

P.J. MARINO as Mario Bisciari

P.J. read the breakdown for EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE ITALIAN and immediately knew he *had* to be in this movie. In an unprecedented move, he personally called the casting director and asked for an audition (not usually recommended). But it paid off! Born and raised in Boston's North End, P.J. brought an authenticity to the movie and especially to the character of Mario that is priceless.

P.J. began his career as a stand-up comic, touring comedy clubs around New England. He landed a job on his first commercial audition, a national spot for Nike with Ken Griffey Jr. shot at Fenway Park. He followed that up with the play "Toast", performed at the Boston Center for the Arts. Next came two independent films, including LITTLE SHOTS OF HAPPINESS, an improv-based feature shot on Super-8 video that got accepted in over a dozen film festivals worldwide, including Berlin, New York Underground, and Thessalonika.

Shortly thereafter, P.J. made the journey to Los Angeles, and booked a pilot after his first TV audition for "Costello," a Disney project looking for authentic Boston accents. Many TV shows followed, including "How I Met Your Mother," "ER," "King of Queens," "Bones," and recurring roles on "Wanda at Large," "Grounded for Life," and "Everybody Hates Chris." He's worked on numerous commercials, most notably Volkswagen, Jack in the Box, and a Coors Beer spot, partying with Kid Rock.

Other upcoming feature films include the family comedy I'LL BELIEVE YOU with Patrick Warburton, Chris Elliott, and Fred Willard, and GHOST VOYAGE, a thriller in which he co-stars along with Antonio Sabato, Jr., airing soon on Sci-Fi Channel.

P.J. is also an award-winning writer. His work includes an original sitcom pilot called "Bella Napoli," and the feature-length coming-of-age drama OVER THE TOBIN, based on his life growing up in Boston's Little Italy.