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TALENT NAME	TALENT LEVEL	2007 STRAND	GENRE	CHANNEL	PREVIOUS US TV WORK
Hugh Laurie	Super	<i>House</i>	Drama series	Fox	
Eddie Izzard	Super	<i>The Riches</i>	Serial drama	Fx	
Minnie Driver	Super	<i>The Riches</i>	Serial drama	Fx	<i>Will & Grace</i>
Michelle Ryan	Known	<i>Bionic Woman</i>	Sci-fi drama series	NBC	
Damian Lewis	Top	<i>Life</i>	Drama series	NBC	<i>Band of Brothers</i>
Calvin Goldspink	Unknown	<i>Life is Wild</i>	Serial drama	CW	
Ed Westwick	Unknown	<i>Gossip Girl</i>	Drama series	CW	
Simon Cowell	Super	<i>American Idol</i>	Family entertainment	Fox	<i>American Inventor</i>
Cat Deeley	Top	<i>So you think you can dance</i>	Family entertainment	Fox	<i>New Years Eve Special</i>
Piers Morgan	Top	<i>America's Got Talent</i>	Family entertainment	NBC	
Gordon Ramsay	Super	<i>Hell's Kitchen</i>	Factual entertainment	Fox	<i>Kitchen Nightmares</i>
Anne Robinson	Super	<i>The Weakest Link</i>	Quiz show	NBC	
Ashley Jensen	Top	<i>Ugly Betty</i>	Serial drama	ABC	
Tom Conti	Super	<i>Deeply Irresponsible</i>	Comedy	Fox	<i>Cosby, Boy meets World</i>
Daisy Donavon	Known	<i>Daisy does America</i>	Factual entertainment	TBS	
Jo Frost	Known	<i>Supernanny</i>	Lifestyle	ABC	
Anna Friel	Super	<i>Pushing Daisies</i>	Comedy drama	ABC	<i>The Jury</i>
Sophia Myles	Top	<i>Moonlight</i>	Supernatural drama	CBS	
Lena Headley	Top	<i>The Sarah Connor Chronicles</i>	Sci-fi drama series	Fox	
Marianne Jean-Baptiste	Known	<i>Without a Trace</i>	Drama series	CBS	
Gina McKee	Top	<i>The Oaks</i>	Drama series	Fox	<i>The Blackwater Lightship</i>
Sienna Guillory	Known	<i>The Oaks</i>	Drama series	Fox	
Parminder Nagra	Top	<i>ER</i>	Drama series	NBC	
Nigel Lythgoe	Top	<i>So you think you can dance</i>	Family entertainment	Fox	<i>American Idol</i>
Jimmy Carr	Top	<i>Distraction</i>	Game show	Comedy Central	
Vernon Kay	Top	<i>Hit me baby one more time</i>	Family entertainment	NBC	
Sharon Osbourne	Super	<i>America's Got Talent</i>	Family entertainment	NBC	<i>The Sharon Osbourne Show</i>
John Oliver	Top	<i>The Daily Show</i>	Factual entertainment	Comedy Central	
Johnny Vaughan	Top	<i>My Kind of Town</i>	Reality game show	ABC	

SOURCE: imdb.com, Spotlight, wikipedia, tv.com, US broadcaster websites