

Jean Smart
Biography
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Winner of four Emmys and an additional seven nominations, as well as a Tony[®] nomination, Grammy[®] nomination and two Critics' Choice Awards win, Jean Smart recently received career high reviews for her performances as Deborah Vance in the HBO Max comedy HACKS, and as Helen Fahey in the HBO Limited Series, MARE OF EASTTOWN. Both performances earned her 2021 Emmy nominations in the categories of Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series (which she won) and Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or a Movie, respectively. They both also earned her 2022 SAG Awards nominations in the categories of **Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series (which she won, acquiring her first SAG Award statue)**, Outstanding Female Actor in a Television Movie or Limited Series (for Mare) and Outstanding Ensemble in a Comedy Series (for Hacks). Additionally, she gained nominations for the 2022 Critic's Choice Awards in the categories of Best Actress in a Comedy Series (for Hacks) and Best Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie Made for Television (for Mare). HACKS has been picked-up for a second season and will premiere in Spring 2022.

Over the summer, Smart worked alongside Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie on Academy Award winning director Damien Chazelle's feature film, BABYLON. Written and directed by Chazelle, the film is set in the late 1920s during the movie industry's transition from silent films to talkies. An ode to Hollywood's golden age, BABYLON explores the rise and fall of multiple characters. Paramount is planning a platform release, opening limitedly on December 25, 2022, before going wide in January 2023.

Also upcoming, she will be seen in the feature film for eOne, WILDFLOWER, starring alongside Kiernan Shipka, Alexandra Daddario and Charlie Plummer. Directed by Matt Smulker, based on his family, WILDFLOWER is a coming-of-age dark comedy that follows Bea Johnson from birth to graduation as she navigates life with a parent with an intellectual disability and an extended family that can't quite agree on the best way to help.

HACKS, a 10 Episode single-camera comedy project for HBO Max that premiered in May 2021, was created and written by *Broad City* alums Paul W. Downs, Lucia Aniello and Jen Statsky, and executive produced by the trio alongside Michael Schur. The comedy explores a dark mentorship that forms between a Las Vegas diva (Smart) and an entitled, outcast 25-year-old. In addition to her Emmy nomination for this role, Smart has been nominated for Hollywood Critics Association Awards, Television Critics Association Awards, Gold Derby Awards and honored with Comedy Performance of the Year by Just For Laughs Awards. Of her performance, reviewers have said: "*Jean Smart Delivers Everything You Want and More*"- IndieWire; "*Smart has a lead role worthy of her prodigious intellect and ferocious delivery.*"- Variety; "...her starring role here allows her to finally showcase her wild versatility." - The Hollywood Reporter; "*Her performance is so balanced and rich that it's easily one of the best of her career.*" - AwardsWatch; "*It's impossible to watch Hacks and not be in awe of the power that is Jean Smart.*" - Decider; "*And Smart, the reigning [Meryl Streep](#) of tough broad types, excels at absolutely everything.... Only Jean Smart, kids.*" - EW.

In the HBO limited series, MARE OF EASTTOWN, which premiered in April 2021, Smart portrayed Kate Winslet's mother. The story focuses on a small-town Pennsylvania detective (Winslet) whose life crumbles around her as she investigates a local murder. In addition to her Emmy nomination, she has been nominated by the Hollywood Critics Association Awards for this performance.

In 2019, Smart received accolades for her role as Special Agent Laurie Blake alongside Regina King and Jeremy Irons in the HBO series, WATCHMEN, based on the original groundbreaking graphic novel of the same name. She won the 2020 Critics Choice Award and received a 2020 Emmy nomination for Supporting Actress in a Drama for this performance.

Also announced, Jean will star in, and executive produce the feature film, MISS MACY, directed by and produced by Tate Taylor along with Amblin Partners. The movie is based on the true story of Trisha Mitchell Coburn, a small-town girl from Alabama who attended the Miss Macy charm school before being launched as a successful model. The indie, with a screenplay by Beth Henley, will portray Smart as the titular Miss Macy, an eccentric woman who sees something in the young Trisha and sets her on a path to success.

In November 2020, HBO Max premiered the action comedy, SUPERINTELLIGENCE. Smart appeared alongside Melissa McCarthy, Bobby Cannavale, Ben Falcone and James Corden. Some additional recent credits include Dan Fogelman's LIFE, ITSELF with Olivia Wilde, Samuel L. Jackson, and Oscar Isaac, as well as Paul Feig's A SIMPLE FAVOR, with Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively. She also appeared in the Bravo series DIRTY JOHN, starring alongside Connie Britton, Jake Abel and Eric Bana.

During her career, Jean has showcased her talents alongside numerous top Hollywood actors including Drew Barrymore and Eric Bana in LUCKY YOU; Reese Witherspoon in SWEET HOME ALABAMA; Steve Martin in BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE; Mark Wahlberg in I HEART HUCKABEES; Zach Braff and Peter Sarsgaard in GARDEN STATE; Bruce Willis in THE KID; Robert De Niro and Martin Landau in MISTRESS; and Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau in THE ODD COUPLE II.

Notably, she was seen starring alongside Anna Kendrick and Ben Affleck in director Gavin O'Connor's THE ACCOUNTANT. Jean made her presence known on the big screen and garnered an Independent Spirit Award nomination for her critically acclaimed performance in the Miramax feature film GUINEVERE. On stage, she was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for LAST SUMMER at Bluefish Cove and for a Tony Award for Best Actress for her starring role on Broadway opposite Nathan Lane in THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER. In 2016, she also received a Grammy nomination for Best Spoken Word Album for her work on PATIENCE AND SARAH.

On TV, Jean guest starred on Noah Hawley's FX series, LEGION. She also starred as "Floyd Gerhardt" on the second season of Hawley's acclaimed series FARGO on FX, for which she won a Critics' Choice Award and was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Other recent film work includes GREAT HOPE SPRINGS with Meryl Streep, BARRY MUNDAY with Patrick Wilson and Judy Greer, YOUTH IN REVOLT with Michael Cera, and the dark comedy MISS MEADOWS opposite Katie Holmes and James Badge Dale and SENIOR MOMENT with William Shatner and Christopher Lloyd.

During the course of her career, Smart has won three Emmy Awards and received an additional six Emmy nominations. She has also won two Critics' Choice Television Awards, and was nominated in 1999 for an Independent Spirit Award for her role in "Guinevere," in 1981 for a Drama Desk Award for "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" and in 2000 for a Tony Award for her role in "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

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AWARD NOMINATIONS / WINS

EMMY AWARDS

2021 – Hacks – Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series - WON
2021 – Mare of Easttown – Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or a Movie – NOMINEE
2020 – Watchmen – Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie- NOMINEE
2016 – Fargo – Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie- NOMINEE
2012 – Harry’s Law – Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series – NOMINEE
2008 – Samantha Who? – Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series –WON
2007 – 24 – Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series – NOMINEE
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2001 – The District – Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series – NOMINEE
2001 – Frasier- Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series – WON
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HOLLYWOOD CRITICS ASSOCIATION / HCA TV AWARDS

2021 – Hacks – Best Actress in a Streaming Series, Comedy - WON
2021 – Mare of Easttown – Best Supporting Actress in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Television Movie – NOMINATED

CRITICS’ CHOICE TELEVISION AWARDS

2022 – Hacks – Best Actress in a Comedy Series – NOMINEE
2022 - Mare of Easttown – Best Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie Made for Television -NOMINATED
2021 – Hacks - Individual Achievement in Comedy- WON
2020 - Watchmen –Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series -WON
2016 – Fargo – Best Supporting Actress in a Movie Made for Television or Limited Series – WON

GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

2022 – Hacks- Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series, Musical or Comedy -WON

GOTHAM AWARDS

2021 – Hacks - Outstanding Performance in a New Series – NOMINEE

JUST FOR LAUGHS AWARDS

2021 – Hacks- Comedy Performance of the Year - WON

DORIAN TV AWARDS

2021 – Hacks – Best TV Performance – WON- TIE: Jean Smart (Hacks) and Michaela Coel (I May Destroy You)
2021- Mare of Easttown- Best Supporting TV Performance -NOMINEE

BROADCAST FILM CRITICS ASSOCIATION AWARDS / CRITICS CHOICE AWARD

2020 – Watchmen- Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series – WON

GOLD DERBY AWARDS

2021 – Performer of the Year- WON
2021 – Hacks – Comedy Actress - WON
2021 – Mare of Easttown - Limited/Movie Supporting Actress – NOMINEE
2016 – Fargo – TV Movie/Mini Supporting Actress- WON
2007 – 24 – Drama Guest Actress – NOMINEE
2006 – 24 – Drama Supporting Actress - WON

SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS

2022- Hacks - **Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series - WON**
2022 – Mare of Easttown- Outstanding Female Actor in a Television Movie or Limited Series -
NOMINEE
2022 – Hacks - Outstanding Ensemble in a Comedy Series - NOMINEE
2007 – 24 – Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series – NOMINEE

AARP’S MOVIES FOR GROWN UPS AWARDS

2022 – Hacks – Best Actress TV – NOMINEE

AACTA International Awards

2022 – Hacks – Best Actress in a Series – NOMINEE

SATELLITE AWARDS

2021 – HACKS – Actress in a Series, Comedy or Musical – NOMINEE
2021 – Mare of Easttown - Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Miniseries, Limited Series or Motion
Picture Made for Television - NOMINEE

AACTA – Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts

2022 – Hack – Best Actress in a Series

FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

2000 – Guinevere – Best Supporting Actress – NOMINEE

TONY AWARD

2000 – The Man Who Came to Dinner – NOMINEE

DRAMA DESK AWARD

1981 – LAST SUMMER AT BLUEFISH COVE - NOMINEE

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