

A cast of 'pioneers' to invade Belltel Lofts for 'The Real World: Brooklyn'

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The young and beautiful cast of next season's "Real World" will live the suite life in a \$6 million, two-story penthouse perched high above [downtown Brooklyn](#).

The art deco-era Belltel Lofts on Bridge St. was named Sunday as the site of the [MTV](#) reality show's 21st season after weeks of frantic speculation.

"We're excited," said [David Bistricher](#), owner of the 27-story building that once held a telephone company but was converted to condos last year.

"It is what it is. It's the 'Real World.'"

The 6,000-square-foot, two-story penthouse includes two terraces, five bedrooms and 10-foot windows. A Jacuzzi and other amenities are also on the way, said Bistricher, whose building beat out 24 other [Brooklyn](#) digs for the starring role on the show.

He also said there are safeguards in place to make sure the reality show's stable of rowdies don't irritate the 100 families who call Belltel home in real life.

The show, which premiered in 1992, has been shot twice in [Manhattan](#) and in other large cities across the world, including [London](#) and [Chicago](#).

Each season the seven members of the cast - some of whom have been as young as 18 - have become increasingly promiscuous and rambunctious.

"We've done a lot and the 'Real World' has done a lot to institute measures to make sure this doesn't bother the neighbors," Bistricher said.

A contract signed Friday prohibits taping in the gym and other common areas of the 90-year-old building. A spokeswoman for MTV did not return calls for comment.

The site will have the dubious distinction of being the smallest of the 20 previous "Real World" homes.

Since MTV announced the series would jump to Brooklyn from its current [Hollywood](#) set, blogs have speculated that the cast would be housed in [Williamsburg](#).

But Bistricher said producers made the right choice. "Williamsburg is a story that is three years old," said Bistricher. "Downtown is a story in the making."

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