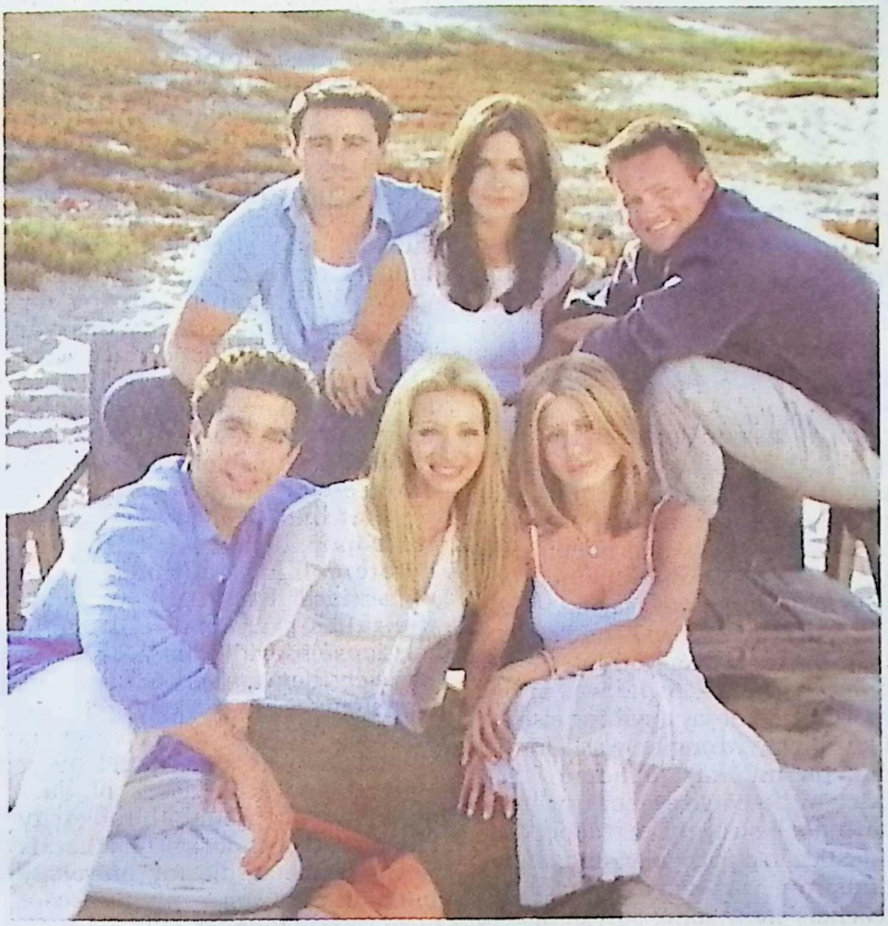


Behind the scenes, the show was known for its unusually cohesive and unified cast. The six main actors made deliberate efforts, from early on, to keep the show's ensemble format and not allow one member to dominate. This included requesting that all actors on the show be nominated either for the same category of award ("Supporting Actor" until 2001, then "Lead Actor" from 2002 onwards) or not at all, and entering collective instead of individual salary negotiations. The actors became such close friends that one guest star, Tom Selleck, reported sometimes feeling left out. This criticism was later echoed by British actress Helen Baxendale, who guest-starred as Ross's second wife Emily. The cast remained good friends after the show's run, most notably Courteney Cox and Jennifer Aniston, with Aniston being godmother to Courtney's daughter, Coco.

Coming into the show as relative unknowns the cast quickly had to get used to their new found fame at the hands of the show. The show and, as a result, its cast, are hugely signified in modern television history.

Awards and nominations:

Emmy Awards

·2003 - Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series - Christina Applegate

·2002 - Outstanding Comedy Series (nominated also in 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2003)

·2002 - Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series - Jennifer Aniston

·2000 - Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series - Bruce Willis

·1998 - Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series - Lisa Kudrow

·1996 - Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series - Michael Lembeck (for "The One After the Superbowl")

Golden Globe Awards

·2003 - Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series, Musical or Comedy - Jennifer Aniston

·Best TV-Series - Comedy/Musical - (nominated 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003)

People's Choice Awards

·2004 - Favorite Television Comedy Series

·2004 - Favorite Female Television Performer - Jennifer Aniston

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·1999 - Favorite Television Comedy Series

·1995 - Favorite New Television Comedy

Screen Actors Guild Awards

·2000 - Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series - Lisa Kudrow

·1996 - Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series (nominated 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

Last words

A successful creation creates history, and hardly allows others to recreate history. This is what *Friends!* has done with immaculate perfection, so much so that the impact is be too much to overlook. I still see people buy *Friends!* DVDs and spend time in intense excitement. It can be safely maintained that the American serial *Friends!* has easily become the reflection of modern day youth, regardless of geographical boundaries.

So those of you who have missed watching it, or may be willing to watch it again for refreshing themselves, please rush to the nearby DVD shops for the entire volumes of its episodes. For those who are still skeptical about collecting it, you better rethink your TV viewer-ship status!