

= Finn Hudson =

Finn Hudson is a fictional character from the Fox musical comedy @-@ drama series Glee . The character was portrayed by Cory Monteith and appears in Glee starting with its pilot episode , first broadcast on May 19 , 2009 . Finn was developed by Glee creators Ryan Murphy , Brad Falchuk and Ian Brennan . Glee follows the trials of the New Directions glee club at the fictional William McKinley High School in the town of Lima , Ohio . Finn is initially the quarterback of his high school football team . A popular jock at the top of the school ' s social hierarchy , when he finds himself forced to join the school ' s glee club , he discovers that he loves it , although he risks alienation from his friends by remaining a member . His storylines see him struggle with his decision to stay in the club , which is at the bottom of the social ladder , while he maintains his popular reputation and the respect of the other jocks . The character has dealt with his attraction to both head cheerleader Quinn Fabray ( Dianna Agron ) and glee club star singer Rachel Berry ( Lea Michele ) , the series ' female lead . Following Monteith ' s death on July 13 , 2013 , it was announced that Finn ' s own death would occur in the third episode of the fifth season , titled " The Quarterback " .

Monteith felt that Finn has had to grow up a lot during his time on the show . The actor said , " Finn started off as the stereotypical dumb jock but as the show has gone on , Finn ' s not dumb anymore , really , he ' s just a little naïve . " Early reviews of Finn from television critics were mixed ; Todd VanDerWerff of The A.V. Club said that he and Michele were " both agreeable and a little desperate for an outlet " in the pilot episode . Commenting on the fifth episode of the first season , Eric Goldman of IGN wrote , " We got to see a bit of a darker side to Finn [ ... ] it ' s good to see this , because up until now , Finn ' s been a bit too straight @-@ laced to totally invest in . " In the second season ' s eighth episode , " Furt " , Entertainment Weekly ' s Tim Stack said , " It ' s been a while since we ' ve gotten some Finn focus , and I think I just missed Cory Monteith . But I also forgot what a good , natural actor he can be . " Monteith as Finn won the 2011 Teen Choice Award for Choice TV : Actor Comedy , and was nominated in the same category in 2010 .

Although he was not a singer before being cast as Finn , Monteith sang lead or joint lead on a large number of songs on the show , most of which have charted in the US and abroad . " Jessie ' s Girl " , which Finn performed as a solo , was certified gold in Australia , one of only three singles to do so from the show ' s releases in that country ; he was joint lead on " Don ' t Stop Believin ' " in the pilot episode , the show ' s first single sung by the glee club , which was certified gold and platinum in Australia and the US .

= = Development = =

= = = Casting and creation = = =

Finn Hudson is portrayed by Cory Monteith . He has also been portrayed as a child by Jerry Phillips in " Pilot " and as a preschooler by Jake Vaughn in the episode " The Substitute " . When Glee was being cast , Monteith ' s Vancouver agent , Elena Kirschner , submitted a video of him drumming with some pencils and Tupperware containers . Series creator ( Ryan Murphy ) took notice of the video , but pointed out that he had to be singing , as auditioning actors for Glee with no theatrical experience were required to prove they could sing and dance as well as act . Monteith submitted a second , musical tape , in which he sang " a cheesy , ' 80s music @-@ video @-@ style version " of REO Speedwagon ' s " Can ' t Fight This Feeling " . He then attended a mass audition in Los Angeles ; his vocal skills were considered weak , but he later performed very well with one of Glee ' s casting directors , who said that his audition captured the most elusive quality of Finn ' s , his " naive , but not stupid sweetness " . Monteith said of his casting process , " I was like a lot of kids , looking for something to be interested in . Something to be passionate about . All you need is permission . Not only for Glee , but for anything in life . "

In December 2010 , Murphy announced that some members of the cast of Glee would be replaced after the end of the third season in spring 2012 , to coincide with their graduation . Murphy said : "

Every year we 're going to populate a new group . There 's nothing more depressing than a high schooler with a bald spot . " He added , " I think you have to be true to the fact that here is a group of people who come and go in these teachers ' lives . " Although Murphy said in July 2011 that Monteith would be one of the actors leaving at the end of the third season , Falchuk later stated that while Monteith , along with Lea Michele and Chris Colfer , will graduate at the end of the third season , " because they 're graduating doesn 't mean they 're leaving the show . " Falchuk insisted that " it was never our plan or our intention to let them go ? . They are not done with the show after this season . "

= = = Characterization = = =

Finn originated as a character who " walks a fine line between following his dreams and balancing what other people expect of him . " Monteith 's former acting coach said : " You 've got to be incredibly smart to understand how dim Finn can be " , though Monteith appreciated the fact that Finn is more than " just a dumb jock " . He has admitted that he is sometimes frustrated by Finn 's " convenient dumb @-@ guy writing " , and commented , " I think every actor wants to be stretched . But it 's also important to realize that whatever we 're doing works . I realize that this happens to an actor about once every ten lifetimes . To be on a show that 's this good , it 's rarified air . " Finn has matured during his run on the series ? in January 2011 , Monteith noted that he had " grown up a little bit " and become " a little wiser " . He later expanded , " Finn 's not dumb anymore , really , he ? s just naive . The opposite of me . I love Finn ? s optimism . He ? s very idealistic ; he wants a good girl to love him , and he chases after what he wants in life ? that I can relate to . " The actor hopes that in time his character will be able to grow and mature more . He said in an interview with MTV , " I think the harder it is for him , the better , you know ? I think Finn has a lot of growing up to do and I think that Finn has a lot of struggle left for him . I think dealing with a lot of his dad stuff , the passing of his father and dealing with the unrequited love all of a sudden from Rachel , I think the more trouble he goes through , the more interesting it is for me as an actor . "

Over the course of his run on the series , Finn 's primary relationship has been with the glee club 's main singer , Rachel . In a meeting with the press at PaleyFest2011 , which occurred when the characters were in the middle of a months @-@ long breakup , Monteith commented : " That 's a very important central relationship to the show . I think it 's important , and I think they 're endgame , but I can 't be sure of when . I try not to get too attached to the pairing , so I can focus on storyline that does come my way . " Falchuk said of the Finn ? Rachel relationship ahead of the third season , " We 're not interested in breaking them up this year but at the same time the challenge is they are graduating , they are different kinds of people and where does that take you ? " During the PaleyFest2011 Glee cast interview , Monteith said , " There are a lot of people who really , really want Finn and Rachel to be together . But at the same time , I think that it 's really interesting when they 're clearly in love with each other but they 're apart . I think it makes for good television . " He added , " I think there 's a different dynamic to Finn with Quinn and with Rachel , and single . "

= = Storylines = =

= = = Season 1 = = =

Finn is introduced as quarterback of the William McKinley High School football team . He is blackmailed into joining the school glee club , New Directions , by its faculty director Will Schuester ( Matthew Morrison ) . Despite being ostracized by the other football players , including his best friend Puck ( Mark Salling ) , Finn comes to enjoy being in the club . This worries his girlfriend , head cheerleader Quinn Fabray ( Dianna Agron ) , so she joins New Directions to keep an eye on him , afraid that lead singer Rachel Berry 's ( Lea Michele ) interest in Finn may be reciprocated . Quinn discovers that she is pregnant , as she had cheated on Finn with Puck , but tells Finn that the baby is his , though they never actually had intercourse . She subsequently moves in with Finn and his

mother Carole ( Romy Rosemont ) after her parents find out about her pregnancy and evict her . When Rachel figures out that Puck is the father and informs Finn , he attacks Puck , breaks up with Quinn , and quits the glee club in a fury ; but after cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester ( Jane Lynch ) sabotages the glee club 's first show choir competition , he is able to set aside his anger and return to lead the club to victory . He and Rachel briefly date , but he ends the relationship to concentrate on his own well @-@ being . By the time Finn realizes that he truly does want to be with Rachel , he is chagrined to discover that she has started dating Jesse St. James ( Jonathan Groff ) , the lead singer of rival glee club Vocal Adrenaline . Cheerleader Santana Lopez ( Naya Rivera ) offers to take Finn 's virginity to improve her social status and his , and he accepts , but afterward he regrets having done so and claims to Rachel that he did not go through with it ; she , in turn , falsely claims to have had sex with Jesse . By the time the club reach the next stage of show choir competitions , Jesse has betrayed Rachel and broken up with her . As Finn and Rachel are about to go onstage , Finn tells her that he loves her ; although they lose the competition , they become a couple and continue dating well into the next school year .

Glee club member Kurt Hummel ( Chris Colfer ) , who is gay , has a longstanding crush on Finn , and sets up his father Burt ( Mike O 'Malley ) with Finn 's mother Carole in the hopes of spending more time with him . Finn initially opposes the relationship , worried that his mother will forget about his late father , but relents when Burt tells Finn that he loves Carole , though Kurt is dismayed by the deepening rapport between Finn and Burt . Finn and his mother eventually move in with the Hummels , but when Finn , uncomfortable about rooming with Kurt who he knows has a crush on him but will not admit it , uses a homophobic slur against Kurt during an argument , Burt throws him out . Finn is ashamed , and makes amends by standing up for Kurt when he is victimized by bullies . The following fall , the bullying against Kurt has intensified , but Finn refuses to stand up for him this time , concerned that it may jeopardize his position as quarterback . When their parents marry , Finn uses his best man speech as an opportunity to apologize to Kurt , which begins a brotherly bond between the two . In the spring , the two of them team up to arrange the funeral of Sue Sylvester 's sister , Jean ( Robin Trocki ) , when Sue is too upset to do so , after which Sue ends her long @-@ running campaign to destroy the glee club .

= = = Season 2 = = =

At the beginning of the second season , Finn runs afoul of the new football coach , Shannon Beiste ( Dot @-@ Marie Jones ) , who briefly kicks him off the team , but he is eventually reinstated , and soon becomes quarterback again . Rachel learns the truth about Finn sleeping with Santana . Hurt , she makes out with Puck to get even with Finn ; this betrayal causes Finn to break up with her . The football team clinches a spot in the championship game , but animosity is running high between glee and non @-@ glee members and harming the team 's performance . In " The Sue Sylvester Shuffle " , Coach Beiste and Will Schuester force the entire football team to join the glee club for a week to settle their differences and dispel their prejudices . After a promising start , the non @-@ glee members quit the club and are kicked off the team ; at the same time , Sue arranges to have the cheerleading Regionals rescheduled to conflict with the football championship to sabotage both Beiste and Will , whose glee club now has to do the halftime show . With the football team down to half strength and the glee club without its cheerleader members , football players Finn and Puck settle their differences ; Puck convinces the non @-@ glee football players to perform in the halftime show , which will also get them back on the team , while Finn convinces Quinn , Santana , and Brittany ( Heather Morris ) to quit the Cheerios and perform in the halftime show instead . The show is a great success , and the football team wins the championship game .

Emboldened by leading the team to the championship , Finn sets his eyes on a new prize : Quinn , who is in a serious relationship with football player and glee club member Sam Evans ( Chord Overstreet ) . After setting up a kissing booth ostensibly to raise money for the glee club , Finn succeeds in kissing Quinn , and they make an assignation . Although Quinn ultimately decides to stay with Sam , he finds out about her cheating on him with Finn , and breaks up with her . Finn and Quinn reunite , campaign together for prom king and queen and go to junior prom together , but Finn

is kicked out for fighting with a newly returned Jesse over Rachel , and prom king and queen are won by other students . Finn ultimately breaks up with Quinn again because he realizes how deep his feelings are for Rachel . At Nationals , as the New Directions are about to go on stage , Finn begs Rachel to come back to him , but though she professes her love , she refuses , still torn between her lifelong dream of Broadway stardom and her love for him . At the end of their duet ? " Pretending " , written by Finn ? the audience responds with awkward silence as Rachel and Finn actually kiss ; the club consequently fails to place at Nationals . Back in Ohio , Rachel tells Finn she is moving to New York for college and will not be coming back ; he reminds her that they have a whole year until graduation and they kiss , renewing their relationship .

= = = Season 3 = = =

As the new school year begins , Finn , a senior , has trouble figuring out what he wants to do with his life after graduation . In the fifth episode , " The First Time " , Finn is not recruited to play football in college , as he had hoped . He and Rachel decide to have sex together for the first time . In the episode " Mash Off " , Santana , who has joined the rival Troubletones , is relentlessly bullying Finn . After a fake apology pushes him to the edge , Finn tells her to just " come out of the closet " and accuses her of being a coward for tearing other people down only because she can 't admit to everyone that she 's in love with Brittany . They are overheard by a girl whose uncle is running against Sue in a congressional campaign , and he uses Santana 's lesbianism ? because she 's Sue 's cheerleading co @-@ captain ? against Sue in a campaign commercial , effectively " outing " her . Santana , devastated by this , slaps Finn , but he later claims it was a " stage slap " to prevent her from being suspended . In the episode " Yes / No " , Finn asks Rachel to marry him . In the episode " On My Way " , the wedding is set for after the Regionals competition , which New Directions wins , but it is canceled after Quinn is badly injured in a car crash on her way to the ceremony . They change the wedding date to after graduation , but after Finn fails to get into his New York acting school while she has been accepted by hers and she decides to wait a year , he instead sends her off to New York without him , and tells her that he has enlisted in the army and is " setting her free " .

= = = Season 4 = = =

Finn has not been in touch with Rachel or Kurt all summer and into the fall ? the two friends are now rooming together in Brooklyn while Rachel is attending NYADA ? but he reappears unexpectedly at the end of the third episode . He has been given an early discharge from the army after injuring himself . He finds out she kissed Brody ( Dean Geyer ) , a NYADA junior , and feels that he doesn 't belong in her world in New York , so he returns to Lima without telling her . She then breaks up with him . In Lima , Finn is working at Burt 's tire shop again , and Artie enlists his help to co @-@ direct the school musical , Grease , which had been Finn 's suggestion . When Rachel comes to see the musical in the " Glease " episode , their reunion does not go well , and they agree to refrain from contact when Rachel visits Lima in the future . Will takes a leave of absence from McKinley to be a member of a blue @-@ ribbon panel in Washington , DC , so starting in " Dynamic Duets " , Finn becomes the interim director of New Directions . While he has a rocky start in the position , they come to accept him as their leader . At Sectionals , the glee club loses to the Warblers after Marley ( Melissa Benoist ) passes out on stage , interrupting the performance . Afterward , Finn does what he can to keep the club together and finally succeeds despite Sue 's opposition ? she has deprived New Directions of rehearsal space at school . The Warblers are disqualified , and New Directions is again eligible to compete in Regionals ; the choir room is returned to them . Finn enlists Emma , who is deep in wedding preparations in advance of Will 's return , to help him judge a glee club competition for which member is the best diva . When he finds her panicking over the reception arrangements , he kisses her . In " I Do " , when Emma flees the church the day of the wedding , Finn blames himself , but Rachel sets him straight , and he and Rachel sleep with each other post @-@ reception . In " Girls ( and Boys ) On Film " , Finn teams up

with Artie to help find Emma for Will ; he later confesses to Will that he kissed Emma , and Will is unable to forgive him . Since working with Will is untenable , Finn leaves New Directions though he enjoyed directing them ; Marley tells him he 's a good teacher , and he should get a teaching degree . He goes to college , where he shares a dorm room with Puck ? who isn 't actually attending the school . Will later asks Finn to return to co -@-@ lead New Directions , and he agrees . Meanwhile , Santana has discovered that Brody , who is now living with Rachel , is a gigolo , and tells Finn , who flies to New York and warns Brody away , ultimately beating him up and saying , " Stay away from my future wife . " When Rachel finds out and breaks up with Brody , she admits that the relationship never would have worked because she was using it to try to get over her heartache about Finn . Rachel later thanks him for his intervention in " Sweet Dreams " when she calls him to get advice for choosing an audition song for the upcoming Broadway revival of Funny Girl .

= = = Season 5 = = =

" The Quarterback " , the third episode of the fifth season , opens three weeks after Finn 's funeral . No cause of death is given . Kurt , in a voiceover , explains that it is not the circumstances of Finn 's death that matters , but how he lived his life .

= = = Season 6 = = =

In the flash back episode " 2009 " , the original Glee club members have second thoughts about Finn being the leader of the new club . After talking about how different Finn is from the other school jocks , they decide to let him stay in the club . The scene moves to the New Directions , with Finn , singing Don 't Stop Believing from the " Pilot " episode .

In " A Wedding " , Burt and Carole tell the reunited Kurt and Blaine that Finn taught them to live the most out of every day .

In the series finale " Dreams Come True " , U.S. Vice President Sue Sylvester rededicates the McKinley High auditorium to be named in honor of Finn .

= = Musical performances = =

As Finn is the most frequent male lead in New Directions numbers , Monteith features in a great many musical performances which have been released as singles available for digital download and are also featured in the show 's soundtrack albums . He frequently shares vocal leads with the main female singer , Rachel , as in the pilot episode 's closing song , Journey 's " Don 't Stop Believin ' " , the single of which has sold over a million copies and been certified platinum in the US and Australia .

Like Finn , Monteith was a novice singer when the show started . In an interview with GQ 's Alex Pappademos , he noted that , early on , " you could hear the Auto @-@ Tune . " He was not called on to sing much on the first few episodes , as he rapped in " Push It " for " Showmance " , had a short solo phrase in the song " I Wanna Sex You Up " in " Acafellas " , and was not featured as a vocal lead in " Preggers " . Over the next three episodes , he shares the lead on four group numbers . Three are with Rachel : Queen 's " Somebody to Love " , " No Air " and " Keep Holding On " . The fourth is a boys @-@ only mash @-@ up of Bon Jovi 's " It 's My Life " with Usher 's " Confessions Part II " , where Finn sings lead on the " It 's My Life " sections and Artie on the rest .

Excluding a scene from the pilot of him singing a portion of " Can 't Fight This Feeling " in the shower , Finn 's first solo songs are not until the show 's tenth episode , " Ballad " . Finn sings " I 'll Stand By You " to the unborn child he thinks is his , and later sings " ( You 're ) Having My Baby " to Quinn , the mother of the child , in front of her parents , who respond with her mother being forced to watch as her father evicts her from the family home . He has two solo numbers later in the season : " Hello , I Love You " by The Doors , characterized by Bobby Hankinson of the Houston Chronicle as " one of Finn 's best vocal performances to date " , and " Jessie 's Girl " by Rick Springfield ; the latter song charted in the top ten in Australia , Canada and Ireland , and was certified gold in

Australia , one of only three singles from Glee to have received gold certification in that country .

Finn sings lead more frequently in the second half of the first season , as he is featured in over a dozen songs , including several with Rachel . However , in Glee 's second season , he sings lead in fewer songs than in the first , though he again sings a significant proportion with Rachel , including the duets " Don 't Go Breaking My Heart " , " With You I 'm Born Again " , " Last Christmas " , and the one ostensibly written by Finn at the end of the season , " Pretending " . His first solo performance of the second season , in the episode " Grilled Cheesus " , is R.E.M. ' s " Losing My Religion " . Monteith said he and series music producer Adam Anders " had a bit of a different idea " about how the song should be performed . While Anders " always brings the songs in very positive , very upbeat " , he felt the song " was expressing a betrayal " , and with Finn feeling both betrayal and anger , Monteith wanted his performance to reflect that . Anthony Benigno of the Daily News commented positively on the arrangement of Monteith 's song , and graded the performance an " A " , but Erica Futterman of Rolling Stone was critical of the arrangement , and said Monteith 's performance was " more awkward than inspired . " Finn 's other solo is " I 've Gotta Be Me " in the episode " Born This Way " .

In the episode " Furt " , when Finn 's mother marries Kurt 's father and the glee club provides music for the wedding , two of the songs are by Bruno Mars : " Marry You " , which is sung by the entire club as a big processional production number , and " Just the Way You Are " , which is sung by Finn to Kurt at the reception . Raymund Flandez of The Wall Street Journal characterized the " two Bruno Mars songs " as " brilliant in execution and touching in sentiment " , and Futterman agreed : " the Bruno Mars songs gave the show two of its best performances this season " . While Benigno and Stack also praised " Just the Way You Are " , and both gave the song an " A " , Jen Harper of BuddyTV thought Monteith 's vocals as Finn " aren 't the strongest " and AOL TV 's Jean Bentley also wished Finn had not been the soloist . In " The Sue Sylvester Shuffle " , Finn led his football teammates , some of whom were performing with the glee club under duress , in The Zombies ' " She 's Not There " . VanDerWerff called it " one of the better numbers of the season " , and Futterman felt that Monteith 's vocals were a " perfect fit " for the song . Finn 's sole duet with Quinn , Fleetwood Mac 's " I Don 't Want to Know " from the episode " Rumours " , was given an " A ? " by Entertainment Weekly 's Sandra Gonzalez , and Futterman said it was " better than Quinn and Sam 's ' Lucky ' " , which she had called " charming " when it was performed in " Duets " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

The character of Finn has gotten mixed to positive reviews from television critics . VanDerWerff praised the " terrific " cast in the pilot episode , and wrote that Monteith and Michele " are both agreeable and a little desperate for an outlet as the show choir 's central two singers " . The Chicago Tribune 's Maureen Ryan opined that " Cory Monteith gives quarterback Finn Hudson a jock @-@ ish authority mixed with an appealingly square naivete . " Korbi Ghosh of Zap2it enjoyed Finn 's " sweet nature " and observed , " it 's clear that at Finn 's core , he 's a good person . " Shawna Malcom of the Los Angeles Times noted a contradiction in his characterization in the episode " Peggys " ? she questioned whether the intelligence he demonstrated in striving for a football scholarship was incongruent in a character who believed he had impregnated Quinn by sharing a hot tub with her .

Goldman welcomed the emergence of Finn 's " darker side " as he manipulated Rachel in " The Rhodes Not Taken " , as " up until now , Finn 's been a bit too straight @-@ laced to totally invest in " . Denise Martin of the Los Angeles Times added , " Did anyone not want to kill Finn for coming on to Rachel to get her to come back to the club ? ( Yes , the logic was there . He wants to win a scholarship so he can provide for the baby he thinks is his . But a girl 's heart is a fragile thing , and like Rachel tells him , he could have just tried being honest . ) " In his review of " Ballad " , Goldman commented : " Finn singing ' I 'll Stand By You ' to the unborn baby he thinks is his was very sweet "

. He found the scene that followed Finn 's revelation of Quinn 's pregnancy to her parents the grimmest on Glee to that point . The intense sequence featuring Finn , Kurt and Burt in " Theatricality " garnered praise for Monteith from James Poniewozik of Time , who wrote : " One thing I love about his performance , here and throughout Glee , is that he plays Finn as a kid , which of course he still is . He 's basically a good kid , but as his ' faggy ' outburst shows , he 's flawed and often overwhelmed . And while he has little to do during Burt 's lecture but react , his reactions are great : he 's scared and defensive , but shows Finn 's guilt at the same time . "

When Finn 's mother marries Kurt 's father in the second season 's eighth episode , " Furt " , Stack was pleased to see Finn being featured : " It ? s been a while since we ? ve gotten some Finn focus , and I think I just missed Cory Monteith . But I also forgot what a good , natural actor he can be . " While giving " The Sue Sylvester Shuffle " episode a " C " grade , VanDerWerff wrote as an aside , " Let ? s pause for a moment to give Cory Monteith some praise , though , since he was asked to do a lot of difficult things in this episode , in regards to selling the idea of Finn as a leader , bringing disparate groups together , and he mostly managed that task , much better than he has in past episodes . " While reviewing " Funeral " , the season 's penultimate episode , Gonzalez said , " I was glad that the writers chose [ ? ] Finn and Kurt to be the ones to connect with Sue because I think they 're two of the most genuine characters on the show . [ ? ] I think they pulled it off well . " In his review of " Funeral " , VanDerVerff noted that Finn was not the best vocalist among the male students : " the show hits on something very odd in its DNA : Finn continues to be the male lead of the group because he ? s the male lead of the show , less because he ? s the best singer New Directions has . [ ... ] But because he ? s trying to get better , that ? s OK " .

At the conclusion of the second season , Poniewozik wrote that he had not found the relationship between Finn and Rachel " the most compelling story " of the season , and as such " didn 't enjoy ' New York ' as much as [ he ] might have " , and VanDerWerff commented that their storyline had " ceased being too interesting long ago . " However , the former conceded " I may not be that invested in Finn / Rachel , but the startling moment where the audience disappeared in the middle of their kiss made me feel like I was " , and the latter opined that their kiss resonated , despite being unoriginal and " too neat way of suggesting that Rachel can 't have both Finn and her Broadway dreams " .

= = = Accolades = = =

Monteith won the 2011 Teen Choice Award in the Choice TV : Actor Comedy category for his portrayal of Finn , and was a member of the Glee cast ensemble given the Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series award at the 16th Screen Actors Guild Awards . He received several other nominations for the role , including Teen Choice Awards in 2009 for Choice TV : Breakout Star Male and in 2010 for Choice TV : Comedy Actor , and the 17th Screen Actors Guild Awards ensemble nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series .