US film, television, and stage actor. A highly accomplished teenage performer, Danes first rose to celebrity as the young star of the US television series *My So-Called Life* in 1994, a role for which she won a Golden Globe award and an Emmy nomination for Best Actress in a television drama. She went on to earn further acclaim for her performances as Juliet in Baz Luhrmann's contemporary rendering of *William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet* (1996), Temple Grandin in the television biopic of the same name (2010), and the CIA officer Carrie Mathison Cosette in *Homeland* (2011– ).


Danes was born in New York and began studying dance at the age of six. She enrolled in the Lee Strasberg Theater Institute at the age of nine, and later studied at the Professional Performing Arts School. She appeared on the stage, on television, and in short films before landing the role of a high-school sophomore in *My So-Called Life*.

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