly gave birth on May 11, 2007, in Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to their child, Dezi James Calvo.^[22] In a February 2007 interview on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Pressly said she wanted the child to be bilingual (English/Spanish) to reflect Calvo's Cuban heritage. Pressly told People that Dezi's name is part of a running joke, as Calvo would do a Desi Arnaz impersonation, calling Pressly "Luuucy" when he came home each night.^[23] In November 2008, the couple announced their separation.^[24]

Nine months later, in July 2009, Pressly announced her engagement to entertainment lawyer Simran Singh.^[25] They wed on September 26, 2009, at the Dick Clark estate, on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.^[26] On January 21, 2011, Pressly filed for divorce from Singh, citing irreconcilable differences.^{[27][28]}

On January 5, 2011, two weeks before filing for divorce, Pressly was arrested in Santa Monica, California for suspicion of driving under the influence.^[29] She eventually pleaded no contest and received three years of informal probation.^[29]

Pressly said in a 2006 interview with Esquire that she almost purchased a ticket for a flight on one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, but decided not to take the flight, because she felt it left too early in the morning.^[30]

On June 7, 2017, Pressly announced she is expecting twins with her longtime boyfriend Hamzi Hijazi.^{[31][32]}

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1996	<i>Mercenary</i>	Pre-teen American Girl	
1997	<i>Poison Ivy: The New Seduction</i>	Violet	
1997	<i>The Journey: Absolution</i>	Allison	
1997	<i>Against the Law</i>	Sally	
1998	<i>Can't Hardly Wait</i>	Beth	Credited as "Jamie Pressly"
1998	<i>Ringmaster</i>	Angel Zorzak	
1999	<i>Inferno</i>	Dottie Matthews	
2000	<i>100 Girls</i>	Cynthia	
2000	<i>Poor White Trash</i>	Sandy Lake	
2001	<i>Not Another Teen Movie</i>	Priscilla	Nominated – <u>MTV Movie Award for Best Line</u> ("Oh, it's already been broughten!")
2001	<i>Ticker</i>	Claire Manning	
2001	<i>Joe Dirt</i>	Jill	
2001	<i>Tomcats</i>	Tricia	
2002	<i>Demon Island</i>	Tina	
2004	<i>Torque</i>	China	
2005	<i>Death to the Supermodels</i>	Tiffany Courtney	Producer
2006	<i>Bachelor Party Vegas</i>	Herself	
2006	<i>DOA: Dead or Alive</i>	<u>Tina Armstrong</u>	
2008	<i>Horton Hears a Who!</i>	Mrs. Quilligan	Voice
2009	<i>I Love You, Man</i>	Denise McLean	
2010	<i>Beauty & the Briefcase</i>	Kate White	
2010	<i>6 Month Rule</i>	Claire	
2012	<i>The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure</i>	Lola Sombrero	
2014	<i>Finders Keepers</i>	Alyson Simon	
2014	<i>A Haunted House 2</i>	Megan	
2014	<i>Making the Rules</i>	Abby	Executive producer
2017	<i>Austin Found</i>	Crystal Clemens	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1998	<i>Push</i>	Nikki Lang	Main cast
1998	<i>Silk Stalkings</i>	Kara Delaney	Episode: "Teacher's Pet"
1998	<i>Night Man</i>	Yvette	Episode: "Double Vision"
1998–99	<i>Mortal Kombat: Conquest</i>	Mika	3 episodes
1999–2001	<i>Jack & Jill</i>	Audrey Griffin	Main cast
2000	<i>Best Actress</i>	Karen Kroll	TV movie
2001	<i>Going to California</i>	Kylie Guartz	Episode: "This Year's Model"
2002	<i>Charmed</i>	Mylie	Episode: "A Witch's Tail, Part 1"
2002	<i>The Twilight Zone</i>	Cindy	Episode: " <u>Sensuous Cindy</u> "
2002	<i>The Johnny Chronicles</i>	Charlie	TV movie
2003	<i>Fastlane</i>	Sara Matthews	Episode: "Strap On"
2003	<i>Becker</i>	Grace	Episode: "Sister Spoils the Turkey"
2004	<i>Happy Family</i>	Alex	2 episodes
2004	<i>The Karate Dog</i>	Ashley Wilkenson	TV movie
2004	<i>Evel Knievel</i>	Linda Bork	TV movie
2005	<i>Entourage</i>	Herself	Episode: " <u>My Maserati Does 185</u> "
2005–09	<i>My Name Is Earl</i>	Joy Turner	Main cast (96 episodes) Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress – Comedy Series Nominated – Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress – Series, Miniseries or Television Film Nominated – Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress – Comedy Series Nominated – <u>Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actress – Series, Miniseries or Television Film</u> Nominated – Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series
2006	<i>Mad TV</i>	Herself	Episode: "11.13"
2006	<i>Las Vegas</i>	Kerry Kowalski	Episode: "Coyote Ugly"
2006	<i>Saturday Night Live</i>	Herself/Host	Episode: "Jaime Pressly/ <u>Corrine Bailey Rae</u> "
2009	<i>Rex</i>	Jaime	TV movie
2010	<i>Rules of Engagement</i> ^[33]	Pam Milton	2 episodes
2010	<i>Smoke Screen</i>	Britt Shelley	TV movie
2010	<i>Livin' on a Prayer</i>	Steph	TV movie
2011–13	<i>Raising Hope</i>	Donna	3 episodes

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011–12	<i><u>I Hate My Teenage Daughter</u></i>	Annie Watson	Main cast (13 episodes)
2012	<i><u>Bad Girls</u></i>	Melinda	TV movie
2012	<i><u>The Greatest Footie Ads Ever</u></i>	Deneice	TV movie
2013	<i><u>Two and a Half Men</u></i>	Tammy	2 episodes
2013	<i><u>Phineas and Ferb</u></i>	Rosie	Voice, Episode: "Mind Share"
2013	<i><u>Melissa & Joey</u></i>	Meredith	Episode: "A New Kind of Christmas" ^[34]
2014	<i><u>Hollywood Game Night</u></i>	Herself	Episode: "50 Charades of Grey"
2014	<i><u>RuPaul's Drag Race</u></i>	Herself (Guest Judge)	Episode: "Drag Queens of Comedy"
2014	<i><u>Hot in Cleveland</u></i>	Kelly	Episode: "Surprise!"
2014	<i><u>Jennifer Falls</u></i>	Jennifer Doyle	Main cast
2014–present	<i><u>Mom</u></i>	Jill Kendall	Recurring (season 2) Main cast (season 3–present) (50 episodes)
2017	<i><u>The Guest Book</u></i>	Christy	Episode: "Story Four"

Music videos

Year	Artist	Song
2001	<u>Dave Matthews Band</u>	<u>The Space Between</u>
2002	<u>Aerosmith</u>	<u>Girls of Summer</u>
2002	<u>Marilyn Manson</u>	<u>Tainted Love</u>
2003	<u>Youngbloodz</u>	Lean Low
2010	<u>Jaron Lowenstein</u>	Pray For You
2013	<u>Michael Bublé</u>	<u>It's A Beautiful Day</u>

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2008	<i><u>Saints Row 2</u></i>	Jessica Parish	Voice

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