

New Jersey on Film and Television

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Memorable Movies Set or Filmed in N.J.:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1889-90	<i>Monkeyshines 1 & 2</i>	Celluloid on cylinder experiments, Thomas Edison & William Dickson in West Orange
1891	<i>Dickson Greeting</i>	Perforated celluloid experiment by Edison
1893		Thomas Edison builds “Black Maria” studio in West Orange, believed to be first movie studio in U.S.; revolves on train tracks to follow the sun.
1893	<i>Blacksmithing Scene</i>	First film shown to public; Thomas Edison, filmed in West Orange
1894	<i>Boxing Cats</i>	Edison short; Internet precursor
1895	<i>Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots</i>	First film with more than one shot, from Edison NJ film factory
1902	<i>The Great Train Robbery</i>	Edwin S. Porter, director; expanded Western
1903	<i>Electrocuting an Elephant</i>	Edison makes first snuff film while taking aim at a rival electrical delivery system; filmed in NJ
1908	<i>The Adventures of Dolly</i>	First D.W. Griffith-directed film, filmed in Fort Lee
1909	<i>The Lonely Villa</i>	First Mary Pickford movie, filmed in Fort Lee
1909	<i>The Curtain Pole</i>	D.W. Griffith directs Mack Sennett comedy short, filmed in Fort Lee
1911	<i>The Battle</i>	D.W. Griffith, filmed in Coytesville
1912	<i>A Fool and His Money</i>	Alice Guy-Blaché opens Solax studios in Fort Lee; early films

		include this one, believed to be first film starring only African-Americans
1914	<i>The Perils of Pauline</i>	Pearl White serial, filmed in Fort Lee
1915	<i>A Fool There Was</i>	First Theda Bara “vamp” role, filmed in Fort Lee
1941	<i>Ball of Fire</i>	Hawks comedy partly set in NJ
1943	<i>Shadow of a Doubt</i>	Hitchcock film opens in Newark
1947	<i>The Secret Life of Walter Mitty</i>	Daydreamer lives in Perth Amboy
1950	<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>	Large family from Montclair
1954	<i>On the Waterfront</i>	Set in Brooklyn, filmed in Hoboken
1959	<i>The World, the Flesh and the Devil</i>	Filmed at Fort Lee
1962	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	Portions filmed at Middletown
1968	<i>Funny Girl</i>	Portions filmed in Hoboken
1972	<i>The King of Marvin Gardens</i>	Filmed and set in Atlantic City
1972	<i>The Godfather</i>	Portions filmed in Jersey City
1978	<i>King of the Gypsies</i>	Filmed partly in Hillside
1978	<i>The Eyes of Laura Mars</i>	Portions filmed in Jersey City
1979	<i>The Amityville Horror</i>	Though set on Long Island, filmed in Toms River, with scenes in Point Pleasant and Scotch Plains
1980	<i>Return of the Secaucus Seven</i>	Plot involves former college students once arrested in Secaucus
1980	<i>Atlantic City</i>	Filmed by Louis Malle, mostly on location in A.C. and Southern NJ
1980	<i>Friday the 13th</i>	Filmed at Blairstown’s No-Be-Bo-Sco camp
1980	<i>Stardust Memories</i>	Filmed in Asbury Park, Hoboken, Ocean Grove, Neptune City, etc.
1980	<i>Union City</i>	Shot there, punk noir starring Deborah Harry
1982	<i>The World According to Garp</i>	Filmed in part in Madison, Lincoln Park, New Brunswick, Denville
1982	<i>Annie</i>	Monmouth University’s Wilson Hall served as Daddy Warbucks’ estate
1983	<i>Baby It’s You</i>	John Sayles shot all over NJ, including Asbury Park, Fort Lee, Hoboken, Jersey City, and Newark
1983	<i>Eddie and the Cruisers</i>	Locations include Somers Point, Vineland, Glendora, Mount Holly
1983	<i>Zelig</i>	All shot in NJ: Alpine, Englewood, Jersey City, Paramus, Saddle River, Union City, Weehawken
1984	<i>The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension</i>	Parts of the movie set, but not filmed, in NJ

1984	<i>Broadway Danny Rose</i>	Parts set and filmed in Edgewater, Englewood, Jersey City, Weehawken, North Bergen, and Liberty State Park
1984	<i>Once Upon a Time in America</i>	One scene set, filmed in Hoboken
1985	<i>The Purple Rose of Cairo</i>	Scenes filmed at Paterson, South Amboy, Mount Arlington
1985	<i>Desperately Seeking Susan</i>	Parts set and filmed in Atlantic City, Edgewater, and Tenafly
1985	<i>Lianna</i>	John Sayles' pioneer film of Sapphic romance, shot in Fort Lee and Hoboken
1986	<i>Something Wild</i>	Partly filmed in Paramus, Rahway, and Ringwood
1988	<i>Big</i>	Partly set and filmed in Cliffside Park and Palisades Park
1988	<i>Crossing Delancey</i>	Partly set and filmed in Hoboken
1988	<i>Torch Song Trilogy</i>	Partly filmed at Denville
1988	<i>Clean and Sober</i>	Partly filmed in Gloucester
1988	<i>Running on Empty</i>	Partly filmed in Englewood, Tenafly, Union Beach
1989	<i>Lean on Me</i>	Set at NJ's Eastside High; filmed at Paterson and Franklin Lakes
1989	<i>Penn & Teller Get Killed</i>	Partly set and filmed at Atlantic City and Brigantine
1990	<i>Goodfellas</i>	Scenes filmed in Fort Lee, Marlboro
1990	<i>The Freshman</i>	End of film set in Cherry Hill
1990	<i>The Godfather: Part III</i>	Parts filmed and set in Atlantic City
1991	<i>City of Hope</i>	Set in fictitious Hudson City NJ
1991	<i>Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken</i>	Set in Atlantic City, shot in Myrtle Beach; Depression-era story of "diving girls" who dove astride horses into A.C. pools
1992	<i>Malcolm X</i>	Some scenes filmed in Avenel, Rahway
1992	<i>Jersey Girl</i>	Filmed partly in Jersey City, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights
1993	<i>A Bronx Tale</i>	Boxing match filmed in Jersey City
1994	<i>Clerks</i>	Kevin Smith's breakout character study from Monmouth County
1994	<i>Quiz Show</i>	Partly filmed in Jersey City
1994	<i>I.Q.</i>	Walter Matthau as Albert Einstein, shot in Princeton
1995	<i>Mallrats</i>	More Monmouth County from Kevin Smith
1996	<i>Big Night</i>	Partly filmed at Keyport

1997	<i>Cop Land</i>	Filmed partly in Fort Lee, Teaneck, Cliffside Park, and Jersey City
1997	<i>In & Out</i>	Filmed partly in Riverdale, Ossining, Pompton Lakes, Clinton, and Montclair
1997	<i>Chasing Amy</i>	Still more Jersey characters from Kevin Smith, some old, some new
1998	<i>The Wedding Singer</i>	Set, but not filmed, in Ridgefield
1998	<i>Happiness</i>	Todd Solondz's dark NJ tour
1998	<i>Rounders</i>	Shot in Atlantic City and Newark; Edward Norton, Matt Damon as poker sharks
1999	<i>Analyze This</i>	Partly filmed in New Jersey
1999	<i>Being John Malkovich</i>	Ejected from Malkovich's brain, visitors dumped on N.J. Turnpike: filmed at Interchange 14C
1999	<i>Dogma</i>	Kevin Smith, even on a big canvas, makes stops in Jersey
1999	<i>Hurricane</i>	Biopic middleweight boxer wrongly convicted of murder in NJ; Denzel Washington stars; filmed at New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, and Paterson
2001	<i>A Beautiful Mind</i>	Set in NJ and NY, with much of it set and filmed at Princeton Univ.
2003	<i>The Station Agent</i>	Peter Dinklage starts off selling model trains in Hoboken
2004	<i>Jersey Girl</i>	More Kevin Smith NJ stories
2004	<i>Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle</i>	The target hamburger joint in Cherry Hill didn't exist; nearby ones do
2004	<i>Garden State</i>	Zack Braff salutes home town of South Orange
2005	<i>Cinderella Man</i>	About NJ boxer Jim Baddock
2005	<i>12 and Holding</i>	Young toughs terrorize NJ suburbs; shot at Paramus and Haledon
2005	<i>War of the Worlds</i>	Scenes shot at Newark, Howell, Elizabeth
2006	<i>United 93</i>	Filmed partly at Newark Liberty
2007	<i>Across the Universe</i>	One sequence shot at Princeton U.
2008	<i>The Wrestler</i>	Shot and set throughout NJ
2011	<i>Ocean's Eleven</i>	Scenes shot at Rahway, Atlantic City
2012	<i>The Dark Knight Rises</i>	Some scenes shot in Newark
2013	<i>American Hustle</i>	ABSCAM tale set partly in Camden, but shot in Massachusetts, targets mayor of Camden

2014 *Jersey Boys* Shot in LA, but the story of Frankie Valli and the boys

Memorable TV Shows Set or Filmed in N.J.:

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NETWORK</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1938	RADIO: <i>Mercury Theatre on the air: War of the Worlds</i>	CBS	In Orson Welles' infamous adaptation, Martians land in Grover's Mill, NJ
1950	<i>Big Top</i>	CBS	Kiddie variety show, with Ed McMahon as Ed the Clown; live from Camden Convention Hall
1950	Various titles and networks		Trenton native Ernie Kovacs begins a 12-year run of innovative TV comedy specials
1975	<i>Joe and Sons</i>	CBS	Sitcom set in Hoboken
1984	<i>Charles in Charge</i>	CBS	Scott Baio as college student and nanny in Princeton
1989	<i>Dream Street</i>	NBC	<i>twenty something</i> -type drama filmed and set in Hoboken
1999	<i>The Sopranos</i>	HBO	All over Essex County with James Gandolfini
2004	<i>House M.D.</i>	Fox	Hugh Laurie as doctor at fictional Princeton hospital
2005	<i>Point Pleasant</i>	Fox	Horror series set in seaside NJ
2009	<i>Jersey Shore</i>	MTV	Snooki & gang at Seaside Heights; influential bad-behavior reality
2009	<i>The Real Housewives of New Jersey</i>	Bravo	Self-involved, self-explanatory
2009	<i>Cake Boss</i>	TLC	Reality show from Hoboken bakery
2009	<i>Mercy</i>	NBC	Drama about nurses in fictional Jersey City hospital
2010	<i>Boardwalk Empire</i>	HBO	Period drama, set in Atlantic City around Prohibition; not filmed in NJ, but all about it...
2010	<i>Jerseylicious</i>	Style/Esquire	NJ nail salon reality, Green Brook
2012	<i>Comic Book Men</i>	AMC	Kevin Smith comic-shop reality show; from Red Bank
2012	<i>Are You There, Chelsea?</i>	NBC	Sitcom setting became NJ sports bar
2012	<i>Made in Jersey</i>	CBS	Drama about commuting Jersey girl in NY law firm

2012 *The Neighbors*

ABC

Sitcom about aliens from outer space living as humans in NJ suburb

2014 *Jersey Belle*

Bravo

New reality series about NJ publicist who relocates to Alabama; premieres August 1