

## Jodi Lyn O'Keefe

Jodi Lyn O'Keefe, who we watched grow up on television as Don Johnson's rebellious daughter Cassidy in the long running CBS hit *Nash Bridges*, starred as a series regular on FOX's critically acclaimed *Prison Break* where she played the deliciously evil Gretchen. Jodi now stars alongside Dean Cain, as his estranged (and according to US Weekly "scrumptiously vile") wife on the second season of VH1's hit series *Hit the Floor*. Jodi has also been cast in The CW's *The Vampire Diaries* as Dr. Jo Robles, a tough and brilliant doctor, in the upcoming season six which premieres in October 2014. Jodi recently starred in Lifetime's drama *Stalkers* alongside Drea De Matteo and she co-starred in the feature thriller *The Frozen Ground* opposite John Cusack, Nicholas Cage, and Vanessa Hudgens. She also starred in the drama *A Nanny's Revenge* for Lifetime Television.

O'Keefe's episodic work includes guest and recurring performances on *Castle*, *Lost*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Big Bang Theory*, *The Finder*, *Boston Legal*, *Criminal Minds*, *CSI: NY*, and many more. On film, she is best remembered for starring in *She's All That* with Freddie Prinz Jr, for which she won the "Best Bad Girl" Young Hollywood Award, and a series of popular horror films including *Halloween: H20*, *Devil in the Flesh Part II* and more. She also starred with Billy Baldwin in *Red Rover* and with James Franco in *Whatever it Takes*. One of her favorite experiences was starring with Jimmy Woods in a short film he wrote and directed: *Falling in Love in Pongo Ponga*.

Born in Cliffwood Beach, New Jersey, O'Keefe began her career as a model at the age of eight when she decided that her older sister's life as a successful professional model in the U.S. and Europe was fun and exciting. She eventually signed with the Ford Modeling Agency in New York. One of her first print assignments was for **Babies First Highlights** and her long hair (almost to her knees) was highlighted by the famous Louis Licari. This "living doll" was in constant demand. She starred as the Gitano Girl in the print and television campaign "Spirit of the Family" and later as the "Candies Girl" for the famous shoe company.

Jodi Lyn attended public school when she was not working, but the teasing about her height (her mother called her a "Great Dane puppy who went from 5' to 5'9" in one summer) made the shy Jodi Lyn very uncomfortable. At age 13 she signed with J. Michael Bloom for theatrical representation and joined the cast of *Another World* as the youngest member of the Corey family. Her first trip to Los Angeles was for the final screen test for *Nash Bridges*; three blondes and Jodi Lyn. She and her mom celebrated with dinner at the famous Chateau Marmont. The next six years were spent in San Francisco with the *Bridges* cast and crew who became her wonderful nurturing new family. Mom stayed until Jodi Lyn was 18 and she spent her yearly hiatus from the series working on films in Los Angeles.

Jodi is a talented designer and created a new and exclusive high end line of gold/platinum, black and white diamond jewelry under the name of Q Jewelry Design.

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The pieces from her first collection, inspired by heavenly bird wings, have become favorites on the red carpet. Her collection is available online and at select boutiques.

This self taught gourmet chef loves preparing almost any cuisine and throwing lots of dinner parties for friends and family. She shares her home with her Chinese Shar Pei Ophelia and mini French Bulldog, George.

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