

A close-up photograph of a bartender's hands pouring a bright yellow liquid from a stainless steel shaker into a glass. The glass is filled with ice and garnished with fresh mint leaves and a green shamrock. The background is dark with blurred red lights, suggesting a bar setting.

whiskey G:NGER

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Logline



After leaving his family home because of an unaccepting parent, a naive Irishman trades country life for the bright lights and busy streets of NYC, to find love and validation in a new world, where he can finally be himself among complete strangers.

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synopsis

The show is set in the gayborhood of Hell's kitchen and New York's hottest new bar where Connor nabs a job as a barback but desperately wants to make cocktails. He moved to the States without a GreenCard so without it he's stuck working under the table.

Although Connor is in his late 20s, he has only been out of the closet for a year. The show follows him through series of 'firsts' in the city that never sleeps; first best friend... first time getting high... first thurple. After suppressing his feelings of being abandoned at an 'older' age, Connor does what any normal person would do; tries to fill that void with a boyfriend. Each episode shows him stepping outside his comfort zone and trying something new all the while bringing us a little closer to him having to confront his mother about why she feels the way she feels about her son's sexuality.

Connor's best friend Harry is a part-time actor who dreams of being on a Broadway stage. He has been working on a one man show the entire time Connor has known him but we are yet to see any proof of it.

Whiskey Ginger follows the antics of two best friends in the Big Apple. Connor, a gullible country potato, befriends Harry, a handsome, confident actor.

Is he too scared? Is he all talk? Or will he surprise us all?

Whiskey Ginger explores the idea of chosen family set against the backdrop of gay nightlife in the city that never sleeps. And when times are tough in New York, a city where friendly faces are few, funds are low, and you are a million miles from home, sometimes chosen family is all you've got.



CHARACTERS

Connor Kenny

The heart. Irish. Naive. Came out of the closet at 28. Connor is having a re-birth and his baptism by fire is in the gayest city in the world. Red hair and/or red beard, he moved to the city to escape his past but what he is really looking for is to love and be loved. If Connor was an item of clothing he would be mittens... practical and safe but not very stylish.



CHARACTERS

Harold Gosling

The 'funny-man', the whiskey to Connor's ginger. Harry is in his early 20s and a struggling actor in the city. He came out early in life and had a positive coming out story... or so he says. Harry has no fear, especially when it comes to guys. He's confident, experienced and selfish. Although he is seven years younger than Connor, he is the mentor in the friendship. His mantra is 'champagne lifestyle, lemonade wage.' If Harry was a member of the Royal Family, he would be Megan... bold and cunning but not for everyone.

A close-up portrait of Evelyn Lopez, a woman with short, dark brown hair, wearing a dark blazer and pearl earrings. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a wall with posters.

Evelyn Lopez

Connor's neighbor and landlady. A tough New York City broad from the Bronx. After serving some time in prison, Evelyn has turned her life around. She's a glamorous Granny but don't let her cougar-ness fool you, she knows people, and you don't wanna mess with her. If Evelyn was a musical instrument, she would be a drum kit... loud and brash but if you play it right, very cool.

A portrait of Toni 'Antoinette' Marriott, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright green turtleneck and a dark blue jacket with a large floral pattern. She is also wearing a pink beanie and looking upwards and to the side. The background is a pink wall.

Toni 'Antoinette' Marriott

Early 20s, Connor's roommate. She is a free spirit, always working on a piece of jewelry. Toni believes the monetary system is designed to control the masses and the Moon Landing was fake. She is fond of weed and says silly things but her heart is in the right place. Emotionally intelligent, she calls Connor out on his misogyny. If Toni was a television network, she would be IFC... fun, quirky and just left of center.

A portrait of Percy P. Petrocevik, an older man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark vest over a striped shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Percy P. Petrocevik

50s, owner of Rebar. Percy is straight and going through his second divorce. He is barely five feet tall and angry all the time; the fury of a person who just had hot coffee spilled on them by a stranger. He takes a chance on Connor because his grandparents were immigrants. His bark is worse than his bite. The kind of person who puts the body of an email in the subject line. If Percy was technology, he would be a fax machine... theoretically they exist but annoying and hard to find.

A portrait of Dayton Jones, a Black man with a short beard, wearing a dark, textured sweater. He is looking directly at the camera.

Dayton Jones

Ageless. Owner of the local Laundromat 'Laundry Party' where Connor and Harold go to Kiki on their day off. Dayton has lived 100 lives. An old soul with the energy of a puppy. Dayton is your f'uncle who confidently starts his advice with 'when that happened to me...' He was an original member of The Temptations and also a skilled lifeguard. If Dayton was a podcast he would be 'The Savage Lovecast'... Wise, liberating and sassy.

On his one-year anniversary in New York City, Connor practices some self-care and takes a trip to a beauty salon to try something called a Brazilian.

After getting his ass waxed, the therapist tells him that he may have an STI. Between taking a trip to the doctors and working his crappy barback job, he bumps into Drew, an old crush he knocked out with a volleyball a year ago on Fire Island. Connor is beside himself when Drew asks him out on a date but now he has to decide how to confess that it was him who gave him a concussion and that he might possibly have an STI... you know, the usual first date reparté.

Celebrating one year of friendship with Connor, Harry marks the occasion with a trip to their favorite cupcake shop where they sneak in their own cheap wine. When Harry's latest squeeze Solomon asks him for a *gasp* second date, Harry has to let him know that they can meet again on one condition; no PDA's. The two role play as strangers at the Whitney downtown and something about the artwork moves Harry so much that he has sex with Solomon in an accessible bathroom. But still no public displays of affection, one step at a time here people.

Toni can't contribute to the rent until her Etsy store takes off, Evelyn is making them get rid of their pet Parrot and Percy makes Connor unclog the toilets... again.

Just when he thought things couldn't get any worse, Connor gets a text from his sister Aoife back in Ireland. Their mother is suffering with Alzheimer's and they found a doctor in Manhattan who may be able to help with a new treatment. The only problem? They are moving in with him and Toni.

episode breakdown

002 Sex, Cuddles & Rock 'n' Roll

Connor dates a hot doctor with a rubber fetish but gets dumped for his doppelgänger. Harry gets an audition for the role of CRACK ADDICT #2 on Dick Wolf's new procedural... 'FBINCISVUNYPD: Schenectady'.

003 Craic Whores

After trying MDMA for the first time, Connor finds himself in a thurple. Harold goes on a date the old-fashioned way... with someone from MySpace.
*Craic (pronounced 'crack') is the Gaelic word for 'fun'

004 Bros before Joes

When Connor and Harry return a stray dog to its hot owner the boys fight over who gets to date him. Neither lets up, so they both do.

005 Fortune Favors the Gays

After picking the same lottery numbers for 7 years, Dayton strikes it big. He knows he put the ticket in a pair of pants at work but that doesn't help when you own a laundromat.

006 Gays & Confused

On a day trip to the Pines for the annual Miss Fire Island contest and a cash prize of \$1,000, Harold debuts his drag persona, Eva Patron, but gets upstaged by surprise volunteer Connor, who is an unexpected lip sync warrior.

007 Great Sexpectations

In a last ditch attempt to find a boyfriend, Connor spends the day speed dating Uber Pool passengers with Harry as his chauffeur.

008 'No Regrets: What I Did for Drugs'

Connor tries hypnotherapy for his nail-biting addiction and Harry gets an acting job reading a passage from Evelyn's memoir at her book launch. But when her nephew Emilio falls head over heels for Connor and doesn't even notice Harry, tensions mount between the boys.

009 Happy Birthgay!

When Harold turns up late for Connor's 30th birthday because he chose to hook up in a 'now or never situation,' the boys have it out and tell each other how they really feel.

010 There's No Place Like Homo

On the anniversary of his Dad's death, Connor must decide between seeing his best friends show or making amends with his sick mother. Harry books his first ever TV gig but it falls on the same night as his One Man Show.

Season Two

Connor get promoted to bartender and has to manage the stress of hiring and firing.

Harold lands a role in an Off-Off-Broadway show and starts an affair with the musical director. Toni learns that she is the heiress to the Marriott Hotel chain. Percy and Evelyn get married... and divorced. Dayton starts an advice column.

Season Three

Facing deportation, Connor decides to become a US citizen but first he must find a husband.

Harry offers to marry him and the boys move in together. Percy and Evelyn are now seeing other people but having an affair with their exes... each other. Toni turns the Marriott Hotel chain into a franchise of haunted houses and runs it into the ground. Dayton joins a Network Marketing company selling skincare products.

Season Four

In this season, we give you Whiskey Ginger Dystopia; abstract and non-linear.

Episode 1 is called Genesis: When Harry met Connor. Episode 2 shows the gang celebrating World Pride in NYC in 2019. In episode 3, we get to meet Harry and Connor as teenagers. In a Sliding Doors story, episode 4 looks at what they boys' life might look like if they had never met. #5, set in real time, the gang get stuck on a subway car downtown. On their way to an escape room, the gang get stuck at Rebar... trying to escape, in episode 6. Ep 7 is a spin on Crash. We follow one stranger around New York City for the day and see how they connect to each of the group. Episode 8 is called Hallowscream, the biggest gay holiday of the year. In episode 9, a fortune teller casts a magic spell on the boys and they wake up in each other's bodies. And finally in episode 10, we flash forward to 2050 where Connor runs an outreach program for at risk LGBTQ youth and Harry is the President of America.

Season Five

Now seeing him as his own son, Percy hands the bar down to Connor while he and Evelyn retire to the Jersey Shore.

Connor and Harry turn the bar from a swanky upscale watering hole into New York's coolest new drag bar. Dayton finally finds the lost lottery ticket and invests in Toni's Etsy store. Connor and Harry haven't hit the five-year mark of their marriage but Connor asks for a divorce because he's finally met someone and fallen love.

Comparables



DERRY GIRLS 2018

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