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EDITORS' NOTE

This is a revised edition of the 3rd volume of the *International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers*, which also includes Volume 1, *Films*, Volume 2, *Directors*, and Volume 4, *Writers and Production Artists*. The book contains 615 entries, consisting of a brief biography, a complete filmography, a selected bibliography of works by and about the entrant, and a critical essay written by a specialist in the field. There are 68 entrants new to this edition. Most of the entries from the previous edition have been retained here; all entries have updated filmographies and bibliographies; and many entries have updated critical essays. A few of the entrants are also listed in either the *Directors* or *Writers and Production Artists* volumes, but their entries in this volume are written from the standpoint of their work as actors. Since film is primarily a visual medium, the majority of entries are illustrated, either by a portrait or by a representative still from the entrant's body of work.

The selection of entrants is once again based on the recommendations of the advisory board. It was not thought necessary to propose strict criteria for selection: the book is intended to represent the wide range of interests within North American, British, and West European film scholarship and criticism. The eclecticism in both the list of entrants and the critical stances of the different writers emphasizes the multifarious notions of the cinema, and indeed of the various entrants' role within it.

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A Note on the Entries

Non-English language film titles are given in the original language or a transliteration of it, unless they are better known internationally by their English title. Alternate release titles in the original language(s) are found within parentheses, followed by release titles in English (American then British if there is a difference) and translations. The date of a film is understood to refer to its year of release unless stated otherwise.

In the list of films in each entry, information within parentheses following each film modifies, if necessary, then adds to the subject's principal function(s). The most common abbreviations used are:

an	animator
assoc	associate
asst	assistant
chor	choreographer
d	director
ed	editor
exec	executive
mus	music
ph	cinematographer or director of photography
pr	producer
prod des	production designer
ro	role
sc	scenarist or scriptwriter

The abbreviation "co-" preceding a function indicates collaboration with one or more persons. Other abbreviations that may be used to clarify the nature of an individual film are "doc"—documentary; "anim"—animation; and "ep"—episode. A name in parentheses following a film title is that of the director. A film title in boldface type indicates that complete coverage of that film may be found in the *International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers*, Volume 1: *Films*.

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ABBOTT, Bud, and Lou COSTELLO

ABBOTT. Nationality: American. **Born:** William Abbott in Asbury Park, New Jersey, 2 October 1895. **Education:** Dropped out of school in 1909. **Family:** Married Betty Smith, 1918, two adopted children. **Career:** During childhood worked in carnivals, then assistant treasurer of Casino Theater in Brooklyn, treasurer or manager of various theaters throughout the United States; while manager at the National Theater in Detroit, worked vaudeville as straight man to performers such as Harry Steppe and Harry Evanson; 1931—while working as a cashier in a Brooklyn theater, asked to substitute for Costello's sick straight man, became a comic team; 1960s—unsuccessfully attempted to revive act with new partner Candy Candido; 1966—provided voiceover for cartoon version of *The Abbott and Costello Show*. **Died:** 26 February 1959.

COSTELLO. Nationality: American. **Born:** Louis Francis Cristillo in Paterson, New Jersey, 6 March 1906. **Education:** Finished high school. **Family:** Married the dancer Anne Battlers, 1934, children:



Abbott (top) and Costello

Carole, Patricia, and Lou Jr. **Career:** Late 1920s—carpenter at MGM and Warners, later became stunt man, then comic in vaudeville; 1931—began working with Abbott; 1959—appeared on his own in a film and on television. **Died:** 24 April 1974.

From 1931—worked as a team in burlesque (including Minsky's), minstrel shows, vaudeville and movie houses; 1938—team became known nationally from radio appearances on *The Kate Smith Hour*; 1939—starred in Broadway review *The Streets of Paris*, and signed by Universal for first film, *One Night in the Tropics*; 1941–49—starred in radio show *The Abbott and Costello Program* for ABC (1941–46) and NBC (1946–49); 1952–53—TV series *The Abbott and Costello Show*; 1957—both went broke, the team split up.

Films as Actors:

- 1940 *One Night in the Tropics* (Sutherland)
- 1941 *Buck Privates* (Rookies) (Lubin); *In the Navy* (Lubin); *Hold That Ghost* (Lubin); *Keep 'Em Flying* (Lubin); *Meet the Stars No. 4*
- 1942 *Who Done It?* (Kenton); *Ride 'Em Cowboy* (Lubin); *Rio Rita* (Simon); *Pardon My Sarong* (Kenton)
- 1943 *It Ain't Hay* (Money for Jam) (Kenton); *Hit the Ice* (Lamont)
- 1944 *In Society* (Yarbrough); *Lost in a Harem* (Riesner)
- 1945 *Here Come the Co-eds* (Yarbrough); *The Naughty Nineties* (Yarbrough); *Abbott and Costello in Hollywood* (Simon)
- 1946 *Little Giant* (*On the Carpet*) (Seiter); *The Time of Their Lives* (Barton); *The Ghost Steps Out* (Barton) (Abbott only)
- 1947 *Buck Privates Come Home* (*Rookies Come Home*) (Barton); *The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap* (*The Wistful Widow*) (Barton)
- 1948 *The Noose Hangs High* (Barton); *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* (*Abbott and Costello Meet the Ghosts*) (Barton); *Mexican Hayride* (Barton)
- 1949 *Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer, Boris Karloff* (Barton); *Africa Screams* (Barton)
- 1950 *Abbott and Costello in the Foreign Legion* (Lamont); *The Real McCoy* (Abbott only)
- 1951 *Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man* (Lamont); *Comin' Round the Mountain* (Lamont)
- 1952 *Jack and the Beanstalk* (Yarbrough); *Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd* (Lamont); *Lost in Alaska* (Yarbrough)
- 1953 *Abbott and Costello Go to Mars* (Lamont)
- 1954 *Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Lamont); *Screen Snapshots No. 225*
- 1955 *Abbott and Costello Meet the Keystone Cops* (Lamont); *Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy* (Lamont)
- 1956 *Dance with Me, Henry* (Barton)

- 1959 *The 30 Foot Bride of Candy Rock* (Miller) (Costello only)
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- Bud and Lou*, television movie directed by Robert C. Thompson, 1978.

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From 1941 to 1951 Abbott and Costello reigned as Hollywood's top comedy team. Bud Abbott was the tall, mustached straight man; Lou Costello was the short, roly-poly clown. Signed by Universal in 1939, the team was eventually thrown into a war comedy with the Andrews sisters, *Buck Privates*. Reportedly this film grossed a then-corporate record of \$10 million, and helped vault this pair of burlesque-trained comics onto the list of the top stars in Hollywood. In 1942 Abbott and Costello were more successful than such noteables as Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Bob Hope, Betty Grable, and Spencer Tracy.

When they were discovered by Hollywood in 1939, the pair had already been working together for nearly a decade. They tried and

perfected their verbal slapstick routines on thousands of burlesque and vaudeville audiences, taking the best of their material and performing it first to the nation as a whole on radio, and then in the movies. Even on Broadway in *Street of Paris*, they were "Abbott and Costello," exchanging funny dialogue in long-established routines. Their films, consequently, represent almost archival recordings of the long-lost art of burlesque comedy.

During World War II, they made an average of two films per year using a formula from which they rarely varied. The duo invariably were placed in a specific but familiar setting (often the military service) and left to wreak havoc, only interrupted for the required subplot involving a romance between two now long-forgotten Universal contract players. Only rarely did they have much help at the box office. Notable exceptions were the aforementioned Andrews sisters and in *Keep 'em Flying*, Martha Raye playing twin sisters.

But the box-office returns throughout the World War II era always stayed high; during that period the duo needed little help. As soon as the war was over, however, Abbott and Costello began a steady decline in popularity. Universal then tried a new formula featuring the pair confronted by a ghost or other force of evil. *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* set off a new seven-year cycle which included the duo dueling with Boris Karloff, the Invisible Man, Captain Kidd (portrayed by none other than Charles Laughton), Mr. Hyde, and the Mummy. During this run, Abbott and Costello alternatively journeyed to exotic locales to romp: twice to Africa, and once each to rural Kentucky, Alaska, and the planet Mars.

All of these filmic efforts only served to underscore the flagging popularity of the comic pair, and so it was not surprising that Abbott and Costello turned to the new medium of television in 1951. That year, they made their debut on NBC's *Colgate Comedy Hour*, simply repeating an old radio routine. They then decided to create their own half-hour series, *The Abbott and Costello Show*, for the 1952–53 season. Although the series lasted only one year in prime time, the 52 episodes were then rerun constantly during the rest of 1950s. Once the show moved to independent stations it became a staple; one New York City station is said to have run each episode at least 200 times.

The residuals from the television series helped settle the duo's final public performance—a bout with the Internal Revenue Service over back-taxes. After Costello's death, Abbott tried to revive the act with a new partner, Candy Candido, a Costello look-alike. The act failed, but Abbott and Costello live on in their glory through the revival of their movies and shows on cable television.

—Douglas Gomery

ABRIL, Victoria

Nationality: Spanish. **Born:** Victoria Merida Rojas in Madrid, 14 July 1959. **Education:** Began studying dance at age eight, focused on ballet at Conservatory of Madrid until age 14. **Family:** Married Gustavo Lauve, 1976 (divorced 1981); two sons by current companion the cinematographer Gerard de Battista. **Career:** 1974—host of Spanish TV game show at age 15; 1976—English-language debut in *Robin and Marian*; 1978—in TV mini-series *The Bastard*; 1980s—top box-office attraction in Spain; 1990–93—international stardom



Victoria Abril (center) with Josiane Balasko and Alain Chabat in *French Twist*

via Almodóvar films; 1994—Hollywood debut in *Jimmy Hollywood*. Lives in France. **Awards:** San Sebastian Film Festival, Best Actress, for *El Lute: Camina o Revienta*, 1987; Berlin Film Festival, Best Actress, for *Amantes*, 1991; San Sebastian Film Festival, Best Actress, for *Nadie Hablara de Nosotras Cuando Hayamos Muerto*, 1995. **Agent:** Sandy Bresler, 15760 Ventura Boulevard, #1730, Encino, CA 91436, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

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| 1975 | <i>Obsession</i> | <i>a Dead Man; I Married a Shadow</i>) (Robin Davis) (as Fifo); | |
| 1976 | <i>Cambio de Sexo</i> (Aranda) (as José María/María José); <i>Robin and Marian</i> (Lester); <i>El Puente</i> (<i>The Lost Weekend</i>) (Bardem) (as Lolita) | <i>La Colmena</i> (<i>The Beehive</i>) (M. Camus) | |
| 1977 | <i>Doña Perfecta</i> (Ardavin) | 1983 | <i>Le Batard</i> (van Effenterre) (as Betty); <i>Las Bicicletas Son Para el Verano</i> (<i>Bicycles Are for the Summer</i>) (Chavarri); <i>La Lune dans le Caniveau</i> (<i>The Moon in the Gutter</i>) (Beineix) (as Bella) |
| 1979 | <i>Mater Amatisima</i> (Salgot) | 1984 | <i>L'Addition</i> (Amar) (as Patty); <i>Le Voyage</i> (Andrieu) (as Veronique); <i>La Noche Mas Hermosa</i> (<i>The Most Beautiful Night</i>) (Gutiérrez Aragón) (as Elena); <i>Rio Abajo</i> (<i>On the Line</i>) (Borau) (as Engracia); <i>Padre Nuestro</i> (<i>Our Father</i>) (Regueiro) (as Cardenala) |
| 1980 | <i>The Girl with the Golden Panties</i> (Aranda) (as Mariana) | 1985 | <i>L'Addition</i> (<i>The Bill</i>) (Amar) (as Patty); <i>After Darkness</i> (Othenin-Girard) (as Pascale); <i>Rouge Gorge</i> (Zucca); <i>La Hora Bruja</i> (De Arminan) (as Saga) |
| 1981 | <i>Comin' at Ya!</i> (Baldi) (as Abilene) | 1986 | <i>Tiempo de Silencio</i> (<i>Time of Silence</i>) (Aranda) (as Dorita); <i>Max Mon Amour</i> (<i>Max My Love</i>) (Oshima) (as Maria); <i>Ternosecco</i> (Giancarlo Giannini) |
| 1982 | <i>Asesinato en el Comité Central</i> (<i>Murder in the Central Committee</i>) (Aranda); <i>J'ai Espouse une Ombre</i> (<i>I Married</i> | 1987 | <i>El Lute: Camina o Revienta</i> (<i>Lute: Forge on or Die</i>) (Aranda) (as Consuelo); <i>El Juego Mas Divertido</i> (Martínez-Lazardo) (as Ada Lasa/Sara); <i>El Placer de Matar</i> (<i>The Pleasure of Killing</i>) (Rotaeta); <i>Barrios Altos</i> (García Berlanga) |

- 1988 *Baton Rouge* (Moleon) (as Ana Alonso); *Ada dans La Jungle* (Zingg) (as Carmen); *Sans Peur et Sans Reproche* (Without Fear or Blame) (Jugnot) (as Jeanne)
- 1989 *Si Te Dicen Que Caí* (If They Tell You That I Fell) (Aranda) (as Menchu/Ramona/Aurora Nin)
- 1990 *¡Atame!* (Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!) (Almodóvar) (as Marina Osorio); *Sandino* (Littin); *A Solas Contigo* (Campoy); *Amantes* (Lovers: A True Story) (Aranda) (as Luisa)
- 1991 *Une Epoque Formidable* (Wonderful Times) (Jugnot) (as Juliette); *Tacones Lejanos* (High Heels; Talons Lejanos) (Almodóvar) (as Rebecca)
- 1992 *Demasiado Corazon* (Campoy)
- 1993 *Intruso* (Intruder) (Aranda) (as Luisa)
- 1994 *Kika* (Almodóvar) (as Andrea Scarface); *Jimmy Hollywood* (Levinson) (as Lorraine); *Casque Bleu* (Blue Helmet) (Jugnot) (as Alicia)
- 1995 *Gazon Maudit* (French Twist) (Balasko) (as Loli); *Nadie Hablara de Nosotras Cuando Hayamos Muerto* (Nobody Will Talk about Us When We're Dead) (Díaz Janes) (as Gloria)
- 1996 *Libertarias* (Aranda) (as Floren); *Trois Vies et Une Seule Mort* (Raúl Ruiz); *French Twist* (Balasko) (as Loli)
- 1998 *La Femme du cosmonaute* (Monnet) (as Anna)
- 1999 *Enre las piernas* (Between Your Legs) (Gómez Pereira) (as Miranda)

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For those who only know Victoria Abril from her stunning Almodóvar troika, it may come as a shock that the classically trained dancer has been a working cinema actress since the age of 15. Unsurprisingly, given her background, her physicality and wanton body language are essential components of all her roles. She moves like a panther prowling to a flamenco beat. Burning up the international cinema with a sensuality that is not the by-product of cosmetic enhancement or Hollywood glamour, Abril possesses an animal magnetism that will deepen with the years like the appeal of Moreau, Magnani, or Ava Gardner. Abril attacks her parts with the same natural abandon with which she often sheds her clothes on screen; it is as if she wants no barrier between the reality of her characterization and the audience. You do not just watch an Abril performance, you experience it through your pores.

When you consider her wide range of roles, you realize that her sexuality is a gift of personality, a force of nature that she savvily uses to communicate as an actress. From her first English-language film appearance as the woodsy diversion for the King of England in *Robin and Marian*, she has made love to the camera as well as to her on-screen partners. From the mid-seventies, Spanish directors clamored for her services until she became that nation's top box-office attraction long before Almodóvar tied her up or down. In *Cambio de Sexo*, she portrayed a transsexual with a virtuosity well beyond the capabilities associated with a 16-year-old actress. In *Mater Amatisima*, she heartbreakingly enacted the mother of an eight-year-old autistic child despite being only 20 at the time. Despite her ebullient persona, her eyes suggest a familiarity with pain that has enabled her to tackle mature roles from her teenhood. During her ascent to superstardom espagnole, she played a free spirit inadvertently entangled in an incestuous affair in *The Girl with the Golden Panties*, subtly shaded three different whore roles in *If They Tell You That I Fell*, and limned another prostitute part with uncommon power in *On the Line*. Moving to France with her lover, cinematographer Gerard de Battista (with whom she has two sons), she spent her Abril in Paris years escaping the scathing reviews meted out for *The Moon in the Gutter* and impressing American audiences as one of the few causes for celebration in the star-deficient nineties. In the orgasmic film noir, *Lovers: A True Story*, she unleashed the sexual licentiousness that Hollywood femmes fatales of yesteryear could only intimate. Although the controversial *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* played like an awkward blind date between director Almodóvar and his game-for-anything star, *High Heels*, their next collaboration, showcased Abril's unique blend of reckless vulnerability and murderously intense passion to dazzling effect. In this combination salute to Lana Turner's real-life excesses and acidic parody of women's films, Abril sent up all those resentful daughters of Melodrama who are content to pillory their mothers for their own frustrations. Following up her delicious roast of a television reality-show hostess who would sell her own soul (if she had one) for a scoop in *Kika*, Abril played sexy second banana to Joe Pesci in Barry Levinson's unwieldy show biz satire *Jimmy Hollywood*. Lighting up a gimmicky script with refreshing candor, she stole the film.

Although Levinson changed his mind about using her as the defense attorney in *Disclosure*, one hopes American moviemakers will divine the combustibility she could bring to Lotus Land and that

her assets will be used more wisely than those of other emigrée casualties such as Lena Olin and Emmanuelle Béart. Whether in drama or comedy, what sets this off-the-wall temptress apart from other Euro-goddesses is that she takes Passion seriously, but not herself. Far beyond her awesome pliability as a screen presence, there is an Abrilian life force that rattles viewers out of complacency and makes every Abril performance seem as if you are discovering her for the very first time.

—Robert J. Pardi

ADJANI, Isabelle

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, 27 June 1955. **Education:** Attended Courbevoie public school. **Family:** Son, Barnabe, with film director Bruno Nuytten; son with actor Daniel Day Lewis. **Career:** 1969—debut in first film, *Le Petit Bougnat*, during school holiday; 1970—stage debut in Lorca's *The House of Bernada Alba* at Reims; 1973—became member of Comédie Française, Paris. **Awards:** Prix Suzanne Bianchetti, 1974; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, National Society of Film Critics Best Actress Award, and National Board of Review Best Actress Award, for *The Story of Adèle H.*, 1975; Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Possession* and *Quartet*, 1981; César Awards for Best Actress, for *Possession*, 1981, *L'Été meurtrier*, 1983, *Camille Claudel*, 1989, and *La Reine Margot*, 1995; Silver Berlin Bear, Berlin International Film Festival, for *Camille Claudel*, 1989. **Agent:** c/o Artmedia, 10 av. George V, F-75008 Paris, France.



Isabelle Adjani in *La Reine Margot*

Films as Actress:

- 1969 *Le Petit Bougnat* (Michel) (as Rose)
- 1972 *Faustine et le bel été* (*Faustine and the Beautiful Summer*) (Companeez) (as Camille); *L'Ecole des femmes* (Rouleau—for TV) (as Agnes)
- 1974 *La Gifle* (*The Slap*) (Pinoteau) (as Isabelle Doulean)
- 1975 *L'Histoire d'Adèle H.* (*The Story of Adèle H.*) (Truffaut) (title role)
- 1976 *Le Locataire* (*The Tenant*) (Polanski) (as Stella); *Barocco* (Téchiné) (as Laure)
- 1977 *Violette et François* (Rouffio) (as Violette)
- 1978 *The Driver* (Walter Hill) (as the Player)
- 1979 *Nosferatu—Phantom der Nacht* (*Nosferatu—The Vampire*) (Herzog) (as Lucy Harker); *Les Soeurs Brontë* (*The Brontë Sisters*) (Téchiné) (as Emily)
- 1980 *Clara et les chics types* (*Clara and the Nice Guys*) (Monnet) (as Clara)
- 1981 *Quartet* (Ivory) (as Marya Zelli); *Possession* (Zulawski) (as Anna/Helen); *L'Année prochaine si tout va bien* (*Next Year If All Goes Well*) (Hubert) (as Isabelle)
- 1982 *Antonieta* (Saura) (title role); *Tout feu tout flamme* (*All Fired Up*) (Rappeneau) (as Pauline Valance)
- 1983 *L'Été meurtrier* (*One Deadly Summer*) (Jean Becker) (as Eliane/Elle); *Mortelle randonnée* (*Deadly Circuit*) (Claude Miller) (as Catherine Leiris/Lucie “Marie”)
- 1985 *Subway* (Besson) (as Helena)
- 1987 *Ishtar* (Elaine May) (as Shirra Assel)
- 1988 *Camille Claudel* (Nuytten) (title role, + co-pr)
- 1990 *Favorita Del Re* (Corti); *Fleur de Rubis* (Mocky); *Lung Ta: Les cavaliers du vent* (De Poncheville) (as narrator)
- 1993 *Toxic Affair* (Esposito) (as Penelope)
- 1994 *La Reine Margot* (*Queen Margot*) (Chéreau) (title role)
- 1996 *Diabolique* (Chechik) (as Mia)
- 1998 *Paparazzi* (Berberian) (as herself)
- 1999 *Passionnément* (Nuytten)

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In France, Isabelle Adjani has become an emblematic figure—admired, scrutinised, sometimes reviled, the recipient of Best Actress awards and of political abuse. But she’s never achieved stardom outside France, thanks to the mostly forgettable films in which she’s appeared. Of her twenty-odd movies to date, few have anything going for them beyond her performance—and some, not even that.

This is surprising, since Adjani is an intelligent and dedicated actress who chooses her roles with care and works on them with single-minded application. Truffaut, who gave her her first significant screen part in *L’Histoire d’Adèle H*, observed that “she acts as though her life depended on it.” Intensity, the fierce wounded stare of a woman at once independent and painfully vulnerable, is the essence of her screen persona—and, on all the evidence, of Adjani herself. “One acts nothing but oneself,” she concedes, “no matter how fiercely one denies it.”

Adjani looks back wistfully on her work with Truffaut. “I don’t think things can happen so beautifully, so smoothly and with such purity again.” Even so, the film set the pattern for her career in more ways than one. Casting Adjani as Victor Hugo’s daughter Adèle, who pursued an unrequited love beyond the brink of madness, foreshadowed her frequent later roles as solitary obsessives, alienated and victimised by a punitive society. But it also marked the start of her edgy, love-hate relationship with the French public. Joining the Comédie-Française at 17 to star in Molière and Giraudoux, she became the youngest player ever to be granted contract status. When, three years later, the company refused her leave of absence to work with Truffaut, she walked out, causing vociferous outrage.

In some ways, Adjani’s exceptional beauty has worked against her. Small and delicate, with large, deep-blue eyes set in an oval face, she has sometimes been reduced to merely decorative roles—the errant socialite of Luc Besson’s modish *Subway*, or The Player in Walter Hill’s Melvillesque thriller *The Driver*. (Hill, she claims, “hated my scenes with Ryan O’Neal and cut most of them out.”) In *Le Locataire* Polanski, with characteristic perversity, tried to neutralise

her beauty with thick glasses and a shaggy wig, but only succeeded in smothering her personality.

Adjani’s fragile looks suit her for roles as emotionally or physically exploited women—although neither James Ivory’s *Quartet*, nor Herzog’s brittle remake of Murnau, *Nosferatu-Phantom her Nacht*, offered her scope for much beyond passive suffering. More interesting are the films that explore the darker potential of her wide-eyed gaze, such as Claude Miller’s *Mortelle randonnée*, where her serial killer, ruthless beneath an appealing facade, captivates even the detective sent to track her down.

This ambiguous combination of tenacity, even toughness, behind an air of childlike vulnerability underlies much of Adjani’s best work. She has never lacked courage, professional or personal, and in a 1986 interview, disgusted by the rise of Le Pen’s racist National Front, proclaimed her own non-French origins. (She was born in Bavaria to a German mother and an Algerian father.) Public reaction was swift and malicious: a rumour swept the country that she was dying of AIDS. Even her appearance on television, alive and in furious health, failed to still the whispers completely.

This ordeal fed powerfully into her playing of Camille Claudel. The film was a cherished personal project: Adjani herself raised the finances, acquired the rights, talked Depardieu into playing Rodin, and persuaded her long-term associate, the cinematographer Bruno Nuytten, to turn first-time director. Adjani closely identified with the brilliant sculptress, destroyed by her affair with the egocentric Rodin and incarcerated in an asylum for her last thirty years. The urgency and fervour of her performance burst through Nuytten’s careful direction, and gained her an Oscar nomination. But in *La reine Margot*, a blood-soaked costume drama adapted from a Dumas novel, she was swamped by the rampant melodrama and by a grandstanding performance from Virna Lisi as her mother, the scheming Catherine de Medici.

So far, all Adjani’s attempts to launch an international career have misfired: besides *The Driver* there’s been Elaine May’s megabuck comedy disaster *Ishtar*, and *Diabolique*, a botched shot at updating Clouzot’s classic chiller. In France she seems trapped by her persona, by a public regard at once too indulgent and too censorious. Highly regarded by her colleagues—John Malkovich describes her as “a great actress . . . one of those people who really work from a deep sense of woundedness”—Isabelle Adjani has rarely found the scripts, or the directors, to stretch her abilities to the full. Since *Diabolique*, and the media feeding frenzy over her break-up with Daniel Day-Lewis, she has been involved in just one film, *Passionnément*, and may be preparing to retire into Garbo-like reclusiveness.

—Philip Kemp

AIELLO, Danny

Nationality: American. **Born:** Daniel Louis Aiello, Jr., in New York City, 20 June 1933. **Education:** Attended James Monroe High School (two weeks). **Military Service:** U.S. Army. **Family:** Married Sandy Cohen, 1955, sons: Rick, Danny III, and Jaime, daughter: Stacey. **Career:** 1972—film debut in *The Godmother* (unreleased); 1973—first released film *Bang the Drum Slowly*; 1975—stage debut in *Lamport Reunion*, Little Theatre, New York City; 1985–86—in TV series *Lady Blue*. **Awards:** Theatre World Award, for *Lamport Reunion*, Little Theatre, New York City, 1975; Faberge Award, Straw

Hat Award, Theatre World Award, Theatre of Reunion Award, for *That Championship Season*, Chicago production, 1975; Best Actor Award, L.A. Drama Critics Circle, for *Hurly Burly*, Los Angeles production, 1985; Los Angeles, Boston, and Chicago Film Critics Awards, for *Do the Right Thing*, 1989; Career Achievement Award, Motion Picture Bookers Club, 1989. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A. **Address:** 4 Thornhill Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1972 *The Godmother* (Russo—unreleased)
- 1973 *Bang the Drum Slowly* (Hancock) (as Horse)
- 1974 ***The Godfather, Part II*** (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Tony Rosato)
- 1976 *The Front* (Ritt) (as Danny La Gattuta); *Hooch* (Edward Mann); *Kojak: Black Thorn* (Dubin—for TV)
- 1977 *Fingers* (Toback) (as Butch)
- 1978 *Bloodbrothers (A Father's Love)* (Mulligan) (as Artie); *The Last Tenant* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Carl); *Lovey: A Circle of Children, Part II* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Bernie Serino)
- 1979 *Defiance* (Flynn) (as Carmine)
- 1980 *Hide in Plain Sight* (Caan) (as Sal Carvello)
- 1981 *Chu Chu and the Philly Flash* (Rich) (as Johnson); *Fort Apache, the Bronx* (Petrie) (as Morgan)
- 1982 *Amityville II: The Possession* (Damiana); *A Question of Honor* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Martelli)
- 1983 *Blood Feud* (Newell—for TV) (as Randy Powers); *Deathmask* (Friedman) (as Mike Gress); *Old Enough* (Marisa Silver) (as Mr. Bruckner); ***Once upon a Time in America*** (Leone) (as Police Chief Aiello)
- 1985 *Key Exchange* (Kellman) (as Carabello); *The Protector* (Glickenhau) (as Danny Garoni); *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (Woody Allen) (as Monk); *The Stuff* (Cohen) (as Vickers)
- 1986 *Tales from the Darkside: The Odds* (John Strysik—for TV) (as Tommy Vale)
- 1987 *Man on Fire (Absinthe)* (Chouraqui) (as Conti); *Moonstruck* (Jewison) (as Johnny Cammareri); *The Pick-Up Artist* (Toback) (as Phil); *Radio Days* (Woody Allen) (as Rocco); *Daddy* (Herzfeld—for TV) (as Coach Jacobs); *Russicum (The Third Solution; Russicum I Giorni del Diavolo)* (Squitieri) (as George Sherman)
- 1988 *White Hot* (Benson) (as Charlie Buick); *Alone in the Neon Jungle (Command in Hell)* (Georg Stanford Brown—for TV) (as Chief of Police); *Crack in the Mirror (Do It Up)* (Benson) (as Charlie)
- 1989 *The January Man* (O'Connor) (as Capt. Vincent Alcoa); ***Do the Right Thing*** (Spike Lee) (as Sal Frangoni); *Making of Do the Right Thing* (Bourne—doc) (as himself); *Harlem Nights* (Eddie Murphy) (as Phil Cantone); *The Preppie Murder* (Herzfeld—for TV) (as Detective Mike Sheehan)
- 1990 *Jacob's Ladder (Dante's Inferno)* (Lyne) (as Louis); *Lost Idol (Shock Troop)* (Chalong) (as John Cunningham)
- 1991 *The Closer* (Logothetis) (as Chester Grant); *29th Street* (Gallo) (as Frank Pesce Sr.); *Hudson Hawk* (Lehmann) (as Tommy Five-Tone); *Once Around* (Hallström) (as Joe Bella)
- 1992 *Mistress* (Primus) (as Carmine Rasso); *Ruby* (Mackenzie) (title role)

- 1993 *The Cemetery Club* (Duke) (as Ben Katz); *Me and the Kid* (Dan Curtis) (as Harry); *The Pickle (Adventures of the Flying Pickle)* (Mazursky) (as Harry Stone)
- 1994 *Leon (The Cleaner; The Professional)* (Besson) (as Tony, + co-pr); *Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)* (Altman) (as Major Hamilton)
- 1995 *Lieberman in Love* (Lahti) (as Joe Lieberman); *The Road Home (He Ain't Heavy)* (Hamilton); *Power of Attorney* (Himelstein) (as Joe Scassi)
- 1996 *City Hall* (Harold Becker) (as Frank Anselmo); *Two Much* (Trueba) (as Gene Paletto); *2 Days in the Valley* (Herzfeld); *Mojave Moon* (Dowling); *Long Road Home*; *A Brooklyn State of Mind* (Rainone) (as Danny Parente);
- 1997 *Unforgotten: Twenty-Five Years After Willowbrook* (Fisher) (as Narrator); *The Last Don* (Clifford—mini for TV) (as Don Dmenico Clericuzio); *Dellaventura* (Rosenthal—series for TV) (as Anthony Dellaventura)
- 1998 *Wilbur Falls* (Glantz) (as Phil Devereaux); *Bring Me the Head of Mavis Davis* (Henderson) (as Mr. Rathbone); *The Last Don II* (Clifford—mini for TV) (as Don Clericuzio)
- 1999 *Mambo Café* (Gonzalez) (as Mob Boss)

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In the Hollywood studio era Danny Aiello would have made a respectable living as a character actor representing the tough urban guy from the school of hard knocks. His urban upbringing has a definite bearing on his work in the theater and movies. He is a product of New York and can be considered a New York actor. Many of his films and television productions have a New York setting and theme.

He grew up in a large Italian family, with a father who was missing most of the time; his mother and siblings struggled. He had very little schooling, ran with street gangs, went into the Army, married, and found himself with a family at an early age. During a particularly desperate time in his life he resorted to criminal activity (which he freely admits) in order to pay the rent and feed his family.

He came to acting relatively late, more or less by chance, with virtually no training; even so he was soon working with important directors Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Ritt, and Woody Allen. Over the course of his career to date, his roles have ranged from the vicious murdering cop in *Fort Apache, The Bronx* (1981) to more compassionate cop roles such as in *The Preppie Murder*. He has played small roles in many important films: *The Front*; *Bloodbrothers*, an impressive, underrated New York film; and *Jacob's Ladder*. In more major roles he has shown a distinctive acting ability, such as the crude, insensitive husband of *The Purple Rose of Cairo*; and the Momma's Boy, Johnny Cammareri, in *Moonstruck*, which brought out his comedic abilities. He is quite successful as the lead in *The Pickle*,

a film that may be absurd in its concept, but which shows him with a nasty streak, but also great comic talent as a Hollywood director struggling to overcome a string of flops.

He has also had leading roles as Jack Ruby in *Ruby* (1992) and Chester Grant in *The Closer* (1990; a role recreated from the 1976 Broadway play *Wheelbarrow Closers*), but while these parts share the same characteristics—small-time loser and hood and paid FBI informer in the first; hard-driven, bitter, and nasty man alienated from his family in the second—the films themselves are not successful. In many ways this underlines the dilemma in his acting career. If Aiello has good writers and directors, he can shine; if not, he will fall into a characteristic mold: a loud-mouthed and profane persona with a trademark laugh that is not always pertinent to the action of the film.

His most important film to date, the one that has gained him the most fame and recognition, is Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing*. He is excellent in this film as the embattled Sal Frangoni, holding on to his pizza parlor in an all-black Bedford-Stuyvesant. Some of his best acting occurs in the interchanges between father and sons, and this type of relationship, both in real life and on the screen, has great importance to him. While vituperative, angry, opinionated, and frustrated to the point of violence, he is still able to convey warmth and compassion for the African Americans that he lives with. He says to his bigoted son: "Why is there so much anger in you? I never had trouble with these people. They grew up on my food. I'm very proud of it. Sal's is here to stay. I'm your father and I love you." Aiello claims that there is about 85 percent of himself in the film. His wife in real life claims that there is 100 percent.

While this film has been the most important of his career, his most successful films have been the ones in which he portrays a family man, a loving father and husband, working hard to keep his family together. The two films that show him with this wonderful range of acting ability, along with his characteristic hard edges, are *29th Street* and *Once Around*. The essence of Aiello's acting may well be found in these films; his performances show great depth, compassion, sympathy, and humor. The films are moving and successful in large part because of him—probably due to the opportunity they offer Aiello to act out much of what he lacked as a child when his father was not around, and there was not much love and support from his father for his children. Danny Aiello is making up for those hard times, and being quite successful at it.

—Allen Cohen

AIMÉE, Anouk

Nationality: French. **Born:** Françoise Sorya Dreyfus in Paris, 27 April 1932, daughter of the actor Henri Dreyfus (performed as Henri Murray, or simply Murray) and Geneviève Sorya (family name Durand). **Education:** Attended École de la rue Milton, Paris; École de Barbezieux; Pensionnat de Bandol; Institution de Megève; studied dance at Marseilles Opera; studied theater in England, then at Cours Bauer-Therond. **Family:** Married 1) Edouard Zimmermann, 1949 (divorced); 2) the director Nico Papatakis, 1951 (divorced 1954), daughter: Manuela; 3) Pierre Barouh, 1966 (divorced); 4) the actor



Anouk Aimée

Albert Finney, 1970 (divorced 1978). **Career:** Began stage acting at age 14; 1946—film debut in *La Maison sous la mer* (as “Anouk”); 1948—first screen success in *Les Amants de Vérone* in role written for her by Jacques Prévert. **Awards:** Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Un Homme et une femme*, 1966; Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Salto nel vuoto*, 1979. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 av George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1946 *La Maison sous la mer* (Calef)
- 1947 *La Fleur de l'âge* (Carné—unfinished)
- 1948 *Les Amants de Vérone* (*The Lovers of Verona*) (Cayatte) (as Georgia “Juliette” Maglia)
- 1949 *Golden Salamander* (Neame) (as Anna)
- 1951 *Conquêtes du froid* (Vidal); *Noche de tormenta* (*Nuit d'orage*) (de Moyora)
- 1952 *La Bergère et le ramoneur* (Grimault) (as voice); *The Paris Express* (*The Man Who Watched Trains Go By*) (French (as Jeanne); *Le Rideau cramoisi* (*Les Crimes de l'amour; The Crimson Curtain*) (Astruc) (as Albertine)
- 1953 *Ich suche dich* (Fischer)
- 1954 *Forever My Heart* (*Happy Birthday*) (Arliss and Knowles)
- 1955 *Contraband Spain* (Huntington) (as Elena Vargas); *Les Mauvaises Rencontres* (Astruc)
- 1956 *Nina* (Jugert) (as Nina Iwanowa); *Stresemann* (Braun)
- 1957 *Tous peuvent me tuer* (*Anyone Can Kill Me*) (Decoin); *Pot-Bouille* (*The House of Lovers*) (Duvivier); *Montparnasse 19* (*Modigliani of Montparnasse; The Lovers of Montparnasse*) (Jacques Becker) (as Jeanne Hebuterne)
- 1958 *La Tête contre les murs* (*The Keepers*) (Franju); *Carve Her Name with Pride* (Gilbert)
- 1959 *The Journey* (*Some of Us May Die*) (Litvak) (as Eva); *Les Dragueurs* (*The Chasers; The Young Have No Morals*) (Mocky)
- 1960 *La dolce vita* (Fellini) (as Maddalena)
- 1961 *Lola* (*Donna di vita*) (Demy) (title role); *Le Farceur* (*The Joker*) (de Broca) (as Helene Laroche); *L'imprévisito* (Lattuada); *Quai Notre Dame* (Berthier); *Il giudizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (de Sica)

- 1962 *Sodoma e Gomorra* (*Sodom and Gomorrah*; *The Last Days of Sodom and Gomorrah*) (Aldrich and Leone) (as Queen Bera); *Les Grands Chemins* (*Of Flesh and Blood*; *Il Baro*) (Marquand) (as Anna)
- 1963 *8½* (*Otto e mezzo*) (Fellini) (as Luisa Anselmi); *Il giorno più corto* (*The Shortest Day*) (Corbucci); *Il terrorista* (de Bosio); *Il successo* (Morassi and Risi) (Blasetti)
- 1964 *Liola* (*A Very Handy Man*); *Le voci bianche* (*White Voices*; *Le Sexe des Anges*; *Under Cover Rouge*) (Campanile and Franciosa) (as Lorenza); *La fuga* (Spinola) (as Luisa)
- 1965 *Il morbidone* (Franciosa); *La stagione del nostro amore* (*A Very Handy Man*; *Liola*) (Vancini) (as Mita)
- 1966 *Lo scandalo* (Gobbi); *Un Homme et une femme* (*A Man and a Woman*) (Lelouch) (as Anne Gauthier)
- 1968 *Un Soir, un train* (*One Night, a Train*) (Delvaux) (as Anne)
- 1969 *The Model Shop* (Demy) (as Lola); *Justine* (Cukor) (title role); *The Appointment* (Lumet) (as Carla)
- 1976 *Si c'était à refaire* (*If I Had to Do It All over Again*; *A Second Chance*) (Lelouch) (as Sarah Gordon)
- 1978 *Mon Premier Amour* (*My First Love*) (Chouraqui) (as Jane Romain)
- 1979 *Salto nel vuoto* (*A Leap in the Dark*; *Leap into the Void*) (Bellocchio) (as Marta Ponticelli); *Une Page d'amour* (Chouraqui—for TV)
- 1981 *La Tragedia di un uomo ridicolo* (*The Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man*) (Bertolucci) (as Barbara Spaggiari)
- 1982 *Qu'est-ce qui fait courir David?* (Chouraqui); *Le Général de l'armée morte* (*Il generale dell'armata morta*) (Tovoli)
- 1984 *Vive la vie* (Lelouch); *Success Is the Best Revenge* (Skolimowski) (as Monique de Fontaine)
- 1985 *Flagrant Desire* (*A Certain Desire*) (Faraldo)
- 1986 *Un Homme et une femme: vingt ans déjà* (*A Man and a Woman: 20 Years Later*) (Lelouch) (as Anne Gauthier)
- 1989 *La Table tournante* (Grimault); *Arrivederci e Grazie* (Capitani)
- 1990 *There Were Days and Moons*; *Bethune: The Making of a Hero* (*Dr. Bethune*) (Borsos—released in U.S. in 1993) (as Marie-France Coudaire)
- 1991 *Voices in the Garden* (Bouton); *Das Schicksal des Freiherrn von Leisenbohg* (Molinaro)
- 1993 *Ruptures* (Citti) (as Marthe); *Les Marmottes* (*The Groundhogs*) (Chouraqui) (as Françoise)
- 1994 *Ready to Wear* (*Pret-a-Porter*) (Altman) (as Simone Lowenthal)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une Nuits* (*A Hundred and One Nights*) (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); *Dis-Moi Oui*
- 1996 *Hommes, femmes, mode d'emploi* (Lelouch) (as The Widow)
- 1998 *L.A. Without a Map* (Kaurismäki) (as Herself)
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Anouk Aimée made her film debut in 1946 in a small role in the Calef film *La Maison sous la mer*. Her first starring role was in Marcel Carné's *La Fleur de l'âge*, but that film remained unfinished. In effect, then, her first real success was in Cayatte's love drama *Les Amants de Vérone*, a loose adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Critics had reservations about the script, but there was no doubt about the obvious talent of the young actress. She went on to play in Astruc's *Le Rideau cramoisi* and *Les Mauvaises Rencontres*. Not only her abilities as an actress but also the photogenic qualities of her face, with its fine lines, expression of elation, and suggestive gaze, were used to particular effect in Duvivier's *Pot-Bouille*, Becker's *Montparnasse 19*, and Franju's *La Tête contre les murs*.

But she was not always lucky. In spite of being known outside France (she made films in Spain, Great Britain, and Germany), she did not always work with directors who knew how to make use of her art. Then in the early 1960s she attracted worldwide attention in the title role of Demy's *Lola* and particularly in the part of the rich, haughty Maddalena in Fellini's *La dolce vita*, in which her aristocratic demeanor provided a telling contrast to the more elemental charms of Anita Ekberg. She appeared again for Fellini in the role of the patient wife in *8½*. Aimée remained in Italy during the first half of the 1960s, and made a variety of films for Italian directors which are of varying qualities and genres—among them, *Liola*, *Le voci bianche*, and *La stagione del nostro amore*.

The greatest success of her career came in 1966, in a film by the then still relatively unknown French director Claude Lelouch, *Un Homme et une femme*. The young director succeeded in rendering a seemingly banal love story in an unexpected and new way, through his mastery of camera technique and setting the action in the milieu of automobile racing. Yet the tremendous international success it enjoyed (it won both the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1966 and an American Oscar) were undoubtedly due to the excellent performances of the stars, Aimée and Jean-Louis Trintignant.

In her subtle portrayal of the heroine—self-protective, then succumbing to a new love—Aimée seemed to create a new kind of femme fatale and a characterization she would return to in the future: a woman of sensitivity whose emotions are often kept secret. She has continued to play that woman, with the same moderation and tact but within a growing gamut of different emotions. A good example is Belgian director André Delvaux's *Un Soir, un train* in which she plays a Walloon woman who sacrifices herself to her husband, a university professor played by Yves Montand. The complicated relationship between the couple, exacerbated by their different languages and hovering on the boundary between reality and fantasy, ends in painful and tragic misunderstanding. Aimée's interpretation is perfect.

—Karel Tabery

ALLEN, Woody

Nationality: American. **Born:** Allen Stewart Konigsberg in Brooklyn, New York, 1 December 1935. **Education:** Attended Midwood High School, Brooklyn; New York University and City College of New York, 1953. **Family:** Married 1) Harlene Rosen, 1954 (divorced); the actress Louise Lasser, 1965 (divorced); one son and one daughter with the actress Mia Farrow. **Career:** 1952—started writing for Sid Caesar's show *Caesar's Hour*, also wrote for the *Ed Sullivan Show* and the *Tonight Show*; 1961—having been urged by managers Jack Rollins and Charles Joffe to become a stand-up comedian, debuted at The Duplex, a Greenwich Village nightclub; 1964–65—in TV series *That Was the Week That Was*; 1966—first play, *Don't Drink the Water*, opened on Broadway; 1969–70—played the leading role of Allan Felix in his own drama, *Play It Again, Sam* on Broadway; 1965—film acting debut in *What's New, Pussycat?*, his own screenplay; 1969—film directing debut in *Take the Money and Run*. **Awards:** Sylvania Award, for script of an episode of *Caesar's Hour*, 1957; Academy Awards for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay, and National Society of Film Critics Award, for *Annie Hall*, 1977; British Academy Award and New York Film Critics Award, Best Screenplay, for *Manhattan*, 1979; Academy Award for Best Screenplay, Golden Globe Award, and New York Film Critics Award, for *Hannah and Her Sisters*, 1987; D. W. Griffith Lifetime Achievement Award, Directors Guild of America, 1996. **Agent:** Rollins and Joffe, 130 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1965 *What's New, Pussycat?* (Clive Donner) (as Victor Shakapopolis, + sc)
- 1966 *What's Up, Tiger Lily?* (Tanaguchi—dubbed Japanese film) (as narrator, + pr, co-sc)
- 1967 *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as Jimmy Bond/Dr. Noah)
- 1972 *Play It Again, Sam* (*Aspirins for Three*) (Ross) (as Allan Felix, + sc)
- 1976 *The Front* (Ritt) (as Howard Prince)
- 1987 *King Lear* (Godard) (as Mr. Alien)
- 1991 *Scenes from a Mall* (Mazursky) (as Nick)
- 1998 *Antz* (voice)

Films as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

- 1969 *Take the Money and Run* (as Virgil Starkwell, co-sc)
- 1971 *Bananas* (as Fielding Mellish, co-sc)
- 1972 *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask* (as Victor/Fabrizio/Fool/Sperm)
- 1973 *Sleeper* (as Miles Monroe, co-sc, + mus)
- 1975 *Love and Death* (as Boris Dimitrovich Grushenko)
- 1977 *Annie Hall* (as Alvy Singer, co-sc)
- 1978 *Interiors* (d, sc only)
- 1979 *Manhattan* (as Isaac Davis, co-sc)
- 1980 *Stardust Memories* (as Sandy Bates)

- 1982 *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy* (as Andrew)
- 1983 *Zelig* (as Leonard Zelig)
- 1984 *Broadway Danny Rose* (title role)
- 1985 *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (d, sc only)
- 1986 *Hannah and Her Sisters* (as Mickey)
- 1987 *Radio Days* (as narrator); *September* (d, sc only)
- 1988 *Another Woman* (d, sc only)
- 1989 "Oedipus Wrecks" ep. of *New York Stories* (as Sheldon Mills); *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (as Cliff Stern)
- 1990 *Alice* (d, sc only)
- 1992 *Shadows and Fog* (as Kleinman); *Husbands and Wives* (as Gabe Roth)
- 1993 *Manhattan Murder Mystery* (as Larry Lipton, co-sc)
- 1994 *Bullets over Broadway* (d, co-sc only); *Don't Drink the Water* (for TV)
- 1995 *Mighty Aphrodite* (as Lenny Weinrib)
- 1996 *Everyone Says I Love You* (as Joe)
- 1997 *Deconstructing Harry* (as Harry Block)
- 1998 *Celebrity*
- 1999 *Sweet and Lowdown*
- 2000 *Small Time Crooks*

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Approaching his sixties after enacting more than 20 important or leading roles, Woody Allen portrays the middle-aged sports writer Lenny Weinrib in *Mighty Aphrodite*. This 1995 film reveals some

characteristics of his part in a minor role playing opposite Peter Sellers and Peter O'Toole in the 1967 *What's New, Pussycat?* The dimension of the character and the maturity of Allen's acting skills, however, proved to be worlds apart from the earlier film. In his first appearance he portrayed a bumbling eccentric, Victor Shakapopolis, a role executed with a narrow range of the comedian's acting skills. Giving an elaborate interview conducted by Stig Björkman for the book, *Woody Allen on Woody Allen*, this writer-director-actor claimed that since he was directed by another person, he was allowed to see the results of his acting but never was allowed to redo scenes to correct the faults he saw in his work. The same he claimed was true of the role of the childishly temperamental, girl-chasing Jimmy Bond, a spoof of the famous Bond secret agent series in a film called *Casino Royale* (1967). Not until he was able to be his own director and writer for the 1969 *Take the Money and Run* would Allen control his own performance.

Woody Allen's *Mighty Aphrodite* still displays the features of the bumbler he created in his initial performance in *What's New, Pussycat?* This is revealed when he meets a prostitute named Linda Ash, enacted by Mira Sorvino. Her opening conversation with him produces confusion, frustration, and inadequacy—a typical pattern of reaction that Woody established in many of his film characterizations when faced with an aggressive or independent woman. Her sexual vulgarisms and blunt talk about various forms of physical encounters make him squirm. When he acts in such a scene, the audience can almost visualize an aura of perspiration radiating about his body.

Mighty Aphrodite also displays another variation on Woody's acting talents tied to a stressful situation. As Lenny, the sportswriter in this movie, he is threatened by a sadistic thug, Linda Ash's pimp, because Lenny tries to steer Linda away from prostitution. The wimp Allen had played before in so many of his films can be noticed at this point of the movie, but he gives a twist that reveals his maturity as an actor. Faced with a brute who has him by the throat, Allen covers his fear with bravado as he promises the hulk he can get him tickets for a sporting event. Another feature of the comedian's use of character traits emerges. When pressed physically or when he wants to influence someone to take action, this nerd will con people. In *Mighty Aphrodite*, the juxtaposition of a variety of contrasting emotions makes this one of his most deft acting performances.

To understand the acting style of Woody Allen, it should be realized that he was a writer for many television comedians and hosts of talk shows such as Sid Caesar, Art Carney, Carol Channing, Jack Paar, and Garry Moore. His agents urged him to become a performer, and he made his debut as a stand-up comedian in 1961 at the Duplex nightclub in Greenwich Village. After moving to a number of clubs in New York City, he traveled to Chicago and San Francisco. Consequently, his fame as a performer spread throughout the nation. In the early 1960s he continued his writing because he could get more money. According to a *Time* article (15 February 1963): "He now gets \$1,500 for supplying a comedian with a five-minute bit." His film writing reveals the stand-up comedy influence: the monologue as narration and the one-liner became an intrinsic part of many of his films.

The monologue-narration also relates directly to Allen's published humorous essays and to his stand-up comedian days and his acting in a number of films. Risible narration exists in *Take the Money and Run* (1969), *Bananas* (1971), *Love and Death* (1975), *Annie Hall*

(1977), *Zelig* (1983), and *Radio Days* (1986). Woody Allen's ability as a stand-up comedian has been transferred to the screen as he plays a character in the comic drama. In *Take the Money and Run* Woody describes his own inadequacy as a bank robber in the character of Virgil Starkwell. This offscreen commentary is delivered in an off-hand, dry manner that makes this comedian's acting endearing to his fans. Overstatement and understatement may exist in the script, but Allen gives a matter-of-fact delivery to punctuate the absurdity of the situation. The same can be said for the frame narration—especially in the beginning and ending of the film drama—of the award-winning *Annie Hall*. As Alvy Singer, the comedian rationalizes his struggle in this battle of the sexes.

A more direct use of the stand-up comedian's role is created when Allen plays the role of Court Jester in *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask* (1972). Woody portrays an appointed fool for royalty who fails as he tries his jokes on an audience that does not respond. When one of his weak one-liners falls flat, he says, with a breathy, frustrated voice, "I know you're out there: I can hear you breathing."

One-liners are, of course, the stock-in-trade gimmick for the stand-up comedian. In *Mighty Aphrodite*, the protagonist, face to face with a towering, amply endowed prostitute, declares whimsically, "At my age, if I made love to you, they'd have to put me on a respirator."

Even monologues are sprinkled with one- and two-liners. In *Annie Hall*'s opening narrative, Allen as Alvy Singer, faces the camera that uses this device. In a vague attempt to look on the bright side of turning 40 as he develops a bald spot, he uses a set-up line followed by a comic reversal: "I think I'm going to get better as I get older—you know, I think I'm going to be the balding, virile type." Allen's delivery is low-keyed with a clear-cut self-deprecating agony because he has broken up with his lover, Annie. In the closing remarks of *Love and Death*, filmed two years earlier, he faces the camera as he used to face an audience as a stand-up comic, and sums up his philosophy of life: "If it turns out there is a God, I don't think he's evil. The worst you can say is—he's an underachiever."

It should be noted that the quality of these one- and two-liner examples almost stand on their own because of Allen's innovative sense of humor. He received an Oscar nomination for acting in 1977 for *Annie Hall*. In addition, he received two other awards for writing and directing this film. Actresses he has groomed to excel in the cinema art have received kudos from the critics while his talent as an actor seems to be taken for granted. Woody's low-level intensity of acting not only fits his character, it also complements the characters of the other actors and actresses that play opposite him, to benefit the total production. His sharp timing from one joke to another possibly reflects his admiration for the ability of Bob Hope to deliver his lines (from Björkman's *Woody Allen on Woody Allen*).

While some critics believe Allen repeats the same comic portrait, they fail to see some of the complexities the actor has developed. The self-destructive whimp who is the target of bullies, both male and female, remains the principal focus of the character that Allen enacts with such skill. Often overlooked is the adeptly handled whining con man frequently employed when his faults are the aim of a detractor. Also, as the writer and director of his films, Allen places his protagonist in different plots, settings, and dramatic modes. As an actor this provides variety and nuances as he enacts each role. For example, his *Everyone Says I Love You* (1996) evolves into a nostalgic, romantic, comic musical, developing a sympathetic variation of his persona and gives Woody a chance to play light humor. By

contrast he is comically close to a despicable character in *Deconstructing Harry* (1997) when he plays a man who receives the wrath of a series of harpies—his former wives. Here Allen, the writer, has given himself a part much darker than his previous work, *Everyone Says I Love You*. As a counter-punching con man he plays the role more aggressively and a stronger, more laughable portrait is created. In *Deconstructing Harry*, the dramatic mode moves to dark satire with some surrealistic scenes similar to the Pirandello stage play, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*. A third dramatic mode, the motion picture cartoon, allows another dimension of Allen's acting. This is revealed in the 1998 *Antz*. With a voice-over performance of an abstract ant drawing, his one liner gags take on a sharper, more noticeable quality and show his thespian talent in almost all film modes, even in a cartoon.

Woody Allen remains as no imitator of other comedians. Since he plays a little man plagued by a variety of pretenders and bullies, some evaluators have compared his character and his control of his total work to those qualities of Chaplin's. "I can't tell you what I am, but I can tell you what I'm not: Chaplinesque," he is quoted in an entry for *World Film Directors*. Merely competent as a storyteller, Chaplin was a genius as a director and a master filmmaker in a different way: a titan as actor and director. Allen's acting, as important as it is to many of his films, remains only distinctive and effective. Time will tell if his acting will be considered by critics to be worthy of a higher rank.

—Donald W. McCaffrey

ALLYSON, June

Nationality: American. **Born:** Born Ella Geisman, New York City, 7 October 1917. **Education:** Public Schools in New York City and Pelham, New York, including Theodore Roosevelt High School. **Family:** Married 1) actor/director Dick Powell, 1945 (died 1963); children: Pamela (adopted) and Richard Keith; 2) Glenn Maxwell, 1963 (divorced 1963, remarried 1966, divorced again); 3) Dr. David Ashrow, 1976. **Career:** First film appearance in Vitaphone 2-reel *Swing for Sale*, 1937; role in Broadway's *Best Foot Forward*, 1940; signed movie contract with MGM, 1943–53; played Jo March in MGM remake of *Little Women*, 1949; starred in *The Dupont Show with June Allyson* (aka *The June Allyson Show*), 1959–61; hosted *That's Entertainment III*, a documentary on MGM musicals, 1994. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture Actress—Musical/Comedy, for *Too Young To Kiss*, 1952; awarded Special Jury Prize for Ensemble Acting, Venice Festival, for *Executive Suite*, 1954; voted Most Popular Female Star, Photoplay Magazine Awards, 1954. **Agent:** Shapiro-Lichtman-Stein, Inc., 8827 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90212, USA.

Films:

- 1938 *The Knight Is Young* (Mack) (as June); *The Prisoner of Swing* (Mack) (as Princess)
- 1939 *All Girl Review* (French) (as Mayor)



June Allyson with Peter Lawford in *Little Women*

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| <p>1943 <i>Girl Crazy</i> (Taurog) (specialty appearance); <i>Best Foot Forward</i> (Buzzell) (as Minerva); <i>Thousands Cheer</i> (Sidney) (as guest)</p> <p>1944 <i>Two Girls and a Sailor</i> (Thorpe) (as Patsy Deyo); <i>Music for Millions</i> (Koster) (as Barbara Ainsworth); <i>Meet the People</i> (Reisner) (as Annie)</p> <p>1945 <i>The Sailor Takes a Wife</i> (Whorf) (as Mary); <i>Her Highness and the Bellboy</i> (Thorpe) (as Leslie Odell)</p> <p>1946 <i>Two Sisters from Boston</i> (Koster) (as Martha Canford Chandler); <i>The Secret Heart</i> (Leonard) (as Penny Addams)</p> <p>1947 <i>High Barbaree</i> (Conway) (as Nancy Frazer); <i>Good News</i> (Walters) (as Connie Lane); <i>Till the Clouds Roll By</i> (Whorf) (specialty appearance)</p> <p>1948 <i>The Bride Goes Wild</i> (Taurog) (as Martha Terryton); <i>The Three Musketeers</i> (Sidney) (as Constance Bonacieux); <i>Words and Music</i> (Taurog) (guest star)</p> <p>1949 <i>Little Women</i> (Leroy) (as Jo March); <i>The Stratton Story</i> (Wood) (as Ethel Stratton)</p> <p>1950 <i>Right Cross</i> (Sturges) (as Pat O'Malley); <i>The Reformer and the Redhead</i> (Frank/Panama) (as Kathleen Maquire)</p> | <p>1951 <i>Too Young to Kiss</i> (Leonard) (as Cynthia Potter)</p> <p>1952 <i>The Girl in White (So Bright the Flame)</i> (Sturges) (as Dr. Emily Dunning)</p> <p>1953 <i>Remains To Be Seen</i> (Weis) (as Jody Revere); <i>Battle Circus</i> (Brooks) (as Lieut. Ruth McGara)</p> <p>1954 <i>The Glenn Miller Story</i> (Mann) (as Helen Berger Miller); <i>Executive Suite</i> (Wise) (as Mary Belmont Walling); <i>Woman's World</i> (Negulesco) (as Katie)</p> <p>1955 <i>The Shrike</i> (Ferrer) (as Ann Downs); <i>The McConnell Story (Tiger in the Sky)</i> (Douglas) (as Pearl "Butch" Brown); <i>Strategic Air Command</i> (Mann) (as Sally Holland)</p> <p>1956 <i>The Opposite Sex</i> (Miller) (as Kay Hilliard); <i>You Can't Run Away From It</i> (Powell) (as Ellen "Ellie" Andrews)</p> <p>1957 <i>My Man Godfrey</i> (Koster) (as Irene Bullock); <i>Interlude</i> (Sirk) (as Helen Banning)</p> <p>1959 <i>Stranger In My Arms (And Ride a Tiger)</i> (Kautner) (as Christina Beasley)</p> <p>1963 <i>The Thrill of It All</i> (Jewison) (as Helen Banning)</p> <p>1971 <i>See the Man Run (The Second Face)</i> (Allen—for TV) (as Helene Spencer)</p> |
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- 1972 *They Only Kill Their Masters* (Goldstone) (as Mrs. Watkins)
 1973 *Letters From Three Lovers* (Erman—for TV) (as Monica)
 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.) (archival footage)
 1977 *Curse of the Black Widow (Love Trap)* (Curtis—for TV) (as Olga)
 1978 *Three on a Date* (Bixby—for TV) (as Marge Emery); *Vega\$ (High Roller)* (Lang—for TV) (as Marilyn's mother); *Black-out (Black-Out in New York)* (Matalon) (as Mrs. Grant)
 1982 *The Kid with the Broken Halo* (Martinson—for TV) (as Dorothea Powell)
 1985 *That's Dancing!* (Haley Jr.) (archival footage)
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Before she became June Allyson, Ella Geisman endured a somewhat deprived childhood in The Bronx, New York, before gradually breaking into Broadway musical theater in the late 1930s. Like many Hollywood personalities of the studio era, Allyson, one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most popular stars and biggest box-office draws of the 1940s and early 1950s, received her initial show business experience on the New York stage. At the age of twenty Geisman was cast in the chorus line of a flop Broadway musical, but this led to other parts in more successful productions, including a bit part in the George Abbott-directed collegiate musical, *Best Foot Forward*. When *Best Foot Forward* was filmed in 1943, Geisman went to Hollywood with the show, and, as June Allyson, soon found herself with a Hollywood contract, primarily due to the efforts of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producer Joe Pasternak.

A number of bits in various MGM pictures (including specialty spots in *Girl Crazy* and *Thousands Cheer* and the role of Minerva in *Best Foot Forward*) led to her first starring role in *Two Girls and a Sailor*, one of the last of the studio's big black-and-white wartime musical variety extravaganzas in 1944. Allyson was paired with Gloria De Haven as two sisters whose dream is to open up a USO canteen in New York City. *Two Girls* also featured MGM male juvenile Van Johnson, also from Broadway; for a time Johnson and Allyson enjoyed great popularity as America's post-war sweethearts. They later starred in 1947's *High Barbaree*, an odd and commercially unsuccessful fantasy drama with a World War II setting, and 1948's slapstick *The Bride Goes Wild*. Allyson was reunited with Johnson in one of her last MGM films, and one of the few in which she got a change-of-pace role as the sexy female lead, the 1953 film version of the sophisticated Broadway comedy, *Remains to Be Seen*. Like all of MGM's contract musical performers the petite charmer with the distinctively husky voice was also groomed for dramatic roles. As early as 1946 she was cast against type as Claudette Colbert's neurotic daughter in *The Secret Heart*, a somewhat Freudian melodrama. She was also featured as the treacly sweet Constance (and opposite another MGM musical performer, Gene Kelly) in MGM's swashbuckling version of *The Three Musketeers* in 1948, a role Allyson cites as one of her least rewarding.

Though her *Little Women* suffered in comparison to the classic 1939 George Cukor/Katherine Hepburn version, one of Allyson's choicest straight roles was in the 1949 MGM re-make. The actress turned in a strong and moving portrait of Louisa May Alcott's spunky pre-feminist heroine, Jo March, and the film remains a charming and opulent MGM Technicolor period piece. Allyson's scene opposite Margaret O'Brien in a rainy attic, as the two discuss Beth's premonition of an early death, is a peak dramatic moment for both young actresses.

But Allyson's best MGM picture is another classic college musical, *Good News*, a re-make released in 1947. Under Charles Walters' sparkling direction Allyson (as librarian Connie Lane) essays her best singing/dancing/acting role, wistfully doing a solo turn with the touching ballad "Just Imagine," and providing the film's exuberant dance finale with co-star Peter Lawford in the rousingly staged "Varsity Drag" number. She also appeared as one of the many guests stars in one of MGM's musically vivacious but otherwise turgid musical biography films, 1948's *Words and Music*. Allegedly based on the lives of songwriters Rodgers and Hart, the film features Allyson performing a charming on-stage version of the team's "Thou Swell" (from *A Connecticut Yankee*) with the identical Blackburn twins. She also appeared on the guest star roster of another MGM musical bio clinker, *Til the Clouds Roll By*, a misfired fantasia on the life of Jerome Kern.

MGM occasionally loaned out its popular star to other studios and Allyson found herself graduating from ingenue roles to a series of doting wife parts, among these a role in *The Stratton Story* in 1949, and in Universal-International's extremely popular *The Glenn Miller Story* in which she played opposite James Stewart in the title role in 1954. Her by now predictable wifely duties continued in MGM's 1954 *Executive Suite* in which she was William Holden's supportive spouse, and in *The McConnell Story* and *Strategic Air Command*, both in 1955. June's self-effacing helpmate period peaked in 1956 with one of her intermittent returns to MGM for an ill-advised musical

up-date of another celebrated Cukor film, *The Women*, retitled *The Opposite Sex*, in which Allyson took on the original Norma Shearer role of the betrayed wife. In revolt to all these good wife roles Allyson went radically against type in Universal's *The Shrike*, a rather murky melodrama (directed by and co-starring Jose Ferrer) about a castrating female. She also starred as a straying wife who becomes involved with a symphonic conductor in Douglas Sirk's *Interlude* in 1957. Allyson's last major studio film of the 1950s was another Universal marital melodrama, the Ross Hunter soap *Stranger In My Arms* (1959). Allyson once commented: "I never did feel quite right about the roles I was called upon to portray—the gentle, kind, loving, perfect wife who will stand by her man through 'anything.' In real life I'm a poor dressmaker and a terrible cook; in fact, anything but the perfect wife."

The 1960s found Allyson moving into a series of intermittent stage performances, but finding greater success with her TV films and guest spots. Her television work included a brief stint with a show of her own, and spots on *Burke's Law* and *Murder, She Wrote*. She made her last theatrical feature appearance in *They Only Kill Their Masters* in 1972, but was also seen on the big screen as recently as 1994 as the host of *That's Entertainment! III* and in outtakes and archival footage in 1985's *That's Dancing* and of course in the original 1974 edition of the MGM musical anthology series. She is also remembered by contemporary audiences for her appearances in a series of 1980s television commercials. Allyson retired to Ojai, California, though in January 2000 she came out of retirement to briefly appear with a group of other MGM stars in a musical touring stage production.

—Ross Care

ANDERSSON, Bibi

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Berit Andersson in Stockholm, 11 November 1935. **Education:** Attended the Terserus Drama School; Royal Dramatic Theater School, Stockholm, 1954–56; attended theater school in Malmö. **Family:** Married 1) the director Kjell Grede, 1960 (divorced 1973), daughter: Jenny Matilde; 2) Per Ahlmark, 1978. **Career:** 1949—began working as an extra for the movies; 1955—appeared in *Smiles of a Summer Night*, first of several successful films for Ingmar Bergman; 1973—American stage debut in Erich Maria Remarque's *Full Circle*; 1990—debut as stage director, Stockholm. **Awards:** Best Actress (collectively awarded), Cannes Festival, for *Brink of Life*, 1958; Étoile de Cristal of French Film Academy for Best Actress, for *My Sister, My Love*, 1965; British Academy Award, Best Foreign Actress, for *The Touch*, 1971. **Address:** c/o Royal Dramatic Theatre, Storgatan 1, Stockholm 11444, Sweden.

Films as Actress:

- 1953 *Dum Bom (Stupid Bom)* (Poppe)
 1954 *En natt på Glimmingehus (A Night at Glimminge Castle)* (Wickman); *Herr Arnes penningar (Sir Arne's Treasure)* (Molander)

- 1955 *Sommarnattens leende (Smiles of a Summer Night)* (Bergman) (as actress); *Flickan i regnet (Girl in the Rain)* (Kjellin); *Staden vid vattnen (Town by the Sea)* (Kjellgren) (as narrator)
 1956 *Sista paret ut (Last Pair Out; Last Couple Out)* (Sjöberg) (as Kerstin); *Egen ingång (Private Entrance)* (Ekman)
 1957 *Det sjunde inseglet (The Seventh Seal)* (Bergman) (as Mia); *Smultronstället (Wild Strawberries)* (Bergman) (as Sara); *Sommarnöje sökes (A Summer Place Is Wanted)* (Ekman)
 1958 *Nära livet (Brink of Life; So Close to Life)* (Bergman) (as Hjördis Petterson); *Du är mitt äventyr (You Are My Adventure)* (Olin); *Ansiktet (The Face; The Magician)* (Bergman) (as Sara)
 1959 *Den kära leken (The Love Game)* (Fant)
 1960 *Bröllopsdagen (The Wedding Day)* (Fant) (as Sylvia Blom); *Djävulens öga (The Devil's Eye)* (Bergman) (as Britt-Marie)
 1961 *Karneval (Carnival)* (Olsson); *Lustgården (The Pleasure Garden)* (Kjellin) (as Anna); *Nasilje na Trgu (Square of Violence)* (Bercovici) (as Maria)
 1962 *Älskarinnan (The Swedish Mistress)* (Sjöman) (as girl); *Kort är sommaren (Pan; Short Is the Summer)* (Henning-Jensen) (as Edvarda Mack)
 1964 *För att inte tala om alla dessa kvinnor (All These Women; Now about All These Women)* (Bergman) (as Humian); *Ön (The Island)* (Sjöberg)
 1965 *Juninatt (June Night)* (Liedholm); *Syskonbädd 1782 (My Sister, My Love)* (Sjöman)
 1966 *Scusi, lei è favorevole o contrario (Scusi lei è contrario o favorevole)* (Sordi); *Persona (Masks)* (Bergman) (as Nurse Alma); *Duel at Diablo* (Ralph Nelson) (as Ellen Grange)
 1967 *Le Viol (A Question of Rape; Overgreppet)* (Doniol-Valcroze) (as Marianne Pescourt)
 1968 *Flickorna (The Girls)* (Zetterling and Hughes); *Svarta palmkronor (Black Palm Trees)* (Lindgren)
 1969 *Storia di una donna (Story of a Woman)* (Bercovici) (as Karin Ullman); *Una estate in quattro (L'isola)* (Vancini); *Taenk på ett tal (Think of a Number)* (Kjaerulff-Schmidt); *En passion (A Passion; The Passion of Anna)* (Bergman) (as Eva Vergerus)
 1970 *The Kremlin Letter* (Huston) (as Erika Böck)
 1971 *Beröringen (The Touch)* (Bergman) (as Karin Vergerus); *Ingmar Bergman* (Bjorkman) (as interviewee)
 1972 *Chelovek s drugoi storoni (The Man from the Other Side)* (Yegorov)
 1973 *Scener ur ett äktenskap (Scenes from a Marriage)* (Bergman—for TV, shortened version shown theatrically) (as Katarina); *Afskedens timme (The Hour of Parting)* (Holst)
 1974 *La rivale (The Rival; My Husband, His Mistress and I)* (Gobbi)
 1975 *Il pleut sur Santiago (It Is Raining on Santiago)* (Soto); *Blondy (Germicide; Vortex)* (Gobbi)
 1976 *En dåres försvarstal (A Madman's Defence)* (Grede—for TV)
 1977 *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden (Ingen dans på rosor)* (Page) (as Dr. Fried)
 1978 *An Enemy of the People* (Schaefer) (as Catherine Stockmann); *Justices* (Cayatte); *L'Amour en question* (Cayatte) (as Catherine Dumas)



Bibi Andersson in *Persona*

- 1979 *The Concorde—Airport '79* (*Airport '80—The Concorde*) (Rich) (as Francine); *Twee Vrouwen* (*Two Women; Twice a Woman; Second Touch*) (Sluizer) (as Laura); *Barnförbjudet* (*The Elephant Walk; Not for Children; The Elephant*) (Bergenstråhle); *Quintet* (Altman) (as Ambrosia); *A Look at Liv* (Norway's *Liv Ullmann; Liv Ullmann's Norway*) (Kaplan—doc)
- 1980 *Marmeladupproret* (*Marmalade Revolution*) (Josephson and Nykvist); *Prosperous Times*
- 1981 *Jag rödnar* (*I Blush*) (Sjöman)
- 1982 *Berget på månens baksida* (Hjalström)
- 1983 *Exposed* (Toback) (as Margaret Carlson); *Svarte fugler* (*Black Crows*) (Glomm)
- 1984 *Sista leken* (*The Last Summer*) (Lindström)
- 1985 *Wallenberg: A Hero's Story* (Lamont Johnson—for TV)
- 1986 *Husmenna* (Rosma); *Pobre Mariposa* (*Poor Butterfly*) (De La Torre) (as Gertrud)
- 1987 *Dueños del silencio* (Lemos) (as Swedish ambassador); *Svart Gryning* (Lemos); *Babette's Gastebud* (*Babette's Feast*) (Axel) (as Lady-in-Waiting)
- 1988 *Remando al Viento* (*Rowing with the Wind*) (Suarez)
- 1989 *Fordringsagare* (*Creditors*) (Bohm) (as Tekla)
- 1992 *Una Estacion de paso* (*Whistle Stop*) (Querejeta) (as Lise)
- 1994 *Dromspel* (*Dreamplay*) (Straume) (as Victoria); *Il Sogno della farfalla* (*The Butterfly's Dream*) (Bellocchio) (as Mother)
- 1996 *I rollerna tre* (Olofson—doc) (as herself)
- 1998 *Achot K'tanah Achot G'dolah* (*Little Big Sister*) (Narrator); *Längtans blåa blomma* (—for TV, as Mrs. Tidren)

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While still in her teens, Bibi Andersson began making her rounds of the film studios in Sweden; and her first important role was as an extra in a publicity film made by the man who discovered her, Ingmar Bergman. To further her career she took lessons at the Stockholm Drama School, and made her stage debut in a potato cellar that was the best known avant-garde theater in Stockholm in the early 1950s.

Following her theater training which included study at the Royal Dramatic Theater School from 1954–56, and a series of bit parts in films, Andersson made her first memorable screen appearance in a small role in *Smiles of a Summer Night*, thereby joining the wonderful company of actors who played in Bergman’s films of the 1950s and 1960s.

Like other European-trained actors, Andersson’s work is not an emotionally cathartic experience, but rather an exercise of knowledge and technique, as her versatility proves. Following her role in *The Seventh Seal*, as the wife in the pair of fairground innocents who survive the destruction of the knight and his family after the apocalypse, she played the hitchhiker in *Wild Strawberries*, again projecting a youthful hopefulness and innocence. Her portrayal of the unmarried mother in *Brink of Life* revealed a broader range and won her an award at Cannes (along with Ingrid Thulin for the same film).

With the exception of a role in *Now about All These Women*, Andersson did not work with Bergman for six years. Their collaboration resumed with her most important film, *Persona*, in which she established herself as an actress of international stature. This masterpiece owes much to Andersson’s brilliance and is evidence of her greater emotional experience than was apparent in her earlier work. Playing opposite Liv Ullmann as the mute Elisabeth, Andersson was required to carry the dialogue of the film. A mutual transference of personae occurs, signified by the merging of their images on screen. The film required of Andersson an enormous extension of her talent; her submission to the film’s somewhat cruel objectivity attested to Andersson’s dedication—not only to the aims of Bergman’s films but also to the demands made by a role of extraordinary emotional complexity. The characterization did much to erase the rather condescending view of her as a pleasant, lightweight actress, and elevated her to the first rank of Bergman’s ensemble, along with Thulin and Ullmann.

Andersson then made a number of films with other Swedish directors, and worked again with Bergman in a supporting part in *The Passion of Anna*, in a central role opposite Elliott Gould in *The Touch*, and in a brief appearance in one episode of *Scenes from a Marriage*, which would be the last films they made together. In *The Touch* she turned in a performance that established her, according to one critic,

as the warmest and most free-spirited of Bergman’s women, both robust and compassionate.

Through her connection with Bergman, Andersson has been associated with Sweden’s most famous international director, and through her marriage to the director Kjell Grede she has been linked to the New Wave of Swedish film. Interestingly enough she never made a theatrical film with Grede, but did appear in Vilgot Sjöman’s *My Sister, My Love*, Lars-Magnus Lindgren’s *Black Palm Trees*, and Mai Zetterling’s *The Girls*. Like Ullmann and Thulin she has also appeared in a number of international films, usually wasting her talent. In such movies as John Huston’s *The Kremlin Letter*, Sergio Gobbi’s *Blondy*, Anthony Page’s *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*, George Schaefer’s *An Enemy of the People*, and Robert Altman’s *Quintet*, Andersson has not been able to achieve the level of performance attained in the finest of her Swedish films.

Andersson has also performed in numerous stage productions, including her 1973 Broadway debut in Otto Preminger’s *Full Circle*, *After the Fall*, *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, and *The Night of the Tribades*. She performed in Bergman’s 1993 production of Ibsen’s *Peer Gynt*, and in his 1995 production of Shakespeare’s *A Winter’s Tale*, both at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. She also directed a play in Stockholm about Strindberg’s women, and a production of Sam Shepard’s *True West* at the Royal Dramatic Theater of Sweden.

—Charles L. P. Silet, updated by Kelly Otter

ANDERSSON, Harriet

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Stockholm, 14 January 1932. **Family:** Married the director Jörn Donner. **Career:** 1949—stage debut in Stockholm revue; 1950—first film released, *Medan staden sover*; 1952—impressed with her performance in *Trots*, Ingmar Bergman wrote film *Monika* for her; 1954—engaged by Bergman for regular stage company, Malmö; later acted with Intiman theater of Stockholm, 1956, and with Hälsingborg town theater, 1961; 1980s—appeared regularly at Kungliga Dramatiska Teatern, Stockholm; **Awards:** German Film Critics Grand Prize, for *Through a Glass Darkly*, 1961; Venice Film Festival, Best Actress Award, for *To Love*, 1964; Swedish Film Association plaque. **Address:** c/o Sandrew Film and Theater AB, Box 5612, 114 86 Stockholm, Sweden.

Films as Actress:

- 1950 *Medan staden sover* (*While the City Sleeps*) (Kjellgren); *Anderssonskans Kalle* (*Mrs. Andersson’s Charlie*) (Husberg) (as Majken); *Motorkavalierer* (*Cavaliers on the Road*) (Ahrle); *Två trappor över gården* (*Backyard*) (Werner)
- 1951 *Biffen och Bananen* (*Beef and the Banana*) (Husberg); *Puck heter jag* (*My Name Is Puck*) (Bauman); *Dårskapens hus* (*House of Folly*) (Ekman); *Frånskild* (*Divorced*) (Molander) (as applicant)
- 1952 *Sabotage* (Jonsson); *Ubåt 39* (*U-boat 39*) (Faustman); *Trots* (*Defiance*) (Molander)



Harriet Andersson on *Sommarnattens leende*

- 1953 *Sommaren med Monika* (*Summer with Monika*) (Bergman) (title role); *Gycklarnas afton* (*Sawdust and Tinsel; The Naked Night*) (Bergman) (as Anne)
- 1954 *En lektion i kärlek* (*A Lesson in Love*) (Bergman) (as Nix)
- 1955 *Hoppсан!* (Olin); *Kvinnodröm* (*Dreams; Journey into Autumn*) (Bergman) (as Doris); *Sommarnattens leende* (*Smiles of a Summer Night*) (Bergman) (as Petra the Maid)
- 1956 *Sista paret ut* (*The Last Couple Out; Last Pair Out*) (Sjöberg) (as Anita); *Nattbarn* (*Children of the Night*) (Hellström)
- 1957 *Synnöve Solbakken* (Hellström)
- 1958 *Kvinna i leopard* (*Woman in Leopardskin; Woman in a Leopardskin Coat*) (Jan Molander); *Flottans överman* (*Commander of the Navy*) (Olin)
- 1959 *Brott i Paradiset* (*Crime in Paradise*) (Kjellgren); *Noc Poslubna* (*Häyö; En Bröllopsnatt; Wedding Night*) (Blomberg)
- 1961 *Såsom i en spegel* (*Through a Glass Darkly*) (Bergman) (as Karin, the daughter); *Barbara* (Wisbar)
- 1962 *Siska* (Kjellin)
- 1963 *Lyckodrömmen* (*Dream of Happiness*) (Abramson); *En söndag i september* (*A Sunday in September*) (Jörn Donner)
- 1964 *För att inte tala om alla dessa kvinnor* (*All These Women; Now about All These Women*) (Bergman) (as Isolde); *Att älska* (*To Love*) (Jörn Donner) (as Louise); *Älskande par* (*Loving Couples*) (Zetterling and Hughes) (as Agda)
- 1965 *För vänskaps skull* (*Just Like Friends; For Friendship*) (Abramson); *Lianbron* (*The Vine Bridge; The Vine Garden*) (Nykvist); *Här börjar äventyret* (*Täällä Alkaa Seikkilu; Adventure Starts Here*) (Jörn Donner)
- 1966 *Ormen* (*The Serpent*) (Abramson)
- 1967 *The Deadly Affair* (Lumet) (as Ann Dobbs); “Han-hon” (“He-She”) ep. of *Stimulantia* (Jörn Donner) (as woman in hotel room); *Människor modes og sod musik opstår i hjertet* (*Männeskor mötas och ljuv musik uppstår i hjärtat; People Meet and Sweet Music Fills the Air*) (Carlsen) (as Sofia Petersen); *Tvärbalk* (*Roofree; Crossbeams*) (Jörn Donner)
- 1968 *Jag älskar, du älskar* (*I Love, You Love*) (Björkman); *Flickorna* (*The Girls*) (Zetterling and Hughes) (as Marianne); *Kampf um Rom* (*Fight for Rome*) (Siodmak)
- 1969 *Kampf um Rom II* (*Fight for Rome II*) (Siodmak)
- 1970 *Anna* (Jörn Donner) (title role)
- 1971 *I havsbandet* (*The Sea's Hold; On the Archipelago Boundary*) (Lagerkvist—for TV)
- 1972 *Viskningar och rop* (*Cries and Whispers*) (Bergman) (as Agnes)
- 1973 *Bebek* (*Baby*) (Barbro and Karabuda—for TV)
- 1974 *Kallelsen* (Nykvist) (as narrator)
- 1975 “Den vita väggen” (“The White Wall”) ep. of *Två Kvinnor* (*Two Women*) (Björkman—ep. also shown separately); *Monismanien* 1995 (*Monismania* 1995) (Fant)

- 1977 *Hempas bar (Triumph Tiger '57; Cry of Triumph)* (Thelestam)
 1979 *Linus eller Tegelhusets hemlighet (Linus)* (Sjöman); *La sabina (The Sabina)* (Borau) (as Monica)
 1982 *Fanny och Alexander (Fanny and Alexander)* (Bergman) (as Justina)
 1983 *Raskenstam (Raskenstam—The Casanova of Sweden)* (Hellström) (as Cecilia Andersson)
 1985 *De Två Saliga (These Blessed Two)* (Bergman—for TV) (as Viveka Burman)
 1986 *Gösta Berlings Saga* (Lagerkvist)
 1987 *Sommarkvällen på Jorden* (Lindblom) (as Magda)
 1988 *Himmel og Helvede* (Arnfred) (as Jasmin)
 1990 *Blankt Vapen* (Nykqvist) (as Mama)
 1993 *Hoyere enn Himmelen (Beyond the Sky)* (as Miss Kjaer)
 1996 *I rollerna tre* (Olsson—doc) (as herself)
 1997 *Emma åklagare* (Alfredson, Klänge) (Rebecka); *Selma & Johanna-en roadmovie* (Magner) (as Karin)
 1998 *Pip-Larssons* (Dahlman, Lindberg—for TV) (as Fröken Lur); *Längtans blåa blomma* (Öskarsson—for TV) (as Mrs. Tidén); *Det Sjunde skottet* (Aldevinge)
 1999 *Happy End* (Olofson) (as Marja)

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Of the many remarkable actresses associated with the work of Ingmar Bergman, Harriet Andersson has been perhaps the most versatile, yet there is a common denominator to all her seemingly diverse characterizations: sensuality (or, in certain cases, its frustration or repression). It is the keynote of the performance that established her as a major Bergman star, in the title role of *Summer with Monika*: apparently slutish, shallow, and self-centered, the character is redeemed (both for Bergman and for the audience) partly by the film’s graphic account of her squalid, miserable background, but more by her spontaneous, animal-like physicality. In the film’s privileged moment, Bergman abruptly breaks the predominantly naturalistic, sequence-shot treatment of most of the film to isolate her face in close-up. As the background darkens, she stares straight into the camera, at us, defying us to “cast the first stone.” Though the characterizations and contexts are quite different, Andersson’s portrayals of the circus-owner’s mistress in *The Naked Night* and the pert and experienced maidservant in *Smiles of a Summer Night* utilize the same basic trait of unashamed and unrepressed sexuality.

It is this basic premise of Andersson’s image (as a Bergman star) that makes so moving the anguish of her more overtly serious roles in later films. In *Through a Glass Darkly* her physicality finds no release, caught as she is between a dull, well-meaning, unimaginative

husband and a father who clinically studies her decline into schizophrenia; her ultimate breakdown is provoked by her desperate seduction of her younger brother in the womblike hull of an abandoned boat. The breakdown itself takes a hideously physical form: the hallucination of being violated by God in the form of a monstrous spider.

Andersson’s Agnes in *Cries and Whispers* builds on her sensuality in another way: haggard, emaciated, eaten away by cancer, her whole body expresses the physical experience of pain perhaps more vividly than it has ever been expressed in the cinema. The significance of her scene of physical contact with the maid Anna has been much debated: is it maternal or lesbian? As the infant’s first erotic experiences involve intimate contact with the mother, it can clearly be both, a reading strongly supported by Andersson’s persona. Her most recent appearance in a Bergman theatrical film—as the middle-aged maidservant in the household of the repressive stepfather in *Fanny and Alexander*—again plays on Andersson’s physicality: the character’s sexual repression (sexuality perverted into mean-spirited aggression) expresses itself in the physical symptoms of open sores.

—Robin Wood

ANDREWS, Dana

Nationality: American. **Born:** Carver Dana Andrews in Collins, Mississippi, 1 January 1909 or 1912. **Education:** Attended Sam Houston College. **Family:** Married 1) Janet Murray (died 1935), child: David (deceased); 2) the actress Mary Todd, 1939, children: Katharine, Stephen, and Susan. **Career:** Early 1930s—hitchhiked to California to pursue career in films; 1935—studied to be a singer; 1936–38—worked at Pasadena Playhouse and made the rounds of stage companies and film studios; 1939–50—worked for both Goldwyn’s studio and 20th Century-Fox as one of first actors under a split contract; 1958—began appearing as guest star on various television series; 1969–72—on daytime TV soap opera *Bright Promise*; 1979—in TV mini-series *Ike*. **Died:** Of pneumonia in Los Angeles, California, 17 December 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1940 *Lucky Cisco Kid* (Humberstone) (as Sergeant Dunn); *Sailor’s Lady* (Dwan) (as Scrappy Wilson); *The Westerner* (Wyer) (as Bart Coble); *Kit Carson* (Seitz) (as Capt. John C. Fremont)
 1941 *Tobacco Road* (John Ford) (as Dr. Tim); *Belle Starr* (Cummings) (as Maj. Thomas Crail); *Swamp Water (The Man Who Came Back)* (Renoir) (as Ben)
 1942 *Ball of Fire* (Hawks) (as Joe Lilac); *Berlin Correspondent* (Forde) (as Bill Roberts)
 1943 *Crash Dive* (Mayo) (as Lt. Cdr. Dewey Connors); *The Ox-Bow Incident (Strange Incident)* (Wellman) (as Donald Martin); *The North Star (Armored Attack)* (Milestone) (as Kolya); *December 7th* (Toland and Ford)
 1944 *Up in Arms* (Nugent) (as Joe); *The Purple Heart* (Milestone) (as Capt. Harvey Ross); *Wing and a Prayer* (Hathaway) (as Moulton); *Laura* (Preminger) (as Mark McPherson)



Dana Andrews (top) with Frederick March (right) and Harold Russell in *The Best Years of Our Lives*

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| <p>1945 <i>State Fair</i> (Walter Lang) (as Pat Gilbert); <i>Fallen Angel</i> (Preminger) (as Eric Stanton); <i>A Walk in the Sun</i> (Milestone) (as Sergeant Tyne); <i>Know Your Enemy: Japan</i> (as narrator)</p> <p>1946 <i>Canyon Passage</i> (Jacques Tourneur) (as Logan Stuart); <i>The Best Years of Our Lives</i> (Wyler) (as Fred Derry)</p> <p>1947 <i>Boomerang</i> (Kazan) (as Henry L. Harvey); <i>Daisy Kenyon</i> (Preminger) (as Dan O'Mara); <i>Night Song</i> (Cromwell) (as Dan)</p> <p>1948 <i>The Iron Curtain</i> (Wellman) (as Igor Gouzenko); <i>Deep Waters</i> (King) (as Hod Stilwell); <i>No Minor Vices</i> (Milestone) (as Perry Aswell)</p> <p>1949 <i>The Forbidden Street</i> (Britannia Mews) (Negulesco) (as Herbert Lambert/Gilbert Lauderdale); <i>Sword in the Desert</i> (Sherman) (as Mike Dillon)</p> <p>1950 <i>My Foolish Heart</i> (Robson) (as Walt Dreiser); <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> (Preminger) (as Mark Dixon); <i>Edge of Doom</i> (<i>Stronger Than Fear</i>) (Robson) (as Father Roth)</p> <p>1951 <i>Sealed Cargo</i> (Werker) (as Pat Bannon); <i>The Frogmen</i> (Lloyd Bacon) (as Flannigan); <i>I Want You</i> (Robson) (as Martin Greer)</p> | <p>1952 <i>Assignment Paris</i> (Parrish) (as Jimmy Race)</p> <p>1954 <i>Elephant Walk</i> (Dieterle) (as Dick Carver); <i>Duel in the Jungle</i> (George Marshall) (as Scott Walters); <i>Three Hours to Kill</i> (Werker) (as Jim Guthrie)</p> <p>1955 <i>Smoke Signal</i> (Jerry Hopper) (as Brett Halliday); <i>Strange Lady in Town</i> (LeRoy) (as Rork O'Brien)</p> <p>1956 <i>Comanche</i> (Sherman) (as Read); <i>While the City Sleeps</i> (Fritz Lang) (as Ed Mobley); <i>Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</i> (Fritz Lang) (as Tom Garrett); <i>Hollywood Goes A-Fishing</i></p> <p>1957 <i>Night of the Demon</i> (<i>Curse of the Demon</i>) (Jacques Tourneur) (as John Holden); <i>Spring Reunion</i> (Pirosh) (as Fred Davis); <i>Zero Hour</i> (Bartlett) (as Ted Stryker)</p> <p>1958 <i>The Fearmakers</i> (Jacques Tourneur); <i>Enchanted Island</i> (Dwan)</p> <p>1960 <i>The Crowded Sky</i> (Pevney) (as Dick Barnett)</p> <p>1962 <i>Madison Avenue</i> (Humberstone) (as Clint Lorimer)</p> <p>1965 <i>In Harm's Way</i> (Preminger) (as Admiral Broderick); <i>The Satan Bug</i> (John Sturges) (as the General); <i>Crack in the World</i> (Marton) (as Stephen Sorensen); <i>Brainstorm</i> (Conrad) (as Cort Benson); <i>Town Tamer</i> (Selander); <i>The Loved One</i> (Richardson) (as Gen. Brinkson); <i>Battle of the Bulge</i></p> |
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- (Annakin) (as Col. Pritchard); *Catacombs (The Woman Who Wouldn't Die)* (Hessler)
- 1966 *Appuntamento per le spie (Spy in Your Eye)* (Sala) (as Col. Lancaster); *Johnny Reno* (Springsteen) (title role); *Supercolpo da 7 miliardi (The 1000 Carat Diamond; Ten Million Dollar Grab)*
- 1967 *Il Cobra (The Cobra)* (Sequi) (as Kelly); *Hot Rods to Hell* (Brahm) (as Tom Phillips); *The Frozen Dead* (Leder) (as Dr. Norberg)
- 1968 *I diamanti che nessuno voleva rubare (No Diamonds for Ursula)*; *The Devil's Brigade* (McLaglen) (as Brig. Gen. Walter Naylor)
- 1972 *Innocent Bystanders* (Collinson) (as Blake)
- 1974 *Airport 1975* (Smight) (as Scott Freeman)
- 1975 *Take a Hard Ride* (Dawson) (as Morgan); *Shadow in the Streets* (Donner—for TV)
- 1976 *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Red Ridingwood)
- 1977 *Good Guys Wear Black* (Post) (as government man)
- 1978 *The American Girls; Born Again* (Rapper) (as Tom Phillips)
- 1981 *The Pilot (Danger in the Skies)* (Robertson) (as Randolph Evers)
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Dana Andrews is remembered for his performances in *The Ox Bow Incident*, *Laura*, and *The Best Years of Our Lives*. Impeccably groomed, and possessing a rich baritone voice, Andrews epitomizes the movie star of 1940s: handsome but rugged, smooth but vulnerable. Andrews looks like the average nice guy, but because of his often inscrutable countenance, he can become a morally ambiguous figure.

Andrews left a secure job as an accountant in Texas to go to Hollywood in the early 1930s. For the next several years, he worked odd jobs and performed at the Pasadena Playhouse. In 1938, he was "discovered" and signed to a contract with Samuel Goldwyn. In

1940, Andrews made his screen debut in *The Westerner*. Fox purchased half of Andrews's contract, and his performance in *Tobacco Road* moved him into A pictures. In 1941, Andrews appeared in Jean Renoir's *Swamp Water*, a simple, atmospheric film Andrews recalled as one of his favorites.

In 1943, Andrews moved closer to star status with his convincing portrayal of Donald Martin, the young rancher hanged by the lynching mob in *The Ox Bow Incident*. His position at Fox improved as well, for that same year two of Zanuck's well-established stars, Tyrone Power and Henry Fonda, joined the armed services. Andrews, in his thirties with two children, was ineligible for enlistment, and Fox once again "discovered" Andrews, who looked like a handsome young man in his twenties. He established himself as a star through his solid and appealing performances in a trio of war films: *The North Star*, *The Purple Heart*, and *Wing and a Prayer*. Goldwyn decided to use Andrews as the romantic lead in *Up in Arms*, and from there, he played romantic leads in a second trio of films: *Laura*, *Fallen Angel*, and *State Fair*.

In *Laura*, Andrews demonstrates his ability to play troubled or morally ambiguous characters. His tightly controlled portrayal of the detective entranced with the woman whose (apparent) murder he is investigating finds a perfect match in Gene Tierney's masklike elegance, and his performance is charged with sexuality, for his character's interest in the case suggests sensitivity, integrity—and moral deviance. In *The Best Years of Our Lives*, Andrews's portrait of the troubled but admirable young captain draws its power from the distance Andrews maintains from the other characters—and the audience—except in moments of controlled revelation. In *Boomerang*, Andrews's portrayal of the conscience-driven district attorney is compelling because it is so guardedly reserved; an expression that passes through Andrews's eyes when he first interviews the alleged murderer is the only sign we have that the attorney will work to defend the man he is supposed to prosecute.

In the late 1940s, Andrews began looking for small-scale projects to produce independently. The studios had other plans. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Andrews was cast in remakes (*I Want You*, *Brainstorm*), war films (*In Harm's Way*, *The Battle of the Bulge*), spy melodramas (*Assignment Paris*, *The Fearmakers*), and mad-scientist thrillers (*Crack in the World*, *The Frozen Dead*). Rather than playing complex characters in well-directed films, Andrews appeared in a series of humorless, one-dimensional roles, and his reputation became tied to the declining status of Hollywood "studio pictures."

Andrews looked to other venues for work. He had been involved in theater throughout the 1940s and early 1950s as a founding member of the "Eighteen Actors" Company, and in the late 1950s, Andrews returned to theater in earnest. In 1958, he began a two-year run on Broadway in *Two for the Seesaw*, and in the 1960s he appeared in stage productions of *A Man for All Seasons*, *The Odd Couple*, and *Plaza Suite*. He continued in theater throughout the 1970s. From 1969 to 1972 Andrews appeared in the soap opera *Bright Promise*. Andrews's movie career reactivated in the 1970s. He was part of the star-studded cast that made *Airport 1975* a box-office success. And, as an actor emblematic of Hollywood's golden age, Andrews helped create the portrait of "old Hollywood" in *The Last Tycoon*.

A tough guy and a gentleman, Andrews's most memorable characters are always in perfect control of themselves, but that control is the result of great effort, for Andrews's underplaying conveys characters' attempts *not* to show how deeply situations affect them.

—Cynthia Baron

ANDREWS, Julie

Nationality: British. **Born:** Julie Elizabeth Wells in Walton-on-Thames, England, 1 October 1935. **Family:** Married 1) the art director Tony Walton, 1959 (divorced 1968), daughter: Emma; 2) the director Blake Edwards, 1969, daughters (adopted): Joanne and Amy. **Career:** 1947—first stage appearance in the “Starlight Roof” revue in London; 1954—New York stage debut in *The Boy Friend*; 1964—film debut in Disney’s *Mary Poppins*; 1972–73—featured in TV series *The Julie Andrews Hour* on ABC-TV, winner of eight Emmy Awards; 1979—film career revived by appearance in *10*, first of series of comedies directed by husband Blake Edwards; 1992—in TV series *Julie*; 1996—on Broadway in *Victor, Victoria*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, and Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, for *Mary Poppins*, 1964. **Address:** P.O. Box 666, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1964 *Mary Poppins* (Stevenson) (title role); *The Americanization of Emily* (Hiller) (title role)
- 1965 *The Sound of Music* (Wise) (as Maria)
- 1966 *Torn Curtain* (Hitchcock) (as Sarah Sherman); *Hawaii* (George Roy Hill) (as Jerusha Bromley)
- 1967 *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (George Roy Hill) (title role); *The Singing Princess* (animation) (as voice of Princess Zeila)
- 1968 *Star!* (Wise) (as Gertrude Lawrence)



Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*

- 1970 *Darling Lili* (Edwards) (title role)
- 1974 *The Tamarind Seed* (Edwards) (as Judith Farrow)
- 1979 *10* (Edwards) (as Sam)
- 1980 *Little Miss Marker* (Bernstein) (as Amanda)
- 1981 *S.O.B.* (Edwards) (as Sally Miles)
- 1982 *Victor/Victoria* (Edwards) (title role)
- 1983 *The Man Who Loved Women* (Edwards) (as Marianna)
- 1984 *Hanya: Portrait of a Dance Legend* (Cristofori)
- 1985 *Pandora's Box* (Heath)
- 1986 *Duet for One* (Konchalovsky) (as Stephanie Anderson); *That's Life!* (Edwards) (as Gillian Fairchild)
- 1991 *Our Sons* (Erman—for TV) (as Audrey Grant)
- 1992 *A Fine Romance (Tchin-Tchin)* (Saks) (as Pamela Picquet); *Julie* (Edwards—series for TV) (as Julie Carlisle)
- 1995 *The Sound of Julie Andrews*
- 1998 *Hey Mr. Producer* (as Host/Herself—for video); *A Winter Visitor; One Special Night* (Young—for TV)
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Julie Andrews's cinematic persona was established with her first appearance on screen as the magical title character in Walt Disney's *Mary Poppins* (one of the top grossing films of all time). Her performance a year later as Maria von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* further reinforced her popular "sweetness and light" image, and the movie was an unprecedented financial success. This, together with her Academy Award for *Mary Poppins*, placed Andrews at the forefront of bankable Hollywood stars of the 1960s. Winning the Oscar for *Mary Poppins* was also a personal coup for Andrews. Just before getting the role, she had lost the movie role of Eliza Doolittle—a character she had brought to life in the Broadway production of *My Fair Lady*—to Audrey Hepburn.

After a while, Andrews became tired of this squeaky clean screen image and like most actors, sought different kinds of roles. Unfortunately, however, a subsequent string of box-office failures, as well as several atypical film roles, failed to alter the picture of Andrews that had become so firmly entrenched in the moviegoing public's mind, and it is only in her more recent films with her husband, director Blake Edwards, that the actress has succeeded (at least partially) in changing the sugary image that has followed her throughout her career. With the exception of *Victor/Victoria*, however, these movies did not really showcase her talent.

The phenomenal impact of Andrews's debut in films coincided with the final days of the traditional movie musical. The decade's increasing desire for realism and relevancy led to an inevitable decline in stories that allowed their characters to express themselves in song and dance. Andrews, however, was a former child star of British revues and a very successful Broadway star (*The Boy Friend*, *My Fair Lady*, *Camelot*) and her theatrical training made her ideally suited to the filmmaking style that had had its heyday in the Hollywood musicals of the 1940s and 1950s. Yet the very films that brought her international acclaim, also made it impossible for audiences—and producers—to envision her in realistic, nonmusical roles at just the time that such roles were the only ones available.

Andrews's portrayals of Mary Poppins and Maria von Trapp—roles that so marked and, in effect, pigeonholed her career—are nevertheless separate and distinct performances. She creates in the former a strict but loving figure whose no-nonsense manner hides magical powers and enables her to regard them as commonplace. While Mary Poppins is all-knowing and supremely confident, the young novice Maria is inexperienced, naive, and frequently unsure of herself. Both roles are made memorable by Andrews's fresh, energetic style, a quality which would also color her work in such later films as *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Star!.*, and *Victor/Victoria*. Yet

her early dramatic parts in *The Americanization of Emily*, *Torn Curtain*, and *Hawaii* demonstrated Andrews's ability to handle nonsinging characters with quiet assurance, although her reception in these roles was never equal to that accorded her musical work.

In recent years, however, Andrews's films with Blake Edwards have given a new direction in her career. Although their first film together, the box-office disaster *Darling Lili*, proved professionally damaging to both, Edwards has succeeded in broadening his wife's public image by casting her in a series of uncharacteristic roles. In the popular *10*, Andrews gives a much underrated performance as the intelligent, outspoken woman Dudley Moore forsakes to pursue Bo Derek, while the savagely funny *S.O.B.* finds Andrews's playing a spoof of her own on-screen persona. The latter includes a brief, highly publicized scene in which she appears topless. *Victor/Victoria* dealt the final blow to Andrews's pristine image, presenting her as a woman masquerading as a "male" female impersonator in Edwards's sophisticated examination of sexual lifestyles and stereotypes. (In 1996 Andrews appeared on Broadway in *Victor/Victoria*, once again on stage where she first began her show biz career.) The Academy Award nomination for her performance suggested that Andrews had at last broken free of her "singing governess" image and had embarked on a promising new phase in her career.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by Linda J. Stewart

ANN-MARGRET

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ann-Margaret Olsson in Stockholm, Sweden, 28 April 1941; spent her first five years in Valsjöbyn; became U.S. citizen 1949. **Education:** Attended New Trier High School, Winnetka, Illinois; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. **Family:** Married the actor Roger Smith, 1967, now also her manager. **Career:** 1946—at age five, emigrated to the United States; 1957—appeared on *Ted Mack's Amateur Hour* on television; 1960—made first appearance on the Las Vegas nightclub circuit; 1961—made film debut as ingenue in *Pocketful of Miracles* with Bette Davis, and in subsequent roles established persona as a sex kitten; 1968—*The Ann-Margret Show*, the first of many prime-time specials in the sixties and seventies, created a sensation on American network television, and Ann-Margret established career as major Las Vegas headliner; 1971—breakthrough performance in *Carnal Knowledge* inaugurated critical reevaluation of her dramatic abilities and garnered Academy award nomination; 1972—suffered near-fatal fall during nightclub performance and recovered, with much publicized plastic surgery; 1983—took lead role in *Who Will Love My Children?*, an acclaimed TV movie, beginning a series of TV films with serious subjects and a collaboration with director John Erman; 1987—in TV mini-series *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*, *Alex Haley's Queen*, 1993, and *Scarlett*, 1994. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award for Supporting Actress, for *Carnal Knowledge*, 1971; Golden Globe Award, for *Tommy*, 1975.

Films as Actress:

- 1961 *Pocketful of Miracles* (Frank Capra) (as Louise)
- 1962 *State Fair* (José Ferrer) (as Emily Porter)
- 1963 *Bye-Bye Birdie* (Sidney) (as Kim McAfee)



Ann-Margret with Jack Nicholson in *Carnal Knowledge*

- 1964 *Viva Las Vegas* (Sidney) (as Rusty Martin); *Kitten with a Whip* (Heyes) (as Jody Dvorak); *The Pleasure Seekers* (Negulesco) (as Fran Hobson)
- 1965 *Bus Riley's Back in Town* (Harvey Hart) (as Laurel); *Once a Thief* (Ralph Nelson) (as Kristine Pedak); *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (as Melba)
- 1966 *Made in Paris* (Sagal) (as Maggie Scott); *Stagecoach* (Gordon Douglas) (as Dallas); *The Swinger* (Sidney) (as Kelly Olsson); *Murderers' Row* (Henry Levin) (as Suzie Solaris)
- 1967 *The Criminal Affair*; *Rebus* (Zanchin); *Il Tigre* (*The Tiger and the Pussycat*) (Dino Risi) (as Carolina); *Il Profeta* (*The Prophet*; *Mr. Kinky*) (Dino Risi)
- 1968 *Sette uomini e un Cervello* (*Criminal Symphony*; *Seven Men and One Brain*) (Edward Ross)
- 1970 *C.C. and Company* (*Chrome Hearts*) (Robbie) (as Ann McCalley); *R.P.M.* (Stanley Kramer) (as Rhoda)
- 1971 *Carnal Knowledge* (Mike Nichols) (as Bobbie); *Dames at Sea* (for TV)
- 1973 *The Train Robbers* (Burt Kennedy) (as Mrs. Lowe); *Un Homme est Mort* (*The Outside Man*; *Funerales a Los Angeles*) (Deray) (as Nancy Robson)
- 1975 *Tommy* (Ken Russell) (as Nora Walker Hobbs)
- 1976 *Folies bourgeoises* (*The Twist*) (Chabrol) (as Charlie Minerva)
- 1977 *Joseph Andrews* (Tony Richardson) (as Lady Booby); *The Last Remake of Beau Geste* (Marty Feldman) (as Lady Flavia Geste)
- 1978 *The Cheap Detective* (Robert Moore) (as Jezebel Dezire); *Magic* (Attenborough) (as Peggy Ann Snow)
- 1979 *The Villain* (Needham) (as Charming Jones)
- 1980 *Middle Age Crazy* (John Trent) (as Sue Ann)
- 1982 *The Return of the Soldier* (Alan Bridges) (as Jennie Baldry); *I Ought to Be in Pictures* (Herbert Ross) (as Stephanie); *Lookin' to Get Out* (Ashby) (as Patti Warner)
- 1983 *Who Will Love My Children?* (Erman—for TV) (as Lucile Fray)
- 1984 *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Erman—for TV) (as Blanche DuBois)
- 1985 *Twice in a Lifetime* (Yorkin) (as Audrey Minelli)
- 1986 *52 Pick-Up* (Frankenheimer) (as Barbara Mitchell)
- 1988 *A Tiger's Tale* (Peter Douglas) (as Rose Butts); *A New Life* (Alda) (as Jackie Giardino)
- 1991 *Our Sons* (Erman—for TV) (as Luanne Barnes)
- 1992 *Newsies* (Ortega) (as Medda Larkson)

- 1993 *Grumpy Old Men* (Donald Petrie) (as Ariel Truax)
 1994 *Following Your Heart* (Lee Grant—for TV); *Nobody's Children* (Wheatley—for TV) (as Carol Stevens)
 1995 *Grumpier Old Men* (Deutch) (as Ariel Truax Gustafson)
Seduced by Madness: The Diane Borchardt Story (John Patterson—for TV) (title role); *Blue Rodeo* (Peter Werner III—for TV) (as Maggie Yearwood)
 1998 *Life of the Party: The Pamela Harriman Story* (Hussein—for TV) (as Pamela Harriman); *Four Corners* (as Amanda Wyatt—for TV)
 1999 *Happy Face Murders* (Trenchard-Smith—for TV) (as Lorraine Petrovich); *Any Given Sunday* (Stone) (as Margaret Pagniacchi)
 2000 *Blonde* (Carol Oates—for TV); *Perfect Murder, Perfect Town* (Schiller—for TV) (Patsy's Mother); *The Last Producer; The 10th Kingdom* (David Carson/Herbert Wise—for TV)

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The Swedish-born Ann-Margret began her film career as the ingenue in the Frank Capra film *Pocketful of Miracles*, holding her own opposite luminaries Bette Davis and Glenn Ford, an omen, certainly, of her considerable presence and ability. A more important personal success was achieved with the musical *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, in which Ann-Margret exhibited her abundant skills as a singer and dancer, energizing the film with her powerful sexuality as well as with her innocence and fresh charm.

In *Viva Las Vegas*, one of the most underrated musicals of the American cinema, Ann-Margret played opposite Elvis Presley—providing Presley one of his few memorable co-stars. Indeed, in *Viva Las Vegas*, Ann-Margret exuded an undulating sexuality and unbridled energy so overwhelming that her musical scenes with Presley reflect the *Zeitgeist* of the sexual revolution of the sixties.

Ann-Margret followed *Viva Las Vegas* with a series of films that cemented—rather unfortunately for her—her reputation as a sex kitten. Films such as *Kitten with a Whip* and *Bus Riley's Back in Town* created a rather tawdry image which critics of the time found necessary to ridicule. Not surprisingly, her often sensitive performances—as, for instance, the vulnerable wife in *Once a Thief*, opposite Alain Delon—were ignored. The critical nadir to her career occurred at the end of the sixties, when, after a series of foreign films disrespected by Hollywood, she returned to the United States to star opposite the rather wooden football player, Joe Namath, in a motorcycle melodrama, *C.C. and Company*, produced by her husband Roger Smith; and in Stanley Kramer's *R.P.M.*, an unconvincing Vietnam-era drama about student protest on a college campus. Rather unfairly, Ann-Margret had become a joke.

Her critical comeback occurred in 1971, when Mike Nichols cast her opposite Jack Nicholson in *Carnal Knowledge*. As Nicholson's mistress, Bobbie, Ann-Margret played a woman whose very essence had been defined by her large breasts and sexuality. Nichols's film, based on the script by Jules Feiffer, showed persuasively how that simplistic definition was forced upon Bobbie by a sexist, male-dominated culture which refused to acknowledge or value other possibilities for a woman. That there was a certain autobiographical resonance to the role could not but help Ann-Margret to deliver what has been considered her greatest, most subtle, performance: vulnerable, hard-edged, pathetic, direct, emotional, brutally honest—a breakthrough Academy award-nominated performance which has prevented critics since from denigrating Ann-Margret's talents or seeing her only in terms of her considerable sensuousness.

In fact, so rehabilitated was her reputation that Ann-Margret could afford to take the music and sex-oriented role of Tommy's mother in Ken Russell's version of the rock opera *Tommy*—in which a key scene had a sensuously clad Ann-Margret writhing in perhaps tons of baked beans. Her knockout performance was again nominated for an Academy Award.

Ann-Margret's career since has alternated between her high-powered live Las Vegas shows spotlighting her singing and dancing with film and television roles generally requiring her to provide more subdued characterizations in serious drama. Her much-lauded performance in *Who Will Love My Children?* as a dying Iowa farm woman attempting to find homes for her ten children was heartbreakingly expressive—and indeed, was publicly praised by Barbara Stanwyk at an Emmy Awards ceremony as one of the best performances ever in the American cinema, as Stanwyk disparaged her own award for a competing performance. And as Blanche du Bois in a television version of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Ann-Margret again received critical accolades, holding her own against the sacred memory of Vivien Leigh. Moving and honest performances can be found as well in *The Return of the Soldier* (playing an old maid opposite acting heavyweights Glenda Jackson and Julie Christie and comparing well), *Twice in a Lifetime*, *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*, and the AIDS drama *Our Sons*.

Indeed, Ann-Margret's confluence of sexuality with innocence and vulnerability is even more appealing as she moves through her mature middle-age. Yet if other performers who have drawn upon sexual personas or aggressive femininity have tended to display a coyness or self-consciousness (if they have not self-destructed, like Marilyn Monroe), Ann-Margret must be seen as always projecting a natural grace and intelligence, coupled with a sincerity and honesty so straightforward and unapologetic as to be almost unnerving.

Certainly, one must note that only a remarkably unselfconscious performer could take on so many roles which so shamelessly commented upon or exploited her own image—her comic turn in *The Swinger*, for instance, in which she plays a character with her own real last name (Olsson), who only pretends to be promiscuous to garner success; or roles that lampoon her own physical attributes—such as Lady Booby in *Joseph Andrews*, or Charming Jones in *The Villain* (which crosses Road Runner cartoons with Al Capp caricatures). Other elements also present in her trouper image—which have undoubtedly helped Ann-Margret sustain her popularity over the decades—are a certain coarseness; a connection to the blue-collar world; a populist appeal to women as well as men, straights as well as gays; and a lack of taste sometimes so outrageous as to itself become classy, if not camp.

—Charles Derry

ARBUCKLE, Roscoe ("Fatty")

Nationality: American. **Born:** Roscoe Conklin Arbuckle in Smith Center, Kansas, 24 March 1887; family moved to Santa Ana, California, in 1888. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Minta Durfee, 1908 (divorced 1925); 2) Doris Deane, 1925 (divorced 1929); 3) Addie Oakley Dukes McPhail, 1932. **Career:** 1895—stage debut in Frank Bacon's stock company; 1902–08—toured in stock companies, and on vaudeville and burlesque circuits; 1908—worked as an extra for Colonel Selig's Polyscope Company while continuing to perform in vaudeville; 1909—film debut in *Ben's Kid* for Boggs; 1913—hired



Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle

by Mack Sennett to replace Fred Mace in Keystone film comedies; later that year, he appeared with Mabel Normand in the first of a successful series of shorts starring the pair; 1914—allowed to devise and direct his own films; 1917—joined producer Joseph Schenk and headed his own studio, the Comique Film Company, in New York; Buster Keaton joined Arbuckle's film company; later that year, the company moved to Long Beach, California; 1920—his first feature-length film released through Paramount; 1921—as a result of the scandal involving his arrest for the rape or manslaughter of a starlet, his films were banished from many theaters across the country though he was later acquitted; 1923—attempted comeback in Chicago nightclub; 1924—returned to vaudeville; 1925–32—directed films for Sennett's Educational film company under the name William B. Goodrich while continuing to headline in vaudeville under his own name; 1932–33—in a series of talking shorts for Vitaphone Division of Warner Brothers. **Died:** In New York, 29 June 1933.

Films as Actor:

(shorts unless otherwise noted; contribution as director indicated where known):

- 1909 *Ben's Kid* (Boggs); *Mrs. Jones' Birthday*; *Making It Pleasant for Him*
- 1910 *The Sanitarium (The Clinic)* (Santschi)

- 1913 *Alas! Poor Yorick* (Colin Campbell) (as player in female costume); *The Gangsters* (Lehrman); *Passions, He Had Three* (Lehrman); *Help! Help!, Hydrophobia!* (Lehrman); *The Waiters' Picnic* (Sennett); *The Bandit* (Sennett); *Peeping Pete* (Sennett); *For the Love of Mabel* (Lehrman); *The Tell Tale Light* (Sennett); *A Noise from the Deep* (Sennett); *Love and Courage* (Lehrman); *Professor Bean's Removal* (Lehrman); *The Riot* (Sennett); *Mabel's New Hero* (Sennett); *Fatty's Day Off* (Wilfred Lucas); *Mabel's Dramatic Career* (Sennett); *The Gypsy Queen* (Sennett); *Mother's Boy* (Lehrman); *The Fatal Taxicab* (Sennett); *When Dreams Come True* (Sennett); *Two Old Tars* (Lehrman); *A Quiet Little Wedding* (Wilfred Lucas); *The Speed Kings* (Wilfred Lucas); *Fatty at San Diego* (George Nichols); *Wine* (George Nichols); *Fatty Joins the Forces* (George Nichols); *The Woman Haters* (Lehrman); *Fatty's Flirtation* (George Nichols); *His Sister's Kids* (George Nichols); *He Would a Hunting Go* (George Nichols); *Ride for a Bride* (George Nichols)
- 1914 *A Misplaced Foot* (Wilfred Lucas); *The Under Sheriff* (George Nichols); *A Flirt's Mistake* (George Nichols); *In the Clutches of the Gang* (George Nichols); *A Rebecca's Wedding Day* (George Nichols); *A Robust Romeo* (George Nichols); *Twixt Love and Fire* (George Nichols); *A Film Johnnie* (George Nichols); *Tango Tangles* (Sennett); *His Favorite Pastime* (George Nichols) (as fellow drunk); *A Rural Dream* (A Rival Demon) (Sennett and Lehrman); *Barnyard Flirtations* (A Barnyard Flirtation); *Chicken Chaser* (+ d); *A Bath House Beauty* (+ d); *Where Hazel Met the Villain* (+ d); *A Suspended Ordeal* (+ d); *The Water Dog* (+ d); *The Alarm* (+ co-d); *The Knockout* (Avery); *Fatty and the Heiress* (+ co-d); *Fatty's Finish* (+ d); *Love and Bullets* (+ d); *A Rowboat Romance* (+ d); *The Sky Pirate* (+ co-d); *Those Happy Days* (+ d); *That Minstrel Man* (+ d); *Those Country Kids* (+ d); *Fatty's Gift* (+ co-d); *The Masquerader* (The Masquerade) (Chaplin); *A Brand New Hero* (+ co-d); *The Rounders* (Chaplin); *Lover's Luck* (+ d); *Fatty's Debut* (+ co-d); *Fatty Again* (+ d); *Their Ups and Downs* (+ d); *Zip, the Dodger* (+ d); *Lovers' Post Office* (+ d); *An Incompetent Hero* (+ d); *Fatty's Jonah Day* (+ co-d); *Fatty's Wine Party* (+ co-d); *The Sea Nymphs* (+ d); *Leading Lizzie Astray* (+ co-d); *Shotguns that Kick* (+ d); *Fatty's Magic Pants* (Fatty's Magic Party; Fatty's Suitless Day) (+ co-d); *Fatty and Minnie He-Haw* (Fatty's Minnie-He-Haw) (+ co-d); *Our Country Cousin*; *Caught in a Flue*; *The Baggage Smasher*; *Tillie's Punctured Romance* (Sennett); *Killing Horace*; *The Bowery Boys*; *Lover's Post Office*; *How Hiram Won Out*; *The Peddler*
- 1915 *Mabel and Fatty's Wash Day* (+ d); *Mabel and Fatty's Simple Life* (Fatty and Mabel's Simple Life) (+ d); *Fatty and Mabel at the San Diego Exposition* (+ d); *Mabel, Fatty, and the Law* (+ d); *Fatty's New Role* (+ co-d); *Mabel and Fatty's Married Life* (Fatty and Mabel's Married Life) (+ d); *Fatty's Reckless Fling* (+ d); *Fatty's Chance Acquaintance* (+ d); *Love in Armor* (+ d); *That Little Band of Gold* (+ co-d); *Fatty's Faithful Fido* (+ co-d); *When Love Took Wings* (+ d); *Wished on Mabel* (+ d); *Mabel and Fatty Viewing the World's Fair at San Francisco, California* (+ d); *Mabel's Wilful Way* (+ d); *Miss Fatty's Seaside Lovers* (+ d); *The Little Teacher* (Small Town Bully) (Sennett); *Fatty's Plucky Pup* (+ d); *Fatty's Tintype Tangle* (+ d); *Fickle Fatty's Fall* (+ d); *The Village Scandal* (+ d); *Fatty and the Broadway Stars* (+ co-d); *Rum and Wallpaper*; *Colored Villainy*; *Among the Mourners*
- 1916 *Fatty and Mabel Adrift* (+ d); *He Did and He Didn't* (Love and Lobsters) (+ d); *The Bright Lights* (The Lure of Broadway) (as cook, + d); *His Wife's Mistake* (as janitor, + d); *The Other Man* (+ d); *The Waiters' Ball* (+ d); *His Alibi* (+ d); *A Cream Puff Romance* (A Reckless Romeo) (+ d)
- 1917 *The Butcher Boy* (+ d, sc); *The Rough House* (+ d, sc); *His Wedding Night* (+ d, sc); *Oh, Doctor!* (+ d, sc); *Fatty at Coney Island* (+ d, sc); *A Country Hero* (+ d, sc)
- 1918 *Out West* (+ d, sc); *The Bell Boy* (title role, + d, sc); *Moonshine* (as Chief Revenue Officer, + d, sc); *Good Night, Nurse!* (+ d, sc); *The Cook* (+ d, sc); *The Sheriff* (title role, + d, sc)
- 1919 *Camping* (+ d, sc); *The Pullman Porter* (+ d, sc); *Love* (+ d, sc) (as farm boy); *The Bank Clerk* (+d, sc); *A Desert Hero* (+ d, sc); *Back Stage* (+ d, sc); *The Hayseed* (+ d, sc); *The Garage* (as fire chief, + d, sc)
- 1920 *The Round-Up* (Melford—feature) (as Sheriff Slim Hoover); *The Life of the Party* (Henabery) (as Algernon Leary)
- 1921 *Brewster's Millions* (Henabery—feature) (as Montgomery "Monty" Brewster); *The Dollar-a-Year Man* (Cruze—feature) (as Franklin Pinney); *The Traveling Salesman* (Henabery—feature) (as Bob Blake); *Gasoline Gus* (Cruze—feature) (title role); *Crazy to Marry* (Cruze—feature) (as Dr. Hobart Hupp)
- 1922 *Leap Year* (Cruze—not released in U.S.) (as Stanley Piper); *Freight Prepaid* (Cruze—feature, not released in U.S.) (as Erastus Berry)
- 1923 *Hollywood* (Cruze—feature) (as man in casting office)
- 1925 *Go West* (Buster Keaton—feature) (as fat woman in department store)
- 1932 *Hey, Pop!*
- 1933 *How've You Been?* (feature); *Buzzin' Around*; *Close Relations*; *Tomalio* (Ray McCarey); *In the Dough*

Films as Director Only:

- 1916 *The Moonshiners* (directed under name William B. Goodrich)
- 1924 *Sherlock, Jr.* (co-d with Buster Keaton)
- 1925 *The Movies*; *The Tourist*
- 1926 *Cleaning Up*; *The Fighting Dude*; *Home Cured*; *My Stars*; *His Private Life*; *Fool's Luck*; *One Sunday Morning*
- 1927 *Peaceful Oscar*; *The Red Mill* (feature); *Special Delivery*
- 1930 *Won by a Neck*; *Three Hollywood Girls*; *Si Si Senior*; *Up a Tree*
- 1931 *Crashing Hollywood*; *The Lure of Hollywood*; *Windy Riley Goes Hollywood*; *Queenie of Hollywood*; *Honeymoon Trio*; *Ex-Plumber*; *Peat and Repeat*; *Marriage Rows*; *The Back Page*; *That's My Line*; *Up Pops the Duke*; *Beach Pajamas*; *Take 'em and Shake 'em*; *That's My Meat*; *One Quiet Night*; *Once a Hero*; *The Tamale Vendor*; *Smart Work*; *Idle Roomers*
- 1932 *Hollywood Luck*; *Anybody's Goat*; *Moonlight and Cactus*; *Keep Laughing*; *Bridge Wives*; *Mother's Holiday*; *Niagara Falls*; *Hollywood Lights*; *Gigolettes*; *It's a Cinch*

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Among the many shorts created by the Mack Sennett comedy mill, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle's movies remain significant contributions to the pioneer period of the one- and two-reel humorous cinema. After an apprenticeship in vaudeville and in short films for the Selig Polyscope Company as early as 1908, Arbuckle went on to such renown that eventually he was supervising his own films for Keystone. In 1913 he starred (often with Mabel Normand) in 47 films. As an actor, he enjoyed a fame second only to that of Chaplin, who began directing and playing leading roles in 1914, the same year that Sennett gave Arbuckle charge of a unit at Keystone.

Arbuckle had the right combination of obesity and agility to become a member of Sennett's company. He was fleet-footed enough

to dash about in the many chase scenes, and he could execute the frequent pratfalls that occurred in the frantic comedy of the Sennett studio. Early in his career he developed a charisma (the fat man as leading comic figure) that was almost as appealing as that projected by the much-loved John Bunny, a skillful actor who played middle-aged roles in genteel comedies. Arbuckle could play a variety of types: a likable country oaf, a lovesick suitor, a philandering husband. Eventually he moved away from the more primitive Keystone caricatures to a more solid comic creation: the young man next door trying to succeed.

Arbuckle developed a more independent style when he left Sennett to work for the Comique Film Corporation. There he created many effective two-reelers and introduced Buster Keaton to the screen as his supporting comedian. He left directing when he graduated to features in the early 1920s starring in *Brewster's Millions* and *Traveling Salesman*.

Forced from the screen as a result of his involvement in one of Hollywood's great sex scandals, Arbuckle became a filmmaker for Educational under the assumed name of William Goodrich. Such two-reelers as *Cleaning Up* in 1926 were minor efforts, but in 1927 he directed his first feature, *The Red Mill* (adapted from the musical by Victor Herbert). As an actor, the scandal that plagued him allowed him a chance at only bit parts. In the second period he created shorts for Educational and made a modest comeback by starring in some of them. Warner Brothers, under the subsidiary corporation Vitaphone, starred him in *Hey, Pop!*, *Buzzin' Around*, *How've You Been?*, and *Tomalio* in the early 1930s. The latter film was a broad farce set in South America. Director Ray McCarey, creator of Hal Roach shorts and a Laurel and Hardy feature, *Pack Up Your Troubles*, did little to help Arbuckle in what might have been a comeback. There were other problems too. A poverty of gag invention plagued this cheaply made two-reeler. Also, the comedian lacked the vocal skills necessary for the sound medium. In the climatic sequence, an obese man engaging in a foot race, the humor is crude. With such weak films Arbuckle did not have much of a chance, but had he been able to move on from such ventures to better parts in better films, he might have been a star again. Unfortunately, he died in 1933.

Arbuckle made a real contribution to the comedy film in his Keystone and Comique days. Also, he taught Buster Keaton all phases of filmmaking, and his student became one of the most important comedians the screen has known.

—Donald McCaffrey

ARDANT, Fanny

Nationality: French. **Born:** Saumur, Maine-et-Loire, 22 March 1949. **Family:** Daughters Lumir, Josephine (with François Truffaut) and Baladine. **Education:** University of Aix-en Provence, political science degree, 1970. **Career:** Worked briefly in London at the French Embassy, 1970; returned to France to act on stage and on television, 1970–1979; featured in television series *Les Dames de la côte*, where she was spotted by Truffaut, 1979; received critical acclaim as



Fanny Ardant with Bernard Girardeau in *Ridicule*

Mathilde in Truffaut's *La Femme d'à côté*, 1981; made her English-speaking debut in *Sabrina*, 1995; received critical acclaim for her stage performance as Maria Callas in *Master Class*, 1997. **Awards:** French Academy of Cinematic Arts, for *Pédale Douce*, 1997. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 avenue George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1978 <i>Les Chiens (The Dogs)</i> (Jessua); <i>Le Mutant</i> (Toublanc Michel—for TV)</p> <p>1979 <i>Les Dames de la côte (Women of the Coast)</i> (Companéez—for TV)</p> <p>1981 <i>Les Uns et les autres (They and the Others)</i> (Bolero) (Lelouch); <i>Le Chef de la famille (The Head of the Household)</i> (Companéez—for TV) (as Katy); <i>La Femme d'à côté (The Woman Next Door)</i> (Truffaut) (as Mathilde Bauchard)</p> <p>1983 <i>Desiderio</i> (Tato); <i>Benvenuta (Welcome)</i> (Batz and Delvaux) (title role); <i>La Vie est un roman (Life Is a Bed of Roses)</i> (Resnais) (as Livia Cerasquier); <i>Vivement dimanche! (Confidentially Yours)</i> (Truffaut) (as Barbara Becker)</p> <p>1984 <i>Un amour de Swann (Love of Swann)</i> (Schlöndorff) (as Duchesse de Guermantes); <i>L'Amour à mort</i> (Resnais)</p> | <p>1985 <i>Vivement Truffaut (Suddenly Truffaut)</i> (deGivray—for TV) (as herself); <i>L'Été prochain (Next Summer)</i> (Trintignant); <i>Les Enragés (The Enraged)</i> (Glenn) (as Jessica Melrose)</p> <p>1986 <i>Le Conseil de famille (Family Business)</i> (Gouvras) (as The Mother); <i>Le Paltoquet</i> (Deville) (as Lotte); <i>Mélo</i> (Resnais) (as Christiane Levesque)</p> <p>1987 <i>La Famiglia (The Family)</i> (Scola) (as Adriana)</p> <p>1988 <i>Médecins des hommes</i> (Boisset and Corneau—for TV); <i>Paure e amore (Love and Fear)</i> (von Trotta) (as Velia)</p> <p>1989 <i>La Grande Cabriole</i> (Companéez—for TV) (as Laure de Chabillant); <i>Pleure pas my love</i> (Gatlif); <i>Australia</i> (Andrien) (as Jeanne Gauthier)</p> <p>1990 <i>Aventure de Catherine C. (The Adventure of Catherine C.)</i> (Beuchot) (title role)</p> <p>1991 <i>Afraid of the Dark</i> (Peploe) (as Miriam); <i>Rien que des mensonges (Nothing But Lies)</i> (Muret) (as Muriel)</p> <p>1993 <i>La Femme du déserteur (The Deserter's Wife)</i> (Bat-Adam) (as Nina); <i>François Truffaut: Portraits volés (François Truffaut: Stolen Portraits)</i> (Pascal) (as herself); <i>Amok</i> (Farges) (as The Woman)</p> <p>1994 <i>Le Colonel Chabert (Colonel Chabert)</i> (Angelo) (as Countess Ferraud)</p> <p>1995 <i>Les Cent et une nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)</i> (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); <i>Par-delà les nuages (Beyond the Clouds)</i></p> |
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- (Antonioni and Wenders) (as Patricia); *Sabrina* (Pollack) (as Irene)
- 1996 *Pédale douce* (Aghion) (as Eva); *Désiré* (*Desire*) (Murat) (as Odette); *Ridicule* (Leconte) (as Madame de Blayac)
- 1998 *Elizabeth* (Kapur) (as Marie de Guise); *La Cena* (*Dîner*) (Scola) (as Flora)
- 1999 *Augustin, roi du Kung-fu* (*Augustin, King of Kung-fu*) (Fontaine) (as herself); *Balzac* (Dayan—for TV) (as Eve Hanska); *La Débandade* (Berri) (as Marie); *Le Fils du Français* (Lauzier) (as Anne)
- 2000 *Le Libertin* (*The Libertine*) (Aghion) (as Madame Therbouche)

Publications

By ARDANT: articles—

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In 1979, François Truffaut saw Fanny Ardant in a French television soap opera. Truffaut immediately got on the telephone and called Ardant, whom he once described as a woman “who makes you think of a woman from another country, without knowing quite which one” and asked her to star opposite Gérard Depardieu in his film *La Femme d’à côté* (*The Woman Next Door*). Fanny Ardant’s distinguished career in French cinema was about to begin. Until that point, the then 30-year-old Ardant had been acting on stage and in bit parts on television and in films. With her portrayal of Mathilde Bauchard in Truffaut’s film, however, Fanny Ardant became a star.

In *La Femme d’à côté*, Mathilde and her husband unwittingly move next door to Bernard Coudray, Mathilde’s former lover. From the first encounter, Ardant makes it clear that the passion between the two lovers has never died. Ardant’s gaze at this initial re-encounter silently displays the intensity of Mathilde’s feelings for Bernard, and the iron determination that eventually leads the couple to self-destruct. Ardant’s raw portrayal of Mathilde’s passion, her nervous breakdown and eventual suicide gained her both acclaim and a nomination for the César for best actress. In this debut, Ardant demonstrates a remarkable ability to embody both strength and vulnerability

in her characters, as well as a talent for conveying a complex range of emotions in a single glance, or through the tone of her voice—in fact, these techniques have become her trademark.

Subsequent to *La Femme d’à côté*, Ardant worked on several films, including *La Vie est un roman* (*Life Is a Bed of Roses*) with director Alain Resnais. Her next critically acclaimed performance, however, came in 1983 in another Truffaut film, *Vivement dimanche* (*Confidentially Yours*). This second collaboration with Truffaut, an homage to American film noir thrillers, is based on Charles William’s novel, *The Long Saturday Night*. Ardant again plays a strong, sexy woman, although this time, her character is much more unscrutable than Mathilde Bauchard. In the film, she plays Barbara, the recently dismissed secretary to Julien Vercel. After Vercel’s wife is murdered, he engages Barbara to help him solve the crime. The film makes it clear that Barbara is in love with her boss, however, the main tension in the film is not romantic. Rather, it is due to the perpetual uncertainty as to Barbara’s loyalty. Ardant makes it absolutely unclear as to whether Barbara is helping Vercel, or betraying him. Ardant’s performance in this film again garnered her a César nomination for best actress.

Ardant starred in some 21 films after *Vivement dimanche*, most notably in Alain Resnais’ *L’Amour à mort* and Volker Schlöndorff’s *Un Amour de Swann* (*Love of Swann*). She did not, however, receive wide critical success until her 1994 role as Countess Ferraud in Yves Angelo’s *Le Colonel Chabert* (*Colonel Chabert*). As the Countess, Ardant shows her ability to portray the complexity of a single character through gesture, expression, and voice. In the film, based on a novella by Honoré de Balzac, the Countess, a former prostitute, struggles to maintain her marriage to a wealthy French Count, after her first husband, long presumed dead, returns. Although Balzac wrote the Countess as a scheming manipulator, interested only in the bottom line, Ardant portrays her as a strong, vulnerable woman, torn between the love for the husband she thought dead, and the security and independence of her current financial situation. Ardant’s silently emotional Countess is a character who inspires pity, and even admiration.

Ardant’s masterful performance in *Le Colonel Chabert* created interest in her ability to play independent, intelligent women during historical periods when women were allowed to be neither. For this reason, she was cast as Madame de Blayac in Patrice Leconte’s *Ridicule* in 1996. Madame de Blayac, the rich widow of a much older husband, has direct access to King Louis XVI. In fact, it is said that her bed leads to the King. This makes Madame de Blayac a very powerful woman, although not powerful enough to win the love of provincial noble Grégoire Ponceludon de Malavoy. Again, as in *Le Colonel Chabert*, Ardant creates a powerful, respected woman, whose emotions must come second to her independence. Through her smoldering stares, and quiet wit, Ardant presents Madame de Blayac as seductress, courtesan, and profoundly lonely woman, and again, renders a thoroughly despicable character pitiable.

Despite the strength of this performance, Ardant’s César nomination in 1997 came not for *Ridicule*, but for her portrayal of Eva, the owner of a homosexual nightclub in *La Pédale douce*. This is the performance that finally gained her a César, and it is a sizzling, provocative and comic one.

Probably because of the success of *Le Colonel Chabert* in the United States, Ardant made her English language debut in 1995 in Sydney Pollack’s remake of *Sabrina*. Although not a particularly noteworthy role, playing Irene gave Ardant credibility in English

language films, which later landed her the role of Marie de Guise in Shekhar Kapur's *Elizabeth* in 1998. Marie is another strong woman, waging war against the young Elizabeth in the name of religion. Alternatively warlike and devout, cold and absolutely sexy, Ardant's Marie is yet another woman whose desire does her in.

Despite her incredibly busy film career, Ardant has managed to maintain a stage career as well. Classically trained in plays by Corneille and Racine, Ardant won critical acclaim for her performance in Marguerite Duras' *Musica Deuxième* in 1995 and for her portrayal of opera singer Maria Callas in Roman Polanski's production of Terence McNally's *Master Class* in 1997. Olivier Schmitt called Ardant's portrayal of Callas "remarkable" and said that she "is one of those rare actresses who can accentuate sadness with a smile, punctuate laughter with a tear the welcome of a being alone faced with himself."

Now in her fifties, Fanny Ardant continues to act, graced with a beauty and sex appeal that seems to develop rather than diminish over time. Unlike many of her Hollywood contemporaries, the roles offered her have neither decreased as she has aged, nor have they become less interesting. What is clear is that despite the wide range of roles Ardant has played, in some way, she identifies with all of them. Whether comic or tragic, historical or contemporary, Ardant's ability to capture fragility and fire, desire and independence, domination and submission lead her to play women who are as complex as she is.

—Dayna Oscherwitz

ARKIN, Alan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Alan Wolf Arkin in New York City, 26 March 1934. **Education:** Attended Los Angeles City College. **Family:** Married Barbara Dana, 1964; sons: the actor Adam and Matthew from previous marriage, and Anthony. **Career:** Late 1950s—member of folk singing group the Tarriers; early 1960s—member of Chicago improvisational acting company Second City, a group including Mike Nichols and Elaine May; 1963—Broadway debut in *Enter Laughing* received much critical attention; mid-1960s—stage directing career began with off-Broadway production of *Little Murders*; 1966—feature film debut in *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming*; 1971—directed first feature film, *Little Murders*; 1987—in TV series *Harry*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*, 1968; Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Hearts of the West*, 1975; Golden Globe for Comedy Performance, for *The Russians Are Coming*, 1966; Canadian Genies, for Best Actor for *Improper Channels*, 1981, and for Best Supporting Actor for *Joshua Then and Now*, 1985. **Address:** c/o William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Films as Actor:

- 1962 *That's Me* (short)
- 1963 *The Last Mohican* (short)
- 1966 *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming* (Jewison) (as Rosanov)
- 1967 *Wait until Dark* (Young) (as Roat); "The Suicides" ep. of *Woman Times Seven* (De Sica) (as Fred)

- 1968 *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* (Miller) (as John Singer); *Inspector Clouseau* (Yorkin) (as title role)
- 1969 *Popi* (Hiller) (title role); *The Monitors* (Shea) (cameo)
- 1970 *Catch-22* (Nichols) (as Yossarian)
- 1972 *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* (Saks) (as Barney Cashman); *Deadhead Miles* (Zimmerman)
- 1974 *Freebie and the Bean* (Rush) (as Bean); *It Couldn't Happen to a Nicer Guy* (Cy Howard—for TV)
- 1975 *Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins* (Richards) (as Rafferty); *Hearts of the West* (Zieff) (as Kessler)
- 1976 *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution* (Ross) (as Freud)
- 1978 *The Defection of Simon Kudirka* (Rich—for TV) (title role)
- 1979 *The Magician of Lublin* (Golan) (as Yasha); *The In-Laws* (Hiller) (as Sheldon Kornpett, + exec pr)
- 1980 *Simon* (Brickman) (as Simon Mendelssohn)
- 1981 *Chu Chu and the Philly Flash* (Rich); *Improper Channels* (Till) (as Jeffrey)
- 1982 *The Last Unicorn* (Rankin and Bass) (as voice of Schmendrick, the Magician)
- 1983 *The Return of Captain Invincible (Legend in Leotards)* (Mora) (title role)
- 1984 *A Matter of Principle* (Arner)
- 1985 *Big Trouble* (Cassavetes) (as Leonard Hoffman); *Bad Medicine* (Miller) (as Dr. Madera); *Joshua Then and Now* (Kotcheff) (as Reuben Shapiro); *The Fourth Wise Man* (Michael Ray Rhodes—for TV)
- 1986 *A Deadly Business* (Korty—for TV)
- 1987 *Escape from Sobibor* (Gold—for TV) (as Feldhendler); *Necessary Parties* (Arner—for TV) (+ sc)
- 1990 *Coupe de Ville* (Roth) (as Fred Libner); *Too Much Sun* (Downey); *Edward Scissorhands* (Burton) (as Bill Boggs); *Havana* (Pollack) (as Joe Volpi); *The Rocketeer* (Johnston) (as Peevy)
- 1992 *Glengarry Glen Ross* (Foley) (as George Aaronow)
- 1993 *So I Married an Axe Murderer* (Schlamme); *Indian Summer* (Binder) (as Uncle Lou); *Taking the Heat* (Tom Mankiewicz—for TV) (as Tommy Canard); *Cooperstown* (Haid—for TV) (as Harry Willette)
- 1994 *North* (Rob Reiner) (as Judge Buckle); *The Jerky Boys* (Melkonian) (as Lazarro); *Doomsday Gun* (Robert M. Young—for TV)
- 1995 *Steal Big, Steal Little* (Andrew Davis) (as Lou Perilli)
- 1996 *Mother Night* (Gordon) (as George Kraft)
- 1997 *Grosse Pointe Blank* (Armitage) (as Dr. Oatman); *Gattaca* (Nicol) (Detective Hugo)
- 1998 *Slums of Beverly Hills* (Jenkins) (as Murray Abramowitz); *Jakob the Liar* (Kassovitz) (as Max Frankfurter)
- 2000 *Arigo* (Arkin and Dana); *Magicians* (Merendino); *Varian's War* (Chetwynd—for TV)

Films as Director:

- 1967 *T.G.I.F.* (short) (+ sc)
- 1969 *People Soup* (short) (+ sc)
- 1971 *Little Murders* (+ ro as detective)
- 1977 *Fire Sale* (+ ro as Ezra Fikus)
- 1987 *The Visit*
- 1993 *Samuel Beckett Is Coming Soon* (+ ro as the director)
- 2000 *Arigo* (+ ro)



Alan Arkin in *Catch-22*

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Alan Arkin is the poor man's Jack Lemmon. Think of Lemmon's major film roles, from *It Should Happen to You* to *The Apartment*,

Save the Tiger to *Missing*. Arkin could have played any one of these parts effectively. Both actors can play comical bumblers with serious sides, and both excel as sensitive characters whose nervous temperaments are hair-triggered. Considering Arkin's solid talent and his proven versatility, it is regrettable that this actor has not had Lemmon's opportunities to shine on the silver screen.

Arkin was no novice to acting when he made his feature film debut in the popular satirical comedy *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming*. Three years prior to that, he had won a Tony Award for his much acclaimed starring role in the Broadway production of Carl Reiner's autobiographical seriocomedy *Enter Laughing*. In *Russians*, Arkin, co-starring with Reiner and a large star cast, won an Oscar nomination playing a zany Russian squad leader who steps off a Soviet submarine which accidentally has been grounded near an island off the Massachusetts coastline. As he communicated with the startled natives, Arkin spoke a blend of strange Russian lingo and broken Russian-English, which left a bizarre, but very comical, impression.

His next effort, *Wait until Dark*, was a very showy role for the newcomer. In this taut suspense film, he played a psychotic who dresses up as three different people in order to retrieve a cache of drugs unwittingly in the possession of a blind woman (Audrey Hepburn). His menacing leap at the helpless woman's ankles and the unrelieved wickedness of his character even in his death throes gave

audiences the dark and dramatic side of the actor's repertoire. After his appearance the following year in *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*, as a lonesome deaf-mute who befriends a young girl, it seemed as though Arkin's new status as a major movie star was cemented. So moving was his portrayal that he received his second Academy Award nomination.

Since then, only a handful of important screen roles have come his way. The most significant of these was in *Catch-22*, where he played Captain Yossarian in Joseph Heller's scathing satire of U.S. Army life during World War II, which was presented in a surreal and absurdist style. He also gave outstanding comic performances in *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* and *The In-Laws*, and made an interesting and credible Freud in *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*. In fact, Arkin never has done poorly in a film, even when the material was flawed or forgettable. Yet he has been unable to sustain the stardom and attention he obtained so early; the multidimensional, extraordinary roles with which he began his film acting career inexplicably dried up.

Arkin turned to directing in the late 1960s, and in 1971 did a credible job bringing Jules Feiffer's *Little Murders* to the screen. In the 1970s, he also wrote several books, including an autobiographical work about his involvement with yoga. In the past few years, Arkin has been appearing in films on a steady basis, sometimes enriching mediocre movies with brief but sparkling appearances. His two most significant recent roles have been as the camp director in *Indian Summer* and a real estate salesman in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, the film version of David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, in which he shares screen time with Jack Lemmon. Nevertheless, it is a shame that an actor of Arkin's caliber has not, over the years, been offered more and better lead roles, and been allowed to fulfill the promise he exhibited in his earliest films.

—Doug Tomlinson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

ARLETTY

Nationality: French. **Born:** Léonie Bathiat in Courbevoie, 15 May 1898. **Education:** Attended Institution Edith Barbier, Puteaux. **Career:** 1917—employed as factory worker at Darracq Ltd.; later worked as secretary for offices of Schneider du Creusot; 1918—worked as model; 1919—debut at Théâtre des Capucines; 1920s—appeared in music hall revues, plays, and operettas; 1930—film debut; 1936—major stage success in *Fric-Frac*; 1938—in *Hôtel du Nord*, first of several appearances in films of Marcel Carné; c.1946—jailed for two months for collaboration with the Nazis as a consequence of an affair with a German officer during the occupation; 1949—resumed acting on both stage and screen. **Awards:** Special César, 1982. **Died:** In Paris, 24 July 1992.

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *La Douceur d'aimer* (Hervil)
- 1931 *Un Chien qui rapporte* (Choux) (as Josyane)
- 1932 *Das schöne Abenteuer* (*La Belle Aventure*) (Schünzel) (as Mme. des Mignieres); *Enlevez-moi* (Perret) (as Lulu); *Une Idée folle* (Natanson) (as Anita)

- 1933 *Walzerkrieg* (*La Guerre des valses*) (Berger) (as Ilonka); *Un Soir de réveillon* (Anton) (as Viviane); *Je te confie ma femme* (Guissart) (as Totoche); *Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon* (Tarride) (as Anita)
- 1934 *Le Vertige* (Schiller) (as Emma)
- 1935 *Pension Mimosas* (Feyder) (as Parasol); *La Fille de Madame Angot* (Bernard-Derosne) (as Mlle Delaunay); *Amants et voleurs* (Bernard) (as Agatha)
- 1936 *La Garçonne* (de Limur) (as Niquette); *Aventure à Paris* (Marc Allégret) (as Rose de Saint-Leu); *Le Mari rêve* (Capellani) (as Eve Roland); *Feu la mère de madame* (Fried—short) (as Yvonne); *Mais n'te promène donc pas toute nue* (Joannon—short) (as Clarisse)
- 1937 *Désiré* (Guitry) (as Madeleine Crapicheau); *Les Perles de la couronne* (*Pearls of the Crown*) (Guitry and Christian-Jaque) (as Queen of Ethiopia); *Faisons un rêve* (Guitry); *Si tu m'aimes* (*Mirages*) (Ryder) (as Arlette); *Aloha ou Le Chant des îles* (Mathot) (as Ginette Gina)
- 1938 *Hôtel du Nord* (Carné) (as Madame Raymonde); *Le Petit Chose* (Cloche) (as Irma Borel); *La Chaleur du sein* (Boyer) (as Bernadette)
- 1939 *Le Jour se lève* (*Daybreak*) (Carné) (as Clara); *Fric-Frac* (Lehmann and Autant-Lara) (as LouLou); *Circonstances atténuantes* (*Extenuating Circumstances*) (Boyer) (as Marie Qu'a d'ça)
- 1940 *Tempête* (Bernard-Deschamps) (as Ida Maulaincourt)
- 1941 *Madame Sans-Gêne* (Richebé) (title role); *Boléro* (Boyer) (as Catherine)
- 1942 *Les Visiteurs du soir* (*The Devil's Envoys; The Devil's Own Envoy*) (Carné) (as Dominique); *La Femme que j'ai le plus aimée* (Vernay) (as La Divette); *L'Amant de Bornéo* (Feydeau) (as Stella Losange); *La Loi du 21 juin 1907* (Guitry—short)
- 1945 *Les Enfants du paradis* (*Children of Paradise*) (Carné) (as Garance)
- 1949 *Portrait d'un assassin* (Roland) (as Martha)
- 1951 *L'Amour, madame . . .* (Grangier) (as herself); *Gibier de potence* (Richebé) (as Mme. Alice)
- 1953 *Le Père de mademoiselle* (L'Herbier and Dagan) (as Edith Mars)
- 1954 *Le Grand Jeu* (*Flesh and the Woman; Il grande giuoco; The Big Game*) (Siodmak) (as Mme. Blanche); *Huis clos* (*No Exit*) (Audry) (as Inès); *L'Air de Paris* (Carné) (as Blanche Le Garrec)
- 1956 *Mor Curé chez les pauvres* (Diamant-Berger) (as L'epouseuse); *Vacances explosives* (Stengel) (as Arlette Bernard)
- 1957 *Le Passager clandestin* (Habib) (as friend)
- 1958 *Maxime* (Verneuil) (as Gazelle); *Un Drôle de dimanche* (Marc Allégret) (as Juliette Harmier); *Et ta sœur* (Delbez) (as Lucrèce du Boccage)
- 1959 *Paris la belle* (Prevert—short) (as narrator)
- 1960 *Les Primitifs du XIIIe* (Guilbaud—short) (as narrator)
- 1961 *La Gamberge* (Carbonnaux) (as Mother); *Les Petits Matins* (Audry)
- 1962 *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki and Oswald) (as Mme. Barrault); *La Loi des hommes* (Gerard) (as La Comtesse); *Temp di Roma* (de la Patellière) (as Cri-Cri); *Le Voyage à Biarritz* (Grangier) (as Fernande)
- 1967 *Dina chez les lois* (Delouche—short) (as narrator)

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Arletty, the legendary and captivating actress was a major star during France's “Golden Age” of cinema in the 1930s and 1940s. As women's film roles during this period tended to lack complexity and left only a marginal space for women, Arletty is indeed quite an important and still treasured figure.

Well-known for her working-class origins, the beautiful and sublime Arletty was as famous for her work on the music hall stage as

for her film performances. Her successful collaboration with the esteemed director Marcel Carné, especially in the films *Hôtel du Nord*, *Le Jour se lève*, *Les Visiteurs du soir*, and *Les Enfants du paradis*, brought both recognition and the opportunity to develop a “mysterious femininity”—and they are among the most popular and critically acclaimed films in the history of French cinema. Prior to her appearance in Carné's *Hôtel du Nord*, Arletty's film career was limited to supporting roles—most often she played prostitutes and, not surprisingly, music hall performers in which she capitalized on her working-class Parisian accent and gestures. In *Pension Mimosas*, for example, she played a street-smart woman of questionable virtue.

Despite her early inauspicious film roles and a certain constraint based upon typecasting, as her career evolved it was noteworthy for its diversity. Indeed, her performances in the somber “poetic realist” *Le Jour se lève*, the medieval fable *Les Visiteurs du soir*, and the epic study of the early 19th-century stage, *Les Enfants du paradis*, each demonstrate an extraordinary range and depth, and importantly, her characters exude a remarkably honest, complex, and unconventional sexuality, as well as a singular self-awareness and independence. In *Le Jour se lève* she quits her job and her lover, and in *Les Visiteurs du soir* she is an androgynous, shrewd, and seductive emissary of the devil posing as a traveling performer. But it was her characterization of the beautiful, ethereally elegant, and sexually desiring courtesan Garance who is loved by four different men in *Les Enfants du paradis* for which she is best remembered—and whose uncommon individuality became synonymous with Arletty's own persona.

Unlike many other French stars, Arletty remained in France during the German occupation of the 1940s; thus her work helped contribute to a partial sense of continuity in French cinema during this period. For a time, Arletty was discussed primarily in terms of her well-known love affair with a German officer and for her brief imprisonment after the liberation than for her work on-screen. She returned to the screen after 1949 in several films, the most notable of which was an adaptation of Sartre's play *Huis clos*. She continued to work on the stage, including as Blanche in the French version of Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Her only appearance in an American film was in an episode of *The Longest Day*. Then in the 1960s, her work as an actress was seriously hindered by an accident that badly affected her sight. In 1984, Arletty's legendary status was confirmed when a cinema opened in the Pompidou Centre in Paris that was named after her most famous character, Salle Garance.

—Cynthia Felando

ARMENDÁRIZ, Pedro

Nationality: Mexican. **Born:** Churubusco, 9 May 1912. **Education:** San Antonio, Texas, public schools; graduated from University of California at Los Angeles, 1928. **Family:** Married Carmen Pardo, 1939, children: son Pedro, two daughters. **Career:** Following graduation from college, moved to Mexico, and considered it his home throughout career; early 1930s—brief stage career in Mexico; 1935—Mexican film debut; 1935–44—in 44 Mexican films: called “the Mexican Clark Gable” (or “John Wayne” or “James Mason”); 1947—American film debut in John Ford's *The Fugitive*; 1963—admitted to UCLA Medical Center with advanced cancer. **Died:** Of self-inflicted gunshot at UCLA Medical Center, 17 June 1963.



Pedro Armendáriz

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Maria Elena*; *Rosario*; *Bordertown*
- 1937 *Las cuatro milpas*; *Amapola del Camino*; *La Adelita*; *Jalisco nunca pierde*
- 1938 *Canto a mi tierra*; *Mi candidato*; *Los millones de Chafan*
- 1939 *Con los dorados de Pancho Villa*; *El Indio*; *La China hilaria*; *Borrasca humana*
- 1940 *Los olvidados de dios*; *La reina del Río*; *Malahierra*; *El torro de falisco*; *El charro negro*; *Pobre diablo*; *El jefe máximo*
- 1941 *El secreto del Sacerdote*; *La e ropeya del camino*; *Del rancho a la capital*; *La isla de la pasión* (*Passion Island*) (Fernández); *Ni sangre ni arena*; *Alía en el bajío*
- 1942 *Soy puro mexicano* (Fernández)
- 1943 *Las calaveras del terror*, *Guadalajara*; *Flor Silvestre* (Fernández); *Konga roja*; *The Life of Simon Bolívar* (*Simon Bolívar*); *Distinto amanecer* (Bracho) (as Octavio); *María Candelaria* (*Xochimilco*; *Portrait of Maria*) (Fernández) (as Lorenzo Rafael); *La guerra de los pasteles*
- 1944 *El corsario negro*; *Tierra de pasiones*; *Alma de bronce*; *La campana de mi pueblo*; *Las abandonadas* (Fernández); *El Capitán Malacara*; *Entre Hermanos*; *Bugambilia* (Fernández)
- 1945 *Rayando el sol*; *La perla* (*The Pearl*) (Fernández)
- 1946 *Enamorada* (Fernández)
- 1947 *La casa colorada*; *Juan Charrasqueado*; *Albur de amor*; *The Fugitive* (John Ford)
- 1948 *Maclovio* (Fernández); *En la hacienda de la flor*; *Al caer de la tarde*; *Three Godfathers* (John Ford); *Fort Apache* (John Ford)
- 1949 *Tulsa* (Heisler); *La lalquerida*; *Villa vuelve*; *La masquerada*; *El abandonado*; *We Were Strangers* (Huston); *The Outlaw and the Lady*; *Pancho Villa*; *Bodas de Fuego*
- 1950 *Camino de infierno*; *Del odio nace el amor* (*The Torch*; *Bandit General*) (Fernández); *Rosaura Castro*; *Tierra baja*; *La loga de la casa*; *Puerta falsa*; *Nos Veremos en el cielo*
- 1951 *Elly y yo*; *Por querer a una mujer*; *La noche avanza*
- 1952 *Carne de presidio*; *El rebozo de la soledad*; *El Bruto*
- 1953 *Les Amants de Tolède* (*The Lovers of Toledo*; *Tyrant of Toledo*) (Decoin); *Lucrece Borgia* (*Lucrezia Borgia*; *Sins of the Borgias*; *Lucretia Borgia*) (Christian-Jaque); *Reportaje* (Fernández); *Mate a la vida*; *Mulata*
- 1954 *Dos mundos y un amor*; *La rebelion de los Colgados*; *El diablo del desierto* (Borderia); *Border River* (Sherman)
- 1955 *The Littlest Outlaw* (Gavaldón); *Les amants du taje*; *Tam Tam Mayumba* (*Native Drums*; *Tom Toms of Mayumba*); *El pequeño proscrito*; *La escondida* (*The Hidden Woman*) (Gavaldón)
- 1956 *Uomini e lupi* (*Men and Wolves*) (De Santis); *The Conqueror* (Dick Powell); *Diane* (David Miller); *Canasta de cuentos mexicanos*; *La mayor que no tuvo infancia*; *El Impostor* (Fernández); *Viva revolución*
- 1957 *Flor de mayo* (*A Mexican Affair*; *Beyond All Limits*) (Gavaldón); *The Big Boodle* (Wilson); *Ando volando bajo*; *La pandilla del soborno*; *El Zarco* (*El Zarco—The Bandit*); *Así era Pancho Villa*; *Affair in Havana* (Benedek); *Manuela* (*Stowaway Girl*) (Hamilton)
- 1958 *Pancho Villa y la valentina*; *Cuando viva villa es la muerte*; *Café Colón de la Cerna*; *Las Señoritas Vivanco* (Blake); *Los desarraigados*; *La cucaracha* (*The Bandit*) (Alazraki)
- 1959 *Yo Pecador* (Rodríguez); *El hombre nuestro de Cada Día*; *Calibre 44*; *The Wonderful Country* (Parrish); *El pequeño salvaje*
- 1960 *La cárcel de Cananca*; *El induito*; *800 Leguas por el Amazona*; *Dos hijos desobedientes*
- 1961 *Los valientes no mueren*; *El rejedor de Milagros*; *Arrivani i titani* (*Sons of Thunder*; *The Titans*); *Francis of Assisi* (Curtiz)
- 1962 *La Bandida*
- 1963 *Los hermanos del hierro* (*My Son, the Hero*) (Tessari); *Captain Sinbad* (Michelet); *From Russia with Love* (Young)

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Pedro Armendáriz was Mexico's major movie star of the 1940s, frequently appearing in films of that country's leading director Emilio

Fernández, whose work gained international recognition, ushering in a period of critical attention and acclaim for Mexican filmmaking. As a part of this new Mexican cinema, Armendáriz too gained some degree of recognition and began acting in American films around 1947, and later in some European films. He continued to work both at home and abroad until his death in 1963.

A key role in Armendáriz's early career was the lead in Julio Bracho's *Distinto amanecer*, in which he played Octavio, an idealistic labor leader fleeing the gunmen of a corrupt governor. The film was noted for depicting the tensions of contemporary Mexican society.

Armendáriz was often cast as the romantic lead in his Mexican films. Perhaps his best-known role was as Lorenzo, the Indian peasant, in Fernández's *Mariá Candelaria*. In the film, Lorenzo loves Maria, but finally cannot save her from being stoned to death by the villagers because of a tragic misunderstanding. Though the film was internationally acclaimed, it was also criticized by Mexican intellectuals for depicting Mexican Indians in terms of idealized stereotypes. However, Fernández's approach and Armendáriz's portrayal of Lorenzo presented a positive view of Indians—a group that had often been negatively stereotyped and made the butt of jokes.

His first role in an English-language film was in John Ford's *The Fugitive*. He worked on three subsequent films by Ford, including *Three Godfathers*, in which he co-starred with John Wayne. Though Armendáriz's move into American and international films can be seen as a career advance, he never appeared as a romantic leading man in American films, but in character parts that called for a Mexican ethnic actor.

—Susan M. Doll

ARTHUR, Jean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gladys Georgianna Greene in New York City, 17 October 1905 (other sources say 1900, 1901 or 1909). **Family:** Married 1) the photographer Julian Anker (divorced); 2) the producer Frank J. Ross Jr., 1932 (divorced 1949). **Career:** 1920—quit school to become a model; 1923—film debut in bit role in John Ford's *Cameo Kirby*; 1932–34—actress on New York stage; mid-1940s—released from Columbia contract; 1955—played Peter Pan on Broadway; 1966—in own TV series *The Jean Arthur Show*; 1970s—taught drama at Vassar and other colleges. **Died:** In Carmel, California, 19 June 1991.

Films as Actress:

- 1923 *Cameo Kirby* (Ford)
- 1924 *Biff Bang Buddy* (Ingraham); *Bringin' Home the Bacon* (Thorpe); *Travelin' Fast*; *Fast and Fearless* (Thorpe); *Thundering Romance* (Thorpe); *Spring Fever*; *Case Dismissed*; *The Powerful Eye*; *The Temple of Venus*
- 1925 *The Drugstore Cowboy* (Frame); *The Hurricane Horseman* (Eddy); *Seven Chances* (Buster Keaton) (as receptionist); *Tearin' Loose* (Thorpe); *The Fighting Smile* (Marchant); *A Man of Nerve* (Chaudet); *Thundering Through* (Bain)
- 1926 *The Block Signal* (O'Connor); *Born to Battle* (De Lacey); *The College Boob* (Garson); *The Cowboy Cop* (De Lacey);

- Double Daring* (Thorpe); *The Fighting Cheat* (Thorpe); *Lightning Bill* (Chaudet); *Twisted Triggers* (Thorpe); *Under Fire* (Elfelt); *The Mad Racer* (Stoloff); *Eight Cylinder Bull* (Leys); *Hello Lafayette* (Lafayette, *Where Are We?*) (Gold and Davis)
- 1927 *The Broken Gate* (McKay); *Flying Luck* (Raymaker); *Horse Shoes* (Bruckman); *Husband Hunters* (Adolfi); *The Poor Nut* (Wallace); *The Masked Menace* (Heath—serial); *Bigger and Better Blondes* (Parrott)
- 1928 *Brotherly Love* (Reisner); *Sins of the Fathers* (Berger) (as Mary Spengler); *Wallflowers* (Meehan); *Warming Up* (Newmeyer); *Easy Come, Easy Go* (Tuttle)
- 1929 *The Canary Murder Case* (St. Clair) (as Alice LaFosse); *The Greene Murder Case* (Tuttle) (as Ada Greene); *Half Way to Heaven* (Abbott) (as Greta Nelson); *The Mysterious Dr. Fu Manchu* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Lila Eltham); *The Saturday Night Kid* (Sutherland) (as Janie); *Stairs of Sand* (Brower); *Sins of the Fathers* (Berger)
- 1930 *Danger Lights* (Seitz) (as Mary Ryan); "Dream Girl" ep. of *Paramount on Parade* (Arzner and others); *The Return of Dr. Fu Manchu* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Lila Eltham); *The Silver Horde* (Archainbaud) (as Mildred Wayland); *Street of Chance* (Cromwell) (as Judith Marsden); *Young Eagles* (Wellman) (as Mary Gordon)
- 1931 *The Gang Buster* (Sutherland) (as Sylvia Martine); *Virtuous Husband* (Moore) (as Barbara Olwell); *The Lawyer's Secret* (Gasnier and Marcin) (as Beatrice Stevens); *Ex-Bad Boy* (Moore) (as Ethel Simmons)
- 1933 *Get That Venus* (Grover Lee); *The Past of Mary Holmes* (Thompson and Vorkapich) (as Joan Hoyt)
- 1934 *Whirlpool* (Neill) (as Sandra Morrison); *The Defense Rests* (Hillyer) (as Joan Hayes); *Most Precious Thing in Life* (Hillyer)
- 1935 *The Whole Town's Talking* (*Passport to Fame*) (Ford) (as Wilhelmina "Bill" Clark); *Public Hero Number One* (Ruben) (as Theresa O'Reilly); *Party Wire* (Kenton) (as Marge Oliver); *Diamond Jim* (Sutherland); *Public Menace* (Kenton) (as Cassie); *If You Could Only Cook* (Seiter) (as Joan Hawthorne)
- 1936 *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* (Capra) (as Babe Bennett); *The Ex-Mrs. Bradford* (Roberts) (as Paula Bradford); *Adventure in Manhattan* (*Manhattan Madness*) (Ludwig) (as Claire Peyton); *The Plainsman* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Calamity Jane); *More Than a Secretary* (Alfred E. Green) (as Carol Baldwin)
- 1937 *History Is Made at Night* (Borzage) (as Irene Vail); *Easy Living* (Leisen) (as Mary Smith)
- 1938 *You Can't Take It with You* (Capra) (as Alice Sycamore)
- 1939 *Only Angels Have Wings* (Hawks) (as Bonnie Lee); *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (Capra) (as Saunders)
- 1940 *Too Many Husbands* (Ruggles) (as Vicky Lowndes); *Arizona* (Ruggles) (as Phoebe Titus)
- 1941 *The Devil and Miss Jones* (Wood) (as Mary Jones)
- 1942 *The Talk of the Town* (Stevens) (as Nora Shelley)
- 1943 *The More the Merrier* (Stevens) (as Connie Milligan); *A Lady Takes a Chance* (Seiter) (as Mollie Truesdale)
- 1944 *The Impatient Years* (Cummings) (as Janie Anderson)
- 1948 *A Foreign Affair* (Wilder) (as Phoebe Frost)
- 1953 *Shane* (Stevens) (as Marion Starrett)



Jean Arthur and James Stewart in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

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Jean Arthur began her film career in John Ford's *Cameo Kirby*, which she followed with a series of ingenue and other lead parts in some 20 silent, low-budget Westerns and comedy shorts, graduating to a wider variety of roles for bigger studios by the coming of sound. In 1932, feeling that she needed to improve her acting skills, she left Hollywood and worked on the stage, both in New York and in summer stock, for the next two years. She played a variety of parts, even touring as Kalonika in a production of *Lysistrata*. In 1934 she

returned to California to appear in *Whirlpool*, but received her first real break the next year, once again under John Ford's direction, in *The Whole Town's Talking*. In this movie she created the light-comedy character of a good-natured, sentimental girl-next-door, a character she later transformed into the vivacious, often oddball heroine most fully realized in the comedies of Frank Capra, who described her as his favorite actress.

Capra's *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* and *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* provided Arthur with her most memorable roles. In both films she played a somewhat hard-boiled urbanite who is at first appalled and later smitten by the honest country boys: Gary Cooper, as Deeds, and James Stewart, as Smith. Capra made fine use of the femininity just beneath the toughness expressed by her distinctive husky, cracked voice, a voice which became her trademark though it initially kept her out of roles in early talkies.

She was very active in films from the later 1930s to the mid-1940s. She played Calamity Jane opposite Gary Cooper in Cecil B. DeMille's *The Plainsman*, and starred in various other adventure films as well, including Wesley Ruggles's *Arizona* and Howard Hawks's *Only Angels Have Wings* with Cary Grant, turning in one of her best performances as his sentimental sidekick. She was at her peak in a number of classic Hollywood comedies, including Mitchell Leisen's *Easy Living* (with a Preston Sturges script) and Sam Wood's *The Devil and Miss Jones*, in the latter as the spunky shopgirl who reforms her crotchety boss, working incognito in his own department store. She also appeared in two romantic comedies directed by George Stevens, *The Talk of the Town* and *The More the Merrier*, the latter written specially for her by Garson Kanin. She received her only Oscar nomination for the second of these, but lost to Jennifer Jones.

After being released from her Columbia contract following a long dispute with Harry Cohn, the studio's boss, she appeared in only two productions, Billy Wilder's *A Foreign Affair* and Stevens's *Shane*. Though she stopped making films, she appeared occasionally on the stage (winning critical acclaim for her part in *Peter Pan* on Broadway) and on television, in both guest spots and in a short-lived *The Jean Arthur Show*.

—Charles L. P. Silet, updated by Frank Uhle

ASTAIRE, Fred

Nationality: American. **Born:** Fred Austerlitz in Omaha, Nebraska, 10 May 1899. **Education:** Attended Alviene School of the Dance, New York; Ned Wayburn Studio of Stage Dancing. **Family:** Married 1) Phyllis Baxter Potter, 1933 (died 1954), children: two sons, one daughter; 2) the jockey Robyn Smith, 1980. **Career:** 1906—began dancing professionally with sister Adele; worked vaudeville circuits, according to some sources appeared in Mary Pickford's film *Fanchon the Cricket*, 1915, the Broadway musical *Over the Top*, 1917, and *The Passing Show of 1918*, first major success; 1918–31—several successful stage musicals on Broadway and in London; c.1931—partnership with sister ended when she married Lord Charles Cavendish; 1933—film acting debut in *Dancing Lady*; appeared in *Flying Down to Rio*, first of ten films with Ginger Rogers as dancing partner; 1948—in *Easter Parade*, replacing ailing Gene Kelly; 1959—first dramatic film role in Stanley Kramer's *On the Beach*; 1961–63—host of dramatic anthology TV series *Alcoa Premiere*; 1967–70—appeared occasionally in TV series *It Takes a Thief*. **Awards:** Honorary



Fred Astaire

Academy Award, for "his unique artistry and his contributions to the technique of musical pictures," 1949; Best Supporting Actor, British Academy, for *The Towering Inferno*, 1974; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1981. **Died:** Of pneumonia, in Los Angeles, 22 June 1987.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *Municipal Bandwagon* (short)
- 1933 *Dancing Lady* (Leonard) (as himself); *Flying Down to Rio* (Freeland) (as Fred Ayres)
- 1934 *The Gay Divorcee* (Sandrich) (as Guy Holden); *Top Hat* (Sandrich) (as Jerry Travers)
- 1935 *Roberta* (Seiter) (as Huck Haines, + choreographer)
- 1936 *Follow the Fleet* (Sandrich) (as Bake Baker); *Swing Time* (Stevens) (as John "Lucky" Garnett)
- 1937 *Shall We Dance* (Sandrich) (as Pete Peters); *A Damsel in Distress* (Stevens) (as Jerry Halliday)
- 1938 *Carefree* (Sandrich) (as Tony Flagg)
- 1939 *The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle* (Potter) (as Vernon Castle)
- 1940 *Broadway Melody of 1940* (Taurog) (as Johnny Brett); *Second Chorus* (Potter) (as Danny O'Neill)
- 1941 *You'll Never Get Rich* (Lanfield) (as Robert Curtis)
- 1942 *Holiday Inn* (Sandrich) (as Ted Hanover); *You Were Never Lovelier* (Seiter) (as Robert Davis, + choreographer)
- 1943 *The Sky's the Limit* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Fred Atwell/Fred Burton, + choreographer)

- 1945 *Yolanda and the Thief* (Minnelli) (as Johnny Riggs)
 1946 *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli) (as himself/Raffles/Tai Long);
Blue Skies (Heisler) (as Jed Potter)
 1948 *Easter Parade* (Walters) (as Don Hewes, + co-choreographer)
 1949 *The Barkleys of Broadway* (Walters) (as Josh Barkley)
 1950 *Three Little Words* (Thorpe) (as Bert Kalmar, + co-choreographer); *Let's Dance* (McLeod) (as Don Elwood)
 1951 *Royal Wedding* (*Wedding Bells*) (Donen) (as Tom Bowen)
 1952 *The Belle of New York* (Walters) (as Charles Hall)
 1953 ***The Band Wagon*** (Minnelli) (as Tony Hunter)
 1954 *Deep in My Heart* (Donen) (as guest)
 1955 *Daddy Long Legs* (Negulesco) (as Jervis Pendleton)
 1957 *Funny Face* (Donen) (as Dick Avery, + co-choreographer);
Silk Stockings (Mamoulian) (as Steve Canfield)
 1959 *On the Beach* (Kramer) (as Julian Osborn)
 1961 *The Pleasure of His Company* (Seaton) (as Pogo Poole)
 1962 *The Notorious Landlady* (Quine) (as Franklyn Armbruster)
 1964 *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine) (as voice)
 1968 *Finian's Rainbow* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Finian McLonergan)
 1969 *Midas Run* (*A Run on Gold*) (Kjellin) (as John Pedley)
 1970 *The Over-the-Hill Gang Rides Again* (McGowan—for TV);
Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town (for TV, animation) (as voice of mailman)
 1973 *Imagine*
 1974 *The Towering Inferno* (Guillermin and Irwin Allen) (as Charles Claiborne); *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.—compilation) (as host)
 1976 *That's Entertainment, Part 2* (Kelly) (as host); *The Amazing Dobermans* (David and Byron Chudnow) (as Daniel Hughes)
 1977 *Un Taxi mauve* (*The Purple Taxi*) (Boisset) (as Doctor Scully);
The Easter Bunny Is Comin' to Town (for TV, animation) (as voice of mailman)
 1978 *A Family Upside Down* (Rich—for TV); *Battleship Gallactica* (Colla—for TV)
 1979 *The Man in the Santa Claus Suit* (Corey Allen—for TV)
 1981 *Ghost Story* (Irvin) (as Ricky Hawthorne)
 1984 *George Stevens: A Filmmaker's Journey* (George Stevens Jr.—doc) (as himself)

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Fred Astaire is in a class by himself. Of all the movie legends of the golden era in Hollywood, he is perhaps the most universally accepted as unquestionably great. His film career encompassed more than 50 years as a top star, and his theater, recording, and television work have also been recognized as outstanding. The name "Fred Astaire" not only means "dance on film," it also represents quality, longevity, and that most elusive characteristic of an artist—a true personal style.

Astaire is one of a small group of actors who have been able to shape their own movies and make a distinct contribution to film history beyond the level of entertainment or personality. Known to be a perfectionist, his insistence on control of his own dance work expanded his influence on films. Not only did he create his own choreography in most films, he also participated in the decision-making process of how his dances would be photographed, scored, and edited; generally the camera frames his entire body, moves only in response to his lead, and keeps running in order to preserve the integrity of the dance. The careful matching of dance, image, and rhythm (both of sound and cutting) seen in his best numbers was a direct result of his desire for the best in every aspect of his work. Astaire pioneered the serious presentation of dance in motion pictures, both by his on-screen influence and his behind-the-scenes collaboration (most importantly with his alter ego at RKO, choreographer Hermes Pan).

Astaire's film debut, after a successful 25-year stage career dancing with his sister Adele, was in a minor role as himself in an MGM Joan Crawford-Clark Gable film, *Dancing Lady*. His first real success came when he was paired with Ginger Rogers for a series of elegant RKO musicals in the 1930s. Astaire and Rogers were not the leads in their first film, *Flying Down to Rio*, but their enormous appeal and talent were immediately apparent, and their next eight films solidified their status as one of the cinema's great teams. (The pair was reunited later at MGM for their last film, *The Barkleys of Broadway*.) The RKO films, with their charmingly complicated plots, excellent music, art deco decor, and remarkable dances, represent the high point of the 1930s musical genre. Although Astaire was paired thereafter with many beautiful women who were also fine dancers—Rita Hayworth, Vera-Ellen, Lucille Bremer, and Cyd Charisse—most critics agree that his most compatible partner in film was Rogers, whose looks and personality made a perfect contrast and complement to his own. Besides their exquisite dancing, they share a wonderful comic rapport; while many of his later co-stars such as Rita Hayworth and Eleanor Powell were possibly more accomplished dancers, none could deflate Astaire's comic vanity with a well-timed wisecrack like Rogers.

During the 1940s and 1950s Astaire appeared in several outstanding musical films produced by the celebrated Freed unit at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, including the highly self-reflexive *The Band Wagon* (the title of the last show Fred and Adele starred in on Broadway in 1931), constructed as a stirring reassertion of Astaire's value as an entertainer in a world losing its glamour. He continued his career past his dancing years, playing light comedy and dramatic roles in both television and film with equal success, earning an Oscar nomination for his supporting role in *The Towering Inferno*. He also "co-hosted" the first two *That's Entertainment* compilations, introducing the Hollywood musical to a younger generation, and providing a strong shot of nostalgia for his original fans.

Although Astaire is associated with a certain European elegance of casual dress, his personality on film is actually that of a brash American who cracks wise and cons his way forward toward his true moment of deep expression: the dance. Astaire's typical film character was saved from banality and the brink of unpleasantness by the joy, the tenderness, and the sexual tension of his dancing. The easy way in which he moved seemed to suggest to viewers that we could all be dancers, that music and dancing could and should be natural parts of self-expression. As critic Gerald Mast noted, for Astaire, singing and dancing are direct extensions of talking and walking; musical performance is a fundamental part of everyday life for Astaire, though perhaps no one ever walked, sat, or smoked on-screen quite as artfully.

Although less obviously skilled as a singer, Astaire was frequently recognized as an ideal interpreter of the songs of America's greatest popular songwriters; Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, and Jerome Kern delighted in providing material for Astaire, and consistently praised his precise phrasing as an exact interpretation of their intentions. Although most of the songs he introduced were subsequently recorded by more powerful or versatile vocalists, his subtle renditions of such classics as Kern and Fields's "A Fine Romance" or the Gershwins' "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" remain the definitive versions.

Astaire's screen work involved all kinds of dancing—tap, ballet, acrobatic, and jazz. Many of his routines were simple and elegant, and the photography was designed to match that quality. In some later films, however, he executed tricky routines that might be called experimental—dancing on the ceiling in *Royal Wedding*, in slow motion in *Easter Parade*, dancing on air in *The Belle of New York*, and with empty shoes in a shoe repair shop in *The Barkleys of Broadway*. But simple or experimental, Astaire's routines were always perfectly danced and perfectly presented on film. His command of cinema was as great as his command of dance; he has been rightly compared to Buster Keaton, another artist for whom body and cinema act in tandem. As a result, he constitutes a major revolutionary force in the development of musical films. (In the 1930s his only conceptual rival was Busby Berkeley, who brilliantly choreographed large groups of anonymous dancers, whereas Astaire's art always emphasizes the individual or the couple.)

Astaire won a special Academy Award in 1949, and the American Film Institute Life Achievement Award in 1981. His place in film history is not just assured. It is cemented. There is no one to equal him, but his own assessment of his contribution is reflective of his personal modesty, simplicity, and elegance: "I have no desire to prove anything by it," he wrote in his autobiography, *Steps in Time*. "I just dance."

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

ASTOR, Mary

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lucille Langhanke in Quincy, Illinois, 3 May 1906. **Education:** Attended Kenwood-Loring School for Girls, Chicago. **Family:** Married 1) Ken Hawks, 1928 (died 1930); 2) Dr. Franklyn Thorpe, 1931 (divorced 1935), daughter Marylyn; 3) Manuel del Campo, 1937 (divorced 1941), son: Antonio; 4) Thomas Wheelock, 1945 (divorced 1955). **Career:** 1917–20—father entered her in various beauty contests grooming her for career in movies; 1920—signed six-month contract with Famous Players-Lasky in New York; early 1920s—acted for independent movie company producing two-reelers about famous paintings; 1923—under contract again to Famous Players-Lasky of New York; 1924—became star after *Beau Brummel* with John Barrymore; 1926—appeared in *Don Juan*, first use of synchronized musical soundtrack via sound on disc; 1929—began freelancing; also some stagework; 1931—contract with RKO; 1934—her parents, who had guided her career until 1928, sued her for nonsupport; mid-1930s—contract with Columbia; 1936—headline-making scandal during custody battle over daughter involved her diaries which allegedly listed the names of men with whom she had had affairs; 1940s—first appearance on Broadway in *Many Happy Returns*; 1951—reported suicide attempt after bouts with alcoholism; 1953—turned to Motion Picture Relief Fund for financial help; 1960s—began writing novels while making infrequent film appearances. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *The Great Lie*, 1941. **Died:** Of respiratory failure, in Woodland Hills, California, 25 September 1987.



Mary Astor and Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon*

Films as Actress:

- 1921 *The Beggar Maid* (Blaché); *Bullets or Ballots* (Tuttle and Woolley); *Brother of the Bear* (Carle); *The Lady o' the Pines* (Carle); *The Bashful Suitor* (Blaché)
- 1922 *The Young Painter* (Blaché); *Hope* (Le Jaren à Hiller); *The Scarecrow* (Blaché and Le Jaren à Hiller); *The Angelus* (Blaché and Le Jaren à Hiller); *John Smith* (Heerman); *The Man Who Played God* (Weight); *The Rapids* (Hartford)
- 1923 *The Bright Shawl* (Robertson); *Hollywood* (Cruze); *To the Ladies* (Cruze); *The Marriage Maker* (William DeMille); *Puritan Passions* (Tuttle); *Second Fiddle* (Tuttle); *Success* (Ralph Ince); *Woman-Proof* (Green)
- 1924 *Beau Brummel* (Beaumont); *The Fighting American* (Forman); *The Fighting Coward* (Cruze); *Inez from Hollywood* (*The Good Bad Girl*) (Green); *The Price of a Party* (Giblyn); *Unguarded Woman* (Crossland)
- 1925 *Don Q, Son of Zorro* (Crisp); *Enticement* (Archainbaud); *Oh, Doctor!* (Pollard); *The Pace That Thrills* (Campbell); *Playing with Souls* (Ralph Ince); *Scarlet Saint* (Archainbaud)
- 1926 *Don Juan* (Crosland); *Forever After* (Weight); *High Steppers* (Carewe); *The Wise Guy* (Lloyd)
- 1927 *No Place to Go* (LeRoy); *Rose of the Golden West* (Fitzmaurice); *The Rough Riders* (Fleming); *The Sea Tiger* (Dillon); *The Sunset Derby* (Rogell); *Two Arabian Knights* (Milestone)
- 1928 *Dressed to Kill* (Cummings); *Dry Martini* (D'Arrast); *Heart to Heart* (Beaudine); *Romance of the Underworld* (Cummings); *Sailors' Wives* (Henabery); *Three-Ring Marriage* (Neilan)
- 1929 *New Year's Eve* (Lehrman); *The Woman from Hell* (Erickson)
- 1930 *Ladies Love Brutes* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Mimi Howell); *The Runaway Bride* (Crisp) (as Mary); *Holiday* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Julia Seton); *The Lash* (Adios) (Frank Lloyd) (as Rosita Garcia); *The Royal Bed* (*The Queen's Husband*) (Sherman) (as Princess Anne)
- 1931 *Steel Highway* (*Other Men's Women*) (Wellman) (as Lily); *Behind Office Doors* (Brown) (as Mary Linden); *The Sin Ship* (Wolheim) (as Kitty); *White Shoulders* (Melville Brown) (as Norma Selbee); *Smart Woman* (La Cava) (as Nancy Gibson); *Men of Chance* (Archainbaud) (as Marthe)
- 1932 *The Lost Squadron* (Archainbaud) (as Follette Marsh); *Those We Love* (Florey) (as May); *A Successful Calamity* (Adolfi) (as Emmie Wilton); *Red Dust* (Fleming) (as Barbara Willis)
- 1933 *The Little Giant* (Del Ruth) (as Ruth Wayburn); *Jennie Gerhardt* (Gering) (as Letty Pace); *The World Changes* (LeRoy) (as Virginia); *The Kennel Murder Case* (Curtiz) (as Hilda Lake); *Convention City* (Mayo) (as Arlene Dale)
- 1934 *Easy to Love* (Keighley) (as Charlotte); *Upperworld* (Del Ruth) (as Mrs. Hettie Stream); *Return of the Terror* (Bretherton) (as Olga Morgan); *The Man with Two Faces* (Mayo) (as Jessica Wells); *The Case of the Howling Dog* (Crosland) (as Bessie Foley); *The Hollywood Gad-About*
- 1935 *I Am a Thief* (Florey) (as Odette Maclair); *Straight from the Heart* (Beal) (as Marian Henshaw); *Red Hot Tires* (*Racing Luck*) (Lederman) (as Patricia Sanford); *Dinky* (Lederman and Bretherton) (as Mrs. Daniels); *Page Miss Glory* (LeRoy) (as Gladys Russell); *Man of Iron* (McGann) (as Vida)

- 1936 *The Murder of Dr. Harrigan* (McDonald) (as Lillian Ash); *And So They Were Married* (Nugent) (as Edith Farnham); *Trapped by Television* (*Caught by Television*) (Lord) (as Bobby Blake); *Dodsworth* (Wyler) (as Edith Coatright); *Lady from Nowhere* (Wiles) (as Polly)
- 1937 *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Cromwell) (as Antoinette De Mauban); *The Hurricane* (Ford) (as Madame Germaine De Laage)
- 1938 *No Time to Marry* (Lachman) (as Kay McGowan); *Paradise for Three* (*Romance for Three*) (Buzzell) (as Mrs. Mallebre); *There's Always a Woman* (Hall) (as Lola Fraser); *Woman against Woman* (Sinclair) (as Cynthia Holland); *Listen, Darling* (Marin) (as Dottie Wingate)
- 1939 *Midnight* (Leisen) (as Helene Flammarion)
- 1940 *Turnabout* (Roach) (as Marion Manning); *Brigham Young—Frontiersman* (*Brigham Young*) (Hathaway) (as Mary Ann Young)
- 1941 *The Great Lie* (Goulding) (as Sandra Kovak); *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston) (as Brigid O'Shaughnessy)
- 1942 *In This Our Life* (Huston) (unbilled cameo); *Across the Pacific* (Huston) (as Alberta Marlow); *The Palm Beach Story* (Preston Sturges) (as Princess Centimillia)
- 1943 *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as Hyllary Jones); *Young Ideas* (Dassin) (as Jo Evans)
- 1944 *Meet Me in St. Louis* (Minnelli) (as Mrs. Anne Smith); *Blonde Fever* (Whorf) (as Delilah Donay)
- 1946 *Claudia and David* (Walter Lang) (as Elizabeth Van Doren)
- 1947 *Desert Fury* (Lewis Allen) (as Fritzie Haller); *Cynthia* (*The Rich, Full Life*) (Leonard) (as Louise Bishop); *Fiesta* (Thorpe) (as Senora Morales); *Cass Timberlane* (Sidney) (as Queenie Havock)
- 1949 *Act of Violence* (Zinnemann) (as Pat); *Little Women* (LeRoy) (as Marmee March); *Any Number Can Play* (LeRoy) (as Ada)
- 1956 *The Power and the Prize* (Koster) (as Mrs. George Salt); *A Kiss before Dying* (Oswald) (as Mrs. Corliss)
- 1957 *The Devil's Hairpin* (Wilde) (as Mrs. Jargin)
- 1958 *This Happy Feeling* (Edwards) (as Mrs. Tremaine)
- 1959 *Stranger in My Arms* (Kautner) (as Mrs. Beasley)
- 1961 *Return to Peyton Place* (Ferrer) (as Roberta Carter)
- 1964 *Youngblood Hawke* (Daves) (as Irene Perry); *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as Jewel Mayhew)

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Mary Astor is best known for her performance as Brigid O'Shaughnessy in *The Maltese Falcon*. One of film's most versatile actresses, Astor played everything from ingenues to mothers in a career that lasted almost 45 years and included more than 100 films, including *The Great Lie* for which she won an Oscar for her portrayal of temperamental pianist, Sandra Kovak. One of Astor's best performances is as the easygoing heiress in *The Palm Beach Story*. Another, and the actress's personal favorite, is *Dodsworth*, which casts her as the widow who brings happiness into the life of a down-trodden businessman. It contains one of the more memorable introductory lines in American cinema: on board ship *Dodsworth* asks the steward to bring him a drink to steady his nerves; from the dark reaches of a deck chair comes the voice of Mary Astor, "Why don't you try stout, Mr. *Dodsworth*?" Astor made her screen debut at 15, a hauntingly innocent presence in *The Beggar Maid*. When John Barrymore cast her in *Beau Brummel*, Astor became established as a leading actress. Even in this early, silent film, Astor's performance is expressive but not histrionic, her concentrated intensity an ideal match for Barrymore's bravura performance. Astor's delicate beauty and graceful carriage made her particularly suited to historical melodramas such as *Don Q*, *Son of Zorro* and *Don Juan*. It was an image that lasted into the 1930s when she made her last historical drama, *The Prisoner of Zenda*.

Almost a has-been at 23, Fox executives told Astor they were not impressed with the way her voice recorded. But her performance in a hit play led to several studio offers, and she ably made the transition to sound. The coolly confident Astor image first emerges in *Holiday* where Astor proves more than a match for the film's star, Broadway-trained Ann Harding. Astor's career again looked as if it was in trouble when the scandal associated with her infamous diaries erupted. Some critics feel that the publicity surrounding her divorce and custody battle in 1936 has dulled recognition of her as work as an actress. Yet it appears that the scandal, and her "fortitude under stress" actually boosted her career, and helped reshape her star image, from ingenue to lovely but knowing woman-of-the-world, a transformation that allowed her to play the roles for which she is best remembered.

Critics often discuss Astor's performances in *The Great Lie* and *The Maltese Falcon* in terms of her marvelous bitchiness. Yet what is remarkable is Astor's ability to play women who were charming, clever, perfectly manicured, but who also had an intensity, a candor, and an appetite for life that made them undeniably real. With her performances in the late 1930s and 1940s, Astor became a woman with a style and class unto herself. In 1948 the British magazine *Sequence* observed that "in *Dodsworth* she was intelligently lovely,

in *Hurricane* intelligently conventional, in *The Palm Beach Story* intelligently crazy, in *The Maltese Falcon* intelligently depraved.”

Astor’s image changed again when she began to accept mother roles, notably in *Meet Me in St. Louis* and *Little Women*, where she displayed a maternal charm almost symbolic of the American mother. Mother roles continued to come her way in the 1950s and 1960s, although in *Stranger in My Arms* and *Return to Peyton Place* she was not quite as nice as she had been a decade earlier. Astor ended her career with a cameo in *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* where her piercing eyes, expressive voice, and keen sense of dramatic timing give a succinct portrait of a Southern lady whose recognition of her “ruined finery” only enhances her elegance.

In 1965 Astor turned to writing full time. She said that she never really cared for the industry of which she was so long a part, but that she is proud of the work of the actress called Mary Astor.

—Anthony Slide, updated by Cynthia Baron

ATTENBOROUGH, (Lord) Richard

Nationality: British. **Born:** Richard Samuel Attenborough in Cambridge, England, 29 August 1923. **Education:** Attended Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester; Leverhulme Scholarship, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Military Service:** Royal Air Force, 1943–46 (assigned to RAF Film Unit, 1944). **Family:** Married the



Richard Attenborough in *Miracle on 34th Street*

actress Sheila Sim, 1945, one son and two daughters. **Career:** 1941—first stage appearance as Richard Miller in *Ah, Wilderness*, Palmers Green, London; 1942—film debut in Noël Coward’s *In Which We Serve*; 1949–59—active as stage actor; 1959—formed Beaver Films with actor-director Bryan Forbes; 1960—formed Allied Filmmakers; 1970—appointed chairman of Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; 1971—vice-president of British Academy of Film and Television (Fellowship 1982); chairman, British Film Institute. **Awards:** Best Actor, British Academy, for *Guns at Batasi* and *Séance on a Wet Afternoon*, 1964; Golden Globes for Best Supporting Actor, for *The Sand Pebbles*, 1966, and *Doctor Dolittle*, 1967; Golden Globe for Best Director, British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Director, Directors Guild Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement, and Academy Award for Best Film, for *Gandhi*, 1982; Berlinale Kamera, for *Cry Freedom*, 1987; Lifetime Achievement Award, Cinema Expo International, 1995. Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1967; knighted, 1976; Jean Renoir Humanitarian Award, 1987. **Address:** c/o Richard Attenborough Productions Ltd., Beaver Lodge, Richmond Green, Surrey TW9 1NQ, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1942 *In Which We Serve* (Lean and Coward) (as young Stoker)
- 1943 *The Hundred Pound Window* (Hurst) (as Tommy Draper); *Schweik’s New Adventures* (Lamac) (as railway worker)
- 1945 *Journey Together* (John Boulting) (as David Wilton)
- 1946 *A Matter of Life and Death* (*Stairway to Heaven*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as English pilot); *Secret Flight* (*School for Secrets*) (Ustinov) (as Jack Arnold)
- 1947 *The Man Within* (*The Smugglers*) (Knowles) (as Francis Andrews); *Dancing with Crime* (Carstairs) (as Ted Peters); *Brighton Rock* (*Young Scarface*) (John Boulting) (as Pinky Brown)
- 1948 *London Belongs to Me* (*Dulcimer Street*) (Gilliat) (as Percy Boon); *The Guinea Pig* (*The Outsider*) (Roy Boulting) (as Jack Read)
- 1949 *The Boys in Brown* (Tully) (as Jackie Knowles)
- 1950 *The Lost People* (Knowles) (as Jan); *Morning Departure* (*Operation Disaster*) (Baker) (as Stoker Snipe)
- 1951 *Hell Is Sold Out* (Anderson) (as Pierre Bonnet); *The Magic Box* (John Boulting) (as Jack Carter)
- 1952 *The Gift Horse* (*Glory at Sea*) (Bennett) (as Dripper Daniels); *Father’s Doing Fine* (Cass) (as Dougal)
- 1953 *Eight O’Clock Walk* (Comfort) (as Tom Manning)
- 1955 *Private’s Progress* (John Boulting) (as Pvt. Cox); *The Ship that Died of Shame* (Dearden and Relph) (as George Hoskins)
- 1956 *The Baby and the Battleship* (Jay Lewis) (as Knocker White)
- 1957 *Brothers in Law* (Roy Boulting) (as Henry Marshall); *The Scamp* (*Strange Affection*) (Rilla) (as Stephen Leigh)
- 1958 *Dunkirk* (Norman) (as John Holden); *The Man Upstairs* (Chaffey) (as Peter Watson); *Sea of Sand* (*The Desert Patrol*) (Guy Green) (as Trooper Brody)
- 1959 *I’m All Right, Jack* (Roy Boulting) (as Sidney de Vere Cox); *Jet Storm* (Endfield) (as Ernest Tilley); *S.O.S. Pacific* (Guy Green) (as Whitey); *The League of Gentlemen* (Dearden)

- (as Edward Lexy); *Danger Within (Breakout)* (Chaffey) (as Captain "Bunter" Phillips)
- 1960 *The Angry Silence* (Guy Green) (as Tom Curtis, + co-pr)
- 1961 *All Night Long* (Relph and Dearden) (as Rod Hamilton)
- 1962 *Only Two Can Play* (Gilliat) (as Probert); *The Dock Brief (Trial and Error)* (Hill) (as Fowle)
- 1963 *The Great Escape* (John Sturges) (as Big "X" Bartlett)
- 1964 *Seance on a Wet Afternoon* (Forbes) (as Billy Savage, + co-pr); *The Third Secret* (Charles Crichton) (as Alfred Price-Gorham); *Guns at Batasi* (Guillermin) (as RSM Lauderdale)
- 1965 *The Flight of the Phoenix* (Aldrich) (as Lew Moran)
- 1966 *The Sand Pebbles* (Wise) (as Frenchy)
- 1967 *Doctor Dolittle* (Fleischer) (as Albert Blossom)
- 1968 *The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom* (McGrath) (as Robert Blossom); *Only When I Larf* (Dearden) (as Silas)
- 1970 *The Last Grenade* (Fleming) (as General Charles Whiteley); *The Magic Christian* (McGrath) (as Oxford Coach); *David Copperfield* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Mr. Tungay); *A Severed Head* (Dick Clement) (as Palmer Anderson); *Loot* (Narizzano) (as Truscott)
- 1971 *10 Rillington Place* (Fleischer) (as John Reginald Halliday Christie)
- 1975 *And Then There Were None (Ten Little Indians)* (Collinson) (as Judge); *Brannigan (Joe Battle)* (Hickox) (as Commander Swann); *Rosebud* (Preminger) (as Sloat); *Conduct Unbecoming* (Anderson) (as Major Lionel Roach)
- 1978 *Shatranj Ke Khilari (The Chess Players)* (Satyajit Ray) (as Gen. Outram)
- 1986 *Mother Teresa* (Ann Petrie and Jeanette Petrie—doc) (as narrator)
- 1979 *The Human Factor* (Preminger) (as Colonel John Daintrey)
- 1993 *Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Dr. John Hammond)
- 1994 *Miracle on 34th Street* (Columbus) (as Kris Kringle)
- 1996 *E=MC2* (Fry) (as the Visitor); *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as English Ambassador)
- 1998 *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Dr. John Hammond); *Elizabeth* (Kapur) (as Sir William Cecil)
- 2000 *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Mallet/Pimlott) (Jacob); *Ljuset håller mig sällskap (Light Keeps Me Company)* (Nykqvist) (as himself); *The Railway Children* (Morshead—for TV) (as the Old Gentleman)

Films as Director:

- 1961 *Whistle Down the Wind* (Forbes) (pr only)
- 1962 *The L-Shaped Room* (Forbes) (co-pr only)
- 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (co-pr)
- 1972 *Young Winston* (co-pr)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far*
- 1978 *Magic*
- 1982 *Gandhi* (pr)
- 1985 *A Chorus Line*
- 1987 *Cry Freedom* (co-pr)
- 1992 *Chaplin* (co-pr)
- 1993 *Shadowlands* (co-pr)
- 1996 *In Love and War*
- 1999 *Grey Owl* (pr)

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Today, Richard Attenborough is primarily recognized as the director of prestigious, large-scale message pictures and historical epics (*Gandhi*, *Cry Freedom*, *A Bridge Too Far*), and biographies (*Young Winston*, *Chaplin*). Prior to his directorial debut in 1969 with *Oh! What a Lovely War*, however, he enjoyed a quarter-century-long career in front of the camera. His on-screen debut came in the kind of film he might have directed himself: Noël Coward's *In Which We Serve*, a World War II drama set aboard a British destroyer. He portrayed a coward and, unfortunately, found himself typecast as characters who at least start out as fainthearted and indecisive before (occasionally) redeeming themselves: the RAF pilot trainee in *Journey Together*; the young seaman in *The Man Within*; the gutless submarine crew member in *Morning Departure*.

Physically, Attenborough was stocky and boyish; he lacked the required good looks to become a leading man. And so, early in his career, he also was cast as characters far younger than his real years: most incredibly, as a schoolboy in *The Guinea Pig* (released when he was 25 years old); the thief who is sent to a borstal in *The Boys in Brown*; the South London boardinghouse resident convicted of murder in *London Belongs to Me*; and, most memorably, as Pinky Brown, the ill-fated adolescent killer, in *Brighton Rock* (in which he gives his foremost early career performance).

Eventually, Attenborough was able to transcend this typecasting, becoming a solid and reliable character actor who won supporting and occasional lead roles in a variety of films. He had the ability to convey considerable shadiness behind genial bluster, particularly in the Boulting comedies *I'm All Right*, *Jack* and *Brothers in Law* and the Basil Dearden-directed dramas *The Ship that Died of Shame* and *The League of Gentlemen*. Still, some of his best characters remained submissive ones, such as the compliant mate of deranged medium Kim Stanley in *Seance on a Wet Afternoon*. Additionally, he was perfectly cast as unbending intellectuals (the soldier who concocts a breakout from a German POW camp in *The Great Escape*) and characters of unyielding integrity (the victimized factory worker in *The Angry Silence*). In the latter two films, he offers appropriately intense performances which are among the best of his career.

By the late 1950s and early 1960s, Attenborough was envisioning a career behind the cameras. In 1959, he formed Beaver Films, his own production company, with Bryan Forbes and Guy Green, and began producing or co-producing films in which he appeared (*The Angry Silence*, *Seance on a Wet Afternoon*) and others in which he did not (*Whistle Down the Wind*, *The L-Shaped Room*). A segue into directing was part of his natural progression.

By the time he directed *Gandhi* in 1982, Attenborough already had established himself as a filmmaker. He had desired to tell the story of

Mohandas K. Gandhi since the 1960s; "This is what I've wanted to do more than anything else I've been involved with," he explained. "Everything I've directed was a sort of training. I didn't want to direct per se, I wanted to make *Gandhi*." The film was a multi-Academy Award winner; included in its honors was a Best Director statue for Attenborough. Nevertheless, in recent years *Gandhi* (as well as Attenborough's other big-budget projects) has come to be regarded as ponderous: a stuffy, overblown epic which did not extend on the stylistic innovation he displayed in *Oh! What a Lovely War*. Perhaps his best film, which harks back to his more intimate stints as an actor, remains the thriller *Magic*, which showed that Attenborough the director, without the benefit of a cast of thousands and a huge backdrop, could spin a compelling yarn.

—Quen Falk, updated by Rob Edelman

AUDRAN, Stéphane

Nationality: French. **Born:** Colette Suzanne Jeannine Dacheville in Versailles, 2 or 8 November 1932. **Education:** Attended Lycée Lamartine, Paris; studied drama with Tania Balachova and Michel Vitold. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Jean-Louis Trintignant (divorced); 2) the director Claude Chabrol, 1964 (divorced), son: Thomas. **Career:** 1959—appeared in Chabrol's *Les Cousins*, beginning long personal and professional relationship; work for TV includes *Orient-Express*, for French TV, 1979, and *Brideshead Revisited* for BBC TV, 1981, mini-series *Mistral's Daughter*, 1984. **Awards:** Best Actress, Berlin Festival, for *Les Biches*, 1968; Best Actress, British Academy, for *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* and *Juste avant la nuit*, 1973; César Award for Best Actress, for *Violette Nozière*, 1978; Best Actress Award (UK Critics Circle) and Robert Award (Danish Film Academy), for *Babette's Feast*, 1988. **Address:** 95 rue de Chézy, 92200 Neuilly, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1959 *Les Cousins* (*The Cousins*) (Chabrol) (as Françoise); *Le Signe de lion* (Rohmer)
- 1960 *Les Bonnes Femmes* (Chabrol) (as Ginette); *Saint-Tropez Blues* (Moussy)
- 1961 *Les Godelureaux* (Chabrol)
- 1962 *L'Oeil du malin* (*The Third Lover*) (Chabrol) (as Hélène Hartmann)
- 1963 *Landru* (*Bluebeard*) (Chabrol) (as Fernande Segret)
- 1964 *Le Tigre aime la chair fraîche* (*The Tiger Loves Fresh Blood*) (Chabrol); *Les Durs à cuire* (Pinoteau)
- 1965 "La Muette" ep. of *Paris vu par . . .* (*6 in Paris*) (Chabrol) (as wife); *Marie-Chantal contre le Docteur Kha* (Chabrol)
- 1966 *La Ligne de démarcation* (*Line of Demarcation*) (Chabrol)
- 1967 *Le Scandale* (*The Champagne Murders*) (Chabrol) (as Jacqueline/Lydia)
- 1968 *Les Biches* (*The Does*; *The Girlfriends*) (Chabrol) (as Frederique)

- 1969 *La Peau de torpédo* (Delannoy); ***La Femme infidèle*** (*Unfaithful Wife*) (Chabrol) (as Hélène Desvallées)
- 1970 *La Dame dans l'auto avec des lunettes et un fusil* (*The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*) (Litvak) (as Anita Caldwell); ***Le Boucher*** (*The Butcher*) (Chabrol) (as Hélène Marcoux); *La Rupture* (*The Breakup*) (Chabrol) (as Hélène)
- 1971 *Juste avant la nuit* (*Just before Nightfall*) (Chabrol) (as Helen); *Sans mobile apparent* (*Without Apparent Motive*) (Labro) (as Hélène Vallee); *Aussi loin que l'amour* (Rossif)
- 1972 *Un Meurtre est un meurtre* (Périer); *Dead Pigeon on Beethoven Street* (Fuller); ***Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie*** (*The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*) (Buñuel) (as Mme. Alice Sénéchal)
- 1973 *Les Noces rouges* (*Wedding in Blood*) (Chabrol); *Hay que matar a B. (B. Must Die)* (Borau)
- 1974 *And Then There Were None* (*Ten Little Niggers; Ten Little Indians*) (Collinson) (as Ilona); *Comment reussir dans la vie quand on est con et pleurnichard* (Audiard); *Le Cri du coeur* (Lallemant); *Vincent, François, Paul, et les autres* (*Vincent, François, Paul, and the Others*) (Sautet)
- 1975 *The Black Bird* (Giler) (as Anna Kemidon); one ep. of *Chi dice donna dice . . . donna* (Cervi)
- 1976 *Folies bourgeoises* (*The Twist*) (Chabrol) (as wife)
- 1977 *Mort d'un pourri* (Lautner); *Des Teufels Advokat* (*The Devil's Advocate*) (Green)
- 1978 *Silver Bears* (Passer) (as Shireen Firdausi); *Les Liens du sang* (*Blood Relatives*) (Chabrol) (as Mother); *Violette Nozière* (*Violette*) (Chabrol) (as Germaine Nozière); *Eagle's Wing* (Harvey) (as the widow)
- 1979 *Le Gagnant* (Gion); *Le Soleil en face* (Kast)
- 1980 *The Big Red One* (Fuller) (as Walloon)
- 1982 *Boulevard des assassins*; *Le Choc*; *Le paradis pour tous* (Jessua); *Coup de torchon* (*Clean Slate*) (Tavernier) (as Huguette) (Cordier)
- 1984 *Le Sang des autres* (*The Blood of Others*) (Chabrol); *The Bay Boy* (Petrie) (as Blanche); *The Sun Also Rises* (for TV)
- 1985 *Poulet au vinaigre* (*Cop au Vin*) (Chabrol) (as Mme. Cuno); *La Cage aux Folles 3: The Wedding* (Lautner) (as Matrimonia); *La Scarlatine* (Aghion) (as Minon Palazzi); *Les Plouffe* (Carle) (as Mme. Boucher); *Night Magic* (Furey) (as Janice)
- 1986 *L'Isola* (Lizzani); *La Gitane* (De Broca) (as Brigitte); *Suivez Mon Regard* (Curtelin)
- 1987 *Babette's Gastebud* (*Babette's Feast*) (Axel) (as Babette); *Les Saisons du Plaisir* (Mocky) (as Bernadette); *Poor Little Rich Girl: The Barbara Hutton Story* (Jarrott—for TV) (as Pauline); *Les Predateurs de la Nuit*; *Corps à Corps* (Halimi) (as Edna Chabert)
- 1988 *Manika, une vie plus tard* (François Villiers) (as Ananda)
- 1989 *Sons* (Rockwell); *Champagne Charlie* (Allan Eastman—for TV)
- 1990 *Jours tranquilles à Clichy* (*Quiet Days in Clichy*) (Chabrol)
- 1992 *The Turn of the Screw* (Lemorande) (as Mrs. Gross)
- 1993 *Betty* (Chabrol) (as Laure)
- 1995 *Au petit Marguery* (Benegui) (as Josephine)
- 1996 *Maximum Risk* (Lam) (as Chantal)
- 1997 *Un printemps de chien* (Tasma —for TV); *Arlette* (Zidi) (as Diane)

- 1998 *Madeline* (von Scherler Mayer) (as Lady Covington)
- 1999 *Belle Maman* (Aghion) (as Brigitte)
- 2000 *La Bicyclette bleue* (for TV); *Le Pique-nique de Lulu Kreutz* (Martiny) (as Lulu Kreutz)

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Stéphane Audran's career is intimately connected to the emerging New Wave in France as well as to the career of her husband, Claude Chabrol, who directed Audran in her most acclaimed performances. Her beauty is remarkable: the luminous eyes, the exquisitely high cheekbones, the long neck, the grace with which she moves—her hand cocked at a slight angle. What makes Audran different from Garbo or Dietrich (whom she in some ways evokes) is that one never feels that an Audran film has been constructed as a vehicle for her, but rather that her performance, though central, remains subservient to the film's overall conception. Audran has perfected her portrayal of the bourgeois French woman—elegant, aloof, reserved, and yet often compassionate—who becomes embroiled in a murderous conflict. Her major performances are all related; indeed, in at least five instances, the character Audran plays is named “Hélène,” although

each Hélène demonstrates a subtly different psychological makeup. Minor, early Audran performances in Chabrol's films include the salesgirl who yearns for success on the stage in *Les Bonnes Femmes*, the first incarnation as Hélène in the triangular tale of jealousy and murder, *L'Oeil du malin*, and a double role—as a mousy secretary and a femme fatale—in *Le Scandale*.

At least four later performances stand out as extraordinary. In *La Femme infidèle* Audran plays, with the most incredible subtlety and economy, an unfaithful wife: when her lover is killed by her husband in a moment of passion, Hélène lies flat on her bed and emits three tiny sobs. One remembers Audran's mysterious and wondrous expression of approval as she rediscovers her husband's passion; one remembers, too, the delicacy of her posture at the moment she burns the picture. Although *La Femme infidèle* takes the emotional conflict between husband and wife as its psychological subject, it is significant to note that not one word passes between them on the subject of their relationship or her infidelity: the conflict is all in the subtext, and Audran makes the subtext dominant through her considerable nuance and skill. In *Le Boucher* Audran plays a schoolteacher (again, Hélène) who sublimates her sexual desire into her work, but who nevertheless becomes involved with a homicidal maniac who falls in love with her. Here again, as in *La Femme infidèle*, Audran's performance seems so extraordinarily integrated into the fabric of the film that one can hardly tell where actress Audran leaves off and director Chabrol begins. Certain images of Audran in *Le Boucher* are difficult to forget: her elegant walk through town, sustained in a very long tracking shot; her yoga posture, formal and self-absorbing, as she attempts to shut out the world and her problems; her scene of breakdown and tears while eating cherries in her kitchen; and her ultimate isolation—serene and yet desolate—by film's end. In *La Rupture*, Audran's Hélène is this time of a somewhat lower class, but here absolutely virtuous: a strong and prepossessed woman who is unaware of the horrible plot being spun against her. Here one is drawn to the generosity and innocence of her portrayal. Again, certain scenes stand out: her heartrending monologue about her troubled past delivered on a streetcar in a scene recalling Murnau's *Sunrise*; her triumphant speech as it appears she will finally vanquish her enemies ("I am a woman, and I have all my strength!"); her regression to childhood and subsequent release in a drug-induced fantasy at film's climax. In *Violette Nozière*, Audran surprised many with her portrayal, drawn from a historical character, of a lower-class, almost slatternly mother who is poisoned by her daughter. Although her earlier Chabrol performances are arguably more significant, Audran's playing against type in a narrative that gave the leading role to the younger Isabelle Huppert, finally brought Audran the official acclaim of the French "Oscar," the César. And yet certainly, virtually all of Audran's leading performances for Chabrol have been extraordinary, even if they have been judged by some as too many variations on the same theme to be accorded great acclaim—including her upper-class lesbian in a bisexual love triangle in *Les Biches*; her adulterous, murderous wife in *Les Noces rouges*; and again her status-conscious Hélène in *Juste avant la nuit*.

At least two other directors have managed to use Audran as skillfully as Chabrol: Luis Buñuel in *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* and Gabriel Axel in *Babette's Feast*. In Buñuel's film, Audran with great wit plays an archetypal bourgeoisie, mistress of the manor, totally and comically unflappable in her designer gowns as

she oversees huge dinner parties, is visited by terrorists, climbs down garden ivy for a quickie with her husband, and listens politely to strangers who insist on telling her their violent dreams; as well, Buñuel's recurring cutaways to images of his rich protagonists, including Audran, walking down the road (of life?) to an unclear destination, are surprisingly moving. *Babette's Feast* represents an even more impressive personal achievement for Audran, not only because she was working outside the French industry, but because she plays a role far from the bourgeois, glacial persona which has become her trademark. Although Audran enters the film late, once she does, she totally dominates it with the understated warmth of her sincere, if discreet, working woman, a cook whose earthy meals ultimately reveal her to be the most luminous and sensuous artist. Audran deservedly received several acting awards, and the film reaped huge international box office virtually everywhere except for its native Denmark.

Nevertheless, true international fame has eluded Audran. By the time of *Brideshead Revisited*, Audran's English had improved enough to play Laurence Olivier's Italian mistress, but the role attracted little attention. Despite a variety of opportunities in English-language roles (in *The Black Bird*, *The Silver Bears*, and the television films *Mistral's Daughter*, *The Sun Also Rises*, and *Poor Little Rich Girl*), American stardom also has continued to elude Audran—in part because her demonstrated inability to speak English without a heavy, sometimes impenetrable accent renders many performances phonetic and rigid. Audran's charisma is subtle, certainly, and perhaps inherently French; and too, one must consider the failure of the French mystique to travel well to American culture—the number of French stars (Bardot, Deneuve, Moreau) who have failed spectacularly in the American market is numerous. More recently, Audran has been taking supporting roles—even in Chabrol's work—which, to her fans, must be seen as somewhat of a disappointment. That most of these supporting roles are in films that have had virtually no release outside of France makes it particularly difficult for an American commentator to generalize. But many of the performances that have been marginally available—for instance, her alcoholic, older woman in Chabrol's *Betty*—do not seem especially interesting or notable. It is clear that as Audran ages further and loses that particular confluence of beauty and charisma that marked the period of her greatest performances for Chabrol, her challenges will be to find other roles worthy of her talents and to find directors—like Axel—who will spur her to complex, rich, inventive work.

—Charles Derry

AUTEUIL, Daniel

Nationality: French. **Born:** Algeria, 24 January 1950. **Education:** Trained as an actor with François Florent. **Family:** Married Emmanuelle Béart (divorced); one daughter. **Career:** Stage debut at Theatre National de Paris, then cast in *Godspell* in Paris; directed and starred in Gérard Lauzier's play *Le Garçon D'Appartement*, 1981. **Awards:** César Award for Best Actor, for *Manon des sources*, 1987; British



Daniel Auteuil (right) with Gerard Depardieu in *Jean de Florette*

Academy Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, for *Jean de Florette*, 1988; European Film Award (Felix) for Best Actor, for *Un coeur en hiver*, 1993; Cannes Film Festival Best Actor Award, for *Le Huitième jour* (shared with Pascal Duquenne), 1996; César Award for Best Actor, for *La Fille sur le pont*, 2000. **Agent:** Claire Blondel, Artemedia, 10 Avenue George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1975 <i>L'Agression (Act of Aggression)</i> (Pirès); <i>Attention les yeux (Let's Make a Dirty Movie)</i> (Pirès) (as Alex)</p> <p>1976 <i>La Nuit de Saint Germain des Prés</i> (Swaim) (as Remy); <i>L'Amour violé (Rape of Love)</i> (Bellon)</p> <p>1977 <i>Monsieur Papa</i> (Monnier) (as Dede)</p> <p>1978 <i>Les Héros n'ont pas froid aux oreilles</i> (Nemès)</p> <p>1979 <i>Bête mais discipliné</i> (Zidi); <i>À nous deux (An Adventure for Two)</i> (Berri and Lelouch) (as Un Voyou)</p> <p>1980 <i>Les Sous-doués</i> (Zidi) (as Bebel); <i>Clara et les chics types (Clara and the Swell Guys)</i> (Monnet) (as Mickey); <i>La Banquière</i> (Girod)</p> | <p>1981 <i>Les Sous-doués en vacances</i> (Zidi); <i>Les Hommes préfèrent les grosses (Men Prefer Fat Girls)</i> (Poiré) (as Jean-Yves)</p> <p>1982 <i>Que les gros salaires lèvent le doigt! (Graniere-Deferre)</i> (as André Joeuf); <i>Pour 100 briques t'as plus rien . . . (Molinaro); T'empêches tout le monde de dormir</i> (Lauzieres)</p> <p>1983 <i>L'Indic</i> (Leroy) (as Dorniche); <i>Les Fauves</i> (Daniel) (as Berg)</p> <p>1984 <i>P'tit con</i> (Lauzier); <i>L'Arbalète (The Syringe)</i> (Gobbi)</p> <p>1985 <i>Palace</i> (Molinaro); <i>L'Amour en douce (Love on the Quiet)</i> (Molinaro)</p> <p>1986 <i>Le Paltoquet</i> (Deville) (as The Journalist); <i>Jean de Florette</i> (Berri) (as Ugolin); <i>Manon des sources (Manon of the Spring)</i> (Berri) (as Ugolin)</p> <p>1988 <i>Quelques jours avec moi (A Few Days with Me)</i> (Sautet) (as Martial)</p> <p>1989 <i>Romuald et Juliette (Mama, There's a Man in Your Bed)</i> (Serreau) (as Romuald Blindet)</p> <p>1990 <i>Lacenaire (The Elegant Criminal)</i> (Girod) (as Pierre-François Lacenaire)</p> <p>1991 <i>Ma vie est un enfer (My Life is Hell)</i> (Balasko) (as Abar)</p> <p>1992 <i>Un coeur en hiver (A Heart in Winter; A Heart of Stone)</i> (Sautet) (as Stephane)</p> |
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- 1993 *Ma saison préférée* (*My Favourite Season*) (Téchiné) (as Antoine)
- 1994 *La Reine Margot* (*Queen Margot*) (Chéreau) (Henri of Navarre); *La Séparation* (*The Separation*) (Vincent) (as Pierre)
- 1995 *Une femme Française* (*A French Woman*) (Warnier) (as Louis)
- 1996 *Afirma Pereira* (*According to Pereira*) (Faenza) (as Dr. Cardoso); *Le Huitième jour* (*The Eighth Day*) (van Dormael) (as Harry); *Les Voleurs* (*Thieves; Child of the Night*) (Téchiné) (as Alex)
- 1997 *Lucie Aubrac* (Berri) (as Raymond Aubrac); *Passage à l'acte* (*Death in Therapy*) (Girod); *Le Bossu* (*On Guard*) (de Broca) (as Lagardère/Le bossu [the hunchback])
- 1999 *An Interesting State* (Wertmuller); *La Fille sur le pont neuf* (*The Girl on the Bridge*) (Leconte) (as Gabor); *The Lost Son* (Menges) (as Xavier Lombard); *Mauvaise passe* (*The Escort; The Wrong Blonde*) (Blanc) (as Pierre)
- 2000 *Sade* (Jacquot) (as Marquis de Sade); *Le Placard* (Veber); *La Veuve de Saint-Pierre* (*The Widow of Saint-Pierre*) (Leconte) (as Le Capitaine)

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Algerian born Daniel Auteuil spent his teenage years traveling with his father, who was an opera singer, and claims to have grown up

in the theatres of provincial France. Now one of France’s most popular and well-known male actors, Auteuil began his professional acting career in the theatre before making his big-screen debut in 1975 in Gérard Pirès’s *L’Aggression*, and going on to act in several stage and screen comedies. Auteuil’s career was slow to gather momentum, but in 1986 he starred in *Jean de Florette* and its sequel, *Manon des sources*, the success of which launched him into a select group of leading French character actors, alongside Gerard Depardieu and the late Yves Montand. Having worked mostly in French art-house cinema, Auteuil remains relatively little known outside the francophone nations, despite the world-wide success of *Jean de Florette*. It is in the 1990s that he has begun to find a regular audience in art-house cinemas elsewhere in Europe and in the United States.

Writing in *The Daily Telegraph*, Jasper Rees describes Auteuil as “the new Depardieu—but thinner,” and it is true that since *Jean de Florette* the two men have vied for the affections of French cinemagoers. Yet as actors Auteuil and Depardieu could hardly be more different. While Depardieu excels as a romantic lead, Auteuil prefers more ambiguous characters, such as the landowner, Ugolin, in the “Manon” films, or the wronged lover in numerous other movies such as *La Femme Française*, *Un Coeur en Hiver*, and *La Séparation*. Auteuil’s physical presence on the screen is no match for Depardieu’s imposing bulk: much of the charm of *Jean de Florette* lies in the battle of wills between Depardieu’s brawny, powerful farmer, and Auteuil’s physically weak landowner, who uses guile and wit to drive his rival, finally, to his death. Yet Auteuil invariably succeeds in establishing the complexity of the characters he plays, convincing the audience of the “Manon” films, for example, of the depth of his tragic passion for Manon, while at the same time playing a shallow individual whose chief characteristic is malignant greed.

In the 1990s, Auteuil had the pick of some of the best films to have been produced by the French film industry. *Un Coeur en hiver* saw him co-starring for the third time with his then wife Emmanuelle Béart in a bitter love story, and won him the Felix award for Best Actor. His ability to charm audiences with his vulnerability even in otherwise unsympathetic roles has gained him many awards nominations in recent years, most notably for *Le Bossu*, a period drama in which Auteuil stars as a swordsman who disguises himself as a hunchback to avenge the murder of his friend the Duke of Nevers. Although this was the sixth known adaptation of Paul Feval’s novel, the movie was a deserved success, bringing Auteuil his third César nomination of the decade.

Auteuil’s status among the most highly rated of French male actors is now assured, and the fact that he has worked on nine films in the two years up to 2000 is testament to his enthusiasm for acting and filmmaking. Films such as *La Fille sur le pont neuf* are also bringing him to a wider audience. Released in the United Kingdom in 2000 as *The Girl on the Bridge*, the film co-stars Vanessa Paradis, and tells the quirky tale of a man who rescues a girl about to throw herself from the parapet of the Pont Neuf in Paris, and then recruits her as the “target” for his circus knife-throwing act. Auteuil’s skill for character complexity endows the manipulative Gabor with a troubled inner life which comes to dominate a film which is otherwise lacking in human interest.

Often cast in roles involving troubled relationships, conspiracy, and pragmatic moral choices, Auteuil manages to attract audiences to unpleasant or difficult characters with his laconic style, and an

obvious commitment to the parts he plays. While he has not yet broken into American cinema with so high a profile as Depardieu, the success of Kevin Spacey in *American Beauty* suggests that audiences outside France are more than ready to embrace the kind of impish wit and deadpan delivery that Auteuil has made his speciality.

—Chris Routledge

AYRES, Lew

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lewis Frederick Ayres III in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 28 December 1908. **Education:** Attended Lake Harriet Grammar School and West High School, Minneapolis; high school in San Diego, California. **Military Service:** During World War II, assigned to conscientious objector camp at Cascade Locks, Oregon, then served in U.S. Army Medical Corps; participated in beachhead landings in South Pacific. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Lola Lane, 1931 (divorced 1933); 2) the actress Ginger Rogers, 1934 (divorced 1941); 3) Diana (Ayres), 1964, son: Justin Bret. **Career:** Mid-1920s—following high school, formed band with friends, briefly toured Mexico; joined Henry Halstead band; 1928—spotted in Hollywood nightclub by agent Ivan Kahn, signed with Pathe Studios, 1929; 1929—role in *The Kiss* opposite Garbo for MGM followed by role of Paul Baumer in *All Quiet on the Western Front*; early 1930s—under contract to Universal; 1935—moved to Paramount; 1936—directing debut with *Hearts in Bondage*; 1938—given title role in *Young Doctor Kildare*; Kildare series continues through 1941; 1942—following decision not to fight in World War II, his films banned in many theaters; 1945—after considering the ministry, returned to Hollywood; early 1950s—began producing religious documentaries; 1958—host of TV series *Frontier Justice*; 1973–76—produced documentary *Altars of the World*; 1985—in TV series *Lime Street*. **Died:** December 30, 1996 in Los Angeles, CA.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *The Sophomore* (McCarey); *The Kiss* (Feyder); *Big News* (La Cava) (as copyboy)
- 1930 *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Milestone) (as Paul Baumer); *Common Clay* (Fleming) (as Hugh Fullerton); *Doorway to Hell* (*A Handful of Clouds*) (Mayo) (as Louie); *East Is West* (Bell) (as Billy Benson)
- 1931 *Many a Slip* (Moore) (as Jerry Brooks); *The Iron Man* (Browning) (as Kid Mason); *Up for Murder* (*Fires of Youth*) (Bell) (as Robert Marshall); *The Spirit of Notre Dame* (*Vigour of Youth*) (Mack) (as Bucky O'Brien); *Heaven on Earth* (Mack) (as States)
- 1932 *The Impatient Maiden* (Whale) (as Dr. Myron Brown); *Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood* (Dillon); *Night World* (Henley) (as Michael Rand); *Okay America* (*Penalty of Fame*) (Garnett) (as Larry Wayne)
- 1933 *State Fair* (Henry King) (as reporter Pat Gilbert); *Don't Bet on Love* (Roth) (as Bill McCaffrey); *My Weakness* (David Butler) (as Ronnie Gregory)
- 1934 *Cross Country Cruise* (Buzzell) (as Norman); *Let's Be Ritz* (Ludwig) (as Jimmie); *She Learned about Sailors* (George Marshall) (as Larry Wilson); *Servants' Entrance* (Lloyd) (as Eric Landstrom)
- 1935 *Lottery Lover* (Thiele) (as Cadet Frank Harrington); *Spring Tonic* (Bruckman); *Silk Hat Kid* (Humberstone) (as Eddie Howard)
- 1936 *The Leathernecks Have Landed* (Bretherton) (as Woody Davis); *Panic on the Air* (Lederman) (as Jerry); *Shakedown* (Selman) (as Bob Sanderson); *Lady Be Careful* (Reed) (as Dud "Dynamite"); *Murder with Pictures* (Burton) (as Kent Murdock)
- 1937 *The Crime Nobody Saw* (Barton) (as Nicholas Carter); *The Last Train from Madrid* (Hogan) (as Bill Dexter); *Hold 'em Navy!* (Neumann) (as Tommy Gorham)
- 1938 *Scandal Street* (Hogan) (as Joe McKnight); *King of the Newsboys* (Vorhaus) (as Jerry Flynn); *Holiday* (*Free to Live*; *Unconventional Linda*) (Cukor) (as Ned Seton); *Rich Man, Poor Girl* (Schunzel) (as Henry Thayer); *Young Doctor Kildare* (Bucquet) (title role); *Spring Madness* (Simon) (as Sam Thatcher)
- 1939 *The Ice Follies of 1939* (Schunzel) (as Eddie Burgess); *Broadway Serenade* (Leonard) (as James Geoffrey Seymour); *Calling Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (title role); *These Glamour Girls* (Simon) (as Philip S. Griswold); *Remember?* (McLeod) (as Sky Ames); *Secret of Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (title role)
- 1940 *Dr. Kildare's Strange Case* (Bucquet) (title role); *The Golden Fleecing* (Fenton) (as Henry Twinkle); *Dr. Kildare Goes Home* (Bucquet) (title role); *Dr. Kildare's Crisis* (Bucquet) (title role)
- 1941 *Maisie Was a Lady* (Marin) (as Bob Rawlston); *The People vs. Dr. Kildare* (*My Life Is Yours*) (Bucquet) (title role); *Dr. Kildare's Wedding Day* (*Mary Names the Day*) (Bucquet) (title role); *Dr. Kildare's Victory* (*The Doctor and the Debutante*) (Van Dyke) (title role)
- 1942 *Fingers at the Window* (Lederer) (as Oliver Duffy)
- 1946 *The Dark Mirror* (Siodmak) (as Dr. Scott Elliott)
- 1947 *The Unfaithful* (Sherman) (as Larry Hannaford)
- 1948 *Johnny Belinda* (Negulesco) (as Dr. Robert Richardson)
- 1950 *The Capture* (John Sturges) (as Vanner)
- 1951 *New Mexico* (Reiss) (as Capt. Hunt)
- 1953 *No Escape* (Bennett) (as John Tracy); *Donovan's Brain* (Feist) (as Dr. Patrick J. Cory)
- 1962 *Advise and Consent* (Preminger) (as the vice president)
- 1964 *The Carpetbaggers* (Dmytryk) (as McAllister)
- 1968 *Hawaii Five-O* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Governor)
- 1969 *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (David Lowell Rich—for TV)
- 1971 *Earth II* (Gries—for TV); *She Waits* (Delbert Mann—for TV)
- 1972 *The Biscuit Eater* (McEveety) (as Mr. Ames); *The Man* (Sargent) (as Harley)
- 1973 *Battle for the Planet of the Apes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Mandemus); *The Questor Tapes* (Colla—for TV) (as Vaslovik); *The Stranger* (Katzin—for TV)



Lew Ayres (left) with Raymond Griffith in *All Quiet on the Western Front*

- 1974 *Heat Wave!* (Jameson—for TV)
- 1976 *Francis Gary Powers: The True Story of the U-2 Spy Incident* (Delbert Mann—for TV)
- 1978 *Damien—Omen II* (Taylor) (as Bill Atherton); *End of the World* (Grilo and Hayes); *Battlestar Gallactica* (Colla) (as President Adar); *Suddenly, Love* (Margolin—for TV)
- 1979 *Salem's Lot* (Hooper—for TV); *Letters from Frank* (Parone—for TV)
- 1980 *Reunion* (Mayberry—for TV)
- 1981 *Of Mice and Men* (Badiyi—for TV)
- 1983 *Don Camillo* (Hill)
- 1986 *Under Siege* (Roger Young—for TV) (as John Pace)
- 1989 *Cast the First Stone* (*Cast the First Stone: The Diane Martin Story*) (Korty—for TV) (as Mr. Martin)
- 1994 *Hart to Hart: Crimes of the Hart* (Hunt—for TV) (as Professor Kamen)

Film as Director:

- 1936 *Hearts in Bondage*

Films as Producer:

- 1955 *Altars of the East* (doc) (+ sc, ro as narrator)
- 1976 *Altars of the World* (ed—doc) (+ d, ph)

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“Many things come together to create a man’s outlook on life,” Lew Ayres once remarked. But nothing quite had the impact on both his life and career as did *All Quiet on the Western Front*. From a “bit” actor and supporting player (to Garbo) in *The Kiss*, Ayres became a star thanks to his performance as Paul Baumer in *All Quiet on the Western Front*. He is quick to credit his success to the dialogue director, George Cukor, who carefully coached the actors in the use of “neutral” accents and quiet underplaying. The film also instilled in Ayres a pacifist outlook on life, which eventually was to cause controversy for him as a member of the Hollywood community.

In the early 1930s Ayres starred in a string of minor features, the perfect leading man for every actress from Janet Gaynor to Jean Harlow. His career was failing rapidly, however, and he was turning up more and more frequently in B pictures (and even directing one film, *Hearts in Bondage*) when he accepted a co-starring role in *Holiday*, playing the alcoholic brother of Katharine Hepburn. Louis B. Mayer liked his performance and signed him for the title role in the *Dr. Kildare* series. He was now a success. Then came World War II.

Ayres declared himself a conscientious objector, and Hollywood was quick to denounce him. While the industry hailed the stars who, with maximum publicity, entered the armed forces yet never saw active service, Lew Ayres quietly went about his work as a medical orderly at the South Pacific battlefield. There is a haunting photograph of the actor taping up the wounds of a Japanese prisoner in the Philippines, which appeared in *Life* magazine (25 December 1944).

On his return from the war, Ayres had aged. He looked more assured, more dignified, less a pretty face and more a figure with character and personality. A new phase of his career began, as he immediately appeared in *The Dark Mirror* (as a doctor), *The Unfaithful* (as an attorney), and *Johnny Belinda* (in one of his all-time-best roles, as a compassionate small-town doctor). From the 1950s, his film work has been sporadic, with his most notable credits being *Advise and Consent* and *The Carpetbaggers*. And his commitment to a spiritualist philosophy remained a constant, as evidenced by his involvement in the documentaries *Altars of the East* and *Altars of the World*.

—Anthony Slide, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

AZMI, Shabana

Nationality: Indian. **Born:** 1950; daughter of the poet Kaifi Azmi and the actress Shaukat. **Education:** Attended Indian Film Institute, Poona. **Family:** Married to the screenwriter Javed Akhtar. **Career:** 1974—film debut in *The Seedling*, the first film of Shyam Benegal; 1980—on stage in *Safed Kundali*, the Hindi version of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*; 1994—on stage in *Tumhari Amrita*, the Hindi/Urdu version of *Love Letters*; member of the UN Human Rights Commission. **Awards:** Best Actress, Indian National Film Awards, for *The Seedling*, 1974; *The Meaning*, 1982; *Ruins*, 1983; and *The Crossing*, 1984.

Films as Actress:

- 1973 *The December Evening* (short); *Munshiji* (short); *Ankur* (*The Seedling*) (Benegal)
 1974 *Parinay*; *Ishq, Ishq, Ishq* (Dev Anand); *Faslah* (Abbas)

- 1975 *Sewak*; *Kadambari*; *Nishant* (Benegal)
 1976 *Fakira*; *Shaque*; *Vishwasghaat*
 1977 *Aadha din aadhi raat*; *Hira aur Patthar*; *Amar Akbar Anthony* (Desai); *Chor Sipahi*; *Ek hi rasta*; *Parvarish*; *Khel Khiladi ka*; *Kissa Kursi Ka*; *Karm*; *Swami*; *Kanneshwara Rama*; *Zamanat*
 1978 *Devata*; *Atitheer*; *Swarg narak*; *Khoon ki pukar*; *Toote Khilone*; *Junoon* (*Obsession*) (Benegal); *Shatranj Ke Khilari* (*The Chess Players*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Mirza’s wife)
 1979 *Bagula bhagat*; *Amar deep*; *Lahu ke do rang*; *Sparsh* (Paranjapye); *Jeena yahan*
 1980 *Jwalamukhi*; *Albert Pinto ko gussa kyon aata hai* (*Why Albert Pinto Is Angry*) (Mirza); *Ek baar kaho*; *Apne paraye*; *Thodisi bewafai*; *Yeh kaisa insaaf*; *Hum paanch*
 1981 *Ek hi bhool*; *Shama*; *Sameera* (Shulka); *Raaste pyare ke*
 1982 *Namkeen*; *Ashanti*; *Anokha bandhan*; *Suraag*; *Yeh Nazdeekiyan*; *Arth* (Mahash Bhatt); *Log kya kahenge*; *Masoom* (*Innocent*) (Shekhar Kapur)
 1983 *Doosri Doolhan*; *Sweekar kiya maine*; *Avtaar*; *Mandi* (*Market Place*) (Benegal); *Khandahar* (*The Ruins*) (Mrinal Sen) (as Jamila); *Pyaasi Aankhen*
 1984 *Aaj ka M.L.A.* *Ram Avtaar*; *Bhavna*; *Kamla*; *Itihaas*; *Lorie*; *Libaas*; *Sparsh* (Paranjapye); *Kamyaab*; *Paar* (Goutam Ghose); *Gangvaa*; *Hum Rahe Na Hum*; *Yaadon K.I. Zanjeer*; *Mr. X*; *Ram Tera Desh*
 1985 *Rahi Badal Gaye*; *Uttarayan*; *Khamosh* (Vidhu Vinod Chopra) (as herself); *Shart*
 1986 *Anjuman* (Muzaffar Ali); *Ek Pal*; *Samay Ki Dhara*; *Nasihat*; *Susman* (*The Essence*) (Benegal); *Genesis* (Mrinal Sen) (as the woman)
 1987 *Itihaas*; *Jallianwala Bagh*; *Pestonjee* (Vijaya Mehta)
 1988 *Mardon Wali Baat*; *Madame Sousatzka* (Schlesinger) (as Sushila Sen); *Ek Din Achanak* (*Suddenly, One Day*) (Mrinal Sen); *Nuit Bengali* (*Bengali Night*) (Klotz) (as Indira Sen)
 1989 *Oonch Neech Beech*; *Libaas*; *Jhoothi Sharm*; *Rakhwala*; *Main Azaad Hoon* (Tinnu Anand); *Sati* (Aparna Sen)
 1990 *Disha* (Paranjapye); *Picnic* (Aparna Sen—for TV); *Amba*; *Muqaddar Ka Badshah*; *Ek Doctor Ki Maut*
 1991 *Immaculate Conception* (Jamil Dehlavi) (as Samira); *Dharavi* (*City of Dreams*) (Sudhir Mishra) (as Kumud)
 1992 *Adharm*; *Jhoothi Shaan*; *City of Joy* (Joffé) (as Kamla Pal); *Antarnaad*
 1993 *Son of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as the Queen)
 1994 *Patang* (*The Kite*) (Goutam Ghose) (as Jitni); *In Custody* (*Hifazaat*) (Merchant) (as Imtiaz Begum)
 1996 *Fire* (Deepa Mehta)
 1997 *Side Streets* (Gerber) (as Chandra Raj)
 1998 *Mrityu Dand* (Jha)
 1999 *Godmother* (Shukla) (as Rambhi)

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Shabana Azmi shares with Smita Patil her position as the most important contemporary actress in Indian cinema (though not necessarily the most popular with the public) because of her unusual ability to successfully straddle the two worlds of commercial and art cinema. Many themes of the new cinema revolve around the personalities of women, providing opportunities for actresses to demonstrate their histrionic abilities. Azmi, like Patil, was not a conventional glamour girl, but through sheer personal magnetism found herself cast in Shyam Benegal’s first film *Ankur*, a landmark in India’s new cinema, after being turned down by him for a modeling assignment.

Azmi had always hoped to succeed in commercial films in order to cultivate a following for her art films. Her career was undoubtedly aided by the box-office success of her first big-budget movie, *Fakira*, which succeeded in spite of her. After several years and 60-odd films, making a dent in all kinds of cinema—from the lowest budget to the most crassly commercial—it is remarkable that she has been consistently shrewd enough to know which roles would suit her and yet impress the public with her versatility as an actress. From such roles as the madam of a brothel in Shyam Benegal’s *Mandi*, a bellicose part for which she had to gain considerable weight, or the subdued Jamila in Mrinal Sen’s *Khandahar*, where the camera lovingly explores her beauty amongst decaying ruins, she can switch to the tear-jerking melodramas which have won her a wider following.

Her secret lies in an ability to throw herself completely into the part, not worrying about what her friends think about a “dancing

around the trees” routine. As she has said, “After a while, I realized that even such scenes needed a measure of talent to carry off convincingly and decided to throw myself into it wholeheartedly.”

Azmi’s multifaceted talents bring a three-dimensionality, depth, and freshness to every character she takes on. She is the child prodigy’s grasping mother in *Madame Sousatzka*, the poet-pretender second wife of the aging poet Nur in *In Custody*, the unwedded tough mother Jitni in the Bengali film *Patang*, and the scheming queen in *Son of the Pink Panther*. Whether she is engaged in a war of wills with her son’s teacher, or trying to push her own poetry above her husband’s, or trying to bridge the gap between her son and lover, or planning the kidnaping of her stepdaughter, there is one common characteristic: she is vivacious.

More recently, Azmi tried her hand at stage acting in *Tumhari Amrita*, an adaptation of A. K. Gurney’s *Love Letters*. Azmi and Farouque Shaikh, who formed the duo cast, sat on the stage just reading letters and pouring their hearts out in the process. The play was critically acclaimed and had rave responses from audiences, adding another to Azmi’s impressive forte of talents. Azmi’s commitment not only to the portrayal of the weaker sections of the society, but also to their upliftment has been manifested in many of her activities. Staging a hunger strike to stop the evacuation of slum dwellers, protesting the killing of noted playwright Safdar Hashmi, organizing the film industry to help the Bombay riot victims—her convictions earn credit to her as a concerned human being, as much as her histrionics bring her acclaim as an actress.

Azmi, called the activist actress, is a member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and presented their Peace Award to South African President Nelson Mandela in 1994. She was also honored at the General State of Human Rights Conference at Paris in 1989.

—Behroze Gandhi, updated by Usha Venkatachallam

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BACALL, Lauren

Nationality: American. **Born:** Betty Joan Perske in the Bronx, New York, 16 September 1924. **Education:** Attended Julia Richman High School; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Humphrey Bogart, 1945 (died 1957), children: Stephen Humphrey and Leslie Howard; 2) the actor Jason Robards, 1961 (divorced 1973), son: Sam Prideaux. **Career:** Began modeling, also theater-related odd jobs, early 1940s; made New York stage debut as walk-on in *Johnny Two-by-Four*, 1942; appeared on *Harper's Bazaar* cover and attracted attention of director Howard Hawks; signed personal contract with Hawks who changed her name to Lauren Bacall, 1943; made film debut in Hawks's *To Have and Have Not* with Humphrey Bogart, 1944; contract sold to Warners, mid-1940s; protested against HUAC in Washington with Bogart and other celebrities, 1947; fined and suspended by Warners for failing to accept roles, late 1940s; had first Broadway starring role in *Goodbye Charlie*, 1959; accepted periodic film roles while making highly successful Broadway appearances, from 1960s. **Awards:** Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe, Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role Screen Actors Guild Award, for *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, 1996. **Address:** c/o Johnnie Planco, William Morris Agency, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *To Have and Have Not* (Hawks) (as Marie Browning)
- 1945 *Confidential Agent* (Shumlin) (as Rose Cullen)
- 1946 *Two Guys from Milwaukee* (*Royal Flush*) (Butler) (as herself);
The Big Sleep (Hawks) (as Vivian Sternwood Rutledge)
- 1947 *The Dark Passage* (Daves) (as Irene Jansen)
- 1948 *Key Largo* (Huston) (as Nora Temple)
- 1950 *Young Man with a Horn* (*Young Man of Music*) (Curtiz) (as Amy North); *Bright Leaf* (Curtiz) (as Sonia Kovac)
- 1953 *How to Marry a Millionaire* (Negulesco) (as Schatze Page)
- 1954 *Woman's World* (Negulesco) (as Elizabeth)
- 1955 *The Cobweb* (Minnelli) (as Meg Paversen Rinehart); *Blood Alley* (Wellman) (as Cathy)
- 1956 *Written on the Wind* (Sirk) (as Lucy Moore Hadley)
- 1957 *Designing Woman* (Minnelli) (as Marilla Hagen)
- 1958 *The Gift of Love* (Negulesco) (as Julie Beck)
- 1959 *Flame over India* (*Northwest Frontier*) (Thompson) (as Catherine Wyatt)
- 1964 *Shock Treatment* (Denis Sanders) (as Dr. Edwina Beighley);
Sex and the Single Girl (Quine) (as Sylvia)
- 1966 *Harper* (*The Moving Target*) (Smight) (as Mrs. Elaine Sampson)
- 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Mrs. Hubbard)

- 1976 *The Shootist* (Siegel) (as Bond Rogers)
- 1978 *Perfect Gentlemen* (Cooper—for TV) (as Lizzie Martin)
- 1980 *Health* (Altman) (as Esther Brill)
- 1981 *The Fan* (Bianchi) (as Sally Ross); *The Great Muppet Caper* (Henson)
- 1988 *In from the Cold* (Palmer—doc); *Mr. North* (Danny Huston) (as Mrs. Amelia Cranston); *Appointment with Death* (Winner) (as Lady Westholme)
- 1989 *Dinner at Eight* (Lagomarsino—for TV) (as Carlotta Vance)
- 1990 *The Tree of Hands* (*Innocent Victims*) (Foster) (as Marsha Archdale); *Misery* (Rob Reiner) (as Marcia Sindell); *Ed Murrow: This Reporter* (Steinberg); *A Star for Two* (Kaufman); *A Little Piece of Sunshine* (James Clellan Jones—for TV) (as Beatrix Coltrane)
- 1991 *All I Want for Christmas* (Lieberman) (as Lillian Brooks)
- 1993 *The Portrait* (Arthur Penn—for TV) (as Fanny Church); *A Foreign Field* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Lisa); *The Parallax Garden* (David Trainer—for TV)
- 1994 *Ready to Wear* (*Pret-a-Porter*) (Altman) (as Slim Chrysler)
- 1995 *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* (Marcus Cole—for TV) (title role)
- 1996 *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (Streisand) (as Hannah Morgan);
My Fellow Americans (Segal) (as Margaret Kramer)
- 1997 *Le Jour et la nuit* (*Day and Night*) (Lévy) (as Sonia)
- 1999 *The Venice Project* (Dornhelm) (as Countess Camilla Volta);
Presence of Mind (Aloy); *Diamonds* (Asher) (as Sin-Dee);
Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke (Erman—mini for TV) (as elderly Doris Duke)
- 2000 *Johnny Hit and Run Pauline* (Efrosini Lellios)

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Now, New York, 1994.

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Lauren Bacall's rise to fame as a Hollywood star was meteoric. Soon after Mrs. Howard Hawks noticed her on the March 1943 cover of *Harper's Bazaar*, the 19-year-old model was quickly signed by producer-director Hawks to a seven-year studio contract.

For her first film, *To Have and Have Not*, Hawks molded the as yet untried actress into the ideal woman of many men of that period—insolent and provocative, yet one who, underneath her femme fatale exterior, really was a "regular Joe." In her first autobiography, Bacall writes that Hawks "wanted to be a Svengali." He created her voice, her manner, her persona, and quite by accident—because in her nervousness she could not keep her head from shaking—"The

Look.” Her chin was kept low. Her eyes stared up at a curious and fascinated Humphrey Bogart. When Bacall told Bogart her now famous line—“You know how to whistle, don’t you Steve? You just put your lips together and blow”—she emerged an overnight sensation.

Her seductive portrayal of Slim in *To Have and Have Not* captivated audiences—especially male viewers. Her glamour and apparent sophistication were imitated by the women in the audience. Yet writer Moss Hart cautioned the burgeoning star, “You realize, of course, from here on you have nowhere to go but down.”

Hart’s words proved prophetic. Bacall’s phenomenal success was immediately followed by a crashing critical and box-office failure, *Confidential Agent*. Miscast as a British upper-class ingenue and lacking Hawks’s strong directorial support, Bacall floundered. Jack Warner (who had bought her contract from Hawks) attempted to boost her career by building up her role in the already completed *The Big Sleep* (in which she was again directed by Hawks). Retakes and new scenes were added to this most confusing film, injecting the qualities that had made her famous—primarily her aloof bearing and on-screen chemistry with Bogart (who by that time she had married). Despite its narrative flaws, *The Big Sleep* was a box-office success, and Bacall was back on top.

During her tenure at Warner Brothers she starred in only seven films—four of them with Bogart. The fan magazines reveled in the Bogart-Bacall relationship, which only added to their growing popularity as a screen team. Nevertheless, Bacall continually fought with Jack Warner over her assignments, rejecting properties she did not feel would advance her career. This resulted in a series of contract suspensions. One disagreement in particular made headlines when the actress announced she could not be cast in the frothy comedy *The Girl from Jones Beach* because it required her to appear in a bathing suit.

After leaving Warners in 1950, Bacall experimented with a wider range of material, succeeding at both comedy (*How to Marry a Millionaire*) and high drama (*Written on the Wind*). Her beloved Bogie died in 1957; four years later, she married Jason Robards Jr., and her screen appearances became even less frequent. It was not until the 1970s, when Bacall made the transition to character actress, that her work in films took on a new direction. While not incapable of offering solid performances (as she did in the John Wayne Western *The Shootist*), Bacall too often has come to play herself—a sophisticated, cosmopolitan woman of taste—in such films as *Mr. North* and *Ready to Wear*.

Concurrent with her film career, she has appeared in series television (*The Rockford Files*) and television movies (*Perfect Gentlemen*, *Dinner at Eight*), and has lent her distinctive voice to many commercials. Her work on stage is noteworthy—particularly her performances in the comedies *Cactus Flower* and *Waiting in the Wings* and the musicals *Applause* and *Woman of the Year*.

In 1996, Bacall enjoyed a critical resurgence with what was by far her best screen role in years (if not decades). In Barbra Streisand’s *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, she played yet another urban sophisticate, this one a self-centered Manhattanite. But here, the part was meaty, not merely window dressing but a major component of the story. As a result, Bacall won kudos and awards for her knowing performance. Three years later, she appeared to lesser effect as a madam in *Diamonds*, in which she was teamed with Kirk Douglas. The two had been friends since the 1940s, and their pairing served as

a nostalgic nod to the glories of Old Hollywood star power. Today, Bacall remains one of few surviving major stars of the 1940s, having worked in Hollywood’s Golden Age with such luminaries as Bogart, Hawks, John Huston, Gary Cooper, Lionel Barrymore, Edward G. Robinson, and Vincente Minnelli. Her two autobiographies, combined with her performance in *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, serve as the finishing touches to her career. As she nears eighty, Bacall offers proof that you can get old without losing your looks, or your sense of style.

—Joanne L. Yeck, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

BACON, Kevin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 8 July 1958. **Education:** Studied at Circle in the Square Theatre School; Manning Street Actor’s Theatre. **Family:** Married the actress Kyra Sedgwick, son: Travis, and daughter: Sosie Ruth. **Career:** Appeared in daytime TV series *Search for Tomorrow* and *The Guiding Light*; 1978—off-Broadway debut in *Getting Out*; film debut in *National Lampoon’s Animal House*; 1983—Broadway debut in *Slab Boys*; 1984—appeared in live TV special *Mr. Roberts*, as Ensign Pulver; 1996—film directorial debut with *Losing Chase* (for Showtime). **Awards:** Obie Award for Distinguished Performance, for *Forty Deuce*, 1981; Best Actor, Broadcast Critics Association, for *Murder in the First*, 1995. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1978 *National Lampoon’s Animal House* (Landis) (as Chip Diller)
- 1979 *Starting Over* (Pakula); *The Gift* (Don Taylor—for TV) (as Teddy)
- 1980 *Hero at Large* (Davidson) (as 2nd teenager); *Friday the 13th* (Cunningham) (as Jack)
- 1981 *Only When I Laugh (It Hurts Only When I Laugh)* (Glenn Jordan) (as Don)
- 1982 *Forty Deuce* (Morrissey) (as Rickey); *Diner* (Levinson) (as Fenwick)
- 1983 *The Demon Murder Case (The Rhode Island Murders)* (Hale—for TV) (as Kenny Miller); “Alexandra’s Story” ep. of *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute (Trumps)* (Bank—for TV, re-released theatrically in 1985) (as Dennis)
- 1984 *Footloose* (Ross) (as Ren McCormack)
- 1986 *Quicksilver* (Donnelly) (as Jack Casey)
- 1987 *White Water Summer (Rites of Summer)* (Bleckner) (as Vic); *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (Hughes) (as Taxi Racer); *Lemon Sky* (Egleson—for TV) (as Alan)



Kevin Bacon (center), with Bill Paxton (left) and Tom Hanks in *Apollo 13*

- 1988 *End of the Line* (Jay Russell) (as Everett); *She's Having a Baby* (Hughes) (as Jefferson "Jake" Briggs)
- 1989 *Criminal Law* (Campbell) (as Martin Thiel); *The Big Picture* (Christopher Guest) (as Nick Chapman)
- 1990 *Tremors* (Underwood) (as Valentine McKee); *Flatliners* (Schumacher) (as David Labraccio)
- 1991 *Queens Logic* (Rash) (as Dennis); *He Said, She Said* (Kwapis and Marisa Silver) (as Dan Hanson); *Pirates* (Noah Stern—released direct to video) (as Sam); *JFK* (Oliver Stone) (as Willie O'Keefe)
- 1992 *A Few Good Men* (Rob Reiner) (as Capt. Jack Ross)
- 1994 *The Air Up There* (Glaser) (as Jimmy Dolan); *The River Wild* (Hanson) (as Wade)
- 1995 *Murder in the First* (Rocco) (as Henri Young); *Apollo 13* (Ron Howard) (as Jack Swigert); *Balto* (Wells—animation) (as voice of Balto)
- 1996 *Sleepers* (Levinson) (as Nokes)
- 1997 *Picture Perfect* (Gordon) (as Sam Mayfair); *Telling Lies in America* (Ferland) (as Billy Magic)
- 1998 *Wild Things* (McNaughton) (as Ray Duquette) (+ exec pr)

- 1999 *Stir of Echoes* (Koepp) (as Tom Witzky); *My Dog Skip* (Russell) (as Jack Morris)
- 2000 *Hollow Man* (Verhoeven) (as Sebastian Caine); *We Married Margo* (Shapiro) (as himself); *Novocaine* (Atkins)

Film as Director:

- 1996 *Losing Chase* (for TV)

Publications

By BACON: articles—

- "Totally Candid Kevin Bacon," interview with Chris Chase, in *Cosmopolitan* (New York), September 1994.
- "25 Helpings of Kevin Bacon," interview with Ray Rogers, in *Interview* (New York), October 1994.

“Kevin Bacon Wants to Be the Guy,” interview with Holly Sorensen, in *Premiere* (New York), March 1995.

“Leading Edge,” interview with Bart Mills, in *Time Out* (London), 29 November, 1995.

Interview with Mark Salisbury, in *Empire* (London), no. 79, 1996.

On BACON: articles—

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Saban, S., “Bacon Bounces Back,” in *Movieline* (Escondido, California), December 1992.

“Making Waves,” in *Film Review* (London), March 1995.

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The good-looking, WASPish Kevin Bacon has had a shaky but generally respected acting career, both in the American cinema and on the New York stage. For a time in the mid-eighties, Bacon was considered a major star, but because of a number of poor project choices and a certain stiffness the actor displays on camera he has not quite maintained his major rank. In the 1990s Bacon reestablished himself as something of a character actor playing the kind of sexy, dangerous roles he began his career with and he seems poised to follow many of his colleagues into directing.

By the time Herbert Ross's *Footloose* came out in 1984, vaulting Bacon to stardom, he had already made an impression on critics with his drugged-out gay hustler Ricky in the off-Broadway production *Forty Deuce* and as Fenwick in Barry Levinson's 1982 sleeper, *Diner*. While the former is virtually unknown outside the New York Village scene (the Paul Morrissey film adaptation starring Bacon and Orson Bean was barely released), Bacon's performance in it exemplifies his appeal to directors looking for attractive young actors willing to throw vanity aside and play unglamorous, unlikable people. (Ricky was a character Bacon would recreate, to a certain extent, for Oliver Stone's *J.F.K.*) Bacon's praised work as the intelligent but foolish and self-destructive Fenwick in *Diner* is also part of this actors' tradition. Bacon still subscribes to.

It almost seems an anomaly that Bacon wound up in *Footloose*, one of the shallower films in his credits (and a role he did not seem quite comfortable with), but the film was a major blockbuster and it seemed to increase anticipations that the 25-year-old actor would become a major star. Expectations were suddenly very high, but Bacon tellingly chose to claim a kinship with the stage in a live television performance of the play *Mr. Roberts* (as Ensign Pulver) a month after *Footloose*'s record-breaking run had begun.

While Bacon might have done well to swing back and forth from “acting” on stage (and in independent cinema) and “starring” in major studio films, the choices offered him in these realms were often second-rank. *Quicksilver* was Bacon's *Footloose* follow-up, but critics and audiences ignored the formulaic picture. *Lemon Sky* was an

actorly realization of a Lanford Wilson script for American Playhouse, but, aside from giving Bacon an opportunity to act with his future wife Kyra Sedgwick, it did little to further his career. Some of Bacon's best work in the late eighties was either in poor films (his brilliant psychopath Martin Thiel, opposite Gary Oldman, in *Criminal Law*) or in fine, but little-seen pictures (such as the winsome sci-fi pastiche *Tremors*). Bacon enjoyed moderate success in *She's Having a Baby* as an expectant father opposite Elizabeth McGovern but his next major comedy *The Big Picture*, a satire of Hollywood, was barely released. By the nineties, Bacon seemed to star only in critical and box-office disappointments such as *He Said, She Said* and *The Air Up There*.

Bacon did regain some cachet in such ensemble films as *Queens Logic* and *Apollo 13* (as a touchingly portrayed Jack Swigert) but it was in character roles that he most impressed nineties audiences. Bacon returned to hustling, distinguishing himself in a cast of heavy-hitters, in *J.F.K.*; played a convincingly menacing military lawyer for Rob Reiner in *A Few Good Men*; held his own against Meryl Streep in *The River Wild*; and surprised many observers with his nearly operatic turn as Henri Young, an inmate driven mad by the conditions of Alcatraz in *Murder in the First*. As the nineties continued, Bacon reteamed with Barry Levinson for the ensemble film *Sleepers*, co-starring Robert De Niro, Brad Pitt, and Jason Patric but his future may place him more often behind the camera. Bacon's directorial debut, the Showtime film *Losing Chase*, premiered at Sundance in 1996 to enthusiastic responses. While the project was hampered by a contrived script, its surefooted style and uniform acting excellence indicates that Bacon may harbor considerable talents as a director.

—Daniel Humphrey

BAKER, (Sir) Stanley

Nationality: British. **Born:** Ferndale, Rhondda Valley, Wales, 8 February 1928. **Education:** Schools in Ferndale. **Military Service:** 1946–48—served in Royal Army Service Corps. **Family:** Married Ellen Martin, 1950, three sons, one daughter. **Career:** 1943—film debut in *Underground*; 1943–49—concentrated on stage acting in repertory work in Birmingham and London; 1953—critical attention for role in film *The Cruel Sea*; 1960—with Joseph Losey and Alun Owen formed Cambria Films; c.1963—formed Diamond Productions with Cy Endfield, began co-producing some of his films; 1967—formed Oakhurst Productions with Michael Deeley; 1968–76—Director, Harlech TV; 1972–76—in TV series *How Green Was My Valley*. Knighted 1976. **Died:** In Malaga, Spain, 28 June 1976.

Films as Actor:

- 1943 *Undercover (Underground)* (Nolbandov) (as Peter)
- 1948 *Obsession (The Hidden Room)* (Dmytryk)



Stanley Baker (left) with Irene Papas, Gregory Peck, Anthony Quinn, and James Darren in *The Guns of Navarone*

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| 1949 | <i>All over the Town</i> (Twist) (as Barnes) | 1958 | <i>Sea Fury</i> (Endfield) (as Abel Hewson) |
| 1950 | <i>Your Witness</i> (<i>Eye Witness</i>) (Montgomery) (as Sgt. Bannoch); <i>Lilli Marlene</i> (Crabtree) (as Evans) | 1959 | <i>The Angry Hills</i> (Aldrich) (as Konrad Heisler); <i>Yesterday's Enemy</i> (Guest) (as Captain Langford); <i>Jet Storm</i> (Endfield) (as Captain Bardow); <i>Blind Date</i> (<i>Chance Meeting</i>) (Losey) (as Inspector Morgan) |
| 1951 | <i>The Rossiter Case</i> (Searle) (as Joe); <i>Cloudburst</i> (Searle) (as Milkman); <i>Home to Danger</i> (Fisher) (as Willie Dougan); <i>Captain Horatio Hornblower R.N.</i> (Walsh) (as Mr. Harrison) | 1960 | <i>Hell Is a City</i> (Guest) (as Inspector Martineau); <i>The Criminal</i> (<i>The Concrete Jungle</i>) (Losey) (as Johnny Bannion) |
| 1952 | <i>Whispering Smith Hits London</i> (<i>Whispering Smith vs. Scotland Yard</i>) (Searle) (as reporter) | 1961 | <i>The Guns of Navarone</i> (Thompson) (as C.P.O. Brown) |
| 1953 | <i>The Cruel Sea</i> (Frend) (as First Officer Bennett); <i>The Red Beret</i> (<i>The Paratrooper</i>) (Young) (as Breton); <i>The Tell-Tale Heart</i> (Williams) (as Edgar Allan Poe); <i>Hell Below Zero</i> (Robson) (as Erik Bland) | 1962 | <i>Sodoma e Gomorra</i> (<i>Sodom and Gomorrah</i> ; <i>The Last Days of Sodom and Gomorrah</i>) (Aldrich and Leone) (as Astaroth); <i>Eva</i> (<i>Eve</i>) (Losey) (as Tyvian Jones); <i>In the French Style</i> (Parrish) (as Walter Beddoes); <i>A Prize of Arms</i> (Owen) (as Turpin); <i>The Man Who Finally Died</i> (Lawrence) (as Joe Newman) |
| 1954 | <i>The Good Die Young</i> (Gilbert) (as Mike); <i>The Beautiful Stranger</i> (<i>Twist of Fate</i>) (Miller) (as Louis Galt); <i>Knights of the Round Table</i> (Thorpe) (as Mordred) | 1963 | <i>Zulu</i> (Endfield) (as Lt. John Chard) (+ co-pr) |
| 1955 | <i>Helen of Troy</i> (Wise) (as Achilles); <i>Richard III</i> (Olivier) (as Henry Tudor) | 1965 | <i>Dingaka</i> (Uys) (as Tom Davis); <i>Sands of the Kalahari</i> (Endfield) (as Bain) (+ co-pr); <i>One of Them Is Named Brett</i> (Graef) (as narrator); <i>Who Has Seen the Wind?</i> (Sidney—for TV) |
| 1956 | <i>Alexander the Great</i> (Rossen) (as Attalus); <i>Child in the House</i> (De Lautour and Endfield) (as Stephen Lorimer); <i>A Hill in Korea</i> (<i>Hell in Korea</i>) (Amyes) (as Corporal Ryker); <i>Checkpoint</i> (Thomas) (as O'Donovan) | 1967 | <i>Accident</i> (Losey) (as Charley); <i>Robbery</i> (Yates) (as Paul Clifton) (+ co-pr); <i>Code Name Heraclitus</i> (for TV) |
| 1957 | <i>Hell Drivers</i> (Endfield) (as Tom Yatley); <i>Campbell's Kingdom</i> (Thomas) (as Owen Morgan); <i>Violent Playground</i> (Dearden) (as Sgt. Truman) | 1968 | <i>La ragazza con la pistola</i> (<i>The Girl with the Pistol</i>) (Monicelli) (as Dr Osborne) |
| | | 1969 | <i>Where's Jack</i> (Clavell) (as Jonathan Wild) (+ co-pr); <i>The Games</i> (Winner) (as Bill Oliver) |

- 1970 *Perfect Friday* (Hall) (as Mr. Graham); *The Last Grenade* (Fleming) (as Major Harry Grigsby); *Popsy Pop (The 21 Carat Snatch)* (Herman) (as Inspector Silva)
- 1971 *Una lucertola con la pelle di donna (A Lizard with a Woman's Skin; Schizoid)* (Fulci) (as Inspector Corvin)
- 1972 *Innocent Bystanders* (Collinson) (as John Craig)
- 1975 *Zorro* (Tessari) (as Huerta); *Orzowei* (Yves Allégret)
- 1976 *Petita Jimenez (Bride to Be)* (Alba) (as Pedro de Vargas)

Films as co-producer:

- 1969 *The Italian Job* (Collinson)
- 1970 *Colosseum and Juicy Lucy* (Palmer)

Publications

By BAKER: article—

“Playing the Game,” in *Films and Filming* (London), August 1970.

On BAKER: book—

Storey, Anthony, *Stanley Baker: Portrait of an Actor*, London, 1977.

On BAKER: article—

“Stanley Baker,” in *Ecran* (Paris), September 1978.

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Almost alone in the British postwar cinema, Stanley Baker embodied the essence of working-class ability to command. A Welsh-miner chunkiness put aristocratic roles beyond him, a deficiency on which he capitalized by playing the self-motivated man in charge—minor military officer, professional criminal, cop—who gets a dirty job done.

Years of servitude as an unsympathetic support performer in British programme films (notably as a gluttonous officer in *The Cruel Sea*) ended with Robert Wise's *Helen of Troy*: his strutting Achilles radiated power and arrogance. Thereafter, a shrewd association with exiled left-wing Hollywood directors Joseph Losey and Cy Endfield led to his gaining highly effective roles in three Endfield thrillers and as a sadistic professional thug or equally ruthless cop in Losey's *The Criminal* and *Blind Date*, Val Guest's *Hell Is a City*, and Cliff Owen's *A Prize of Arms*.

In association with the South African-born Endfield, Baker co-produced and starred in *Zulu* and *Sands of the Kalahari*. In *Zulu*, as

a pragmatic Lieutenant of Engineers, struggling to fortify Rorke's Drift against Cetewayo's imminent hordes and the more pressing pomposity of an aristocratic Michael Caine, Baker showed a maturing talent for finely shaded performance. He sustained it in *Robbery* as the criminal mastermind of the so-called Great Train Robbery. But Baker's most improbable acting success was in the Losey/Pinter *Accident*: he offered a brilliantly offhand portrait of an academic-turned-media-hero, narcissistic, petulant, languid, effortlessly agile in argument but helpless in anything requiring a trace of humanity.

Baker's five years in a variety of Italian and French thrillers before his premature death in 1976 did little justice to a powerful and distinguished performer.

—John Baxter

BANCROFT, Anne

Nationality: American. **Born:** Anna Maria Luisa Italiano in the Bronx, New York, 17 September 1931. **Education:** Attended Public School 12 and Christopher Columbus High School, the Bronx; studied at American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1948–50, with Herbert Berghof, 1957, and at the Actors Studio, New York, 1958. **Family:** Married 1) Martin A. May, 1953 (divorced 1957); 2) the director Mel Brooks, 1964, son: Maximilian. **Career:** 1950—first TV appearance (as Ann Italiano) in Turgenyev's *The Torrents of Spring*; 1951—contract with 20th Century-Fox; chose name “Anne Bancroft” from list submitted to her by Darryl Zanuck; 1952—film debut in *Don't Bother to Knock*; 1953—resumed TV work; 1955—two-picture contract with Columbia; 1958–59—Broadway appearances in *Two for the Seesaw* and *The Miracle Worker*; 1970s—Broadway appearances in *The Devils* and *Golda*; mid-1970s—attended American Film Institute's Woman's Directing Workshop and directs first film, *The August* (never released); 1980—wrote and directed *Fatso* for 20th Century-Fox; 1994—in TV mini-series *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *The Miracle Worker*, 1962; co-recipient: Best Actress, Cannes Festival, and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *The Pumpkin Eater*, 1964; Best Actress, British Academy, for *84 Charing Cross Road*, 1988. **Address:** c/o Toni Howard, William Morris Agency, 151 EL Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 9021, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1952 *Don't Bother to Knock* (Baker) (as Lyn Leslie)
- 1953 *Treasure of the Golden Condor* (Daves) (as Marie); *Tonight We Sing* (Leisen) (as Mrs. Sol Hurok); *The Kid from Left Field* (Jones) (as Marian)



Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*

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| 1954 | <i>Demetrius and the Gladiators</i> (Daves) (as Paula); <i>The Raid</i> (Fregonese) (as Katy Bishop); <i>Gorilla at Large</i> (Jones) (as Laverne Miller); <i>A Life in the Balance</i> (Horner) (as Maria Ibinia); <i>New York Confidential</i> (Rouse) (as Kathy Lupo) | 1979 | <i>Jesus of Nazareth</i> (Zeffirelli) (as Mary Magdalene) |
| 1955 | <i>The Naked Street</i> (Shane) (as Rosalie Regalzyk); <i>The Last Frontier</i> (Mann) (as Corinna Marston) | 1980 | <i>The Elephant Man</i> (Lynch) (as Mrs. Kendal) |
| 1956 | <i>Walk the Proud Land</i> (Hibbs) (as Tianay); <i>The Girl in Black Stockings</i> (Koch) (as Beth Dixon); <i>Nightfall</i> (Tourneur) (as Marie Gardner); <i>The Restless Breed</i> (Dwan) (as Angelita) | 1983 | <i>To Be or Not to Be</i> (Mel Brooks) (as Anna Bronski) |
| 1962 | <i>The Miracle Worker</i> (Penn) (as Annie Sullivan) | 1984 | <i>Garbo Talks</i> (Lumet) (as Estelle Rolfe) |
| 1963 | <i>The Pumpkin Eater</i> (Clayton) (as Jo Armitage) | 1985 | <i>Agnes of God</i> (Jewison) (as Sister Miriam Ruth) |
| 1965 | <i>The Slender Thread</i> (Pollack) (as Inga Dyson); <i>Seven Women</i> (Ford) (as Dr. D. R. Cartwright) | 1986 | <i>'night, Mother</i> (Moore) (as Thelma Cates); <i>84 Charing Cross Road</i> (Jones) (as Helene Hanff) |
| 1967 | <i>The Graduate</i> (Nichols) (as Mrs. Robinson) | 1988 | <i>Torch Song Trilogy</i> (Bogart) (as Ma) |
| 1970 | <i>Arthur Penn</i> (Hughes—doc) (as an interviewee) | 1989 | <i>Bert Rigby, You're a Fool</i> (Carl Reiner) (as Meredith Perlestein) |
| 1972 | <i>Young Winston</i> (Attenborough) (as Lady Randolph Churchill) | 1992 | <i>Broadway Bound</i> (Bogart); <i>Love Potion No. 9</i> (Launer) (as Madame Ruth); <i>Honeymoon in Vegas</i> (Bergman) (as Bea Singer); <i>Mrs. Cage</i> (for TV) |
| 1975 | <i>The Prisoner of Second Avenue</i> (Frank) (as Edna); <i>The Hindenburg</i> (Wise) (as the Countess) | 1993 | <i>Point of No Return</i> (Badham) (as Amanda); <i>Mr. Jones</i> (Figgis) (as Dr. Catherine Holland); <i>Malice</i> (Becker) (as Claire Kennsinger) |
| 1976 | <i>Lipstick</i> (Johnson) (as Carla Bondi); <i>Silent Movie</i> (Mel Brooks) | 1995 | <i>How to Make an American Quilt</i> (Moorhouse) (as Gladly Jo) |
| 1977 | <i>The Turning Point</i> (Ross) (as Emma Jacklin) | | <i>Home for the Holidays</i> (Foster) (as Adele Larson) |
| | | 1996 | <i>Homecoming</i> (Jean) (as Grandma) |
| | | 1997 | <i>G.I. Jane</i> (Scott) (as Lillian DeHaven) |
| | | 1998 | <i>Great Expectations</i> (Cuaron) (as Nora Dinsmoor); <i>Mark Twain's America in 3D</i> (Low) (as Narrator) |

- 1999 *Deep in My Heart* (Kern—for TV) (as Gerry Cummins)
 2000 *Keeping the Faith* (Norton); *Up at the Villa* (Haas) (as Princess San Ferdinando)
 2001 *Breakers* (Mirkin); *Haven* (Gray—for TV)

Film as Director and Scriptwriter:

- 1980 *Fatso* (+ ro as Antoinette)

Publications

By BANCROFT: articles—

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Once upon a time, one could count on Anne Bancroft for consistent brilliance. As youth faded, she rushed prematurely into character work and dismayed those who fondly recalled the sleek glamor of her TV variety specials. Why survive being manhandled by a gorilla in 3-D, silence your naysayers by winning two Tony awards, an Emmy, and an Oscar, only to specialize in irascibly cute character roles (*Home for the Holidays*)? And yet, how can one censure her for playing the steady work game, when Hollywood cavalierly wastes the most gifted actresses of her era (Julie Harris, Gena Rowlands, and others).

Never garnering less than laudatory notices (*Don't Bother to Knock*, *A Life in the Balance*) during her starlet period, Bancroft

showed her moxie by fleeing the twilight time of contractual stardom and resurrecting her career with two consecutive Broadway smashes. Although *Two for the Seesaw* disintegrated on-screen with Shirley MacLaine's gamine overload, director Arthur Penn fought for his original theater stars to shine in his trenchant visualization of *The Miracle Worker*. After her Oscar victory, Bancroft won universal acclaim as a housewife imprisoned by her own maternal instinct (*The Pumpkin Eater*), then reversed this victim image and became a sixties icon as *The Graduate*'s Mrs. Robinson, a suburban mom manqué who might have died laughing at Stella Dallas's nobility. Occasionally recharging herself with Broadway stints (*The Devils*, *Golda*), Bancroft's finest hour in the seventies was a still-cherished TV variety special, *Annie: The Women in the Life of a Man*, which showcased a dazzling musical comedy brio (that briefly resurfaced in her husband's *To Be or Not to Be* remake where Bancroft's tomfoolery bore favorable comparison with Carole Lombard's).

Although *The Turning Point* restored melodrama to transitory box-office glory, Bancroft's Daughter-of-Bette-Davis thesping barely tapped her resources. And if *84 Charing Cross Road* was stagebound and *Garbo Talks* was gimmicky, Bancroft evidenced enough magnetism to transform medium and long shots into personal close-ups. In addition to wasting her time with great lady stints in *Young Winston* and *Elephant Man*, she sugarcoated otherwise perceptive interpretations of vinegary characters (*Agnes of God*, 'night, *Mother*) with her own desire to be liked. Through all the years of compromised performances, however, Bancroft rebounded again and again. In virtual cameos in *Malice* and *Point of No Return*, she electrified stalled escapism with mini tour de forces in which a lifetime of training pulsed through every gesture.

Television has been particularly stimulating for Bancroft who spilled an entire Crayola box of colors over her elegist role in *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*. As the careworn homemaker railing against obsolescence in *Mrs. Cage*, Bancroft was a virtuoso clearly deserving of the epithet, great actress. Proving her outbreaks of hamminess aren't chronic, she displayed a rock-like resolve as a grandmother refusing to surrender to tenderness in 1996's *Homecoming*. Her affinity for the small screen was once again demonstrated with her trenchant performance in the melodramatic *Deep in My Heart*. When she attacked her roles cleanly without fussbudget mannerisms or a conspiratorial wink, she was surpassingly effective.

On the big screen, her problem has been less one of misapplication than over-application of her gifts, particularly a tornado delivery, which many directors, seem incapable of harnessing.

For someone who rejected the role of Mommie Dearest, she often seems to be out-Dunaway Faye. Apparently, the old reliable Bancroft was unavailable for the filming of Michael Cimino's pious drivel, *Sunchaser*, because over-the-top Anne blasted viewers out of their seat with a saccharine cameo as an alternative medicine practitioner. Is it any wonder she would load up a fusillade of acting tricks, when a mere volley would serve unworthy roles better—you could sense this short-changed performer's anger in *How to Make an American Quilt*, because she had been given nothing but attitudes to play. The potential for a moving experience featuring wonderful, seasoned actresses was botched in an attempt to have them prop up their less interesting star, Winona Ryder.

And yet, she continued astonishing fans in the oddest of places, none odder than a Demi Moore vehicle, *GI JANE*, in which she bent her Anna Magnani-intensity to serve her characterization as a cold-bloodedly pragmatic senator, trading in feminist causes to promote her own glory. Every time one's heart leapt with joy, however, the false Anne returned with a vengeance, as in *Great Expectations*. This MTV-style update was as exhaustively excessive as the recent BBC production (with Charlotte Rampling also falling short) was enervatingly muffled. Outfitted like a crone version of Jean Shrimpton, Bancroft portrayed Miss Haversham as a victim of fashion, not passion. As futilely grotesque a performance as you will ever see, Bancroft comported herself like a John Waters discovery on Crystal-Meth. Of course, she didn't bore you like De Niro does in his cameo, but she was brutalized by a director who used her for camp relief in a bankrupt re-conception of Dickens. Will she rediscover, at this late career juncture, the ability to simmer instead of boil over? (Not on the evidence of her cutesy turn in Edward Norton's directorial debut, *Keeping the Faith*.) Self-defeatingly, she seems to be undermining the adage that there are no small parts, only small actors, into a new proposition: There are only showy parts for veteran actors too big for small parts.

—Robert Pardi

BANDERAS, Antonio

Nationality: Spanish. **Born:** José Antonio Domínguez Banderas in Malaga, 10 August 1960. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Ana Leza 1988 (divorced 1996); 2) the actress Melanie Griffith 1996, daughter. **Education:** Began four-year course of studies in classics at Malaga's School of Dramatic Art, 1974. **Career:** 1980—moved to Madrid in search of professional career as actor; 1981—stage debut with Spain's National Theatre in *Los Trantos*; 1982—film debut in *Laberinto de Pasiones*, the first of five films for director Pedro Almodóvar; 1992—U.S. film debut in *The Mambo Kings*. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Laberinto de Pasiones (Labyrinth of Passion)* (Almodóvar) (as Sadec); *Pestañas Postizas (False Eyelashes)* (Belloch); *Y Del Seguro, Libranos Señor (And Surely Set Us Free Lord)* (del Real)
- 1983 *El Señor Galindez (Mr. Galindez)* (Khun) (as Eduardo)
- 1984 *El Caso Almería (The Almería Case)* (Costa); *Los Zancos (The Stilts)* (Saura) (as Alberto)
- 1985 *Caso Cerrado (Closed Case)* (Arecha); *Réquiem por un Campesino Español (Requiem for a Spanish Peasant)* (Betriu) (as Paco); *La Corte de Faraon (The Court of the Pharaoh)* (Sánchez) (as Friar José)
- 1986 *27 Horas (27 Hours)* (Armendáriz); *Puzzle* (Comeron); *Mata-dor (Bullfighter)* (Almodóvar) (as Angel Giménez)
- 1987 *Así Como Habían Sido (The Way They Were)* (Linares) (as Damian); *La Ley del Deseo (The Law of Desire)* (Almodóvar) (as Antonio Benitez)
- 1988 *El Placer de Matar (The Pleasure of Killing)* (Rotaeta); *Baton Rouge* (Moleón) (as Antonio); *Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios (Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown)* (Almodóvar) (as Carlos); *Bajarse al Moro (Going South Shopping)* (Colomo) (as Alberto)
- 1989 *Si Te Dicen Que Caí (If They Tell You That I Fell)* (Aranda) (as Marcos); *La Blanca Paloma (The White Dove)* (Minon) (as Mario)
- 1990 *¡Atame! (Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!)* (Almodóvar) (as Ricki); *Contra el Viento (Against the Wind)* (Perinan) (as Juan)
- 1991 *Terra Nova (New Land)* (Salvo); *Truth or Dare (In Bed with Madonna)* (Keshishian) (as himself); *Cuentos de Borges I (Borges Tales Part I)* (Vera) (as Rosendo Juárez)
- 1992 *The Mambo Kings* (Glimcher) (as Nestor Castillo); *Una Mujer Bajo la Lluvia (A Woman in the Rain)* (Vera) (as Miguel)
- 1993 *¡Dispara! (Outrage; Shoot!)* (Saura) (as Marcos); *Philadelphia* (Jonathan Demme) (as Miguel Alvarez); *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Pedro)
- 1994 *Interview with the Vampire* (Neil Jordan) (as Armand); *Of Love and Shadows* (Kaplan) (as Francisco)
- 1995 *Miami Rhapsody* (Frankel) (as Antonio); *Never Talk to Strangers* (Hall) (as Tony Ramírez); *Assassins* (Richard Donner) (as Miguel Bain); *Desperado (El Mariachi 2)* (Rodríguez) (as El Mariachi); "The Misbehavers" ep. of *Four Rooms* (as the Father)
- 1996 *Two Much* (Trueba) (as Art and Bart Dodge); *Evita* (Alan Parker) (as Che Guevara)
- 1998 *The Mask of Zorro* (Campbell) (as Alejandro Murrieta/Zorro)
- 1999 *The 13th Warrior* (McTiernan) (as Ahmad Ibn Fadlan); *The White River Kid* (Glimcher) (as Morales Pittman); *Play it to the Bone* (Shelton) (as Cesar Dominguez)
- 2000 *Original Sin* (Cristofer) (as Louis Varga); *The Body* (McCord) (as Matt)
- 2001 *Spy Kids* (Rodriguez)

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Antonio Banderas in *The Mask of Zorro*

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In the tradition of Rudolph Valentino, whom the actor was to have portrayed in Nagisa Oshima's abortive 1992 film, *Hollywood Zen*, Antonio Banderas, with his sensuous, seductive charm and his black, curly hair, has become the Latin Lover for the 1980s and 1990s. "Is that man beautiful or what?" asks Madonna in *Truth or Dare*, and through his ambivalent on-screen attitude towards both gay and straight sex, Banderas has been able to persuade women and men to endorse Madonna's opinion. He must be the only actor to have graced the covers of the national gay publication, *The Advocate* (8 February 1994) and *GQ* (December 1995).

Banderas made "an irrational decision" to become an actor after seeing the performers appear nude in a 1974 Spanish production of *Hair*. And that same openness in regard to sex and nudity has been

a prevailing factor in his career. He made his debut in Pedro Almodóvar's *Labyrinth of Passion*, playing a gay terrorist who French kisses and fondles the genitals of leading man Imanol Arias. In Almodóvar's *The Law of Desire*, which helped make Banderas an international star, the actor gives an extraordinary performance as a young man losing his virginity to a director with whom he is besotted and whom he later dominates to the point of obsession. The seduction sequence in which the Banderas character is anally penetrated with the camera fixed in close up on the actor's face is remarkable not only for the thoughts that the viewer perceives as passing through his mind but also for the physical position in which Almodóvar has placed his performer. In that *The Law of Desire* is, apparently, semiautobiographical, one can only agree with the critics who suggested that Banderas had become Jose Dallesandro to Almodóvar's Warhol.

It is Almodóvar who nurtured Banderas's career, casting him as a bullfighting student who faints at the sight of blood in *Matador*, and as the former psychiatric patient whose obsession with a porno actress leads to S&M and bondage in *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* The professional relationship with Almodóvar obviously led to the actor's casting in a gay role in his second feature, *False Eyelashes*, but his

later Spanish films gave Banderas wider scope for his talents. At least three, *Requiem for a Spanish Peasant*, *If They Tell You That I Fell*, and *The Court of Pharaoh*, deal with Spain's fascist era. His willingness to experiment on screen with any role led Banderas to accept leading roles in the first films of directors Enrique Belloch, Pedro Costa, Juan Caño Arecha, Andrés Linares, Felix Rotaeta, and Rafael Moleón.

The American films are not the equal of those from Spain. Banderas's casting as a Cuban in *The Mambo Kings* was ill-conceived, as have been efforts to present him as an action hero in *Assassins* and *Desperado*. He was wasted in the small role of Tom Hanks's lover in *Philadelphia*. All that Banderas's American work has done is advance his image as a sex symbol. In 1992, *People* magazine named him one of the 50 Most Beautiful People in the World, and that same year, at the Academy Awards presentation, Billy Crystal described the actor as "the sexiest man alive," as Banderas presented an award with Sharon Stone (with whom he co-starred in a Freixenet champagne advertisement, directed by Bigas Luna). Unfortunately, as Caryn James wrote in the *New York Times* (21 October 1995), reviewing *Never Talk to Strangers*, Banderas and a mediocre script is "not an odd situation these days," and as the actor begins to look haggard and show signs of aging, it is obvious that a major career reevaluation is needed.

—Anthony Slide

BARDOT, Brigitte

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, 28 September 1934. **Education:** Studied ballet as a child. **Family:** Married 1) the director Roger Vadim, 1952 (divorced 1957); 2) the actor Jacques Charrier, 1959 (divorced), son: Nicholas Jacques; 3) Gunther Sachs, 1966 (marriage dissolved 1969); 4) Bernard d'Ormale, 1992. **Career:** 1948—a "dancing model" for fashion show in mother's shop; established as popular model by 1949: appeared on cover of *Elle* as "BB" or "Bébé"; 1952—film debut; 1955—refused offer by Warners of seven-year contract; 1957—New York premiere of *And . . . God Created Woman* established U.S. stardom; 1957—three-picture deal with Columbia for French productions featuring Bardot; 1976—formed the Foundation for the Protection of Distressed Animals; 1978—speaks before the Council of Europe against the slaughter of baby seals. **Awards:** Crystal Star of L'Académie du cinéma, 1966; Chevalier dans l'ordre national de la légion d'honneur, 1985.

Films as Actress:

- 1952 *Le Trou normand* (*Crazy for Love*) (Boyer) (as Javotte Lemoine); *Manina, la fille sans voiles* (*The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*; *The Girl in the Bikini*) (Rozier) (as Manina); *Les Dents longues* (Gélin)
- 1953 *Act of Love* (Litvak) (as Mimi); *Le Portrait de son père* (Berthomieu) (as Domino); *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Affairs in Versailles*; *Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as Mlle. de Rosille)
- 1954 *Tradita* (*La Notte del nozze*; *Night of Love*) (Bonnard) (as Anna); *Futures vedettes* (*Sweet Sixteen*) (Marc Allégret); *Le Fils de Caroline chérie* (Devaivre)

- 1955 *Helen of Troy* (Wise) (as Andraste); *Doctor at Sea* (Thomas) (as Helene Colbert); *La Lumière d'en face* (*The Light across the Street*; *The Female and the Flesh*) (Lacombe) (as Olivia Marceau); *Les Grandes Manoeuvres* (*Summer Manoeuvres*; *The Grand Maneuver*) (Clair) (as Lucie); *Cette Sacrée gamine* (*Mam'zelle Pigalle*) (Boisrond)
- 1956 *Mio figlio Nerone* (*Nero's Mistress*; *Nero's Weekend*) (Steno) (as Poppaea); *En effeuillant la Marguerite* (*Mam'selle Striptease*; *Please, Mr. Balzac*; *While Plucking the Daisy*) (Marc Allégret); *Et . . . Dieu créa la femme* (*And . . . God Created Woman*) (Vadim) (as Juliette Hardy); *La Mariée est trop belle* (*The Bride Is Much Too Beautiful*) (Gaspard-Huit) (as Chouchou)
- 1957 *Une Parisienne* (*La Parisienne*) (Boisrond) (as Brigitte Laurier); *Les Bijoutiers du clair de lune* (*The Night Heaven Fell*; *Heaven Fell that Night*) (Vadim) (as Ursula Desfontaines)
- 1958 *En cas de malheur* (*Love Is My Profession*; *In Case of Adversity*) (Autant-Lara) (as Yvette); *La Femme et le pantin* (*A Woman Like Satan*; *The Female*; *The Woman and the Puppet*) (Duvivier) (as Eva)
- 1959 *Babette s'en va-t-en guerre* (*Babette Goes to War*) (Christian-Jaque) (title role); *Voulez-vous danser avec moi?* (*Come Dance with Me*) (Boisrond) (as Virginia); *Le Testament d'Orphée* (*The Testament of Orpheus*) (Cocteau) (as herself)
- 1960 *La Vérité* (*The Truth*) (Clouzot) (as Dominique Marceau); *L'Affaire d'une nuit* (*It Happened at Night*) (Verneuil)
- 1961 *La Bride sur le cou* (*Please, Not Now!*) (Vadim and Aurel) (as Sophie); "Agnès Bernauer" ep. of *Amours célèbres* (Boisrond)
- 1962 *Le Repos du guerrier* (*Il Riposo del guerriero*; *Warrior's Rest*; *Love on a Pillow*) (Vadim) (as Genevieve Le Theil); *La Vie privée* (*A Very Private Affair*) (Malle) (as Jill)
- 1963 *Tentazioni proibite* (Civirani); *Le Mépris* (*Contempt*) (Godard) (as Camille Javal)
- 1964 *Paparazzi* (Rozier—doc); *Marie Soleil* (Bourseiller); *Une ravissante idiote* (*A Ravishing Idiot*; *Adorable Idiot*; *Agent 38-24-36*; *The Warm-Blooded Spy*) (Molinari) (as Penelope Light Feather)
- 1965 *Viva Maria* (Malle) (as Maria Fitzgerald O'Malley/Maria II); *Dear Brigitte* (Koster) (as herself)
- 1966 *Masculin-féminin* (*Masculine-Feminine*) (Godard) (as woman in a couple)
- 1967 *A coeur joie* (*Two Weeks in September*) (Bourguignon) (as Cecile)
- 1968 *Shalako* (Dmytryk) (as Countess Irina Lazaar); "William Wilson" ep. of *Histoires extraordinaires* (*Tales of Mystery*; *Spirits of the Dead*) (Malle) (as Giuseppina)
- 1969 *Les Femmes* (Aurel) (as Clara); *L'Ours et la poupée* (*The Bear and the Doll*) (Deville) (as Felicia)
- 1970 *Les Novices* (*The Novices*) (Casaril)
- 1971 *Les Pétroleuses* (*The Legend of Frenchie King*; *The Petroleum Girls*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Frenchie); *Boulevard du rhum* (*Rum Runner*) (Enrico)
- 1973 *Don Juan 1973 ou Si Don Juan était une femme* (*Ms. Don Juan*; *Don Juan, or if Don Juan Were a Woman*) (Vadim); *L'Histoire très bonne et très joyeuse de Colinot Trousse-Chemise* (*The Happy and Joyous Story of Colinot, the Man Who Pulls Up Skirts*; *Colinot*) (Companeez); *Il soriso del*



Brigitte Bardot

grande tentatore (The Tempter; The Devil Is a Woman)
(Damiani)

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Jeanne Moreau is rare among filmmakers in giving serious attention to the career of Brigitte Bardot. "Brigitte was the real modern revolutionary character for women," she says. "And Vadim, as a man and a lover and a director, felt that. What was true in the New Wave is that suddenly what was important was vitality, emotion, energy, love, and passion. One has to remember it was Vadim who started everything, with Bardot." It was veteran director Marc Allégret who noticed the teenage Brigitte Bardot modeling for the cover of *Elle* magazine, and later found her some minor film roles. But his friend and assistant Vadim married her, and directed her in *Et . . . Dieu créa la femme*, the film that cemented her fame and triggered the *nascent nouvelle vague*. Vadim did not share Moreau's unstinting admiration for Bardot. "She could portray a character in any situation—as long as that character was herself." No more than a competent actress (just as Vadim is at best an average director) Bardot, like all true stars, projected one quality that survived even the most tawdry material. Posing and pouting in suntanned nudity for *Et . . . Dieu créa la femme*, Bardot epitomized what Simone de Beauvoir was later to isolate as "the Lolita syndrome"—an infantile, almost animal sexuality that freed her from all the inhibitions of adulthood. The innocent daughter or wife, eager for sexual awakening, was a role she had already played half a dozen times in such films as *Manina, la fille sans voiles* and *La Lumière d'en face*, but Vadim's Riviera melodrama offered the character Eastman-color and CinemaScope, which made the film more than acceptable to foreign audiences.

Along with the film went Bardot's increasingly sensational reputation. More than any other actress of the 1960s (and certainly more than any French performer thrown up by the youth boom) she fulfilled, on-screen and off, the expectations of her mainly middle-aged audience. Shrewdly, Vadim placed her opposite not only the virile young Trintignant and Marquand, but matched her too with a subsidiary *homme de moyen âge* in Curt Jurgens. In *Une Parisienne*,

she becomes romantically entangled with visiting prince Charles Boyer (a transparent imitation of the Duke of Edinburgh) to win back her younger husband's interest, and she teased improbably with Jean Gabin in *En cas de malheur*.

For a decade, newspapers made gleeful capital of Bardot, transparently incognito in dark glasses, sojourning with her latest boyfriend. On film, she appeared in Godard's *Le Mépris* and *Masculin-féminin*, and as herself in Cocteau's *Le Testament d'Orphée*, and the American comedy *Dear Brigitte*, where she is the love object of a lovable (but pointedly prepubescent) little boy. She even made a much-publicized stab at serious acting in Clouzot's *La Vérité*, a courtroom drama which presents the conflicting evidence in a murder case and the tangled motives that lead a lazy, sexy Parisienne to steal her sister's lover, then kill him. Once again more sinned against than sinning, Bardot pleads the case of the hedonist too sensitive to live by social rules, but even Clouzot could not induce in audiences the pity needed to hammer this point home.

Louis Malle, who later directed her opposite Moreau in the western romp *Viva Maria*, exploited these parallels more effectively than anyone in *La Vie privée*. Bardot the star moons about the Spoleto festival, frustrated in both love and career, and ponders the Kleist play being produced by lover Marcello Mastroianni until despair sends her toppling in slow motion from the heights of the medieval town.

Bardot's last screen appearances came in 1973. One of her final films, *Don Juan 1973 ou Si Don Juan était une femme*, serves as a pointed demonstration that, even in her forties, she still could play nude scenes and captivate an audience. It appears unlikely that she ever will make any sort of celluloid comeback. She has isolated herself with her causes, focusing on the animals that she was once thought so much to resemble. Nevertheless, Bardot still remains a popular figure in the news for her animal-rights activism. Soon after her exit from movies she founded the Foundation for the Protection of Distressed Animals, and eventually auctioned her jewels to help fund the organization; she has been the subject of almost as many "intimate" and "personal" biographies as her American counterpart, prefeminist sex icon, Marilyn Monroe.

—John Baxter, updated by Rob Edelman

BARRAULT, Jean-Louis

Nationality: French. **Born:** Le Vésinet, 8 September 1910. **Education:** Attended Collège Chaptal and École du Louvre, Paris, received bachelor's degree; studied theater with Charles Dullin and pantomime with Étienne Decroux. **Family:** Married the actress Madeleine Renaud, 1940. **Career:** Late 1920s—worked as apprentice book-keeper, flower salesman, and assistant master at Collège Chaptal; 1931—stage debut in Paris in *Volpone* at Charles Dullin's workshop; 1935—stage directorial debut of *Autour d'une mère*; film debut in *Les Beaux Jours*; 1936—founded own theater-workshop, Le Granier des Augustins; 1940–46—acted and directed with Comédie Française; from late 1940s—with various stage companies, including the Théâtre Marigny and the Théâtre de l'Odéon; formed own stage company, Compagnie Renaud-Barrault, in partnership with wife; 1959—named



Jean-Louis Barrault (right) with Gaston Modat in *Les Enfants du Paradis*

director of Théâtre de France at the Théâtre de l'Odéon; produced *Woyzeck* for Paris Opera, 1963, and *Faust* for Metropolitan Opera, New York, 1965; 1965–67—director of Théâtre des Nations; 1968—removed as director of Théâtre de France for siding with students and workers during May 1968 riots; 1972–74—again served as director of Théâtre des Nations; 1974–81—director of Théâtre d'Orsay. **Died:** In Paris, 22 January 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Les Beaux Jours* (Marc Allégret)
- 1936 *Sous les yeux d'Occident* (Marc Allégret); *A nous deux, Madame la vie* (Mirande); *Un Grand Amour de Beethoven* (*Beethoven, le voleur de femmes*; *The Life and Loves of Beethoven*) (Gance) (as Karl); *Hélène* (Benoît-Levy and Epstein); *Jenny* (Carné)
- 1937 *Mademoiselle Docteur* (Pabst); *Police mondaine* (Chamborant and Bernheim); *Le Puritain* (Musso); *Les Perles de la couronne* (*Pearls of the Crown*) (Guitry and Christian-Jaque) (as Gen. Bonaparte); *Mirages* (Ryder); *Drôle de drame* (*Bizarre Bizarre*) (Carné); *Altitude 3200* (Benoît-Levy and Epstein)
- 1938 *Nous les jeunes* (Benoît-Levy and Epstein); *Orage* (Marc Allégret); *La Piste du Sud* (Billon)
- 1939 *Farinet oder das falsche Geld* (*Farinet ou l'or dans la montagne*) (Haufler)
- 1941 *Parade en sept nuits* (Marc Allégret); *Le Destin fabuleux de Désirée Clary* (Guitry); *Montmartre-sur-Seine* (Lacombe)
- 1942 *La Symphonie fantastique* (Christian-Jaque) (as Hector Berlioz)
- 1943 *Lumière d'été* (Grémillon); *L'Ange de la nuit* (Berthomieu)
- 1945 *Les Enfants du paradis* (*Children of Paradise*) (Carné) (as Baptiste Debureau); *La Part de l'ombre* (Delannoy)
- 1946 *Le Cocu magnifique* (de Meyst)
- 1947 *La Rose et le réséda* (Michel) (as narrator)
- 1948 *D'homme à hommes* (Christian-Jaque)
- 1949 *Le Bateau ivre* (Chaumel) (as narrator)
- 1950 *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Max Ophüls) (as Robert Kuhlenskampf)

- 1951 *Paul Claudel* (Gillet) (as narrator)
 1953 *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Affairs in Versailles*; *Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as François Fenelon)
 1959 *Le Testament du Docteur Cordelier* (Renoir)
 1960 *Le Dialogue des Carmélites* (Bruckberger and Agostini)
 1961 *Le Miracle des loups* (Hunebelle); *Architecture, art de l'espace* (Haesaerts) (as narrator)
 1962 *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as Fr. Roulland)
 1964 *Répétition chez Jean-Louis Barrault* (Hessens); *La Grande frousse* (*La Cité de l'indiciblepeur*) (Mocky)
 1966 *Chappaqua* (Rooks) (as doctor)
 1967 *La Route d'un homme* (Hacquard) (as narrator)
 1968 *Je tire chemin* (Lesage) (as narrator)
 1981 *La Nuit de Varennes* (*That Night in Varennes*; *The New World*) (Scola) (as Nicolas Edme Restif de la Bretonne)
 1988 *La Lumière du lac* (Comencini)

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Though Jean-Louis Barrault made his greatest contribution to French theater, his performance in *Les Enfants du paradis* is frequently cited as a singular illustration of pantomimic art on film.

After studying with Charles Dullin and the famous mime Étienne Decroux, Barrault made his Paris debut in a 1931 production of *Volpone*. His first screen appearance four years later in *Les Beaux Jours* marked the first of a series of films for Marc Allégret, but it was for Marcel Carné, in films written by Jacques Prévert, that Barrault created his two most memorable roles, in *Drôle de drame*, and as Baptiste Debureau in *Les Enfants du paradis*. It was Barrault who had suggested to Carné and Prévert a story about Debureau, France's greatest pantomimist of the 19th century, whose fate is intertwined with those of the great romantic actor Frederick Lemaître (Pierre Brasseur), and the famous actress Garance (played by Arletty).

But the film was, in the words of its director, "a tribute to the theatre," which Barrault had firmly embraced when he joined the Comédie Française in 1940 where, in addition to acting, he directed a series of notable productions including *Phaedra* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. After leaving the Comédie Française in 1946, Barrault and his wife, the actress Madeleine Renaud, founded a now-famous acting company. They profoundly influenced the postwar development of theater in France through such productions as Barrault's adaptation of Kafka's *The Trial*.

Barrault appeared in several films after the war, including Delannoy's *La Part de l'ombre*, and *D'homme à hommes* directed by Christian-Jaque for whom Barrault had already created the role of the composer Berlioz in *La Symphonie fantastique* during the war. He was part of the brilliant cast assembled by Max Ophüls for *La Ronde* in 1950, but subsequently devoted his energies entirely to theater. In 1959 Barrault played the double title role in Jean Renoir's *Le Testament du Docteur Cordelier*, but Barrault was not again offered a major film role until 1981 when Ettore Scola engaged him for *La Nuit de Varennes*, in which Barrault plays the writer Restif de la Bretonne, witness to the French Revolution.

—Karel Tabery

BARRYMORE, Drew

Nationality: American. **Born:** Drew Blyth Barrymore, in Los Angeles, CA, 22 February 1975; granddaughter of John Drew Barrymore (an actor); great-granddaughter of Maurice Costello (an actor in silent films). **Family:** Married Jeremy Thomas, 20 March 1994 (marriage ended, May 1994). **Career:** Actress; made her television debut in a commercial at the age of eleven months; founder of production company, Flower Films, with Nancy Juvonen. **Awards:** Young Artist



Drew Barrymore and Dougray Scott in *Ever After: A Cinderella Story*

Award for Best Young Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture, for *E. T., the Extra-Terrestrial*, 1983; Hollywood Film Festival Actress of the Year, 1999; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1999; Young Artist Former Child Star Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1978 <i>Suddenly, Love</i> (Margolin) (as Bobby Graham)</p> <p>1980 <i>Altered States</i> (Russell) (as Margaret Jessup); <i>Bogie</i> (Sherman—for TV) (as Leslie Bogart)</p> <p>1982 <i>E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial</i> (Spielberg) (as Gertie)</p> <p>1984 <i>Irreconcilable Differences</i> (Shyer) (as Casey Brodsky); <i>Firestarter</i> (Mark L. Lester) (as Charlene "Charlie" McGee)</p> <p>1985 <i>Cat's Eye</i> (Lewis Teague) (as Amanda)</p> <p>1986 <i>Babes in Toyland</i> (Donner—for TV) (as Lisa Piper)</p> <p>1987 <i>Conspiracy of Love</i> (Noel Black—for TV) (as Jody Woldarski)</p> <p>1989 <i>See You in the Morning</i> (Pakula) (as Cathy); <i>Far from Home</i> (Meiert Avis) (as Joleen Cox)</p> | <p>1992 <i>Waxwork II: Lost in Time</i> (Hickox) (as Vampire Victim); <i>Poison Ivy</i> (Katt Shea) (as Ivy); <i>No Place to Hide</i> (Richard Danus) (as Tinsel Hanley); <i>Motorama</i> (Shils) (as Fantasy Girl); <i>Sketch Artist</i> (Papamichael—for TV) (as Daisy); <i>2000 Malibu Road</i> (Schumacher—series for TV) (as Lindsay); <i>Guncrazy</i> (Davis) (as Anita Minter)</p> <p>1993 <i>Wayne's World 2</i> (Surjik) (as Bjergen Kjergen); <i>Doppelganger</i> (Nesher) (as Holly Gooding); <i>The Amy Fisher Story</i> (Tennant—for TV) (as Amy Fisher)</p> <p>1994 <i>Inside the Goldmine</i> (Evans) (as Daisy); <i>Bad Girls</i> (Kaplan) (as Lilly Laronette)</p> <p>1995 <i>Boys on the Side</i> (Ross) (as Holly); <i>Batman Forever</i> (Schumacher) (as Sugar); <i>Mad Love</i> (Bird) (as Casey Roberts)</p> <p>1996 <i>Scream</i> (Craven) (as Casey Becker); <i>Everyone Says I Love You</i> (Allen) (as Skylar); <i>Like a Lady</i></p> <p>1997 <i>Wishful Thinking</i> (Park) (as Lena); <i>Best Men</i> (Davis) (as Hope)</p> <p>1998 <i>Ever After</i> (Tennant) (as Danielle De Barbarac); <i>Home Fries</i> (Parisot) (as Sally); <i>The Wedding Singer</i> (Coraci) (as Julia Sullivan)</p> |
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- 1999 *Never Been Kissed* (Gosnell) (as Josie Geller) (+ exec pr);
Olive, the Other Reindeer (Moore—anim for TV) (as voice
of Olive) (+ exec pr)
- 2000 *Titan A.E.* (Bluth and Goldman—anim) (as voice of Akima);
Charlie's Angels: The Movie (McG) (as Dylan) (+ pr);
Skipped Parts (Davis) (as Dream Girl)
- 2001 *Kidding in Cars With Boys* (Penny Marshall); *Donnie Darko*
(Kelly) (as Ms. Pomeroy)

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Granddaughter of the legendary John Barrymore, Drew Barrymore made her own acting debut at age 3 in the 1987 TV movie, *Suddenly Love*. Three years later, Barrymore appeared on the big screen in the 1980 science fiction drama, *Altered States*. But it was in 1982 that the precocious, sweet-faced, blond tyke burst into the American consciousness in one of the most popular movies of all time, *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial*. Playing the youngest of three children who help E.T. find his way home, Barrymore launched her film career by capturing the hearts of moviegoers of all ages.

Throughout her childhood, Barrymore appeared in a wide range of big and small screen films, the best-known of which was *Firestarter* (1984), in which she played the petulant Charlie McGee, a little girl with telekinetic fire-starting abilities linked to her bouts of anger. But Barrymore’s acting career soon took a back seat to her troubled personal life. At age nine, Barrymore had her first drink, by ten she was smoking pot, and by the time she was 12 she was hooked on cocaine. Two years later, she attempted suicide, and began a string of stints in rehab. Despite finding steady work in little-seen films such as *Babes in Toyland* (1986), *See You in the Morning* (1989), and *Far From Home* (1989), the caliber of Barrymore’s acting disintegrated along with her personal life. Soon her tabloid appearances outnumbered her acting roles, and many saw Drew as heir to the “Barrymore curse.”

In 1989, the 15-year-old became the youngest person ever to publish a memoir, *Little Girl Lost*, which chronicled her battles with addiction. But beneath the teenager’s troubles lay a steely determination to succeed in the family business. Riding the wave of publicity sparked by her memoir and a nude photo shoot in *Interview*, the 17-year-old Barrymore began an impressive comeback in *Poison Ivy* (1992), playing a part that cleverly mirrored her off-screen tabloid persona of a sluttish and seductive teen.

During the early 1990s, Barrymore was everywhere—on screen, on talk shows, on magazine covers, on billboards. And her movie career flourished. Despite a few misguided choices such as *The Amy Fisher Story*, America embraced Drew's bad girl persona in films such as *Bad Girls* and *Batman Forever*. But slowly more subtlety and depth began to find its way into her roles. In *Boys on the Side* (1995), playing the spunky Holly, one of three women who escape their lives by driving cross country together, she earned the praise of Roger Ebert who wrote that she was developing into "an actress of great natural zest and conviction."

Even as the wider public focused on wild Drew moments such as her chest-baring incident on *The David Letterman Show*, Barrymore was struggling to earn the respect of the movie industry powers—that be after forming her own production company, Flower Films. With her star in the ascendant, in 1996 the 21-year-old Barrymore earned critical praise for her diverse performances in Wes Craven's *Scream* and Woody Allen's *Mad About You*. As Casey Becker in *Scream*, Barrymore's ability to convey palpable fear set the tone for the film that many felt revitalized the horror genre. That same year, Barrymore successfully played against type as the fiancée of a proper young man in the Woody Allen musical.

Barrymore's growing reputation as a competent and compelling actress led to a string of immensely popular movies. In the Cinderella remake *Ever After* (1997), Barrymore starred as the intelligent, spirited, book-loving, and beautiful stepdaughter who wins the heart of a prince. Barrymore's next star turn was undoubtedly her most popular film since *E.T.* As Julia, the warm-hearted waitress in *The Wedding Singer*, Barrymore's soulful spunk proved the ideal counterpoint to Adam Sandler's nerdy and forlorn Robbie Hart, and the romantic comedy became the surprise blockbuster of 1998.

By 1999, Barrymore was earning \$3 million a picture, and had won the respect of Hollywood as a talented actress, an audience favorite, and one of the rare young female stars who can single-handedly carry a picture. In *Never Been Kissed*, Drew winningly played Josie Geller, a nerdy newspaper employee sent undercover back to high school. Though the film was not a critical success, Barrymore's star remained undimmed. From child star to troubled teen to blonde bombshell to box office gold, Drew Barrymore has spent most of her life in the public eye. But she is just now beginning to come into her own as a film actress—and one can only eagerly await the performances yet to emerge from one of the film industry's most exciting young stars.

—Victoria Price

BARRYMORE, Ethel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ethel Mae Blythe in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 15 August 1879; sister of the actors Lionel and John Barrymore. **Education:** Attended Academy of Notre Dame, Philadelphia. **Family:** Married Russell Colt, 1909 (divorced 1923), one daughter, two sons. **Career:** 1894—stage debut in Canada in *The Rivals*; 1901—critical and popular success on Broadway in *Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines*; 1914—film debut in Augustus Thomas's *The Nightingale*; 1919—headed actors' strike (including bit players) against Broadway management; 1944—having concentrated on stage



Ethel Barrymore

work, returned to films in *None but the Lonely Heart*; 1949—five-year contract with MGM; 1953—host of series *The Ethel Barrymore Theater*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *None but the Lonely Heart*, 1944. **Died:** In Beverly Hills, California, 18 June 1959.

Films as Actress:

- 1914 *The Nightingale* (Thomas)
- 1915 *The Final Judgment* (Carewe)
- 1916 *The Kiss of Hate* (Night); *The Awakening of Helen Ritchie* (Noble)
- 1917 *The White Raven* (Baker); *The Call of Her People* (Noble); *The Greatest Power* (Carewe); *The Lifted Veil* (Baker); *Life's Whirlpool* (Lionel Barrymore); *The Eternal Mother* (Reicher); *An American Widow* (Reicher)
- 1918 *Our Mrs. McChesney* (Ralph Ince); *The Divorcee* (Blaché)
- 1919 *The Spender* (Swickard)
- 1932 *Rasputin and the Empress* (*Rasputin—The Mad Monk*) (Boleslawski) (as Empress Alexandra)
- 1944 *None but the Lonely Heart* (Odets) (as Ma Mott)
- 1946 *The Spiral Staircase* (Siodmak)
- 1947 *The Paradine Case* (Hitchcock) (as Lady Sophie Horfield); *The Farmer's Daughter* (Potter) (as Mrs. Morley); *Moss Rose* (Ratoff) (as Lady Sterling); *Night Song* (Cromwell) (as Miss Willey)

- 1948 *Moonrise* (Borzage) (as Grandma); *Portrait of Jennie* (Jennie) (Dieterle) (as Miss Spinney)
- 1949 *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak) (as Granny); *That Midnight Kiss* (Taurog) (as Abigail Budell); *The Red Danube* (Sidney) (as Mother Superior); *Pinky* (Kazan) (as Miss Em)
- 1951 *Kind Lady* (John Sturges) (as Mary Herries); *Daphne, the Virgin of the Golden Laurels* (Hoyningen-Huene) (as narrator); *It's a Big Country* (one ep.) (Brown and others) (as Mrs. Brian Patrick Riordon); *The Secret of Convict Lake* (Gordon) (as Granny)
- 1952 *Deadline—U.S.A. (Deadline)* (Richard Brooks) (as Mrs. Garrison); *Just for You* (Nugent) (as Allida de Bronkhart)
- 1953 “Mademoiselle” ep. of *The Story of Three Loves (Equilibrium; Three Stories of Love)* (Minnelli and Reinhardt) (as Mrs. Pennicott); *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as herself)
- 1954 *Young at Heart* (Gordon Douglas) (as Aunt Jessie)
- 1957 *Johnny Trouble* (Auer) (as Mrs. Chandler)

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Ethel Barrymore came late to the movies after two false starts, and it is a pity that there is little footage of the actress in her prime left to us today. While her brothers Lionel and John embraced motion pictures early on, Ethel stayed on Broadway and lived up to her reputation as Queen of the Great White Way.

Although she recognized the cinema's burgeoning importance and transition from nickelodeon peep show to middle-class entertainment, she made her film debut for financial reasons. She was paid \$15,000 to play in *The Nightingale*, written for her by Augustus Thomas, and starred in a number of pictures made at Metro's New York City studios. Interestingly, brother Lionel directed her in *Life's Whirlpool*, from his own story.

One of her early works that does survive is *The White Raven*, in which she plays a financially ruined Wall Street stockbroker's daughter who winds up singing in an Alaskan saloon. Although the melodrama is trite and her performance is humdrum, it is exciting to see Barrymore moving about as a young woman. In fact, she disliked all her early pictures (with the exception of *The Awakening of Helen Ritchie*), and remained away from films until her fortunes were reduced by the Great Depression. She accepted the role of Empress Czarina Alexandra in MGM's *Rasputin and the Empress*, with Lionel as the mad monk and John as Prince Chegodieff. The picture was fraught with difficulty (the original director Charles Brabin was replaced by Richard Boleslawski); today, it is best-known as the lone film in which the three Barrymores appeared. However, Ethel did not like Hollywood. She returned to New York, and did not make another film for a dozen years. Even though her financial ills continued, she ignored acting offers from the studios, and made a stage comeback in 1940 as Miss Moffat in *The Corn Is Green*. When Clifford Odets saw her do the play in Los Angeles, he persuaded her to take the part of Ma Mott, Cockney Cary Grant's mother, in *None but the Lonely Heart*. Under Odets's direction, she toned down the excesses that marred her previous film work, and won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar.

This time she stayed on in Hollywood, and moved from film to film in supporting parts. Her roles did not vary, and she was pigeonholed as a grande dame, more than occasionally a bit brittle but with a warm and womanly core, lending regal presence and authority to top-grade melodramas such as *The Spiral Staircase*, *The Paradine Case*, *Moonrise*, and *Portrait of Jennie*, and lesser soap operas such as *Young at Heart* and *Johnny Trouble*, in which she eloquently essayed the part of a lonely old woman.

She and Lionel enjoyed a double cameo in Tay Garnett's *Main Street to Broadway*, and though her screen time is minimal, one is afforded an inside look at Ethel and Lionel's natural rapport, much more so than in the more theatrical *Rasputin and the Empress*. She outlived both her brothers, and continued to hold court and preserve the legacy of the family name.

—John A. Gallagher, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

BARRYMORE, Lionel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lionel Blythe in Philadelphia, 28 April 1878; brother of the actress Ethel and the actor John Barrymore. **Education:** Attended Gilmore School, London; St. Vincent's Academy, New York; Seton Hall, New Jersey; Arts Students League, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Doris Rankin, 1904 (divorced 1922); 2) Irene Fenwick, 1923 (died 1936). **Career:** 1900—Broadway debut in *Sag Harbor*; 1904—critical and public attention for performances on Broadway in *The Mummy and the Hummingbird* and *The Other Girl*; 1906–09—moved to Paris to study painting; 1909—returned to Broadway in *Fines of Fate*; employed at Biograph as actor and writer, and worked with D. W. Griffith; 1911—starring roles in Griffith's films, as well as those of other directors, while continuing to write scripts; mid 'teens—began to do some directing; 1920s—began to play mainly character roles; 1925—abandoned theater completely for film acting; 1926—contract with MGM where he remained for the rest of his career; 1928—appeared in talking film for first time; 1932—in *Rasputin and the Empress* with brother John and sister Ethel; 1938—role as Dr. Gillespie, first in series of 15 Dr. Kildare films; partially paralyzed by a combination of arthritis and a leg injury, and confined to a wheelchair, but continued acting; 1942—composed tone poem "In Memoriam" for brother John; performed by the Philadelphia Symphony. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *A Free Soul*, 1930/31. **Died:** In Van Nuys, California, 15 November 1954.

Films as Actor:

(in films directed or supervised by D. W. Griffith, unless otherwise noted)

- 1911 *The Battle; Fighting Blood*
- 1912 *Friends; So Near, Yet So Far; The Chief's Blanket; The One She Loved; Gold and Glitter; My Baby; The Informer; Brutality; The New York Hat; The Burglar's Dilemma; A Cry for Help; The God Within; Home Folks; Love in an Apartment Hotel*
- 1913 *Three Friends; The Telephone Girl and the Lady; An Adventure in the Autumn Woods; Oil and Water; Near to Earth; Fate; The Sheriff's Baby; The Perfidy of Mary; A Misunderstood Boy; The Lady and the Mouse (+ sc); The Wanderer; House of Darkness; The Yaqui Cur; Just Gold; The Power of the Press; A Timely Interception; The Well; Death's Marathon; The Switch Tower; A Girl's Stratagem; Classmates (Kirkwood); House of Discord (Kirkwood); Death's Marathon; The Rancher's Revenge; Her Father's Silent Partner; Pa Says; The Fatal Wedding; Father's Lesson; His Inspiration; A Welcome Intruder; Mister Jefferson Green; So Runs the Way; The Suffragette Minstrels*
- 1914 *The Massacre; Strongheart (Kirkwood); Men and Women (Kirkwood); Judith of Bethulia (as extra); Brute Force; Under the Gaslight*
- 1915 *Wildfire (Middleton); A Modern Magdalen (Davis); The Curious Conduct of Judge Legarde; The Romance of Elaine*
- (Seitz—serial); *The Flaming Sword (Middleton); Dora Thorne; A Yellow Streak (Nigh); The Exploits of Elaine (Seitz—serial)*
- 1916 *Dorian's Divorce (Lund); The Quitter (Horan); The Upheaval (Horan); The Brand of Cowardice (Noble)*
- 1917 *The End of the Tour (Baker); His Father's Son; The Millionaire's Double (Davenport)*
- 1919 *The Valley of Night*
- 1920 *The Copperhead (Maigne); The Mastermind (Webb); The Devil's Garden (Webb)*
- 1921 *The Great Adventure (Webb); Jim the Penman*
- 1922 *Boomerang Bill (Terriss); The Face in the Fog (Crosland) (as Boston Blackie)*
- 1923 *Enemies of Women (Crosland) (as Prince Lubimoff); Unseeing Eyes (E. H. Griffith); The Eternal City (Fitzmaurice)*
- 1924 *Decameron Nights (Wilcox); America (Love and Sacrifice) (as Capt. Walter Butler); Meddling Women (Abramson); I Am the Man (Abramson)*
- 1925 *Die Frau mit dem schlechten Ruf; The Iron Road (A Man of Iron) (Bennett); Fifty Fifty (Diamant); The Girl Who Wouldn't Work (DeSano); Children of the Whirlwind (Bennett); The Splendid Road (Lloyd); The Wrongdoers (Dierker)*
- 1926 *The Barrier (Hill); Brooding Eyes (Le Saint); Paris at Midnight (Hopper); The Lucky Lady (Walsh); The Temptress (Niblo); The Bells (Young); Wife Tamers (Roach)*
- 1927 *The Show (Browning); Women Love Diamonds (Goulding); Body and Soul (Barker); The Thirteenth Hour (Franklin)*
- 1928 *Drums of Love; Sadie Thompson (Walsh) (as Alfred Atkinson); The Lion and the Mouse (Lloyd Bacon) (as John "Ready Money" Ryder); Love (Anna Karenina) (Goulding); The River Woman (Henabery) (as Bill Lefty); West of Zanzibar (Browning) (as Crane)*
- 1929 *Alias Jimmy Valentine (Conway) (as Doyle); The Hollywood Review (Riesner); The Mysterious Island (Hubbard) (as Count Andre Dakkar)*
- 1930 *Free and Easy (Easy Go) (Sedgwick) (as himself, in bedroom scene); The Love Parade (Lubitsch) (as Prime Minister)*
- 1931 *A Free Soul (Brown) (as Stephen Ashe); Guilty Hands (Van Dyke) (as Richard Grant); The Yellow Ticket (The Yellow Passport) (Walsh) (as Baron Igor Andrey); Mata Hari (Fitzmaurice) (as Gen. Serge Shubin)*
- 1932 *Broken Lullaby (The Man I Killed) (Lubitsch) (as Dr. Holderlin); Arsène Lupin (Conway) (as Guérard); Grand Hotel (Goulding) (as Otto Kringelein); Washington Masquerade (Mad Masquerade) (Brabin) (as Jeff Keane); Rasputin and the Empress (Rasputin—The Mad Monk) (Boleslawski) (as Rasputin)*
- 1933 *Sweepings (Cromwell) (as Daniel Pardway); Looking Forward (The New Deal) (Brown) (as Michael Benton); The Stranger's Return (King Vidor) (as Grandpa Storr); Dinner at Eight (Cukor) (as Oliver Jordan); One Man's Journey (Robertson) (as Dr. Eli Watt); Night Flight (Brown) (as Rabineau); Christopher Bean (Her Sweetheart) (Wood) (as doctor); Should Ladies Behave? (Beaumont) (as Augustus Merrick); Berkeley Square (Frank Lloyd) (as innkeeper); La ciudad de carton (Cardboard City)*
- 1934 *This Side of Heaven (William K. Howard) (as Martin Turner); Carolina (The House of Connelly) (Henry King) (as Bob*



Lionel Barrymore in *Calling Dr. Kildare*

- Connelly); *The Girl from Missouri* (*One Hundred Percent Pure*) (Conway) (as T. B. Paige); *Treasure Island* (Fleming) (as Billy Bones)
- 1935 *David Copperfield* (Cukor) (as Dan Peggotty); *Mark of the Vampire* (Browning) (as Prof. Zelen); *The Little Colonel* (David Butler) (as Col. Lloyd); *Public Hero Number One* (Ruben) (as Dr. Josiah Glass); *The Return of Peter Grimm* (Nicholls Jr.) (title role); *Ah, Wilderness* (Brown) (as Nat Miller)
- 1936 *The Voice of Bugle Ann* (Thorpe) (as Springfield Davis); *The Road to Glory* (Hawks) (as Papa LaRoche); *The Devil Doll* (Browning) (as Paul Lavond); *The Gorgeous Hussy* (Brown) (as Andrew Jackson)
- 1937 *Camille* (Cukor) (as Monsieur Duval); *Captains Courageous* (Fleming) (as Disko); *A Family Affair* (Seitz) (as Judge Hardy); *Saratoga* (Conway) (as Grandpa Clayton); *Navy Blue and Gold* (Wood) (as Capt. "Skinny" Dawes)
- 1938 *A Yank at Oxford* (Conway) (as Dan Sheridan); *Test Pilot* (Fleming) (as Howard B. Drake); *You Can't Take It with You* (Capra) (as Martin Vanderhof); *Young Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie)
- 1939 *Let Freedom Ring* (Conway) (as Thomas Logan); *Calling Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *On Borrowed Time* (Bucquet) (as Julian Northup, "Gramps");
- The Secret of Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie)
- 1940 *Dr. Kildare's Strange Case* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Dr. Kildare Goes Home* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Dr. Kildare's Crisis* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie)
- 1941 *The Penalty* (Bucquet) (as "Grandpop" Logan); *The Bad Man* (*Two-Gun Cupid*) (Thorpe) (as Uncle Henry Jones); *Cavalcade of the Academy Awards*; *The People vs. Dr. Kildare* (*My Life Is Yours*) (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Lady Be Good* (McLeod) (as Judge Murdock); *Dr. Kildare's Wedding Day* (*Mary Names the Day*) (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Dr. Kildare's Victory* (*The Doctor and the Debutante*) (Van Dyke) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie)
- 1942 *Calling Dr. Gillespie* (Bucquet) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant* (Goldbeck) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Tennessee Johnson* (*The Man on America's Conscience*) (Dieterle) (as Congressman Thaddeus Stevens)
- 1943 *Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case* (*Crazy to Kill*) (Goldbeck) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *The Last Will and Testament of Tom Smith* (Bucquet) (as Gramps); *A Guy Named Joe* (Fleming) (as the General); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as announcer)

- 1944 *Three Men in White* (Goldbeck) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie); *Dragon Seed* (Conway and Bucquet) (as narrator); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as clergyman); *Between Two Women* (Goldbeck) (as Dr. Leonard Gillespie)
- 1945 *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett) (as Pat Rafferty)
- 1946 *Three Wise Fools* (Buzzell) (as Dr. Richard Gaunght); *The Secret Heart* (Leonard) (as Dr. Rossiger); *It's a Wonderful Life* (Capra) (as Mr. Potter); *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor and Dieterle) (as Sen. McCanles)
- 1947 *Dark Delusion* (*Cynthia's Secret*) (Goldbeck) (as Dr. Gillespie)
- 1948 *Key Largo* (Huston) (as James Temple)
- 1949 *Some of the Best* (Whitbeck) (as narrator); *Down to the Sea in Ships* (Hathaway) (as Capt. Bering Joy)
- 1950 *Malaya* (*East of the Rising Sun*; *Alien Orders*) (Thorpe) (as John Manchester); *Right Cross* (John Sturges) (as Sean O'Malley)
- 1951 *The M-G-M Story* (as narrator); *Bannerline* (Weis) (as Hugo Trimble)
- 1952 *Lone Star* (Sherman) (as Andrew Jackson)
- 1953 *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as himself)

Films as Director:

- 1917 *Life's Whirlpool*
- 1929 *Confession*; *Madame X* (*Absinthe*); *His Glorious Night* (+ pr. mus); *The Unholy Night* (*The Green Ghost*)
- 1930 *The Rogue Song* (+ pr)
- 1931 *Ten Cents a Dance*

Films as Scriptwriter:

- 1911 *Fighting Blood* (Griffith)
- 1912 *My Hero* (Griffith); *The Musketeers of Pig Alley* (Griffith); *The Tender-Hearted Boy* (Griffith)
- 1913 *The Vengeance of Galora*
- 1914 *The Battle of Elderbush Gulch* (Griffith); date uncertain: *The Woman in Black*; *The Span of Life*; *The Seats of the Mighty*

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Lionel Barrymore, the oldest of the three Barrymore siblings who comprised probably the greatest acting family of the American theater and cinema, began his career in films shortly before 1910. He started out acting in Biograph shorts, and was soon starring in and occasionally writing and directing a wide variety of films for various studios. His roles were characterized by their diversity, from romantic leads and villains to character parts, in films such as D. W. Griffith's *The New York Hat*, *Wildfire*, and *Just Gold*.

In the 1920s Barrymore appeared in dozens of films, among them *America*, also directed by Griffith, *Sadie Thompson*, in which he played a self-righteous reformer, and *Alias Jimmy Valentine*, as the detective Doyle. The 1920s were a turning point in his career, for he began more and more to play character parts and older men, something he was to do for the rest of his life. Although in his younger days Lionel had resembled his younger brother John in his good looks, his jowliness in middle age necessitated a switch to character parts when he was still relatively young. By the early 1930s Lionel usually appeared as a father-type or as a heavily made-up character, as in *Rasputin and the Empress*. That film marked the only time that Lionel, John, and Ethel Barrymore all played together in the same film. Lionel Barrymore won an Oscar in 1931 as Best Actor (tying with Wallace Beery for *The Champ*) for *A Free Soul*, in which he played Norma Shearer's drunken father. His performance stands up well, as do many of his others of the period, such as *Grand Hotel* (in which he is memorably cast as the dying accountant attempting to squeeze every last drop of life). Barrymore is equally remembered, however, for his role as Dr. Leonard Gillespie in the long-running MGM series of Dr. Kildare films produced in the 1930s and 1940s. Barrymore appeared in all 15 of the films, more than anyone else connected with the series. His first Dr. Kildare film, *Young Dr. Kildare*, opened in late 1938 and seemed ideally suited to Barrymore because he was by then afflicted with severe arthritis and could act only on crutches or while sitting down. The series accommodated his illness by allowing him to remain in a wheelchair yet be vital in his characterization. Dr. Gillespie was the definitive Barrymore combination of exaggerated moves, intensity, and emotional vacillation. He could be calm and tender with patients yet extremely agitated with everyone else.

A short time before the Dr. Kildare series began, Barrymore had appeared in the first of MGM's Andy Hardy films as Judge Hardy in *A Family Affair*. Barrymore gave an excellent, calm performance which in retrospect seems more realistic than the wise and overtly patient characterization given by Lewis Stone in the subsequent films.

Apart from the Dr. Gillespie role, Barrymore continued to act in dozens of films throughout the final years of his life, usually in a wheelchair or deskbound yet still dominating his scenes. His screen persona in the latter years was often the butt of nightclub impressionists who copied his unusually pitched and timed voice and grandiose hand gestures. Yet Barrymore's career was a diverse one with as many calmly serious roles as flamboyant ones. It is unfortunate that the lasting impression he left is more that of Mr. Potter in Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* than the worried businessman in *Dinner at Eight* or the smart detective in *Arsène Lupin*. He was a consummate actor who worked hard and gave almost 300 screen performances of wide diversity, a great accomplishment by any standard.

—Patricia King Hanson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

BARTHELMESS, Richard

Nationality: American. **Born:** Richard Semler Barthelmess in New York City, 9 May 1895. **Education:** Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 1913–16. **Military Service:** 1942–45—served in Navy, eventually attaining rank of Commander. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Mary Hay, 1920 (divorced 1927), daughter: Mary; 2) Jessica Stewart Sargeant, 1928. **Career:** Early 1910s—during summers while in college acted in stock companies, and, briefly, for Hartford Film Corporation; 1916—as extra in Billie Burke serial; contract with Herbert Brenon, on recommendation of actress Nazimova; 1918—hired by Griffith to appear in Dorothy Gish comedy, then given 3-year contract; 1919—role in *Broken Blossoms* established star status; 1921—incorporated Inspiration Pictures as part of financing deal to produce *Tol'able David*; 1927—contract with first National; 1936—Broadway debut in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*; retired from filmmaking after war. **Died:** In Southampton, New York, 18 August 1963.

Films as Actor:

- 1916 *Gloria's Romance* (Kline); *War Brides* (Brenon); *Snow White* (Searle)
- 1917 *The Moral Code* (Miller); *The Eternal Sin* (Brenon); *The Valentine Girl* (Dawley); *The Soul of Magdalen* (King); *The Streets of Illusion*; *Bab's Diary* (Dawley); *Bab's Burglar* (Dawley); *For Valour* (Parker); *Nearly Married* (Withey); *The Seven Swans* (Dawley)
- 1918 *Sunshine Nan* (Giblyn); *Rich Man, Poor Man* (Dawley); *Hit the Trail Holiday* (Neilan); *The Hope Chest* (Clifton)
- 1919 *The Girl Who Stayed at Home* (Griffith); *Broken Blossoms* (Griffith) (as Cheng Huan); *Boots* (Clifton); *Three Men and a Girl* (Neilan); *Peppy Polly* (Clifton); *I'll Get Him Yet* (Clifton)
- 1920 *Scarlet Days* (Griffith); *The Idol Dancer* (Griffith); *The Love Flower* (Griffith); *Way Down East* (Griffith) (as David Bartlett)
- 1921 *Experience* (Fitzmaurice); *Tol'able David* (King) (as David Kinemon)
- 1922 *The Seventh Day* (King); *Just a Song at Twilight* (Carlton King); *Sonny* (King); *The Bond Boy* (King); *Fury* (Goulding)
- 1923 *The Bright Shawl* (Robertson); *The Fighting Blade* (Robertson); *Twenty One* (Robertson)
- 1924 *The Enchanted Cottage* (Robertson); *Classmates* (Robertson)
- 1925 *New Toys* (Robertson); *Soulfire* (Robertson); *Shore Leave* (Robertson); *The Beautiful City* (Webb)
- 1926 *Just Suppose* (Webb); *Ranson's Folly* (Olcott); *The Amateur Gentleman* (Olcott); *The White Black Sheep* (Olcott)
- 1927 *The Dropkick* (Santell); *The Patent Leather Kid* (Santell)
- 1928 *The Noose* (Dillon); *The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come* (Santell); *The Wheels of Chance* (Santell); *Out of the Ruins* (Santell); *Scarlet Seas* (Dillon)
- 1929 *Weary River* (Lloyd); *Drag* (Lloyd); *Young Nowheres* (Lloyd); *The Show of Shows* (Adolfi)
- 1930 *Son of the Gods* (Lloyd); *The Dawn Patrol* (Hawks); *The Lash* (Lloyd)
- 1931 *The Finger Points* (Dillon); *The Last Flight* (Dieterle)
- 1932 *Alias the Doctor* (Curtiz); *Cabin in the Cotton* (Curtiz)
- 1933 *Central Airport* (Wellman); *Heroes for Sale* (Wellman)
- 1934 *Massacre* (Crosland); *A Modern Hero* (Pabst); *Midnight Alibi* (Crosland)
- 1935 *Four Hours to Kill* (Leisen)
- 1936 *Spy of Napoleon* (Elvey)
- 1939 *Only Angels Have Wings* (Hawks)
- 1940 *The Man Who Talked Too Much* (Sherman)
- 1942 *The Mayor of Forty-Fourth St.* (Green); *The Spoilers* (Enright)

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Some actors achieve a place in the filmic hall of fame by the totality of their performances. Others, like Richard Barthelmess, are known for one or two outstanding roles that overshadow all their other work.

His mother was the great Nazimova's English teacher, and when the Russian actress made her film debut in Herbert Brenon's *War Brides*, young Richard shared her honors. Several performances helped establish Barthelmess as a star before D. W. Griffith engaged him to play opposite Lillian Gish in *Broken Blossoms*. His interpretation of a poetic Chinese boy from the London docks who falls in love with a battered waif of the streets is one of the most remarkable examples of screen acting. The following year Griffith again used Barthelmess and Gish in *Way Down East*, an old melodrama brought to life by the master. Griffith also directed him in four other films.

Forming his own company, Inspiration Pictures, in cooperation with the director Henry King, he again gave an outstanding performance in the film masterpiece *Tol'able David* based on a Joseph Hergesheimer story of a country boy's courage when a gang of ruffians threaten his family. King's direction and Barthelmess's playing make this a classic of the cinema which influenced many directors, including the great Russian Pudovkin.

The Bright Shawl, again based on Hergesheimer and starring Dorothy Gish, and *The Enchanted Cottage* with May McAvoy, added to his laurels, and his popularity continued to the end of the silent period. His career was by no means finished with the coming of sound, and he had leading roles in Howard Hawks's *The Dawn Patrol* and *Only Angels Have Wings*, Michael Curtiz's *Cabin in the Cotton* with the young Bette Davis, and Pabst's only American film, *A Modern Hero*. As Barthelmess grew older he undertook minor character roles but left Hollywood forever after joining the navy in 1942. He enjoyed a comfortable retirement until his death at his Long Island home in 1963.

—Liam O'Leary

BASINGER, Kim

Nationality: American. **Born:** Athens, Georgia, 8 December 1953. **Education:** Attended University of Georgia. **Family:** Married 1) Ron Britton, 1982 (divorced 1990); 2) Alec Baldwin, 1993; one child: Ireland. **Career:** 1969—Breck Shampoo girl; 1976–77—episodic appearances in TV series, *Charlie's Angels*, *The Six-Million Dollar Man*; 1977—in TV series, *Dog and Cat*; 1978—first leading role in TV movie *Katie: Portrait of a Centerfold*; 1979—in TV mini-series *From Here to Eternity*; 1981—film debut in *Hard Country*; 1989—bought town of Braselton, Georgia, for future development; 1993—sued by Main Line Pictures for reneging on agreement to do *Boxing Helena*; forced to declare bankruptcy; decision against Basinger later reversed by California Court of Appeals. **Awards:** Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, and Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role, for *L.A. Confidential*, 1998. **Agent:** Ron Meyer, CAA, 11288 Ventura Blvd. #414, Studio City, CA 91604, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1977 *Dog and Cat* (Kelljan—for TV) (as Officer J. Z. Kane)
- 1978 *Katie: Portrait of a Centerfold* (Greenwald—for TV) (as Katie); *The Ghost of Flight 401* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Prissy Frasier)
- 1981 *Killjoy (Who Murdered Joy Morgan?)* (Moxey—for TV) (as Laury Medford); *Hard Country* (David Greene) (as Jodie Lynn Palmer)
- 1982 *Mother Lode* (Charlton Heston and Joe Canutt) (as Andrea Spalding)
- 1983 *Never Say Never Again* (Kershner) (as Domino Petachi); *The Man Who Loved Women* (Edwards) (as Louise)
- 1984 *The Natural* (Levinson) (as Memo Paris)
- 1985 *Fool for Love* (Altman) (as May)
- 1986 *No Mercy* (Pearce) (as Michel Duval); *9 1/2 Weeks* (Lyne) (as Elizabeth)
- 1987 *Blind Date* (Edwards) (as Nadia Gates); *Nadine* (Benton) (title role)
- 1988 *My Stepmother Is an Alien* (Richard Benjamin) (as Celeste Martin)
- 1989 *Batman* (Burton) (as Vicki Vale)
- 1991 *The Marrying Man (Too Hot to Handle)* (Rees) (as Vicki Anderson)
- 1992 *Final Analysis* (Joanou) (as Heather Evans); *Cool World* (Bakshi) (as Holli Would)
- 1993 *Wayne's World 2* (Surjik) (as Honey Horne); *The Real McCoy* (Mulcahy) (as Karen McCoy)
- 1994 *The Getaway* (Donaldson) (as Carol McCoy); *Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)* (Altman) (as Kitty Potter)
- 1997 *L.A. Confidential* (Hanson) (as Lynn Bracken)
- 2000 *I Dreamed of Africa* (Hudson) (as Kuki Gallmann); *Bless the Child* (Russell) (as Maggie O'Connor)

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Her beauty is the subject of regular comment in her films but Jack Nicholson's Joker in *Batman*, gives us the most accurate, if sardonic appraisal of her eye-catching looks: "You're beautiful, in an old-fashioned kind of way." A Breck girl at the age of 16 and a Playboy model a year later, Kim Basinger, with her full lips, glowing skin, and wayward honeyed locks, was the most sultry but also the most conventional of the sex symbols of the eighties. Although capable of conveying sexual menace, her specialty has been to mimic the sexual availability and emotional vulnerability patented by Marilyn Monroe, whose breathy style she acknowledges as influencing her own in *Cool World*. Her first star turn in *Katie: Portrait of a Centerfold* already contained the home recipe for Basinger's trademark sexual confection—a melting Southern sweetness, a soft center, a girlish and confiding, often nervous laugh. Even when dressed in the height of fashion, Basinger hardly strikes the eye as modern, either in her looks or attitudes. She typically belongs to a society in which, as a character in *No Mercy* observes, it is pleasurable to be a man. Basinger is generally cast as the sexual trophy trying to escape from such a world, which is why flight and the chase figure so prominently in her films, sometimes to deliriously happy effect, as in the boisterous *Nadine*, in which she gives her most endearing comic performance, but more often as a dangerous game of erotic pursuit. Films such as *No Mercy* and the soft-pornographic *9 1/2 Weeks* as well as the film she famously did not make—*Boxing Helena*—cast her in elaborate scenarios of sexual bondage. Even in the more elegantly appointed thrillers, such as *Final Analysis*, she inhabits what appear to be exhibition cases for human display. Her films often present her as handicapped for anything resembling self-reliant womanhood—twice by alcohol disorders, once by illiteracy, once (arguably more than once) by masochistic sex addiction.

Basinger has tried to maneuver within the narrow confines of her sexpot image by parodying her heartstopper reputation. Like Kathleen Turner, she enjoys lampooning the hypnotic power of her own sexuality, although her Holli Would in the nightmarish *Cool World* is the diabolic double of Turner's "good blond" in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* Basinger's attempts at self-parody spoof rather than reinvent the Blond Bombshell: Honey Horne incarnates adolescent sex fantasies in *Wayne's World 2*, itself a spoof on the icons of media culture; and her Celeste in *My Stepmother Is an Alien* is a woman so good-looking that sex with her is treated as a cosmic event. Still in that film and in more earthbound, but equally frenetic vehicles, such as the witless *Blind Date*, Basinger displays a goofiness and slapstick limberness deserving of better stunts. It remains to be seen whether Basinger can modernize her screen persona, which while glamorous, lacks the independence, drive, and determination that characterize the screen's most "modern" women from Bette Davis to Sharon Stone. *Final Analysis* suggests she might, with the right vehicle, shed the mannerisms that have kept her in relative subjection to men. In this unapologetic remake of *Vertigo*, Basinger brings a murderous resolve to her role as Heather Evans, a more sinister and cunning descendent of Kim Novak's compliant, zombified Madeleine. When she falls to her death from atop a lighthouse tower, it is after having rejected the new age masculinity offered to her by her hapless lover and dupe, Richard Gere. The man on the tower remains standing, in command of the scene, but the phallic structure supporting him is much in need of repairs.

The entire question of role choice ceased to be academic when Basinger was sued by Main Line Pictures for backing out of an oral agreement to star in Jennifer Lynch's *Boxing Helena*. The initial judgment against her sent Basinger into bankruptcy although it was

later reversed by the California Court of Appeals. Despite the setback, Basinger is in top comic form in Robert Altman's *Ready to Wear*, enlivening the fairly drab and mean-spirited satire on the fashion industry as Kitty Potter, an undismayable commentator for FADTV. Altman's sly joke is to give this luminous beauty, defined by image culture all her professional life, the final clear-eyed pronouncement on the mystique of the female body beautiful.

—Maria DiBattista

BASSETT, Angela

Nationality: American. **Born:** Harlem, New York, 16 August 1958. **Education:** Attended Yale University, B.A., 1980; Yale School of Drama, M.F.A., 1982. **Career:** 1980s—appeared on Broadway in *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* and *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*; TV appearances include *A Man Called Hawk*, *The Cosby Show*, *Guiding Light*, *Tour of Duty*; 1986—first on-screen film credit in *F/X*; 1992—in TV mini-series *The Jacksons: An American Dream*. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award, for *What's Love Got to Do with It*, 1994; Black Women of Achievement Key Honoree, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1994. **Agent:** ICM Artists Ltd., 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019-4001, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1985 *Doubletake* (Jud Taylor—for TV)
- 1986 *F/X* (Mandel) (as TV reporter)
- 1990 *Kindergarten Cop* (Reitman) (as stewardess); *Perry Mason: The Case of the Silenced Singer* (Satlof—for TV) (as Carla Peters); *In the Best Interest of the Child* (David Greene—for TV) (as Lori); *Family of Spies* (Gyllenhaal—for TV); *Challenger* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Cheryl McNair)
- 1991 *Boyz n the Hood* (Singleton) (as Reva Styles); *City of Hope* (Sayles) (as Reesha); *One Special Victory* (Stuart Cooper—for TV); *Line of Fire: The Morris Dees Story* (Korty—for TV) (as Pat); *Fire! Trapped on the 37th Floor* (Robert Day—for TV) (as Allison)
- 1992 *Innocent Blood* (Landis) (as U.S. Attorney Sinclair); *Malcolm X* (Spike Lee) (as Betty Shabazz); *Passion Fish* (Sayles) (as Dawn/Rhonda); *Critters 4* (Harvey) (as Fran); *Locked Up: A Mother's Rage* (Rooney—for TV) (as Willie); *The Heroes of Desert Storm* (Ohlmeyer—for TV) (as Lt. Jeter)
- 1993 *What's Love Got to Do with It* (Brian Gibson) (as Tina Turner)
- 1995 *Panther* (Van Peebles) (cameo as Betty Shabazz); *Vampire in Brooklyn* (Craven) (as Rita); *Strange Days* (Bigelow) (as Mace Mason); *Waiting to Exhale* (Whitaker) (as Bernadine)
- 1997 *Contact* (Zemeckis) (as Rachel Constantine)
- 1998 *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* (Sullivan) (as Stella); *Africans in America: America's Journey Through Slavery* (Bagwell, Bellows—mini for TV) (as Narrator)
- 1999 *Wings Against the Wind* (Palcý) (as Bessie Coleman); *Music of the Heart* (Craven) (as Janet Williams); *Whispers* (Beverly and Dereck Joubert) (as Groove); *Our Friend, Martin* (Smiley and Trippetti—anim) (as voice of Miles' mom)



Angela Bassett (second from right) with (l-r) Loretta Devine, Whitney Houston, and Lela Rochon in *Waiting to Exhale*

- 2000 *Supernova* (Hill) (as Kaela Evers); *Boesman and Lena* (Berry) (as Lena)
 2001 *The Score* (Oz) (as Actress)

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Testino, Mario, “Just You Wait,” in *Harper’s Bazaar* (New York), October 1995.

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When Angela Bassett was 15 years old, she went on a field trip to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., with the Upward Bound program for gifted students. It was here that she saw James Earl Jones in a production of the play *Of Mice and Men*, and she knew that she wanted to act. In talking about the performance, she said, “I just wept. I thought, if I could make someone feel the way I feel right now. . . .” Bassett grew up in a single-parent household in St. Petersburg, Florida, with her sister D’Nette and her mother Betty, where she was the first African-American student accepted in her high school’s National Honor Society. She credits her mother with instilling in her a strict work ethic, a firm grounding, and a strong sense of self. These traits are evident in the roles she has chosen—many of which are strong mothers—and in the intensity and commitment she brings to the acting process.

Her acting career began on the stage for which she was trained at the prestigious Yale School of Drama under the tutelage of veteran director Lloyd Richards. She acted in two August Wilson plays on Broadway before making her foray onto the screen. Her first screen credit is an unmemorable small part with one line of dialogue in the thriller *F/X*. Shortly after, she migrated to California, and while guesting on numerous television shows, she also began making screen appearances. The first role that got her noticed was as Reva, the driven mother of the film's protagonist Tre, in *Boyz n the Hood*. Bassett obviously identified with the strong-willed mother who sends her son to live with his father so he has an adult male role model. She forged a friendship with co-star Laurence Fishburne on the set, and this bond would prove to serve her well later.

Bassett had supporting roles in two of John Sayles's small-budget, but well-regarded films, *City of Hope* and *Passion Fish*. The next role that garnered her attention, however, was as Betty Shabazz, the wife of Malcolm X, in Spike Lee's film about the widely known activist. She brought a sense of dignity to the role, and in the process helped the film transcend a script calling mainly for large doses of humbleness. Bassett played a legendary figure again when she took on the role of Katherine Jackson in the television mini-series *The Jacksons: An American Dream*. The drama spans Jackson's life from age 15 to 55. Bassett received mainly positive notices for her performance, but her next role is the one that catapulted her to fame.

She won the coveted star role of Tina Turner in the biopic *What's Love Got to Do with It* over numerous other popular actresses. To prepare for the role, Bassett physically trained for more than a month. She worked with dialect coaches, and studied hours of videotape of Turner's performances. Bassett's rigorous work ethic paid off. She won the Golden Globe for her riveting portrayal, and was nominated for an Academy Award. Once again, Bassett was able to bring a sense of dignity, vulnerability, and mercy to a character who could have been seen purely as a victim of domestic abuse. It was of utmost importance that the audience understand why Turner—through years of violence—would stay with Ike (played by Fishburne, who accepted the role in large part because Bassett was playing Turner). Bassett accomplished this by showing Turner's sense of loyalty and grace. Bassett seems to have an uncanny knack at showing opposite emotions in her characters, a skill essential to good acting. It is also to her credit that the film is never about an actress playing Tina Turner. Bassett seemed to become Turner. This is most evident at the end of the film when Turner herself appears in a stage number, and the illusion of reality of the film is not broken.

In 1995, Bassett was seen in two major films in very different roles. She was cast opposite Ralph Fiennes in the action-adventure *Strange Days*, set at the end of the millennium amidst racial wars. Her heroic character—another single parent—carries equal emotional heft to Fiennes's lead role. Her most recent film is *Waiting to Exhale*, which has been strongly criticized for male bashing. Bassett has said, however, that was not her or the director Forest Whitaker's intention. The film also received praise for its strong, black female roles. In a time when there are more, but still too few good, female roles, Bassett seems to find them, and to be able to cross racial boundaries.

—Anita Gabrosek

BATES, Alan

Nationality: British. **Born:** Arthur Bates in Allestree, Derbyshire, 19 February 1934. **Education:** Attended Herbert Strutt Grammar School, Belper, Derbyshire; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Military Service:** early 1950s—served with the Royal Air Force. **Family:** Married Victoria Ward, 1970, twin sons. **Career:** 1945—stage acting debut; 1955–60—acted primarily on stage including roles in *Look Back in Anger* and *The Caretaker*; worked occasionally on television; 1960—film debut in Tony Richardson's *The Entertainer*; 1972—co-produced short *Second Best*, directed by Steven Dartnell; 1977—in TV mini-series *The Mayor of Casterbridge*. **Agent:** Michael Linnit, Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *The Entertainer* (Richardson) (as Frank Rice)
- 1961 *Whistle Down the Wind* (Forbes) (as Arthur Blakey)
- 1962 *A Kind of Loving* (Schlesinger) (as Vic Brown)
- 1963 *The Running Man* (Reed) (as Stephen Maddox); *The Caretaker (The Guest)* (Clive Donner) (as Mick)
- 1964 *Nothing but the Best* (Clive Donner) (as Jimmy Brewster); *Zorba the Greek* (Cacoyannis) (as Basil)
- 1965 *Insh' Allah* (Hudson) (as narrator)
- 1966 *Georgy Girl* (Narizzano) (as Jos); *King of Hearts (Le Roi de coeur)* (de Broca) (as Pvt. Charles Plumpick)
- 1967 *Far from the Madding Crowd* (Schlesinger) (as Gabriel Oak); *Rece do gory (Hands Up!)* (Skolimowski)
- 1968 *The Fixer* (Frankenheimer) (as Yakov Bok)
- 1969 *Women in Love* (Russell) (as Rupert Birkin)
- 1970 *Three Sisters* (Olivier) (as Vershinin)
- 1971 *The Go-Between* (Losey) (as Ted Burgess); *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* (Medak) (as Brian)
- 1972 *Second Best* (Dartnell) (+ co-pr)
- 1973 *L'Impossible objet (The Impossible Object)* (Frankenheimer) (as Harry)
- 1974 *Mikis Theodorakis: A Profile of Greatness; Butley* (Pinter) (title role); *The Story of Jacob and Joseph* (Cacoyannis—for TV) (as narrator)
- 1975 *In Celebration* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Andrew Shaw)
- 1976 *Royal Flash* (Lester) (as Rudi von Starnberg); *Where Adam Stood* (Brian Gibson—for TV)
- 1977 *An Unmarried Woman* (Mazursky) (as Keplan)
- 1978 *The Shout* (Skolimowski) (as Charles Crossley)
- 1979 *The Rose* (Rydell) (as Rudge)
- 1980 *Nijinsky* (Ross) (as Sergei Diaghilev)
- 1981 *Quartet* (Ivory) (as H. J. Heidler)
- 1982 *The Return of the Soldier* (A. Bridges) (as Capt. Chris Baldry); *A Voyage Round My Father* (Rakoff—for TV) (as the son); *Britannia Hospital* (Lindsay Anderson)
- 1983 *The Wicked Lady* (Winner) (as Capt. Jerry Jackson); *Separate Tables* (Schlesinger—for TV) (as Mr. Malcolm/Maj. Pollock)



Alan Bates with Hayley Mills in *Whistle Down the Wind*

- 1984 *Dr. Fischer of Geneva* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Jones)
- 1985 *An Englishman Abroad* (Schlesinger—for TV) (as Guy Burgess)
- 1986 *Duet for One* (Konchalovsky) (as David Cornwallis)
- 1987 *Pack of Lies* (Page—for TV) (as Stewart); *A Prayer for the Dying* (Hodges) (as Jack Meehan)
- 1988 *We Think the World of You* (Gregg) (as Frank); *The Dog It Was That Died* (Wood—for TV) (as Blair)
- 1989 *Force majeure (Uncontrollable Circumstances)* (Jolivet) (as Malcolm Forrest); *Club Extinction (Dr. M)* (Chabrol) (as Dr. Marsfeldt/Guru)
- 1990 *Hamlet* (Zeffirelli) (as Claudius); *Mister Frost* (Setbon) (as Felix Detweiler); *102 Boulevard Haussmann* (Prasad—for TV) (as Marcel Proust); *Shuttlecock* (Piddington) (as James Prentis)
- 1991 *Unnatural Pursuits* (for TV) (as Hamish Partt)
- 1992 *Secret Friends* (Potter) (as John); *Silent Tongue* (Shepard) (as Eamon McCree)
- 1994 *Hard Times* (Peter Barnes—for TV) (as Bounderby)
- 1995 *The Grotesque* (J. P. Davidson) (as Sir Hugo Coal); *Oliver's Travels* (Foster—series for TV) (as Oliver)
- 1998 *Nicholas' Gift* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Reg Green)

- 1999 *Varya* (Cacoyannis) (as Gayev)
- 2000 *St. Patrick: The Irish Legend* (Robert Hughes—for TV) (as Calpornius); *Arabian Nights* (Barron—for TV) (as Storyteller)
- 2001 *"In the Beginning"* (Connor—for TV) (as Aaron)

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Alan Bates has distinguished himself in a number of important realistic and romantic films made by several of Britain's best directors of the postwar generation, including Tony Richardson (*The Entertainer*), Bryan Forbes (*Whistle Down the Wind*), Ken Russell (*Women in Love*), and John Schlesinger (*A Kind of Loving* and *Far from the Madding Crowd*).

Bates made his acting debut in 1955 on the stage. He created the role of Cliff in John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, the quintessential Angry Young Man drama, and also starred in Harold Pinter's *The Caretaker*, a role that he later brought to the screen. Once he had made the transition from stage to screen, his talents were soon widely recognized and his reputation became an international one. He held his own opposite Anthony Quinn's flamboyant portrayal of the title character in Michael Cacoyannis's *Zorba the Greek*, and his performance as an unfairly incarcerated Jewish handyman in turn-of-the-century Russia in John Frankenheimer's *The Fixer* earned him an Academy Award nomination. He went on to do splendid work for Joseph Losey in *The Go-Between*, Paul Mazursky in *An Unmarried Woman*, and Jerzy Skolimowski in *The Shout*.

Bates is an actor of impressive range and flexibility. In *Far from the Madding Crowd* he played Thomas Hardy's Gabriel Oak as a pillar of stability: the actor's purposefully wooden exterior was ideal for playing a simple character who is defined by patience, dedication, and loyalty. (Bates also appeared in Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* for BBC-TV.) In sharp contrast to Gabriel Oak is his role in *The Go-Between* as Ted Burgess, another strong peasant type, also infatuated with a striking woman who, like Bathsheba Everdene in *Far from the Madding Crowd*, breaks his heart. But in *The Go-Between*, his character's response is much different. As the plot moves towards its climax, Bates must suggest that Burgess's spirit has been broken. He very effectively portrays the inner turbulence of the character, but even more challenging is the mystical enigma of Charles Crossley in *The Shout*, adapted from a strange and disturbing short story by Robert Graves concerning an intruder with shamanic powers who disrupts the lives of a staid English couple. Roles such as these make his performance as the romantic lead in *An Unmarried Woman* seem rather conventional (though decidedly entertaining) by comparison.

Bates has had his best later-career role in *The Grotesque*, giving a picture-stealing performance as Sir Hugo Coal, a crusty, aristocratic English squire who is fascinated by dinosaurs to the point of reproducing a full-scale model of one. Of course, he himself, as a representative of the stuffy upper classes, is a dinosaur. Sir Hugo no longer sleeps with his wife, and prefers physically tussling with men. As a member of a repressed class, however, he can only fantasize or act

out the kind of sexuality in which his amoral new servant (played by Sting) revels. The character of Sir Hugo makes for a telling contrast to Bates's earthy Rupert Birkin in *Women in Love*: in the latter, he raised eyebrows with his nude wrestling scene with Oliver Reed.

In the first part of *The Grotesque*, Bates seems to be parodying Nigel Bruce's Dr. Watson, but as the story progresses he also gets to be seriously dramatic. His performance is superb, and one hopes that, in the future, he will be offered similar, equally challenging roles.

—James M. Welsh, updated by Rob Edelman

BATES, Kathy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Kathleen Doyle Bates in Memphis, Tennessee, 28 June 1948. **Family:** Married the actor Tom Campisi. **Education:** B.F.A., Southern Methodist University. **Career:** Worked in regional theater in Washington, D.C., and at the Actors Theater in Louisville, late 1960s; moved to New York to pursue acting career, 1970; worked as a singing waitress in a Catskill Mountain resort, early 1970s; made screen debut in a bit role in *Taking Off*, 1971; had first off-Broadway role in *Vanities*, 1976; began appearing in roles on TV series, and had recurring role on daytime soap *All My Children*, 1977; made Broadway debut in *Goodbye Fidel*, 1980; had first important screen role in *Misery*, 1990; directed episodes of the TV series *NYPD Blue* and *Homicide: Life on the Street*, 1993; made feature directorial debut with the TV movie *Dash and Lilly*, 1999. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama Golden Globe, and Chicago Film Critics Award, for *Misery*, 1990; Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for TV Golden Globe, for *3rd Rock from the Sun*, 1996; Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a TV Movie or Mini-Series Screen Actors Guild Award, for *The Late Shift*, 1996; Best Supporting Actress Chicago Film Critics Association, Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role Screen Actors Guild Award, for *Primary Colors*, 1998. **Agent:** Ssan Smith and Associates, 121 North Vicente Boulevard., Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1971 *Taking Off* (Forman) (bit role as a singer)
- 1978 *Straight Time* (Grosbard) (as Selma Darin)
- 1982 *Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* (Altman) (as Stella Mae)
- 1983 *Two of a Kind* (Herzfeld) (as Furniture Man's Wife)
- 1986 *Johnny Bull* (Weill—for TV) (as Katrine Kovacs); *The Morning After* (Lumet) (as woman on Mateo Street)
- 1987 *Summer Heat* (Gleason) (as Ruth); *Murder Ordained* (Mike Robe—for TV) (as Bobbi Bank)
- 1988 *Arthur 2: On the Rocks* (Yorkin) (as Mrs. Canby)
- 1989 *Signs of Life* (Coles) (as Mary Beth); *High Stakes* (Melanie Rose) (Kollek) (as Jill); *Roe vs. Wade* (Hoblitt—for TV) (as



Kathy Bates and James Caan in *Misery*

- Jessie); *No Place Like Home (Homeless)* (Grant—for TV) (as Bonnie Cooper)
- 1990 *Misery* (Rob Reiner) (as Annie Wilkes); *Men Don't Leave* (Brickman) (as Lisa Coleman); *Dick Tracy* (Beatty) (as Mrs. Green); *White Palace* (Mandoki) (as Rosemary Powers)
- 1991 *At Play in the Fields of the Lord* (Babenco) (as Hazel Quarrier); *Fried Green Tomatoes* (Avnet) (as Evelyn); *The Road to Mecca* (Fugard and Goldsmid) (as Elsa Barlow)
- 1992 *Shadows and Fog* (Woody Allen) (as prostitute); *Prelude to a Kiss* (Rene) (as Leah Blier); *Used People* (Kidron) (as Bibby)
- 1993 *Hostages* (Wheatley—for TV) (as Peggy Say); *A Home of Our Own* (Bill) (as Frances Lacey)
- 1994 *North* (Rob Reiner) (as Alaskan Mom); *Curse of the Starving Class* (McClary) (as Ella)
- 1995 *Dolores Claiborne* (Hackford) (title role); *Angus* (Johnson) (as Meg)
- 1996 *Diabolique* (Chechik) (as the Detective); *The Late Shift* (Betty Thomas—for TV) (as Helen Kushnick); *The War at Home* (Estevez) (as Maureen Collier)
- 1997 *Titanic* (Cameron) (as Molly Brown)
- 1998 *Swept From the Sea* (Kidron) (as Miss Swaffer); *Primary Colors* (Nichols) (as Libby Holden); *The Waterboy* (Coraci) (as Mama Boucher)

- 1999 *Annie* (Marshall—for TV) (as Miss Agatha 'Aggie' Hannigan); *A Civil Action* (Zaillain) (as Bankruptcy Judge)
- 2000 *Bruno* (MacLaine) (as Mother Superior); *Il Potere della speranza* (Manera) (as Rosy Bindi); *Unconditional Love* (Hogan)
- 2001 *Rat Race* (Zucker) (as Squirrel Lady); *Jesse James* (Mayfield) (as Ma James)

Other Films:

- 1999 *Dash and Lilly* (d—for TV)

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- "I Was Never an Ingenue," interview with David Sacks, in *New York Times*, 22 January 1991.
- Interview with Nikki Finke, in *New York Newsday* (Melville, New York), 28 March 1991.

Interview with Michael Lassell and Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, in *Interview* (New York), August 1991.

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Kathy Bates is a fine actress with a natural, straightforward style, who for years had impressed discerning viewers and critics with her stage work. But despite this recognition, she failed to break through the boundaries of regional and New York-based theater into the mainstream of the motion picture industry. Indeed, between 1979 and 1987 she originated roles in three hit stage plays: *Crimes of the Heart*, *‘night, Mother*, and *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*—the latter a part written especially for her. Yet when it came time to cast each property for the big screen, Bates was replaced by, respectively, Diane Keaton, Sissy Spacek, and Michelle Pfeiffer. The reasons were twofold: Not only was Bates an unknown celluloid commodity, but at 5’ 4” with a square build she lacked the inborn glamour of standard Hollywood leading ladies. In the late 1980s, Bates offered an explanation for Hollywood’s hesitation to cast her when she declared, “I do lose roles because I’m not slender and glamorous.”

When not appearing on stage, Bates earned a living in guest spots on prime-time television series and made-for-television films. She even had a regular role in the popular daytime soap opera *All My Children*. Feature film roles were infrequent and, for the most part, forgettable. Bates was past her 40th birthday when Rob Reiner became the first Hollywood director to recognize her screen power. He cast her in what was to be an Academy Award-winning performance in Stephen King’s *Misery*, playing Annie Wilkes, the “Number One Fan” of a famous romance novelist (James Caan), whom she nurses after he is injured in a car accident. Annie is significantly psychotic, and the bedridden writer soon becomes her prisoner. Bates’s bravura performance is nothing short of extraordinary. She unveils an astonishingly wide range of emotions as she befriends and then suddenly taunts her captive.

This breakthrough performance was proof that Bates could be a dynamo in character roles. *Misery*, however, was not her first interesting screen role. In the little-seen *The Road to Mecca*, based on a play by Athol Fugard, she was cast as a Capetown, South Africa, teacher—a part she earlier had played on the stage, but which was not considered significant enough for her to have lost it to a more well-known performer.

The year following the release of *Misery*, Bates created the pivotal role of Evelyn in *Fried Green Tomatoes*, the screen version of Fannie Flagg’s offbeat novel. Bates plays a repressed Southern housewife

who meets an elderly but spirited woman (Jessica Tandy) who resides in a nursing home. The old woman’s intricate yarns of people and events of the 1920s have a decided influence on Evelyn’s own lifestyle. Bates’s power-packed portrayal of Evelyn works in tandem with Tandy’s more delicate but equally forthright performance. The vigor of the pair (who appeared together one more time in *Used People*) represents a collaboration of the best of two generations of actresses.

Two other pivotal Bates performances came in *A Home of Our Own*, in which she is cast as a spirited single mother who settles with her children in a small Idaho town; and especially *Dolores Claiborne*, also based on a Stephen King story and her best role since *Misery*. In *Dolores Claiborne*, she offers an award-caliber tour de force as the title character, a Down East Maine woman accused of killing her boss—and who years earlier may have done in her abusive husband—and who is reunited with her long-estranged daughter (Jennifer Jason Leigh). Here, Bates and Leigh, cast as characters who share a deeply complex and involved personal history, play opposite each other just as impressively as Bates and Tandy had in *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

In the second half of the 1990s, Bates most often found herself playing dominating, larger-than-life characters. Some merely were colorful (Molly Brown in *Titanic*), while others were pushy and manipulative (Helen Kushnick in *The Late Shift*). In 1998, Bates had two of her most outstanding character parts in a pair of decidedly different films, one a loosely based-on-fact satire grounded in reality and the other a no-brainer farce. The first is *Primary Colors*, a sharply-written adaptation (by Elaine May) of the best-selling fictionalized chronicle of the first Bill Clinton Presidential campaign. Here, the full-bodied Bates plays a foul-mouthed, bossy campaign operative, a “dustbuster” whose task is to protect the candidate from accusations of scandal. She is Libby Holden, a “true believer,” a woman dedicated to getting good candidates elected. Libby cut her teeth on the McGovern campaign, and then spent the next two decades having mental breakdowns and living in and out of mental hospitals. This role offers Bates a full range of stances and emotions, from tough and ruthless to weakened and despairing. In *The Waterboy*, Bates is hilarious as Mama Boucher, a buxom bayou widow who controls every aspect of her son’s life. Her apron-strings strangle the young man’s aspirations as she prevents him from playing football and obtaining an education and a girlfriend. In this film, Bates has the singular challenge of fitting into the same celluloid fantasy world as the star, offbeat comic actor Adam Sandler. She deftly develops her character, as she speaks her bayou lingo and gestures broadly and comically. Without ever competing with Sandler’s comic style, Bates builds the character of a weirdly memorable matron who complements and even fills out Sandler’s universe.

Then in 1999, Bates made her directorial debut with a made-for-television feature film, *Dash and Lilly*, about the love affair between the writers Dashiell Hammett and Lillian Hellman. Although the film lacked pacing and a solid viewpoint, it does not seem unlikely that a woman with such a strong command of acting will be able to develop a more controlled skill for directing.

Character actresses traditionally have benefited from age in the film industry. In middle age, Kathy Bates finally and deservedly has been able to attain—and maintain—stardom as a reliable and occasionally riveting motion picture character performer. Her success is proof that there is room in Hollywood for both the slender “glamour girl” and the commanding character actress.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

BAXTER, Anne

Nationality: American. **Born:** Michigan City, Indiana, 7 May 1923. **Education:** Attended Theodora Irvine's School of Theatre, 1934–36; Lenox School, 1937–38; Bready School, 1938–39; studied acting with Maria Ouspenskaya, 1936–40. **Family:** Married 1) the actor John Hodiak, 1946 (divorced 1953), daughter: Katrina; 2) Randolph Galt, 1960 (divorced 1970), daughters: Melissa Ann and Maginel; 3) David Klee, 1977 (died 1977). **Career:** 1936—Broadway debut in *Seen but Not Heard*; 1940—film debut in *20 Mule Team*; 1957—TV debut as guest star on *General Electric Theater*; appeared in numerous TV productions over remainder of life; 1961—moved with husband to cattle station in the Australian outback where she lived for several years; 1969–70—in TV series *Marcus Welby*; 1971—return to Broadway in *Applause*, musical version of *All about Eve*, taking over role of Margo Channing from Lauren Bacall; 1976—in TV mini-series *The Moneychangers*, and *East of Eden*, 1982; 1982—final stage appearance as Queen Gertrude in *Hamlet*, American Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, Connecticut; 1983–85—in TV series *Hotel*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *The Razor's Edge*, 1946. **Died:** Of stroke, in New York City, 12 December 1985.

Films as Actress:

- 1940 *20 Mule Team* (Thorpe) (as Jean Johnson); *The Great Profile* (Walter Lang) (as Mary Maxwell)
- 1941 *Charley's Aunt* (*Charley's American Aunt*) (Mayo) (as Amy Spettigue); *Swamp Water* (*The Man Who Came Back*) (Renoir) (as Julie)
- 1942 *The Magnificent Ambersons* (Welles) (as Lucy Morgan); *The Pied Piper* (Pichel) (as Nicole Rougeron)
- 1943 *Crash Dive* (Mayo) (as Jean Hewlett); *Five Graves to Cairo* (Wilder) (as Mouche); *The North Star* (*Armored Attack*) (Milestone) (as Marina)
- 1944 *The Eve of St. Mark* (Stahl) (as Janet Feller); *Guest in the House* (Brahm) (as Evelyn Heath); *The Sullivans* (*The Fighting Sullivans*) (Lloyd Bacon) (as Katherine Mary); *Sunday Dinner for a Soldier* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Tessa Osborne); *The Purple Heart* (Milestone) (as voice)
- 1945 *A Royal Scandal* (*Czarina*) (Preminger) (as Countess Anna Jaschikoff)
- 1946 *Smoky* (Louis King) (as Julie Richards); *Angel on My Shoulder* (Mayo) (as Barbara Foster); *The Razor's Edge* (Edmund Goulding) (as Sophie MacDonald)
- 1947 *Mother Wore Tights* (Walter Lang) (as narrator); *Blaze of Noon* (Farrow) (as Lucille Stewart)
- 1948 *Homecoming* (LeRoy) (as Penny Johnson); *The Luck of the Irish* (Koster) (as Nora); *The Walls of Jericho* (Stahl) (as Julia Norman); *Yellow Sky* (Wellman) (as Mike)
- 1949 *You're My Everything* (Walter Lang) (as Hannah Adams)
- 1950 *A Ticket to Tomahawk* (Sale) (as Kit Dodge Jr.); *All about Eve* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Eve Harrington)
- 1951 *Follow the Sun* (Lanfield) (as Valerie Hogan)
- 1952 *Screen Snapshots No. 206*; *My Wife's Best Friend* (Sale) (as Virginia Mason); "The Last Leaf" ep. of *O. Henry's Full*

- House* (*Full House*) (Negulesco) (as Joanna); *The Outcasts of Poker Flat* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Cal)
- 1953 *I Confess* (Hitchcock) (as Ruth Grandfort); *The Blue Gardenia* (Fritz Lang) (as Norah Larkin)
- 1954 *Carnival Story* (Neumann) (as Willie)
- 1955 *Bedevilled* (Leisen) (as Monica Johnson); *One Desire* (Jerry Hopper) (as Tacey Cromwell); *The Spoilers* (Hibbs) (as Cherry Malotte)
- 1956 *The Come-On* (Birdwell) (as Rita Kendrick); *The Ten Commandments* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Princess Nefretiri); *Three Violent People* (Maté) (as Lorna Hunter Saunders)
- 1958 *Chase a Crooked Shadow* (Anderson) (as Kimberley)
- 1960 *Cimarron* (Anthony Mann) (as Dixie)
- 1961 *Season of Passion* (*Summer of the 17th Doll*) (Norman) (as Olive)
- 1962 *Mix Me a Person* (Norman) (as Dr. Anne Dyson); *Walk on the Wild Side* (Dmytryk) (as Teresina Vidarverri)
- 1965 *The Family Jewels* (Jerry Lewis) (cameo)
- 1966 *Frauen, die durch die Hölle gehen* (*The Tall Women*; *Donna alla frontiera*; *Sette donne per una strage*) (Grooper or Zehetgruber, Parolini, and Pink) (as Mary Ann)
- 1967 *The Busy Body* (Castle) (as Margo Foster); *Stranger on the Run* (Siegel—for TV) (as Valvera Johnson)
- 1968 *Companions in Nightmare* (Norman Lloyd—for TV) (as Carlotta Mauridge)
- 1969 *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (Rich—for TV) (as Myra Sherwood)
- 1970 *The Challengers* (Martinson—for TV, produced in 1968) (as Stephanie York); *Ritual of Evil* (Day—for TV) (as Jolene Wiley)
- 1971 *Fools' Parade* (*Dynamite Man from Glory Jail*) (McLaglen) (as Cleo); *If Tomorrow Comes* (McCowan—for TV) (as Miss Cramer); *The Late Liz* (Dick Ross) (as Liz Addams Hatch)
- 1972 *Lapin 360* (Lewis—unreleased); *The Catcher* (Miner—for TV) (as Kate)
- 1973 *Lisa, Bright and Dark* (Swarc—for TV) (as Margaret Schilling)
- 1978 *Little Mo* (Webb—for TV) (as Jess Connolly)
- 1979 *Nero Wolfe* (Gilroy—for TV) (as Rachel Bruner)
- 1980 *Jane Austen in Manhattan* (Ivory) (as Liliana Zorska)
- 1983 *The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright* (Grigor—doc) (as narrator)
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Given the creative legacy of Anne Baxter’s family—she was Frank Lloyd Wright’s granddaughter—her artistic accomplishments

were scripted from childhood. She was from the age of ten determined to become an actress after seeing a stage production starring Helen Hayes in New York; her aspirations were encouraged by her parents and grandfather.

There was an air of duplicity about Baxter that she and her directors used to diverse effect throughout her career. Her steely-eyed, intelligent beauty was composed of elements disparate enough to hint at complex or contradictory aspects of a character. Few of Baxter’s roles were straightforward interpretations; her characters, more often than not, play *other* characters. The masks that Baxter’s women wear may depict treachery (*All about Eve*), mental unbalance (*Guest in the House*), or a rugged, no nonsense exterior that disguises a vulnerable, tentative personality (*Yellow Sky*). Many of Hollywood’s best directors found Baxter a surprisingly intense performer and she did first-rate work for Hitchcock, Welles, Wellman, Edmund Goulding, Negulesco, Milestone, and Joseph L. Mankiewicz.

Without establishing a dominant screen persona, she made several good films from the time she was only a teenager. At the age of 16 she tested for the title role in Hitchcock’s *Rebecca*, but her youth prevented her from being cast; she had to settle for an ingenue part in *20 Mule Team*. From the beginning, though, her assignments and her

performances were varied and interesting; she was earnest in *The Great Profile*, earthy in *Swamp Water*, and a coquette in *Charley's Aunt*. *The Magnificent Ambersons* gave her the best role of her early career and her performance is subtle and thoughtfully shaded. She won an Academy Award for her tragic dipsomaniac in *The Razor's Edge* and was again nominated for her Eve Harrington in *All about Eve*, which she played, as *The New York Times* put it, with “an icy calm.”

Her career peaked sooner than seems just. While she continued to give good, sometimes inspired performances in *I Confess*, *O. Henry's Full House* (in Negulesco's “The Last Leaf” episode), *The Blue Gardenia*, and *The Ten Commandments*, eventually she found herself slogging through forgettable programmers. *Walk on the Wild Side* and *Fools' Parade* gave her a few shining moments, but she soon had to turn to television and the stage for sustenance. In 1971, she took over Lauren Bacall's role of Margo Channing in *Applause*, a stage musical based on *All about Eve*, and found herself in the intriguing position of playing the established star at odds with the young upstart, Eve, whom Baxter herself had played so memorably on film.

Though she never achieved the status of superstar, she did achieve longevity, diversity, and popularity throughout a very stable career. In her final role, Baxter portrayed Victoria Cabot on the television series *Hotel* from 1983 until her death, caused by a massive stroke in 1985.

—Frank Thompson, updated by Kelly Otter

BAYE, Nathalie

Nationality: French. **Born:** Mainneville, 6 July 1948. **Education:** Trained as a dancer; studied acting in Cours (René) Simon; attended Paris Conservatory of Dramatic Art, graduated 1972. **Family:** One child. **Career:** At 17, studied classical and modern dance in New York, and toured with dance company; returned to France for vacation, decided to stay and study acting; 1971—film debut in *Faustine and the Beautiful Summer*; 1974—in Pirandello's *Liolla* at Théâtre de la Commune; also TV work; 1978–79—stage appearance in *Three Sisters*, directed by Lucian Pintillé. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress César Award, for *Sauve qui peut*, 1980; Best Supporting Actress César Award, for *Une Étrange Affaire*, 1981; Best Actress César Award, for *La Balance*, 1983; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup for Best Actress, for *Une liaison pornographique*, 1999; Golden Space Needle Award for Best Actress, Seattle International Film Festival, for *Vénus beauté*, 2000. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 av Georges V, Paris 75008, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1971 *Faustine et le belété* (*Faustine and the Beautiful Summer*) (Companeez) (as Giselle)
- 1972 *Two People* (Wise) (bit role)
- 1973 *La Nuit américaine* (*Day for Night*) (Truffaut) (as Joëlle)
- 1974 *La Gueule ouverte* (*The Mouth Agape*) (Pialat); *Un Jour de fête* (Sisser); *La Gifle* (*The Slap*) (Pinoteau) (as Christine)
- 1975 *Le Voyage des noces* (*Honeymoons*) (Trintignant); *La Jalousie* (Trintignant)

- 1976 *Mado* (Sautet) (as Catherine); *Le Plein de super* (*Fill It Up, Premium!*) (Cavalier); *L'ultima donna* (*The Last Woman*) (Ferreri); *La Communion solennelle* (Féret)
- 1977 *L'Homme qui aimait les femmes* (*The Man Who Loved Women*) (Truffaut) (as Martine Desdoits); *Monsieur Papa* (Monnier) (as Janine)
- 1978 *La Chambre verte* (*The Green Room*) (Truffaut) (as Cecilia Mandel); *Mon Premier Amour* (*My First Love*) (Chourauqui) (as Fabienne); *La Mémoire courte* (*Short Memory*) (de Gregorio)
- 1979 *Je vais craquer* (*The Rat Race*) (Leterrier)
- 1980 *Sauve qui peut* (*La Vie; Slow Motion; Every Man for Himself*) (Godard) (as Denise Rimbaud); *Une Semaine de vacances* (*A Week's Vacation*) (Tavernier) (as Laurence); *La Provinciale* (*The Girl from Lorraine*) (Goretti) (as Christine)
- 1981 *Beau-Père* (Blier) (as Charlotte); *Une Étrange Affaire* (Granier-Deferre); *L'Ombre rouge* (Comolli); *Le Retour de Martin Guerre* (*The Return of Martin Guerre*) (Vigne) (as Bertrande de Roi)
- 1982 *La Balance* (*The Nark*) (Swaim) (as Nicole); *J'ai épousé une ombre* (*I Married a Dead Man; I Married a Shadow*) (Robin Davis) (as Hélène/Patricia)
- 1984 *Rive droit, rive gauche* (*Right Bank, Left Bank*) (Labro) (as Sacha Vernakis); *Madame Sourdis* (Huppert)
- 1985 *Notre histoire* (*Our Story; Separate Rooms*) (Blier) (as Donatienne Pouget/Marie-Therese Chatelard/Genevieve Avranché); *Le Neveu de Beethoven* (*Beethoven's Nephew*) (Morrissey) (as Leonore); *Lune de miel* (*Honeymoon*) (Jamain) (as Cecile Carline); *Détective* (Godard) (as Françoise Chenal)
- 1987 *En Toute Innocence* (Jessua) (as Catherine)
- 1988 *Guerre Lasse* (Enrico)
- 1989 *Gioco al massacro* (Damiani)
- 1990 *The Man Inside* (Roth) (as Christine); *Un Weekend sur deux* (*Every Other Weekend*) (Garcia) (as Camille Valmont); *La Baule-les-pins* (*C'est la vie*) (Kurys) (as Lena)
- 1992 *Mensonge* (*Lie*) (François Margolin) (as Emma)
- 1993 *And the Band Played On* (Spottiswoode—for TV)
- 1994 *La Machine* (*The Machine*) (Dupeyron) (as Marie)
- 1995 *François Truffaut: Portraits Voles* (*François Truffaut: Stolen Portraits*) (Toubiana and Pascal—doc)
- 1996 *Enfants de salaud* (*Bastard Brood*) (Tonie Marshall) (as Sophie)
- 1997 *Food of Love* (Poliakoff); *Paparazzi* (Berberian) (as Nicole)
- 1998 *Si je t'aime, prends garde à toi* (*Beware of My Love*) (Labruné)
- 1999 *Vénus beauté (institut)* (*Venus Beauty Salon*) (Tonie Marshall) (as Angèle); *Une liaison pornographique* (*A Pornographic Affair*) (Fonteyne) (as Her)
- 2000 *Selon Mathieu* (Beauvois)

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“I could leave a man for a film, but never a film for a man.” The comment is that of Joëlle, the continuity girl played by Nathalie Baye in Truffaut’s *La Nuit américaine*, and more than 20 years later it is still one of the actress’s best-remembered lines. Though such total devotion to the movies may not be true of Baye herself—“If I only

lived for the cinema, I don’t think I would be able to act,” she once observed—it fairly sums up a strong aspect of her on-screen persona: level-headed, professional, dedicated to the task in hand. It is hard to imagine her staging a tantrum and storming off the set.

Though *La Nuit américaine* was one of Baye’s first films, her inexperience was hardly evident. The conviction with which she inhabited her role led some people—including, apparently, Billy Wilder—to imagine she really was Truffaut’s continuity girl. (Irritated at the time, Baye later realized what an involuntary compliment she had been paid.) Truffaut, whom she found sympathetic and supportive (“He’s not just in love with the movies, he loves actors”), subsequently used her in two more films—but neither the episodic *L’Homme qui aimait les femmes* nor the gloom of *La Chambre verte* offered much scope to her growing talent.

It was Bertrand Tavernier who established her on the international scene. As the Lyonnaise schoolteacher in *Une Semaine de vacances*, troubled by the urge to step back and take stock of her too well-ordered existence, Baye conveyed a sense of lived emotion in a performance subtly detailed without ever seeming self-conscious. Tavernier paid tribute to her “quivering inwardness . . . she confronts a scene head-on, with neither fear nor tricks.” She herself speaks of

“le déclic essentiel,” the moment when identification with a part clicks into place, no longer studied but felt.

She was now ranked among the “nouvelle actrices” of French cinema, along with Isabelle Huppert, Isabelle Adjani and Miou-Miou—players for whom personal considerations of looks or prestige were subordinated to the demands of the role. Baye in any case has never aspired to glamour, or even to conventional notions of prettiness. She can look plain, at times almost ugly, then at once—as a shaft of thought or passion lights up the eyes—unexpectedly beautiful. She moves with an unobtrusive grace, her dancer’s training standing her in good stead. “Her every gesture is musical,” Tavernier noted.

Such understated qualities can invite typecasting in dutiful or victimized roles—as in undemanding material such as Goretta’s *La Provinciale*—and Baye in turn has sometimes tended to fall back on certain well-tryed mannerisms: the tremulous smile, the hurt look in the eyes. To counter these tendencies she has consistently aimed to widen her range, favoring directors who will cast her against type and “make me do things that weren’t immediately obvious for me.”

Two films of the early 1980s helped her shatter the nice-girl image. In Daniel Vigne’s period drama *Le Retour de Martin Guerre*, she brought an unleashed sensuality to her scenes with Gérard Depardieu—evidently indifferent, in the joy of her rekindled passion, as to whether he is or is not her long-lost husband. Even more against type was her hooker in *La Balance*, Bob Swaim’s slick *policier*, crude and aggressive in her street-life, direct and tender in her devotion to her boyfriend as the trap closes around them both. Baye’s performance won her first César as Best Actress.

Her talent for comedy has been relatively underused. As the enigmatic focus of Bertrand Blier’s surreal farce *Notre histoire*, she deftly switched personae under the bemused gaze of Alain Delon. She also emerged with credit from the labyrinthine comedy of Godard’s *Défective*, playing the apex of an erotic triangle with Claude Brasseur and her offscreen lover at that period, the pop-singer Johnny Hallyday. Godard remains one of her favorite directors. “There’s often stuff in his films that irritates me, but he saw things in me that nobody had seen before. He knew how to look at me. And it’s invaluable for an actor to feel that you’re being really looked at.”

Baye retains a strong commitment to theatre, and for a period during the late 1980s retreated entirely to the stage when her liaison with Hallyday was attracting unwelcome press attention. She returned to the screen with two strong roles in women-directed films. In *La Baule-les-Pins*, the third in Diane Kurys’s autobiographical sequence, she played a woman juggling the demands of daughters, a collapsing marriage, and her own love-life—poised and determined, though still vulnerable. Nicole Garcia’s *Un week-end sur deux* offered a challenging contrast: the role of a failed actress denied custody of her children, who kidnap them for a wild flight across country. Baye’s Camille, with her abrupt, nervy reactions and slightly off-focus gaze, suggested a woman sliding helplessly out of touch with reality.

The mid-1990s were a difficult period for Baye, with her career seemingly losing momentum. But the end of the decade saw her back on form with three distinctive roles—two of them, again, for women directors. In Jeanne Labrune’s *Si je t’aime, prends garde à toi* she portrayed a woman in whom a chance encounter unleashes a hidden element of fierce sexual rapacity, while for Tonie Marshall’s *Vénus beauté (institut)* she suppressed her natural charm to play a downbeat

variation: a woman disenchanted with love who tries to lose herself in promiscuous sex. Both roles gave hints of a newly regained vitality, which became fully evident in *Une liaison pornographique*, Frédérique Fonteyne’s more tender reworking of *Last Tango in Paris*. Baye’s performance, glowing with a relaxed sensuality, suggests she may be following Jeanne Moreau and Catherine Deneuve into iconic status, her grace and intelligence enhanced by maturity.

—Philip Kemp

BEATTY, Warren

Nationality: American. **Born:** Henry Warren Beaty in Richmond, Virginia, 30 March 1938; brother of the actress Shirley MacLaine. **Education:** Attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; studied drama at Stella Adler Acting School. **Family:** Married the actress Annette Bening, 1992, two children. **Career:** Had role in TV series *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, signed abortive contract with MGM, 1959–60; had lead role in *Compulsion* in stock, and on Broadway in William Inge’s *A Loss of Roses*, 1960–61; made film debut in Elia Kazan’s *Splendor in the Grass*, 1961; produced first film, *Bonnie and Clyde*, 1967; wrote first screenplay, *Shampoo*, co-scripted with Robert Towne, 1975; made directorial debut with *Heaven Can Wait*, co-directed with Buck Henry, 1978; co-wrote, produced, directed, and acted in award-winning film *Reds*, 1981; co-wrote, produced, directed and acted in award-winning film *Bulworth*, 1998. **Awards:** Best Screenplay National Society of Film Critics, for *Shampoo*, 1975; Best Comedy Adapted from Another Medium Writers Guild of America Award, Best Motion Picture Actor—Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *Heaven Can Wait*, 1978; Best Director Academy Award, D. W. Griffith Award for Best Director, Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Motion Pictures Directors Guild of America Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Director, Best Director National Board of Review, Best Director—Motion Picture Golden Globe, Best Drama Written Directly for the Screen Writers Guild of America Award, for *Reds*, 1981; Best Actor National Board of Review, for *Bugsy*, 1991; Los Angeles Critics Association Best Screenplay, for *Bulworth*, 1998; Irving G. Thalberg Award for body of work, Motion Picture Academy, 2000. **Address:** JRS Productions, 555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1961 *Splendor in the Grass* (Kazan) (as Bud Stamper); *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone* (Quintero) (as Pablo di Leo)
- 1962 *All Fall Down* (Frankenheimer) (as Berry-Berry Willart)
- 1964 *Lilith* (Rossen) (as Vincent Bruce)
- 1965 *Mickey One* (Arthur Penn) (title role)
- 1966 *Promise Her Anything* (Hiller) (as Harley Rummel); *Kaleidoscope* (Smight) (as Barney Lincoln)
- 1967 *Bonnie and Clyde* (Arthur Penn) (as Clyde Barrow, + pr)
- 1969 *The Only Game in Town* (Stevens) (as Joe Grady)
- 1971 *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (Altman) (as McCabe); *\$ (Dollars; The Heist)* (Richard Brooks) (as Joe Collins)



Warren Beatty in *Bulworth*

- 1973 *Year of the Woman* (Hochman—doc)
- 1974 *The Parallax View* (Pakula) (as Joseph Frady)
- 1975 *Shampoo* (Ashby) (as George, + co-pr, co-sc); *The Fortune* (Nichols) (as Nicky)
- 1984 *George Stevens: A Filmmaker's Journey* (Stevens, Jr.) (as himself)
- 1987 *Ishtar* (May) (as Lyle Rogers, + pr)
- 1991 *Bugsy* (Levinson) (as Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, + co-pr); *Truth or Dare* (Keshishian—doc) (as himself)
- 1993 *Taking the Heat* (for TV)
- 1994 *Love Affair* (Caron) (as Mike Gambriel, + pr, co-sc)
- 1995 *Falling for You* (for TV) (as reporter)
- 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (as himself)
- 2000 *Town and Country* (Chelsom)

Films as Director:

- 1978 *Heaven Can Wait* (co-d with Buck Henry, + pr, co-sc, ro as Joe Pendleton)
- 1981 *Reds* (+ pr, co-sc, ro as John Reed)
- 1990 *Dick Tracy* (+ pr, title role)
- 1998 *Bulworth* (+pr, co-sc, ro as Jay Bulworth)

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Warren Beatty is one of the wealthiest and most respected men in Hollywood. He has been a leading player since his screen debut in 1961, and a combination producer/writer/director since 1975. He is the only person to have been nominated for an Academy Award in four categories—director, actor, producer, and writer—on two occasions (*Heaven Can Wait* and *Reds*). With such multiple credit success,

Beatty has served as an inspiration for actors wishing to extend their talents to other aspects of moviemaking.

His older sister Shirley MacLaine was already a star when Beatty arrived in Hollywood. Playwright William Inge, however, discovered Beatty and arranged for him to play opposite Natalie Wood in Elia Kazan’s film version of Inge’s *Splendor in the Grass*. With his exceptional looks, Beatty made an impressive debut as the son of a wealthy family who is forced to abandon his girlfriend of lower social standing. Fitting into the post-James Dean wounded youth syndrome, he immediately was earmarked for success and given the highly sought-after role of gigolo to Vivien Leigh’s fading, middle-aged actress in Tennessee Williams’s *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone*. His alienated youth period continued with another William Inge story, *All Fall Down*, in which he is a narcissistic pretty boy. In *Lilith*, he plays a psychiatric worker who becomes fixated upon a patient and eventually needs psychiatric help himself. Both performances are studies of brooding instability, and they displayed his ability to convey a mixture of boyish innocence and world-weary cynicism.

Beatty’s antihero persona lead him to the part of the troubled nightclub comedian in *Mickey One*, directed by Arthur Penn. The quirks of this character may have been too offbeat, and the film failed at the box office. Beatty reteamed with Penn for the most important role of his career: ruthless, psychotic killer Clyde Barrow in *Bonnie and Clyde*, which was also his first producing venture. The film was a blockbuster, one which had an immense impact on filmmaking styles, not to mention fashion. With its stylized violence, *Bonnie and Clyde* was on the cutting edge of its time. Its success opened up career possibilities for Beatty both in front of and behind the camera. The film made him a millionaire, and from that point onward he chose his projects slowly and with caution—but not always wisely. In *McCabe and Mrs. Miller*, directed by Robert Altman, he played an itinerant gambler who builds a whorehouse for his girlfriend. The moody, rambling Western was considered jumbled and sluggish by many critics and hardly was considered at all by ticket buyers, although, today, its reputation has improved.

As early as 1973, announcements appeared in the press concerning Beatty’s development of a project about American leftist writer John Reed, but that film, *Reds*, did not reach screens until 1981. Meanwhile, he co-produced, co-wrote, and starred in 1975’s *Shampoo*, a stinging satire on Southern California lifestyles, in which he is a hairstylist who tries to achieve financial security through sexual opportunism. The character also had a blend of the boy/man Beatty seemed destined to play again and again. Some understood his hairdresser to be an autobiographical rumination on his own Casanova reputation.

In 1978 Beatty was producer, co-director, co-writer, and star of *Heaven Can Wait*, a successful remodeling of the classic romantic comedy *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*. Popular with the public and lauded by critics, *Heaven Can Wait* was followed by *Reds*, which turned out to be a sprawling romantic epic with political overtones, taking John Reed (Beatty) into communism and through the Russian Revolution, as well as into a relationship with a freethinking woman. *Reds* allowed Beatty an opportunity to create a larger-than-life romantic character, and place that character into a setting of sociological significance—an indication of Beatty’s own inclination toward liberal politics.

Then came *Ishtar*. An out-of-control budget and costly delays resulted in Hollywood's worst financial disaster since *Heaven's Gate*. The flat comedy follows two untalented singer-songwriters (Beatty and Dustin Hoffman) into desert intrigue. The film was only a temporary embarrassment for Beatty, who regained box-office success three years later as *Dick Tracy*. By then, Beatty's handsome face had lost some of its allure and he seems too old for the part—his yellow Burberry raincoat has more luster than he does in his role as the crime-fighting comic-strip hero. Beatty is much more effective as real-life gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel in *Bugsy*. Here is a serious, gritty character role, one which is a maturation of the troubled youths and gangsters he played so well in the 1960s.

Beatty the movie idol has not aged well. At the opening of *Love Affair*, Gary Shandling (playing the lawyer of Beatty's character, football star turned television sports commentator Mike Gambril) comments on how good Gambril looks on television. This bit of script maneuvering seems meant to telegraph the idea to the viewer that, contrary to opinion, Beatty himself remains a hunk. Gambril might be a clone of Beatty, a continent-hopping celebrity who has "been with a lot of women" and whom the paparazzi are eager to photograph. In the course of the story Gambril meets the woman, played by Beatty's wife Annette Bening, who will intrigue and then domesticate him—just as Bening did to Beatty in real life.

In *Bugsy* (which also pairs Beatty and Bening romantically) and *Love Affair*, the actors trade quips, which are the basis of their attraction. In *Bugsy* Beatty and Bening work with an intelligent script, while in *Love Affair* the conversation is vapid. Beatty no longer can get by on-screen only with charm and good looks. He is far better off playing character roles, as he did so well in *Bugsy*—and this precisely is what he does in *Bulworth*, a deft and biting political satire that is one of his most ambitious projects. Beatty directs, co-scripts, and stars as Jay Bulworth, a pompous, do-nothing United States senator whose guilt over his own ineptitude results in his having a nervous breakdown. He emerges as a white, middle-aged rap singer who speaks the truth regarding the reality of contemporary American politics. At the core of that truth is that politicians are neither ruled by right and wrong nor motivated by the will of the electorate. Rather, they primarily are influenced by those individuals or corporations with the most money and connections.

What is most interesting about the film is that, like *Reds*, it seems to reflect on Beatty's liberal political sensibilities and concerns. Yet at the same time, *Bulworth* exudes a feeling of disenchantment. According to the film, Democrats and Republicans have become virtually indistinguishable. Politicians are little more than men and, in some cases, women who appear on television, look personable, and mouth rhetoric. They are media personalities, who are no different from the actor-pitchman who appears on TV, smiles brightly, and tells you that you will find happiness if only you use a certain brand of bathroom tissue. *Bulworth* is an audacious film, one that is loaded with bitter truths. It should be required viewing every October and November, in the weeks prior to Election Day. And given its content, combined with its creator's own political activism dating from the 1960s, it is not surprising that Beatty briefly was considered a potential candidate in the 2000 presidential election.

—Doug Tomlinson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg
and Rob Edelman

BELAFONTE, Harry

Nationality: American. **Born:** Harold George Belafonte, Jr., in New York City, 1 March 1927. **Education:** Studied at Irwin Piscator's Dramatic Workshop at the New School for Social Research, 1946–48, Actors Studio, and the American Negro Theatre. **Military Service:** U.S. Navy, 1943–45. **Family:** Married Marguerite Byrd (divorced); two daughters, Adrienne and Shari Belafonte (actress); married dancer Julie Robinson, 8 March 1957; son, David, and daughter, Gina Belafonte (actress). **Career:** Became a member of the American Negro Theater in New York, 1948; appeared regularly on the CBS black variety show *Sugar Hill Times*, 1949; first appeared on Broadway, 1953; film debut in *Bright Road*, 1953; recording artist with RCA, 1954–73; popularized calypso music with the release of his album *Calypso*, 1956; formed his own television production company, 1959; first African American to star in a television special, 1960; president, Belafonte Enterprises Inc.; became goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, 1986. **Awards:** Tony Award, for *Almanac*, 1953; Emmy Award, for *Tonight with Belafonte*, 1960; Grammy Awards, for *We Are the World*, 1985; recipient of Kennedy Center Honors, 1989; National Medal of Arts Award, 1994; New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *Kansas City*, 1996; Chairman's Award, NAACP, 1999; numerous honorary doctorates and humanitarian awards. **Address:** Belafonte Enterprises Inc., 830 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, USA.

Films as Actor:

- 1953 *Bright Road* (Mayer) (as school principal)
- 1954 *Carmen Jones* (Preminger) (as Joe)
- 1957 *Island in the Sun* (Rossen) (as David Boyeur)
- 1959 *The World, The Flesh, and the Devil* (MacDougall) (as Ralph Burton); *Odds Against Tomorrow* (Wise) (as Johnny Ingram)
- 1970 *King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis* (doc) (narrator), *The Angel Levine* (Kadár) (as Alexander Levine)
- 1972 *Buck and the Preacher* (Poitier) (as the Preacher)
- 1974 *Uptown Saturday Night* (Poitier) (as Geechie Dan Beauford); *Free to Be You & Me* (Davis, Steckler) (as himself)
- 1981 *Grambling's White Tiger* (Brown—for TV) (as Eddie Robinson)
- 1982 *A veces miro mi vida* (Rojas) (as himself)
- 1989 *We Shall Overcome* (Brown) (doc) (narrator)
- 1990 *Eyes on the Prize II* (Shearer—for TV) (doc) (as himself)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as himself)
- 1994 *Prêt-à-Porter (Ready to Wear)* (Altman) (as himself)
- 1995 *White Man's Burden* (Nakano) (as Thaddeus Thomas)
- 1996 *Jazz '34 (Robert Altman's Jazz '34)* (Altman) (as narrator); *Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter* (Marty—for TV) (doc) (as himself); *Kansas City* (Altman) (as Seldom Seen)
- 1999 *Swing Vote* (Anspaugh—for TV) (as Will)

Films as Producer:

- 1984 *Beat Street*
- 1995 *The Affair* (for TV)
- 2000 *Parting the Waters* (miniseries—for TV)



Harry Belafonte in *Kansas City*

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Harry Belafonte, born in Harlem to a Jamaican mother and a father from Martinique, is known as the "consummate entertainer," successful in the realms of theater, motion pictures, and the recording industry. A human rights activist, Belafonte has used his celebrity to cast a spotlight on humanitarian causes around the world, including the Civil Rights struggle of African Americans, the fight against apartheid in South Africa, and UNICEF. In motion pictures he is probably best known for his acting talents, which, combined with his physique, good looks, and voice, made him Hollywood's first African American male sex symbol.

Belafonte's first appeared in *Bright Road* (1953) alongside Dorothy Dandridge. He starred with her again the next year in *Carmen Jones*, an all-black version of George Bizet's opera, *Carmen*. Belafonte's popularity with female audiences crossed color lines, and Hollywood exploited it by frequently casting him in films that featured interracial romance, such as the controversial *Island in the Sun*. Because such stereotyping limited his acting possibilities, Belafonte turned to the recording industry, singing calypso music, a popular folk style in the Carribean. His recordings of such songs as "Matilda" and what would become his signature song, "Banana Boat Song," resulted in an American obsession with the music form.

His album *Calypso* became the first solo album to sell over a million copies.

In 1960 Belafonte starred in a television special, becoming the first African American to do so. He did not work in motion pictures during the decade, dedicating his energies to the Civil Rights Movement. During the African American struggle for social, political, and economic equality, Belafonte helped raise funds for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Freedom Riders and voter registration drives, and helped establish the Southern Free Theater in Mississippi. He served on the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and chaired the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Fund. He also worked as an unofficial liaison between the Kennedy Administration and leaders of the Movement. In 1961, he was appointed to the advisory committee of the Peace Corps.

Belafonte returned to motion pictures during the 1970s, appearing in such films as *Buck and the Preacher* (1971) and *Uptown Saturday Night* (1974) with comedian Bill Cosby. During this period, he continued his singing career, recording albums and performing, often for the benefit of numerous charities. In 1984 he became a film producer, bringing to the screen one of the first hip-hop inspired feature films, *Beat Street*. Belafonte continued his multifaceted career in the 1980s and 1990s. In 1985 he developed the idea for what was to become the “We Are the World Project,” which brought together popular music artists such as Michael Jackson, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen to record a single that raised over \$70 million for famine relief in Africa. In 1986 he was named goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, and in 1990 served as the chair for the committee that welcomed Nelson Mandela to the United States. He received numerous awards for his humanitarian efforts.

In the 1990s Belafonte appeared regularly in the films of Robert Altman. His cameo appearances in *Prêt-à-Porter* and *The Player* allowed him to poke fun at his image as the suave black celebrity, but he played a far more substantive role in *Kansas City* (1996). As Seldom Seen he was a menacing gangster figure lurking in the background of the 1930s Kansas City jazz scene. The role earned him a best supporting actor award from the New York Film Critics Circle.

—Frances Gateward

BELMONDO, Jean-Paul

Nationality: French. **Born:** Neuilly-sur-Seine, 9 April 1933. **Education:** Attended Collège Pascal, Paris; National Conservatory of Dramatic Art, Paris. **Family:** Married Elodie (Belmondo), 1952 (divorced 1967), children: Patricia, Florence, and Paul. **Career:** 1949—short-lived attempt at boxing career; 1950—stage debut; c. 1956–57—founder, with Annie Girardot and Guy Bedos, of traveling stage company to play Parisian suburbs and the provinces; 1956–58—in comic and character roles on French stage and screen; 1959—international stardom for role of antihero in Godard’s *A bout de souffle*; 1960—first starring role on French TV in production of *The Three Musketeers*; 1963–66—president of Syndicat Français des Acteurs; late 1960s—formed production company Cerito Films; 1990—acted title role in *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Paris. **Awards:** Chevalier de la Légion d’honneur; L’Ordre national du Mérite et des Arts et des Lettres; César for Best Actor, for *L’Itinéraire d’un enfant gâté*, 1987. **Address:** 9 rue des St. Peres, 75007 Paris, France.



Jean-Paul Belmondo in *Pierrot le Fou* emphasis<

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Molière* (Tildian)
- 1956 *Dimanche nous volerons*
- 1957 *A pied, à cheval et en voiture* (Delbez) (as Venin)
- 1958 *Sois belle et tais-toi* (*Blonde for Danger*; *Just Another Pretty Face*) (Marc Allégret) (as Pierrot); *Drôle de dimanche* (Marc Allégret) (as Patrick); *Les Tricheurs* (*Youthful Sinners*; *The Cheaters*) (Carné) (as Lou); *Charlotte et son Jules* (Godard) (as Jean, the old boyfriend); *Les Copains du dimanche* (Aisner) (as Trebois)
- 1959 *Mademoiselle Ange* (*Ein Engel auf Erden*; *Angel on Earth*) (von Radvanyi); *A bout de souffle* (*Breathless*) (Godard) (as Michel Poiccard); *A double tour* (*Web of Passion*; *Leda*; *A Doppia mandata*) (Chabrol) (as Laszlo Kovacs)
- 1960 *Classe tous risques* (*The Big Risk*) (Sautet) (as Eric Stark); *Les Distractions* (*Trapped by Fear*) (Dupont) (as Paul); “L’Adultère” (“Adultery”) ep. of *La Française et l’amour* (*Love and the Frenchwoman*) (Verneuil) (as Gil); *Lettere di una novizia* (*Letter from a Novice*; *Rita*) (Lattuada) (as Giuliano Verdi); *Moderato cantabile* (*Seven Days . . . Seven Nights*) (Brook) (as Chauvin)
- 1961 *La ciociara* (*Two Women*) (de Sica) (as Michele); *La viaccia* (*The Love Makers*) (Bolognini) (as Amerigo Casamonti); *Léon Morin, prêtre* (*Leon Morin, Priest*; *The Forgiven Sinner*) (Melville); *Une Femme est une femme* (*A Woman Is a Woman*) (Godard) (as Alfred Lubitsch); “Lauzun” ep.

- of *Amours célèbres* (Boisrond); *Un Nommé La Rocca* (Jean Becker)
- 1962 *Cartouche* (*Swords of Blood*) (de Broca) (title role); *Un Singe en hiver* (*It's Hot in Hell; A Monkey in Winter*) (Verneuil) (as Gabriel Fouquet); *I Don Giovanni della Costa Azzurra* (Sala); *L'Ainé des Ferchaux* (*Magnet of Doom*) (Melville) (as Michel Maudet); *Un Couer gros comme ça* (*The Winner*) (Reichenbach)
- 1963 *Le Doulos* (*The Fingerman; Doulos—The Fingerman*) (Melville) (as Silien); *Mare matto* (Castellani); *Il giorno più corto* (*The Shortest Day*) (Corbucci); *Dragées au poivre* (*Sweet and Sour*) (Baratier) (as Raymond); *Cent mille dollars au soleil* (*Greed in the Sun*) (Verneuil) (as Rocco)
- 1964 *Peau de banane* (*Banana Peel*) (Marcel Ophüls) (as Michel); *L'Homme de Rio* (*That Man from Rio*) (de Broca) (as Adrien Dufourquet); *Enchappement libre* (*Backfire*) (Jean Becker); *La Chasse à l'homme* (*The Gentle Art of Seduction; Male Hunt; Scappamento Aperto*) (Molinaro) (as Fernand); *Weekend à Zuydcoote* (*Weekend at Dunkirk*) (Verneuil) (as Sgt. Julien Maillat)
- 1965 *Par un beau matin d'été* (*Crime on a Summer Morning*) (Deray); *Les Tribulations d'un chinois en Chine* (*Up to His Ears; Chinese Adventures in China*) (de Broca) (as Arthur Lempereur); *Pierrot le fou* (*Peter the Crazy*) (Godard) (as Ferdinand Griffon, "Pierrot")
- 1966 *Paris brûle-t-il* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément) (as Morandat); *Tendre voyou* (*Tender Scoundrel*) (Jean Becker) (as Tony Marechal)
- 1967 *Le Voleur* (*The Thief of Paris*) (Malle) (as Georges Randal); *La Bande à Bébel* (Gérard); *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as French Legionnaire)
- 1968 *Ho!* (Enrico) (title role)
- 1969 *Le Cerveau* (*The Brain*) (Oury) (as Arthur); *La Sirène du Mississippi* (*Mississippi Mermaid*) (Truffaut) (as Louis Mahe); *Un Homme qui me plaît* (*Love Is a Funny Thing; Again a Love Story; Un Tipo chi mi piace*) (Lelouch) (as Henri); *Dieu a choisi Paris* (Prouteau and Arthuys)
- 1970 *Borsalino* (Deray) (as François Capella)
- 1971 *Les Mariés de l'an II* (*The Scoundrel*) (Rappeneau) (as Nicholas Philabert); *Le Casse* (*The Burglars*) (Verneuil) (as Asad)
- 1972 *Docteur Popaul* (*Scoundrel in White; High Heels*) (Chabrol) (as Paul Simay); *La Scoumoune* (Giovanni) (as Borgo)
- 1973 *L'Héritier* (*The Inheritor*) (Labro) (as Barthelémy Cordell)
- 1974 *Le Magnifique* (*How to Destroy the Reputation of the Greatest Secret Agent . . . The Magnificent One*) (de Broca) (as Bob Saint-Clair/François Merlin); *Stavisky* (Resnais) (title role)
- 1975 *Peur sur la ville* (*The Night Caller; Fear over the City*) (Verneuil) (as Commissioner Jean Letellier); *L'Incorrigible* (*The Incorrigible*) (de Broca) (as Victor)
- 1976 *Le corps de mon ennemi* (Verneuil) (as François Leclerc, + pr, co-sc); *L'Alpagueur* (Labro) (as Roger Pilard/l'Alpagueur)
- 1977 *L'Animal* (*The Animal; Stuntwoman*) (Zidi) (as Mike Gaucher/Bruno Ferrari)
- 1979 *Flic ou voyou* (Lautner) (as Commissioner Stanislas Borowitz/Angelo Crutti)
- 1980 *Le Guignolo* (Lautner) (as Alain Dupre); *I piccioni di Piazza San Marco; The Hunter* (*Will Get You*) (Labro) (title role)
- 1981 *Le Professionnel* (Lautner) (as Joss Baumont)

- 1982 *L'As des as* (*Ace of Aces; The Super Ace*) (Oury) (as Joe Cavalier, + pr)
- 1983 *Les Morfalous* (*The Vultures*) (Verneuil) (as Pierre Augagneur); *Le Marginal* (*The Outsider*) (Deray) (as Commissioner Philippe Jordan)
- 1984 *Joyeuses Pâques* (*Happy Easter*) (Lautner) (as Stéphane Margelle); *The Swashbuckler* (*The Scarlet Buccaneer*) (Rappeneau)
- 1985 *Hold-Up* (Arcady) (as Grimm)
- 1987 *Le Solitaire* (Deray) (as Commissioner Stan Jalard); *L'Itinéraire d'un enfant gâté* (Lelouch) (as Sam Lion)
- 1990 *Fleur de Rubis* (Mocky)
- 1992 *L'Inconnu dans la Maison* (*Stranger in the House*) (Lautner) (as Loursat, + pr)
- 1995 *Les Misérables* (Lelouch) (as Jean Valjean/Roger Fortin/Henri Fortin); *Les Cent et une nuits* (*A Hundred and One Nights*) (Varda) (as Actor for a Day)
- 1996 *Desire* (Murat) (title role)
- 1998 *Une chance sur deux* (*Half a Chance*) (Leconte) (as Léo Brassac)
- 1999 *Peut-être* (Klapisch) (as Ako)
- 2000 *Les Acteurs* (*Actors*) (Blier) (as himself); *Amazone* (de Broca) (as Edouard)

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When Jean-Paul Belmondo entered films in the mid-1950s, his expressive face, with thick lips, the broken nose of a boxer, and the mocking gaze of a rascal, did not correspond to the conception of the traditional young film hero/lover. He received his first real on-screen opportunity only with the coming of the French New Wave, when he began playing defiant and discontented young men who instinctively rebelled against their environment and society's status quo. Such was his role in Chabrol's *A double tour* (in which he substituted for an ailing Jean-Claude Brialy), but this film did not receive a great deal of attention. However, it was his role in Godard's *A bout de souffle*, made in the same year—1959, a watershed for the French New Wave—which won him unexpected success from the public and the critics and made him famous all over the world. The hero of the film, Michel Poiccard, is a car thief, living from hand to mouth, who finally becomes a murderer and pays with his life for his recklessness and irresponsibility. The success of *A bout de souffle* even resulted in a wave of "Belmondism" in the hipper circles of Paris, manifesting itself in a particular style of behavior, clothing, and expression.

Previously, Godard had directed Belmondo in an interesting short-length study, *Charlotte et son Jules*, and they worked together again in *Une Femme est une femme* and, more importantly, *Pierrot le fou*. To express his anarchistic conception of modern life, Godard, rejecting everything conventional and static, had found in Belmondo the ideal screen hero. In several other films, the actor replayed this type of rough, isolated (and ultimately ill-fated) character. He had similarly motivated roles in Becker's *Un Nommé La Rocca*, while in Verneuil's *Un Singe en hiver*, where Belmondo partnered with Jean Gabin, the dramatic situations were alternated with comic elements. He gathered further experience in Italy where he made films under the direction of Lattuada (*Lettere di una novizia*), de Sica (*La ciociara*), and Bolognini (*La viaccia*). Almost as consequential to his work with Godard were the films he made with Jean-Pierre Melville, including *Léon Morin, prêtre*, *Le Doulos*, and *L'Ainé des Ferchaux*.

But thereafter, Belmondo began breaking off his connection to the authors of the New Wave. After the Louis Malle black comedy *Le Voleur*, and especially after the ambitious but unsuccessful attempt by Alain Resnais to revive in film the character of a famous speculator and crook from the 1930s—*Stavisky*—Belmondo began appearing almost exclusively in commercially oriented features. His films

offered few artistic demands, but nevertheless were widely popular and filled the cinemas. Among these early commercial pictures were de Broca's *L'Homme de Rio* and *Les Tribulations d'un chinois en Chine*, films in which Belmondo proved not only his dramatic talent but also his physical dexterity. He followed up these successful works with roles as a dauntless secret agent in *Le Magnifique* and a brilliant crook in *L'Incorrigible*, also directed by de Broca.

Belmondo appeared in a series of eight films made with Verneuil, most of which were written with him in mind. The director's ambition was, above all, to entertain audiences, offering up a combination of spectacle and charismatic star performances. A typical Verneuil-Belmondo feature is the adventure story of truck drivers in the Sahara, *Cent mille dollars au soleil*, in which he plays the role of Rocco, a criminal who attempts to double-cross his colleagues. This picture won the Cannes Prize of Golden Ticket *ex aequo*, awarded for the first time by the Union of the French Cinema Owners. The film *Weekend à Zuydcoote* followed, adapted from the novel of Robert Merle, in which the tragic events near Dunkirk from the beginning of World War II are mirrored via the fate of several French soldiers. Belmondo played one of them, a fighter who is at once easygoing and resolute. He co-starred with Omar Sharif in the next film by Verneuil, *Le Casse*, as a member of a gang of jewel thieves. As a commissar-in-chief of the Paris police in *Peur sur la ville*, he again had the opportunity to give an athletic and acrobatic performance. Another noteworthy Belmondo-Verneuil collaboration is *Les Morfalous*, an adventure story of death and greed during the war in Tunisia.

Belmondo has also worked with other directors in recent years. In Lautner's *Flic ou voyou*, he appeared in the role of a nonconformist policeman who sets out to rid Nice of gangsterism and corruption. In this case, however, the dialogue and humor were more prominent than the action. He played a charming, aging adventurer in subsequent films by Lautner, *Le Guignolo* and *Le Professionnel*, and another police commissar in Deray's *Le Marginal*. After decades of appearing in such genre fare, Belmondo had his most challenging, highest-profile role since the 1960s in Lelouch's *Les Misérables*, a provocative drama inspired by the Victor Hugo classic. He played Henri Fortin, an uneducated ex-pugilist who befriends an intellectual Jewish family escaping the Nazis during World War II. Through them, he learns the story of Jean Valjean, with the film eventually becoming a meditation on the essence of Hugo's story. One only can ponder the course of Belmondo's career had he, earlier on, chosen to accept roles in films as ambitious as *Les Misérables*.

—Karel Tabery, updated by Rob Edelman

BENIGNI, Roberto

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Arrezzo, Tuscany, 27 October 1952. **Family:** Married the actress Nicoletta Braschi, 1991. **Career:** At age 10 or 11, member of troubadour act in rural Tuscany that improvised songs and poetry; also was a circus clown for a short time; late 1960s—moved to Rome and acted in underground experimental theater there; 1976—film debut in adaptation of "Cioni Mario" monologue, *Berlinguer ti voglio bene*; 1982—directing debut with *Tu mi turbi*; live TV monologue critical of Pope John Paul II brought widespread notoriety; 1984—met Jim Jarmusch at a film festival near



Roberto Benigni (center) with Nicoletta Braschi and Giorgio Cantarini in *Life is Beautiful*

Parma, leading to American debut in *Down by Law*, 1986, and appearance in second Jarmusch film, *Night on Earth*, 1991; 1993—first major Hollywood studio role in the box-office failure *Son of the Pink Panther*; 1995–96—toured Italy in one-man show, a mock political rally, drawing overall attendance of more than one million. **Awards:** Italian Golden Grail for Best Actor, for *Il minestrone*, 1980; Nasti d'Argento Award for Best Actor, for *Down by Law*, 1986; David Di Donatello Award for Best Actor, for *Il piccolo diavolo*, 1988; Academy Award for Best Actor for *La Vita E Bella*, 1998. **Address:** Via Traversa 44, Vergaglio, Prato, Italy.

Films as Actor:

- 1976 *Berlinguer ti volgio bene (I Love You, Berlinguer)* (Giuseppe Bertolucci) (as Cioni Mario, + co-sc)
- 1979 *Chiedo asilo* (Marco Ferreri) (as Roberto, + co-sc); *Clair de femme (Womanlight)* (Costa-Gavras); *La Luna (Luna)* (Bernardo Bertolucci) (as upholsterer)
- 1980 *Il minestrone (Minestrone)*
- 1981 *Il Pap'occhio (In the Pope's Eye)* (Arbore)

- 1985 *Tuttobenigni (All Benigni)* (Giuseppe Bertolucci)
- 1986 *Down by Law* (Jarmusch) (as Roberto)
- 1989 *La Voce della Luna (The Voice of the Moon)* (Fellini) (as Ivo Salvini)
- 1991 "Rome" ep. of *Night on Earth* (Jarmusch) (as Gino, the taxi driver)
- 1993 *Son of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Jacques Gambrini/Jacques Clouseau, Jr.)
- 1999 *Astérix et Obélix contre César (Zidi)* (as Lucius Detritus)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1982 *Tu mi turbi (You Disturb Me)*
- 1984 *Non ci resta che piangere (There's Nothing Left but Crying)* (as Saverio, co-d with Massimo Troisi)
- 1988 *Il piccolo diavolo (The Little Devil)* (as Giuditta, + co-sc)
- 1991 *Johnny Stecchino (Johnny Toothpick)* (as Dante/Johnny Stecchino, + co-sc)
- 1994 *Il mostro (The Monster)* (as Loris, + co-sc, co-pr)
- 1997 *La Vita E Bella (Life is Beautiful)* (as Guido, + co-sc)

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Screen comedians seem to be overly burdened with comparisons to past comedic giants. In a relatively short career to date, Roberto Benigni—the most popular comic talent in Italy in the late 20th century—has been compared to more than his share, with the list ranging from the inevitable (Toto) to the obvious (Chaplin, Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, Harpo and Chico Marx) to the seriously misguided (Woody Allen, Lenny Bruce, Jim Carrey). Cliché though it may be, Benigni is a unique comic genius whose variety of talents stem from a most unusual apprenticeship into entertainment, and conjure up such a wellspring of comparisons.

Benigni was born and raised in poverty in a small Tuscan village. His gift for improvisation was nurtured early on (age 10 or 11) with his immersion into the Italian tradition of improvised song and poetry through a sort of troubadour act that traveled rural Tuscany. After

another formative experience during the several months he spent as a circus clown, Benigni’s vocation was cemented when at about age 16 he leaped up on a platform in the town square of Prado (in Tuscany, near Florence) and, pretending to be a political candidate, gave a “speech” that was greeted with hearty laughter from the crowd that filled the square. In the audience was the director of an avant-garde theater company, who persuaded Benigni to move to Rome and join his company. In Rome, Benigni worked in the theater, television, and film throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, achieving initial success through monologues, particularly one called “Cioni Mario” about a sex-obsessed man from his hometown who never has sex, but thinks and talks of nothing else. This was adapted by Giuseppe Bertolucci in 1976 as *Berlinguer ti voglio bene*, Benigni’s film debut; later Bertolucci would adapt another smash stage show, *Tuttobenigni*. Benigni’s initial appearances in features were in minor roles but for major directors: Marco Ferreri’s *Chiedo asilo*, Costa-Gavras’s *Clair de femme*, and Bernardo Bertolucci’s *La Luna*. He made a very early move into directing—forced to, he says, because of the lack of Italian directors able to do comedy—debuting in 1982 with *Tu mi turbi*, but received accolades for his second directing effort, *Non ci resta che piangere*. Co-directed with co-star Massimo Troisi, this delightful film has the two stars time-traveling to 1492 Italy where they attempt to cash in on their 20th century foreknowledge with comic results.

During this period, Benigni developed his signature persona, building off a body well-suited to physical comedy—wild hair, receding, creating a halo head; tall with gangling limbs accentuated by plain suits, worn one size too large, flopping about; and a most expressive comic face, highlighted by an impish grin. His characters are generally down-to-earth urban survivors, relying on their wits, motormouths, and low-level scams to get by, often remaining amazingly ignorant of the mayhem around them caused either directly or indirectly by their actions or inactions.

A chance meeting at an Italian film festival led Jim Jarmusch to cast Benigni in 1986’s *Down by Law*, his U.S. debut. The comic nearly stole the film as an Italian tourist—thrown into a New Orleans jail cell occupied by two deadbeats (John Lurie and Tom Waits)—who knows little English but tries to engage the others in conversation (Benigni himself knew little English at the beginning of the film’s production). Even better was his second film for Jarmusch, *Night on Earth*, where his gifts for monologue and improvisation shine as the taxi driver in the “Rome” episode who confesses his sex life to a priest—pumpkins, sheep, and sister-in-law, all. The initial scene in the episode where Benigni drives around Rome keeping himself (and the audience) amused with his banter is classic. In Italy he achieved superstardom in the late 1980s and early 1990s through three consecutive box-office blockbusters: *Il piccolo diavolo*, with co-star Walter Matthau as a priest whose life is made chaotic by Benigni’s devil; *Johnny Stecchino*, where a bus driver is mistaken for a Mafioso to comic effect, with Benigni enacting both roles, the former much more effectively than the latter; and *Il mostro*, his best film to date, another case of mistaken identity in which Benigni’s witless errand boy Loris is suspected, through a hilarious sequence of misinterpreted police videotape, of being a mass murderer.

Along the way, Benigni was cast against type in Federico Fellini’s final film, *La Voce della Luna*, which has yet to be released in the United States. Benigni has, however, become a favorite of the American art-house crowd through his Jarmusch films and his self-directed efforts. Such successes led to his ill-fated debut in a major U.S. film as Jacques Clouseau’s son in the box-office failure, *Son of*

the Pink Panther, where his best efforts are undermined by an inferior script (his “Wasn’t that fun!” at the end is a truly embarrassing line).

Benigni remains immensely popular in Italy, evidenced by the huge crowds that attended his mock political rallies in 1995 and 1996, where he skewered one of his favorite targets—politicians. One would hope that in the future his great talent could be exposed to a larger North American audience—perhaps through a collaboration with an American director, given Benigni’s self-acknowledged limitations in that area. In any event, there is no doubt that Benigni will in the not-too-distant future be added to the pantheon of comedic giants to which rising film comedians are compared.

—David E. Salamie

BENING, Annette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Topeka, Kansas, 29 May 1958. **Education:** Attended Mesa College; San Francisco State University, degree in theatre; studied at American Conservatory Theatre. **Family:** married Steven White (divorced); married Warren Beatty (actor), 1992; four children (with Beatty). **Career:** Worked as cook on a charter boat; actress with Colorado Shakespeare Festival, 1980, American Conservatory Theatre, 1983–85, and Denver Center Theatre Company, 1985–86. **Awards:** National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *The Grifters*, 1990; London Critics Circle ALFS Award for Actress of the Year, 1999, San Diego Film Critics Society Award for Best Actress, 1999, British Academy Award (BAFTA) for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role, 2000, and Screen Actors Guild Awards for a Female Actor in a Leading Role and Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Theatrical Motion Picture, 2000, for *American Beauty*; ShoWest Female Star of the Year, 2000. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1986 *Manhunt for Claude Dallas* (London—for TV) (as Ann Tillman)
- 1988 *Hostage (Against Her Will)* (Levin—for TV) (as Jill); *The Great Outdoors* (Deutch) (as Kate)
- 1989 *Valmont* (Forman) (as Merteuil)
- 1990 *The Grifters* (Frears) (as Myra Langtry); *Postcards from the Edge* (Nichols) (as Evelyn Ames)
- 1991 *Bugsy* (Levinson) (as Virginia Hill); *Regarding Henry* (Nichols) (as Sarah); *Guilty by Suspicion* (Winkler) (as Ruth Merrill)
- 1994 *Love Affair* (Caron) (as Terry McKay)
- 1995 *The American President* (Reiner) (as Sydney Ellen Wade); *Richard III* (Loncraine) (as Queen Elizabeth)
- 1996 *Mars Attacks!* (Burton) (as Barbara Land)
- 1998 *The Siege* (Zwick) (as Elise Kraft/Sharon Bridger)
- 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman and McCarthy) (as herself); *American Beauty* (Mendes) (as Carolyn Burnham); *In Dreams* (Jordan) (as Claire Cooper)
- 2000 *What Planet Are You From?* (Nichols) (as Susan)

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Referred to as “the thinking man’s sex symbol,” Annette Bening has firmly established herself as one of Hollywood’s most talented and most professional actresses. In such roles as Myra Langtry in *The Grifters*, Virginia Hill in *Bugsy*, Sydney Wade in *The American President* and Carolyn Burnham in *American Beauty* (four very different roles), she has repeatedly played strong intelligent women who just happen to be beautiful. But perhaps the role that has made her most familiar to the American public is as the girlfriend-then-wife of Hollywood’s most famous former lothario, Warren Beatty, with whom she has had four children.

After her film debut as Dan Aykroyd’s sex-starved wife in the forgettable *The Great Outdoors* (“I tried to pick my projects more carefully after that,” she says), Bening auditioned for a role as a courtesan in director Stephen Frears’s film version of Choderlos de Laclos’s 1782 novel *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. Bening didn’t get the role in Frears’s *Dangerous Liaisons*, which starred Glenn Close, John Malkovich, and Michelle Pfeiffer, and which went on to garner an Oscar nomination for Best Film of 1988 and a Best Actress nomination for Close’s portrayal of the wicked manipulative Marquise de Merteuil. But Bening played the same role in 1989’s *Valmont*, director Milos Forman’s version of the same story. While interesting, Forman’s film and Bening’s performance suffered in comparison, and audiences already knew the story from the previous film, so *Valmont* fared poorly.

Ironically, Frears was so impressed by Bening’s performance in *Valmont* that he hired her to play one of the leads in his next film, 1990’s *The Grifters*—the role that marked the turning point in Bening’s film career. This contemporary *film noir* classic contains



Annette Bening in *American Beauty*

three outstanding performances: Anjelica Huston plays Lily Dillon, a hard-as-nails con artist with platinum blond hair who works for a big-time bookie placing huge last-minute bets at racetracks to change the odds. John Cusack plays Roy Dillon, the son Lily hasn't seen in eight years, who has the innocent face to occasionally get away with penny-ante swindles but lacks the killer instinct for anything more. And Bening plays Myra Langtry, a gold digger with a killer smile, spiky hair, and leopard-skin miniskirts, who uses her body as a Gold Card when she's short of cash, and who is hoping to use Roy to get back into the big time. All three are smart enough to get money from people using their brains rather than brawn, and stupid enough to think there won't be any consequences. Lily and Myra meet in Roy's hospital room after he is beaten because of one of his scams and, as this odd triangle of amoral grifters spins out of control to the film's grim end, all three performances remain absolutely riveting. *The New York Times* said Bening "is absolutely right as a bright-eyed, giggly, amoral young woman who has possibly never had a generous or spontaneous thought in her life. [She] has something of the angelic looks of Michelle Pfeiffer and the comic style and low-down sexiness of Kathleen Turner. It is a terrific combination." Bening was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar and was named Best Supporting Actress by the National Board of Review.

Bening made three films in 1991, the well-acted-but-familiar *Guilty by Suspicion*, the hard-to-believe *Regarding Henry*, and the

film that would forever change her personal life, the superb *Bugsy*. *Bugsy* tells the story of Benjamin Siegel, the 1940s gangster who invented modern-day Las Vegas beginning with one casino, the Flamingo—which was also the nickname of his long-legged girlfriend, Virginia Hill. Producer Beatty wanted Bening as his leading lady after seeing her in *The Grifters*, saying "What drew me to her onscreen was her energetic intelligence and refusal to rely on her good looks." The resultant film is as much a love story as it is a gangster film, with beautifully delivered dialogue and a palpable chemistry between the two leads. Bening's performance is complex: sexy and smart, tough and vulnerable, in love yet double-crossing, an independent kept woman.

The Washington Post called Beatty's decision to have children with and marry Bening "the watershed moment in the history of American civilization." Bening's decision to bear children at the height of her career, at an age when most actresses are in their prime, forced her to turn down a number of roles that otherwise would have been hers, including Catwoman in *Batman Returns* and the female leads in *Disclosure* and *What Dreams May Come*. According to Bening, "Being a good parent doesn't just happen. I really enjoy taking my daughter to school, getting to know the teachers. If I was doing a movie I couldn't do that."

Between children Bening played several roles, most notably in *The American President* and *American Beauty*. In the former she

plays environmental lobbyist Sydney Wade, who is wooed by widower President Andrew Shepherd (Michael Douglas). Here Bening plays an old-fashioned romantic lead, one without a sinister side, and she shows a light comic touch delivering Aaron Sorkin's zinger-filled dialogue. Director Rob Reiner said of the role, "She had to be formidable. She had to project a sense of intelligence, sex appeal, so he would be attracted to her fairly quickly."

In *American Beauty*, Bening plays Carolyn Burnham, married to Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey), who is going through the midlife crisis to end all midlife crises. The material may be familiar; it is the specificity of the characters, as written and as performed, that raises this film to award-worthy levels. Carolyn is a real estate agent who undergoes life changes in reaction to her husband's, including an energetic affair with a rival real estate agent. As *The New York Times* said, "Ms. Bening is scathingly funny, and also quite graceful, as a walking monument to despicable values." As her film career continues to evolve, it is easy to understand what attracts movie audiences to this outstanding actress.

—Bob Sullivan

BENNETT, Joan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joan Geraldine Bennett in Palisades, New Jersey, 27 February 1910; daughter of the actor Richard Bennett; sister of the actress Constance Bennett. **Education:** Attended St. Margaret's, Waterbury, Connecticut; Le Lierre, Paris, finishing school,



Joan Bennett with Edward G. Robinson in *Scarlet Street*

1925. **Family:** Married 1) John Marion Fox, 1926 (divorced 1928), daughter: Adrienne; 2) the screenwriter Gene Markey, 1932 (divorced 1937), daughter: Melinda; 3) the director Walter Wanger, 1940 (divorced 1965), daughters: Stephanie and Shelley; 4) the critic David Wilde, 1978. **Career:** 1914—stage debut in Chicago in *Damaged Goods*, directed by and starring father Richard Bennett; 1915—film debut, with sister Constance Bennett, in father's *The Valley of Decision*; 1928—Broadway debut in father's production *Jarnegan*; 1929—five-year contract with United Artists; released from contract after two films; 1930—two-year contract at Fox; 1933—success in *Little Women*: personal contract with Walter Wanger; 1941—contract with Columbia and 20th Century-Fox; made first of four pictures with Fritz Lang; 1945—with Fritz Lang formed Diana Productions; 1951—agent Jennings Lang shot and wounded by jealous husband Walter Wanger; Wanger served four-month sentence; scandal temporarily ended Bennett's film acting career; 1959—in TV series *Too Young to Go Steady*; 1966–70—in daytime TV series *Dark Shadows*. **Died:** In Scarsdale, New York, 7 December 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1915 *The Valley of Decision* (Berger) (as an "unborn soul")
- 1923 *The Eternal City* (Fitzmaurice) (bit role)
- 1928 *Power* (Higgin) (as waitress)
- 1929 *The Divine Lady* (Lloyd) (as an extra); *Bulldog Drummond* (F. Richard Jones) (as Phyllis Benton); *Three Live Ghosts* (Freeland) (as Rose Gordon); *Disraeli* (Alfred E. Green) (as Lady Clarissa Pevensey); *The Mississippi Gambler* (Barker) (as Lucy Blackburn)
- 1930 *Puttin' on the Ritz* (Sloman) (as Dolores Fenton); *Crazy That Way* (MacFadden) (as Ann Jordan); *Moby Dick* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Faith); *Maybe It's Love* (Wellman) (as Nan Sheffield); *Scotland Yard* (*Detective Clive, Bart*) (William K. Howard) (as Xandra)
- 1931 *Many a Slip* (Vin Moore) (as Pat Coster); *Doctors' Wives* (Borzage) (as Nina Wyndram); *Hush Money* (Lanfield) (as Janet Gordon)
- 1932 *She Wanted a Millionaire* (Blystone) (as Jane Miller); *Careless Lady* (MacKenna) (as Sally Brown/Mrs. Illington); *The Trial of Vivienne Ware* (William K. Howard) (title role); *Weekends Only* (Crosland) (as Venetia Carr); *Wild Girl* (*Salomy Jane*) (Walsh) (as Salomy Jane Clay); *Me and My Gal* (*Pier 13*) (Walsh) (as Helen Riley)
- 1933 *Arizona to Broadway* (Tinling) (as Lynn Martin); *Little Women* (Cukor) (as Amy)
- 1934 *The Pursuit of Happiness* (Hall) (as Prudence Kirkland)
- 1935 *The Man Who Reclaimed His Head* (Ludwig) (as Adele Verin); *Mississippi* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Lucy Rumford); *Private Worlds* (La Cava) (as Sally MacGregor); *Two for Tonight* (Tuttle) (as Bobbie Lockwood); *She Couldn't Take It* (*Woman Tamer*) (Garnett) (as Carol Van Dyke); *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* (Roberts) (as Helen Berkeley)
- 1936 *Thirteen Hours by Air* (Leisen) (as Felice Rollins); *Big Brown Eyes* (Walsh) (as Eve Fallon); *Two in a Crowd* (Alfred E. Green) (as Julia Wayne); *Wedding Present* (Wallace) (as Monica "Rusty" Fleming)
- 1937 *Vogues of 1938* (*Walter Wanger's Vogues of 1938*; *All This and Glamour Too*) (Cummings) (as Wendy Van Klettering)

- 1938 *I Met My Love Again* (Ripley, Logan, and Cukor) (as Julie); *The Texans* (Hogan) (as Ivy Preston); *Trade Winds* (Garnett) (as Kay Kerrigan); *Artists and Models Abroad (Stranded in Paris)* (Leisen) (as Patricia Harper)
- 1939 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Whale) (as Maria Theresa); *The Housekeeper's Daughter* (Roach) (as Hilda)
- 1940 *Green Hell* (Whale) (as Stephanie Richardson); *The House across the Bay* (Mayo) (as Brenda "Lucky" Bentley); *The Man I Married* (Pichel) (as Carol); *The Son of Monte Cristo* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Grand Duchess Zona)
- 1941 *Confirm or Deny* (Mayo) (as Jennifer Carson); *Man Hunt* (Fritz Lang) (as Jerry); *She Knew All the Answers* (Wallace) (as Gloria Winters); *Wild Geese Calling* (Brahm) (as Sally)
- 1942 *Girl Trouble* (Schuster) (as June Delaney); *Twin Beds* (Whelan) (as Julie Abbott); *The Wife Takes a Flyer (A Yank in Dutch)* (Wallace) (as Anita Woverman); *Hedda Hopper's Hollywood No. 6* (doc, short) (as herself)
- 1943 *Margin for Error* (Preminger) (as Sophie Baumer)
- 1945 *The Woman in the Window* (Fritz Lang) (as Alice Reed); *Colonel Effingham's Raid (Man of the Hour)* (Pichel) (as Ella Sue Dozier); *Nob Hill* (Hathaway) (as Harriet Carruthers); *Scarlet Street* (Fritz Lang) (as Kitty March)
- 1947 *The Macomber Affair* (Z. Korda) (as Margaret Macomber); *The Woman on the Beach* (Renoir) (as Peggy Butler)
- 1948 *Secret beyond the Door* (Fritz Lang) (as Celia Lamphere); *Hollow Triumph (The Scar)* (Sekely) (as Evelyn Nash)
- 1949 *The Reckless Moment* (Max Ophüls) (as Lucia Harper)
- 1950 *Father of the Bride* (Minnelli) (as Ellie Banks); *For Heaven's Sake* (Seaton) (as Lydia)
- 1951 *Father's Little Dividend* (Minnelli) (as Ellie Banks); *The Guy Who Came Back* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Kathy Joplin)
- 1954 *Highway Dragnet* (Juran) (as Mrs. Cunningham); *We're No Angels* (Curtiz) (as Amelie Ducotel)
- 1956 *Navy Wife (Mother—Sir!)* (Bernds) (as Peg Blain); *There's Always Tomorrow* (Sirk) (as Marion Groves)
- 1960 *Desire in the Dust* (Claxton) (as Mrs. Marquand)
- 1970 *House of Dark Shadows* (Curtis) (as Elizabeth Collins Stoddard)
- 1972 *Gidget Gets Married* (Swackhamer—for TV); *The Eyes of Charles Sand* (Badiyi—for TV)
- 1974 *Inn of the Damned* (Burke—unreleased)
- 1977 *Suspiria* (Argento) (as Madame Blank, the school head)
- 1978 *Suddenly, Love* (Margolin—for TV)
- 1981 *This House Possessed* (Wiard—for TV)
- 1982 *Divorce Wars: A Love Story* (Wrye—for TV)

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Joan Bennett, the youngest of the three acting daughters of prominent stage and screen star Richard Bennett, was the last of the sisters to enter films seriously, but she had the longest and, in retrospect, the most meaningful career of any of her family. Joan, like Constance and Barbara, was a gorgeous woman, slender and blond, with dramatic eyes. She acted in numerous films during the 1930s, many of which were important, such as *Disraeli* and *Little Women*, but none of them was particularly noteworthy for her participation. It was not until the late 1930s when she dyed her hair dark brown that Bennett became more than just another beautiful Hollywood blond and began to have significant impact on films. She frequently played a sultry femme fatale in her new image, outstandingly beautiful but destructive. In her two most highly regarded films, *The Woman in the Window* and *Scarlet Street*, both directed by Fritz Lang, she displayed a cool, pernicious character, the antithesis of the mild-mannered, unsophisticated common man played by Edward G. Robinson in each film.

In these two films, as well as others such as Jean Renoir's *The Woman on the Beach*, Bennett was able to appear beautifully innocent and vulnerable on the surface, while hiding a stony evilness on the inside. Lang, and others, have expressed great admiration for Bennett's contributions to her films of this period, and some critics have called her the epitome of the film noir heroine.

Yet, despite her success in dramatic roles, Bennett also acted successfully in more sympathetic comedy roles. At age 40, and still a very beautiful, young-looking woman, she was very charming in the box-office success *Father of the Bride*, portraying Spencer Tracy's wife and Elizabeth Taylor's mother. Unlike many other beautiful actresses, Bennett decided to begin playing "mothers" and older parts before she actually needed to. She also took chances in her career and varied her roles, dividing her time among costume epics, melodramas, and tearjerkers such as Max Ophüls's *The Reckless Moment* and Douglas Sirk's *There's Always Tomorrow*. In the latter film, Bennett played a boring housewife married to Fred MacMurray who feels stifled by her presence and that of their children and contemplates leaving them for a former sweetheart.

Bennett's career flourished in the 1940s not only because of her change of hair color but also because of her marriage to the prominent producer Walter Wanger. Wanger guided her career and can take much of the credit for the powerful roles which she accepted. He produced many of the films in which she appeared during their marriage, and provided her with some of the outstanding European directors who were working in Hollywood during that period. They divorced relatively quietly in 1965, but their relationship created international headlines in 1951 when Wanger shot Bennett's agent Jennings Lang, purportedly out of jealousy; Wanger went briefly to prison. By 1956 Bennett had virtually retired from films and thereafter confined herself to occasional theater and television work. From the mid-1950s on, her most prominent role was as one of the main

characters of the very popular supernatural television soap opera, *Dark Shadows*, the only long-running daytime serial in history to spawn both a film, *House of Dark Shadows* (which Bennett also starred in), and successful rerun engagement (as well as a short-lived 1991 prime-time reprisal, also called *Dark Shadows*, which debuted on January 13, a little over one month after Bennett died).

—Patricia King Hanson

BERGEN, Candice

Nationality: American. **Born:** Beverly Hills, California, 9 May 1946; daughter of Edgar Bergen (a ventriloquist) and Frances Bergen (a fashion model). **Education:** Attended University of Pennsylvania, 1963–65. **Family:** Married Louis Malle (a filmmaker), 27 September 1980 (died 1995); children: Chloe. **Career:** Model, 1960s; free-lance photographer and writer, late 1960s; actress, from 1966; commentator on *Today Show*, NBC-TV, 1975; appeared in dozens of television programs including *Arthur the King*, 1985, *Murder by Reason of Insanity*, 1985, *Hollywood Wives*, 1985, *Mayflower Madam*, 1987, and *Murphy Brown*, 1988–98. **Awards:** Emmy Awards, outstanding lead actress in a comedy series, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 1988, 1989, and 1992, Golden Globe Awards, best actress in a comedy series, 1988 and 1992, and several other television awards, for *Murphy Brown*. **Agent:** PMK, 955 S. Carillo Drive, #200, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

Films as Actress:

- 1947 *Unusual Occupations* (Brandt) (as herself [uncredited infant role])
- 1966 *The Group* (Lumet) (as Lakey Eastlake); *The Sand Pebbles* (Wise) (as Shirley Eckert)
- 1967 *The Day the Fish Came Out* (Cacoyannis) (as Electra); *Live for Life* (*Vivre pour Vivre*) (Lelouch) (as Candice); *Flash O2* (short) (Martialay) (as herself)
- 1968 *The Magus* (Green) (as Lily/Julie)
- 1970 *The Adventurers* (Gilbert) (as Sue Ann Daley); *Getting Straight* (Rush) (as Jan); *Soldier Blue* (Nelson) (as Cresta Marybelle Lee)
- 1971 *The Hunting Party* (Medford) (as Melissa Ruger); *Carnal Knowledge* (Nichols) (as Susan); *T. R. Baskin* (*Date with a Lonely Girl*) (Ross) (title role)
- 1974 *11 Harrowhouse* (*Anything for Love*) (Avakian) (as Maren)
- 1975 *Bite the Bullet* (Brooks) (as Miss Jones); *The Wind and the Lion* (Milius) (as Eden Pedecaris)
- 1977 *The Domino Principle* (*The Domino Killings*) (Kramer) (as Ellie Tucker)
- 1978 *The End of the World in Our Usual Bed in a Night Full of Rain* (*La fine del mondo in una notte piena di pioggia*) (Wertmuller) (as Lizzy); *Oliver's Story* (Korty) (as Marcie Bonwit)
- 1979 *Starting Over* (Pakula) (as Jessica Potter)
- 1981 *Rich and Famous* (Cukor) (as Merry Noel Blake)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (as Margaret Bourke-White)
- 1984 *2010* (*2010: The Year We Make Contact*) (Hyams) (as voice of SAL 9000)

- 1985 *Stick* (Reynolds) (as Kyle McLaren); *Arthur the King* (*Merlin and the Sword*) (Donner—for TV) (as Morgan Le Fey); *Murder: By Reason of Insanity* (also known as *My Sweet Victim*) (Page—for TV) (as Ewa Berwid); *Hollywood Wives* (Day—mini, for TV) (as Elaine Conti)
- 1987 *Mayflower Madam* (Antonio—for TV) (as Sydney Biddle Barrows)
- 1995 *Who Is Henry Jaglom?* (doc) (Rubin and Workman) (as herself)
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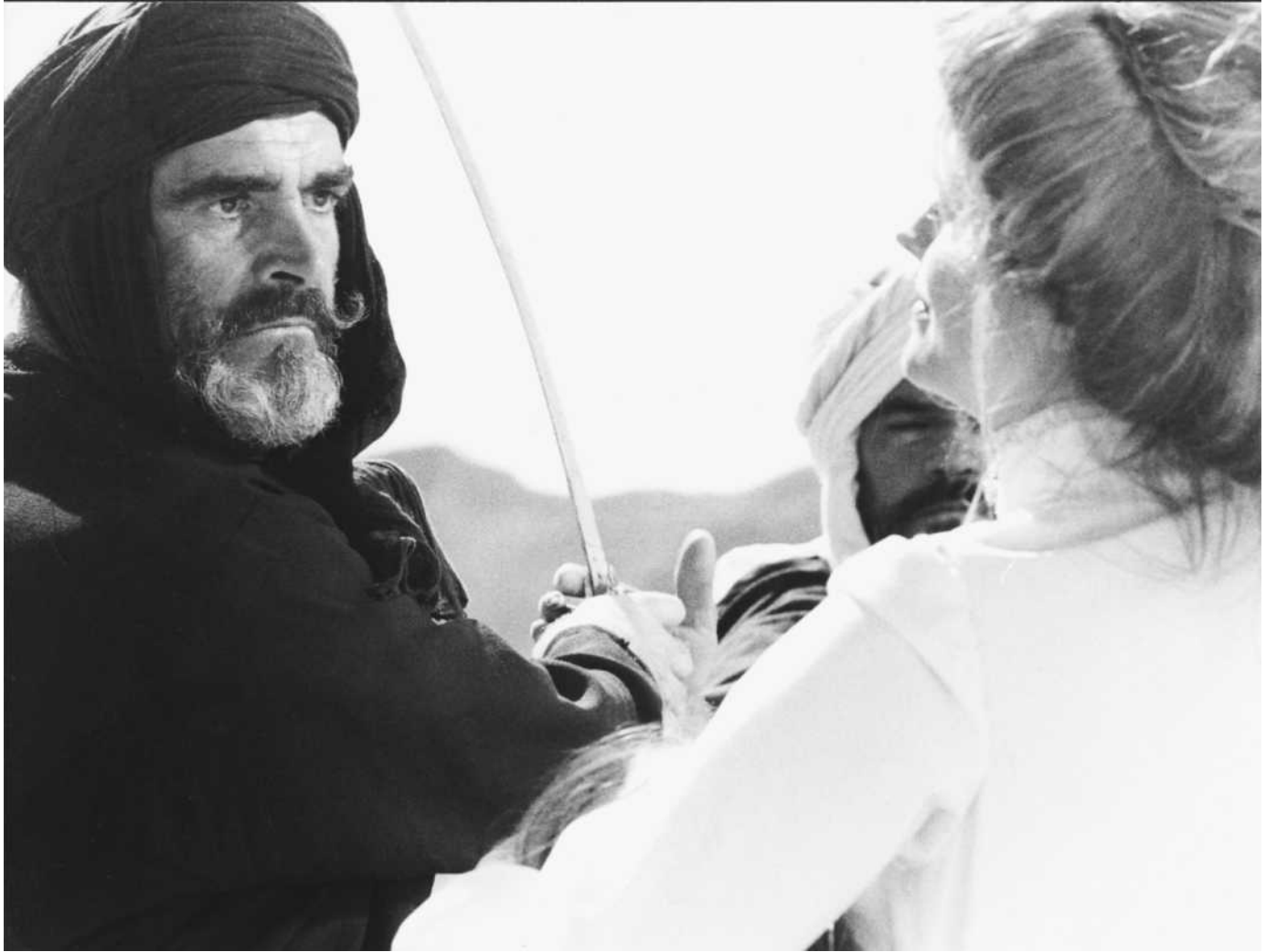
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As the child of the legendary ventriloquist Edgar Bergen, Candice Bergen spent much of her childhood in the shadow of her father's more famous offspring—his dummies, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd. In adulthood, however, she quickly came into her own, first as a model, then as one of Hollywood's most beautiful and respected film and television actresses.

After attending the University of Pennsylvania and modeling on the side, 20-year-old Candice Bergen made her screen debut in Sidney Lumet's *The Group* (1966), playing the then shocking role of a beautiful lesbian in the Mary McCarthy story of a group of friends from a Vassar-like school. Following her successful debut, Hollywood was quick to cast the striking blond-haired beauty opposite top star Steve McQueen in *The Sand Pebbles*, a film nominated for eight Academy Awards. But most of the acting acclaim went to McQueen, who turned in what many felt was his best performance. To Hollywood, Bergen was still mostly just a very pretty face.



Candice Bergen with Sean Connery in *The Wind and the Lion*

Nonetheless, Bergen continued to work steadily throughout the late 1960s and early 1970s, establishing herself as a competent actress, who also happened to be very easy on the eyes, in a series of less-than-memorable films, including *The Day the Fish Came Out*, *The Magus*, *The Adventurers*, *Getting Straight*, and *Soldier Blue*. In 1971, Bergen joined an all-star cast including Jack Nicholson, Art Garfunkel, Rita Moreno, Carol Kane, and Ann-Margret in Mike Nichol's *Carnal Knowledge* (1971). The story of two men's lives and sexual journeys featured Bergen as Garfunkel's rather proper and somewhat dull wife. In a film that could have been a breakthrough for Bergen, the acting honors once again went to someone else—Ann-Margret, who earned an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress.

Bergen continued to soldier on in both leading and supporting roles in films as diverse as *Bite the Bullet*, *The Wind and the Lion*, and *The Domino Principle*. She even took over for Ali McGraw opposite Ryan O'Neal in the saccharine *Oliver's Story*. But though Bergen was regarded as a competent and always beautiful Hollywood star, it was not until she was cast opposite Burt Reynolds in *Starting Over* (1979) that she proved her mettle as an actress. As Jessica Potter, Bergen showed off her ability to play comedy, particularly in a scene in which

she tries to seduce her ex-husband (Reynolds) wearing a see-through blouse and singing very badly. Bergen's willingness to make fun of herself and her own beauty signaled new possibilities for the 33-year-old actress. Hollywood thought so, too, and nominated Bergen for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

Bergen followed up *Starting Over* with a starring role opposite another screen beauty, Jacqueline Bisset, in the fluffy George Cukor film, *Rich and Famous*. And, in a part in which film mimicked life, Bergen played photographer Margaret Bourke-White (Bergen is an avid amateur photographer) in Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi*. In 1980, Bergen married director Louis Malle, and for much of the decade she devoted herself to their marriage and their daughter. But in 1988, the 42-year-old actress returned to acting, playing the title role in the television sitcom, *Murphy Brown*. As the outspoken and often controversial investigative reporter, Bergen was finally able to return to the comedic form she displayed in *Starting Over*, and the sitcom became an 11-season hit as well a pop culture phenomenon.

Bergen and Brown were virtually synonymous for more than a decade, and though the actress did not make a film in the 1990s, she became more famous than ever—and, as a multiple Emmy Award winner, much more highly acclaimed. In 2000, Bergen resurfaced on

the small screen to host a TV talk show. But one can only wonder if she will ever bring the talent she honed for eleven seasons on the small screen back to the medium in which she got her start.

—Victoria Price

BERGMAN, Ingrid

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Stockholm, 29 August 1915. **Education:** Royal Dramatic Theater School, Stockholm. **Family:** Married 1) Peter Lindstrom, 1937 (divorced 1950), daughter: Pia; 2) the director Roberto Rossellini, 1950 (annulled 1957), children: Robertino Ingmar and twins Isotta and Isabella; 3) Lars Schmidt, 1958 (divorced 1975). **Career:** 1933—stage debut in Stockholm; 1934—film debut in Svensk Filmindustri's *Munkbrogreven*; 1935—contract with director Gustav Molander; 1939—attracted attention of David O. Selznick who offered her role in American remake of *Intermezzo*; moved to America after outbreak of World War II in Europe; 1941—American stage debut in Eugene O'Neill's *Anna Christie* produced by the Selznick Company; 1949—traveled to Italy to work on Roberto Rossellini's *Stromboli*; scandal involving affair with Rossellini and subsequent pregnancy without marriage disrupted her career in Hollywood for 7 years; 1956—successful return to Hollywood films with *Anastasia*; 1959—star of TV adaptation of Henry James's *Turn of the Screw* directed by John Frankenheimer; stage roles in *Captain*



Ingrid Bergman with Humphrey Bogart in *Casablanca*

Brassbound's Conversion, 1971, *The Constant Wife*, 1973, and *Waters of the Moon*, 1977; 1982—star of TV mini-series *Golda* based on life of Golda Meir. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *Gaslight*, 1944; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Spellbound* and *The Bells of St. Mary's*, 1945; Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Anastasia*, 1956; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, and Best Supporting Actress, British Academy, for *Murder on the Orient Express*, 1974; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Autumn Sonata*, 1978. **Died:** In London 29 August 1982.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Munkbrogreven (The Count of Monk's Bridge)* (Adolphson and Wallen) (as Elsa)
- 1935 *Brannigar (Ocean Breakers; The Surf)* (Johansson) (as Karin Ingman); *Swedenhielms (The Family Swedenhielms)* (Molander) (as Astrid); *Valborgsmassofaften (Walpurgis Night)* (Edgren) (as Lena Bergstrom)
- 1936 *Pa solsidan (On the Sunny Side)* (Molander) (as Eva Bergh); *Intermezzo* (Molander) (as Anita Hoffman)
- 1938 *Dollar* (Molander) (as Julia Balzar); *En kvinnas ansikte (A Woman's Face)* (Molander) (as Anna Holm); *Die vier gesellen (The Four Companions)* (Frölich) (as Marianne)
- 1939 *En enda natt (Only One Night)* (Molander) (as Eva); *Intermezzo (A Love Story)* (Ratoff) (as Anita Hoffman)
- 1940 *Juninatten (A Night in June)* (Lindberg)
- 1941 *Adam Had Four Sons* (Ratoff) (as Emilie Gallatin); *Rage in Heaven* (W. S. Van Dyke) (as Stella Bergen); *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Fleming) (as Ivy Peterson)
- 1942 *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Ilsa)
- 1943 *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (Wood) (as Maria); *Swedes in America* (Lerner)
- 1944 *Gaslight* (Cukor) (as Paula Alquist)
- 1945 *Saratoga Trunk* (Wood) (as Clio Dulaine); *Spellbound* (Hitchcock) (as Dr. Constance Peterson); *The Bells of St. Mary's* (McCarey) (as Sister Benedict)
- 1946 *Notorious* (Hitchcock) (as Alicia Huberman)
- 1948 *Arch of Triumph* (Milestone) (as Joan Madou); *Joan of Arc* (Fleming) (title role)
- 1949 *Under Capricorn* (Hitchcock) (as Lady Henrietta Considine)
- 1950 *Stromboli* (Rossellini) (as Karin)
- 1951 *Europa '51 (The Greatest Love)* (Rossellini) (as Irene Girard)
- 1953 *Siamo donne (We, the Women)* (Rossellini)
- 1954 *Giovanna d'Arco al rogo (Joan at the Stake)* (Rossellini); *Viaggio in Italia (Journey to Italy; The Lonely Woman)* (Rossellini) (as Katherine Joyce)
- 1955 *Angst (La Paura; Fear)* (Rossellini)
- 1956 *Anastasia* (Litvak) (title role)
- 1957 *Elena et les hommes (Paris Does Strange Things)* (Renoir) (title role)
- 1958 *Indiscreet* (Donen) (as Ann Kalman); *Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (Robson) (as Gladys Aylward)
- 1961 *Aimez-vous Brahms? (Goodbye Again)* (Litvak) (as Paula Tessier)
- 1964 *Der Besuch (The Visit)* (Wicki) (as Karla Zachanassian)

- 1965 *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Mrs. Gerda Millett)
 1967 *Stimulantia* ("Smycket" or "The Necklace" ep.) (Molander)
 1969 *Cactus Flower* (Saks) (as Stephanie Dickinson)
 1970 *A Walk in the Spring Rain* (Green) (as Cissy Meredith); *Henri Langlois* (Hershon and Guerra)
 1973 *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* (Cook)
 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet)
 1976 *A Matter of Time* (Minnelli)
 1978 *Autumn Sonata* (Ingmar Bergman) (as Charlotte)

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The complexity of Ingrid Bergman's career (with its notorious vicissitudes), and of the image that is its product, raises a number of important issues about stars: the perennial one (but here in a peculiarly acute form) of the tensions between acting and presence; the efforts of Hollywood to construct a star according to a specific prescription and the actress's rebellion against that construction; the diverse and sometimes contradictory ways in which a "star image," once constructed, can be inflected in the work of different directors.

The use for which Hollywood initially intended her is clear enough: she was the new Swedish import, the new Garbo, and yet, emphatically, *not* Garbo, the public appearing to be rejecting Garbo's image of an aloof Goddess. Instead of aloofness, mystery, and glamour, what was stressed above all (both on screen and in publicity) was naturalness. Two publicity handouts epitomized this quality: the widely broadcast decision *not* to remold her features in the interests of glamour; and the "secret" of how she maintained her flawless complexion (by going for walks in the rain). The naturalness was, however, immediately qualified by a second layer of signification that already introduced into the image a potential tension: Bergman was natural but she was also a lady, in a sense in which Dietrich was decidedly not, and a sense quite incompatible with Garbo's "mystery"; a "lady" might be expected to end up with a "gentleman" (such as the George Sanders of *Rage in Heaven*) and settle down to a stable respectability. (Certain of the early films—*Intermezzo* and *Adam Had Four Sons*—play upon this possibility by frustrating it.)

Bergman's partial rebellion against this image-construction was motivated by a desire to prove that she could *act*, and was not merely a star. When in the 1941 *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* MGM cast her as Jekyll's high society fiancée and Lana Turner as Hyde's low-life mistress and victim, it was Bergman who took the initiative (enlisting Turner's cooperation) in demanding that they exchange roles. A somewhat curious accent aside, her promiscuous cockney barmaid was extremely successful (though the critics, predictably, said she was miscast).

Two of Bergman's finest performances in two of her finest films draw directly upon the natural/lady opposition: the persecuted wife of Cukor's *Gaslight* and the energetic and forthright nun of McCarey's *The Bells of St. Mary's*. The latter, too easily dismissed by embarrassed sophisticates for its alleged sentimentality, is among other things, a complex and delicate study of gender roles, allowing Bergman a wide range of expression within the apparent confines of her nun's habit. Bergman's notions of being an actress (centered on

a striving after obviously big acting roles such as Maria in *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and, above all, Joan of Arc in the disastrous Fleming film of that name) were always somewhat naive; her richest and most complex performances arose not out of “big” roles but out of collaborations with directors such as Cukor and McCarey who were particularly sensitive and sympathetic to *performers*, collapsing the usual distinction between presence and acting ability. One may also note that, for all her efforts to establish a wider range, Bergman was quite incapable of playing a bad woman convincingly; the irreducible beauty of her character partly undermines the dismally reactionary project of Ingmar Bergman’s *Autumn Sonata*, the chastisement of a great pianist for failing to be a great mother.

The core of Bergman’s achievement is in her work for two of the cinema’s greatest filmmakers: the three films for Hitchcock, the five for Rossellini. Both, again, drew on the persona, inflecting it in quite different ways. *Spellbound* (the least interesting Hitchcock) reconstructs the natural Bergman out of the repressed psychiatrist. Both *Notorious* and *Under Capricorn* achieve great resonance by playing upon the possibility of the persona’s irreparable degradation (through heavy drinking and promiscuity in the former, alcoholism and potential insanity in the latter) and its eventual, triumphant rehabilitation.

The Rossellini films are still disgracefully underrated, even largely unknown, outside small circles of initiates; they are essentially films *about* Bergman (though they are also about much else besides), obliquely relating to her personal situation. *Stromboli* places the lady, as a displaced person, among the physical and emotional brutalities of a primitive community and explores her reactions; *Europa ‘51* begins by abruptly demolishing the facade of elegance and sophistication that represents one aspect of the lady and proceeds to release the natural side of the woman and develop it towards sainthood; *Viaggio in Italia* reunites the lady with George Sanders in all the sterility of a respectable bourgeois marriage and proceeds to show her reaching out to make contact with eroticism, death, and the terror of emptiness, as a necessary movement towards the discovery of meaning. Bergman herself did not greatly value her work in these films: she didn’t “act,” she “walked through them.” Yet they constitute the essence of her own meaning, as star, presence, actress, image.

—Robin Wood

BERGNER, Elisabeth

Nationality: British. **Born:** Elisabeth Ettel in Drohobycz, Poland (now Drohobych, Ukraine), 22 August 1897; became citizen of Great Britain, 1938. **Education:** Vienna Conservatory, c. 1915–19. **Family:** Married director Paul Czinner, 1931 or 1933 (died 1972). **Career:** 1919—stage debut in Zurich; 1923—film debut in *Der Evangelimann*; late 1920s–early 1930s—international reputation for stage work, particularly in Max Reinhardt productions *Peer Gynt* and *St. Joan*; 1933—moved to England with Czinner; successful London stage debut in *Escape Me Never*, and on Broadway in 1935; late 1930s—5-year contract with United Artists stipulating that the films be made in England; 1940—moved to U.S.; 1950—resettled in England 1950s–1960s—worked intermittently in Germany and Austria; 1962—returned to film acting after 20-year absence. **Awards:**



Elisabeth Bergner (right) with Sophia Stewart in *As You Like It*

Best Actress Academy Award for *Escape Me Never*, 1935. **Died:** In London, 12 May 1986.

Films as Actress:

- 1923 *Der Evangelimann* (Holger-Madsen)
- 1924 *Nju (Husbands or Lovers)* (Czinner)
- 1926 *Der Geiger von Florenz (Impetuous Youth; The Violinist of Florence)* (Czinner); *Liebe* (Czinner)
- 1927 *Dona Juana* (Czinner)
- 1928 *Queen Louise (Königin Luise)* (Grune)
- 1929 *Fräulein Else (Miss Else)* (Czinner)
- 1931 *Ariane (The Loves of Ariane)* (Czinner) (title role)
- 1932 *Der träumende Mund (Dreaming Lips)* (Czinner)
- 1934 *Catherine the Great* (Czinner) (title role)
- 1935 *Escape Me Never* (Czinner) (as Gemma Jones)
- 1936 *As You Like It* (Czinner) (as Rosalind)
- 1937 *Dreaming Lips* (Czinner and Garmes) (as Gaby Lawrence)
- 1938 *Stolen Life* (Czinner) (as Sylvia/Martina Lawrence)
- 1941 *Paris Calling* (Marin)
- 1962 *Die glücklichen Jahre der Thorwalds* (Staudte)
- 1968 *Strogoff (Courier to the Tsar)* (E. Visconti)
- 1970 *Cry of the Banshee* (Hessler) (as Oona)
- 1973 *Der Füssgänger (The Pedestrian)* (Schell)
- 1978 *Der Pfingstausflug (The Pentecost Outing; The Whitsun Outing)* (Gunther)

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The dramatic art of Elisabeth Bergner was nourished on stage first in Zurich and then in various Austrian and German cities. When she came to Berlin her popularity was soon established as she captivated spectators and critics with strongly emotive portrayals in such stage productions as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Queen Christine*, and *Camille*. She subsequently began to specialize in playing women with childlike or boyish traits. Her stage and film career is closely related to the work of Hungarian director Paul Czinner who had come to Germany from Budapest via Vienna. He became both her artistic partner and her husband.

Their film collaboration began with *Nju* and continued with *Der Geiger von Florenz*, *Liebe, Dona Juana*, and *Fräulein Else*. Her co-stars included the great German film actors Emil Jannings, Conrad Veidt, and Albert Bassermann. The bisexual type that she portrayed in *Der Geiger von Florenz* and in other film and stage roles reflected a contemporary German taste derived, according to Kracauer in *From Caligari to Hitler*, from an “inner laxity of manners.”

With the coming of sound, Bergner began to portray a more sentimental and delicate woman. Soon critics labeled her characters

as fragile, emotional, or nervous. Bergner acted her roles in such a manner as to charm her audience in an almost hypnotic way. Czinner allowed her to play the whole gamut of emotional experience in a series of films made in Germany, and then in Great Britain to which both of them fled after the rise to power of the Nazis.

The peak of her career is represented by her work in two films. In the first, *Ariane*, an adaptation of a novel by the French author Claude Anet, Bergner played a girl who plunges into adventure with an older, more experienced man. The second is the drama *Der träumende Mund*, an adaptation of a play by Henri Bernstein. Here Bergner played a sensitive, pure woman who cannot escape her passion for a musical virtuoso, but does not want to hurt her loving husband. This film was remade by Czinner as *Dreaming Lips*, with Bergner again in the leading role. None of her later films achieved such critical popular success. After having made a few films in England, Bergner again dedicated herself to the theater, both as an actress and director. Her profoundly sensitive acting, which influenced the German cinema of the 1920s and 1930s, is, fortunately, preserved on film for future generations.

—Karel Tabery

BERRY, Jules

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jule Paufichet in Poitiers, 9 February 1883. **Education:** Studied architecture at Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris. **Military Service:** 1914–19—awarded Croix de Guerre. **Career:** 1903—auditioned for Théâtre Antoine on a whim, and hired for company; 1907—success in Feydeau’s *La Duchesse des Folies-Bergères* in Lyons; engagement by Théâtre des Galeries-Saint-Hubert, Brussels; 1908–20—pursued career in Brussels; 1911—in “films d’art” production *Cromwell*; 1920s—established reputation as front rank comedic actor in Paris; 1928—induced to take small role in L’Herbier’s *L’Argent*; early 1930s—worked in film studios in Stockholm, Berlin, and Budapest; 1933—temporarily ceased stage acting; 1940—last stage appearance, Paris. **Died:** 23 April 1951.

Films as Actor:

- 1908 *Tirez s’il vous plait* (Gasnier)
- 1911 *Cromwell* (Desfontaines)
- 1928 *L’Argent* (L’Herbier)
- 1931 *Mon Coeur et ses millions* (Arveyres) (as Frank Creighton)
- 1932 *Quick* (Siodmak) (title role); *Le Roi des palaces* (Gallone) (as Claude Decourcy)
- 1933 *Arlette et ses papas* (Roussel) (as Pierre)
- 1934 *Une Femme chipée* (Colombier) (as Germont); *Un Petit Trou pas cher* (Ducis—short)
- 1935 *Baccara* (Mirande) (as André Leclerc); *Et moi j’té dis qu’elle t’a fait de l’oeil* (Forrester) (as André Courvalin); *Jeunes Filles à marier* (Vallée) (as Perret); *Le Crime de Monsieur Pégotte* (Ducis—short) (as M. Pégotte); *Touche à tout* (Dréville) (as Comte de Bressac); *Monsieur Personne* (Christian-Jaque) (as Comte de Tréguinc)
- 1936 *Le Disque 413* (Pottier); *Les Loups entre eux* (Mathot) (as Commissaire Raucourt); *Cargaison blanche* (*Le Chemin de*

- Rio* (Siodmak) (as Moreno); *La Bête aux sept manteaux* (*L'Homme à la cagoule noire*) (de Limur) (as Pierre Arnal); *Un Colpo di vento* (Tavano); *Adventure à Paris* (Marc Allégret) (as Michel Levasseur); *Le Mort en fuite* (Berthomieu) (as Trignol); *Rigolboche* (Christian-Jaque) (as Bobby); *Une Poule sur un mur* (Gleize); *27, Rue de la Paix* (Pottier) (as Denis Grand); *Le Voleur de Femmes* (Gance); ***Le Crime de Monsieur Lange*** (Renoir) (as Batala)
- 1937 *Rendez-vous aux Champs-Élysées* (Houssin) (as Maxime Germon); *Le Club des aristocrates* (Colombier) (as Serge de Montbreuse); *Les Rois du sport* (Colombier) (as Burette); *L'Habit vert* (Richebé) (as Parmeline); *Les Deux Combinards* (*Le System bouboule*) (Houssin) (as Barisart); *Arsène Lupin Detective* (Diamant-Berger) (title role); *L'Occident* (Fescourt); *L'Homme à abattre* (*Ceux du deuxième bureau*) (Mathot) (as Commissaire Raucourt); *Un Déjeuner de soleil* (Cohen) (as Pierre Haguët)
- 1938 *L'Inconnue de Monte-Carlo* (Berthomieu) (as Messirian); *Café de Paris* (Lacombe) (as Louis Fleury); *Mon Père et mon papa* (Schoukens) (as La Vaillant); *Eusebe depute* (Berthomieu); *L'Avion de minuit* (Kirsanoff) (as Carlos); *Hercule* (Esway) (as Vasco); *Clodoche* (*Sous les ponts de Paris*) (Lamy) (as Prince Berky); *Carrefour* (Bernhardt) (as Lucien Sarroux); *Balthazar* (Colombier) (title role)
- 1939 *Cas de conscience* (Kapps) (as Laurent Arnoux); *Accord final* (Bay) (as Baron Larzac); *Son Oncle de Normandie* (*La Fugue de Jim Baxter*) (Dréville) (as Joseph); *Derrière la façade* (Mirande and Lacombe) (as Alfredo); ***Le Jour se lève*** (*Daybreak*) (Carné) (as Valentin); *Retour au bonheur* (*L'Enfant de la tourmente*) (Jayet); *La Famille duraton* (Stengel) (as Samy); *Paris—New York* (Mirande and Heymann) (as the manager)
- 1940 *L'Héritier des Mondésir* (Valentin) (as Waldemar); *L'An quarante* (Mirande); *Soyez les bienvenus* (de Baroncelli)
- 1941 *L'Embuscade* (Rivers—produced 1939); *Face au destin* (Fescourt—produced 1939) (as Claude); *Parade en sept nuits* (Marc Allégret); *Les Petit riens* (Leboursier)
- 1942 *Après l'orage* (Ducis) (as Alex Krakow); *La Symphonie fantastique* (Christian-Jaque) (as Schlesinger); *La Troisième Dalle* (Dulud) (as Stéphane Barbaroux); *L'Assassin a peur la nuit* (Delannoy) (as Jérôme); *Les Visiteurs du soir* (Carné) (as le Diable); *Le Grand Combat* (Roland) (as Charlie)
- 1943 *Des jeunes filles dans la nuit* (Hénaff and Mirande); *Le Camion blanc* (Joannon) (as Shabbas); *Le Voyageur de la Toussaint* (Daquin) (as Plantel); *Marie-Martine* (Valentin) (as Loïc Limousin); *Le Soleil de minuit* (Roland) (as Forestier); *L'Homme de Londres* (Decoin) (as Brown); *Tristi amori* (Gallone); *T'amero sempre* (Camerini)
- 1944 *Le Mort ne reçoit plus* (Tarride); *Beatrice devant le désir* (de Marguenat)
- 1945 *Dorothée cherche l'amour* (Gréville) (as Monsieur Pascal)
- 1946 *Monsieur Gregoire s'evade* (Daniel-Norman) (as Charles Tuffal); *Messieurs Ludovic* (Le Chanois) (as Guillaume Maréchal); *Etoiles sans lumière* (Blistène); *L'Assassin n'est pas coupable* (Delacroix) (as himself); *Desarroï* (Dagan) (as Frontenac)
- 1947 *Rêves d'amour* (Stengel) (as Belloni); *La Taverne du poisson couronne* (Chanas) (as Fléo)

- 1948 *Si jeunesse savait* (Cerf) (as Charles Vigne)
- 1949 *Portrait d'un assassin* (Roland) (as Pfeiffer); *Histoires extraordinaires* (Faurez) (as Fortunato)
- 1950 *Pas de week-end pour notre amour* (Montazel) (as Baron Richard); *Tête blonde* (Cam) (as Frédéric Truche); *Sans tambour ni trompette* (Blanc); *Le Gang des tractions-arrière* (Loubignac) (as Baron Dupuy de la Margelle); *Les Maitres-Nageurs* (Lepage) (as Chamboise)

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After graduating from secondary school Jules Berry began training to become an architect, but took a job as an apprentice in a theater company and therefore his fate was sealed. He appeared in various minor roles, then attracted attention during the visit of his theater company to Lyons and was engaged by a company in Brussels where he was to remain for many years. He appeared in Paris on tour in 1910 and 1913, and during those years he occasionally played a small part in a film. After the First World War Berry returned to Paris and appeared in a series of vaudevilles and light comedies that were not particularly challenging but did give him the opportunity to play a great variety of parts and to refine his talent. In his private life, he was a ladies' man and a gambler (he gambled away much of what he earned in his life), and something of the aura of the dandy pervaded his performances: he became noted for his elegant appearance, vivid temperament, timing, and his ease at portraying both lovers and seducers—roles he was to be equally adept at playing in films.

Berry made his first important film appearance in 1928 in L'Herbier's *L'Argent*, an adaptation of the work by Zola. In the early 1930s, like many of his fellow stage actors, he made films abroad, in Sweden, Hungary, and Germany (he appeared in Siodmak's *Quick* in Berlin). After returning to Paris he got a part in Roussell's *Arlette et ses papas*, returned briefly to the stage, then left the theater entirely for a time and accepted any film offers that came his way without much concern for the quality of the script or the director. From 1933 until his death in 1951 Berry appeared in almost 100 films, often as many as 10 a year, his reputation in the theater often serving as a guarantee for many adaptations on plays, talky efforts that had little to do with the expressionistic techniques available to film. These unpretentious products were popular with French audiences of the early 1930s, and Berry was the ideal representative of the usual hero—high society sophisticate, aristocrat, successful industrialist, cynical Don Juan. He played yet another variant on his usual range of characters in *Le Crime de Monsieur Lange* in 1935, but this was a film written by Prévert and directed by Jean Renoir, and here Berry achieved a greater conciseness and dramatic tension in performance than in his other films. As the entrepreneur Batala, whose interests are

dictated by his egoism, who not only mercilessly exploits his employees but also tries to dupe them, he gave a performance that was universally admired.

Berry had some success in the part of the police commissioner Raucourt in films made by Mathot in 1936–37, and he returned to detective films in 1938–40. He worked with such directors as Pottier, Allégret, Mirande and others, but none of his films of the late 1930s is notable. The exception is *Le Jour se lève*, with a script by Prévert and directed by Carné, in which Berry had one of his most important roles—the artist Valentin, a demonic incarnation of evil who obstructs the love of two young people. Berry gives a masterful performance of rich nuance, expressing a series of contradictory states of mind: a charlatan who sneers at human goodness and weakness, abuses his power, dissimulates, torments others with his cruelty, then tries to evoke pity for himself. He created yet another incarnation of evil in the 1942 Carné film, *Les Visiteurs du soir*. The film was highly praised, and it marks a high point in Berry's career as a film actor.

From then on, however, Berry's career seemed to go into eclipse. He made more detective films and played yet another unsympathetic character in Daguin's *Le Voyageur de la Toussaint*. But Berry was not really offered the opportunities in the 1940s that his talent and reputation should have commanded. An exception in André Cerf's *Si jeunesse savait* (reminiscent in many ways of the style of Clair, whose assistant Cerf had been). Berry plays a billionaire in this brilliant comedy, and provides additional evidence, if any were needed, of the exceptional range, technique, and mature interpretational style he had developed.

—Karel Tabery

BERTINI, Francesca

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Elena Seracini Vitiello in Florence, 11 April 1888 (some sources state 6 February 1892). **Family:** Married Count Paul Cartier, 1921, one son. **Career:** c. 1903—stage debut at Teatro Nuovo in Naples; member of troupe of dialect players under Gennaro Pantalena; about 1907—film debut in Neapolitan film *La dea del mare*; acted for Film d'Arte Italiana Pathé, 1910–11, for Cine production company, 1912, for Celio production company, 1912–14; 1914—began acting for Caesar and Bertini Film; 1915—international star after role in *Assunta spina*; 1918—co-directed *La Tosca*, first and only attempt at film direction; 1920—contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1921—broke contract with Fox to retire from acting after marriage to Count Cartier; late 1920s—appeared in a few sound films in Germany and France; 1930–76—made occasional special appearance in various films. **Died:** October 1985.

Films as Actress:

- c.1907 *La dea del mare*
- 1910 *Il trovatore* (Gasnier)
- 1911 *Ernani; Guilietta e Romeo; Tristano e Isotta; Francesca da Rimini; La contessa di Challant; Re Lear; Folchetto di Narbonne; Lorenzo il Magnifico; Pia De' Tolomei*

- 1912 *La morte civile; Il ritratto dell'amata; Il mercante di Venezia; La suonatrice ambulante; La rosa di Tebe; Il Pappagallo della zia Berta* (Negroni); *Idillio tragico* (Negroni); *Lagrima e sorrisi* (Negroni)
- 1913 *La gloria* (Negroni); *L'avvoltoio nero; L'arma dei vigliacchi; Terra promessa; La maestrina* (Negroni); *La bufera* (Negroni); *Tramonte; L'Histoire d'un Pierrot* (Negroni); *Idolo infranto; L'anima del demi-monde* (Negroni); *L'arrivista; La cricca dorata; In faccia al destino* (Negroni); *La madre* (Negroni); *La vigilia di natale; Salome; Per la sua gioia*
- 1914 *Eroismo d'amore* (Ravà); *L'onesta che uccide; L'amazzone mascherata; La canzone di Werner; Sangue bleu* (Ravà); *Nelly la gigolette* (Ghione); *Une donna! Per il blasone; La principessa straniera; Rose e spine; Il veleno della parole; Colpa altrui*
- 1915 *Assunta spina* (Serena); *La signora dalle camelie* (Serena); *Nella fornace* (Oxilia); *Ivonne* (Serena); *Diana l'affascinatrice* (De Antoni); *Il capestro degli Asburgo*
- 1916 *La perla del cinema* (De Liguoro or Serena or De Antoni); *Fedora* (De Liguoro or De Antoni); *Odette* (De Liguoro); *My Little Baby (Baby l'indiviolate)* (De Liguoro); *Ferréol* (De Antoni); *Oberdan* (Serena); *Vittima dell'ideale* (Serena)
- 1917 *Don Pietro Caruso* (Bracco); *Lacrimae rerum (Nel gorgo della vita)* (Del Liguoro); *Andreina* (Roberti or Serena); *L'alba; Anima redenta*
- 1918 *La Tosca* (+ co-d with De Antoni or Serena); *L'affaire Clémenceau* (De Antoni); *Piccolo Fonte* (Roberti); *Frou Frou* (Roberti or De Antoni); *La piovra* (Roberti); *Malia* (De Antoni); *Anima allegra* (Roberti); *La donna nuda* (Roberti); *Mariute* (Bencivenga); *Saracinesca* (Roberti)
- 1919 *Oltre le legge; L'ombra* (Roberti); *Principessa Giorgio* (Roberti); *La contessa Sarah* (Roberti); *Lise Fleron* (Roberti); *Spiritismo* (Roberti); *La serpe* (Roberti); *Beatrice* (De Riso); *La sfinnge* (Roberti)
- 1920 *I sette peccati capitali* (series of seven films) (Roberti, De Riso, Bencivenga, De Antoni, and possibly d'Ambra); *Anima selvaggia*
- 1921 *Maddalena Ferat* (Roberti); *Le blessure* (Roberti); *Marion* (Roberti); *La giovinezza del diavolo* (D'Annunzio); *La fanciulla di Amalfi; Amore vince amore; La donna, il diavolo, il tempo; Fama* (Roberti); *La Ferita* (Roberti); *Ultimo sogno* (Roberti)
- 1922 *Consuelita* (Roberti)
- 1928 *Monte Carlo (La fine di Montecarlo); Odette (Mein Leben fur das deine)* (Morat)
- 1929 *Possession* (Perret); *Tu m'appartiens* (Glieze)
- 1930 *La donna di una notte* (Palermi); *La Femme d'une nuit* (L'Herbier) (French version of previous film)
- 1943 *Dora*
- 1956 *A sud niente di nuovo* (Simonelli)
- 1976 **1900** (Novecento) (Bertolucci)

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A type of film star grew up in the early Italian cinema: sophisticated, glamorous, highly temperamental, and a trendsetter in fashion and romance. The film divas were highly competitive and jealously guarded their status in the cinema; they were also highly paid. Lyda Borelli and Hesperia were two of them, but Francesca Bertini was to become the most famous.

After having begun her career in Naples, Bertini came to Rome and played with Celio films, where she was groomed for stardom. In 1913 she scored a great success in Baldassare Negroni's *L'Histoire d'un Pierrot*. Apart from her performance, the film showed a mastery of screen language and attracted wide audiences outside of Italy. Her repertoire included popular Italian and French plays such as those of Sardou. In 1915 she made her best film, *Assunta spina*, a break with the torrid society dramas to which her public was accustomed. Her *Nelly la gigolette*, intelligently directed by Emilio Ghione the previous year, was also a more down-to-earth creation. *Assunta spina* was the story of a working-class girl who is a slave of circumstance, attracting men whose loves, jealousies, and selfishness lead her to a tragic end. A faithful depiction of its setting (it was shot in the streets of Naples), it anticipates the neorealism of the 1940s. Its director, Gustave Serena, played the lead.

For great roles such as *La Tosca*, *Fedora*, and *La signora dalle camellie*, she rose to the occasion. The latter was rushed through to challenge her rival Hesperia, then appearing in the same role. Bertini's output was prolific, encompassing all kinds of subjects; she possessed both a photogenic beauty, and an expressive personality.

In 1921 she married Count Paul Cartier and retired from films. But she did return to filmmaking in Germany and Spain at the beginning of the sound period and thereafter made special appearances, as Burt Lancaster's sister, for example, in Bertolucci's *1900*. When the London Film Festival of 1983 presented a film about her by Gianfranco Mingozzi she was planning to attend the showing, though she was then in her nineties. The title of the film was *The Last Diva*. Louis Delluc, an admirer of hers, said: “One does not know till too late that it is necessary to study all the work of Francesca Bertini.”

—Liam O'Leary

BINOCHE, Juliette

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, France, 9 March 1965. **Education:** Attended acting school in the late 1970s and later took classes at the Paris Conservatoire. **Family:** Son with André Halle: Raphael. **Career:** 1983—film debut in *Liberty Belle*; 1988—international success with *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*; on stage in Paris in Chekhov's *The Seagull*; mid-1990s—Lancôme model for the fragrance Pôme. **Awards:** Best Actress Award, Venice Film Festival, for *Blue*, 1993. **Agent:** Intertalent Agency, 131 South Rodeo Drive, Suite 300, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1983 *Liberty Belle* (Kane)
- 1984 *Les Nanas* (*The Women*) (Lanoe)
- 1985 *Je vous salue, Marie* (*Hail Mary*) (Godard) (as Juliette); *La Vie de famille* (*Family Life*) (as Natacha); *Rendez-vous* (Téchiné) (as Nina Larrieu)
- 1986 *Mauvais Sang* (*The Night Is Young*; *Bad Blood*) (Carax) (as Anna); *Mon Beau-frère a tué ma soeur* (*My Brother-in-Law Has Killed My Sister*) (as Esther)
- 1988 *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (Kaufman) (as Tereza)
- 1989 *Un Tour de manège* (*Roundabout*) (as Elsa)
- 1991 *Les Amants du Pont Neuf* (*The Lovers on the Pont-Neuf*) (Carax) (as Michele); *Women & Men II* (*Women & Men: In Love There Are No Rules*) (Bernstein, Figgis, and Zea—for TV) (as Mara)
- 1992 *Wuthering Heights* (Kosminsky—not released in U.S.) (as Catherine Earnshaw); *Fatale* (*Damage*) (Malle) (as Anna Barton)
- 1993 *Trzy Kolory: Niebieski* (*Bleu; Blue*) (Kieślowski) (as Julie); *Trzy Kolory: Czerwony* (*Blanc; White*) (Kieślowski) (cameo as Julie)
- 1994 *Trzy Kolory: Bialy* (*Rouge; Red*) (Kieślowski) (cameo as Julie)
- 1995 *Le Hussard sur le toit* (*The Horseman on the Roof*) (as Pauline de Theus)
- 1996 *The English Patient* (Minghella) (as Hanna); *Lucie Aubrac* (Berri); *Un Divan a New York* (*A Couch in New York*) (Akerman) (as Beatrice Saulnier)
- 1998 *Alice et Martin* (Téchiné) (as Alice)
- 1999 *Les Enfants du siècle* (Kury) (as George Sand)

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Juliette Binoché was introduced to French theater at the age of 12 by her actress-writer mother, with whom her acting studies began. Her father is a former mime who creates masks for the theater. Her parents separated when she was two years old, and she believes she was drawn into the theater because it represented a family. While better known for her film roles, Binoché remains tied to the theater where she began her career (she appeared on stage in Paris in 1988 in Chekov’s *The Seagull*, directed by Andrei Konchalovsky).

Binoché was urged to audition for films when she was 18 by a casting director who helped her get some bit parts. Despite her

success at an early age, Binoché did not emerge overnight. After studying acting for several years she performed in stage productions in the early 1980s and in some television films. Her first film roles followed: in Pascal Kane’s *Liberty Belle*; a small part in Jean-Luc Godard’s *Hail Mary*, with her youthful innocence as her selling point; and a more substantial role in Annick Lanoë’s *Les Nanas*.

She met the director Léos Carax in 1985, starred in his thriller *Mauvais Sang*, and began to undergo a transformation. They moved in together and this relationship dominated her professional and emotional life for four years. Carax molded Binoché for the role of Anna in *Mauvais Sang*, requiring her to adopt a gamin look and to lose weight. She studied dance and voice, read Balzac, and even changed her laugh. (Later Carax would cast Binoché as the one-eyed, gun-toting painter, Michele, in *Les Amants du Pont Neuf*, an unsuccessful, \$30 million film which proved to be the most expensive thus far in French history.)

Later in the 1980s she reached international fame with her English-language debut, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, based on the Milan Kundera novel, playing a sexual free spirit. In her next two widely seen roles—in Louis Malle’s *Damage* and *Blue*, the first film of Krzysztof Kieślowski’s *Trzy Kolory* trilogy—Binoché was not free spirited at all, but rather gave exceptionally passive and solemn portrayals, too detached for many observers. Binoché had turned down the female lead in Steven Spielberg’s *Jurassic Park*

(played by Laura Dern), to star in *Blue*—likely a smart move given how difficult it is to imagine her in such an action-filled thriller at this stage of her career.

In her latest film to date, *A Couch in New York*, the first major film of Belgian director Chantal Akerman, Binoche changed her image again—away from the serious, sad beauty—toward a lighter character sans the once-in-vogue anguish that pervaded her earlier characters. Whether this welcome transformation is successful will go a long way toward determining the future direction of a still young career.

—Kelly Otter

BJÖRNSTRAND, Gunnar

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Stockholm, 13 November 1909. **Education:** Royal Dramatic Theatre School, Stockholm. **Family:** Married Lillie Lundahl, 1935, three daughters. **Career:** 1931—film debut in *Pour mon coeur et ses millions*; 1936–38—acted at the Swedish Theater in Helsinki; after stint at Swedish Theater, continued stage acting mainly in Stockholm; 1946—first film with Ingmar Bergman, *Det regnar på vår kärlek*, which began long professional association; 1948—guest artist at Royal Dramatic Theater, Stockholm; 1966—in film *Pälsen* (*The Overcoat*) for Swedish television. **Awards:** Swedish Film Society's Gösta Ekman Prize, 1953. **Died:** 24 May 1986.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *Pour mon coeur et ses millions* (*The False Millionaire*) (Berthomieu)
- 1938 *Vi som går scenvägen* (*We from the Theatre*) (Wahlberg); *Juninatten* (*Night in June*) (Lindberg)
- 1939 *Panik* (*Panic*) (Willoughby); *Vi två* (*We Two*) (Bauman); *Mot nya tider* (*Towards New Times*) (Wallén)
- 1940 *Hjältar i gult och blått* (*Heroes in Yellow and Blue*) (Bauman); *Karl för sin hatt* (*An Able Man*) (Bauman); *Hennes melodi* (*Her Melody*) (Thor Brooks); *Alle man på post* (*Everybody at His Station*) (Henrikson)
- 1942 *Snapphanar* (*Scanian Guerilla*) (Ohberg); *En äventyrare* (*Adventurer*) (Olsson); *General von Döbeln* (Molander)
- 1943 *Natt i hamn* (*Night in the Harbour*) (Faustman); *Jag dräpte (I Killed)* (Olof Molander)
- 1944 *Appassionata* (Olof Molander); *Lev farlight* (*Live Dangerously*) (Falk); *Mitt folk är icke ditt* (*My People Are Not Yours*) (Hildebrand); *Nyordning på Sjögårda* (*New Order at Sjögårda*) (Hildebrand); *Hets* (*Frenzy*) (Sjöberg)
- 1945 *Sussie* (Mattsson); *I som här inträden . . .* (*You Who Are about to Enter . . .*) (Mattsson)
- 1946 *Peggy på vift* (*Peggy on a Spree*) (Mattsson); *Kristin Kommenderar* (*Kristin Commands*) (Edgren); *Rötägg* (*Bad Eggs*) (Mattsson); *Det regnar på vår kärlek* (*It Rains on Our Love; The Man with an Umbrella*) (Bergman); *Medan porten var stängd* (*While the Door Was Locked*) (Ekman); *Midvinterblot* (*Midwinter Blood*) (Werner)
- 1947 *Bruden kom genom taket* (*Bride Came through the Ceiling*) (Palm); *Pappa sökes* (*Daddy Wanted*) (Mattsson); *Krigsmans erinran* (*Soldier's Duties*) (Faustman); *En fluga gör ingen sommar* (*One Swallow Doesn't Make a Summer*) (Ekman); *Här kommer vi* (*Here We Come*) (Lagerwall and Zacharias); *Två kvinnor* (*Two Women*) (Sjöstrand)
- 1948 *Musik i mörker* (*Music in Darkness; Night Is My Future*) (Bergman); *Var sin väg* (*Each to His Own Way*) (Ekman); *En svensk tiger* (*A Swedish Tiger*) (Edgren); *Lilla Märta kommer tillbaka* (*Little Märta Returns*) (Ekman); *Soldat Bom* (*Private Bom*) (Kjellgren)
- 1949 *Skola skolen* (*Playing Truant*) (Bauman); *Flickan från tredje raden* (*Girl from the Third Row*) (Ekman); *Pappa Bom* (*Father Bom*) (Kjellgren)
- 1950 *Min syster och jag* (*My Sister and I*) (Bauman); *Fästmö uthyres* (*Fiancée for Hire*) (Gustaf Molander); *Kyssten på kryssen* (*Kiss on the Cruise*) (Mattsson); *Den vita katten* (*The White Cat*) (Ekman); *Kvartetten som sprängdes* (*The Quartet That Was Split Up*) (Gustaf Molander)
- 1951 *Tull-Bom* (*Customs Officer Bom*) (Kjellgren)
- 1952 *Säg det med blommer* (*Say It with Flowers*) (Kjellgren); *En fästman i taget* (*One Fiancé at a Time*) (Bauman); *Kvinnors väntan* (*Secrets of Women; Waiting Women*) (Bergman); *Flyg-Bom* (*Bom the Flyer*) (Kjellgren); *Oppåt med gröna hissen* (*Up with the Green Lift*) (Larsson)
- 1953 *Dansa min docka* (*Dance with My Doll*) (Söderhjelm); *Vi tre debutera* (*We Three Debutantes*) (Ekman); *Gycklarnas afton* (*The Naked Night; Sawdust and Tinsel*) (Bergman); *Glasberget* (*Unmarried*) (Gustaf Molander)
- 1954 *Flottans glada gossar* (*Happy Lads of the Fleet*) (Husberg); *Sejer i mörker* (*Victory in the Dark*) (Folke); *En lektion i kärlek* (*A lesson in Love*) (Bergman); *Gabrielle* (Ekman)
- 1955 *Stampen* (*Pawn Shop*) (Lagerkvist); *Kvinnodröm* (*Dreams; Journey into Autumn*) (Bergman); *Sommarnattens leende* (*Smiles of a Summer Night*) (Bergman)
- 1956 *Det är aldrig för sent* (*It's Never Too Late*) (Boman); *Sjunde himlen* (*Seventh Heaven*) (Ekman)
- 1957 *Skorpan* (*The Rusk*) (Lagerkvist); *Det sjunde inseglet* (*The Seventh Seal*) (Bergman); *Natten ljus* (*Night Light*) (Kjellgren); *Sommarnöje sökes* (*Summer Place Wanted*) (Ekman); *Smultronstället* (*Wild Strawberries*) (Bergman)
- 1958 *Du är mitt äventyr* (*You Are My Adventure*) (Olin); *Fröken April* (*Miss April*) (Gentele); *Ansiktet* (*The Magician; The Face*) (Bergman)
- 1959 *Det svänger på slottet* (*Swinging at the Castle*) (Kjellin); *Brott i paradiset* (*Crime in Paradise*) (Kjellgren); *Himmel och pannkaka* (*Heaven and Pancakes*) (Ekman); *Mälarpirater* (*Pirates on the Malaren*) (Holmgren)
- 1960 *Djävulens öga* (*The Devil's Eye*) (Bergman)
- 1961 *Såsom i en spegel* (*Through a Glass Darkly*) (Bergman); *Lustgården* (*The Pleasure Garden*) (Kjellin)
- 1963 *Nattvardsgästerna* (*Winter Light*) (Bergman); *Lyckodrömmen* (*Dream of Happiness*) (Abramson); *Min kära är en ros* (*My Love Is Like a Rose*) (Ekman)
- 1964 *Klänningen* (*The Dress*) (Sjöman); *Aktenskapabrottaren* (*Marriage Wrestler*) (Ekman); *Allskande par* (*Loving Couples*) (Zetterling)
- 1965 *Syskonbädd 1782* (*My Sister, My Love*) (Sjöman)
- 1966 *Träfracken* (*The Sadist*) (Lindgren); *Persona* (Bergman); *Här har du ditt liv* (*Here Is Your Life*) (Troell)
- 1967 *Den rode kappe* (*The Red Mantle*) (Axel); *Stimulantia* ("Smucklet" or "The Necklace" ep.) (Gustaf Molander); *Tofflan-en lycklig komedi* (*Slipper*) (Anderberg)

- 1968 *Flickorna (The Girls)* (Zetterling); *Skammen (Shame)* (Bergman)
 1969 *Pappa, varför är du arg? Du gjorde likadant själv när du var ung (Daddy, Why Are You Angry? You Did the Same When You Were Young)* (Stivell); *Riten (The Rite)* (Bergman—for TV); *Una estate in quattro (L'isola)* (Vancini)
 1971 *Lockfågeln (The Birdcall)* (Wickman)
 1973 *Pistolen (The Pistol)* (Tirl)
 1976 *Ansikte mot ansikte (Face to face)* (Bergman—for TV)
 1977 *Tabu (Taboo)* (Sjöman)
 1978 *Herbstsonate (Autumn Sonata; Höstsonaten)* (Bergman)
 1982 *Fanny och Alexander (Fanny and Alexander)* (Bergman)

Publications

On BJÖRNSTRAND: article—

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Gunnar Björnstrand made a career portraying morally upright figures plagued by doubt and temptation. A courtly actor who seemed equally at home in comedy and melodrama, he came to the attention of non-Swedish film audiences in the dozen or so films of Ingmar Bergman in which he appeared.

Björnstrand made his first film for Bergman in 1946, *It Rains on Our Love*, and rose to international prominence in a series of films beginning with *Sawdust and Tinsel*, and culminating with *Winter Light*. His role in this last film was a tour de force for Björnstrand who played a man of God who had lost his faith and, although he searched for meaning in the modern world, could provide little guidance for himself or his parishioners. The elegance of Björnstrand's bearing provided a vivid contrast to the inner torment caused by his religious uncertainty. For *The Seventh Seal*, on the other hand, where he played the cynical Sancho Panza-like companion to Max von Sydow's questing knight, he was cast against type and provided a shrewd foil to his Quixotic master.

Björnstrand continued to play roles in other Swedish productions including Vilgot Sjöman's *The Dress* and the same director's controversial *My Sister, My Love*, Jan Troell's first feature, *Here Is Your Life*, and Mai Zetterling's *Loving Couples* and *The Girls*. He also appeared in Bergman's later films such as *Shame*, *Face to Face*, and the international success, *Autumn Sonata*.

—Charles L. P. Silet

BLANCHETT, Cate

Nationality: Australian. **Born:** Catherine Elise Blanchett in Melbourne, 14 May 1969. **Family:** Married to Andrew Upton, 1997. **Education:** Studied economics and fine arts at the University of Melbourne; graduated from Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art. **Career:** Appeared on the Sydney stage in Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls*, Timothy Daly's *Kafka Dances*, and David Mamet's



Cate Blanchett and Ralph Fiennes in *Oscar and Lucinda*

Oleanna, 1993; appeared in other stage plays in Australia, most notably with the Sydney Theatre Company and Belvoir Street Theatre Company; made guest appearances on Australian television, mid-1990s; earned international acclaim for her starring role in *Elizabeth*, 1998; starred in David Hare's *Plenty* on the London stage, 1999. **Awards:** Rosemount Newcomer Award, Sydney Theatre Critics Circle, for *Kafka Dances*, 1993; Rosemount Best Actress Award, for *Oleanna*, 1993; Melbourne Green Room Award nomination, for *Hamlet*, 1995; Australian Film Institute Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role, for *Thank God He Met Lizzie*, 1997; British Academy Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role, Chicago Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, London Critics Circle Award as Actress of the Year, Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture (Drama), Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, Online Film Critics Society Award for Best Actress, Southeastern Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, and Golden Satellite Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture (Drama), all for *Elizabeth*, 1998. **Address:** c/o Robyn Gardiner Management, P.O. Box 128, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010, Australia.

Films as Actress:

- 1996 *Parklands* (Millard) (as Rosie)
 1997 *Paradise Road* (Beresford) (as Susan McCarthy); *Thank God He Met Lizzie* (Nowlan) (as Lizzie); *Oscar and Lucinda* (Armstrong) (as Lucinda)

- 1998 *Elizabeth* (Kapur) (as Elizabeth I)
 1999 *An Ideal Husband* (Parker) (as Lady Gertrud Chiltern); *Pushing Tin* (Newell) (as Connie Falzone); *Bangers* (Upton) (as Housewife) (short); *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (Minghella) (as Meredith Logue)

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Of all the performers who emerged onto the international film scene in the late 1990s, Cate Blanchett was among the most promising. Her luminous good looks combine with a passion, intelligence, and versatility that are reminiscent of Meryl Streep. Although it is premature at this point in her career to cite her as Streep’s acting equal, Blanchett is a performer who, like Streep, seamlessly inhabits her characters, making them believable despite their diversity in class, nationality, or life experience.

Upon graduation from Australia’s National Institute of Dramatic Art, Blanchett quickly established herself as an up-and-coming stage actress. She was the first performer to win two Sydney Theatre Critics Circle awards in the same year (1993), for Best Newcomer and Lead Actress, and further established herself by playing everything from Shakespeare to David Mamet on the Australian stage. Blanchett’s first high-profile screen credit was in *Paradise Road*, a well-intentioned but clichéd prisoner-of-war drama, in which she was cast alongside veteran actresses Glenn Close, Pauline Collins, and Frances McDormand. Next, she won the title role, opposite Ralph Fiennes, in *Oscar and Lucinda*, a Victorian-era romantic adventure. Blanchett gave a spirited performance while playing Lucinda Leplastrier, an eccentric, fiercely independent young woman raised on a ranch in the Australian outback. With her soul mate, the shy, guilt-ridden Oscar Hopkins, Lucinda shares a love of gambling and an inability to fit into society.

The energy and finesse Blanchett brought to the role made her a natural for the film that was to win her international stardom: *Elizabeth*, which like *Oscar and Lucinda* is a period piece featuring a spunky and determined heroine. *Elizabeth* is a dark, absorbing historical drama and political spectacle. It is set in England during the mid-16th century, with Henry VIII dead and the nation in religious turmoil. Mary I, who has taken the throne from her father, is a Catholic; Elizabeth, her younger half-sister, is a Protestant. At the outset of the story, Mary orders Elizabeth taken into custody, and she barely escapes with her life. But upon Mary’s death, Elizabeth becomes England’s ruler. At its core, *Elizabeth* is the story of the molding of a queen. It charts the manner in which Elizabeth—as embodied by Blanchett—is transformed from a fanciful young woman who thinks with her heart and not her head to the tough, venerated Virgin Queen of history. Elizabeth is a complex, demanding role, and Blanchett exudes a majestic dignity as her character matures.

In spite of her stardom, Blanchett accepted a supporting role in a film because she was intrigued by its story and interested in working with the cast and director. In *Pushing Tin*, a tale of conflicting New York City air traffic controllers, she plays Connie Falzone, a middle-class Long Island housewife-mother with a thick New York accent. Though the primary concerns of Elizabeth I are ruling her country, Connie’s life focuses on her family and tuna casseroles. Yet Blanchett offered the same intelligence to the creation of both characters; she appears equally familiar with the inner beings of these altogether different women. In fact, Blanchett blends so seamlessly into *Pushing*

Tin that it might seem unimaginable that she is the same actress who, scant months earlier, had starred in *Elizabeth*. Then, in *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, Blanchett added just the right shading to a character who is a pawn to the plot: Meredith Logue, a breathless debutante-social butterfly whose knowledge of the chameleon-like title character plays a significant role as the story develops. Here, the character of Meredith is secondary to the film's heroine, Marge Sherwood (played by Gwyneth Paltrow, whose performance a year earlier in *Shakespeare in Love* topped Blanchett's Elizabeth I for the Best Actress Academy Award). Another noteworthy part came in *An Ideal Husband*, based on the play by Oscar Wilde, in which she was cast as Lady Gertrud Chiltern, the naive, adoring wife of an indiscreet government minister.

Unlike those stars who start their careers on the stage and never return upon making their cinematic splash, Blanchett's dedication to acting is exemplified by her decision in 1999 to appear in London's West End in David Hare's *Plenty*—despite her being in demand for screen roles. Blanchett's signature screen performance remains Elizabeth I, but she appears to be at the beginning of a very promising career. It will be interesting to observe how her career evolves.

—Rob Edelman

BLIER, Bernard

Nationality: French. **Born:** Buenos Aires, Argentina, of French parents, 11 January 1916. **Education:** Lycée Condorcet; studied drama with Raymond Rouleau, and at Paris Conservatory under Louis Jouvet. **Family:** Married; son: film director Bertrand Blier; daughter: Brigitte. **Career:** 1936—stage debut at Théâtre de l'Etoile, Paris; 1937—film debut in *Trois-six-neuf*; 1940—mobilized at beginning of war, taken prisoner by Germans; 1942—resumed stage appearances; after war—leading player in “boulevard comedies” on Parisian stage. **Awards:** Brussels Prize, 1949; Prix Feminin de Cinéma, 1950; Prix Balzac, 1973; Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur; Special César, 1988. **Died:** In Paris, 29 March 1989.

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Trois-six-neuf* (Rouleau); *Gribouille* (*Heart of Paris*) (M. Allégret); *Le Messenger* (Rouleau); *La Dame de Malacca* (M. Allégret); *L'Habit vert* (Richebé)
- 1938 *Altitude 3200* (*Youth in Revolt*) (Benoît-Lévy); *Entrée des artistes* (*The Curtain Rises*) (M. Allégret); *Hôtel du Nord* (Carné); *Grisou* (de Canonge); *Double Crime sur la Ligne Maginot* (*Treachery Within*) (Candera); *Place de la Concorde* (Lamac); *Accord final* (Bay)
- 1939 *Le Jour se lève* (*Daybreak*) (Carné); *L'Enfer des anges* (Christian-Jaque); *Quartier Latin* (Colombier); *Nuit de Décembre* (*Heure exquise*) (Bernhardt); *Tourelle 3* (Christian-Jaque—unfinished due to outbreak of war)
- 1941 *L'Assassinat du Père Noël* (*Who Killed Santa Claus?*) (Christian-Jaque); *Le Pavillon Brûle* (de Baroncelli); *Premier bal* (Christian-Jaque); *Caprices* (Joannon)
- 1942 *La Symphonie fantastique* (Christian-Jaque); *La Femme que j'ai le plus aimée* (Vernay); *Romance à trois* (Richebé); *La Nuit fantastique* (L'Herbier); *Le Journal tombe à cinq heures* (Lacombe); *Le Mariage de chiffon* (Autant-Lara); *Marie Martine* (Valentin)
- 1943 *Les Petites du quai aux Fleurs* (M. Allégret); *Je suis avec toi* (Decoin); *Domino* (Richebé)
- 1944 *Farandolle* (Zwoboda)
- 1945 *Seul dans la nuit* (Stengel); *Monsieur Gregoire s'évadé* (Daniel-Norman)
- 1946 *Messieurs Ludovic* (Le Chanois); *Le Café du Cadran* (Gehret)
- 1947 *Quai des Orfèvres* (Clouzot)
- 1948 *Dédée d'Anvers* (*Dédée*) (Y. Allégret); *D'homme à hommes* (*Man to Men*) (Christian-Jaque); *Les Casse-pieds* (*The Spice of Life*) (Dreville)
- 1949 *L'Ecole buissonnière* (*Passion for Life; I Have a New Master*) (Le Chanois); *Monseigneur* (Richebé); *Retour à la vie* (“Tante Emma” ep.) (Cayatte); *L'Invité du Mardi* (Deval)
- 1950 *La Souricière* (Calef); *Manèges* (*The Cheat; Riding for a Fall*) (Y. Allégret); *Les Anciens de Saint-Loup* (Lampin); *Souvenirs perdus* (Christian-Jaque)
- 1951 *Sans laisser d'adresse* (Le Chanois); *La Maison Bonnadieu* (Rim)
- 1952 *Agence matrimoniale* (Le Chanois); *Je l'ai été trois fois* (Guitry)
- 1953 *Secrets d'alcôve* (“Le Lit de la Pompadour” ep.) (*The Bed*) (Delannoy); *Suivez cet homme!* (Lampin)
- 1954 *Avant le déluge* (Cayatte); *Scènes de ménage* (Berthomieu)
- 1955 *Le Dossier noir* (Cayatte); *Les Hussards* (Joffe)
- 1956 *Crime et châtiment* (*Crime and Punishment*) (Lampin); *Prigionieri del male* (Costa); *Rivelazione*
- 1957 *L'Homme à l'imperméable* (*The Man in the Raincoat*) (Duvivier); *Retour de Manivelle* (*There's Always a Price Tag*) (de la Patellière); *Quand la femme s'en mêle* (Y. Allégret); *La Bonne Tisane* (Bromberger)
- 1958 *Les Misérables* (Le Chanois) (as Javert); *La Chatte* (*The Cat*) (Decoin); *Les Grandes Familles* (*The Possessors*) (de la Patellière); *Sans famille* (Michel); *En légitime défense* (Berthomieu); *Le Joueur* (Autant-Lara); *L'Ecole des cocottes* (Audry)
- 1959 *Marie-Octobre* (Duvivier); *La grande guerra* (*La Grande Guerre; The Great War*) (Monicelli) (as Captain Castelli); *Marche ou crève* (Lautner); *Archimède, le clochard* (*The Magnificent Tramp*) (Grangier) (as Pichon); *Les Yeux de l'amour* (de la Patellière)
- 1960 *Il Gobbo* (*Le Bossu de Rome; The Hunchback of Rome*) (Lizzani) (title role); *Crimen* (. . . and Suddenly It's Murder) (Camerini) (as police commissioner); *Vive Henri IV, vive l'amour!* (Autant-Lara); *Le Secret du Chevalier d'Eon* (Audry); *Le Président* (Verneuil)
- 1961 *Le Cave se rebiffe* (*The Counterfeiters of Paris; Money, Money, Money*) (Grangier) (as Charles); *Arrêtez les tambours* (*Women and War*) (Lautner) (as Mayor Leproux); *I briganti italiani* (*Les Guerilleros*) (Camerini); *Les Petits Matins* (Audry); *Le Monocle noir* (Gerard)
- 1962 *Mathias Sandorff* (Lampin); *Le Septième Juré* (*The Seventh Juror*) (Lautner) (as Grégoire Duval); *Pourquoi Paris?* (de la Patellière); *Les Saintes Nitouches* (Montazel)

- 1963 *I compagni (The Organizer)* (Monicelli) (as Martinetti); *Il magnifico avventuriero* (Freda); *Germinal* (Y. Allégret); *Cent Mille Dollars au Soleil (Greed in the Sun)* (Verneuil) (as Mitch-Mitch)
- 1964 *La Bonne Soupe (Careless Love)* (Thomas) (as Monsieur Joseph); “Gente modern” (“Modern People”) ep. of *Alta infedeltà (High Infidelity)* (Monicelli) (as Reguzzoni); *Il magnifico cornuto (The Magnificent Cuckold)* (Pietrangeli) (as Corna d’Oro); *La Chasse à l’homme (Male Hunt)* (Molinaro) (as Monsieur Heurtin); *Les Barbouzes (The Great Spy Chase)* (Lautner) (as Cafarelli); “Une Chance explosive” or “Le Jeu de la chance” ep. of *La Chance et l’amour* (Tavernier)
- 1965 “La Fermeture” ep. of *Les Bons Vivants* (Grangier); *Una questione d’onore (A Question of Honor)* (Zampa); *Quand passent les faisans* (Molinaro)
- 1966 *Du mou dans la gachette* (Grosppierre); *Duello nel mondo* (Scott); *Delitto quasi perfetto* (Camerini); *Le Grand Restaurant* (Besnard); *Un Idiot à Paris* (Korber)
- 1967 *Lo straniero (The Stranger)* (Visconti) (as defense counsel); *Peau d’espion (To Commit a Murder)* (Molinaro) (as Rhome); *Le fou du Labo 4* (Besnard); *Caroline chérie* (de la Patellière); *Copain suavé sa peau* (Boisset); *Si j’étais un espion (Breakdown; If I Were a Spy)* (Bertrand Blier)
- 1968 *Faut pas prendre les enfants du bon Dieu pour les canards sauvages (Operation Leontine)* (Audiard); *Riusciranno i nostri eroi a trovare il loro amico misteriosamente scomparso in Africa?* (Scola); *Elle boit pas, elle fume pas, elle drogue pas, mais elle cause* (Audiard); *Appelez-moi Mathilde* (Mondy)
- 1969 *Mon Oncle Benjamin* (Molinaro)
- 1970 *Le Cri du cormoran le soir au-dessus des jonques* (Audiard); *Le Distrait* (Richard); *Laisse aller, c’est une valse* (Lautner)
- 1971 *Catch Me a Spy* (Clement); *Homo eroticus (Man of the Year)* (Vicario) (as Dr. Mezzini); *Il furto e l’anima del commercio* (Corbucci); *Quarta parete* (Bolzoni); *Le Tueur* (de la Patellière); *Jo* (Girault)
- 1972 *Le Grand Blond avec une chaussure noire (The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe)* (Robert) (as Milan); *Tout le monde il est beau, tout le monde il est gentil* (Yanne); *Elle cause plus, elle flingue* (Audiard); *Boccaccio* (Corbucci)
- 1973 *Moi y’en a vouloir des sous* (Yanne); *Je sais rien, mais je dirai tout* (Richard); *Par le sang des autres* (Simenon); *Les Tontons flingueurs* (Lautner)
- 1974 ... *la main à couper* (Perier); *Les Chinois à Paris* (Yanne) (as President); *C’est pas parce qu’on a rien à dire qu’il ferme sa gueule* (Besnard); *Bons baisers à lundi* (Audiard); *Il piatto piange* (Nuzzi); *Processo per direttissima* (de Caro)
- 1975 *Ce cher Victor* (Davis); *Amici miei (My Friends)* (Germi and Monicelli); *C’est dur pour tout le monde* (Gion); *Le Faux-Cul* (Hanin); *Calmos (Femmes fatales)* (Bertrand Blier)
- 1976 *Le Corps de mon ennemi* (Verneuil); *La Nuit d’or* (Moatti)
- 1977 *Le Témoin* (Mocky)
- 1978 *Le Compromis* (Zerbib)
- 1979 *Il malato immaginario (La malade imaginaire; The Hypochondriac)* (Cervi); *Série noire* (Corneau) (as Staplin); *Buffet froid* (Bertrand Blier) (as police inspector)

- 1980 *Voltati Eugenio* (Comencini)
- 1981 *Passione d’amore* (Scola) (as Major Tarasso); *Pétrole, pétrole* (Gion)
- 1985 *Le due vite di Mattia Pascal (The Two Lives of Mattia Pascal)* (Monicelli) (as Paleari); *Ca n’arrive qu’a moi* (Perrin); *Sceno di guerra* (Risi); *Amici miei atto III* (Loy)
- 1986 *Je hais les acteurs (I Hate Actors)* (Krawczyk) (as J. B. Cobb); *Spaggia privata* (Bozzetto); *Twist Again à Moscou* (Poure) (as Minister); *Speriamo che sia femmina (Let’s Hope It’s a Girl)* (Monicelli) (as Uncle Gugh)
- 1987 *Sotto il ristorante cinese* (Bozzetto) (as Eva’s father); *I Picari* (Monicelli)
- 1988 *Mangeclous* (Mizrahi); *Ada dans la jungle* (Zingy)
- 1989 *Una botta di vita* (Oldaini); *Paganini* (Kinski)

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Although Bernard Blier made his film debut at the age of 21 in films by Marc Allégret and Rouleau (two films by each director in 1937), and worked regularly in films during the next few years, he began to get good roles only after the war. He had played ordinary workers in different settings quite convincingly, but was able to show his many-sided dramatic abilities in *Dédée d’Anvers* (Yves Allégret) and, particularly, in *Quai des Orfèvres* (Clouzot), a classic film of the criminal genre, in which he appeared with Juvet and Dullin. His performance as a country teacher in *L’Ecole buissonnière* (Le Chanois) solidified his reputation, and he won several prizes for his acting in it.

From that time he regularly appeared in French and foreign films as a leading character actor. Audiences have been particularly fond of his roles as police inspectors, his most notable performances in this vein being Javert in Le Chanois’s version of Hugo’s *Les Misérables* and in Cayatte’s *Le Dossier noir*. But he also appeared in such works as Zola’s *Germinal* (Yves Allégret), Camus’s *Lo straniero* (Visconti), and many comic films.

His filmography, containing some 200 film roles, is evidence of the intensity of his work. He earned the reputation of an excellent and

many-sided interpreter due to his discipline and exactingness, and he continued to occupy a prominent place in French film.

His work on the stage, begun slightly before his work in films, was also outstanding. His work in boulevard comedies climaxed in his success in Roussin's comedy *Le Marie, la femme, et la mort* which ran almost three years. He also appeared with Isabelle Adjani in the Comédie Française production of *L'Ecole des femmes* for the 300th anniversary celebration of Molière's death in 1973.

—Karel Tabery

BLONDELL, Joan

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 30 August 1909. **Family:** Married 1) the cameraman George Barnes, 1933 (divorced 1935), son: Norman Scott; 2) the actor Dick Powell, 1936 (divorced 1945), daughter: Ellen; 3) the producer Michael Todd, 1947 (divorced 1950). **Career:** 1910—born into vaudeville family; stage debut at age 14 months; 1919—incorporated into family vaudeville act; toured U.S., Europe, China, and Australia; 1926—joined stock company in Dallas; won “Miss Dallas” beauty contest; on Broadway in *Tarnished* and *The Trial of Mary Dugan*; also in the *Ziegfeld Follies*; 1929—played lead in Broadway musical *Maggie the Magnificent*; 1930—signed with Warners to star in *Sinners' Holiday*; 1938—left Warners and begins to freelance; 1940s—began working in radio and making USO appearances; 1951–56—worked on stage and television only; 1963—in TV series *The Real McCoys*; 1968–70—in TV series *Here Come the Brides*; 1972–73—in TV series *Banyon*. **Died:** Of leukemia in Santa Monica, California, 25 December 1979.

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *The Office Wife* (Bacon) (as Catherine Murdock); *Sinners' Holiday* (Adolfi) (as Myrtle); *Broadway's Like That* (Roth)
- 1931 *Illicit* (Mayo) (as Helen “Duckie” Childers); *Millie* (Dillon) (as Angie); *My Past* (Del Ruth) (as Marion Moore); *God's Gift to Women* (Curtiz) (as Fifi); *The Public Enemy* (Wellman) (as Mamie); *Other Men's Women* (Wellman) (as Marie); *Big Business Girl* (Seiter) (as Pearl); *Night Nurse* (Wellman) (as Maloney); *The Reckless Hour* (Dillon) (as Myrtle Nicholas); *Blonde Crazy* (Del Ruth) (as Anne Roberts)
- 1932 *Make Me a Star* (Beaudine) (as Flips Montague); *Union Depot* (Green) (as Ruth); *The Greeks Had a Word for It* (Sherman) (as Schatze); *The Crowd Roars* (Hawks) (as Anne); *The Famous Ferguson Case* (Bacon) (as Maizie Dickson); *Miss Pinkerton* (Bacon) (as Miss Adams/Miss Pinkerton); *Big City Blues* (LeRoy) (as Vida); *Three on a Match* (LeRoy) (as Mary Keaton); *Central Park* (Adolfi) (as Dot); *Lawyer Man* (Dieterle) (as Olga)
- 1933 *Blondie Johnson* (Enright) (title role); *Broadway Bad* (Lanfield) (as Tony Landers); *Gold Diggers of 1933* (LeRoy) (as Carol King); *Goodbye Again* (Curtiz) (as Anne); *Footlight Parade* (Bacon) (as Nan Prescott); *Havana Widows* (Enright) (as Mae Knight); *Convention City* (Mayo) (as Nancy Lorraine)
- 1934 *I've Got Your Number* (Enright) (as Maria Lawson); *Smarty* (Florey) (as Vicki Wallace Thorpe); *He Was Her Man* (Bacon) (as Rose Lawrence); *Dames* (Enright) (as Mabel Anderson); *Kansas City Princess* (Keighley) (as Rosy)
- 1935 *Traveling Saleslady* (Enright) (as Angela Twitchell); *Broadway Gondolier* (Bacon) (as Alice Hughes); *We're in the Money* (Enright) (as Ginger Stewart); *Miss Pacific Fleet* (Enright) (as Gloria Fay)
- 1936 *Colleen* (Green) (as Minnie Mawkins); *Sons O'Guns* (Bacon) (as Yvonne); *Bullets or Ballots* (Keighley) (as Lee Morgan); *Stagestruck* (Berkeley) (as Peggy Revere); *Three Men on a Horse* (LeRoy) (as Mabel); *Gold Diggers of 1937* (Bacon) (as Norma Parry)
- 1937 *The King and the Chorus Girl* (LeRoy) (as Dorothy); *Back in Circulation* (Enright) (as Timothea Blake); *The Perfect Specimen* (Curtiz) (as Mona Carter); *Stand-In* (Garnett) (as Lester Plum)
- 1938 *There's Always a Woman* (Hall) (as Sally Reardon)
- 1939 *Off the Record* (Flood) (as Jane Morgan); *East Side of Heaven* (Butler) (as Mary); *The Kid from Kokomo* (Seiler) (as Doris Harvey); *Good Girls Go to Paris* (Hall) (as Jenny); *The Amazing Mr. Williams* (Hall) (as Maxine Carroll)
- 1940 *Two Girls on Broadway* (Simon) (as Molly Mahoney); *I Want a Divorce* (Murphy) (as Geraldine “Jerry” Brokaw)
- 1941 *Topper Returns* (Del Ruth) (as Gail Richards); *Model Wife* (Jason) (as Joan Keating Chambers); *Three Girls about Town* (Jason) (as Hope Banner); *Lady for a Night* (Jason) (as Jenny Blake)
- 1943 *Cry Havoc* (Thorpe) (as Grace)
- 1945 *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Kazan) (as Aunt Sissy); *Don Juan Quilligan* (Tuttle) (as Marjorie Mossrock); *Adventure* (Fleming) (as Helen Molohn)
- 1947 *The Corpse Came C.O.D.* (Levin) (as Rosemary Durant); *Nightmare Alley* (Goulding) (as Zeena)
- 1950 *For Heaven's Sake* (Seaton) (as Lydia)
- 1951 *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt) (as Annie Rawlings)
- 1956 *The Opposite Sex* (Miller) (as Crystal)
- 1957 *Lizzie* (Haas) (as Aunt Morgan); *Desk Set* (Walter Lang) (as Peg Costello); *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?* (Tashlin) (as Violet)
- 1961 *Angel Baby* (Wendkos) (as Mollie Hays)
- 1964 *Advance to the Rear* (Marshall) (as Easy Jenny)
- 1965 *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (as Lady Fingers)
- 1966 *Ride beyond Vengeance* (McEveety) (as Mrs. Lavender); *Waterhole Number Three* (Graham) (as Lavinia); *Winchester '73* (Daugherty) (as Larouge)
- 1968 *Stay Away, Joe* (Tewksbury) (as Glenda Callahan); *Kona Coast* (Johnson) (as Kittibelle Lightfoot)
- 1970 *The Phynx* (Katzin) (as Ruby)
- 1971 *Support Your Local Gunfighter* (Kennedy) (as Jenny)
- 1975 *The Dead Don't Scream* (Harrington—for TV) (as Levenia); *Winner Take All* (Bogart—for TV) (as Beverly Craig)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner) (as landlady); *Death at Love House* (Swackhamer—for TV) (as Marcella Geffenhart)
- 1977 *Opening Night* (Cassavetes) (as Sarah Goode)
- 1978 *Grease* (Kleiser); *Battered* (Werner—for TV); *The Glove* (Hagen) (as Mrs. Fitzgerald)



Joan Blondell with Dick Powell in *Dames*

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Joan Blondell's career spanned a half-century and her output numbered nearly a hundred films, not to mention innumerable television appearances, yet she was never less than vivid, bright, and appealing; often she is the single saving grace of an otherwise tepid work.

She played roles of every description, but specialized in a specific type; the brassy, blowzy, blonde golddigger with a kind heart and legs that won't quit. She could trade quips, crack wise, wring tears, and generally meet any challenge a scriptwriter could throw her way. Though she wasn't much of a musical performer, she was so thoroughly a trooper that Warner Brothers felt no compunction in featuring her prominently in most of the popular and influential Busby Berkeley musicals; as often as not, she remains more vividly in the memory than the more accomplished singers and dancers in the films. "Remember My Forgotten Man" from *Gold Diggers of 1933* and "The Girl at the Ironing Board" from *Dames* are but two examples of the impressive emotional range of which her rather ordinary voice was capable. Her versatility and professionalism made her invaluable to her employers (a little *too* valuable since, more than once, Blondell was worked to the point of exhaustion) but the public responded to her round, expressive face, Art Deco eyes, and brilliant (though friendly and familiar) smile.

She came to Hollywood with James Cagney in 1930 to appear in *Sinners' Holiday*, the movie of a hit play in which they had co-starred. They both signed long-term contracts with Warner Brothers on the same day and were immediately put on the treadmill. Cagney's star ignited with more intensity than that of his co-star, and Blondell never quite escaped the supporting player category. Nevertheless she regularly eclipsed the "stars" of her pictures and built a loyal following and an impressive, diverse body of work.

She made over 50 films at Warners during her first decade in films and this pace must have contributed to the frenetic edge which characterizes her style. Her beauty, optimism, quick wit, and unpretentious bearing made her the archetypical 1930s woman. For a workhorse, it is surprising how many facets of herself she exposed to the public gaze: she is wistful and sentimental in that otherwise hard-edged *The Public Enemy*; in *Night Nurse* she and Barbara Stanwyck spend an inordinate amount of time in their underwear. Her delightful way with snappy patter illuminates *Blonde Crazy*, *The Crowd Roars*, *The Greeks Had a Word for It*, and the hilarious and unjustly neglected *Convention City*.

After her exhausting stint at Warners, Blondell began to slow down and choose her films with more care. As she became more matronly, her character roles took on a different, but equally interesting character. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* gave her a rich part which she played brilliantly. She was nominated for an Academy Award for *The Blue Veil* and proved that her sense of comedy was as keen as ever in *Desk Set*, *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?*, and *Advance to the Rear*.

A more dramatic part came her way in the tense and dramatic *Cincinnati Kid*, in which she plays a tough cardsharp, but her roles thereafter lack punch. She remains dependable and bright in the otherwise tepid *Support Your Local Gunfighter*, *Grease*, and *The Champ*, but *The Woman Inside* was a poor swan song: low budget, sleazy, and poorly done in every way.

Still, over the whole of her career, there is an astonishingly high level of quality and a reevaluation of her work is called for. Three years before her death she said, "I don't have any regrets about my career, though I'm sensible enough to know that if I'd taken myself more seriously and fought for better roles I might have been a damn good dramatic actress." Those willing to do as she did not and take her career seriously, will find a talent as open and generous as that beaming, malleable face of hers.

—Frank Thompson

BLOOM, Claire

Nationality: British. **Born:** Patricia Claire Bloom in North Finchley, London, England, 15 February 1931. **Education:** Attended school in Cardiff; Badminton School; Fern Hill Manor School New Milton; Dora Russel's School, London; Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, 1944–45; Central School of Speech and Drama, London, 1945–46. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Rod Steiger, 1959 (divorced 1969), daughter: Anna; 2) Hillard Elkins, 1969 (divorced 1976); 3) the writer Philip Roth, 1990. **Career:** 1940–43—in the United States as evacuee: child singer and actress on radio; 1946—radio debut in England in dramatization of *Confessions of an Opium Eater*; stage debut at Oxford Playhouse; 1947—West End debut in *The White Devil*; short film contract with J. Arthur Rank; 1948—with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon; 1951—cast by Charlie Chaplin in *Limelight*; 1952—debut at Old Vic in *Romeo and Juliet*; toured with the same play in the United States, 1956; later stage appearances include *The Trojan Women* in Spoleto, 1963, *A Doll's House* in New York, 1970, and *A Streetcar Named Desire* in London, 1974; work for TV includes the mini-series *Backstairs at the White House*, 1979, *Brideshead Revisited*, 1981, *Ellis Island*, 1984, *Queenie*, 1988, and *Camomile Lawn*, 1992. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, for *Limelight*, 1952. **Agent:** Marion Rosenberg Agency, 8428 Melrose Place, Suite C, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *The Blind Goddess* (French) (as Mary Dearing)
- 1952 *Limelight* (Chaplin) (as Terry)
- 1953 *Innocents in Paris* (Parry) (as Susan Robbins); *The Man Between* (Reed) (as Susanne Mallinson)
- 1955 *Richard III* (Olivier) (as Lady Anne)
- 1956 *Alexander the Great* (Rossen) (as Barsine)
- 1958 *The Brothers Karamazov* (Richard Brooks) (as Katya); *The Buccaneer* (Quinn)
- 1959 *Look Back in Anger* (Richardson) (as Helena Charles)
- 1960 *Die Schachnovelle* (*Brainwashed*; *The Royal Game*; *Three Moves to Freedom*) (Oswald) (as Irene Andreny)
- 1962 *The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm* (Levin) (as Dorothea Grimm); *The Chapman Report* (Cukor) (as Naomi Shields)
- 1963 *The Haunting* (Wise) (as Theodosia); *Il maestro di Vigevano* (Petri); *80,000 Suspects* (Guest) (as Julie Monks)
- 1964 "Peccato nel pomeriggio" ("Sin in the Afternoon") ep. of *Alta infidelità* (*High Infidelity*) (Petri) (as Laura); *The Outrage* (Ritt) (as Wife)
- 1965 *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* (Ritt) (as Nan Perry)
- 1967 *Soldier in Love* (Schaefer—for TV)
- 1968 *Charly* (Nelson) (as Alice Kinian)
- 1969 *Three into Two Won't Go* (Hall) (as Frances Howard); *The Illustrated Man* (Smight) (as Felicia)
- 1970 *A Severed Head* (Dick Clement) (as Honor Klein)
- 1971 *Red Sky at Morning* (Goldstone) (as Ann Arnold); *The Going Up of David Lev* (Collier—for TV)



Claire Bloom with Richard Burton in *Look Back in Anger*

- 1973 *A Doll's House* (Garland) (as Nora Helmer)
- 1977 *Islands in the Stream* (Schaffner) (as Audrey)
- 1980 *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* (Rodney Bennett—for TV) (as Gertrude)
- 1981 *Clash of the Titans* (Desmond Davis) (as Hera)
- 1982 *Cymbeline* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Queen)
- 1983 *Separate Tables* (Schlesinger—for TV) (as Miss Cooper)
- 1984 *Memories of Monet* (Martindale) (as narrator); *Oedipus the King* (Don Taylor—for TV) (as Jocasta); *The Ghost Writer* (Tristram Powell—for TV)
- 1985 *Déjà Vu* (Richmond) (as Eleanor Harvey); *Florence Nightingale* (Duke—for TV) (as Fanny Nightingale); *Promises to Keep* (Black) (as Sally); *Shadowlands* (Norman Stone—for TV) (as Joy Gresham); *This Lightning Always Strikes Twice* (for TV)
- 1986 *Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Czarina Alexandra); *Hold the Dream* (Don Sharp—for TV) (as Edwina); *Liberty* (Sarafian—for TV)
- 1987 *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* (Frears) (as Alice); *Intimate Contact* (Hussein—for TV) (as Ruth)
- 1988 *Beryl Markham: A Shadow on the Sun* (*Shadow on the Sun*) (Richardson—for TV) (as Lady Florence Delamere)
- 1989 *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (Woody Allen) (as Miriam Rosenthal); *The Lady and the Highwayman* (Hough—for TV) (as Lady Emma Darlington)
- 1993 *A Hercegnoc es a Kobold* (*The Princess and the Goblin*) (Gemes—animation) (as voice of Fairy Godmother); *The Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (uncredited role); *Miss Marple: The Mirror Crack'd* (*The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side*) (Norman Stone—for TV) (as Marina Gregg); *It's Nothing Personal* (Bradford May—for TV) (as Evelyn Whitloff); *Barbara Taylor Bradford's Remember* (Herzfeld—for TV) (as Anne)
- 1995 *Mighty Aphrodite* (Woody Allen) (as Amanda's mother); *Mad Dogs and Englishmen* (Henry Cole) (as Stringer's wife)
- 1996 *Daylight* (Cohen) (as Eleanor Trilling)
- 1997 *Family Money* (Rye for TV) (as Frances Pye); *What the Deaf Man Heard* (Harrison) (as Mrs. Tynan)
- 1998 *Wrestling with Alligators* (Weltz) (Lulu Fraker); *Imogen's Face* (Wheatley for TV) (as Elinor); *The Irish in America: Long Journey Home* (Lennon II, Zwonitzer for TV)

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The screen persona of Claire Bloom has most often emerged as a blend of regality and vulnerability. This combination of traits manifested itself in the role of Terry, the ballerina heroine of Charles Chaplin's *Limelight*. Although the 1952 film did not mark her film debut (she had appeared in *The Blind Goddess* four years earlier), *Limelight* earned Bloom an international reputation. That she perceives this film as the real beginning of her career is evident from the title of her autobiography published in 1982, *Limelight and After: The Education of an Actress*.

Bloom's regality has characterized her performances in films ranging from *Richard III*, in which she played opposite Laurence Olivier, to *Clash of the Titans*, a Ray Harryhausen fantasy in which, as the goddess Hera, she again appeared opposite Olivier as Zeus. Vulnerability is the dominant trait of Bloom's parts in such films as *The Outrage*, Martin Ritt's Old West remake of *Rashomon*, Akira Kurosawa's study of shared guilt in feudal Japan. Perhaps Bloom has been at her most effective when a role allows her to merge the two traits. The *Limelight* part benefited from such an amalgam as did her characterization of Theodosia, the lesbian psychic in *The Haunting*. Based on a horror novel by Shirley Jackson, Robert Wise's film required Bloom to dominate such characters as Julie Harris's neurotic spinster while maintaining a somewhat subservient stance in relation to the mysterious—and, at times, frustratingly unseen—force that pervades the film's Val Lewton-ish milieu.

Bloom's continuing appearance in classical stage roles has definitely contributed to her screen presence. She has acted such Shakespearean parts as Juliet and Ophelia as well as modern roles such as Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Still in demand for screen work by important contemporary directors, she has appeared recently for Stephen Frears in *Sammy and Rose Get Laid* and for Woody Allen in the ensemble cast of the

seriocomic *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, as well as in Allen's *Mighty Aphrodite*. Earlier, she essayed the role of the American divorcée who captures the heart of British writer C. S. Lewis (Joss Ackland) in a television version of William Nicholson's stage drama *Shadowlands*—but for Richard Attenborough's 1993 film of the play, the role was taken by Debra Winger.

Bloom's most memorable on-screen partner, however, was Richard Burton, with whom she made three films: *Alexander the Great*, *Look Back in Anger*, and, most enduringly, *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*, based on John Le Carré's gloomy tale of love doomed by the duplicities of East-West espionage.

—William M. Clements, updated by John McCarty

BOGARDE, (Sir) Dirk

Nationality: British. **Born:** Derek Jules Gaspard Ulric Niven van den Bogaerde in Hampstead, London, England, 29 March 1921. **Education:** Attended University College School and Allan Glen's School, Scotland. **Military Service:** In Far East, 1940–45: lieutenant; **Career:** 1939—acting debut; 1947—appeared in West End production of *Power without Glory*; signed seven-year contract with J. Arthur Rank Organisation; 1960s—moved to France; 1977—published first volume of memoirs, *A Postillion Struck by Lightning*; 1980s—worked in TV, in France and Britain; 1990—returned to England. **Awards:** Best British Actor, British Academy, for *The Servant*, 1963; Best British Actor, British Academy, for *Darling*, 1965; Honorary D. Litt, St. Andrews University, 1985; BFI Fellowship, 1987; British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for “outstanding contribution to world cinema,” 1990; knighted, 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1947 *Dancing with Crime* (Carstairs) (as policeman)
- 1948 *Esther Waters* (Dalrymple and Proud) (as William Latch); “Alien Corn” ep. of *Quartet* (French) (as George Bland); *Once a Jolly Swagman* (*Maniacs on Wheels*) (Jack Lee and McNaughton) (as Bill Fox)
- 1949 *Dear Mr. Prohack* (Freeland) (as Charles Prohack); *Boys in Brown* (Tully) (as Alfie Rawlins)
- 1950 *The Blue Lamp* (Dearden) (as Tom Riley); *So Long at the Fair* (Fisher and Darnborough) (as George Hathaway); *The Woman in Question* (*Five Angles on Murder*) (Asquith) (as Bob Baker)
- 1951 *Blackmailed* (Marc Allégret) (as Stephen Mundy); *Penny Princess* (Guest) (as Tony Craig)
- 1952 *Hunted* (*The Stranger in Between*) (Charles Crichton) (as Chris Lloyd); *The Gentle Gunman* (Dearden) (as Matt Sullivan)
- 1953 *Desperate Moment* (Bennett) (as Simon von Halder); *Appointment in London* (Leacock) (as Wing Commander Tim Mason)
- 1954 *They Who Dare* (Milestone) (as Lt. Graham); *Doctor in the House* (Thomas) (as Dr. Simon Sparrow); *The Sleeping*



Dirk Bogarde (right) and Alan Bates in *The Fixer*

- Tiger* (Joseph Losey under pseudonym "Victor Hanbury") (as Frank Clements); *For Better, for Worse* (*Cocktails in the Kitchen*) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Tony Howard)
- 1955 *The Sea Shall Not Have Them* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Flight Sgt. Mackay); *Simba* (*Simba—Mark of Mau Mau*) (Hurst) (as Alan Howard); *Doctor at Sea* (Thomas) (as Dr. Simon Sparrow); *Cast a Dark Shadow* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Edward Bare)
- 1956 *The Spanish Gardener* (Leacock) (as Jose)
- 1957 *Ill Met by Moonlight* (*Night Ambush*; *Intelligence Service*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Major Patrick Leigh Fermor); *Doctor at Large* (Thomas) (as Dr. Simon Sparrow); *Campbell's Kingdom* (Thomas) (as Bruce Campbell)
- 1958 *The Wind Cannot Read* (Thomas) (as Flight Lt. Michael Quinn); *A Tale of Two Cities* (Thomas) (as Sydney Carton); *The Doctor's Dilemma* (Asquith) (as Louis Dubedat)
- 1959 *Libel* (Asquith) (as Sir Mark Lodder/Number 15/Frank Welney)
- 1960 *The Angel Wore Red* (Johnson) (as Arturo Carrera); *Song without End* (Charles Vidor) (as Franz Liszt)
- 1961 *The Singer Not the Song* (Baker) (as Anacleto); *Victim* (Dearden) (as Melville Farr)
- 1962 *H.M.S. Defiant* (*Damn the Defiant!*) (Lewis Gilbert) (as First Lt. Scott-Padget); *The Password Is Courage* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Sergeant Major Charles Coward); *We Are in the Navy Now* (*We Joined the Navy*) (Toye) (as Dr. Simon Sparrow); *The Mind Benders* (Dearden) (as Dr. Henry Longman)
- 1963 *I Could Go On Singing* (Neame) (as David Donne); *Doctor in Distress* (Thomas) (as Dr. Simon Sparrow); *The Servant* (Losey) (as Hugo Barrett); *Hot Enough for June* (*Agent 8¾*) (Thomas) (as Nicholas Whistler); *The Epic that Never Was* (doc for TV)
- 1964 *King and Country* (Losey) (as Captain Hargreaves); *The High Bright Sun* (*McGuire Go Home!*) (Thomas) (as Major McGuire)
- 1965 *Darling* (Schlesinger) (as Robert Gold); *Little Moon of Alban* (for TV)
- 1966 *Modesty Blaise* (Losey) (as Gabriel); *Blithe Spirit* (for TV)
- 1967 *Our Mother's House* (Clayton) (as Charlie Hook); *Accident* (Losey) (as Stephen)
- 1968 *Mr. Sebastian* (*Sebastian*) (David Greene) (title role); *The Fixer* (Frankenheimer) (as Bibikov)

- 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Stephen); *Justine* (Cukor) (as Pursewarden); *La caduta degli dei* (*The Damned*) (Visconti) (as Friedrich Bruckman); *Upon This Rock* (doc for TV) (as Bonnie Prince Charlie)
- 1971 *Morte a Venezia* (*Death in Venice*) (Visconti) (as Gustav von Aschenbach)
- 1973 *Le Serpent* (*The Serpent; Night Flight from Moscow*) (Verneuil) (as Philip Boyle); *The Night Porter* (Cavani) (as Maximilian Theo Aldorfer)
- 1975 *Permission to Kill* (Frankel) (as Alan Curtis)
- 1977 *Providence* (Resnais) (as Claude Langham); *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Lt. Gen. Frederick “Boy” Brown); *Eine Reise ins Licht* (*Despair*) (Fassbinder) (as Hermann Karlovich); *To See Such Fun* (Scofield—compilation)
- 1981 *Act of Love* (*The Patricia Neal Story*) (Harvey and Page—for TV) (as Roald Dahl)
- 1987 *The Vision* (Norman Stone—for TV) (as James Marriner)
- 1990 *Daddy Nostalgie* (*Daddy Nostalgia; These Foolish Things*) (Tavernier) (as Tommy “Daddy” Russell)

Films as Actor and Scriptwriter:

- 1986 *May We Borrow Your Husband?* (Mahoney—for TV) (as William Harris, + sc)
- 1992 *Voices in the Garden* (Boutron) (co-sc only)

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Dirk Bogarde’s career is a classic case of a gradual rise from light matinee idol roles to ones requiring depth and maturity—the latter eventually earning him a knighthood for his contribution to British and world cinema.

A quiet and retiring person in private life, Bogarde started his acting career in 1939 on the stage, only to have it interrupted by war service. After the war, the British Rank Organisation gave him a contract (they were grooming young and promising actors and actresses), and from 1947 to 1961 Bogarde appeared in more than 30 British films. Assuming the *nom de screen* “Dirk,” a sort of Continental variation on the Hollywood “Rock,” “Troy,” and “Tab,” he starred in a succession of featherweight movies designed to launch him as a teen heartthrob image—which, for years, caused him to be perceived by most critics as a glamour boy of minor talent. He became one of the team of young actors who appeared and reappeared in the highly successful *Doctor* series of comedies—*Doctor in the House*, *Doctor at Sea*, *Doctor at Large*, and, later, *Doctor in Distress*. Like most actors who had seen war service, he was in demand for a seemingly endless turnover of war films from *Desperate Moment*, *They Who Dare*, and *The Sea Shall Not Have Them* to *Ill Met by Moonlight*, *H.M.S. Defiant*, and *The Password Is Courage*. He did further service in another action genre, the British

crime film—which American audiences tended to find tepid and dull in comparison with American films in a similar vein.

Approaching his forties, Bogarde began to show his maturing capacity to handle more complex and demanding characters in Anthony Asquith's adaptation of Bernard Shaw's *The Doctor's Dilemma* and Basil Dearden's *Victim*, the first British film to deal seriously with the problems of a homosexual in public life. Public recognition of his excellence as an actor was really to come, however, when he teamed up with Joseph Losey to play the key role in *The Servant*, a part into which he injected a new, dark vein of subtle, insinuating evil as the manservant who secures a Mephistophelian hold over the rich young man he serves. The performance won him a British Academy Award as Best Actor. Now in his forties and independent, Bogarde embarked on a series of singular performances. He was the defending officer in a court martial in Losey's *Paths of Glory* variation, *King and Country*—and the Oxford academic with complex professional and emotional problems in Losey's *Accident*. As well, he appeared effectively in such notable films as John Schlesinger's *Darling*—for which he won his second British Best Actor award—Losey's *Modesty Blaise*, Jack Clayton's *Our Mother's House*, Richard Attenborough's *Oh! What a Lovely War*, and Alain Resnais's impressive film *Providence*. Widening his scope still further, Bogarde appeared in a series of arty and experimental films made abroad: Visconti's controversial *The Damned*, about the impact of Nazism on a vicious upper-class family; the same director's exquisite version of Thomas Mann's *Death in Venice*; Liliana Cavani's *The Night Porter*, as a former Nazi SS concentration camp officer; and, in marked contrast, Fassbinder's extraordinary film *Despair*, as a survivor of the Holocaust.

Although Bogarde continues to act from time to time, he has turned increasingly and successfully to writing. Besides novels, he has written four volumes of memoirs, *A Postillion Struck by Lightning*, *Snakes and Ladders*, *An Orderly Man*, and *Backcloth*, the second volume covering his film career up to *Death in Venice* (with fascinating details in particular of working with Losey and Visconti) and the third including accounts of the making of *Night Porter*, *Providence*, and *Despair*.

—Roger Manvell, updated by John McCarty

BOGART, Humphrey

Nationality: American. **Born:** Humphrey DeForest Bogart in New York City, 23 January 1899. **Education:** Attended Trinity School, New York; expelled from Philips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. **Family:** Married 1) Helen Menken, 1926 (divorced 1927); 2) Mary Philips, 1928 (divorced 1938); 3) Mayo Methot, 1938 (divorced 1945); 4) the actress Lauren Bacall, 1945, son: Stephen Humphrey, daughter: Leslie Howard. **Career:** 1918–19—served in U.S. Navy; 1920–22—managed stage company owned by William S. Brady; performed various chores at Brady's New York film studio; 1922—began acting regularly on stage; 1930—film debut in short *Broadway's Like That*; 1930–35—minor film roles for various studios while continuing to work on stage; 1936—success of film version of *The*

Petrified Forest led to long-term contract with Warner Brothers; 1947—protested against HUAC activities with actress wife Lauren Bacall and other celebrities. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *The African Queen*, 1951. **Died:** Of cancer, in Hollywood, California, 14 January 1957.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Broadway's Like That* (Roth—short); *Up the River* (John Ford) (as Steve); *A Devil with Women* (Cummings) (as Tom Standish)
- 1931 *Body and Soul* (Santell) (as Jim Watson); *Bad Sister* (Henley) (as Valentine Corliss); *A Holy Terror* (Cummings) (as Steve Nash); *Women of All Nations* (Walsh) (as Stone)
- 1932 *Love Affair* (Freeland) (as Jim Leonard); *Big City Blues* (LeRoy) (as Adkins); *Three on a Match* (LeRoy) (as Ace)
- 1934 *Midnight* (Erskine) (as Garboni)
- 1936 *The Petrified Forest* (Mayo) (as Duke Mantee); *Bullets or Ballots* (Keighley) (as Bugs Fenner); *Two Against the World* (McGann) (as Sherry Scott); *China Clipper* (Enright) (as Hap Stuart); *Isle of Fury* (McDonald) (as Val Stevens)
- 1937 *Black Legion* (Mayo) (as Frank Taylor); *The Great O'Malley* (Dieterle) (as John Phillips); *Marked Woman* (Lloyd Bacon) (as David Graham); *Kid Galahad* (Curtiz) (as Turkey Morgan); *San Quentin* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Joe "Red" Kennedy); *Dead End* (Wyler) (as Baby Face Martin); *Stand-In* (Garnett) (as Quintain)
- 1938 *Swing Your Lady* (Enright) (as Ed Hatch); *Crime School* (Seiler) (as Mark Braden); *Men Are Such Fools* (Berkeley) (as Harry Galleon); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak) (as Rock Valentine); *Racket Busters* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Martin); *Angels with Dirty Faces* (Curtiz) (as James Frazier)
- 1939 *King of the Underworld* (Seiler) (as Joe Gurney); *The Oklahoma Kid* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Whip McCord); *You Can't Get Away with Murder* (Seiler) (as Frank Wilson); *Dark Victory* (Goulding) (as Michael O'Lery); *The Roaring Twenties* (Walsh) (as George Hally); *The Return of Doctor X* (Sherman) (as Dr. Marshall Cane)
- 1940 *Invisible Stripes* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Chuck Martin); *Virginia City* (Curtiz) (as John Murrell); *It All Came True* (Seiler) (as Grasselli); *Brother Orchid* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Jack Buck); *They Drive By Night* (*The Road to Frisco*) (Walsh) (as Paul Fabrini)
- 1941 *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston) (as Sam Spade); *High Sierra* (Walsh) (as Roy Earle); *The Wagons Roll at Night* (Enright) (as Nick Coster)
- 1942 *All Through the Night* (Sherman) (as Gloves Donahue); *In This Our Life* (Huston) (as Duke Berne); *Across the Pacific* (Huston) (as Rick Leland); *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Rick Blaine)
- 1943 *Action in the North Atlantic* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Joe Rossi); *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler); *Sahara* (Zoltan Korda) (as Sgt. Joe Gunn)
- 1944 *Passage to Marseilles* (Curtiz) (as Martac); *To Have and Have Not* (Hawks) (as Harry Morgan)
- 1945 *Conflict* (Bernhardt) (as Richard Mason)



Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon*

- 1946 *Two Guys from Milwaukee* (David Butler); *The Big Sleep* (Hawks) (as Philip Marlowe)
- 1947 *Dead Reckoning* (Cromwell) (as Rip Murdock); *The Two Mrs. Carrolls* (Godfrey) (as Geoffrey Carroll); *Dark Passage* (Daves) (as Vincent Parry); *Always Together* (de Cordova)
- 1948 *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (Huston) (as Fred C. Dobbs); *Key Largo* (Huston) (as Frank McCloud)
- 1949 *Knock on Any Door* (Nicholas Ray) (as Andrew Martin); *Tokyo Joe* (Heisler) (as Joe Barrett)
- 1950 *Chain Lightning* (Heisler) (as Matt Brennan); *In a Lonely Place* (Nicholas Ray) (as Dixon Steele)
- 1951 *The Enforcer* (Windust, uncredited Raoul Walsh) (as Martin Ferguson); *Sirocco* (Bernhardt) (as Harry Smith)
- 1952 *The African Queen* (Huston) (as Charlie Allnut); *Deadline—U.S.A.* (Richard Brooks) (as Ed Hutcheson); *The Road to Bali* (Walker) (as himself)
- 1953 *Battle Circus* (Richard Brooks) (as Major Jeb Webbe); *Beat the Devil* (Huston) (as Billy Danreuther)
- 1954 *The Love Lottery* (Charles Crichton); *The Caine Mutiny* (Dmytryk) (as Captain Queeg); *A Star Is Born* (Cukor)

- (voice only); *Sabrina* (Wilder) (as Linus Larabee); *The Barefoot Contessa* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Harry Dawes)
- 1955 *We're No Angels* (Curtiz) (as Joseph); *The Left Hand of God* (Dymtryk) (as Jim Carmady); *The Desperate Hours* (Wyler) (as Glen Griffin)
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Humphrey Bogart had a privileged upbringing in Manhattan, the son of a noted surgeon; later, he had to leave college for disciplinary reasons. He served during World War I in the Navy, and suffered an injury during shelling which slightly paralyzed his upper lip, giving him the tight-lipped appearance and the suggestion of hesitancy in his speech that became the hallmark of his screen persona. After the war, he worked in the theater, first as a junior in stage management and later as a performer in youthful, romantic parts. A celebrated review by Alexander Woolcott in 1922 described him in a play called *Swiftly* as "inadequate." Nevertheless, during the 1920s he remained in employment, and he had the pertinacity to go to Hollywood when sound required the participation of new, stage-trained performers from Broadway. He constantly returned to the stage when he was dissatisfied with the supporting roles he was given in such films as *A Devil with Women*, *Body and Soul*, and *Love Affair*. The first role characteristic of his future image was in the theater production of Robert E. Sherwood's semipoetic play *The Petrified Forest* (1935), which the following year was made into a film by Warner Brothers. Warners intended to give Bogart's part—the gangster, Duke Mantee—to Edward G. Robinson. That Bogart got the part had to do with the intervention of Leslie Howard, who played the lead in both the play and the film; Howard insisted that Bogart reappear as Duke Mantee. 1936, therefore, marked the first appearance in film of the gaunt, sinister, slow-speaking Bogart persona. Fortunately, the film was successful and drew favorable critical attention.

Bogart was not, however, to become a charismatic star immediately, though he appeared, normally in a gangster role, in an endless flow of films during the next five years, from *San Quentin*, *Crime School*, and *Racket Busters* to *Angels with Dirty Faces*, *King of the Underworld*, and *The Roaring Twenties*. The Bogart image was very marked in William Wyler's *Dead End* in which he played a ruthless, cynical gangster rejected alike by his mother and his former girlfriend on his return to the New York slums in which he had been raised. This was followed in 1941 by Raoul Walsh's *High Sierra* with an exceptional script by John Huston and performance by Bogart as the aging, disillusioned gangster who has a change of heart. The devotion to "Bogey" was born of such later films as Huston's *The Maltese Falcon*, with Bogart as the ruthless but basically human Sam Spade; Michael Curtiz's Oscar-winning *Casablanca*, again with Bogart as the rough-surfaced but vulnerable dark horse; and Howard Hawks's two films *To Have and Have Not*—Lauren Bacall's film debut—and *The Big Sleep*, also with Bacall and with Bogart playing a private eye with a heart. Bogart's celebrated romance with Bacall led to her becoming his fourth wife.

Bogart's widening range of characters (which added to his stature as an actor, while increasing the impact of his always recognizable personal style and image) expanded notably under Huston in *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, *Key Largo*, and *The African Queen* (the latter gaining him an Oscar); in Nicholas Ray's *In a Lonely Place*; in Richard Brooks's serious story with a newspaper setting, *Deadline*; and Edward Dmytryk's *The Caine Mutiny*, in which he gave one of his finest performances as the paranoid Captain Queeg. He returned to his former gangster role in William Wyler's *The Desperate Hours*, and in his last appearance before his premature death in 1957, in Mark Robson's *The Harder They Fall*, he played a worn-out sportswriter in the more cynical mood of earlier films.

As Joan Mellen calls Bogart the epitome of a "moral tough guy," his stardom, considerably shorter than actors such as Cary Grant and Gary Cooper, also presents an irony that none of the other stars of his

generation “remains such a lively presence in our imaginations.” Indeed, as Richard Schickel continues to remind us “it is worth lingering at that crossroads and contemplating the evidence about who he was and what he was that was left there in plain sight.” Throughout his career till his death and onward for almost four decades now, the Bogart image and the sense of integrity and courage that image carries prevail at the center of American film history.

—Roger Manvell, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

BOND, Ward

Nationality: American. **Born:** Denver, Colorado, 9 April 1905. **Education:** University of Southern California, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married 1) Doris Sellers, 1936 (divorced 1944); 2) Mary Lou (Bond), 1954. **Career:** 1929—while attending USC, selected, along with John Wayne, by John Ford to appear in film *Salute*, which resulted in lifelong friendship and professional association between Bond, Ford, and Wayne; 1929–59—in supporting roles in some 200 films for several major directors including Ford, Hawks, Fleming, etc.; 1957–60—star of TV series *Wagon Train*. **Died:** In Dallas, Texas, 5 November 1960.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Salute* (Ford); *Words and Music* (Tinling)
- 1930 *Born Reckless* (Ford); *The Big Trail* (Walsh)
- 1932 *High Speed* (Lederman); *White Eagles* (Hillyer); *Rackety Rax* (Werker); *Hello, Trouble* (Hillyer); *Virtue* (Buzzell)
- 1933 *When Strangers Meet* (Badger); *Heroes for Sale* (Wellman); *Wild Boys of the Road* (Wellman); *The Wrecker* (Rogell); *Unknown Valley* (Hillyer); *Police Car Seventeen* (Hillyer); *Obey the Law* (Stoloff); *The Sundown Rider* (Hillyer)
- 1934 *Whirlpool* (Neill); *Most Precious Thing in Life* (Hillyer); *Straightaway* (Brower); *The Poor Rich* (Sedgwick); *Frontier Marshal* (Seiler); *Broadway Bill* (Strictly Confidential) (Capra); *It Happened One Night* (Capra); *The Defense Rests* (Hillyer); *Fighting Rangers* (Seitz); *Here Comes the Groom* (Sedgwick); *The Fighting Code* (Hillyer); *The Voice in the Night* (Coleman); *A Man's Game* (Lederman); *The Crime of Helen Stanley* (Lederman); *Girl in Danger* (Lederman); *The Human Side* (Buzzell); *Kid Millions* (Del Ruth); *Against the Law* (Hillyer)
- 1935 *Devil Dogs of the Air* (Bacon); *Little Big Shot* (Bischoff); *The Informer* (Ford); *The Crimson Trail* (Raboch); *She Gets Her Man* (Nigh); *His Night Out* (Nigh); *Black Fury* (Curtiz); *Western Courage* (Bennett); *Fighting Shadows* (Selman); *Guard That Girl* (Hillyer); *Murder in the Fleet* (Sedgwick); *The Headline Woman* (Nigh); *Waterfront Lady* (Santley); *Men of the Night* (Hillyer); *Justice of the Range* (Selman); *Too Tough to Kill* (Lederman)
- 1936 *Cattle Thief* (Bennett); *Muss 'em Up* (*House of Fate*) (Charles Vidor); *The Bride Walks Out* (Jason); *Second Wife* (Killy); *Without Orders* (Landers); *Crash Donovan* (Nigh); *Conflict* (Howard); *They Met in a Taxi* (Green); *The Man Who Lived Twice* (Lachman); *The Legion of Terror* (Coleman); *The Leathernecks Have Landed* (*The Marines Have Landed*) (Bretherton); *Pride of the Marines* (Lederman); *Avenging Waters* (Bennett)
- 1937 *You Only Live Once* (Fritz Lang); *Dead End* (Wyler); *Park Avenue Logger* (*Tall Timber*; *Millionaire Playboy*) (Howard); *The Devil's Playground* (Kenton); *23½ Hours Leave* (Blystone); *Night Key* (Corrigan); *Escape by Night* (McFadden); *The Wildcatter* (Collins); *A Fight to the Finish* (Coleman)
- 1938 *Born to Be Wild* (Kane); *Flight into Nowhere* (Collins); *Hawaii Calls* (Cline); *Reformatory* (Collins); *Gun Law* (Howard); *The Law West of Tombstone* (Tryon); *Professor Beware* (Nugent); *Mr. Moto's Gamble* (Tinling); *Submarine Patrol* (Ford); *Prison Break* (Lubin); *Numbered Woman* (Karl Brown); *Over the Wall* (MacDonald); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak)
- 1939 *They Made Me a Criminal* (Berkeley); *Made for Each Other* (Bean); *Dodge City* (Curtiz); *Waterfront* (Morse); *Gone with the Wind* (Fleming); *Trouble in Sundown* (Howard); *Return of the Cisco Kid* (Leeds); *Young Mr. Lincoln* (John Ford); *Frontier Marshal* (Dwan); *The Girl from Mexico* (Goodwins); *The Kid from Kokomo* (*The Orphan of the Ring*) (Seiler); *Drums along the Mohawk* (John Ford); *Dust Be My Destiny* (Seiler); *The Oklahoma Kid* (Bacon); *Heaven with a Barbed Wire Fence* (Cortez); *Mr. Moto in Danger Island* (Leeds)
- 1940 *Virginia City* (Curtiz); *The Cisco Kid and the Lady* (Leeds); *The Grapes of Wrath* (John Ford); *Little Old New York* (King); *Santa Fe Trail* (Curtiz); *Buck Benny Rides Again* (Sandrich); *The Mortal Storm* (Borzage); *Kit Carson* (Seitz); *The Long Voyage Home* (John Ford)
- 1941 *Tobacco Road* (John Ford); *A Man Betrayed* (Auer); *The Shepherd of the Hills* (Hathaway); *Swamp Water* (*The Man Who Came Back*) (Renoir); *Sergeant York* (Hawks); *Manpower* (Walsh); *Doctors Don't Tell* (Tourneur); *Wild Bill Hickok Rides* (Enright); *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston)
- 1942 *The Falcon Takes Over* (Reis); *In This Our Life* (Huston); *Ten Gentlemen from West Point* (Hathaway); *Gentleman Jim* (Walsh); *Sin Town* (Enright)
- 1943 *Hello Frisco, Hello* (Humberstone); *A Guy Named Joe* (Fleming); *Hitler—Dead or Alive* (Grinde); *Slightly Dangerous* (Ruggles); *They Came to Blow Up America* (Ludwig); *Cowboy Commandos* (Luby)
- 1944 *Home in Indiana* (Hathaway); *The Sullivans* (Bacon); *Tall in the Saddle* (Marin)
- 1945 *Dakota* (Kane); *They Were Expendable* (John Ford)
- 1946 *Canyon Passage* (Jacques Tourneur); *It's a Wonderful Life* (Capra); *My Darling Clementine* (John Ford)
- 1947 *The Fugitive* (John Ford); *Unconquered* (DeMille)
- 1948 *Fort Apache* (John Ford); *The Time of Your Life* (Potter); *Tap Roots* (Marshall); *Joan of Arc* (Fleming); *Three Godfathers* (John Ford)
- 1950 *Riding High* (Marshall); *Wagonmaster* (John Ford); *Singing Guns* (Springsteen); *The Great Missouri Raid* (Douglas); *Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye* (Douglas)



Ward Bond (right) with Jack Holt, John Wayne, and Robert Montgomery in *They Were Expendable*

- 1951 *Operation Pacific* (Waggner); *Only the Valiant* (Douglas); *On Dangerous Ground* (Nicholas Ray)
- 1952 *Hellgate* (Warren); *Thunderbirds* (Auer); *The Quiet Man* (John Ford)
- 1953 *Blowing Wild* (Fregonese); *The Moonlighter* (Rowland); *Hondo* (Farrow)
- 1954 *Gypsy Colt* (Marton); *Johnny Guitar* (Nicholas Ray); *The Bob Mathias Story (The Flaming Torch)* (Lyon)
- 1955 *The Long Gray Line* (John Ford); *Mr. Roberts* (John Ford); *A Man Alone* (Milland)
- 1956 *The Searchers* (John Ford); *Dakota Incident* (Foster); *Pillars of the Sky* (Marshall)
- 1957 *The Wings of Eagles* (John Ford); *The Halliday Brand* (Lewis)
- 1958 *China Doll* (Borzage)
- 1959 *Rio Bravo* (Hawks); *Alias Jesse James* (McLeod)

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Ward Bond acted best what he was in reality: a dyed-in-the-wool social and political conservative, a perfect expression of the American West. He proudly displayed his extreme right-wing views during the 1940s and 1950s when he worked for the still relatively liberal John Ford, and he set himself up for some merciless kidding from his mentor. In fact, Ford went beyond mere "kidding." His papers at the Lilly Library at Indiana University again and again exhibit a contempt for Bond, and that attitude had something to do with the kinds of roles that Ford, from among his company of stock players, chose Bond to play.

In the early films the conservative Bond is usually cast by Ford as an unimaginative and stolid foil to a rebellious John Wayne—the Wayne persona, if not the man himself. In the later films Wayne himself assumes the role of the inflexible man: there is no need for a Bond figure in, say, *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*.

There are a number of films in which Ford achieves his "balance" in this way. In *The Three Godfathers* the bank robber (played by

Wayne) is set in opposition to the conventional lawman-in-pursuit (played by Bond). The two even fight over the unusual name given the lawman's grandchild, who has been christened and adopted by the bank robber. Again, it is a fight between the supporter of social order (Bond) against the disrupter from the desert (Wayne). As sheriff, Bond is, at once, the gravel-voiced commander and the always-joking upholder of the status quo.

In *The Quiet Man* Bond plays a priest. Set as he is against the fiery personalities of Wayne and Victor McLagen, Bond is nothing more than the stuffy representative of an anachronistic Irish Catholicism. The demands of this particular part, however, seem to be beyond him. The stiffness with which he plays the part of an intriguer demonstrates not only his limitations as an actor, but also his inability as a person to play, even for a moment, the social Other. Only in pious poses and (as the film's narrator) in priestly tones is Bond at ease.

In *Wagonmaster* Ford fully exploits the dominant aspect of Bond's persona—the organization man. He portrays a Mormon elder, the intractable punisher of sin—sin in the form of a young sinner who has joined the wagon train to Zion—and here the portrayal is completely successful. In this unsettling film Bond becomes the pivotal emblem for all that is reactionary in our society—the American Patriarch. This figure represents only one part of Ford's vision of America. But it was a part—one piece among many others—that Bond embodied to perfection.

—Rodney Farnsworth

BONDARCHUK, Sergei

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Sergei Fedorovich Bondarchuk in Belozersk, Ukraine, 25 September 1920. **Education:** Attended Rostov Theatrical Institute (studies interrupted by World War II); studied under Sergei Gerasimov at All Union State Institute of Cinematography. **Military Service:** served in army during World War II. **Family:** Married Irina Skobtseva, 1959, children: Aljona and Fiodr. **Career:** Began acting with army unit; 1946–48—member of Actor's Faculty, Moscow Film Institute; 1948—cast by Sergei Gerasimov in first film, *The Young Guard*; 1960s—spent six years preparing and filming *War and Peace*. **Awards:** People's Artist of the Soviet Union, 1952; Hero of Soviet Labor, 1980; Order of Red Banner; Order of Lenin (twice). **Died:** Of blood disease, in Moscow, Russia, 20 October 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *The Young Guard* (Gerasimov) (as Valko); *The Story of a Real Man* (Stolper) (as Gvozdev); *Michurin* (Dovzhenko)
- 1949 *The Path of Glory* (Buneev, Rybakov, and Shveitser) (as District Party Secretary)
- 1950 *A Knight of the Gold Star* (*The Bearer of the Golden Star*) (Raizman) (as Tutarinov)
- 1951 *Taras Shevchenko* (Savchenko) (title role)
- 1953 *Admiral Ushakov* and *The Ships Are Storming the Bastions* (*Attack from the Sea*) (Romm) (as Tikhon Prokoviev)

- 1954 *It Mustn't Be Forgotten* (*This Must Not Be Forgotten*) (Lukov) (as Garmash)
- 1955 *Poprigunya* (*The Gadfly*; *The Grasshopper*) (Samsonov) (as Dr. Dymov); *Neokonchennaya povest* (*The Unfinished Tale*; *Unfinished Story*) (Ermler) (as Yershov)
- 1956 *Othello* (Yutkevich) (title role); *Ivan Franko* (Levchuk) (title role)
- 1957 *Two from the Same Block* (*Two from One Housing Block*) (Gurin and Ibragimov); *Pages from the Story* (Kryzhanovskiy) (as Stage reader)
- 1958 *Shli soldaty* (*The Soldier Marched*) (Trauberg) (as Matvei Krylov)
- 1959 *A Spring Wind on Venaya* (as narrator)
- 1960 *Seryozha* (*A Summer to Remember*) ((Danelia and Talankin) (as Korostelyov); *Era notte a Roma* (*It Was Night in Rome*) (Rossellini) (as Fyodor)
- 1961 *Povest plamennykh* (*Story of the Turbulent Years*; *The Flaming Years*; *Chronicle of Flaming Years*) (Solntseva) (as narrator)
- 1969 *Bitka na Neretvi* (*Battle of Neretva*) (Bulajic) (as Martin)
- 1970 *Dyadya Vanya* (*Uncle Vanya*) (Mikhalkov-Konchalovskiy) (as Dr. Astrov)
- 1973 *Molchaniye Doktoraivens* (*The Silence of Dr. Evans*) (Metelnikov) (as Dr. Evans)
- 1974 *Such High Mountains* (Solntseva) (as Ivan Nikolayevich)
- 1975 *The Choice of a Goal* (Talankin) (as Kurchatov)
- 1989 *La Bataille des trois rois* (Barka)

Films as Director:

- 1959 *Sudba cheloveka* (*Destiny of a Man*; *Fate of a Man*) (+ ro as Andrei Sokolov)
- 1965–7 *Voyna i mir* (*War and Peace*) (+ sc, ro as Pierre Bezukhov)
- 1970 *Waterloo* (+ co-sc)
- 1975 *Oni srazhalis za rodinu* (*They Fought for the Country*) (+ co-sc, ro as Zvyagintsev)
- 1976 *The Peaks of Zelengore*
- 1977 *The Steppe* (+ sc)
- 1982 *Mexico in Flames*; *Krasnye Kolakola*; *October*
- 1983 *Red Bells: I've Seen the Birth of the New World* (*I Saw the New World Born*)
- 1986 *Boris Godunov* (for TV) (+ sc)

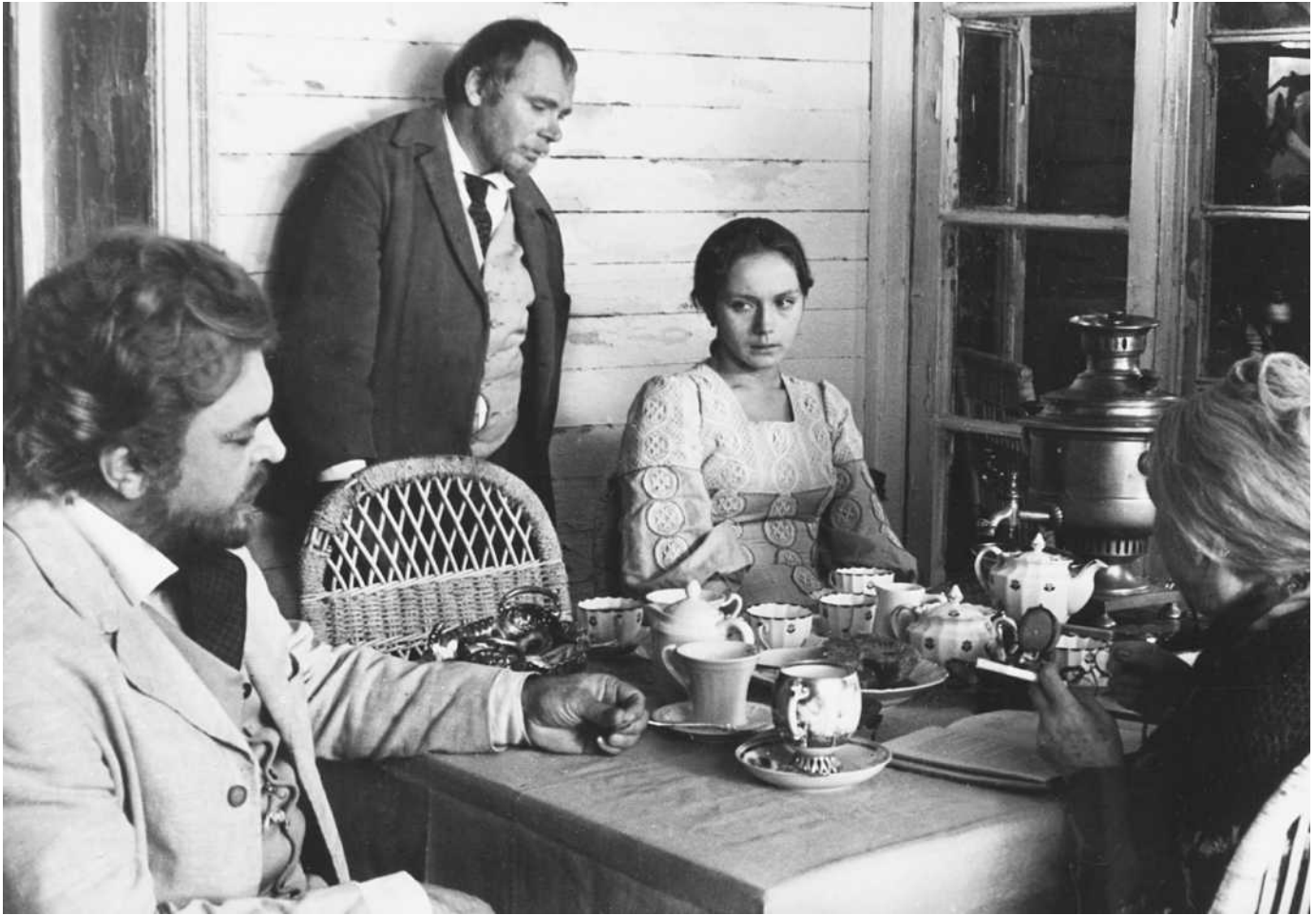
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Sergei Bondarchuk made his film acting debut as a stock company player while still attending film school in Moscow. One of his earliest important roles was in Gerasimov's *The Young Guard*. But Bondarchuk's undisputed talent only became evident in his seventh feature, *Taras Shevchenko*, in which he played the great Ukrainian poet of that name who also wrote the script. The deficiencies of Shevchenko's imperfect screenplay made Bondarchuk's introductory scenes seem cold and rhetorical, but in the scenes from the close of the author's life on through the final exile episode, showing the inhumanity of the czar's soldiers, Bondarchuk succeeded on his own in raising the film to a truly tragic level.

Bondarchuk's acclaim in this role, and his being given the title of State Artist in 1952, made him one of the most prominent actors in the

Soviet Union. Yet with the exception of Samsonov's *The Grasshopper*, in which he starred as a physician locked in a marriage with a woman unimpressed by his devotion to duty and achievements for the common folk, most of his films of the 1950s were not as impressive as his early success had promised—even though he was given important parts in films by most of the country's best directors, including Yutkevich's *Othello*, one of the first Soviet filmings of a Shakespeare play.

Bondarchuk's interest in Sholokhov's story "The Destiny of Man," about the struggles of people to maintain some vestige of their former lives while surrounded by war, pushed him to direct as well as star in the film version. The result was a successful blending of Bondarchuk's already-recognized thespian talents with—for an actor and first-time director—a stunningly cinematic visual style. This led to the Lenin Prize and a succession of films as actor and director in both the Soviet Union and abroad.

The overall result of these personal triumphs led Bondarchuk to attempt a definitive film version of Tolstoy's massive work *War and Peace*. One of the most expensive (estimates reach as high as \$100 million) and exquisitely staged Soviet films, the ambitious undertaking took two years to reach the screen. The immense scope of the film, which ran more than eight hours in its original version and was shown in Soviet cinemas over several nights, was amply balanced by Bondarchuk's poetic vision of the broad spaces of the Russian landscape. For sheer spectacle, its battle scenes have yet to be surpassed. Bondarchuk himself played the key role of Pierre Bezukhov, Tolstoy's intellectual hero and mouthpiece. Though some critics felt him too old for the part, Bondarchuk won the Moscow Festival Prize for his performance. The film itself, released abroad in a slightly scaled down six-hour version, also shown over several nights, captured the 1968 Oscar for best foreign film.

Bondarchuk followed *War and Peace* with another epic, *Waterloo*, for Dino DeLaurentiis, in which he took only a small role. It too was highlighted by battles scenes of bravura size and spectacle, and caused him to be compared with Orson Welles, who also had a small role in the film, because of their both being actor/directors, their robust appearance, and their grandiosity of purpose.

The film was not a hit, however. Moreover, Bondarchuk had been unable to control the volcanic temperament of his scenery-chewing star, Rod Steiger (as Napoleon). Thereafter, he retreated to his native industry where his autonomy was assured; most of his subsequent films received little exposure elsewhere. They included smaller scale projects inspired by Chekhov and Sholokhov, and a return to the epic format with the two-part *Mexico in Flames*, a film based on the career of the journalist John Reed, the only American to be honored with burial in the Kremlin. A Soviet counterpart and response to Warren Beatty's Hollywoodized *Reds*, the film chronicles the maverick Reed's exploits covering and participating in both the Russian and Mexican revolutions.

Bondarchuk's work as both actor and director typically focuses on sturdy characters full of mental stamina and patriotic pathos with a credo that is indomitably optimistic. At the time of his death in 1994, Bondarchuk had become a living monument in Soviet film, and arguably its most important figure since that earlier Sergei named Eisenstein.

—Karel Tabery, updated by John McCarty

BONHAM-CARTER, Helena

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, England, 26 May 1966; great-granddaughter of Liberal Prime Minister Lord Herbert Asquith, granddaughter of socialite Lady Violet Bonham Carter and grandniece of the director Anthony Asquith. **Education:** Attended South Hampstead High School; Westminster School. **Career:** Made screen debut when chosen by director Trevor Nunn for the title role in *Lady Jane*, and began association with director James Ivory when cast in *A Room with a View*, 1986; made her London stage debut in *The Woman in White*, 1988. **Awards:** Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role Genie Award, Fantasporto-Best Actress International Fantasy Film Award, for *Margaret's Museum*, 1995; London Critics Circle British Actress of the Year, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actress, National Board of Review Best Actress, Boston Society of Film Critics Best Actress, Society of Texas Film Critics Best Actress, Southeastern Film Critics Association Best Actress, for *The Wings of the Dove*, 1997. **Agent:** Adam Isaacs, United Talent Agency, 9560 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1983 *A Pattern of Roses* (for TV) (as Netty)
- 1986 *Lady Jane* (Nunn) (title role); *A Room with a View* (Ivory) (as Lucy Honeychurch)
- 1987 *Maurice* (Ivory) (as young lady at cricket match); *The Vision* (Norman Stone—for TV) (as Jo Marriner); *A Hazard of Hearts* (John Hough—for TV) (as Serena Staverley)
- 1988 *La Maschera* (*The Mask*) (Infascelli) (as Iris)
- 1989 *Francesco* (Caviani) (as Chiara); *Getting It Right* (Kleiser) (as Lady Minerva Munday)
- 1990 *Hamlet* (Zeffirelli) (as Ophelia)
- 1991 *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (Sturridge) (as Caroline Abbott)
- 1992 *Howards End* (Ivory) (as Helen Schlegel)
- 1993 *Fatal Deception: Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald* (*Marina's Story*) (Dornhelm—for TV) (as Marina Oswald)
- 1994 *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* (Branagh) (as Elizabeth); *A Dark-Adapted Eye* (Fywell—for TV) (as adult Faith)
- 1995 *Mighty Aphrodite* (Woody Allen) (as Amanda); *Margaret's Museum* (Ransen) (as Margaret MacNeil)
- 1996 *Twelfth Night* (Trevor Nunn) (as Olivia); *Portraits chinois* (*Shadow Play*) (Dugowson) (as Ada)
- 1997 *The Wings of the Dove* (Softley) (as Kate Croy); *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* (*A Merry War*) (Bierman) (as Rosemary); *The Petticoat Expeditions* (as Narrator)
- 1998 *The Theory of Flight* (Greengrass) (as Jane Hatchard); *Merlin* (Barron—for TV) (as Morgan Le Fay); *The Revengers' Comedies* (Mowbray) (as Karen Knightly)
- 1999 *Fight Club* (Fincher) (as Marla Singer); *Carnivale* (Taylor) (as Milly); *Women Talking Dirty* (Giedroyc) (as Cora); *The Nearly Complete and Utter History of Everything* (Humphreys, Jackson, Lipsey—for TV)
- 2000 *Novocaine* (Atkins); *Till Human Voices Wake Us* (Petroni)



Helena Bonham-Carter (right) and Alison Elliott in *The Wings of the Dove*

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When one thinks of Merchant/Ivory/Jhabvala and E. M. Forster, one also thinks of Helena Bonham-Carter. Other actors, including Emma Thompson, Anthony Hopkins, James Wilby, and Hugh Grant, have appeared in more than one James Ivory-directed feature beginning in the mid-1980s. But it seems as if Bonham-Carter had been in them all.

Early in her career, Bonham-Carter most often acted on screen in period costume. This was the case in her first starring film, *Lady Jane*, directed by Trevor Nunn and set in sixteenth-century England. She is well-cast as Lady Jane Grey, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Suffolk: the ill-equipped, ill-fated adolescent who, as the result of political intrigue, is forced into marriage with Guilford Dudley (Cary Elwes), son of the Duke of Northumberland, and ends up on the throne of England for barely a week before being executed. Bonham-Carter adequately expresses Lady Jane’s initial shyness and naïveté;

the actress believably portrays the character's transformation as Lady Jane discovers her sexuality and embraces youthful idealism while coming to envision a far more equitable world. At this point in her career, one can see Bonham-Carter cast as Juliet in Franco Zeffirelli's *Romeo and Juliet*.

In Forster's *A Room with a View*, her first film with Ivory, Bonham-Carter gives a thoughtful performance as Lucy Honeychurch, a wealthy, detached young woman who has traveled to Florence in the company of her fastidious aunt (Maggie Smith). As in *Lady Jane*, Bonham-Carter's character undergoes an emancipation as she becomes involved in a romantic relationship. After this promising start, however, Bonham-Carter faltered. In Ivory and Forster's *Howards End* she is just one of an ensemble, with her fellow actors—including Hopkins, Thompson, Vanessa Redgrave, and Samuel West—cast in the juicier roles. As a result, Bonham-Carter registers on screen as little more than a kewpie doll presence. The actress especially suffers when cast opposite strong, naturalistic performers. This is most apparent in Kenneth Branagh's *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, in which she is Dr. Frankenstein's love interest, whom he turns into a monster reminiscent of Elsa Lanchester in *The Bride of Frankenstein*. She is the weak link in a cast headed by Branagh (as Dr. Frankenstein) and Robert De Niro (as the Frankenstein monster). After *Lady Jane* and *A Room with a View*, Bonham-Carter's best early career period-film performance came in *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (based on an E. M. Forster novel but directed by Charles Sturridge rather than Ivory). Here, she is cast as another repressed young Englishwoman who gets in touch with her emotions when she becomes involved romantically.

Bonham-Carter on occasion has appeared in more contemporary settings, most successfully in *Getting It Right*, in which she plays an eccentric, unstable young lady; *The Theory of Flight*, cast as a fiesty paraplegic, dying of Lou Gehrig's disease, who is desperate to lose her virginity; and *Fight Club*, one of her higher-profile late 1990s features, in which she elicits a plucky sensuality as a chain-smoking hipster/faker who is first seen lying her way into twelve-step support groups. However, in the latter, her role is secondary to those played by Edward Norton and Brad Pitt. And she barely registers when cast as characters who aren't quirky flakes. In Robert Bierman's adaptation of George Orwell's *Keep the Aspidochelone Flying* (retitled *A Merry War*), she is unmemorable as the level-headed girlfriend of ad man/artist wannabe Richard E. Grant. In Woody Allen's *Mighty Aphrodite*, she has the far less interesting of the two leading female roles. She is a Manhattan art gallery owner, married to Allen's sportswriter, with the scenario set in motion when the couple decides to adopt a baby. The film's showcase role is played by Mira Sorvino, cast as the loopy prostitute who is the child's birth mother.

Bonham-Carter gave what is by far her most full-bodied performance to date in a film that might have been made by James Ivory: Iain Softley's adaptation of Henry James's *The Wings of the Dove*, playing Kate Croy, the penniless relation of her wealthy aunt. Kate is being courted by a rich boor, but has fallen deeply in love with Merton Densher (Linus Roache), no child of the upper class but rather a hopelessly poor journalist—and she is faced with a romantic predicament on which rides her future and her happiness. Softley's telling of the story features a hot-and-heavy, between-the-sheets sensuality that surely would have Henry James twisting in his grave.

As Bonham-Carter's career progresses, she might be best advised to seek out characters who have, at the story's outset, experienced more of life. She did just that in *Fight Club*, and also in *Margaret's*

Museum, a low-profile Canadian film in which she plays an embittered small-town woman who despises the local mines, and is wooed and won by a former miner. And if she is to sustain her stardom, Bonham-Carter also must choose her projects with care. In the barely releasable *Women Talking Dirty*, she plays a spunky single mother opposite Gina McKee's shy cartoonist. The scenario focuses on the friendship between the two women; actually, they do very little "talking dirty" but instead suffer at the hands of almost all the men they know, who are collectively cruel and manipulative. Those who feel compelled to indiscriminately male-bash not only will like *Women Talking Dirty* but will cheer the film. At the same time, it will be dismissed by those who are looking for a film that is more complex and mature, that does not just aspire to take pot-shots at an entire sex. A film like *Women Talking Dirty* serves neither its audience nor an actress of the stature of Bonham-Carter.

—Rob Edelman

BONNAIRE, Sandrine

Nationality: French. **Born:** Clermont-Ferrand (some sources say Gannat), 31 May 1967. **Family:** Daughter with actor William Hurt. **Awards:** César Award for Most Promising Young Actress, for *À nos amours*, 1984; César Award for Best Actress, and Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actress Award, for *Sans toit ni loi*, 1986; Volpi Cup (with Isabelle Huppert) for Best Actress, Venice Film Festival, for *La Cérémonie*, 1995. **Address:** c/o CINEART, 36 rue de Ponthieu, 75008, Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1978 *Le tout cinéma* (Courant)
- 1982 *La Boum 2* (Pinoteau)
- 1983 *À nos amours* (*To Our Loves*) (Pialat) (as Suzanne)
- 1984 *Tir à vue* (*Fire on Sight*) (Angelo) (as Marilyn); *Blanche et Marie* (Renard) (as Marie)
- 1985 *Sans toit ni loi* (*Vagabond*) (Varda) (as Mona Bergeron); *Le meilleur de la vie* (Victor)
- 1986 *Police* (Pialat) (as Lydie); *Sous le soleil de Satan* (*Under Satan's Sun*; *Under the Sun of Satan*) (Pialat) (as Mouchette); *La puritaine* (*The Prude*) (Doillon) (as Manon)
- 1987 *Les innocents* (Téchiné) (as Jeanne); *Jaune revolver* (Langlois)
- 1988 *Quelques jours avec moi* (*A Few Days with Me*) (Sautet) (as Francine); *Peaux de vaches* (*Thick Skinned*) (Mazuy) (as Annie)
- 1989 *La captive du désert* (*Captive of the Desert*; *Prisoner of the Desert*) (Depardon); *Monsieur Hire* (Leconte) (as Alice)
- 1990 *Dans la soirée* (*Verso sera* and *Towards Evening*) (Archibugi) (as Stella)
- 1991 *Le ciel de Paris* (*The Sky Above Paris*) (Béna) (as Suzanne)
- 1992 *Prague* (Sellar) (as Elena); *La peste* (*The Plague*) (Puenzo) (as Martine Rambert)
- 1993 *Jeanne la pucelle* (in two parts: *Les Batailles* and *Les Prisons*) (Rivette) (as Jeanne d'Arc)
- 1995 *Confidences à un inconnu* (*Secrets Shared with a Stranger*) (Bardawil) (as Natalia); *La Cérémonie* (Chabrol) (as Sophie)



Sandrine Bonnaire (right) with Isabelle Huppert in *La Cérémonie*

- 1996 *Never Ever (The Circle of Passion)* (Finch) (as Katherine Beaufort)
- 1997 *Secret défense* (Rivette) (as Sylvie); *Voleur de vie (Stolen Life)* (Angelo) (as Olga); *Une femme en blanc* (mini—for TV) (as Margaux Dampierre); *La Lettre* (—for TV)
- 1999 *John Felton* (Thomasson); *Est-Ouest (East-West)* (Wargnier) (as Marie); *Au coeur du mensonge (The Color of Lies)* (Chabrol) (as Vivianne Sterne)

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- Interview in *Cahiers du Cinéma* (Paris), no. 407–408, May 1988.
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- Interview in *Télérama* (Paris), no. 2381, 30 August 1995.

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In that way that French actresses seem to rise fully formed out of a mysterious wellspring—from the young Deneuve and Bardot, to the Isabelles Huppert and Adjani—a performer already in command of considerable powers emerged from Maurice Pialat’s 1983 film *À Nos Amours*. Sandrine Bonnaire was just fifteen years old when she made *À Nos Amours*, yet her presence in the film shows an immediate understanding of acting for the camera: she withholds the obvious from the audience, she watches the other actors, she listens and waits. Her physical presence, too, was intriguing, a hard-edged, almost mannish face topping a voluptuous body. “Everything was there,” observed critic David Thomson, “without coyness or boasting. From shot to shot, nearly, she seemed to be shifting in mood and age. Here was a phenomenon of acting.”

She won a César as best newcomer for the role, but more importantly she won entry into the company of France’s top auteurs—and she has since stuck to the path of film-as-art rather than indulging in more commercial European fare. She made two more films with Pialat, more than holding her own in a supporting role opposite Gerard Depardieu in the rough crime film *Police* (1984); the female lead went to another teenage icon, Sophie Marceau, who had starred in *La Boum 2* (1982), a smash hit that gave Bonnaire one of her first small roles. Bonnaire also sifted through the miasma of Pialat’s controversial Cannes winner *Under Satan’s Sun* (1987). Teamed again with Depardieu, she played a temptress to his tortured country priest—two intensely committed performances made rather difficult to appreciate through the philosophical (and visual) murk.

But her most extraordinary performance while still a teenager came in Agnes Varda’s *Vagabond* (1985), one of the best French films of the decade. Her character, a flinty, unreadable drifter, is discovered dead, in a frozen ditch, as the film opens. What follows is an episodic, cool-minded account of how she got there, from narrator Varda’s opening speculation that “It seems to me she came from the sea” through a series of heartbreakingly mundane encounters. Bonnaire gives one of the least sentimental performances ever delivered by an actress, refusing to soften or explain her character’s decision to exist, as the original French title has it, “without roof or law.” She won the César award for best actress.

Her extraordinary early run was not yet finished. In 1989 she was the object of Michel Blanc’s gaze in *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte’s superb adaptation of a Georges Simenon story. Blanc plays a pasty Peeping Tom who watches the beautiful woman in the window across from him; Bonnaire does an uncanny job of maintaining the woman’s mystery, even after she has become a flesh-and-blood presence in the voyeur’s life. The film’s immaculately cold style suited Bonnaire, and indeed the actress has a coolness that permeates her varied roles. This may be one of the reasons she has had only limited success as a popular star outside Europe.

One fling at international co-production was the unfortunate *The Plague* (1991), directed by Luis Puenzo. A garbled adaptation of the Camus novel, set in South America, the film received only limited distribution. It did introduce Bonnaire to her domestic partner, co-star William Hurt, with whom she has a daughter, Jeanne.

Another Jeanne was on the horizon, this time the maid of Orleans, courtesy of director Jacques Rivette. Bonnaire was cast as Joan of Arc, the 15th century virgin-general-saint, in the lengthy two-part film *Jeanne la Pucelle* (1991). The always-inventive Rivette might have had *Vagabond* in mind, for this is another perfect joining of Bonnaire’s intelligent yet distant style with an enigmatic character. Leaner in appearance now, with her sculpted cheekbones jutting out of her determined face, Bonnaire gave the part not wild-eyed fervor (as Luc Besson and Milla Jovovich would later in the decade) but a confident calm. And in Rivette’s telling, which allows for comic asides that deflate the usual pomposity of historical epics, Bonnaire can let Joan giggle girlishly at herself, seeing her blond hair cut away into a boyish bob.

Jeanne la Pucelle was not widely distributed outside France, but Bonnaire found international audiences again with Claude Chabrol’s chilling *La Cérémonie* (1995). Cast as an illiterate housemaid in a stuffy upper-class home in Brittany, Bonnaire brought her focused *sangfroid* to another study of dangerous anomie. Janet Maslin revealed, “Chabrol suggested she think of her character as a vegetable. She chose to imagine herself as a stiff and featureless leek.” Bonnaire shared the Venice festival best actress award with co-star Isabelle Huppert, who played a trouble-making hot pepper to Bonnaire’s slow leek.

In 1999, Bonnaire took the lead role in a film designed for a much broader audience than her usual fare, Régis Wargnier’s Oscar nominee *East-West*. As a French mother who voluntarily travels to the Soviet Union with her Russian husband in 1946, Bonnaire is able to suffer nobly when the Soviet bear closes its jaws on her unsuspecting family. The casting is curious, since the film is broad and sentimental, while Bonnaire never takes easy emotional short-cuts; yet there is never a doubt that the actress, as in the remainder of her vaguely unsettling career, has her fingers firmly on the nape of her character’s neck.

—Robert Horton

BORGNIINE, Ernest

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ermes Effron Borgnino in Hamden, Connecticut, 24 January 1917 (some sources say 1915 or 1918). **Education:** Attended New Haven Public Schools; studied acting at Randall School of Dramatic Art, Hartford, Connecticut. **Military Service:** 1935–45—served in U.S. Navy, mainly as gunner’s mate on destroyers. **Family:** Married 1) Rhoda Kemins, 1948 (divorced 1959), daughter: Nancy; 2) the actress Katy Jurado, 1959 (divorced 1963); 3) the singer Ethel Merman, 1964 (divorced 1964); 4) Donna Rancourt, 1964 (divorced 1972), children: Sharon and Christopher; 5) Tova Traesnaes Newman, 1972. **Career:** After graduation from high school worked as truck driver for short time; 1946–50—in repertory at Barber Theater, Abingdon, Virginia; 1951—film debut in



Ernest Borgnine in *The Devil's Rain*

China Corsair; 1952—Broadway debut in *Mrs. McThing*; active on television from 1950s; 1962–66—in TV comedy series *McHale's Navy*; 1984—in TV mini-series *Last Days of Pompeii*; 1984–85—in TV series *Airwolf*; 1995–96—in TV series *The Single Guy*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Marty*, 1955. **Address:** c/o Harry Flynn, The Flynn Company, 1110 Hortense Street, North Hollywood, CA 91602, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1951 <i>China Corsair</i> (Nazzaro) (as Hu Chang); <i>The Whistle at Eaton Falls</i> (Siodmak) (as Bill Street); <i>The Mob</i> (Parrish) (as Joe Castro)</p> <p>1953 <i>The Stranger Wore a Gun</i> (de Toth) (as Bull Slager); <i>From Here to Eternity</i> (Zinnemann) (as Fatso)</p> <p>1954 <i>Johnny Guitar</i> (Nicholas Ray) (as Bart Lonergan); <i>Demetrius and the Gladiators</i> (Daves) (as Strabo); <i>The Bounty Hunter</i> (de Toth) (as Rachin); <i>Vera Cruz</i> (Aldrich) (as Donnegan)</p> | <p>1955 <i>Bad Day at Black Rock</i> (John Sturges) (as Coley Trimble); <i>Marty</i> (Delbert Mann) (title role); <i>Run for Cover</i> (Nicholas Ray) (as Morgan); <i>Violent Saturday</i> (Fleischer) (as Stadt); <i>The Last Command</i> (Lloyd) (as Mike Radin); <i>The Square Jungle</i> (Jerry Hopper) (as Bernie Browne)</p> <p>1956 <i>Jubal</i> (Daves) (as Shep Horgan); <i>The Catered Affair</i> (Richard Brooks) (as Tom Hurley); <i>The Best Things in Life Are Free</i> (Curtiz) (as Lew Brown)</p> <p>1957 <i>Three Brave Men</i> (Dunne) (as Bernie Goldsmith)</p> <p>1958 <i>The Vikings</i> (Fleischer) (as King Ragnar); <i>The Badlanders</i> (Daves) (as John McBain); <i>Torpedo Run</i> (Pevney) (as Lt. Archer Sloan)</p> <p>1959 <i>The Rabbit Trap</i> (Leacock) (as Eddie Colt)</p> <p>1960 <i>Man on a String</i> (de Toth) (as Boris Mitrov); <i>Pay or Die</i> (Wilson) (as Lt. Joseph Petrosino)</p> <p>1961 <i>Go Naked in the World</i> (MacDougall) (as Pete Stratton); <i>Il re di Poggioreale</i> (Coletti); <i>Il giudizio universale</i> (<i>The Last Judgment</i>) (De Sica); <i>Barabba</i> (<i>Barabbas</i>) (Fleischer) (as Lucius); <i>Season of Passion</i> (Norman) (as Roo); <i>I briganti italiani</i> (<i>Les Guerilleros</i>) (Camerini)</p> <p>1964 <i>McHale's Navy</i> (Montagne) (as Lt. Cdr. Quinton McHale)</p> |
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1966 *Flight of the Phoenix* (Aldrich) (as Trucker Cobb); *The Oscar* (Rouse) (as Barney Yale)

1967 *The Dirty Dozen* (Aldrich) (as Gen. Worden); *Chuka* (Douglas) (as Sgt. Otto Hahnsbach)

1968 *The Legend of Lylah Clare* (Aldrich) (as Barney Sheean); *The Split* (Fleming) (as Bert Clinger); *Ice Station Zebra* (John Sturges) (as Boris Vaslov)

1969 ***The Wild Bunch*** (Peckinpah) (as Dutch Engstrom); *Vengeance Is Mine* (Buchs)

1970 *Los desperados* (A *Bullet for Sandoval*) (Buchs) (as Don Pedro Sandoval); *The Adventurers* (Gilbert) (as Fat Cat); *Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came?* (War Games) (Averback) (as Sheriff Harve)

1971 *Willard* (Daniel Mann) (as Al Martin); *Rain for a Dusty Summer* (Lubin) (as dictator); *Hannie Caulder* (Kennedy) (as Emmett Clemens); *Un uomo dalla pelle dura* (*Ripped-Off*; *The Boxer*) (Prosperi)

1972 *The Revengers* (Daniel Mann) (as Hoop); *The Poseidon Adventure* (Neame) (as Mike Rogo); *Bunny O'Hare* (Oswald) (as Bill Green)

1973 *The Neptune Factor* (An *Underwater Odyssey*; *The Neptune Disaster*) (Petrie) (as Don "Mack" MacKay); *Emperor of the North Pole* (*Emperor of the North*) (Aldrich) (as Shack)

1974 *Law and Disorder* (Passer) (as Cy)

1975 *Sunday in the Country* (Trent) (as Adam Smith); *The Devil's Rain* (Fuest) (as Corbis); *Hustle* (Aldrich) (as Santoro)

1976 *Natale in Casa di Appuntamento* (*Christmas at the Brothel*) (Nannuzzi); *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner); *Shoot* (Hart) (as Lou)

1977 *The Prince and the Pauper* (*Crossed Swords*) (Fleischer) (as John Canty); *The Greatest* (Gries) (as Angelo Dundee)

1978 *The Cops and Robin* (Reisner—for TV); *Convoy* (Peckinpah) (as Lyle Wallace)

1979 *The Black Hole* (Nelson) (as Harry Booth); *Ravagers* (Compton) (as Rann); *The Double McGuffin* (Camp) (as Firat)

1980 *When Time Ran Out* (*Earth's Final Fury*) (Goldstone) (as Tom Conti)

1981 *Escape from New York* (Carpenter) (as Cabbie); *Deadly Blessing* (Craven) (as Isaiah); *High Risk* (Raffill) (as Clint); *Super Fuzz* (*Supersnooper*) (Corbucci) (as Willy Dunlop)

1983 *Young Warriors* (Foldes) (as Lt. Bob Carrigan); *Blood Feud* (Newell—for TV); *Carpool* (Swackhamer—for TV) (as Mickey Doyle)

1984 *The White Stallion* (Fournier); *Codename Wildgeese* (Dawson) (as Fletcher); *Love Leads the Way* (Delbert Mann)

1985 *The Dirty Dozen: The Next Mission* (McLaglen—for TV) (as Gen. Worden); *Alice in Wonderland* (Harry Harris) (as Lion)

1986 *Manhunt* (Ludman) (as Ben Robeson); *Isola del tesoro* (Dawson)

1987 *Skeleton Coast* (*Coast of Skeletons*) (Cardos) (as Col. Smith); *The Dirty Dozen: The Deadly Mission* (Katzin—for TV) (as Gen. Worden)

1988 *The Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission* (Katzin—for TV) (as Gen. Worden); *Spike of Bensonhurst* (Morrissey) (as Baldo Cacetti); *Jake Spanner*, *Private Eye* (Katzin—for TV)

1989 *Ociano* (Deodato—for TV); *Turnaround*

1990 *Laser Mission* (*Soldier of Fortune*) (Davis) (as Prof. Braun); *Any Man's Death* (Clegg—for TV) (as Gantz); *Last Match*

(Ludman); *The Opponent* (Martino) (as Victor); *Appearances* (Phelps—for TV) (as Emil Danzig); *Moving Target* (Mattei) (as Captain Morrison); *Tides of War* (Rossati)

1992 *Mistress* (Primus) (as himself)

1993 *Tieraerztin Christine* (Retzer—for TV) (as Dr. Gruber); *Der Blaue Diamant* (Retzer—for TV) (as Hans Kroger)

1995 *The Legend of O. B. Taggart*; *Tieraerztin Christine II* (Retzer—for TV) (as Dr. Gruber); *Captiva Island* (Biffar)

1996 *All Dogs Go to Heaven 2* (Sabella, Leker) (voice)

1997 *McHale's Navy* (Spicer) (as Cobra); *Gattaca* (Niccol) (as Caesar)

1998 *BASEketball* (Zucker) (as Ted Denslow)

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Ernest Borgnine, best known as a supporting player, has one of the most familiar faces in movies and television. It is a difficult one to forget; burly, gap-toothed, and pug-ugly, with bushy black eyebrows, and a smile that can suggest warmhearted affability or gleeful sadism. Borgnine has won acclaim playing roles appropriate to both smiles.

Portrayals in two Academy Award-winning films display these sides of his screen persona. In 1953, he co-starred as the brutal sergeant "Fatso" Judson who got his kicks treading on Frank Sinatra in *From Here to Eternity*. But two years later Borgnine, usually associated with villainous roles, especially in Westerns, did an about-face and won the Best Actor award as the lonely, gentle butcher in the title role of *Marty*, a part he got by default when Rod Steiger, the actor who originated the character of Marty in Paddy Chayefsky's award-winning television drama, was unable to do the film version because he was busy making the film version of the hit Broadway musical *Oklahoma!* Borgnine's familiarity with audiences stems in part from his stint on the long-running television sitcom *McHale's Navy* (1962–66), in which he starred as the scheming but good-hearted Captain McHale, playing mother hen to a wacky crew of misfits. Borgnine returned to series television in 1995, playing opposite comic Jonathan Silverman in the NBC sitcom *The Single Guy*.

In films, however, Borgnine's commanding presence has been put to its best use in menacing or villainous roles. One of his most memorable performances was as a weary member of a doomed gang of outlaws in a changing West in the Sam Peckinpah classic *The Wild Bunch*, which underwent a major restoration and theatrical rerelease in 1995 to mark the film's 25th anniversary. Whether in Westerns, disaster films, or biblical epics, Borgnine is at his most sublime when in a lumbering, blustering rage.

—Donald Liebenson, updated by John McCarty

BRANAGH, Kenneth

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Kenneth Charles Branagh in Belfast, Northern Ireland, 10 December 1960; moved to Reading, England, at age nine. **Family:** Married the actress Emma Thompson 1989 (separated 1995). **Education:** Was graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Career:** 1982—acted on the British stage, gaining attention for his performance in *Another Country*; 1984—joined the Royal Shakespeare Company; in TV mini-series *Boys in the Bush*; 1987—co-founded the Renaissance Theatre Company, for which he writes and directs; in TV mini-series *Fortunes of War*; 1988—in TV series *Thompson*; 1989—wrote biography, *Beginning*, in order to raise money for the Renaissance Theatre Company; earned international acclaim as director, adapter, and star of *Henry V*. **Awards:** Bancroft Gold Medal, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, 1982; Society of West End Theatres' Award, Most Promising Newcomer, and Plays and Players Award, for *Another Country*, 1982; Best Director, National Board of Review, Best New Director, New York Film Critics Circle, Best Actor and Young European Film of the Year, European Film Awards, British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Director, and Evening Standard Award, Best Film, for *Henry V*, 1989; Evening Standard Peter Sellers Award for Comedy, for *Peter's Friends*, 1992; BAFTA Michael Balcon Award, Outstanding Contribution to the Cinema, 1993. **Agent:** Clifford Stevens, STE Representation, Beverly Hills, CA, U.S.A. **Address:** 83 Berwick Street, London W1V 3PJ, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Too Late to Talk to Billy* (Paul Seed—for TV)
- 1983 *To the Lighthouse* (Colin Gregg—for TV) (as Charles Tansley)
- 1985 *Coming Through* (Barber-Fleming—for TV) (as D. H. "Bert" Lawrence)
- 1986 *Ghosts* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Oswald)
- 1987 *High Season* (Peplow) (as Rick Lamb); *A Month in the Country* (O'Connor) (as Charles Moon); *Strange Interlude* (Herbert Wise—for TV) (as Gordon Evans); *The Lady's Not for Burning* (Julian Amyes—for TV) (as Thomas Mendip)
- 1989 *Look Back in Anger* (Judi Dench—for TV) (as Jimmy Porter)
- 1992 *Swing Kids* (Carter) (as SS official, unbilled)
- 1995 *Anne Frank Remembered* (Blair—doc) (as narrator)
- 1996 *Othello* (Alan Parker) (as Iago); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino) (as self)
- 1998 *The Gingerbread Man* (Altman) (as Rick Magruder); *The Theory of Flight* (Greengrass) (as Richard); *Celebrity* (Allen) (as Lee Simon)
- 1999 *Wild, Wild West* (Sonnenfeld) (as Dr. Arliss Loveless)

Films as Director:

- 1989 *Henry V* (+ title role, sc)
- 1991 *Dead Again* (+ ro as Roman Strauss/Mike Church)
- 1992 *Peter's Friends* (+ ro as Andrew, pr); *Swan Song* (short)
- 1993 *Much Ado about Nothing* (+ ro as Benedick, co-pr, sc)
- 1994 *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* (+ ro as Dr. Frankenstein, co-pr)
- 1995 *A Midwinter's Tale* (*In the Bleak Midwinter*) (+ sc)

- 1996 *Hamlet* (+ title role)
- 1999 *Love's Labour's Lost* (+ ro as Berowne, sc)

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When *Henry V* was released, Kenneth Branagh was little-known in America. He had appeared in several films and British made-for-television movies, acted on the stage and co-founded his own theater troupe, the Renaissance Theatre Company. But the 28-year-old filmmaker-phenomenon immediately was hailed as the "new Olivier" for both directing and starring as Shakespeare's warrior-king. *Henry V* is stirring filmmaking, and a tour de force which instantly thrust Branagh into the front ranks of international film personalities. As British critic Alexander Walker observed, the film "confirmed that

all Laurence Olivier taught us about filming Shakespeare has not been forgotten—only boldly revised to fit a crueller world of kingship and power, mercifully one still tempered by magnificently spoken poetry.” With an emphasis on Henry’s exploration of his inner self, Branagh had produced a coming-of-age film that appealed to a broad contemporary audience. Although his battle scenes are bloodier than Olivier’s and his wounded warriors are more ghastly, Branagh’s view clearly is antiwar, a philosophy which touched modern viewers. As a critics’ favorite and darling of the art film crowd, Branagh signed a lucrative contract to write his autobiography, a witty anecdotal ramble aptly called *Beginnings*, which was published while he still was in his twenties.

Branagh’s other major go at cinematizing Shakespeare is the almost-equally successful *Much Ado about Nothing*, a delightfully airy, inventive version of the Shakespeare comedy adapted by Branagh. He and his then-wife, Emma Thompson, are cast as Benedick and Beatrice. They are especially charming when pitching cleverly written, risqué puns and slurs at each other. The same year, he found time to appear unbilled as a Nazi in *Swing Kids*, an unusual World War II story about the Nazi persecution of German adolescents who enjoyed American popular music.

Between his robust interpretations of the Bard, Branagh again won praise for directing and starring in two films which are very different in nature. In the British-made comedy-drama *Peter’s Friends*, he is the husband of a flamboyant and ill-tempered Hollywood television star. In the Hollywood-produced film noir thriller *Dead Again*, he audaciously plays two roles, a fast-talking gumshoe and a sophisticated European composer who has emigrated to Los Angeles (in flashbacks to the 1940s). In both films, his co-star is Thompson.

It seemed Branagh the wunderkind could do no wrong until he was hired by Francis Ford Coppola to direct and star in the lavish, \$40-million production, *Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein*. The briskly-paced, stylized attempt to bring the classic novel to the screen with authenticity resulted in a bizarre, out-of-control disaster. Critics turned thumbs down, audiences shied away, and Branagh encountered the first major setback of what had seemed a charmed career.

Since that debacle marred his remarkable record, Branagh has scaled back the extent of his involvement in film projects. What followed was *A Midwinter’s Tale*, the first film he directed (and wrote) in which he did not appear before the cameras. The black-and-white British production offers a somewhat coy, comical take on the “Let’s put on a show in the barn” theme. At the time the film was released, another blow fell when the announcement was made that he and Thompson had separated. At that time, Branagh’s immediate plans included starring as Iago in Oliver Parker’s upcoming film of *Othello* and directing and playing the lead in *Hamlet*.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

BRANDAUER, Klaus Maria

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Altaussee, Austria, 22 June 1944. **Education:** Studied at the Stuttgart Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, graduated 1963. **Family:** Married Karen Mueller, son: Christian. **Career:** From 1970—actor and director with the Burgtheater (the National Theater of Austria), Vienna; 1972—film debut in *The Salzburg Connection*; unhappy with film, returned to stage work;



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1981—international success with *Mephisto*; 1989—debut as film director with *The Artisan*. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis, for *Colonel Redl*, 1985; Golden Globe, D. W. Griffith Award, and New York Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *Out of Africa*, 1985; Golden Ciak Award, Venice Festival, for *Burning Secret*, 1988. **Address:** Bartensteingasse 8/9, A-1010 Vienna, Austria.

Films as Actor:

- 1972 *The Salzburg Connection* (Katzin) (as Johann Kronsteiner)
- 1974 *Der Widerspenstigen Zähmung* (Schenk—for TV) (as Petruccio)
- 1975 *Das Konzert* (Haugk—for TV)
- 1976 *Die Babenberger in Oesterreich* (Umgelter—for TV); *Darf ich mitspielen?* (Davy—for TV)
- 1981 *Mephisto* (Szabó) (as Hendrik Höfgen)
- 1983 *Never Say Never Again* (Kershner) (as Maximilian Largo); *Der Weg ins Freie* (Karen Brandauer—for TV)
- 1984 *Kindergarten* (Yevtushenko); *Der Snob* (Staudte—for TV)
- 1985 *Redl* (Ezredes) (*Oberst Redl*; *Colonel Redl*) (Szabó) (as Alfred Redl); *Out of Africa* (Pollack) (as Baron Bror Blixen-Finecke); *Quo Vadis* (Rossi—for TV) (as Nero)
- 1986 *Streets of Gold* (Roth) (as Alek Neuman); *The Lightship* (Skolimowski) (as Capt. Miller)
- 1988 *Burning Secret* (Birkin) (as Baron)
- 1989 *Hanussen* (Szabó) (title role); *Das Spinnennetz* (*Spider’s Web*) (as Lenz); *La Revolution Française* (*The French*)

- Revolution*) (Enrico and Heffron) (as Georges Jacques Danton)
- 1990 *The Russia House* (Schepisi) (as Savelev, “Dante”)
- 1991 *White Fang* (Kleiser) (as Alex)
- 1992 *Becoming Colette* (*Colette*) (Danny Huston) (as Henri Gauthier-Villars)
- 1994 *Felidae* (Schaack—animation) (as voices of Pascal and Claudandus)
- 1998 *Jeremiah* (Winer—for TV) (as King Nebuchadnezzar)
- 1999 *Rembrandt* (Matton) (as Rembrandt); *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge* (Coolidge) (as Otto Preminger)

Films as Director:

- 1988 *Speer*
- 1989 *The Artisan*
- 1990 *Georg Elser—Einer aus Deutschland* (*Georg Elser*; *Seven Minutes*) (+ title role)
- 1994 *Mario und der Zauberer* (*Mario and the Magician*) (as Cipolla) (+ ro as Cipolla, sc)
- 1995 *Die Wand*

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Klaus Maria Brandauer is an actor who actually has two very different and distinct careers. One is as a star in his native Europe. The other came out of his emergence during the mid-1980s as a supporting player in American films. Brandauer generally has received his greatest acclaim as an actor in Europe. The three films that are central to this aspect of his career are *Mephisto*, which won a Best Foreign Film Academy Award in 1981; *Colonel Redl*, released in 1985; and *Hanussen*, which came out in 1989. All are directed by Istvan Szabó, and are set in Europe before or during World War I or leading to the

rise of Hitler. In each, Brandauer creates a character who, though not necessarily sympathetic to the existing power structure or “new order,” compromises himself as he resigns himself to the reality of the time. Thus, a crisis of conscience is created, with each characterization becoming a skillful study in turmoil hidden beneath bravado and supreme egotism. The Brandauer characters in these films are an egocentric actor who sells out to the Nazis upon Hitler’s coming to power (in *Mephisto*); a determined career soldier of modest background who achieves a lofty position in the Austro-Hungarian military prior to World War I (in *Colonel Redl*); and an Austrian soldier in World War I who is wounded in battle, and who attains the ability to foresee the future (in *Hanussen*).

His American films include *The Lightship*, in which he is an ex-German naval officer who captains the title craft; *Never Say Never Again*, in which he plays a diabolical West German terrorist; *The Russia House*, portraying a mysterious, charismatic Russian physicist; and *Streets of Gold*, as a champion Russian fighter who coaches two young Americans for the Olympics. As in his films with Szabó, these characters feel obligated to an inflexible code. Thus, the commander of the lightship is bound by his responsibility to his ship, even after it is boarded by ruthless gangsters, while the obsessive boxing coach in *Streets of Gold* lives rigidly by the notion that all must be sacrificed to the will-to-win.

For the most part, Brandauer’s roles in American films have been supporting ones. The sole exception is *Streets of Gold*, which did not succeed either critically or commercially in making him a force in the American cinema. Supporting roles have, however, by his own admission, allowed him the freedom to create deeper, psychologically motivated character studies. The prime example of this is his Academy Award-nominated role as Meryl Streep’s unfaithful husband in Sydney Pollack’s *Out of Africa*—easily his highest-profile English-language performance to date. It is characters such as this one—subtle, idiosyncratic, seemingly unequivocal in their motivations—which are the real hallmarks of Brandauer’s career.

—Rob Winning, updated by Rob Edelman

BRANDO, Marlon

Nationality: American. **Born:** Omaha, Nebraska, 3 April 1924. **Education:** Attended Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minnesota; studied acting with Stella Adler, New School for Social Research, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Anna Kashfi, 1957 (divorced 1959), son: Christian Devil; 2) Maria Castaneda, 1960, children: Miko and Rebecca; children by Tarita Teriipaia: Teihotu and Tarita Zumi “Cheyenne” (deceased). **Career:** 1944—Broadway debut in role of Nels in *I Remember Mama*; 1947—stage stardom established by performance in *A Streetcar Named Desire*; 1950—film debut in *The Men*; 1959—founded Pennebaker Productions to produce *One-Eyed Jacks*; 1972—declined Academy Award for role in *The Godfather*, delegated Indian actress, Sasheen Littlefeather, to read statement accusing film industry of misrepresenting the American Indian; 1979—in TV mini-series *Roots: The Next Generation*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, and Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Viva Zapata!*, 1952; Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Julius Caesar*, 1953; Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *On the*



Marlon Brando in *Julius Caesar*

Waterfront, 1954; Best Actor Academy Award (declined), for *The Godfather*, 1972; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Last Tango in Paris*, 1973. **Address:** Home: Tetiaroa Island, Tahiti.

Films as Actor:

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| 1950 | <i>The Men</i> (Zinneman) (as Ken) | 1964 | <i>Bedtime Story</i> (Levy) (as Freddy) |
| 1951 | <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> (Kazan) (as Stanley Kowalski) | 1965 | <i>The Saboteur—Code Name Morituri</i> (<i>Morituri</i>) (Wicki) (as Robert Crain) |
| 1952 | <i>Viva Zapata!</i> (Kazan) (as Emiliano Zapata) | 1966 | <i>The Chase</i> (Arthur Penn) (as Sheriff Calder); <i>The Appaloosa</i> (<i>Southwest to Sonora</i>) (Furie) (as Matt Fletcher) |
| 1953 | <i>Julius Caesar</i> (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Mark Antony) | 1967 | <i>A Countess from Hong Kong</i> (Chaplin) (as Ogden Mears); <i>Reflections in a Golden Eye</i> (Huston) (as Major Weldon Penderton) |
| 1954 | <i>The Wild One</i> (Benedek) (as Johnny); <i>On the Waterfront</i> (Kazan) (as Terry Malloy); <i>Desiree</i> (Koster) (as Napoleon Bonaparte) | 1968 | <i>Candy</i> (Marquand) (as Grindl) |
| 1955 | <i>Guys and Dolls</i> (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Sky Masterton) | 1969 | <i>The Night of the Following Day</i> (Cornfield) (as Bud); <i>Burn!</i> (<i>Queimada!</i>) (Pontecorvo) (as Sir William Walker) |
| 1956 | <i>The Teahouse of the August Moon</i> (Daniel Mann) (as Sakini) | 1971 | <i>The Nightcomers</i> (Winner) (as Peter Quint) |
| 1957 | <i>Sayonara</i> (Logan) (as Major Lloyd Gruver) | 1972 | <i>The Godfather</i> (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Don Vito Corleone) |
| 1958 | <i>The Young Lions</i> (Dmytryk) (as Christian Diestl) | 1973 | <i>L'ultimo tango a Parigi</i> (<i>Last Tango in Paris</i>) (Bertolucci) (as Paul) |
| 1960 | <i>The Fugitive Kind</i> (Lumet) (as Val Xavier) | 1976 | <i>The Missouri Breaks</i> (Arthur Penn) (as Robert E. Lee Clayton) |
| 1962 | <i>Mutiny on the Bounty</i> (Milestone) (as Fletcher Christian) | 1978 | <i>Superman</i> (Richard Donner) (as Jor-El, father of Superman) |
| 1963 | <i>The Ugly American</i> (England) (as Harrison Carter MacWhite) | 1979 | <i>Apocalypse Now</i> (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Colonel Kurtz) |
| | | 1980 | <i>The Formula</i> (Avildsen) (as Adam Steiffel) |
| | | 1989 | <i>A Dry White Season</i> (Palczy) (as Ian McKenzie) |
| | | 1990 | <i>The Freshman</i> (Andrew Bergman) (as Carmine Sabatina) |

- 1992 *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery* (Glen) (as Tomas de Torquemada)
 1995 *Don Juan DeMarco* (Leven) (as Dr. Jack Mickler)
 1996 *The Island of Dr. Moreau* (Frankenheimer) (title role, + co-sc)

Film as Director:

- 1961 *One-Eyed Jacks* (+ ro as Rio)

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Marlon Brando is the preeminent actor of American postwar cinema. In the early 1950s, he received Academy Award nominations for Best Actor in four successive years, and in 1954 won the Oscar for Best Actor for his performance in *On the Waterfront*. His portrayal of the leather-jacketed biker in *The Wild One* established an integral connection between rebellion, defiance, and sexual prowess, and made Brando a generation’s symbol of masculinity. Brando himself

studied the work of actors such as Spencer Tracy, Paul Muni, and Cary Grant, but for actors of his generation and beyond, it has been Brando who has served as the model.

Often considered America's greatest actor, Brando has, throughout his career, demonstrated a remarkable ability to reveal characters' contradictions. His portrayals of rebels such as Stanley Kowalski (*A Streetcar Named Desire*) and Terry Malloy (*On the Waterfront*) present us with brutish characters who possess an innate intelligence and fundamental nobility; his characterizations of figures such as Major Penderton (*Reflections in a Golden Eye*) and Sir William Walker (*Burn!*), men who understand and live by the rules of "civilized" society, become studies of personal disintegration and the devastating effects of power. Brando's skill in representing complex characters creates compelling and contradictory points of contact for spectators: in *The Young Lions*, Brando's portrayal of the young Nazi officer is disturbing for he is, at times, a sympathetic and attractive figure; in *The Godfather*, Brando's Don Corleone is both ruthless and kindhearted; in *The Last Tango in Paris*, Brando's representation of Paul mobilizes and lays siege to the image of masculinity Brando's early film roles helped to establish.

Brando studied with Stella Adler and came to Hollywood from Broadway after his performance in *A Streetcar Named Desire* caught the attention of the critics and the public. In an interview with Truman Capote in 1957, Brando explained that he intended to remain a film actor because "movies have the greatest potential. You can say important things to a lot of people. About discrimination and hatred and prejudice." Brando's work with Adler had instilled in him the belief that actors should have a point of view toward society, and we can get a sense of that view by looking at the parts he has chosen to play throughout his career (e.g. the Mexican revolutionary in *Viva Zapata!*), and the specific coloring he has given many of his characters (e.g. his portrayal of Fletcher Christian in *Mutiny on the Bounty* who, because of the forces of class and commerce, cannot live inside or outside the law).

The conventional wisdom is that Brando wasted his talents in the period between his auspicious beginning in the 1950s and his commercial and critical comeback in the 1970s (in films such as *The Godfather* and *Last Tango in Paris*). A more comprehensive consideration of his work suggests that is not the case. For example, in 1961, Brando directed and starred in *One-Eyed Jacks*, an effective ensemble piece and, in its reworking of Western formulas, an interesting (Hamlet-like) study of revenge. In 1970's *Burn!*, playing the part of the agent of imperial and capitalist aggression, Brando gave what he sees as his best performance. This role is especially illustrative of the actor's authorial control and ideological concerns, for in portraying Sir William, Brando candidly articulates why the British imperial forces will defeat the island's guerrilla army in a way that echoes, almost word for word, the speech he gives as Major Penderton when lecturing on military strategy in *Reflections in a Golden Eye*. Brando's performances in the late seventies, eighties, and nineties—for example, as Colonel Kurtz in *Apocalypse Now*, as Ian McKenzie in *A Dry White Season*, and as Tomas de Torquemada in *Christopher Columbus*—reveal his signature reshaping of material and his abiding (social) concerns.

Like other stars, Brando's work as an actor has been understood through and in terms of certain roles and highly publicized moments of his private life. Yet rather than focusing on the rebel roles of his early career or incidents that have provided fuel for gossip columnists, Brando's work should be considered as a whole, for as James Naremore points out, Brando's achievements are remarkable, and his

performances reveal a negotiation between the contradictions of not only his own personality, but those of the culture as well. What is significant is that Brando has not simply continued to play the rebel throughout his career, but instead has put together a body of work that examines the exercise of power in all its troubling aspects.

—Cynthia Baron

BRASSEUR, Pierre

Nationality: French. **Born:** Pierre-Albert Espinasse in Paris, 22 December 1903 or 1905. **Education:** Studied acting at the Paris Conservatory; later studied with Harry Baur. **Military Service:** 1924–25—served in French Army. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Odette Joyeux (divorced), son: the actor Claude Brasseur; 2) Lina Magrini, 1947 (divorced). **Career:** c.1920—stage acting debut; 1924—film debut in *La Fille de l'Eau*; 1925—his play *L'Ancre noire* produced at the Théâtre de l'Oeuvre; early 1930s—popular attention for appearing in series of villainous roles in several French versions of German films; 1934—in Hollywood film *Caravan*; 1940—directed Marcel Achard's play *Domino*; 1940s–50s—continued to act both on stage and in films. **Died:** In Brunico, Italy, 14 August 1972.

Films as Actor:

- 1924 *La Fille de l'Eau*
- 1925 *Madame Sans Gêne* (Pérret) (as walk-on)
- 1928 *Feu!* (de Baroncelli) (as sailor)
- 1930 *Je suis un as* (Tzipine—short); *Ce qu'on dit, ce qu'on pense* (short); *Etoile filant* (Bouquet—short); *Une Heure de rêve* (Tzipine—short); *Un Trou dans le mur* (Barberis) (as Anatole)
- 1931 *Circulez!* (de Limur) (as Jean Dupont-Desroches); *Papa sans le savoir* (R. Wyler—short); *Une Rêve blond* (Martin) (as Maurice)
- 1932 *Mon ami Victor* (Berthomieu); *Quick* (Siodmak) (as Maxime); *Moi et l'impératrice* (Martin and Holländer) (as Didier); *Voyage de noces* (Schmidt) (as Rudi); *La Chanson d'une nuit* (Litvak) (as Koretzky); *F.P.1 ne répond plus* (Hartl) (as Georges); *Une Faim de loup* (Fried and Morskoï—short)
- 1933 *Le Sexe faible* (Siodmak) (as Jimmie); *Incognito* (Gerron) (as Marcel); *L'Oncle de Pekin* (Darmont) (as Philippe); *Le Médécin de service* (Cerf—short); *Vacances conjugales* (Greville) (as Pierre)
- 1934 *Caravane* (*Caravan*) (Charell) (as Le Lieutenant de Tokay); *La Garnison amoureuse* (Vaucorbeil) (as Pierre); *Johnny haute-couture* (de Poligny) (as Johnny); *Le Miroir aux alouettes* (Le Bon) (as Jean Forestier); *Quadrille d'amour* (Fried) (as Robert Lancelot)
- 1935 *Le Bébé de l'escadron* (*Quand la vie était belle*) (Sti) (as Georges); *Bout-de-chou* (Wulschléger); *Jeunesse d'abord* (Stelli) (as Stéphane Minot); *Un Oiseau rare* (Pottier) (as Jean Berthier)
- 1936 *Pattes de mouche* (Grémillon) (as Michel); *Vous n'avez rien à déclarer?* (Joannon) (as Edmond de Trivelin); *Une Femme qui se partage* (Cammage) (as Cornette); *Le Mari rêve*



Pierre Brasseur with Arletty in *Les Enfants du Paradis*

- (Capellani) (as René Doray/Achille Leroy); *Passé à vendre* (Pujol) (as Bob); *Prête-moi ta femme* (Cammage) (as Gontran); *La Reine des resquilleuses* (Glass); *La Valse éternelle* (Neufeld) (as Le Prince Georges)
- 1937 *Mademoiselle ma mère* (Decoin) (as Georges); *La Schpountz* (Pagnol) (as Cousine)
- 1938 *Claudine à l'école* (*Claudine*) (de Poligny) (as Le Docteur Dubois); *Giuseppe Verdi* (Gallone) (as Alexandre Dumas); *Quai des brumes* (*Port of Shadows*) (Carné) (as Lucien); *Goose de riche* (de Canonge) (as Pierre Mougins); *Café de Paris* (Lacombe) (as Le Rec); *Hercule ou l'incorruptible* (Esway) (as Bastien); *Grisou* (de Canonge) (as Henri Hagnauer, + sc)
- 1939 *Visages de femmes* (Guissart) (as Fred); *Les Frères corses* (*The Corsican Brothers*) (Kelber); *Dernière jeunesse* (*Last Desire*) (Musso) (as M. de Gilhooley); *La Père Lebonnard* (de Limur) (as Freddy); *Le Chemin de l'honneur* (Paulin) (as Lt. Philippe Drierminoff); *Frères d'Afrique* (Navarra); *Sixième étage* (Cloche) (as Jonval); *Trois Argentines à Montmartre* (Hugon) (as Toninett)
- 1941 *Le Soleil a toujours raison* (Billon) (as Gabriel)
- 1942 *Les Deux Timides* (Y. Allégret) (as Thibaudier); *Promesse à l'inconnue* (Berthomieu) (as Lussac); *Le Croisée des chemins* (Berthomieu) (as Hubert Epervans)
- 1943 *Adieu Léonard* (Prevert) (as Bonenfant); *Lumière d'été* (Grémillon) (as Roland Maillard)
- 1945 *Le Pays sans étoiles* (Lacombe) (as Jean-Pierre/Francois-Charles); *Les Enfants du paradis* (*The Children of Paradise*) (Carné) (as Frédéric Lemaître); *La Femme fatale* (Boyer) (as Jean Pleyard)
- 1946 *Jéricho* (Calef) (as "Marche Noir"); *Les Portes de la nuit* (*Gates of the Night*; *Ports of the Night*) (Carné) (as Georges); *Pétrus* (M. Allégret) (as Rodriguez); *L'Arche de Noë* (*Noah's Ark*) (Jacques) (as Bitru); *L'Amour autour de la maison* (de Hérain) (as Douze-Apôtres); *Rocambole* (2 parts: *Rocambole* and *La Revanche de Baccarat*) (de Baroncelli)
- 1947 *Croisière pour l'inconnu* (Montazel) (as Emile Fréchisse)
- 1948 *Les Amants de Vérone* (*The Lovers of Verona*) (Cayatte) (as Raffaele); *La Nuit blanche* (Pottier) (as Pierre); *Le Secret de Monte-Cristo* (Valentin) (as Francois Picard)

- 1949 *Portrait d'un assassin* (Roland) (as Fabius); *Millionnaires d'un jour* (Hunebelle) (as Francis)
- 1950 *Souvenirs perdus* ("La Statuette" ep.) (Christian-Jaque) (as Philippe); *Maître après Dieu* (*Skipper Next to God*) (Daquin) (as Capitaine Joris); *L'Homme de la Jamaïque* (de Canonge) (as Jacques Marel); *Julie de Carneilhan* (Manuel) (as Herbert Espivant); *De Renoir à Picasso* (Haesaerts) (as narrator)
- 1951 *Barbe-Bleue* (*Bluebeard*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Amadée de Salfère); *Les Mains sales* (*Dirty Hands*) (Rivers) (as Hoederer)
- 1952 *Le Plaisir* (*House of Pleasure*) ("La Maison Tellier" ep.) (Max Ophüls) (as Julien Le Dentu); *La Pocharde* (Combret) (as Renneville); *Le Rideau rouge* (Barsacq) (as Ludovic Arns); *Saint-Tropez, devoir de vacances* (Paviot—short); *Torticola contre Frankensberg* (Paviot—short); *Jouens le jeu* ("L'Impatience" ep.) (Gillois)
- 1953 *La Bergère et le ramoneur* (Grimault) (as voice of the bird); *Vestire gli ignudi* (Pagliero) (as Gorlier)
- 1954 *Raspoutine* (Combret) (title role); *Les Soliloques du pauvre* (Drach—short) (as narrator)
- 1955 *La Tour de Nèfle* (Gance) (as Buridan); *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Barras)
- 1957 *Porte de Lilas* (*Gates of Paris*) (Clair) (as Juju)
- 1958 *Sans famille* (Michel) (as Jeroboam Driscoll); *Les Grandes Familles* (*The Possessors*) (de la Patellière) (as Maublan); *La Vie à deux* (Duhour) (as Pierre Carreau)
- 1959 *La Loi* (*Where the Hot Wind Blows*) (Dassin) (as Don Cesare); *La Tête contre les murs* (Franju) (as Docteur Varmont); *Messieurs les ronds-de-cuir* (Diamant-Berger) (as Docteur Nègre)
- 1960 *Les Yeux sans visages* (*Eyes without a Face*) (Franju) (as Genessier); *Cartagine in fiamme* (*Carthage in Flames*) (Gallone) (as Sidone); *Il bell'Antonio* (Bolognini) (as Alfio Magnano); *Candide* (Carbonnaux) (as Pangloss); *Le Dialogue des Carmélites* (Agostini) (as commissioner of the people); *Les Ennemis* (Molinaro)
- 1961 *Les Amours célèbre* ("Agnès Bernauer" ep.) (Boisrond) (as Le Grand-Duc Ernest de Wittelsbach); *Pleins feux sur l'assassin* (Franju) (as Comte Hervé de Keraudren); *Vive Henri IV, Vive l'amour* (Autant-Lara) (as Montmorency); *Le Bateau d'Emile* (de la Patellière) (as François Larmentiel); *Les Petits Matins* (Audry) (as Achille Pipermint); *Rencontres* (Agostino) (as Carl Krasner)
- 1962 *Le Crime ne paie pas* (*Crime Does Not Pay*) ("L'Affaire Fenayrou" ep.) (Oury) (as Martin Fenayrou); *L'Abominable Homme des douanes* (M. Allégret) (as Le Tueur Russe)
- 1963 *Les Bonnes Causes* (*Don't Tempt the Devil*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Cassidi)
- 1964 *Liola* (*A Very Handy Man*) (Blasetti) (as Simone Palumbo); *Le Magot de Joséfa* (Autant-Lara) (as the Mayor); *Humour noir* ("La Bestiole" ep.) (Autant-Lara); *Un Soir . . . par hasard* (Govar) (as Charles); *Le Grain de sable* (Kast) (as Georges Richter); *Lucky Joe* (Deville) (as chief commissioner); *Les Comédiens* (Thierry—short)
- 1965 *La Métamorphose des cloportes* (Granier-Deferre) (as Tonton); *Deux Heures à tuer* (Govar) (as Laurent); *L'Or du duc* (Baratier) (as uncle); *Pas de caviar pour tante Olga* (Becker) (as Patache); *Pas de panique* (Gobbi) (as Toussaint)

- 1966 *La Vie de château* (*A Matter of Resistance*) (Rappeneau) (as Dimanche); *Un mondo nuovo* (*A Young World*) (de Sica) (as boss); *La Fille de la mer morte* (Golan); *King of Hearts* (*Le Roi de coeur*) (de Broca) (as Général Géranium)
- 1967 *Le Fou de Labo 4* (Besnard) (as Father Ballanchon); *La Petite Vertu* (Korber) (as Polnik)
- 1968 *Les Oiseaux vont mourir aux Pérou* (*Birds in Peru*) (Gary) (as husband); *Goto, île d'amour* (Borowczyk) (as Goto); *Sous la signe de Monte-Cristo* (Hunebelle) (as Faria)
- 1970 *Macédoine* (Scandelari) (as Bloch-Dupond)
- 1971 *Les Mariés de l'an deux* (Rappeneau) (as Gosselin)
- 1972 *La più bella serata della mia vita* (Scola) (as Comte la Brunetière)

Film as screenwriter:

- 1957 *Les Amants de demain* (Blistène)

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Pierre Brasseur once wrote, "There exist three kinds of actors, the good, the bad, and the great." As a participant in practically every major development in the French cinema after 1920, he proved himself to be one of that final category. His early involvement with the Parisian avant-garde in the 1920s was followed by his first leading

roles in French-German co-productions of the early 1930s. He found his best roles during the grand epoch of poetic realism, and survived the desert of the 1950s French filmmaking to find himself stranded in the 1960s: an actor's actor in a director's cinema.

His stage work was always central to his career, and in the mid-1920s the charming young comedian was adopted by the intelligentsia. He first worked with Jean Cocteau in 1924, and was soon associated with the Surrealist group, having contact with André Breton and others, and contributing poems and texts to *La Révolution Surréaliste*. In 1925 his first play, *L'Ancre noire*, was produced, and he continued to write or collaborate on play and film scripts, notably with Marcel Dalio.

After military service, the first major phase of his acting career began at UFA studios in Berlin in films made for German and French release. "To be employed at UFA was, for me, more important than going to Hollywood," he wrote, and he remained in Berlin for a year and a half, establishing himself as a leading comedian in a series of romantic farces. He did briefly visit Hollywood in 1934, where Erik Charell was directing *Caravan* for Fox in English and French versions. Brasseur played the Philip Holmes role in the French one, opposite Charles Boyer who starred in both.

On his return to France, Brasseur lent his presence to a series of quickly made and undistinguished films, although one of these, *Un Oiseau rare*, marked the first of 11 films he made which were written by Jacques Prévert. Among his films of this period were a number of bawdy comedies, a genre then accounting for a significant proportion of French production. Perhaps not untypical of his mid-1930s work is his appearance, along with such comedians as Raimu and Saturnin Fabre, in Joannon's extremely vulgar *Vous n'avez rien à déclarer?*, in which Brasseur appears as a timid young man who is temporarily impotent.

In 1936 he first worked with Jean Grémillon, in the minor and commercially unsuccessful *Pattes de mouche*, but it was his brief appearance opposite Jean Gabin in Carné's *Quai des brumes* in 1938 that revealed another Brasseur, one capable of infinitely more subtle and complex characterization. He nevertheless continued to play the cynical Don Juan and various playboys until the war, taking over that specialty from the aging Jules Berry.

It was during the war that Brasseur left his mark. After working with Yves Allégret on *Tobie est un ange*, which Brasseur co-scripted (the film's negatives were destroyed in a fire before its release), and on *Les Deux Timides*, he collaborated once again with Grémillon in *Lumière d'été*. Brasseur starred as the brilliant, decadent painter Roland Maillard, in a celebrated performance detailing the disintegration of an artistic career.

He soon followed this with his greatest role, as the famous nineteenth-century actor Frederick Lemaître in *Les Enfants du Paradis*. The film brought together two performers at the summit of their art: Jean-Louis Barrault and Brasseur, the mime and the comedian. Brasseur's performance, requiring him to create roles such as Othello within the role of Lemaître, is an example of a complex character thought over in every detail.

After the war, theatrical work increasingly occupied Brasseur. In 1948 he joined the renowned company of Barrault and Madeleine Renaud, appearing in plays of Camus, Claudel, and others. He worked in films between theatrical engagements, and these films were often adaptations of stage plays, such as Sartre's *Les Mains sales* or *Vestire gli ignudi* from Pirandello.

After the success of his humorous and pathetic Juju in Clair's *Porte de Lilas*, Brasseur was cast mainly in supporting roles. Though

he made interesting film appearances, especially in a series of three films for Georges Franju, and in Bolognini's *Il bell'Antonio*, his work in theater was more notable, for example his acclaimed performance in a 1967 Paris production of Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*.

—Judah Löwe

BRENNAN, Walter

Nationality: American. **Born:** Swampscott, Massachusetts, 25 July 1894. **Education:** Studied engineering. **Military Service:** 1917—enlisted in service during World War I. **Family:** Married Ruth Wells, 1920, children: Arthur, Walter, and Ruth. **Career:** Mid-'teens—worked at various jobs including lumberjack and bank clerk; appeared in vaudeville and stock; 1923—began career in Hollywood as extra and stuntman; 1927—first film role in *The Ridin' Rowdy*; 1957–63—in TV series *The Real McCoys*; 1964–65—in TV series *Tycoon*; 1967–69—title role in TV series *The Guns of Will Sonnett*; 1970–71—TV series *To Rome, with Love*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *Come and Get It*, 1936; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *Kentucky*, 1938; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *The Westerner*, 1940. **Died:** In Oxnard, California, 21 September 1974.

Films as Actor:

- 1927 *The Ridin' Rowdy* (Thorpe); *Tearin' into Trouble* (Thorpe)
- 1928 *Silks and Saddles (Thoroughbreds)*; *The Ballyhoo Buster* (Thorpe)
- 1929 *The Long Trail* (Robson); *The Lariat Kid* (Eason); *One Hysterical Night* (Craft); *The Shannons of Broadway* (Flynn); *Smilin' Guns* (MacRae)
- 1930 *Scratch as Scratch Can*; *The King of Jazz* (Anderson)
- 1931 *Neck and Neck* (Thorpe); *Dancing Dynamite* (Mason)
- 1932 *Law and Order* (Cahn); *The Iceman's Ball*; *The Texas Cyclone* (Lederman); *Two Fisted Law* (Lederman); *The All-American (Sport of a Nation)* (Mack)
- 1933 *Man of Action* (Melford); *Fighting for Justice* (Brower); *The Keyhole* (Curtiz); *Lilly Turner* (Wellman); *Baby Face (Baby Face Harrington)* (Green); *Female* (Curtiz); *From Headquarters* (Dieterle); *Sing, Sinner, Sing* (Christy); *One Year Later* (Hopper); *Strange People* (Thorpe); *Parachute Jumper* (Green)
- 1934 *Woman Haters*; *Housewife* (Green); *Desirable* (Mayo); *Half a Sinner* (Newman); *Riptide* (Goulding); *Stamboul Quest* (Wood); *The Painted Veil* (Boleslawski); *Good Dame* (Gering)
- 1935 *Man on a Flying Trapeze (The Memory Expert)* (Bruckman); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as Old Atrocitiy); *Restless Knights; Metropolitan* (Boleslawski); *Bric-a-Brac*; *Seven Keys to Baldpate* (Hamilton); *The Bride of Frankenstein* (Whale); *Lady Tubbs* (Crosland); *Northern Frontier* (Newfield); *The Wedding Night* (King Vidor); *Law beyond the Range* (Beebe)



Walter Brennan with Loretta Young and Richard Greene in *Kentucky*

- 1936 *These Three* (Wyler); *The Three Godfathers* (Boleslawski); ***Fury*** (Fritz Lang) (as Bugs Meyers); *Come and Get It* (Hawks and Wyler); *Banjo on My Knee* (Cromwell); *The Moon's Our Home* (Seiter); *The Prescott Kid* (Selman)
- 1937 *When Love Is Young* (Seiter); *Wild and Woolly* (Werker); *She's Dangerous* (Foster and Carruth); *The Affairs of Cappy Ricks* (Staub)
- 1938 *Kentucky* (Butler); *The Buccaneer* (DeMille); *The Texans* (Hogan); *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Taurog); *Mother Carey's Chickens* (Rowland V. Lee); *The Cowboy and the Lady* (Potter)
- 1939 *The Story of Irene and Vernon Castle* (Potter); *Stanley and Livingston* (King); *They Shall Have Music* (Mayo); *Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President* (Sinclair)
- 1940 *Northwest Passage* (King Vidor); *The Westerner* (Wyler) (as Judge Roy Bean); *Maryland* (King)
- 1941 *Meet John Doe* (Capra) (as the "Colonel"); *Swamp Water (The Man Who Came Back)* (Renoir); *Sergeant York* (Hawks); *Rise and Shine* (Dwan); *Nice Girl?* (Seiter); *This Woman Is Mine* (Lloyd)
- 1942 *Pride of the Yankees* (Wood); *Stand by for Action (Cargo of Innocents)* (Leonard)
- 1943 *Hangmen Also Die* (Fritz Lang); *The North Star* (Milestone); *The Last Will and Testament of Tom Smith*; *Slightly Dangerous* (Ruggles); *Home in Indiana* (Hathaway); *The Princess and the Pirate* (Butler); *To Have and Have Not* (Hawks) (as Eddy)
- 1945 *Dakota* (Kane)
- 1946 *A Stolen Life* (Bernhardt); *Centennial Summer* (Preminger); ***My Darling Clementine*** (John Ford) (as Old Man Clanton); *Nobody Lives Forever* (Negulesco)
- 1947 *Driftwood* (Dwan)
- 1948 ***Red River*** (Hawks) (as Groot); *Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay!* (*Summer Lightning*) (F. Hugh Herbert); *Blood on the Moon* (Wise)
- 1949 *Task Force* (Daves); *The Great Dan Patch* (Newman); *The Green Promise (Raging Waters)* (Russell); *Brimstone* (Kane)
- 1950 *Surrender* (Dwan); *Curtain Call at Cactus Creek (Take the Stage)* (Lamont); *A Ticket to Tomahawk* (Sale); *Singing*

- Guns* (Springsteen); *The Showdown* (Darrel and Stuart McGowan)
- 1951 *Along the Great Divide* (Walsh); *The Wide Blue Yonder* (Thunder across the Pacific) (Dwan); *Best of the Bad Men* (Russell)
- 1952 *Lure of the Wilderness* (Negulesco); *Return of the Texan* (Daves)
- 1953 *The Sea of Lost Ships* (Kane)
- 1954 *Drums across the River* (Juran); *Four Guns to the Border* (Carlson); *Bad Day at Black Rock* (John Sturges) (as Doc Velie)
- 1955 *The Far Country* (Anthony Mann); *At Gunpoint!* (*Gunpoint!*) (Werker)
- 1956 *The Proud Ones* (Webb); *Glory* (Butler); *Come Next Spring* (Springsteen); *Goodbye, My Lady* (Wellman)
- 1957 *Tammy and the Bachelor* (*Tammy*) (Pevney); *God Is My Partner* (Claxton); *The Way to the Gold* (Webb)
- 1959 *Rio Bravo* (Hawks) (as Stumpy)
- 1962 *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway, Ford, Marshall)
- 1965 *Those Calloways* (Tokar)
- 1966 *The Oscar* (Rouse)
- 1967 *Who's Minding the Mint?* (Morris); *The Gnome-Mobile* (Stevenson)
- 1968 *The One and Only Genuine Original Family Band* (O'Herlihy)
- 1969 *Support Your Local Sheriff* (Kennedy); *The Over-the-Hill Gang* (Yarbrough—for TV)
- 1970 *The Over-the-Hill Gang Rides Again* (McGowan—for TV); *The Young Country* (Huggins—for TV)
- 1971 *Smoke in the Wind* (Kane); *Two for the Money* (Kowalski—for TV)
- 1972 *Home for the Holidays* (Moxey—for TV)

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From the 1930s through the 1950s Walter Brennan was the definitive character actor—a colorful, memorable supporting player and an essential ingredient in scores of fine films for an array of top directors. If he had a particular specialty among his wide range of sidekicks, employees, buddies, colleagues, and antagonists, it was in playing crusty old-timers—well before he was one himself.

After serving in World War I, Brennan began working in movies in 1923 as an extra and a stuntman. He had his teeth knocked out in an accident in 1932, providing him with a natural toothlessness—as well as removable false teeth—that he would occasionally use for comic value.

He won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor an astonishing and unprecedented three times in the space of five

years—as a lumberjack in the Howard Hawks-William Wyler *Come and Get It*, as a horse-racing colonel in David Butler's *Kentucky*, and as the ornery Judge Roy Bean in William Wyler's *The Westerner*, the last role in support of Gary Cooper. Brennan was again nominated for the Oscar the following year for his role as the pastor in Howard Hawks's *Sergeant York*—again in support of Gary Cooper, who won that year's Best Actor Award for his performance.

Brennan's first substantial screen assignment came when he had well over 20 features under his belt. It was for Howard Hawks in *Barbary Coast*, playing a character called “Old Atrocity.” He would eventually work in Hawks films no fewer than six times: he performed in the World War II drama *To Have and Have Not* as Humphrey Bogart's rummy pal, in the Western *Red River* as the quarrelsome Groot, and, perhaps most memorably, in another Western, *Rio Bravo*, as the loyal, cantankerous Stumpy, guarding the jailhouse with a shotgun for sheriff John Wayne.

Among the other famous directors who found Brennan's colorful persona both useful and effective, were John Ford (*My Darling Clementine*), King Vidor (*The Wedding Night*), Fritz Lang (*Fury*), Frank Capra (*Meet John Doe*), Jean Renoir (*Swamp Water*), Lewis Milestone (*The North Star*), Raoul Walsh (*Along the Great Divide*), and John Sturges (*Bad Day at Black Rock*). Although he performed in a wide variety of genres, it was the Western with which he became most strongly associated.

With the television series *The Real McCoys*, a countrified situation comedy in which Brennan played Grandpappy Amos McCoy (a flat-out comic version of the blustery but lovable screen character he had been essaying for years), Brennan became, during the program's six-year tenure, something of a television icon. Bringing the same skill to his television work that he had given to the cinema for decades, he kept nightclub impressionists and the general public busy imitating everything about his character—from his cornpone accent to his axle-grease-squeaky voice to his coming-apart-at-the-seams limp. Moreover, his characterization on television was so strong that it nearly obliterated the public's memory of his fruitful movie career, which he ended in a series of theatrical family films and several made-for-television movies, staying productive right up to the time of his death, at the age of 80, in 1974.

—Bill Wine

BRIDGES, Jeff

Nationality: American. **Born:** Los Angeles, 4 December 1949; son of the actor Lloyd Bridges; brother of the actor Beau Bridges. **Education:** Attended University High School, Los Angeles; studied acting at Berghoff Studios, New York. **Family:** Married Susan (Bridges), three daughters: Isabelle, Jessica, and Hayley. **Career:** Appeared in the film *The Company She Keeps*, 1951; made his acting debut in father Lloyd Bridges's television series *Sea Hunt*, 1950s; composed and sang “Lost in Space” on the soundtrack of the film *John and Mary*, 1969; continued to be active as songwriter; made his feature film acting debut in *Halls of Anger*, 1970. **Awards:** Academy of Science Fiction, Horror and Fantasy Films Saturn Award-Best



Jeff Bridges with Karen Allen in *Starman*

Actor, for *Starman*, 1984; Best Male Lead Independent Spirit Award, for *American Heart*, 1992. **Agent:** c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1951 <i>The Company She Keeps</i> (Cromwell) (as infant at train station, uncredited)</p> <p>1969 <i>Silent Night, Lonely Night</i> (Petrie—for TV) (as Young John)</p> <p>1970 <i>Halls of Anger</i> (Bogart) (as Douglas); <i>In Search of America</i> (Bogart—for TV) (as Mike Olson); <i>The Yin and Yang of Mr. Go</i> (Meredith) (as Nero Finnighan)</p> <p>1971 <i>The Last Picture Show</i> (Bogdanovich) (as Duane Jackson)</p> <p>1972 <i>Fat City</i> (Huston) (as Ernie); <i>Bad Company</i> (Benton) (as Jake Ramsey)</p> <p>1973 <i>Lolly Madonna XXX (The Lolly-Madonna War)</i> (Sarafian) (as Zack Feather); <i>The Last American Hero</i> (Johnson) (as Elroy Jackson Jr.); <i>The Iceman Cometh</i> (Frankenheimer) (as Don Parritt)</p> | <p>1974 <i>Thunderbolt and Lightfoot</i> (Cimino) (as Lightfoot); <i>Rancho Deluxe</i> (Perry) (as Jack McKee)</p> <p>1975 <i>Hearts of the West (Hollywood Cowboy)</i> (Zieff) (as Lewis Tater)</p> <p>1976 <i>King Kong</i> (Guillermin) (as Jack Prescott); <i>Stay Hungry</i> (Rafelson) (as Craig Blake)</p> <p>1978 <i>Somebody Killed Her Husband</i> (Johnson) (as Jerry Green)</p> <p>1979 <i>Winter Kills</i> (Richert—produced in 1977) (as Nick Kegan)</p> <p>1980 <i>Heaven's Gate</i> (Cimino) (as John H. Bridges); <i>The American Success Company (Success)</i> (Richert) (as Harry)</p> <p>1981 <i>Cutter and Bone (Cutter's Way)</i> (Passer) (as Richard Bone); <i>The Last Unicorn</i> (Rankin Jr. and Bass—animation) (as voice of Prince Lir)</p> <p>1982 <i>Tron</i> (Lisberger) (as Kevin Flynn/Clu); <i>Kiss Me Goodbye</i> (Mulligan) (as Rupert)</p> <p>1984 <i>Against All Odds</i> (Hackford) (as Terry Brogan); <i>Starman</i> (Carpenter) (as Alien)</p> <p>1985 <i>Jagged Edge</i> (Marquand) (as Jack Forrester)</p> <p>1986 <i>8 Million Ways to Die</i> (Ashby) (as Matthew Scudder); <i>The Morning After</i> (Lumet) (as Turner Kendall); <i>The Thanksgiving Promise</i> (Beau Bridges—for TV) (as neighbor, uncredited)</p> |
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- 1987 *Nadine* (Benton) (as Vernon Hightower)
 1988 *Tucker* (*Tucker: The Man and His Dream*) (Coppola) (as Preston Tucker); *See You in the Morning* (Pakula) (as Larry Livingston)
 1989 *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (Kloves) (as Jack Baker)
 1990 *Texasville* (Bogdanovich) (as Duane Jackson); *Quarter Time* (Bogayevicz); *Cold Feet* (Dornhelm) (as bartender, uncredited)
 1991 *The Fisher King* (Gilliam) (as Jack Lucas); *Picture This—The Times of Peter Bogdanovich in Archer City, Texas* (Hickenlooper) (doc) (as himself)
 1992 *American Heart* (Bell) (as Jack Keely (+ co-pr)
 1993 *The Vanishing* (Sluizer) (as Barney); *Fearless* (Weir) (as Max Klein)
 1994 *Blown Away* (Hopkins) (as Jimmy Dove)
 1995 *Wild Bill* (Walter Hill) (title role)
 1996 *White Squall* (Ridley Scott) (as Christopher “Skipper” Sheldon); *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (Streisand) (as Gregory Larkin); *Hidden in America* (Bell—for TV) (as Vincent)
 1998 *The Big Lebowski* (Joel Coen) (as The Dude); *A Soldier’s Daughter Never Cries* (Ivory) (as Lightfoot, uncredited)
 1999 *Arlington Road* (Pellington) (Michael Faraday); *The Muse* (Brooks) (as Jack Warrick); *Simpatico* (Warchus) (as Carter); *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (doc) (as himself)
 2000 *The Contender* (Lurie) (as President Jackson Evans); *Raising the Mammoth* (Deniau) (doc) (as Narrator).

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 Frankel, Martha, “Lone Star Bridges,” in *American Film* (Washington, D.C.), October 1990.
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“Inexplicably underrated” are the words that best describe Jeff Bridges. In 1971, his role as 1950s Texas teenager Duane Jackson in Peter Bogdanovich’s *The Last Picture Show* earned him an Oscar nomination. Throughout the years he has offered an impressive array of performances, and has been a consistent critics’ favorite; he is a tremendously likable actor, expert at underplaying yet totally burying himself in a role. Yet he never has been considered among the front rank of movie stars—perhaps because he has never had that one blockbuster film to thrust him into the epicenter of media attention and public adoration.

Son of Lloyd and brother of Beau, Bridges began acting when he was four months old, appearing alongside Jane Greer in *The Company She Keeps*; he also was a child actor on *Sea Hunt*, his father’s television series. He had just graduated high school when he appeared in *The Last Picture Show*. In his role as Duane Jackson he projected an instinctive ease, which he continued to put forth over the next few years in roles as boyish types in *Fat City* (playing a boxer), *The Last American Hero* (as stock-car driver Junior Jackson), and *Bad Company*; he was especially fine in the latter, a bleak anti-Western, playing a Civil War draft dodger. Still, despite earning critical acclaim, Bridges admitted that self-doubts about his abilities did not allow him to take acting seriously. His attitude changed in 1973, after appearing in the film version of Eugene O’Neill’s *The Iceman Cometh*. As Don Parritt, another boyish character to be sure, but one with levels of psychological depth (courtesy of O’Neill), Bridges gives his first fully mature screen performance. A critic in *Variety*, in describing Bridges’s acting, perfectly summed up the essence of his most typical roles by calling his performance “a brilliant mixture of innocence, guilt, despair, and hope. His vulnerability and yearning . . . seem almost physically evident from the beginning.” At the time, Pauline Kael characterized Bridges as being “so fresh and talented that just about every movie director with a good role wants him for it.”

Over the next several years, Bridges’s roles were diversified. His generous screen presence allowed his co-stars ample space without detracting from the power of his own performances. His second-fiddle roles—to John Heard’s crazed Vietnam veteran in *Cutter’s Way*, for example, or to leading man Clint Eastwood in the tragic homoerotic buddy movie *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot*—are deceptively passive. In the old-fashioned way of a Gary Cooper or James Stewart, his dreamy boyishness ended up leaving a profound impression on the viewer.

Bridges’s first important starring role came as the naive, noirish hero in *Against All Odds*, a remake of *Out of the Past*. He was superb in his next film, *Starman*, an offbeat, bittersweet science fiction romance, in which he plays a vulnerable, birdlike extraterrestrial. His intense research into the difficult role—watching the movements of children and animals, and videotaping himself writhing naked on the floor in an attempt to capture the essence of his embryo-hatching scene—demonstrated that Bridges’s commitment to his craft is no less than that of a Dustin Hoffman or Robert De Niro.

Bridges continued playing dreamers and likably flawed heroes, as he did so effectively as visionary automobile manufacturer Preston Tucker in *Tucker: The Man and His Dream* and the artistically frustrated cocktail lounge piano player opposite brother Beau and Michelle Pfeiffer in *The Fabulous Baker Boys*. But he also toyed with his outward appearance of innocence. In *Jagged Edge*, he plays a high-powered newspaper publisher accused of killing his wife, and who wholeheartedly proclaims his guiltlessness. As the story unfolds, the question remains: Did he, or did he not, do it? In this film, Bridges effectively pivots on the ambiguity of his lovableness, flinging the audience between adoring trust and uneasy suspicion.

In 1990, it seemed that his career had come full circle when he played an older, wiser, more portly Duane Jackson in *Texasville*, a sequel to *The Last Picture Show*. But at the same time, as he has aged, Bridges has gone on to diversify his career even more, taking on challenging roles that are anything but boyish—and which the younger Jeff Bridges never would have been called on to play. In *The Vanishing*, George Sluizer's American remake of his Dutch thriller, Bridges gives a forceful performance as a crafty kidnapper who reveals himself to the boyfriend of the woman he abducted. In *Fearless* and *The Fisher King*, he is cast as two very different characters whose lives are thrown into major crises. In the former, he conveys levels of emotion as a deeply troubled plane crash survivor. In the latter, he starts out as a hard-hearted, egotistical radio talk show host who undergoes a transformation after one of his listeners, whom he has just crudely dismissed, goes on a murder spree. As the story progresses, Bridges effectively communicates the confusion within a man whose outward characteristic is pomposity. But Bridges is at his best in one of his least-known films: *American Heart*, a staunch, at times daring drama about love and redemption, which depicts the pain and promise of its two key characters. Bridges offers a fierce, heartrending performance as an ex-con who has just been paroled from prison. His plans for continuing his life are sidetracked upon the arrival of his lonely, 14-year-old son whom he had abandoned, and who is determined to establish a relationship with him.

As he has settled into middle-age, Bridges's characterizations remain equally varied. They range from a horse breeder/con artist who is the very image of heedless dishonesty (in *Simpatico*) to a bowling-obsessed burn-out who ceased evolving sometime in the 1970s (*The Big Lebowski*), a conspiracy theory-obsessed university professor who senses that his genial new neighbors are hiding terrible secrets (*Arlington Road*) to a disheveled university professor, too-often burned by love, who is romantically paired with Barbra Streisand (*The Mirror Has Two Faces*).

At this juncture of his career, it seems less likely that Jeff Bridges ever will earn superstardom. But he is still respected, still taking intelligent risks, and still a pleasure to watch on screen.

—Samantha Cook, updated by Rob Edelman

BRODERICK, Matthew

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York, New York, 21 March 1962; son of James (an actor) and Patricia (a painter, writer, and director) Broderick. **Education:** Attended the Walden School. **Family:** Married Sarah Jessica Parker (an actress), 19 May 1997. **Career:** Stage debut at age 17 in *On Valentine's Day*. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212–1825, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1983 *Max Dugan Returns* (Ross) (as Michael McPhee); *WarGames* (Badham) (as David Lightman)
- 1984 *Cinderella* (Cunningham—for TV) (as Prince Henry)
- 1985 *1918* (Harrison) (as Brother); *Master Harold and the Boys* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Master Harold 'Hally'); *Ladyhawke* (Donner) (as Phillipe)
- 1986 *On Valentine's Day* (*Story of a Marriage*, title for *On Valentine's Day* and *1918*) (Harrison) (as Brother); *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (Hughes) (as Ferris Bueller)
- 1987 *Courtship* (Cummings) (as Brother); *Project X* (Kaplan) (as Jimmy Garrett)
- 1988 *She's Having a Baby* (Hughes) (as Cameo at end [uncredited]); *Torch Song Trilogy* (Bogart) (as Alan); *Biloxi Blues* (Nichols) (as Eugene)
- 1989 *Family Business* (Lumet) (as Adam); *Glory* (Zwick) (as Colonel Robert Gould Shaw)
- 1990 *The Freshman* (Bergman) (as Clark Kellogg)
- 1992 *Out on a Limb* (Veber) (as Bill Campbell)
- 1993 *The Night We Never Met* (Leight) (as Sam Lester); *A Life in the Theater* (Mosher—for TV) (as John)
- 1994 *The Road to Wellville* (Parker) (as William Lightbody); *Would You Kindly Direct Me To Hell?: The Infamous Dorothy Parker* (Karp—for TV) (as Commentator); *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* (*Mrs. Parker and the Round Table*) (Rudolph) (as Charles MacArthur); *The Lion King* (Allers and Minkoff) (voice of Adult Simba)
- 1995 *Arabian Knight* (Williams) (as voice of Tack)
- 1996 *Infinity* (as Richard Feynman) (+ d, pr); *The Cable Guy* (Stiller) (as Steven Kovacs)
- 1997 *Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery* (Burns) (mini—for TV) (voice of John Ordelay); *Addicted to Love* (*Forlorn*) (Dunne) (as Sam)
- 1998 *The Lion King II: Simba's Pride* (LaDuca and Rooney) (voice of Simba); *Godzilla* (Emmerich) (as Dr. Niko Tatopoulos)
- 1999 *Walking to the Waterline* (Mulhern); *Inspector Gadget* (Kellogg) (as John Brown and Inspector Gadget); *Election* (Payne) (as Jim McAllister)
- 2000 *You Can Count on Me* (Lonergan) (as Brian)

Publications

By BRODERICK: articles—

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Interview with Kenneth Lonergan, in *Interview* (New York), vol. 30, no. 4, April 2000.

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Matthew Broderick left an indelible mark on 1980s cinema with a bravura performance as the eponymous hero in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, the archly Oedipal comedy that helped define the actor's screen persona as much as it did the emerging sensibility of Generation X. Ferris is not just the subject of his life, but its architect as well. Director John Hughes exemplifies the control this high school senior is able to achieve through force of will, cunning, and charm by giving



Matthew Broderick (right) with Jim Carrey in *The Cable Guy*

him the power to address the audience directly, as he steps out of the story world at will to mug for his eager viewers or explain himself. Skipping school is for Ferris not an act of rebellion, but a work of art that depends on his benevolent, but selfish manipulation of others, especially his double career Boomer parents who haven't a clue what their teenage son is up to. Ferris, an "A" student bored by the inanity of the classroom, has no intention of seeking an alternative to his parents' upscale life. He uses his day off to travel to the city where his father works and eat at a businessman's restaurant, where, it hardly seems coincidental, his father is lunching as well. Ferris must expend great effort and cunning to preserve the illusion that he is thoroughly obedient, but he easily defeats the uninspired efforts of the school's assistant principal to unmask his deception.

Broderick had developed the essential elements of the Ferris Bueller character in some earlier work, especially the engaging *Wargames*, where his character's childish pranksterism almost causes a nuclear confrontation that, à la Tom Swift, he alone proves able to defuse, once again showing the inadequacies of "official" adulthood. Among other early films such as *Project X*, he reprises it to great effect. In *Biloxi Blues*, he plays the smart New York Jew faced with double culture shock: life in the army and life in, of all places, a very

non-Kosher Mississippi. Even recently, though older and not so baby faced, Broderick does two turns on the Bueller character, taking it into the realm of likable eccentricity chiefly inhabited by Robin Williams. As the title character in *Inspector Gadget*, a kind of pleasant RoboCop, and the naïve biologist in *Godzilla*, Broderick proves able once again to deliver just the right mixture of kooky antiestablishmentarianism and boy-next-door appeal. Less successful is the schlemiel turn on Bueller character that Broderick attempted in *The Freshman*, where he was much too old to play a naïve recent high school graduate just arrived in New York to pursue a filmmaking career at New York University. The story plays interestingly with age contrasts, pitting Broderick against Marlon Brando as an older version of the godfather; Andrew Bergman's fine screenplay gives Broderick some interesting moments, including a Ferris Bueller kind of chase for an escaped lizard through a terrorized suburban mall. Though directed by Sidney Lumet, *Family Business* was a critical and popular failure, notwithstanding its casting of Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman, and Broderick as the three generations in a family turned to a disastrously conceived crime. Also unsuccessful was *Torch Song Trilogy*, where Broderick attempts the role of a young gay man (on stage he had appeared in different parts in the immensely popular Broadway extravaganza

dominated by the personality and talent of Harvey Fierstein). This mixture of bravura performance and conventional melodrama did not transfer well to the screen, and Broderick seems lost in the role.

Making the transition, more or less, to adult roles, Broderick, despite his energy and wit, has not been so successful with romantic comedy, but always turns in a competent and engaging performance. In *The Cable Guy*, he plays a young man disappointed in love who, through incredible mischance, becomes hooked up with Jim Carrey's equally lonely cable repairman, who eventually takes over his life. Broderick does a good job of providing the proper human setting for Carrey's legendary antics; his straight man is subdued, submissive, and easy to victimize. The black comedy *Addicted to Love* offered Broderick more opportunity to shine, but, paired with Meg Ryan doing an excellent turn as an aggressive, low rent talker, he seemed unable to generate an equivalent energy, trapped, perhaps, by the nerdy lineaments of his character (an astronomer from the Midwest). Though the first part of the film focuses on his attempts to spy on the woman who has jilted him, when Ryan's biker lady moves in downstairs he is simply overwhelmed. With some romantic chemistry, the pair might have been able to make the subsequent plot work, but Broderick lacks traditional leading man charisma and sexiness.

In strictly dramatic roles, he has achieved some better results, often as a part of an ensemble (in Alan Rudolph's *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, where as Charles McArthur, one of the Algonquin circle presided over by Dorothy Parker, he does a creditable, if one-dimensional job) or as a minor but featured player (in Horton Foote's marvelous *1918*, where his footloose young man does not even have a name, but is simply known to the rest of the family as Brother). In his own directorial debut, *Infinity* (based on his mother's screenplay), Broderick attempts to incarnate an adult Ferris Bueller, physicist Richard Feynman, who, by all accounts, was a manic, difficult, wildly creative person. The film is essentially a love story, but Broderick's version of Feynman lacks the charisma and bubbling creativity that would make this nerdy recluse an attractive romantic partner (Patricia Arquette does a convincing job as the girlfriend, who becomes desperately ill, setting up a kind of *Love Story* plot where Feynman must find a way to attend to his beloved yet assist with the ongoing Manhattan project). It is in the Civil War epic *Glory* that Broderick does his finest dramatic work. Here he plays one of history's most famous mama's boys, the Boston aristocrat Robert Gould Shaw, who became the first colonel of one of the Federal Army's first Negro regiments. In a fine, layered performance, Broderick subtly suggests Shaw's fearful hesitancy at Antietam, and the subsequent growth in self-esteem and ideological purpose that transforms him as he assumes a truly important and transcendent moral burden, setting an example for the black soldiers who are called upon to set examples of their own for their fellows not yet in arms. Forced to grow up, Shaw is also forced to accept his own death. It is a part in which Ferris Bueller, all kidding aside, would not be caught dead.

—R. Barton Palmer

BRODSKÝ, Vlastimil

Nationality: Czech. **Born:** 1920. **Education:** Attended E. F. Burian School. **Family:** Married the actress Jana Brejchová. **Career:** Member of the Na Vinohradech Theatre, Prague. **Awards:** Best Actor,

Berlin Festival, for *Jacob der Lügner*, 1975; Artist of Merit, Czechoslovakia.

Films as Actor:

- 1947 *Uloupená hranice* (*The Stolen Frontier*) (Weiss)
- 1953 *Tajemství krve* (*The Secret of Blood; The Mystery of Blood*) (Frič)
- 1957 *Zářijové noci* (Jasný)
- 1958 *Mezi nebem a zemí* (*Between Heaven and Earth*) (Podskalský)
- 1959 *Pět z milionů* (Brynych)
- 1963 *Až přijde kocour* (*That Cat*) (Jasný); *Transport z rje* (*Transport from Paradise*) (Brynych)
- 1964 *Každý den odvahu* (*Everyday Courage; Courage for Everyday*) (Schorm)
- 1965 *Povídky z první republiky* (Krejčík); *Ztracena tvář* (*The Lost Face*) (Hobl)
- 1966 *Lidé z maringotek* (*People on Wheels*) (Frič); *Ostře sledované vlaky* (*Closely Watched Trains; Closely Observed Trains*) (Menzel) (as Councilor Zedníček); *Spadla s měsíce* (*The Girl from the Moon; Never Strike a Woman with a Flower*) (Podskalský)
- 1968 *Rozmarné léto* (*Capricious Summer*) (Menzel) (as Major Hugo); *Zločin v šantánu* (*Crime in a Night Club*) (Menzel) (as Minister of the Interior); *Farářův konec* (*End of a Priest*) (Schorm) (as Sexton); *Vsichni dobří rodáci* (*All My Good Countrymen*) (Jasný); *Skrivanci na niti* (*Larks on a String*) (Menzel) (as professor for literature)
- 1970 *Kam čert nemůže* (*Where the Devil Cannot Get; A Devilish Honeymoon*) (Podskalský)
- 1975 *Jacob der Lügner* (*Jacob the Liar*) (Beyer) (title role); *Tak laska Zacina* (Bocan)
- 1976 *At ziji duchove* (Lipsky); *Smrt nacerno* (Toman)
- 1977 *Talíře nad Velkým Malíkovem* (*Flying Saucers Coming!; Flying Saucers over Our Town*) (Jireš); *Zitř vstanu a oparím se čajem* (Polak)
- 1979 *Od zitrka necaruji* (Polak); *Poplach v oblacích* (Polak); *Tchan* (Mika)
- 1981 *Tajemný hrad v Karpatech* (*Mystery Castle in the Carpathians*) (Lipsky) (as Ignac)
- 1982 *Pocitani ovecek* (Kachyna)
- 1983 *A csoda vege* (Veszi)
- 1984 *Oci pro plac* (Mika)
- 1986 *Není sirotek jako sirotek* (Strnad)
- 1987 *Sasek a královna* (Chytilová) (as Vaclav); *Smích se lepí na paty* (Bocan); *Chobotnice Z II. Patra* (Polak) (as Grandfather Holan)
- 1992 *The Flying Sneaker* (Pojar) (as Dr. Renc); *Labyrinth* (Jireš)
- 1998 *V centru filmu—v teple domova* (*In the Center of Film—In the Warmth of Home*) (Janecek, Marek—for TV) (as Himself)
- 1999 *Zdravý nemocný Vlastimilený Brodský* (Havelka) (as Himself); *Návrat ztraceného ráje* (*Return to Paradise Lost*) (Jasny)

Publications

By BRODSKÝ: book—

Tidbits from a Soul Hock Shop (autobiography), 1995.

On BRODSKÝ: article—

Film a doba (Prague), no. 11, 1975.

Film a doba (Prague), July 1986.

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A multitalented actor who performs in the theater and on film, television, and radio, Vlastimil Brodský is closely linked with the entire postwar development of Czech filmmaking, in which he began to work after some stage experience following the end of World War II. He has made more than 90 films, in which he portrayed the most diverse human characters, good and evil, tragic and comic, within an extraordinary rich expressive range. Despite the universality of his characterizations, we can discern prevalent features of his acting. He imbues his characters with a deeply human quality, and has therefore become identified first and foremost with the unsentimental, average man, the everyday hero.

At the outset of his acting career Brodský appeared only as youthful characters in brief scenes. From the theater he brought to the screen fine diction and a particular gift for movement (originally he had wanted to be a dancer). His first great success came in 1953, when he performed in Martin Frič's *The Mystery of Blood*. Here for the first time he created the type of role that would assert itself in his work more and more strongly—a hero of everyday life. The critics were enthusiastic about his performance, but in the years that followed, the cinema was unable to offer him roles that matched the level of his talent. In 1958 he met the director Zdeněk Podskalský during their work on the film *Between Heaven and Earth*. Brodský conceived the story and also played the leading role, that of a pretty clerk who is given the courage to stand up to injustice only by the anticipation of impending death. Here Podskalský, a specialist in film humor, gives Brodský his first opportunity to use the comic side of his genius. Brodský went on to develop this talent in collaborations with Podskalský on subsequent films, including *Where the Devil Cannot Get*, *The Girl from the Moon*, *The White Lady*, and *Night at Karlštejn*.

Brodský's unique comedic talent has been put to good use by many directors in dozens of minor and major parts. But the best acting opportunities were offered to him by the directors of the Czech New Wave in the sixties—Vojtěch Jasný in *That Cat*, Evald Schorm in *Courage for Everyday* and *End of a Priest*, and Jiří Menzel in *Capricious Summer* and *Larks on a String*. These directors made it possible for Brodský to develop another talent, one that would eventually become predominant: the ability to express, under a veneer of seeming lightness, sadness caused by the external contrast between ideals and their realization in life and the irreversible flow of time. Brodský then applied the whole range of his mature acting in varying degrees in films—for the last time in *Too Noisy Solitude after Bohumil Hrabal*—on television, and in the theater, although he had already stopped appearing regularly on stage. In his inimitable

noblesse he tells us his experience as an actor, his life story, and his declaration of humanity in his autobiography, *Tidbits from a Soul Hock Shop*, published in 1995.

—Blažena Urgošiková

BRONSON, Charles

Nationality: American. **Born:** Charles Buchinsky in Ehrenfield, Pennsylvania, 3 November 1920 (some sources list 1921). **Education:** Attended Pasadena Community Playhouse school. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, 1943–45: gunner. **Family:** Married 1) Harriet Tendler, 1949 (divorced 1965); two children; 2) the actress Jill Ireland 1968 (died 1990), one daughter Zuleika and three stepchildren. **Career:** 1935—worked in coal mine in Pennsylvania; after World War II—studied art and joined Philadelphia Play and Players Troupe as set designer; 1947—began acting in and around New York; 1949—enrolled at Pasadena Community Playhouse; 1951—began playing small roles in Hollywood films; 1954—changed name to “Bronson”; 1958–60—in TV series *Man with a Camera*; 1963–64—in TV series *Empire* and *The Travels of Jamie McPheeters*; 1968—left Hollywood to make films in Europe; 1971–72—returned to acting in Hollywood films. **Address:** 3210 Retreat Court, Malibu, CA 90263. **Agent:** c/o Paul Kohner, Michael Levy Agency, 9169 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.



Charles Bronson (right) in *The Dirty Dozen*

Films as Actor:

(as Charles Buchinsky)

- 1951 *You're in the Navy Now* (U.S.S. Teakettle) (Hathaway) (as Wascylewski); *The People against O'Hara* (John Sturges) (as Angelo Korvac); *The Mob* (Remember That Face) (Parrish) (as Jack)
- 1952 *Red Skies of Montana* (Smoke Jumpers) (Joseph M. Newman) (as Neff); *My Six Convicts* (Fregonese) (as Jocko); *The Marrying Kind* (Cukor) (as Eddie); *Pat and Mike* (Cukor) (as Hank Tasling); *Diplomatic Courier* (Hathaway) (as Bronson); *Bloodhounds of Broadway* (Harmon Jones)
- 1953 *House of Wax* (de Toth) (as Igor); *Miss Sadie Thompson* (Bernhardt) (as Pvt. Edwards); *The Clown* (Leonard) (as Eddie)
- 1954 *Crime Wave* (The City Is Dark) (de Toth) (as Hastings); *Tennessee Champ* (Wilcox) (as Sixty Jubel); *Riding Shotgun* (de Toth) (as Pinto); *Apache* (Aldrich) (as Hondo); *Vera Cruz* (Aldrich) (as Pittsburgh)

(as Charles Bronson)

- 1954 *Drum Beat* (Daves) (as Capt. Jack)
- 1955 *Big House, U.S.A.* (Koch) (as Benny Kelly); *Target Zero* (Harmon Jones) (as Sgt. Vince Gaspari)
- 1956 *Jubal* (Daves) (as Reb Haislipp)
- 1957 *Run of the Arrow* (Hot Lead) (Fuller) (as Blue Buffalo)
- 1958 *Machine Gun Kelly* (Corman) (title role); *Gang War* (Fowler Jr.) (as Alan Avery); *Showdown at Boot Hill* (Fowler Jr.) (as Luke Welsh); *When Hell Broke Loose* (Crane) (as Steve Boland); *Ten North Frederick* (Dunne)
- 1959 *Never So Few* (John Sturges) (as Sgt. John Danforth)
- 1960 *The Magnificent Seven* (John Sturges) (as O'Reilly)
- 1961 *Master of the World* (Winney) (as Strock); *A Thunder of Drums* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Trooper Hanna); *X-15* (Richard Donner) (as Lt. Col. Lee Brandon)
- 1962 *This Rugged Land* (Hiller); *Kid Galahad* (Karlson) (as Lew Nyack); *The Meanest Men in the West* (Fuller) (as Harge Talbot Jr.)
- 1963 *The Great Escape* (John Sturges) (as Danny Velinski); *Four for Texas* (Aldrich) (as Matson)
- 1964 *Guns of Diablo* (Sagal) (as Linc Murdock)
- 1965 *The Sandpiper* (Minnelli) (as Cos Erickson); *Battle of the Bulge* (Annakin) (as Major Wolenski)
- 1966 *This Property Is Condemned* (Pollack) (as J. J. Nichols)
- 1967 *The Dirty Dozen* (Aldrich) (as Joseph Wladislaw); *La Bataille de San Sébastien* (Guns for San Sebastian) (Verneuil) (as Teclo)
- 1968 *Adieu l'ami* (Farewell Friend; *Honor among Thieves*) (Herman) (as Franz Propp); *Villa Rides* (Kulik) (as Fierro); *C'era una volta il West* (Once upon a Time in the West) (Leone) (as the Man "Harmonica")
- 1969 *Twinky* (Lola) (Richard Donner) (as Scott Wardman); *Le Passager de la pluie* (Rider on the Rain) (Clément) (as Col. Harry Dobbs)
- 1970 *You Can't Win 'em All* (Collinson) (as Josh Corey); *Città violenta* (Violent City; *The Family*) (Solima) (as Jeff)
- 1971 *Soleil rouge* (Red Sun) (Terence Young) (as Link); *Quelqu'un derrière la porte* (Two Minds for Murder; *Someone behind*

- the Door*) (Gessner) (as the stranger); *Chato's Land* (Winner) (as Chato); *L'uomo dalle due ombre* (De la part des copains; *Cold Sweat*) (Terence Young) (as Joe Martin)
- 1972 *The Valachi Papers* (Joe Valachi: I segreti di Cosa Nostra) (Terence Young) (as Joseph Valachi); *The Mechanic* (Winner) (as Arthur Bishop)
- 1973 *The Stone Killer* (Winner) (as Det. Lou Torrey); *Valdez il mezzosauque* (The Valdez Horses; *Valdez, the Halfbreed; Chino*) (John Sturges and Coletti) (as Chino Valdez)
- 1974 *Mr. Majestyk* (Fleischer) (title role); *Death Wish* (Winner) (as Paul Kersey)
- 1975 *Breakout* (Gries) (as Nick Colton); *Hard Times* (The Streetfighter) (Walter Hill) (as Chaney); *Breakheart Pass* (Gries) (as John Deakin)
- 1976 *From Noon Till Three* (Gilroy) (as Graham Dorsey); *St. Ives* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Raymond St. Ives)
- 1977 *Raid on Entebbe* (Kershner—for TV) (as General Dan Shomron); *Telefon* (Siegel) (as Grigori Borzov); *The White Buffalo* (Hunt to Kill) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Wild Bill Hickok/James Otis)
- 1978 *Love and Bullets* (Rosenberg) (as Charlie Congers)
- 1979 *Caboblanco* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Giff Hoyt)
- 1980 *Borderline* (Freedman) (as Jeb Maynard)
- 1981 *Death Hunt* (Hunt) (as Johnson); *Death Wish II* (Winner) (as Paul Kersey)
- 1982 *10 to Midnight* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Leo Kessler)
- 1984 *The Evil that Men Do* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Holland)
- 1985 *Death Wish III* (Winner) (as Paul Kersey)
- 1986 *Murphy's Law* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Jack Murphy); *Act of Vengeance* (Mackenzie—for TV) (as Jock Yablonski)
- 1987 *Assassination* (Hunt) (as Jay Killian); *Death Wish IV: The Crackdown* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Paul Kersey); *Wild West* (compilation)
- 1988 *Messenger of Death* (Avenging Angels) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Garrett Smith)
- 1989 *Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Lt. Crowe); *Act of Vengeance . . . A True Story* (Mackenzie—for TV)
- 1991 *The Indian Runner* (Sean Penn) (as Father); *Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus* (Jarrott—for TV) (as Francis Church)
- 1993 *The Sea Wolf* (Michael Anderson—for TV) (as Capt. Wolf Larsen); *Donato and Daughter* (Holcomb—for TV) (as Sgt. Mike Donato)
- 1994 *Death Wish V: The Face of Death* (Goldstein) (as Paul Kersey)
- 1995 *Family of Cops* (Kotcheff—for TV) (as Paul Fein)
- 1997 *Breach of Faith: Family of Cops II* (Green—for TV) (as Paul Fein)
- 1999 *Family of Cops III* (Larry—for TV) (as Paul Fein)

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The French call Charles Bronson “the sacred monster.” That quality and the characteristics suggested by the “man of few words” and “man of action” are the main reasons Bronson became one of the “big three” of film macho-men of the 1970s. He is often compared with Clint Eastwood or Burt Reynolds, but Bronson’s masculinity is unglamorized, distant, and often brutal in a fashion that previously had not been particularly successful with American audiences until Eastwood himself paved the way with his series of Sergio Leone revenge Westerns in the 1960s. Unlike Eastwood, Bronson had appeared in major roles in many Hollywood films by then, but his ascendancy to stardom, like Eastwood’s, evolved in Europe.

Burt Reynolds has said of Bronson that there is an “undercurrent of danger” in his characterizations. The subtle explosiveness is the element of his acting style that is most exploited in his major roles in Europe. The first real example is Sergio Leone’s *Once upon a Time in the West* in which Bronson plays a ruthless gunfighter seeking revenge. The vengeance scenario has in fact always been the ideal one for Bronson’s volatile and seemingly ruthless personality on screen—most notably in the series of *Death Wish* films he made after his stardom in Europe transitioned to America. For the director Michael Winner, Bronson brought these qualities to his portrayal of a betrayed hitman in *The Mechanic* and to that of a Mafia driver whose past becomes a threat to him in *Cold Sweat*. In both films Bronson’s character at first glimpse seems to be resigned and calm, but ultimately he explodes violently against those who threaten him. Early on in his career, he satirized his already evolving tough-guy screen image as the outwardly macho but inwardly gutless real-life title character in Roger Corman’s *Machine Gun Kelly*.

Bronson began in films in 1951, billing himself under his real name, Charles Buchinsky, until 1954 in the Western *Drum Beat* opposite Alan Ladd. From the beginning, his rugged persona lent

itself mostly to action films, gangster films and Westerns, in which he was often cast as an Indian or Mexican. He specialized in action films, except for occasional anomalies such as the 3-D horror thriller *House of Wax*, the torrid *Miss Sadie Thompson*, and the Red Skelton comedy-tearjerker, *The Clown*.

The action films in which Bronson has appeared in America are far less cynical than his European films, and he benefited from working with some of the great masters of the action genre: John Sturges in *The Magnificent Seven* and *The Great Escape*; Robert Aldrich in *Apache*, *Vera Cruz*, *Four for Texas*, and *The Dirty Dozen*; and Don Siegel in *Telefon*. His greatest commercial success in America has been *Death Wish*, in which he plays an unassuming architect who becomes an obsessed urban vigilante after his wife and daughter are brutalized by street punks. The film was followed by four sequels. His virtually nonstop activity as a major screen tough guy slacked off a bit following the death of his wife Jill Ireland, with whom he often co-starred; he has appeared in only two big screen films since—Sean Penn’s *The Indian Runner*, and the latest (to date) installment in the long-running *Death Wish* series, titled *Death Wish V: The Face of Death*. In 1986, he had a memorable turn as the murdered United Mine Workers official Jock Yablonski in the made-for-cable docudrama *Act of Vengeance*, one of Bronson’s few forays into television since his own, now almost forgotten, TV series *Man with a Camera* disappeared from the airwaves in the 1950s.

Although in the past the Bronson persona has always seemed to work best in roles in which he plays the bad guy or the madman, a degree of variation has been involved in some of his more recent films, such as the offbeat Frank D. Gilroy Western *From Noon Till Three*, in which Bronson again kidded his image, and *10 to Midnight*, where he played a police detective who, to get his man, uses the same means as the psycho he is tracking—in “the name of the law.” The role seemed to marry the role of the brutal man of action which made him a star in Europe to that of the righteous avenger, which made him a star in America.

—Rob Winning, updated by John McCarty

BROOKS, Mel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Melvin Kaminsky in Brooklyn, New York, 28 June 1926. **Education:** Attended Virginia Military Institute, 1944, and Brooklyn College. **Family:** Married 1) Florence Baum (divorced), one son, two daughters; 2) the actress Anne Bancroft, one son. **Career:** 1944–46—combat engineer, U.S. Army; late 1940s—jazz drummer, stand-up comedian, and social director, Grossinger’s resorts; 1950–58—writer and occasional performer for Sid Caesar’s TV show; 1963—conceived, wrote, and narrated cartoon short *The Critic*; 1965—co-creator (with Buck Henry) of *Get Smart* TV show (ran 1965–69); 1968—directed first feature, *The Producers*; 1975—creator and producer of TV series *When Things Were Rotten*; 1980—founder, Brookfilms. **Awards:** Academy Award for Best Short Subject, for *The Critic*, 1963; Academy Award for Best Story and Screenplay, and Writers Guild Award for Best Written Screenplay,



Mel Brooks (center) with Harvey Korman in *Blazing Saddles*

for *The Producers*, 1969; American Comedy Awards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1987. **Address:** 2301 La Mesa, Santa Monica, CA 90405, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Putney Swope* (Downey) (as Mr. Forget It)
- 1979 *The Muppet Movie* (Frawley) (as Professor Max Krassman)
- 1983 *To Be or Not to Be* (Alan Johnson) (as Frederick Bronski, + pr, co-sc)
- 1990 *Look Who's Talking, Too!* (Heckerling) (as voice of Mr. Toilet Man)
- 1994 *Il silenzio dei prosciutti* (*The Silence of the Hams*) (Greggio); *The Little Rascals* (Spheeris) (as Mr. Welling)
- 1997 *I Am Your Child* (Rob Reiner—for TV) (as himself)
- 1998 *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner) (as voice)

Films as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

- 1963 *The Critic* (animated) (as narrator)
- 1968 *The Producers* (as narrator)

- 1970 *The Twelve Chairs* (as Tikon, + mus)
- 1974 *Blazing Saddles* (as Governor Lepetomane/Indian Chief, co-sc, + mus); *Young Frankenstein* (*Frankenstein Jr.*) (co-sc)
- 1976 *Silent Movie* (as Mel Funn, co-sc)
- 1977 *High Anxiety* (as Dr. Richard Thorndyke, co-sc, + pr, mus)
- 1981 *History of the World, Part I* (as Moses/Comicus/Torquemada/Jacques/King Louis XVI, co-sc, + pr, mus)
- 1987 *Spaceballs* (as President Skroob/Yogurt, co-sc, + pr)
- 1991 *Life Stinks!* (as Goddard Bolt, co-sc, + pr)
- 1993 *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* (as Rabbi Tuckman, co-sc, + pr)
- 1995 *Dracula: Dead and Loving It* (as Dr. Abraham Van Helsing, co-sc, + pr)
- 1999 *Svitati* (Greggio) (as Jake Gordon, co-sc)

Films as Executive Producer:

- 1980 *The Elephant Man* (David Lynch)
- 1985 *The Doctor and the Devils* (Francis)
- 1986 *The Fly* (Cronenberg); *Solarbabies* (Johnson)
- 1987 *84 Charing Cross Road* (David Jones)
- 1992 *The Vagrant* (Walas)

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Mel Brooks has said that the funniest man in the world is Harry Ritz of The Ritz Brothers, the successful sibling comic act of the 1930s and 1940s. Harry and his brothers had a Catskill Mountain style of Jewish humor, the basis of which is snappy patter, quick and graceful moves, funny faces, and meticulous comic timing. For the past 25 years, Brooks has been trying to fit Harry Ritz’s comedy style into his own film acting roles. As a young man in the 1940s he worked as a stand-up comic in the Borscht Belt, and it was there that he fine-tuned his comic delivery.

Brooks’s first major film role came in his production of the Russian story *The Twelve Chairs*. He plays Tikon, an elderly janitor at an old-age home which used to be the wealthy mansion of a nobleman for whom he was manservant. Tikon appears only at the start of the film, and is on screen for a relatively short time. But Tikon becomes a star turn for Brooks, as he is given the chance to play a wildly funny drunk.

Brooks’s next acting job came in *Blazing Saddles*, in which he cast himself in two roles: Governor Lepetomane and an Indian Chief, both of which are parodies rather than full-fledged characterizations. One of the biggest laughs in a film crammed with belly laughs comes when the Chief suddenly starts talking Yiddish. It is not so much Brooks’s acting ability as it is his comic timing and the surprise gag that leave audiences teary-eyed with delight. In later endeavors, perhaps because many in his audience did not understand the source of the humor, Brooks stopped emphasizing comedy that relies on a Jewish ethnic identity and pursued more mainstream themes.

In *Silent Movie* he plays a has-been director. Since the movie actually is almost completely without dialog, Brooks gives a more physically expressive performance than usual, but the part is more silly than artful. *High Anxiety*, a spoof of Alfred Hitchcock’s thrillers, saw him as a Harvard professor/psychiatrist, suffering from a fear of heights, who is invited to be Director of The Psycho-Neurotic Institute for the Very, Very Nervous. As in his previous roles, Brooks presents a skillful, polished—though at times manic—comic performance.

Two performances stand out for Brooks, the screen actor. The first is his starring part as famed Polish stage star Frederick Bronski in his remake of Ernst Lubitsch’s black comedy *To Be or Not To Be*. In this satire about a group of Warsaw thespians facing Nazi extermination at the beginning of World War II, Brooks plays the first full-bodied role of his career. Bronski first appears singing and dancing a hilarious Polish-language version of “Sweet Georgia Brown” with Anne Bancroft, playing his wife and partner Anna Bronski. The duet is a milestone in movie comedy, the sort of clip one might choose to take to a desert island. But the character of Bronski does more than sing and dance. Brooks is called upon to show Bronski as a man who tries to be brave and funny while in danger of losing his house, his theater, the lives of his colleagues and wife, and his own life. Brooks also

spends much of the film as Bronski posing as other characters, particularly a bearded Nazi-scientist who has an eye for his wife. Brooks has scenes where he expresses fear and sadness very convincingly, although the script is structured so that each of these emotional moments is followed by a comical line. A final note about Brooks in *To Be or Not to Be*: He is the first and only comedy actor to play Hamlet and Hitler in the same film!

The second fully developed Brooks character appears in *Life Stinks!*, an otherwise disappointing attempt at a comedy involving the lives of homeless people. In what might be deemed Brooks's least funny film, he gives his most serious, naturalistic performance to date. He is Goddard Bolt, a heartless billionaire who agrees to live without money (or wig) for 30 days in a Los Angeles slum area in order to win a lucrative bet. On the streets for a couple of days, lacking food and shelter, he adopts more humane values and concerns. The film is slower-paced than his previous works, allowing Brooks to offer a more thoughtful and sensitive portrayal.

Many comedians—Jerry Lewis, Charlie Chaplin, Milton Berle, Bert Lahr, and Danny Kaye are just a few—have given outstanding dramatic performances on stage, screen and television. Now that Mel Brooks, master of comedy, has disclosed a talent for portraying man's serious side, perhaps he will execute a straight dramatic characterization in the future.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

BROSANAN, Pierce

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Navan, County Meath, Ireland, 16 May 1953; moved to London, 1964. **Education:** Left school at age fifteen; attended London Drama Centre. **Family:** Married 1) Cassandra Harris, 1977 (died 1991), one son, Sean, two stepchildren, Charlotte and Christopher; 2) long-term partner Keely Shaye Smith, 22 September 1999, one son, Dylan Thomas. **Career:** Worked for a time as a fire-eater and then a commercial artist; stage debut, 1976; role in ABC-TV mini-series, *The Manions of America*, 1981; title role in *Remington Steele* TV series (1982–1987); environmental campaigner for International Fund for Animal Welfare since 1980s; set up production company, Irish Dream Time, 1998. **Awards:** Saturn Award for Best Actor, Academy of Science Fiction, Horror, and Fantasy Films (U.S.A.), for *Tomorrow Never Dies*, 1998. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverley Hills, CA 90212, USA.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (uncredited); *The Long Good Friday* (Mackenzie) (as First Irishman)
- 1986 *Nomads* (McTiernan) (as Jean Charles Pommier)
- 1987 *The Fourth Protocol* (Mackenzie) (as Valeri Petrofsky)
- 1988 *Taffin* (Megahy) (as Mark Taffin); *The Deceivers* (Meyer) (as William Savage)



Pierce Brosnan

- 1989 *The Heist* (Orme—for TV) (as Neil Skinner)
- 1991 *Mister Johnson* (Beresford) (as Harry Rudbeck); *Murder 101* (Condon—for TV) (as Charles Lattimore); *Victim of Love* (London—for TV) (as Paul Tomlinson)
- 1992 *The Lawnmower Man* (Stephen King's *The Lawnmower Man*) (Leonard) (as Doctor Lawrence Angelo); *Live Wire* (Dugnay) (as Danny O'Neill)
- 1993 *Mrs. Doubtfire* (Columbus) (as Stuart Dunmeyer); *Entangled* (*Les Veufs*) (Fischer) (as Garavan); *Death Train* (Alistair MacLean's *Death Train*; *Detonator*) (Jackson—for TV) (as Mike Graham); *The Broken Chain* (Johnson—for TV) (as Sir William Johnson)
- 1994 *Dangerous Pursuit* (—for TV); *Don't Talk to Strangers* (Lewis—for TV) (as Patrick Brody); *Love Affair* (Caron) (as Ken Allen)
- 1995 *GoldenEye* (Campbell) (as James Bond); *Night Watch* (Alistair MacLean's *Night Watch*; *Detonator 2: Night Watch*) (Jackson—for TV) (as Mike Graham); *Robinson Crusoe* (Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*) (Hardy, Miller) (as Robinson Crusoe)
- 1996 *The Disappearance of Kevin Johnson* (Megahy) (as himself); *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (Streisand) (as Alex); *Mars Attacks!* (Burton) (as Donald Kessler)
- 1997 *Dante's Peak* (Donaldson) (as Harry Dalton); *Tomorrow Never Dies* (Spottiswoode) (as James Bond)
- 1998 *Quest for Camelot* (*The Magic Sword: Quest for Camelot*) (du Chau) (as voice of King Arthur); *The Nephew* (Brady) (as Joe Brady + pr)

- 1999 *The World is Not Enough* (Pressure Point) (Apted) (as James Bond); *The Thomas Crown Affair* (McTiernan) (as Thomas Crown + pr); *The Match (The Beautiful Game)* (Davis) (as John MacGhee + pr); *Grey Owl* (Attenborough) (as Archibald Belaney/Grey Owl)
- 2000 *Dolphins* (Freeman) (narrator); *The Tailor of Panama* (Boorman) (as Andy Osnard)

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Now best known in the role of James Bond, the playboy secret agent, Pierce Brosnan began his showbusiness career as a fire-eater before establishing himself in the 1970s as a stage actor in London. In the 1980s and 1990s, he built a career as a tough but dignified leading man, inheriting the role of Bond from Timothy Dalton in 1995, and becoming the fifth actor to play the spy in the long-running series. He has so far appeared three times as Commander Bond, and has been the key to a revival of interest in the films.

Born in Ireland, but raised from the age of eleven in London, Brosnan's early childhood was a troubled one. His father left the family when Pierce was a year old—the two were reunited in 1986—and when his mother went to London to train as a nurse, the child stayed in Ireland with his grandparents. Brosnan joined his mother in London in 1964, but left school at the earliest opportunity, aged fifteen. It was while working as a commercial artist in Harrods department store that he became interested in acting, and gave up work to enroll as a student at the London Drama Centre. Brosnan had some success as a stage actor, but it was in 1981, with the ABC mini-series *The Manions of America*, that his career began to take off.

Playing the lead, Rory O'Manion, Brosnan was noticed by the producers of the detective series *Remington Steele*. With the encouragement of his wife, Cassandra Harris, who was a “Bond Girl” in *For Your Eyes Only*, the family moved to Los Angeles from London in 1982.

Taking the title role in the highly popular TV series *Remington Steele*, Brosnan became well known as the suave bachelor detective. Talking to Rosemary Ellis in 1984, he complained of being overlooked by casting directors who saw only the sophisticated smoothness of the character, and thought he must be a model rather than an actor. The similarities between Steele and Bond are obvious, and it was because of the success of *Remington Steele* that, in 1985, he was invited to replace Roger Moore as agent 007. Brosnan was keen to take up the offer, but contractual difficulties over leaving *Remington Steele* stood in his way, preventing him from making his anticipated break into film.

In the years that followed, Brosnan worked mostly on mediocre cable-TV film thrillers, and mini-series, although his performance as the Russian masterspy Valeri Petrofsky in a Michael Caine vehicle, *The Fourth Protocol*, was well received. Somewhat against form was a supporting role in the Robin Williams comedy *Mrs. Doubtfire* that marked an upturn in a career that seemed stuck in repetitive, though lucrative, action flicks. Two years later, when a new actor was needed for the role of Bond, Brosnan's wit and studied elegance again impressed producers, making him a popular choice. The three films in which he has appeared as Bond have been the most successful in the thirty-year history of the series, with the most recent, *The World is Not Enough*, also grossing more than any other film made by the studio, MGM.

Brosnan's second success of 1999 was *The Thomas Crown Affair*, a remake of the 1968 film of the same name starring Steve McQueen in the lead role. With Brosnan playing Thomas Crown, a billionaire businessman who turns to crime to relieve his boredom, and Rene Russo as the insurance investigator who pursues him, the later version updates the slick style of the earlier film, substituting the theft of a priceless Monet painting for the bank robbery of the original. As a result, Crown's motivation for committing the crime becomes more complex: only by stealing something beyond value can he escape the world of money with which he has become dissatisfied.

Since *GoldenEye*, Brosnan has become one of the most bankable actors in Hollywood. The average gross of the twenty-one films in which he stars tops \$40 million, while *The World is Not Enough* came in at a whisker under the magic \$100 million. Yet perhaps because of his own background he remains a devoted father and family man. Although he has often spoken candidly about the intensity of his relationship with his first wife, who died of cancer in 1991, he has managed also to keep his private life separate from his life as a celebrity.

While Bond seems likely to be the role for which he is best remembered as an actor, Brosnan has also devoted a good deal of his time to campaigning for environmental causes and fundraising for cancer research. Since the 1980s he has worked to protect ocean habitat, and in particular whales and dolphins, from exploitation, and with his second wife, environmental journalist Keely Shaye-Smith, is involved with the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Several of his recent film projects have an environmental theme. Richard Attenborough's less than impressive *Grey Owl* tells the true story of an English settler and conservationist who passed himself off as a Native American in the 1930s, and in 2000, Brosnan narrated

Dolphins, an IMAX film which highlights environmental threats to dolphins and other sea creatures.

—Chris Routledge

BRYNNER, Yul

Nationality: Swiss. **Born:** Taidje Kahn on Sakhalin Island, 12 July 1915; became citizen of Switzerland, late 1960s. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Virginia Gilmore, 1944 (divorced 1960), son: Yul Brynner II; 2) Doris Kleiner, 1960 (divorced), daughter: Victoria; 3) Jacqueline de Croisset, 1972, two daughters. **Career:** 1940—came to U.S. with actor Michael Chekhov's Shakespeare company; 1942—recruited by U.S. Office of War information as radio commentator in French; 1946—Broadway debut in *Lute Song*; late 1940s—began directing for CBS-TV on series *Danger* and *Studio One*; 1949—film acting debut in *Port of New York*; 1950—director, *Life with Snarky Parker*, children's television puppet show; 1951—critical and popular attention for role of King of Siam in *The King and I* on Broadway, and in film version, 1956; 1956—formed Alcione Productions; 1958—formed Alby Productions with Anatole Litvak; 1959–62—narrated documentaries for United Nations on refugee children; late 1960s—moved to Switzerland; 1972—in U.S. TV series *The King and I*; 1972—returned to acting in Hollywood films; 1975—returned to Broadway in unsuccessful *Home Sweet Homer* 1977—in successful revival of *The King and I* on Broadway; 1981–85—on tour in



Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr in *The King and I*

revival of *The King and I*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *The King and I*, 1956. **Died:** 10 October 1985.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *Port of New York* (Benedek)
- 1956 *The King and I* (Walter Lang); *The Ten Commandments* (DeMille); *Anastasia* (Litvak)
- 1958 *The Brothers Karamazov* (Brooks); *The Buccaneer* (Quinn)
- 1959 *The Journey* (Litvak); *The Sound and the Fury* (Ritt); *Solomon and Sheba* (King Vidor); *Le Testament d'Orphée* (*The Testament of Orpheus*) (Cocteau); *Mission to No Man's Land* (Pessis) (as narrator)
- 1960 *Once More, with Feeling!* (Donen); *Profile of a Miracle* (as narrator); *Surprise Package* (Donen); *The Magnificent Seven* (John Sturges)
- 1961 *Goodbye Again* (*Aimez-vous Brahms?*) (Litvak); *My Friend Nicholas* (Raymond) (as narrator)
- 1962 *Escape from Zahrain* (Neame); *Taras Balba* (Thompson); *Man Is to Man . . .* (Wright) (as narrator)
- 1963 *Kings of the Sun* (Thompson)
- 1964 *Flight from Ashiya* (Anderson); *Invitation to a Gunfighter* (Wilson)
- 1965 *Morituri* (*The Saboteur Code Name "Morituri"*) (Wicki)
- 1966 *Paris brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément); *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson); *Return of the Seven* (Kennedy); *Danger Grows Wild* (*The Poppy Is Also a Flower*) (Young); *Triple Cross* (Young)
- 1967 *The Long Duel* (Annakin); *The Double Man* (Schaffner)
- 1968 *Villa Rides* (Kulik)
- 1969 *Bitka na Neretvi* (*The Battle of Neretva*) (Bulajic); *The File of the Golden Goose* (Wanamaker); *The Magic Christian* (McGrath); *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes)
- 1970 *Indio Black, sai che ti dico: sei un gran figlio di . . .* (*Adios Sabata; The Bounty Hunters*) (Frank Kramer, i.e. Gianfranco Parolini)
- 1971 *Romance of a Horsethief* (Polonsky); *Catlow* (Wanamaker); *La Luz del fin del mundo* (*The Light at the Edge of the World*) (Billington)
- 1972 *The Picasso Summer* (Salin); *Fuzz* (Colla)
- 1973 *Le Serpent* (*Night Flight from Moscow*) (Verneuil); *Westworld* (Crichton)
- 1975 *The Ultimate Warrior* (Clouse)
- 1976 *Futureworld* (Heffron); *Con la rabbia agli occhi* (*Death Rage; Anger in His Eyes*) (Anthony Dawson, i.e. Antonio Margheriti)

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Yul Brynner’s trademark—his baldness—was obviously the actor’s most identifiable feature. On a deeper level, his bald pate signified the type he has played in films and on stage through most of his career. His image—exotic, often sinister, and foreign, yet virile, masculine, and authoritative—was undeniably linked to his physique, his Eurasian facial features, but most especially his bald head.

Early in his career, most of the publicity surrounding Brynner centered on his baldness. During the production of his early films such as *The Ten Commandments* and *The King and I*, articles in popular magazines were quick to equate his baldness with sexual attractiveness. A career article in *Newsweek*, for example, quoted several female fans at length on the subject of Brynner’s appearance. One declared him to be “ugly magnetic” while another thought him “the most attractive man alive even if he grew grass on his head.” Interestingly, in publicity for later films in which Brynner often donned hairpieces, attention was still directed to his baldness, as photography sessions were arranged by the studios to record the fitting of various wigs.

Brynner had originally shaved his head for his part as the King of Siam in the stage production of *The King and I*, a role which both made him a star and first presented him as exotic and erotic. Screen roles such as the Pharaoh in *The Ten Commandments*, the King in the filmed version of *The King and I*, and Jean Lafitte in *The Buccaneer*, reinforced this image—an image in stark contrast to that of other box office stars of the 1950s, including John Wayne, Rock Hudson, Jimmy Stewart, and Alan Ladd, who were masculine, yet distinctly American, and were rarely presented in such a sinister or seemingly negative manner.

Brynner himself added to the exotic aspects of his image by inventing several versions of his childhood for various publications. He declared himself to be either a gypsy or the illegitimate son of a gypsy and a wealthy Russian. Often he stated that he studied

philosophy at the Sorbonne in Paris, alternating this story with those about working as a gypsy singer in Parisian night spots or as a trapeze artist in a circus.

The peak of his film career was perhaps his role as the black-clad leader of a gang of cutthroats and outlaws in John Sturges’s *The Magnificent Seven*. The film emphasized his authoritarian air, while playing down his more exotic side, depicting him as “the gun-fighter,” an outsider who by the nature of his profession can never be civilized. Brynner would reprise this character type again in later Westerns including *Invitation to a Gunfighter*, *Return of the Seven* (a sequel to *The Magnificent Seven*), *Indio Black*, and *Westworld*.

Unfortunately, by the late 1960s too many roles with too little variation had him hopelessly stereotyped as foreign heads of state or doomed gunfighters. In 1968 *Variety* actually listed him as a liability to producers because his films were consistent financial and critical flops. A move to Switzerland and roles in several European films did little to change his box office status. His most outrageous role, and one that purposely played against his image, was a cameo as a transvestite in *The Magic Christian*.

Brynner died of lung cancer in 1985. His last “performance” was by far his most dramatic and perhaps his most courageous. Shortly before his death, Brynner filmed a public service announcement for the American Cancer Society in which he warned viewers about the dangers of cigarette smoking. Brynner makes clear to the audience in his monologue that by the time they see the commercial, he will already have died from the result of smoking. It was a truly memorable exit from a dynamic film star who had always shrouded himself in drama and mystery.

—Susan M. Doll

BUCHANAN, Jack

Nationality: British. **Born:** Helensburgh, Scotland, 2 April 1890.

Education: Larchfield School, Helensburgh; Glasgow Academy.

Family: Married 1) Saffro Arnau, 1915; 2) Suzie Bussett, 1949.

Career: Amateur stage appearances while an office worker; 1911—professional debut in variety theater; 1915–17—toured in successful play *Tonight’s the Night*; 1917—film debut in *Auld Lang Syne*; 1921—critical and popular acclaim for role in Charlot’s A–Z musical revue in London; later on Broadway; 1920s—series of leading roles in minor British films; 1929–30—appeared in a few Hollywood films; 1931—built Leicester Square Theatre in London; 1932—directed (with Herbert Wilcox) first film, *Yes Mr. Brown*; late 1930s—began producing his own films; entertained troops during World War II; 1953—sagging career restored by role in Minnelli’s *The Band Wagon*. **Died:** In London, 21 October 1957.

Films as Actor:

1917 *Auld Lang Syne* (Morgan) (as Vane)

1919 *Her Heritage* (Merwin) (as Bob Hales)

1923 *The Audacious Mr. Squire* (Greenwood) (as Tom Squire)



Jack Buchanan (right) with Fred Astaire and Nanette Fabray in *The Band Wagon*

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| <p>1924 <i>The Happy Ending</i> (Cooper) (as Capt. Dale Conway)</p> <p>1925 <i>Settled Out of Court</i> (<i>Evidence Enclosed</i>) (Cooper) (as husband); <i>Stage Stars Off Screen</i> (short); <i>A Typical Budget</i> (Brunel—short); <i>Bulldog Drummond's Third Round</i> (Morgan) (as Capt. Hugh Drummond)</p> <p>1927 <i>Confetti</i> (Cutts) (as Count Andrea Zorro)</p> <p>1928 <i>Toni</i> (Maude) (as Toni Marr/Marini)</p> <p>1929 <i>Paris</i> (Badger) (as Guy Pennell); <i>Show of Shows</i> (Adolfi)</p> <p>1930 <i>Monte Carlo</i> (Lubitsch) (as Count Rudolph Fallière); <i>The Glee Quartette</i> (short)</p> <p>1931 <i>The Invisible Enemy</i> (charity appeal short); <i>Man of Mayfair</i> (Mercanton) (as Lord William)</p> <p>1932 <i>Goodnight Vienna</i> (<i>Magic Night</i>) (Wilcox) (as Capt. Max Schlettof); <i>Yes Mr. Brown</i> (<i>Geschaft nit Amerika</i>) (as Nicholas Baumann, + co-d with Herbert Wilcox); <i>That's a Good Girl</i> (as Jack Barrow, + d, co-sc)</p> <p>1935 <i>Brewster's Millions</i> (Freeland) (as Jack Brewster); <i>Come Out of the Pantry</i> (Raymond) (as Lord Robert Brent)</p> <p>1936 <i>When Knights Were Bold</i> (Raymond) (as Sir Guy de Vere); <i>This'll Make You Whistle</i> (Wilcox) (as Bill Hopping); <i>Limelight</i> (<i>Backstage</i>) (Wilcox) (as himself)</p> | <p>1937 <i>Smash and Grab</i> (Whelan) (as Jack Forrest, + pr); <i>The Sky's the Limit</i> (as Dave Harber, + co-d with Lee Garmes, pr)</p> <p>1938 <i>Cavalcade of Stars</i> (short); <i>Break the News</i> (<i>Le Mort en fuite</i>) (Clair) (as Teddy Fenton, + pr)</p> <p>1939 <i>The Middle Watch</i> (Bentley) (as Capt. Maitland); <i>The Gang's All Here</i> (<i>The Amazing Mr. Forrest</i>) (Freeland) (as Forrest, + co-pr)</p> <p>1940 <i>Bulldog Sees It Through</i> (Huth) (as Bill Watson)</p> <p>1944 <i>Some Like It Rough</i> (short) (as narrator)</p> <p>1951 <i>A Boy and a Bike</i> (short)</p> <p>1952 <i>Giselle</i> (short) (as narrator)</p> <p>1953 <i>The Band Wagon</i> (Minnelli) (as Jeffrey Cordova)</p> <p>1955 <i>As Long as They're Happy</i> (Thompson) (as John Bentley); <i>Josephine and Men</i> (Boulting) (as Charles Luton)</p> <p>1956 <i>The French They Are a Funny Race</i> (<i>The Diary of Major Thompson</i>) (Preston Sturges)</p> <p>Other Films:</p> <p>1938 <i>Sweet Devil</i> (<i>Quelle drôle de gosse</i>) (Guissart) (pr only)</p> <p>1943 <i>Happidrome</i> (Brandon) (co-pr only)</p> |
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Jack Buchanan typified the suave, debonair (almost bland) English gentleman of stage and screen; he could sing and dance hardly more than adequately, but there was something about his personality (“something about you that’s different,” as one of his songs put it) that was very charming and attractive. Usually attired in top hat and tails, Buchanan was hailed by many critics as the British Fred Astaire, and although his dancing style was far more simplistic than Astaire’s, Buchanan did possess the same relaxed manner.

Buchanan made his film debut as a leading man in the silent era; the films were all second-rate, and Buchanan was hopelessly miscast in them. He made his debut in “talkies” in America in leading roles opposite Irene Bordoni in *Paris* and Jeanette MacDonald in *Monte Carlo*. Somehow he lacked the natural charm of MacDonald’s other leading man from this period, Maurice Chevalier; he returned to England to continue his film career there. (Interestingly Buchanan and Chevalier were later co-starred in one film, René Clair’s *Break the News*.)

In England Buchanan’s leading ladies included the American Fay Wray (*When Knights Were Bold*) and the French-born American star Lili Damita (*Brewster’s Millions*). His best British films, however, are those with Anna Neagle and Elsie Randolph; both ladies possessed just the right middle-class quality to complement Buchanan’s aristocratic air. *Goodnight Vienna/Magic Night* is probably his best film with Neagle, in which he charmingly sings the title song to her over the telephone, while *This’ll Make You Whistle*, his best work with Randolph, introduces the delightful “I’m in a Dancing Mood.”

The Buchanan charm was still apparent, despite the ravages of age and cancer, in his return-to-Hollywood feature, *The Band Wagon*. It was missing from his last film, Preston Sturges’s depressingly unfunny *The French They Are a Funny Race*.

—Anthony Slide

BUCHHOLZ, Horst

Nationality: German. **Born:** Berlin, 4 December 1933. **Family:** Married French actress Miriam Bru, 1958; father of actor Christopher Buchholz. **Education:** Completed high school in Germany. **Career:** Began acting while still a high school student, playing bit parts on stage and dubbing foreign films into German; gradually gained larger roles on stage and earned favorable reputation in the German theatre; 1955—first film role in Julien Duvivier’s *Marianne de Ma Jeunesse* (*Marianne of My Youth*); 1957—became major European star after lead role in film *The Confessions of Felix Krull*; 1958—American stage debut in short-lived Broadway production of Colette’s *Cheri*;

U.S. film debut same year, as villain in director J. Lee Thompson’s *Tiger Bay*; 1960—first major Hollywood film role as Chico in John Sturges’ western *The Magnificent Seven*. **Awards:** Cannes Film Festival Best Actor Award, for *Sky without Stars*, 1955. **Address:** 232 de Rue FMG Sud, St. Honore, Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Regine* (Braun); *Marianne, meine Jugendliebe* (Duvivier) (as Vincent Loring); *Himmel ohne Sterne* (*Sky without Stars*) (Kautner)
- 1956 *Die Halbstarken* (*The Hooligans*; *Teenage Wolfpack*) (Tressler) (as Freddie)
- 1957 *Ein Stuck vom Himmel* (*A Piece of Heaven*) (Jugert) (uncredited); *Montpi* (Kautner) (as Young Montpi); *Endstation Liebe* (Tressler) (as Mecky); *Robinson soll nicht sterben* (*The Girl and the Legend*; *The Legend of Robinson Crusoe*) (von Baky) (as Tom); *Bekenntnisse des Hochstaplers Felix Krull* (*The Confessions of Felix Krull*) (Hofman) (as Felix Krull); *Herrscher ohne Krone* (*King in Shadow*) (Braun) (as King Christian)
- 1958 *Nasser Asphalt* (*Wet Asphalt*) (Wisbar); *Auferstehung* (*Resurrection*) (Hansen) (as Nechljudoff)
- 1959 *Tiger Bay* (Thompson) (as Korchinsky); *Das Totenschiff* (Tressler) (as Philip)
- 1960 *The Magnificent Seven* (Sturges) (as Chico)
- 1961 *Fanny* (Logan) (as Marius); *One, Two, Three* (Wilder) (as Otto Ludwig Piffel)
- 1963 *Nine Hours to Rama* (Robson)
- 1964 *La Noia* (*The Empty Canvas*) (Damiani) (as Dino)
- 1965 *The Love Goddesses* (Turell); *Estambul* (*That Man in Istanbul*) (Isasi-Isasmendi)
- 1966 *Cervantes* (*Young Rebel*) (Sherman) (as Miguel de Cervantes)
- 1967 *Johnny Banco* (Allepgret) (as Johnny Banco)
- 1968 *Como, Quando, Percep* (*How, When and with Whom*) (Pietrangeli) (as Alberto); *L’Astragale* (*Astragal*) (Casaril) (as Julien)
- 1971 *La Colomba Non Deve Volare* (*Skyriders Attack*) (Garrone)
- 1972 *The Great Waltz* (Stone) (as Johann Strauss, Jr.)
- 1973 *Aber Jonny!* (Weidenmann)
- 1974 *Pittsville—Ein Safe voll Blut* (*The Catamount Killing*) (Zanussi) (as Mark Calvin)
- 1976 *Frauenstation* (*Woman in Hospital*) (Thiele); *The Savage Bees* (Geller—for TV) (as Dr. Jorge Meuller)
- 1977 *Dead of Night* (Curtis); *Raid on Entebbe* (Kershner—for TV) (as Wilfred Boese)
- 1978 *The Amazing Captain Nemo* (March) (as King Tibor); *Return to Fantasy Island* (*Fantasy Island II*) (McCowan—for TV) (as Charles Fleming)
- 1979 *Da Dunkerque alla Vittoria* (*From Hell to Victory*) (Lenzi) (as Jurgen Dietrich); *Avalanche Express* (Hellman and Robson) (as Scholten); *The French Atlantic Affair* (Heyes—for TV) (as Doctor Chabot)
- 1981 *Berlin Tunnel 21* (Michaels) (as Emerich Weber)
- 1982 *Aphrodite* (Fuest) (as Harry Laird)
- 1983 *Sahara* (McLaglen) (as Von Glessing)



Horst Buchholz (third from left) in *The Magnificent Seven*

- 1984 *Wenn Ich Mich Furchte* (*Fear of Falling; When I'm Afraid*) (Rischert)
 1985 *Code Name: Emerald* (Sanger) (as Walter Hoffman)
 1986 *Die Fraulein von Damals* (Haugk—for TV); *Crossings* (Arthur—for TV) (as Martin Goertz)
 1988 *I Skrzypce Przestaly Grac* (*And the Violins Stopped Playing*) (Ramati) (as Dymitr)
 1990 *Requiem por Granada* (Escriva—for TV) (as Muley Hassan)
 1991 *Touch and Die* (Solinas) (as Limey)
 1992 *Aces: Iron Eagle III* (Glen) (Leichman)
 1993 *In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!* (*Faraway, So Close!*) (Wenders) (as Tony Baker)
 1994 *Todliches Erbe* (Rothermund—for TV) (as Wolfgang Olmer); *Fantaghiro IV* (*Cave of the Golden Rose IV*) (Bava—for TV) (as Darken)
 1995 *Der Clan der Anna Voss* (Ballman—for TV) (as Paul Voss)
 1997 *Ptak Ohnivak* (Vorlicek) (As King Jorgen); *Der Kleine Unterscheid* (Bohn—for TV) (as Wolfhart Perl); *Geisterstunde—Fahrstuhl ins Jenseits* (Matsutani and Niemann—for TV); *La Vita e Bella* (*Life Is Beautiful*) (Benigni) (as Dr. Lessing)

- 1998 *Voyage of Terror* (*The Fourth Horseman*) (Trenchard-Smith—for TV) (as Captain); *Dunkel* (Kraume)
 1999 *Minefield* (Lane); *Kinderraub in Rio-Eine Mutter Schlägt Zurück* (Grünler—for TV) (as Dr. Lopez)
 2000 *Heller als der Mond* (*Brighter than the Moon*) (Widrich) (as Erster Gast); *Der Feuervogel* (Vorlicek)

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Born in Berlin, Germany, in 1933, Horst Buchholz came into the world the same time as did the Third Reich; he was lucky to escape the destruction that engulfed that regime in 1945. Like so many Germans, the Buchholzes were bombed out of their home, and they spent the closing months of the war in a series of evacuation camps. The family was separated by the war; although Horst and his mother returned to Berlin in the fall of 1945, the boy's father remained in an Allied POW camp until 1947.

To help support the family, young Horst found work in the reviving German theatre, mostly as a bit player or extra. A few years later, he was hired by a film company to assist with the dubbing of foreign films into German. Buchholz gradually earned more substantial roles in the theatre, which, in turn, led to acting jobs in motion pictures. He played supporting roles in three German films made in 1955, and his first major role came the next year, when he played a biker-gang leader named Freddy in *Die Halbstarken* (*The Half-Strongs*, German slang for juvenile delinquents). It was this portrayal, along with a few similar roles, that gained Buchholz a following among German youth and earned him the nickname "The Teutonic James Dean."

More important parts began to come Buchholz's way as his acting ability and popularity with audiences became clear. He was named Best Actor at the Cannes Film Festival for his role in Helmut Kautner's 1955 film *Sky Without Stars*. Buchholz's breakout role came in 1957, with *The Confessions of Felix Krull* (based on a popular novel by Thomas Mann). The film, and its young star, received international acclaim (although the English-dubbed version erroneously credited "Henry Bookholt" in the title role).

Although *Felix Krull* did play in the United States, it was mostly seen by art house patrons. Buchholz's first major exposure to American audiences came with his appearance in J. Lee Thompson's 1959 film *Tiger Bay*. Buchholz was cast as the villain in that film, but his next role gave him the opportunity to portray that most heroic of American heroes, the cowboy. John Sturges' western *The Magnificent Seven* (1960) featured such established stars as Yul Brynner and Eli Wallach, along with rising young American actors like Steve McQueen, James Coburn, and Charles Bronson. Buchholz was cast as Chico, a young Mexican who had become a gunfighter in rejection of his peasant heritage—a life to which he returns at the film's end.

Although Buchholz received favorable reviews for his cast-against-type performance, and had major roles in other American films of the period—such as Joshua Logan's *Fanny* (1961) and Billy Wilder's *One, Two, Three* (which cast Buchholz opposite James Cagney)—the young German never became a major star in the Hollywood firmament, possibly because he refused to focus on American films exclusively. Buchholz has remained a working actor, dividing his career between films and television, between the United States and Europe—a lifestyle made possible by his command of English, French, and Italian, in addition to his native German. Buchholz and his wife of forty-plus years, the French actress Miriam Bru, maintain homes in Switzerland, France, and Germany.

Although much of his later work involved him in relatively undistinguished films, Buchholz did play a supporting role in Roberto Begnini's *Life Is Beautiful*, which won several Oscars in 1999, including Best Picture. Buchholz has also lent his talents to numerous made-for-TV movies over the years in both the United States and Europe, and has also done occasional episodic television work in both markets.

—Justin Gustainis

BUJOLD, Geneviève

Nationality: Canadian. **Born:** Montreal, 1 July 1942. **Education:** Studied at a convent and at the Quebec Conservatory of Drama. **Family:** Married the director Paul Almond, 1967 (divorced 1973), sons: Matthew and Emmanuel. **Career:** 1962—joined Théâtre du Gesù's production of *The Barber of Seville*; 1963—became member of Le Théâtre du Rideau Vert; 1963–64—acted in some 60 TV and radio shows; 1964—first role in Canadian-French co-production *La Fleur de l'âge*; 1965—toured Europe and the Soviet Union with Rideau Vert company; 1966—while in Paris, chosen by Alain Resnais to play opposite Yves Montand in *Le Guerre est finie*; on return to Canada appeared in stage and film productions directed by husband Paul Almond; 1969—international fame after starring role in *Anne of the Thousand Days*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Canadian Film Awards, for *Isabel*, 1968; Best Actress, Canadian Film Awards, for *Acte de coeur*, 1970; Best Actress Award, LA Film Critics, 1988. **Address:** c/o Trauber and Flynn, 2029 Century Park East, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90027, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1963 *Amantia Pestilens* (Bonnière)
- 1964 "Geneviève" ep. of *La Fleur de l'âge* (*Les Adolescents*; *The Adolescents*) (Brault) (as Geneviève)
- 1966 *La Guerre est finie* (*The War Is Over*) (Resnais) (as Nadine Sallanches); *Le Roi de coeur* (*King of Hearts*) (de Broca) (as Coquelicot)
- 1967 *Le Velour* (*The Thief of Paris*) (Malle) (as Charlotte); *Entre la mer et l'eau douce* (Brault)
- 1968 *Isabel* (Almond) (title role)
- 1969 *Anne of the Thousand Days* (Jarrott) (as Anne Boleyn)
- 1970 *Acte du coeur* (*Act of the Heart*) (Almond) (as Martha Hayes); *Marie-Christine* (short)
- 1971 *The Trojan Women* (Cacoyannis) (as Cassandra)
- 1972 *Journey* (Almond) (as Saguenay)
- 1973 *Kamouraska* (Jutra) (as Elisabeth)
- 1974 *Earthquake* (Robson) (as Denise)
- 1975 *L'Incorrigible* (*The Incorrigible*) (de Broca) (as Marie-Charlotte)
- 1976 *Swashbuckler* (*The Scarlet Buccaneer*) (Goldstone) (as Janet Barnett); *Obsession* (De Palma) (as Elizabeth Courtland); *Alex and the Gypsy* (*Love and Other Crimes*) (Korty) (as Maritza)
- 1977 *Un Autre Homme, une autre chance* (*Another Man, Another Chance*) (Lelouch) (as Jeanne Leroy)
- 1978 *Coma* (Crichton) (as Dr. Susan Wheeler); *Mistress of Paradise* (Medal—for TV) (as Elizabeth Beaufort)
- 1979 *Murder by Decree* (Clark) (as Annie Crook); *Final Assignment* (Almond) (as Nicole Thomson)
- 1980 *The Last Flight of Noah's Ark* (Jarrott) (as Bernadette Laffeur)
- 1982 *Monsignor* (Perry) (as Clara)
- 1984 *Tightrope* (Tuggle) (as Beryl Thibodeaux); *Choose Me* (Rudolph) (as Dr. Nancy Love)
- 1985 *Trouble in Mind* (Rudolph) (as Wanda)



Geneviève Bujold in *Coma*

- 1988 *Dead Ringers* (Cronenberg) (as Claire Niveau); *The Moderns* (Rudolph) (as Libby Valentin)
- 1989 *Les Noces de papier* (*A Paper Wedding*) (Brault—for TV) (as Claire); *Secret Places of the Heart* (Bridges); *Red Earth, White Earth* (Greene—for TV) (as Madeline)
- 1990 *False Identity* (Keach) (as Rachel Roux); *Une Certaine Charme* (Aghian); *And the Dance Goes On* (Almond) (as Rick and James's mother)
- 1991 *Rue du Bac* (as Marie Aubriac)
- 1992 *Oh, What a Night* (Till) (as Eva)
- 1993 *Spending Time with Family* (Barron); *An Ambush of Ghosts* (Lewis) (as Irene Betts)
- 1994 *Mon Ami Max* (*My Friend Max*) (as Marie-Alexandrine Brabant)
- 1995 *The Adventures of Pinocchio* (Barron) (as Leona)
- 1997 *The House of Yes* (Mark Waters) (as Mrs. Pascal)
- 1998 *You Can Thank Me Later* (Dotan) (as Joselle); *Last Night* (McKellar) (as Mrs. Carlton)
- 1999 *Eye of the Beholder* (Elliott) (as Dr. Brault)
- 2000 *The Bookfair Murders* (Panzer—for TV) (as Margaret)
- 2001 *Sex and a Girl* (Rosenberg)

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Surely few film actresses so distinguished as Geneviève Bujold have appeared in so few distinguished films. After a strong beginning in supporting roles as the provocative, lissome admirer of Yves Montand in Alain Resnais's *La Guerre est finie* and the wistfully fey inmate in Philippe de Broca's *King of Hearts*, the young Quebecoise became a star in American films of the Seventies, a quirky character actress in the Eighties, and only an occasional player, mainly in Canadian films, in recent years.

American audiences were introduced to Bujold as a slight-of-build but self-contained, fiercely determined Anne Boleyn, a perfect foil to Richard Burton's extravagant Henry VIII in *Anne of the Thousand Days*. Three years later she met the challenge of Greek tragedy on film, as Cassandra in Michael Cacoyannis's *The Trojan Women*, holding her own against Katharine Hepburn, Vanessa Redgrave, and Irene Papas. Many must have felt, with Pauline Kael, that "this performance is a leap in her career; her ambitiousness in tackling a role like this suggests prodigies ahead."

As it turned out, most of her American films in the next 10 years were to be glossy, unimaginative genre exercises: *Earthquake*, *Swash-buckler*, *Monsignor*, and *Coma* (in which she at least brought an air of authority to her starring role as a doctor in a Michael Crichton thriller). In between, there were some Canadian films directed by her husband, Paul Almond—*Isabel*, *Acte du coeur*, *Journey*, *Final Assignment*—and a few offbeat projects such as John Korty's *Alex and the Gypsy* and Claude Lelouch's underrated *Another Man, Another Chance*. Of her English-language starring roles, perhaps Brian De Palma's *Obsession* used her best, not least for her haunting (and distinctly French) facial features, a combination of soft and firm qualities, upon which the male lead is fixated. The role calls for Bujold to project a remote yet intense and (to the hero) seemingly attainable sensuality; beyond that, a kindly, intelligent concern (both feigned and real, as it turns out); while underneath she is a determined avenger, and underneath that, a wounded, unloved child pleading for help.

Bujold brings to most of her best roles several of these qualities: both toughness and vulnerability (a copywriter's hackneyed pairing, but truly pertinent here), and both an air of poised, experienced, unexaggerated sensuality and a convent-girl or hurt-child innocence. These qualities have worked together most perfectly perhaps in a 1974 television production of Jean Anouilh's *Antigone*, an adaptation of Sophocles that retains the plot but uses deliberately anachronistic modern speech. The force and conviction of Bujold's performance eliminate potentially ludicrous clashes of style and lapses into sentimentality, while keeping the pride and pathos.

Following good notices for her role as a rape-victim therapist in another thriller, *Tightrope*, Bujold appeared in some extremely varied and distinctive character parts, notably in a trio of films by Alan Rudolph and one by David Cronenberg. *Choose Me*, the first of the Rudolph films, provided her a most unusual deadpan comic role, as a radio "Love Doctor" who gives brilliant advice to her listeners but is a psychological mess outside the studio. Her first scene, establishing her cool, self-assured radio persona, using her deep voice to superb effect, is contrasted later by her tour-de-force dialogue with Keith Carradine, in which, under a false name, she admiringly

describes the radio star with a sort of daffy abandon, totally absorbed in herself. In Cronenberg's *Dead Ringers*, playing a jaded actress, she manages to make her character neither ludicrous nor villainous—a considerable achievement, since the plot calls for her to be having an affair with twin brothers without knowing it, and later, after a denunciation and reconciliation, carelessly leading one of them into drug addiction.

Bujold's screen presence is so strong that she can be a major part of the success of a film in which she has only one scene. Such is the case in the Sherlock Holmes drama *Murder by Decree*, in which she plays the pivotal role of a madwoman who not only reveals the information necessary for Holmes to solve the case but who is so vitally appealing that Holmes makes an emotional commitment to her that carries him to a climatic denunciation.

In recent years Bujold appears to have pursued a private life more than a film career, though she was briefly notorious for abandoning her role as the captain in the *Star Trek: Voyager* television series. She has continued to work mainly in Canadian productions, and occasionally in such American independent films as *An Ambush of Ghosts*, where she is a woman driven mad by guilt, and *The House of Yes* (yet another madwoman, but this one dryly arch), receiving excellent notices as always but little public renown.

—Joseph Milicia

BURKE, Billie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mary William Ethelbert Appleton Burke, in Washington, D.C., 7 August 1886 (some sources say 1885); daughter of William (Billy) Burke, an internationally celebrated Barnum and Bailey circus clown. **Family:** Married theater impresario Florenz Ziegfeld, 1914; daughter: Patricia. **Career:** Toured Europe and the United States with the circus that employed her father, 1890s; made stage debut in London, 1903; came to New York to appear on the stage in *My Wife*, with John Drew, and continued appearing on Broadway, 1907; made her screen debut in *Peggy*, 1916; retired from screen acting, and returned to Broadway, 1921; returned to screen acting when hers and husband Florenz Ziegfeld's assets were wiped out in the stockmarket crash, 1929; played Glinda, the Good Witch, in *The Wizard of Oz*, 1939; appeared in the television series, *Doc Corkle*, 1952. **Died:** Of a heart ailment, Verdugo City, California, 14 May 1970.

Films as Actress:

- 1916 *Peggy* (Giblyn, Ince) (as Peggy Cameron); *Gloria's Romance* (Campbell, Edwin) (serial) (as Gloria)
- 1917 *The Mysterious Miss Terry* (Dawley) (as Mavis Terry); *Arms and the Girl* (Kaufman) (as Ruth Sherwood); *The Land of Promise* (Kaufman) (as Nora Marsh)
- 1918 *Eve's Daughter* (Kirkwood) (as Irene Simpson-Bates); *Let's Get a Divorce* (Giblyn) (as Mme. Cyprienne Marcey); *In*



Billie Burke (left) with Judy Garland (center) and Margaret Hamilton in *The Wizard of Oz*

- Pursuit of Polly* (Withey) (as Polly Marsden); *The Make-Believe Wife* (Robertson) (as Phyllis Ashbrook)
- 1919 *Good Gracious, Annabelle!* (Melford) (as Annabelle Leigh); *The Misleading Widow* (Robertson) (as Betty Taradine); *Sadie Love* (Robertson) (as Sadie Love); *Wanted: A Husband* (Windom) (as Amanda Darcy Cole)
- 1920 *Away Goes Prudence* (Robertson) (as Prudence Thorne); *The Frisky Mrs. Johnson* (Dillon) (as Belle Johnson)
- 1921 *The Education of Elizabeth* (Dillon) (as Elizabeth Banks)
- 1929 *Glorifying the American Girl* (Harkrider, Webb) (as Herself)
- 1932 *A Bill of Divorcement* (Cukor) (as Margaret Fairfield)
- 1933 *Christopher Strong* (Arzner) (as Lady Elaine Strong); *Dinner at Eight* (Cukor) (as Millicent [Mrs. Oliver] Jordan); *Only Yesterday* (Stahl) (as Julia Warren)
- 1934 *Finishing School* (Nichols, Jr., Tuchock) (as Mrs. Radcliffe); *Where Sinners Meet* (Ruben) (as Eustasia); *We're Rich Again* (Seiter) (as Linda); *Forsaking All Others* (Van Dyke) (as Aunt Paula)
- 1935 *Splendor* (Nugent) (as Clarissa); *Society Doctor* (Seitz) (as Mrs. Crane); *She Couldn't Take It* (Garnett) (as Mrs. van Dyke); *A Feather in Her Hat* (Santell) (as Julia Trent Anders); *Doubting Thomas* (Butler) (as Paula Brown); *After Office Hours* (Leonard) (as Mrs. Norwood); *Becky Sharpe* (Mamoulion) (as Lady Bareacres)
- 1936 *My American Wife* (Young) (as Mrs. Robert Cantillon); *Piccadilly Jim* (Leonard) (as Eugenia Willis); *Craig's Wife* (Arzner) (as Mrs. Frazier); *The Great Ziegfeld* (Leonard) (advisor only)
- 1937 *Topper* (McLeod) (as Mrs. Topper); *Parnell* (Stahl) (as Clara Wood); *The Bride Wore Red* (Arzner) (as Contessa di Meina); *Navy Blue and Gold* (Wood) (as Mrs. Alyce Gates)
- 1938 *Merrily We Live* (McLeod) (as Mrs. Emily Kilbourne); *Everybody Sing* (Marin) (as Diana Bellaire); *The Young in Heart* (Wallace) (as Marmy Carleton)
- 1939 *Remember?* (McLeod) (as Mrs. Louise Bronson); *Eternally Yours* (Garnett) (as Aunt Abby); *Broken Suite* (Thiele) (as Mrs. McGill); *Topper Takes a Trip* (McLeod) (as Mrs. Topper); *Zenobia* (Douglas) (as Bessie Tibbitt); *The Wizard of Oz* (Fleming) (as Glinda, the Good Witch)
- 1940 *Hullabaloo* (Marin) (as Penny Merriweather); *The Ghost Comes Home* (Thiele) (as Cora Adams); *Dulcy* (Simon) (as Eleanor Forbes); *And One Was Beautiful* (Sinclair) (as Mrs.

- Lattimer); *Irene* (Wilcox) (as Mrs. Herman Vincent); *The Captain Is a Lady* (Sinclair) (as Blossy Stort)
- 1941 *The Wild Man of Borneo* (Sinclair) (as Bernice Marshall); *Topper Returns* (Del Ruth) (as Mrs. Topper); *One Night in Lisbon* (Griffith) (as Catherine Enfield)
- 1942 *What's Cookin'?* (Cline, Lantz) (as Agatha); *Girl Trouble* (Schuster) (as Mrs. Rowland); *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (Keighley) (as Mrs. Ernest Stanley); *In This Our Life* (Huston) (as Lavinia Timberlake); *They All Kissed the Bride* (Hall) (as Mrs. Drew)
- 1943 *You're a Lucky Fellow, Mr. Smith* (Feist) (as Aunt Harriet); *So's Your Uncle* (Yarbrough) (as Minerva); *Hi Diddle Diddle* (Stone) (as Liza Prescott); *Gildersleeve on Broadway* (Douglas) (as Mrs. Laura Chandler)
- 1945 *Swing Out, Sister* (Lilley) (as Jessica); *The Cheaters* (Kane) (as Mrs. Pidgeon)
- 1946 *Breakfast in Hollywood* (Schuster) (as Mrs. Cartwright); *The Bachelor's Daughters* (Stone) (as Molly)
- 1948 *Silly Billy* (White) (short); *Billie Gets Her Man* (Bernds) (short)
- 1949 *And Baby Makes Three* (Levin) (as Mrs. Fletcher); *The Barkleys of Broadway* (Walters) (as Mrs. Livingston Belney)
- 1950 *Three Husbands* (Reis) (as Mrs. Whittaker, the Wife); *The Boy From Indiana* (Rawlins) (as Zelda Bagley); *Father of the Bride* (Minnelli) (as Doris Dunstan)
- 1951 *Father's Little Dividend* (Minnelli) (as Doris Dunstan)
- 1953 *Small Town Girl* (Kardos) (as Mrs. Livingston)
- 1959 *The Young Philadelphians* (Sherman) (as Mrs. J. Arthur Allen)
- 1960 *Pepe* (Sidney) (as Guest Star); *Sergeant Rutledge* (Ford) (as Mrs. Cordelia Fosgate)

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There will be no more lasting screen image of Billie Burke than Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, in *The Wizard of Oz*. Her entrance—inside a multi-colored ball of light—is breathtaking. From the light, she appears before Dorothy and the Munchkins in a sparkly, pink organdy gown, her waves of strawberry red hair topped with a tall silver crown. Speaking in cheerful comforting tones, and waving her enormous fairy wand, Glinda instructs the ruby-slippered Dorothy to follow the yellow brick road. Burke's performance inspires audiences to take heart: the Kansas farm girl will live to see her Aunt Em once more.

Glinda is an icon of goodness in the fairytale land of Oz that otherwise is ruled by evil sister witches and an impotent wizard. Her diction is British and highborn; she rolls her R's majestically. She is dainty and frilly and feminine, delicate and sweet—but not fragile. Dorothy says she is beautiful.

What more fitting way for Billie Burke to be remembered? After all, during the first twenty years of her career she was a popular and attractive actress, much-adored by theater audiences as a comedienne and ingenue. She endorsed many beauty products and set styles: the "Billie Burke Collar," a flat, lacy ruff, was a favorite among women prior to World War I. She attracted the attentions of the most famous entertainers and writers, including Mark Twain, Enrico Caruso, and W. Somerset Maugham. During this period, Burke was looked upon as "beautiful" much in the way that Dorothy views her. However, because none of her plays were classics and no records of her performances exist, this part of her life floats off in the distance somewhere between legendary and forgotten.

In fact, even her early film career has been overlooked. Burke's first appearance in a motion picture is in the title role of *Peggy*. She plays a lovely young orphan-heiress who is forced into leaving the party-filled Westchester social scene to join her legal guardian in a remote Scottish village. In a favorable review, *Variety* critic "Jolo" remarks, "Peggy is a fine photoplay feature, which will live its allotted time, but what is of greater importance to the film industry is that there has been launched a new juvenile comedienne of the first rank. There cannot be any question of this."

What is outstanding in Burke's debut is her ability to fool the camera about her age. During the cinema's silent years, most screen stars who played sweet, virginal characters were teenagers. By the time Burke played her first ingenue role, she was thirty years old. Her fine, petite features allowed her to play these types of innocent young leading roles into the early 1920s.

The second phase of her screen career—the part that is well-remembered—began shortly after the stock market crash of 1929. By choice, Burke had remained off-screen for the entire decade. But now, she made an effort to recover from the heavy financial reverses encountered by herself and her husband, Florenz Ziegfeld, by re-entering films. By then her age—she was in her mid-forties—disallowed the opportunity for more ingenue parts. Her delicate girlish features had ripened, and she appeared small and birdlike.

Furthermore, the high-pitched, British accent that made her such a believable socialite on stage sounded quite stodgy and very comical in talking pictures. And so, the Billie Burke of sound films was cemented. Her character is rich, social, ditsy. In one film after another she twitters about in a world of her own, not willing to listen to others' needs and not understanding the lack of cooperation offered her as she pursues frivolous goals.

The most full-bodied examples of this character are found in *Dinner at Eight* and *Topper*. In *Dinner at Eight*, Burke's self-absorbed character is flustered by the uneven number of men coming to her upcoming dinner party, and offers her husband no sympathy as he struggles with devastating business problems and even suffers a heart attack of sorts. If that were not enough, her daughter has become entangled in an illicit affair that will topple the young woman's legitimate prospects for true love—and the Burke character is so busy with the details of her party that she first fails to listen to the information her daughter attempts to impart and then trivializes the dilemma.

In *Topper*, Burke plays another dysfunctional wife. In this film, and in several *Topper* sequels, she is the force who keeps Thorne Smith's title character from loosening up and enjoying life in the manner that ghost couple George and Marion Kerby do. Burke played variations of this comedic socialite-matron throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

As entertaining as the actress is in those roles, it is comforting that her best-remembered moment is Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz*. For there, as in a Technicolor dream, Burke gives audiences a taste of the glamorous, dazzling beauty that characterizes the early, "lost" years of her career.

—Audrey Kupferberg

BURSTYN, Ellen

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edna Rae Gillooly in Detroit, Michigan, 7 December 1932. **Education:** Attended Cass Tech High School, Detroit. **Family:** Married 1) William C. Alexander; 2) Paul Roberts; 3) Neil Burstyn, son: Jefferson. **Career:** 1951–57—model in New York and Texas as Edna Rae; dancer in Montreal club as Keri Flynn; "Glee Girl" on *The Jackie Gleason Show* (as Erica Dean); 1957—on Broadway in *Fair Game* (as Ellen McRae); early 1970s—studied at Actors Studio; 1973—bought script of *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, and chose Martin Scorsese as director; 1975—returned to Broadway in *Same Time Next Year*; other New York stage work includes *The Three Sisters* (1977) and *84 Charing Cross Road* (1982); 1979—named co-artist director, with Al Pacino, of the Actors Studio following death of Lee Strasberg; president, Actors' Equity Association, 1982–85. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Last Picture Show*, 1971; Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, British Academy, for *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, 1975; honorary doctorates from Dowling College, 1983, and School of Visual Arts, New York City, 1983. **Address:** c/o

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Films as Actress:

(as Ellen McRae)

- 1964 *For Those Who Think Young* (Martinson) (as Dr. Pauline Thayer); *Goodbye Charlie* (Minnelli) (as Franny)
1969 *Pit Stop* (Hill) (as Ellen McLeod)

(as Ellen Burstyn)

- 1970 *Alex in Wonderland* (Mazursky) (as Beth); *Tropic of Cancer* (Strick) (as Mona)
1971 *The Last Picture Show* (Bogdanovich) (as Lois)
1972 *The King of Marvin Gardens* (Rafelson) (as Sally)
1973 *The Exorcist* (Friedkin) (as Chris)
1974 *Harry and Tonto* (Mazursky) (as Shirley); *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (Scorsese) (as Alice Hyatt); *Thursday's Game* (Moore—for TV)
1977 *Providence* (Resnais) (as Sonia)
1978 *A Dream of Passion* (Dassin) (as Brenda); *Same Time Next Year* (Mulligan) (as Doris)
1980 *Resurrection* (Petrie) (as Edna Mae McCauley)
1981 *The Silence of the North* (King) (as Olive Fredrickson)
1984 *The Ambassador* (Thompson) (as Alex Hacker)
1985 *Twice in a Lifetime* (Yorkin) (as Kate MacKenzie); *Surviving Hussein*—(for TV); *Into Thin Air* (Young—for TV)
1986 *Something in Common* (Glenn Jordan—for TV)
1987 *Pack of Lies* (Page—for TV); *Hello Actors Studio* (Tresgot—doc); *Look Away* (Seidelman); *Dear America (Letters Home from Vietnam)* (doc—for TV) (voice)
1988 *Hanna's War* (Golan) (as Katarina Senesh)
1989 *Act of Vengeance . . . A True Story* (Mackenzie—for TV)
1990 *The Color of Evening* (Stafford); *When You Remember Me* (Winer—for TV) (as Nurse Cooder)
1991 *Dying Young* (Schumacher) (as Mrs. O'Neil); *Mrs. Lambert Remembers Love* (for TV) (as Lil Lambert)
1992 *Taking Back My Life* (for TV) (as Wilma); *Grand Isle* (Lambert—for TV) (as Mademoiselle Reisz)
1993 *Shattered Trust: The Shari Karney Story* (for TV) (as Joan Delvecchio); *The Cemetery Club* (Duke) (as Esther Moskowitz)
1994 *Getting Gotti* (Young—for TV) (as Jo Giacalone); *Trick of the Eye* (for TV) (as Frances Griffin); *When a Man Loves a Woman* (Mandoki) (as Emily); *Getting Out* (for TV) (as Arlie's mother)
1995 *The Baby-Sitter's Club* (as Mrs. Haberman); *Roommates* (Yates) (as Judith); *How to Make an American Quilt* (Moorhouse) (as Hy); *My Brother's Keeper* (for TV) (as Helen); *Follow the River* (for TV) (as Gretel)
1996 *The Spitfire Grill* (Zlotoff) (as Hannah Ferguson)
1997 *Deceiver* (Jonas Pate, Josua Pate) (as Mook); *A Deadly Vision*
1998 *You Can Thank Me Later* (Dotan) (as Shirley Cooperberg); *Playing by Heart* (Carroll) (as Mildred); *Flash* (Wincer—for TV) (as Laura Strong); *The Patron Saint of Liars* (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (as June Clatterbuck); *A Will of Their Own* (Arthur—mini for TV) (as Veronica Steward)



Ellen Burstyn (left) and Linda Blair in *The Exorcist*

- 1999 *Night Ride Home* (Jordan—for TV) (as Maggie)
 2000 *The Yards* (Gray) (as Val Handler); *Requiem for a Dream* (Aronofsky) (as Sara Goldfarb); *Mermaid* (Masterson—for TV) (as Trish); *Walking Across Egypt* (Seidelman) (as Mattie Rigsbee)

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Ellen Burstyn is an unparalleled re-inventress. While many actresses transmute their image after stardom wanes, Burstyn tried on different identities prior to Hollywood glory. It is her inbred survivability and desire to refashion adversity in a favorable image that informs her finest work. Having been christened Edna Rae Gillooly, and having danced as Keri Flynn, Ellen "Erica Dean" Burstyn then promenaded as one of Jackie Gleason's television Glee Girls, snared a fling at Broadway ingenuehood as Ellen McRae, and paid her dues as Ellen McLeod in such drive-in filler as *Pit Stop*. Before she chucked her marginal screen-acting progress to hone her craft at the Actors Studio, Burstyn had already gone through more name changes than Joan Crawford. If great actresses should be chameleons, then Burstyn

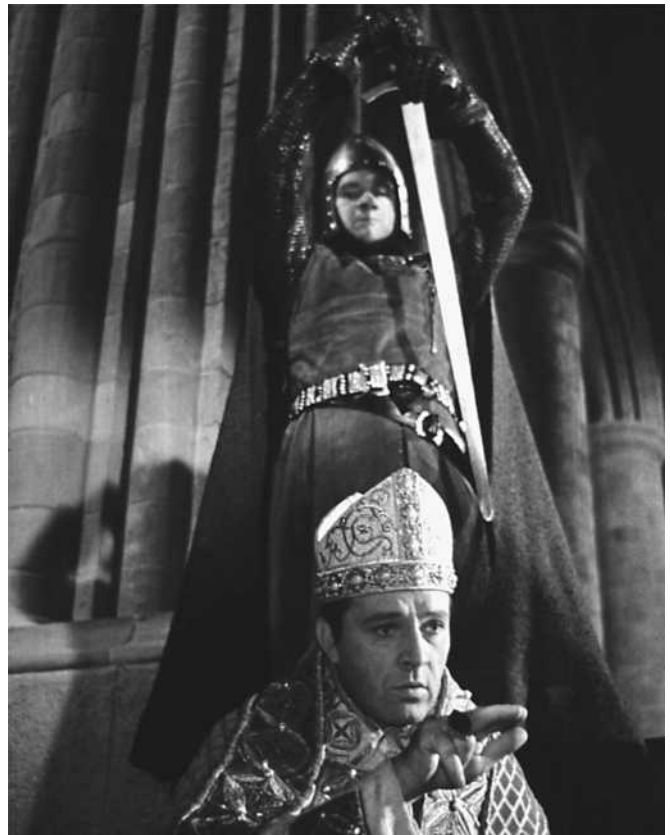
returned to film work in 1970 as well-prepared by her own catch-as-catch-can life as by Strasberg's Method. Playing vitally attractive women with some mileage on them, Burstyn sent critics scrambling for superlatives by shifting from supportive but insecure mom in *The Last Picture Show* to the destructively paranoid stepmother in *King of Marvin Gardens*. At an age when most female stars have accumulated the bulk of their above-title credits, Burstyn was just hitting her stride. Maintaining dignity amidst the pea soup-spitting hysteria of the box-office avalanche, *The Exorcist*, Burstyn slyly demonstrated the chutzpah that nourished her slow-burning career. Negotiating a deal for a project she rescued from television, Burstyn starred in the finest flowering of feminism for the masses, *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* and won the Oscar. Chronicling a minor lounge singer's embattled insistence on not sacrificing rewarding work for a Prince Charming, she fueled the film with the rage she must have felt waiting so long for stardom herself.

Having hit this unexpected height in her forties, Burstyn repeated her Tony-award triumph in *Same Time, Next Year*, but on-screen, the shenanigans seemed better suited to Doris Day's Ross Hunter period. As a conventional movie star, Burstyn registered as too unyielding. More challenged by varying her range with misguided art films such as Resnais's stuffy chat-fest *Providence* and Dassin's *A Dream of Passion* (an attempt to do for *Medea* what Bergman did for *Persona*), Burstyn's star power experienced a *Resurrection*, in which she filtered her tensile fortitude through her most translucent performance as a widow transformed into a psychic healer by personal tragedy. Sadly, this perfect mesh of actress and role led only to clatrap (*Silence of the North*), post-stardom supporting crumbs (*Twice in a Lifetime*) and the welcoming vista of television where she suffered to stunning effect in *Pack of Lies* and *Into Thin Air*, and wreaked emotional chaos in *Getting Out*. Having briefly sampled Hollywood immortality, Burstyn seemed content to cast herself as working actress, returning to Broadway as a female priest in *Sacrilege* or gracing ensemble films such as *How to Make an American Quilt* and *Cemetery Club*. Sometimes faltering in grande dame parts (e.g., television's *Primal Secret*), the still-radiantly sexy Burstyn needs to display her many facets in something other than rereads of Fay Bainter roles. Appearing briefly in younger actresses' Oscar-pandering vehicles (Julia Roberts's *Dying Young* and Meg Ryan's *When a Man Loves a Woman*), Burstyn wipes the little darlings off the screen. A talent educated in the school of hard knocks is likely to endure.

—Robert Pardi

BURTON, Richard

Nationality: British. **Born:** Richard Walter Jenkins Jr. in Pontrhydyfen, Wales, 10 November 1925. **Education:** Attended Exeter College, Oxford. **Military Service:** Royal Air Force, 1944–47. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Sybil Williams, 1949 (divorced), daughters: Kate and Jessica; 2) the actress Elizabeth Taylor, 1964 (divorced 1974; remarried 1975, divorced 1976), child: adopted daughter Maria; 3) Susan Hunt, 1976 (divorced 1982); 4) Sally Hay, 1983. **Career:** 1943—changed name to Richard Burton, after schoolmaster Philip Burton who encouraged his acting career; stage debut in Liverpool in *Druid's Rest*; 1948—following military service, returned to stage in London; film debut in *The Last Days of Dolwyn*;



Richard Burton (foreground) in *Becket*

1949—Broadway debut in *The Lady's Not for Burning*; 1952—appeared in first American film, *My Cousin Rachel*; 1961–62—while making film *Cleopatra*, met and fell in love with Elizabeth Taylor; 1962–73—acted in series of films with Taylor; 1983—with Taylor on Broadway in revival of Noël Coward's *Private Lives*; 1984—in TV mini-series *Ellis Island*. **Awards:** Best Actor, British Academy, for *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, 1966; Commander of the British Empire, 1970; Fellow of St. Peter's College, Oxford, 1975. **Died:** Of a stroke, in Geneva, Switzerland, 5 August 1984.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *The Last Days of Dolwyn* (Dolwyn) (Williams) (as Gareth)
- 1949 *Now Barabbas Was a Robber . . . (Which Will You Have?)* (Parry) (as Paddy)
- 1950 *Waterfront* (*Waterfront Women*) (Anderson) (as Ben Satterthwaite); *The Woman with No Name* (*Her Panelled Door*) (Vajda and O'Ferrall) (as Nick Chamerd)
- 1951 *Green Grow the Rushes* (*Brandy Ashore*) (Twist) (as Robert "Bob" Hammond)
- 1952 *My Cousin Rachel* (Koster) (as Philip Ashley)
- 1953 *The Desert Rats* (Wise) (as Capt. MacRoberts); *The Robe* (Koster) (as Marcellus Gallio); *Thursday's Children* (Anderson and Brenton) (as narrator)
- 1954 *Demetrius and the Gladiators* (Daves) (in film clip from *The Robe*); *Prince of Players* (Dunne) (as Edwin Booth)

- 1955 *The Rains of Ranchipur* (Negulesco) (as Dr. Safti); *Alexander the Great* (Rossen) (title role)
- 1957 *Sea Wyf and Biscuit* (*Sea Wyf*) (McNaught) (as Biscuit); *Amère victoire* (*Bitter Victory*) (Nicholas Ray) (as Capt. Leith)
- 1958 *March to Aldermaston* (as narrator)
- 1959 *Look Back in Anger* (Richardson) (as Jimmy Porter)
- 1960 *The Bramble Bush* (Petrie) (as Guy); *Ice Palace* (Vincent Sherman) (as Zeb Kennedy)
- 1961 *Dylan Thomas* (Howells—short); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Sackler); *Sen noci svatojánské* (Jiří Trnka) (as narrator of English-language version)
- 1962 *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as RAF pilot)
- 1963 *Cleopatra* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Mark Antony); *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Paul Andros); *Zulu* (Endfield) (as narrator); *Inheritance* (Irvin—short) (as narrator)
- 1964 *Becket* (Glenville) (title role); *The Night of the Iguana* (Huston) (as the Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon); *Hamlet* (Colleran—for TV, filmed record of Gielgud's New York theater production) (title role)
- 1965 *The Sandpiper* (Minnelli) (as Dr. Edward Hewitt); *What's New, Pussycat?* (Clive Donner) (as man in bar); *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* (Ritt) (as Alec Leamas); *Eulogy to 5.02* (Herschensohn—short) (as narrator); *The Days of Wilfred Owen* (produced by Lewine and Bach) (as narrator)
- 1966 *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (Mike Nichols) (as George); *La Bisbetica Domata* (*The Taming of the Shrew*) (Zeffirelli) (as Petruchio, + co-pr)
- 1967 *The Comedians* (Glenville) (as Brown); *The Comedians in Africa* (short)
- 1968 *Boom!* (Losey) (as Chris Flanders); *Candy* (Marquand) (as McPhisto); *Where Eagles Dare* (Hutton) (as John Smith); *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* (Queenan) (as narrator)
- 1969 *Anne of the Thousand Days* (Jarrott) (as King Henry VIII); *Staircase* (Donen) (as Harry Leeds)
- 1971 *Villain* (Tuchner) (as Vic Dakin); *Raid on Rommel* (Hathaway) (as Capt. Alec Foster)
- 1972 *The Assassination of Trotsky* (Losey) (title role); *Hammersmith Is Out* (Ustinov) (title role); *Barbe-Bleue* (*Bluebeard*) (Dmytryk) (as Baron Von Sepper/title role); *A Wall in Jerusalem* (Knobler and Rossif—English-language version of *Un Mur à Jérusalem*) (as narrator); *Sutjeska* (*The Fifth Offensive*) (Delic) (as Josip Broz Tito)
- 1973 *Il viaggio* (*The Voyage; The Journey*) (de Sica) (as Cesar Braggi); *Under Milk Wood* (Sinclair) (as narrator); *Divorce: His/Divorce: Hers* (*Divorce*) (Hussein—for TV); *Rappresaglia* (*Massacre in Rome*) (Cosmatos) (as Col. Kappler)
- 1974 *The Klansman* (Terence Young) (as Breck Stancill); *Gathering Storm* (Wise) (as Winston Churchill); *Brief Encounter* (Alan Bridges—for TV)
- 1976 *Volcano* (Brittain) (as narrator); *Resistance* (McMullen)
- 1977 *Exorcist II: The Heretic* (Boorman) (as Father Lamont); *Equus* (Lumet) (as Dr. Martin Dysart)
- 1978 *The Wild Geese* (McLaglen) (as Col. Allen Faulkner); *Stars' War: The Flight of the Wild Geese* (Johnstone—short); *The Medusa Touch* (Gold) (as John Morlar)

- 1979 *Breakthrough* (*Sergeant Steiner*) (McLaglen) (as Sgt. Steiner); *Love Spell* (Donovan)
- 1980 *Circle of Two* (Dassin) (as Ashley St. Clair)
- 1981 *Absolution* (Anthony Page) (as Fr. Goddard)
- 1983 *Wagner* (Palmer—for TV) (title role)
- 1984 *1984* (Radford) (as O'Brien)

Film as Director:

- 1967 *Doctor Faustus* (co-d with Nevill Coghill, + title role, co-pr)

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Richard Burton’s turbulent life overwhelmed the public perception of his vast talent. Born Richard Jenkins, the twelfth child of a hard-drinking Welsh miner, he was raised from the age of two by his eldest sister following the death of their mother. Love of language (exclusively Welsh until the age of five) and gift of gab influenced an early plan to enter the ministry, a notion extinguished in his teens when, anticipating his role as the minister defrocked for dallying with his underage parishioners in *The Night of the Iguana*, he realized he lacked all religious feeling. He turned instead to acting under the eventual tutelage of a secondary school teacher, Philip Henry Burton, who coached him to develop his remarkably resonant voice and, equally, to erase traces of his rough-hewn upbringing; he became Burton’s ward at 18 and permanently assumed his name. Richard Burton made his film debut in *The Last Days of Dolwyn* opposite fellow Welshman Emlyn Williams, whose early life, as fictionalized in Williams’s *The Corn Is Green*, remarkably mirrored Burton’s own.

English stage and screen roles in the late 1940s and early 1950s led to plum Shakespearean parts with the Old Vic, most notably Hamlet in 1953, and a contract with Twentieth Century-Fox, for whom he played the brooding hero of Daphne du Maurier’s *My Cousin Rachel*, his American film debut; the Roman officer Marcellus in *The Robe*, the first CinemaScope film; actor Edwin Booth in *Prince of Players*; and—forever changing his life and career—Mark Antony, opposite Elizabeth Taylor, in *Cleopatra*.

Burton and Taylor: each married to another when they co-starred in *Cleopatra* in 1963, their names became permanently linked, from initial banner-headlined scandal, through marriage, divorce, remarriage, and redi-vorce, to photographs of a grieving, feebly disguised Taylor retreating from the press near Burton’s Swiss gravesite a week after his death in 1984. On the screen as well as off they wooed each other in a series of films usually featuring warring but emotionally bonded couples, roles calculated to obliterate any separation between life and art in the mind of the viewer. Of the 11 films they made together, 2 will stand the test of time—the superb *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in which the staged-trained Burton delivered one of his best film performances (though Taylor took home the Oscar), and Franco Zeffirelli’s colorfully raucous adaptation of Shakespeare’s *The Taming of the Shrew*.

It is commonplace to maintain that Burton squandered his talent, that he chose, in words attributed to Laurence Olivier, to become a “household word” instead of the great Shakespearean actor he promised to become. His unfulfilled plan to return to the theater as King Lear following a successful Broadway run in *Equus* was thwarted by intermittent bouts with the bottle and a serious spinal ailment that forced him out of a praised *Camelot* revival in 1980. His final stage appearance occurred in a Broadway revival of *Private Lives*, Noël Coward’s stylish comedy of divorce and reassignment, an attempt to resurrect the glitter of past associations with Elizabeth Taylor, who co-starred.

As revealed in Melvyn Bragg’s 1988 biography *Rich*, cobbled together largely from Burton’s own private diaries and letters, Burton was a highly intelligent, articulate man. He was at his best on screen

capturing dispirited men at the end of their tether, cynical world-weary men such as Leamas in John le Carré’s *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and George in Edward Albee’s *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*; burnt-out, self-destructive men such as the defrocked minister at war with his lack of faith, T. Lawrence Shannon, in John Huston’s now-legendary adaptation of Tennessee Williams’s *Night of the Iguana*; angry young men such as John Osborne’s Jimmy Porter in *Look Back in Anger*; and—still overwhelmingly—Shakespeare’s tortured Danish prince in the 1964 Broadway production of *Hamlet* (directed by John Gielgud), which was photographed for posterity in a now elusive film transcription, and recorded on vinyl, as well.

—Mark W. Estrin, updated by John McCarty

BUSCEMI, Steve

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 13 December 1957. **Education:** Studied acting at Lee Strasberg Institute, New York City. **Family:** Married Jo Andres (a filmmaker/choreographer); children: Lucian. **Career:** Began as a stand-up comedian in New York City; also worked as a fireman; played Mr. Hickie on the TV series *The Adventures of Pete & Pete*, 1993; directed “Finnegan’s Wake” episode of TV series *Homicide: Life on the Street*, 1993, and *Oz*, 1997. **Awards:** Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Male, for *Reservoir Dogs*, 1993. **Agent:** c/o William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Films as Actor:

- 1984 *The Way It Is* (Mitchell)
- 1985 *Tommy’s* (as Daniel)
- 1986 *Coffee and Cigarettes II* (Jarmusch) (as Waiter); *Film House Fever* (as Tony); *No Picnic*; *Sleepwalk* (Driver) (as Worker); *Parting Glances* (Sherwood) (as Nick)
- 1987 *Heart* (Lemmo) (as Nicky); *Kiss Daddy Goodnight* (Huemer)
- 1988 *Arena Brains* (Longo); *Call Me* (Mitchell) (as Switchblade); *Heart of Midnight* (Chapman) (as Eddy); *Vibes* (Kwapis) (as Fred)
- 1989 *Bloodhounds of Broadway* (Brookner) (as Whining Willie); *New York Stories* (Allen, Scorsese, Coppola) (as Gregory Stark); *Slaves of New York* (Ivory) (as Wilfredo); *Mystery Train* (Jarmusch) (as Charlie); *Lonesome Dove*, (Wincer—mini, for TV) (as Luke)
- 1990 *Force of Circumstance*; *Miller’s Crossing* (Coen) (as Mink); *Tales from the Darkside: The Movie* (Harrison) (as Bellingham); *King of New York* (Ferrara) (as Test Tube)
- 1991 *Barton Fink* (Coen) (as Chet); *Billy Bathgate* (Benton) (as Irving); *Zandalee* (Pillsbury) (as OPP Man)
- 1992 *CrissCross* (Alone Together) (Menges) (as Louis); *What Happened to Pete* (as Stranger) (+ d, sc); *Who Do I Gotta Kill?* (*Me and the Mob*) (Rainone); *Reservoir Dogs* (Tarantino) (as Mr. Pink); *In the Soup* (Rockwell) (as Aldolpho Rollo)
- 1993 *Ed and His Dead Mother* (*Bon Appetit, Mama*) (Wacks) (as Ed Chilton); *Twenty Bucks* (Rosenfeld) (as Frank); *Rising Sun* (Kaufman) (as Willy “the Weasel” Wilhelm)



Steve Buscemi (right) in *Parting Glances*

- 1994 *Floundering* (McCarthy) (as Ned); *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Surly Buddy Holly Waiter); *Somebody to Love* (Rockwell) (as Mickey); *The Last Outlaw* (Murphy—for TV) (as Philo); *Airheads* (Lehmann) (as Rex); *The Hudsucker Proxy* (Coen) (as Beatnik Barman)
- 1995 *Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead* (Fleder) (as Mister Shhh); *Desperado* (Rodriguez) (as Buscemi); *Dead Man* (Jarmusch) (as Bartender [uncredited]); *Billy Madison* (Davis) (as Danny McGrath [uncredited]); *Living in Oblivion* (DeCillo) (as Nick Reve)
- 1996 *Black Kites* (Andres); *Escape from L.A.* (Carpenter) (as Map to the Stars Eddie); *The Search for One-Eye Jimmy* (Kass) (as Ed Hoyt); *Kansas City* (Altman) (as Johnny Flynn); *Trees Lounge* (as Tommy) (+ d, sc); *Fargo* (Coen) (as Carl Showalter)
- 1997 *The Real Blonde* (DeCillo) (as Nick); *Con Air* (West) (as Garland 'The Marietta Mangler' Greene)
- 1998 *The Impostors* (Tucci) (as Happy Franks); *Louis and Frank* (Rockwell) (as Rockhound); *The Big Lebowski* (Coen) (as Donny); *The Wedding Singer* (Coraci) (as David Veltri [uncredited]); *Divine Trash* (doc) (Yeager) (as himself)
- 1999 *Franky Goes to Hollywood* (Kelly) (as himself); *Big Daddy* (Dugan) (as Homeless Guy)

- 2000 *28 Days* (Thomas) (as Cornell); *The Animal Factory* (as A.R. Hosspack) (+ d, pr); *Ghost World* (Zwigoff) (as Seymour)
- 2001 *Final Fantasy* (Sakaguchi—anim) (as voice of Neil); *Monsters, Inc.* (Docter and Silverman—anim) (as voice of Randall Boggs); *Double Whammy* (DiCillo)

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In the Coen brothers’ thriller *Fargo*, Steve Buscemi plays a lethally inept gunman of whom no witness can ever recall anything except that “he was kinda funny-lookin’.” It’s a typically poker-faced Coenesque gag that Buscemi’s highly distinctive features should be found so nondescript. Journalists and critics, at all events, have had no trouble thinking up epithets, usually anything but complimentary. References abound to the actor’s feral face, bugged eyes, lank hair, flabby lips, whiny voice, ill-assorted teeth, and the consumptive pallor of his complexion. Steve Buscemi, it seems, was never in much danger of getting cast as a romantic lead.

This clearly doesn’t worry him a bit. “I like playing strange characters,” he once commented. “I don’t see myself as a regular guy.” The heir, in terms of screen persona, of Peter Lorre or Elisha Cook Jr., Buscemi has created a rich gallery of geeks, nerds, losers, sleazebags, and twitchy psychopaths. Any apparent narrowness of range is belied by the individuality and edgy intensity he brings to all his roles. Though one of cinema’s hardest-working actors—throughout the 1990s he regularly appeared in three or four films a year—he rarely repeats himself, and can make something incisive and memorable out of the sketchiest role, even in slam-bang action blockbusters like *Con Air* or *Armageddon*. In Buscemi’s game-plan, big-budget movies like these serve merely as a means to an end, a form of cross-subsidy—as they did for one of his personal icons, John Cassavetes. “It’s important to get that type of work,” he observes, “because it’s hard for me to make a living doing things that I really like,” and his dedication to the relatively cash-strapped independent sector has earned him the unofficial title of “King of the Indies.” In return the indies have served him well: his oddball persona, doleful with a disquieting undertow of menace, has been avidly mined by, among others, the Coens, Jim Jarmusch, Abel Ferrara, Robert Altman, Roberto Rodriguez—and of course Quentin Tarantino, who launched Buscemi into wider public notice with his volatile turn as the non-tipping Mr. Pink, sole survivor of the bloodbath that was *Reservoir Dogs*. Tarantino made good use of one of Buscemi’s specialties, the knack of delivering dialogue at whirlwind speed, often in a querulous yammer that suggests a long-held grievance against an unappreciative world. Most of Buscemi’s characters, shifty and nervous, use words as a defence mechanism, throwing up a smokescreen of insistent verbiage behind which to effect a sneak attack or a strategic retreat. Certain directors, though, have noted something unnerving in the actor’s rare silences, and cast him accordingly. In Gary Fleder’s hyper-stylised thriller *Things To Do in Denver When You’re Dead* he

plays against type as Mr. Shhh, “the most lethal hitman this side of the Mississippi,” speaking as rarely as his name implies but conveying coiled reserves of menace through stance and eye-movement. This was a rare example of a Buscemi character displaying professional competence; dire ineptitude is usually more in his line, an incapacity so total as to be unaware of itself. As a would-be stick-up man in Keva Rosenfeld’s episodic comedy-drama *Twenty Bucks*, Buscemi’s self-absorbed blundering is all the funnier for the cool distaste of Christopher Lloyd as his ultra-disciplined partner.

In his screen persona Buscemi always conveys an element of pathos, an impression of someone who started off several strikes down, unfairly ill-equipped to deal with life. Accordingly he rarely loses our sympathy, even in his most violent or sinister roles; but by the same token there’s a disquieting quality about him even when he’s playing sweet-natured. In *Barton Fink* his bellboy at the dilapidated Hotel Earle, beamingly eager to be of service, only increases Barton’s unease the more he offers help, seemingly embodying the very spirit of the decaying establishment with his contorted postures and ingratiating grin. No matter how brief the part (in *Barton Fink* he’s on screen for barely two minutes), his shifty presence invariably captures the attention.

Buscemi has twice been cast as a film-director, turning his intimacy with the indie film-making scene to advantage: as a neophyte manipulated by an affable gangster (Cassavetes veteran Seymour Cassel) in Alexandre Rockwell’s *In the Soup*, and in a state of mounting exasperation verging on hysteria in Tom DeCillo’s film-à-clef *Living in Oblivion*. After which, turning director for real seemed a logical development. For *Trees Lounge*, his debut as writer-director, Buscemi drew on his own Italian-Irish roots in provincial Long Island. Shooting in Valley Stream, the town where he grew up, and incorporating a lot of his own personal background, he played the lead, Tommy Basilio, an amiably feckless no-hoper, as a projection of “What would have happened if I’d stayed in Valley Stream?” Shot in 24 days on a \$1 million budget, the film—centred round the local bar of the title—is low-key and understatedly funny with a hint of melancholy. Buscemi displays an appealing generosity of spirit towards his characters—“I like films where people aren’t so easily defined, where I can be interested in how they deal or don’t deal with their problems”—and an instinctive, unflashy grasp of cinematic technique.

Describing *Trees Lounge* as “a total satisfaction. . . my best film so far,” Buscemi has since completed his second film as director: *Animal Factory*, a prison drama based on a novel by Eddie Bunker (Mr. Blue in *Reservoir Dogs*). Advance word is good. Directing evidently suits him: “If I could make a living from directing, that’s what I’d do,” he says. But it’s to be hoped that so watchable a performer isn’t entirely tempted away from acting.

—Philip Kemp

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CAAN, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** Queens, New York, 26 March 1939. **Education:** Attended Rhodes High School, Manhattan; Michigan State University; Hofstra College, Long Island; studied acting with Wynn Handman of the Neighborhood Playhouse, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Dee Jay Mattis, 1961 (divorced 1966), daughter: Tara; 2) Sheila Ryan, 1976 (divorced 1977), son: the actor Scott Caan; 3) Ingrid Hajek, 1990 (divorced); also son: Alexander; 4) Linda Stokes, 1995, two sons: James and Jacob. **Career:** Began acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City, 1960; made his film debut in an unbilled bit role in Wilder's *Irma La Douce*, 1963; appeared on Broadway in *Mandingo* and *Blood, Sweat and Stanley Poole*, early 1960s; gained public attention in the role of Brian Piccolo in the TV film *Brian's Song*, 1970; won critical acclaim for his role in *The Godfather*, 1972; made his directorial debut with *Hide in Plain Sight*, 1979. **Award:** Hollywood Film Festival Hollywood discovery Award for Outstanding Achievement in Acting, 1999. **Address:** 1435 Stone Canyon, Los Angeles, CA 90077, U.S.A.



James Caan in *Rollerball*

Films as Actor:

- 1963 *Irma La Douce* (Wilder) (bit)
- 1964 *Lady in a Cage* (Grauman) (as Randall)
- 1965 *The Glory Guys* (Laven) (as Pvt. Anthony Dugan); *Red Line 7000* (Hawks) (as Mike Marsh)
- 1967 *El Dorado* (Hawks) (as Alan "Mississippi" Bourdillon Traherne); *Games* (Harrington) (as Paul)
- 1968 *Countdown* (*Moonshot*) (Altman) (as Lee); *Journey to Shiloh* (Hale) (as Buck Burnett); *Submarine X-1* (Graham) (as Lt. Cmdr. Bolton)
- 1969 *The Rain People* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Jimmie "Killer" Kilgannon)
- 1970 *Rabbit, Run* (Smight) (as Rabbit Angstrom); *Brian's Song* (Kulik—for TV) (as Brian Piccolo)
- 1971 *T. R. Baskin* (*Date with a Lonely Girl*) (Ross) (as Larry Moore)
- 1972 *The Godfather* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Sonny Corleone)
- 1973 *Slither* (Zieff) (as Dick Kanipsia); *Cinderella Liberty* (Rydell) (as John Baggs Jr.)
- 1974 *Freebie and the Bean* (Rush) (as Freebie); *The Gambler* (Reisz) (as Axel Freed); *The Godfather, Part II* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Sonny Corleone)
- 1975 *Gone with the West* (*Man without Mercy*; *Bronco Busters*; *Little Moon and Jud McGraw*) (Girard); *Funny Lady* (Ross) (as Billy Rose); *Rollerball* (Jewison) (as Jonathan E.); *Killer Elite* (Peckinpah) (as Mike Locken)
- 1976 *Harry and Walter Go to New York* (Rydell) (as Harry Dighby); *Silent Movie* (Mel Brooks) (as himself)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough and Hayers) (as Sgt. Dohun); *Un autre Homme, une autre Chance* (*Another Man, Another Chance*; *Another Man, Another Woman*) (Lelouch) (as David Williams)
- 1978 *Comes a Horseman* (Pakula) (as Frank)
- 1979 *Chapter Two* (Moore) (as George Schneider)
- 1981 *Thief* (*Violent Streets*) (Michael Mann) (as Frank); *Les Uns et les autres* (*Bolero*; *Within Memory*) (Lelouch) (as Glenn Sr./Glenn Jr.)
- 1982 *Kiss Me Goodbye* (Mulligan) (as Jolly Villano)
- 1987 *Gardens of Stone* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Sgt. Clell Hazard)
- 1988 *Alien Nation* (*Outer Heat*) (Baker) (as Matthew Sykes)
- 1990 *Misery* (Rob Reiner) (as Paul Sheldon); *Dick Tracy* (Beatty) (as Spaldoni)
- 1991 *For the Boys* (Rydell) (as Eddie Sparks); *The Dark Backward* (Rifkin) (as Dr. Scurvy)
- 1992 *Honeymoon in Vegas* (Andrew Bergman) (as Tommy Korman)
- 1993 *The Program* (Ward) (as Coach Sam Winters); *Flesh and Bone* (Kloves) (as Roy Sweeney); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice)
- 1995 *A Boy Called Hate* (Marcus); *Tashunga* (*Grand nord*; *North Star*) (Gaup) (as Sean McLennon)

- 1996 *Bottle Rocket* (Wes Anderson) (as Mr. Henry); *Bulletproof* (Dickerson) (as Frank Colton); *Eraser* (Chuck Russell) (as Robert Deguerin)
- 1998 *This Is My Father* (Quinn) (as Kieran Johnson); *Poodle Springs* (Rafelson—for TV) (as Philip Marlowe)
- 1999 *Mickey Blue Eyes* (Makin) (as Frank Vitale)
- 2000 *The Yards* (Gray) (as Frank Olchin); *Luckytown Blues* (Nicholas) (as Charlie Doyles); *Viva Las Nowhere* (Bloom) (as Roy); *The Warden* (Gyllenhall—for TV) (as John Flinders); *Way of the Gun* (McQuarrie); *In the Boom Boom Room* (Kopple)
- 2001 *Night at the Golden Eagle* (Rifkin); *In the Shadows* (Waugh)

Film as Director:

- 1979 *Hide in Plain Sight* (+ ro as Thomas Hacklin)

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Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, James Caan was one of the most promising and interesting young actors in Hollywood. Clearly, he was multitalented. As the young punk who terrorizes Olivia de Havilland in *Lady in a Cage*, his first featured movie role, he showcased his skill at playing a sadistic thug who could rattle your spine—an aspect of his range he would expand on less than a decade later as Sonny Corleone in *The Godfather*. He further demonstrated

his talent, offering a likable, star-making performance in Howard Hawks’s *El Dorado*. In his role as the young drifter Mississippi (aka Alan Bourdillon Traherne), Caan is showcased opposite John Wayne’s hero-gunfighter Cole Thornton and Robert Mitchum’s drunken sheriff J. P. Harrah. In this part, the young actor was able to put across macho and swagger while at the same time remaining likably boyish.

Caan added to his expanding reputation with a sensitive performance as the ill-fated pro football player Brian Piccolo opposite Billy Dee Williams’s Gale Sayers in *Brian’s Song*, one of the best-ever made-for-television movies. Another key (but often overlooked) early Caan performance which adds yet another dimension to his career came in *The Rain People*, the story of a pregnant housewife (Shirley Knight) who abandons her husband and commences a cross-country journey of self-discovery. Along the way, she picks up a deeply vulnerable, brain-damaged ex-college football player (Caan). The film is ahead of its time in its depiction of a woman struggling for an independent identity; while Knight is outstanding, Caan matches her with his deeply sensitive and keenly insightful performance in a role that easily might have defeated a less-talented actor.

The penultimate accomplishment of Caan’s career remains Sonny Corleone: a performance that announced his arrival as one of his generation’s major movie stars. Caan’s acting is galvanizing, as he inhabits the role of the psychotic, trigger-happy heir to the Corleone throne, who (predictably but appropriately) meets a violent and bloody end. The film depicts organized crime as an extension of American capitalism; the Corleones essentially are a family of prosperous businessmen, a corporate entity whose powers understand all too well that ruthlessness and treachery are accepted means to success. Sonny, however, more than any other character, represents the true nature of the clan Corleone; he is a thug who is thoroughly remorseless in his out-of-control violence. If you so much as stare at Sonny Corleone, let alone attempt to defy him, he will challenge you, and then promptly blow you away. Sonny, as played by Caan, is the family enforcer, the reality behind the facade of respectability, in a business which relies on employing guns or fists instead of telephone calls or memos as a means of communication.

Since the release of *The Godfather* in 1972, Caan has, unfortunately, found it impossible to top himself. Unlike his *Godfather* co-star Al Pacino, he has not had great roles in memorable films; none of his subsequent work matches the overall quality of *Serpico* and *Dog Day Afternoon*, Pacino’s *Godfather* follow-ups. And so Caan (who also lacks Pacino’s Actors Studio pedigree) does not enjoy a reputation similar to Pacino as an actor’s actor.

He has, however, done substantial work in a number of films, which have allowed him to display his range. He has played nice guys (the kindhearted sailor in *Cinderella Liberty* and the widowed writer in *Chapter Two*, both opposite Marsha Mason); a cerebral lawbreaker (the title character in *Thief*); a career soldier/war veteran who has come to oppose America’s involvement in Vietnam, in *Gardens of Stone* (which, as *The Rain People* and *The Godfather*, was directed by Francis Ford Coppola); and, most memorably, the pitifully addicted college professor/title character in *The Gambler*. Caan also directed as well as starred in *Hide in Plain Sight*, playing a divorced man in search of his children. *Chapter Two* (at least on screen) is second-tier Neil Simon, while *Gardens of Stone* is a secondary Vietnam-related title. *The Gambler* is obscured by the similar *California Split*, which also came to movie theaters in 1974. And far too many of Caan’s films simply have been third rate, if not outright disasters: *Freebie and the Bean*, *Funny Lady*, *Rollerball*, *Killer Elite*, *Harry and Walter Go to New York*, and *Kiss Me Goodbye*. In the case of *Misery* and *For the*

Boys, he has been overshadowed by his co-star: Kathy Bates in the former, giving an Oscar-winning performance as a psycho fan opposite Caan's romance novelist; and Bette Midler in the latter, in an Oscar-nominated performance as a star singer opposite Caan's star comedian.

In his best later-career films—*Misery* and *Honeymoon in Vegas*, a romantic comedy in which he plays a professional gambler/con man—Caan has emerged as a solid character actor. Yet in *Honeymoon in Vegas*, he is not so much creating a character as playing off his *Godfather* persona. He further spoofs Sonny Corleone in *Mickey Blue Eyes* (another comedy, in which he is cast as a Mafia honcho) and *Bulletproof* (a Damon Wayans-Adam Sandler farce in which he plays a drug lord who removes his hairpiece prior to committing mayhem). In *The Program*, Caan may nicely underplay a college football coach, a character linked to his roles in *Brian's Song* and *The Rain People*. However, the film's failure is symbolic of the actor's plight. *The Program* is a Jekyll-and-Hyde football movie that celebrates on-field heroics while attempting to bare the destructiveness of the win-or-else sports mentality and the manner in which colleges exploit athletic recruits. While the scenario exudes a sense of outrage over college football program abuses, it also ends illogically, with the coach's team savoring a dramatic come-from-behind victory that salvages its season. Meanwhile, Caan's performance is lost amid the confusion.

The actor remains capable of playing characters as diverse as a cutthroat villain (without the comedy) in the Arnold Schwarzenegger actioner *Eraser* to a gloomy teacher who heads off to Ireland to explore his family history in *This Is My Father*. But for the most part, Caan remains a misused and too-often untapped talent.

—Rob Edelman

CAGE, Nicolas

Nationality: American. **Born:** Nicolas Coppola in Long Beach, California, 7 January 1964; nephew of the director Francis Ford Coppola. **Family:** Married the actress Patricia Arquette, 1995; son, Weston Coppola Cage, by former girlfriend, the actress Kristina Fulton. **Education:** Attended Beverly Hills High School, left in 11th grade with an equivalency degree; studied at the American Conservatory Theatre, San Francisco; studied acting with Peggy Feury. **Career:** 1981—appeared in TV movie *The Best of Times*; 1982—made theatrical film debut as Nicolas Coppola in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*; 1983—changed last name to avoid being rated as Francis Ford Coppola's nephew, choosing Cage in double homage to composer John Cage and comic book superhero Luke Cage; 1989—gained notoriety for eating a live cockroach in *Vampire's Kiss*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, Golden Globe for best drama actor, Screen Actors Guild Award, National Society of Film Critics, and Academy Award, for *Leaving Las Vegas*, 1995. **Agent:** Brillstein/Grey, 9200 Sunset Boulevard, #428, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actor: as Nicolas Coppola:

- 1981 *The Best of Times* (for TV)
- 1982 *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (Heckerling) (as Brad's bud)

as Nicolas Cage:

- 1983 *Valley Girl* (Coolidge) (as Randy); *Rumble Fish* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Smokey)
- 1984 *Racing with the Moon* (Richard Benjamin) (as Nicky); *The Cotton Club* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Vincent Dwyer); *Birdy* (Alan Parker) (as Al Columbato)
- 1986 *The Boy in Blue* (Jarrott) (as Ned Hanlan); *Peggy Sue Got Married* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Charlie Bodell)
- 1987 *Raising Arizona* (Coen) (as Hi); *Moonstruck* (Jewison) (as Ronny Cammareri)
- 1988 *Never on Tuesday* (Rifkin) (as man in red sports car, uncredited)
- 1989 *Vampire's Kiss* (Bierman) (as Peter Loew)
- 1990 *Fire Birds* (David Green) (as Jake Preston); *Wild at Heart* (David Lynch) (as Sailor Ripley); *Tempo di Uccidere* (*Time to Kill*; *The Short Cut*) (Montaldo) (as Enrico Silvestri); *Industrial Symphony No. 1: The Dream of the Broken Hearted* (Lynch) (as Heartbreaking Man)
- 1991 *Zandalee* (Pillsbury) (as Johnny Collins)
- 1992 *Honeymoon in Vegas* (Andrew Bergman) (as Jack Singer)
- 1993 *Amos & Andrew* (Frye) (as Amos Odell); *Deadfall* (Christopher Coppola) (as Eddie); *Red Rock West* (Dahl) (as Michael Williams)
- 1994 *Guarding Tess* (Hugh Wilson) (as Doug Chesnic); *It Could Happen to You* (Andrew Bergman) (as Charlie Lang); *Trapped in Paradise* (George Gallo) (as Bill Firpo)
- 1995 *Kiss of Death* (Schroeder) (as Little Junior Brown); *Leaving Las Vegas* (Figgis) (as Ben Sanderson)
- 1996 *The Rock* (Bay)
- 1997 *Con Air* (West) (as Cameron Poe); *Face/Off* (Woo) (as Castor Troy)
- 1998 *City of Angels* (Silberling) (as Seth); *Snake Eyes* (De Palma) (as Rick Santoro)
- 1999 *8MM* (Schumacher) (as Tom Welles); *Bringing Out the Dead* (Scorsese) (as Frank Pierce)
- 2000 *Gone in Sixty Seconds* (Sena) (as Randall "Memphis" Raines); *The Family Man* (Ratner) (as Jack Campbell)
- 2001 *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* (Madden) (as Corelli)

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In his early screen appearances Nicolas Cage came across as a bit of a blowhard. But when he turned himself into a cartoon, as the gentle thief Hi in *Raising Arizona*, his all-out style became emphatically pleasurable. Cage plays wild hare comedy off his lanky-hunky body, his air of eternal devotion, and a glimmer of Old World honor in his round, dark-lidded eyes. A berserkly anomalous courtliness gives him

a romantic air even in the looniest slapstick. He furthered his comic style in the more sophisticated *Moonstruck* as Ronny, a young butcher in love with his estranged older brother's fiancée. Ronny's brooding perfectly matches the dormancy of Cher's good daughter Loretta; when he proclaims his love for her and she smacks him and tells him to "Snap out of it!," they seem to jolt each other to life. Romantic comedy pairings rarely carry such a richly sensual charge.

Cage then outdid himself in his starring role in *Vampire's Kiss* as a yuppie editor who thinks he is turning into a vampire; he makes too much seem like just the right amount. His Peter Lowe is at once grotesque and bounding, both a heavily florid comedian such as the young Charles Laughton and a leaping calorie-burner such as Douglas Fairbanks. He keeps falling prey to obsessions and topping one tantrum with another, and getting more and more amusing. Cage achieves transformations as alarmingly funny as Jim Carrey's in *The Mask*, but without the special effects. (Like Carrey, Cage shows the influence of Jerry Lewis, whom he claims to have idolized as a child.)

Cage was less successful in David Lynch's *Wild at Heart* as a junkie sailor on the run with his girlfriend, because his craziness has too much competition from the murky swirl of the story and visuals; Lynch was straining. Cage was more impressive in a series of light

comedies in the early 1990s, working especially well with Andrew Bergman. As Jack Singer in *Honeymoon in Vegas* he plays a man who overcomes his fear of marriage when he loses his girlfriend in a poker game. Jack has vacillated too long; by the time he acts the situation requires more than ordinary effort. Jack quickly becomes hilariously exasperated, and Cage gives classic accelerating delivery to such lines as, “He lives in a SHACK!” Cage shows his peerless ability to engage in the most frantic complications of romantic comedy and remain not only funny but sexy.

He was also good in the calmer role of the married cop who leaves a winning lottery ticket as a tip to a waitress in Bergman’s *It Could Happen to You*, and in a straight performance in John Dahl’s film noir *Red Rock West*. Cage is fresh and convincing in both pictures in which he has to be more essentially stable than the way his life is turning out. However, you miss his earmark outbursts. He does not seem actory in *Red Rock West*, but he does not seem like himself either. He has matured on screen, getting continually manlier and handsomer, and he may be incapable of a bum performance, but he needs to have his composure cracked to work at his most imaginative.

Finally with *Leaving Las Vegas* he got a chance to really plumb his comic skill. He plays Ben Sanderson, an alcoholic writer who leaves Hollywood for Vegas with the stated goal of drinking himself to death. The script lets us know that Cage’s goofiness is the character’s; when Ben tape records a pornographic-alcoholic fantasy while waiting in line at the bank, it is the showy misbehavior of a writer, a man emulating Henry Miller and Charles Bukowski. Cage’s mugging and flashily affected readings stem from Ben’s self-destructive perversity, and the writer-director Mike Figgis enables Cage to push his one-man-band inventiveness to a level of expressiveness that could not be reached any other way. There is no other approach to Ben; he is too smart and too self-conscious to *emote*. Ben’s spaced-out put-on is an extraordinary invention—it is how a man who needs human interaction to the very end keeps in touch with people without letting them intervene in his determination to get to the end. Cage, by showing us how to see through Ben’s evasiveness without violating Ben’s terms of play, pulls off what Quentin Tarantino could not in *Pulp Fiction* when at the closing he went sincere with Samuel L. Jackson’s freaky takeoff on black Baptist oratory. (Tarantino is a great joker, but he had not provided himself with a fleck of emotional fiber to spin.) Cage has long been the most exciting young actor in American movies; with *Leaving Las Vegas* he became the most stirring as well.

—Alan Dale

CAGNEY, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Francis Cagney Jr. in New York City, 17 July 1899; brother of the actress Jeanne Cagney. **Education:** Attended Stuyvesant High School, New York; briefly attended Columbia University. **Family:** Married Frances Willard (Willie) Vernon, 1922, adopted children: James and Cathleen. **Career:** Acted in productions staged by Lenox Hill Settlement House during childhood; 1919—worked in vaudeville as chorus dancer and female impersonator; 1920—in chorus of Broadway musical *Pitter-Patter*; 1925—began playing leads on Broadway; 1927–28—opened the Cagney School of Dancing with wife; 1929—following success in Broadway musical *Penny Arcade*, contracted by Warners to appear in film version, retitled *Sinner’s Holiday*; 1930—long-term contract

with Warners; early 1930s—involved in Screen Actors Guild, later serving as vice president (1934–39) and president (1942–43); 1936—sued Warners over breach of contract and won; 1936–38—in two films for small Grand National Pictures; 1938—re-signed with Warners; 1943—formed William Cagney Productions with brother; 1953—final independent Cagney production *A Lion Is in the Streets*; 1957—directed film *Short Cut to Hell*; 1961—retired from acting; 1981—came out of retirement for role in Forman’s *Ragtime*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Angels with Dirty Faces*, 1938; Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, 1942; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1974; Honored for “Lifetime Achievement in the Performing Arts” by the Kennedy Center, 1980. **Died:** In Stansfordville, New York, 30 March 1986.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Sinner’s Holiday* (Adolfi) (as Harry Delano); *Doorway to Hell* (A Handful of Clouds) (Mayo) (as Steve Mileaway); *Intimate Interview* (Elliott)
- 1931 *Other Men’s Women* (Wellman) (as Ed); *The Millionaire* (Adolfi) (as Schofield); *The Public Enemy* (Wellman) (as Tom Powers); *Smart Money* (Alfred E. Green) (as Jack); *Blonde Crazy* (Larceny Lane) (Del Ruth) (as Bert Harris); *How I Play Golf* (Marshall)
- 1932 *Taxi!* (Del Ruth) (as Matt Nolan); *The Crowd Roars* (Hawks) (as Joe Greer); *Winner Take All* (Del Ruth) (as Jim Kane)
- 1933 *Hard to Handle* (LeRoy) (as Lefty Merrill); *Picture Snatcher* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Danny Kean); *The Mayor of Hell* (Mayo) (as Patsy Gargan); *Footlight Parade* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Chester Kent); *Lady Killer* (Del Ruth) (as Dan Quigley); *Hollywood on Parade*
- 1934 *Jimmy the Gent* (Curtiz) (as Jimmy Corrigan); *He Was Her Man* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Flicker Hayes); *Here Comes the Navy* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Chesty O’Connor); *The St. Louis Kid* (A Perfect Weekend) (Enright) (as Eddie Kennedy); *Hollywood Gad-About*; *Screen Snapshots One*
- 1935 *Devil Dogs of the Air* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Tommy O’Toole); *G-Men* (Keighley) (as James “Brick” Davis); *The Irish in Us* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Danny O’Hara); *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (Reinhardt and Dieterle) (as Bottom); *Frisco Kid* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Bat Morgan); *Ceiling Zero* (Hawks) (as Dizzy Davis); *A Trip through a Hollywood Studio*; *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Lloyd) (as extra)
- 1936 *Great Guy* (Pluck of the Irish) (Blystone) (as Johnny Cave)
- 1937 *Something to Sing About* (Schertzinger) (as Terry Rooney)
- 1938 *Boy Meets Girl* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Robert Law); *Angels with Dirty Faces* (Curtiz) (as Rocky Sullivan); *For Auld Lang Syne* (Bilson)
- 1939 *The Oklahoma Kid* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Jim Kincaid); *Each Dawn I Die* (Keighley) (as Frank Ross); *The Roaring Twenties* (Walsh) (as Eddie Bartlett)
- 1940 *The Fighting 69th* (Keighley) (as Jerry Plunkett); *Torrid Zone* (Keighley) (as Nick Butler); *City for Conquest* (Litvak) (as Danny Kenny)
- 1941 *The Strawberry Blonde* (Walsh) (as Biff Grimes); *The Bride Came C.O.D.* (Keighley) (as Steve Collins)



James Cagney with Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, and Rosemary DeCamp in *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

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| <p>1942 <i>Captains of the Clouds</i> (Curtiz) (as Brian MacLean); <i>Yankee Doodle Dandy</i> (Curtiz) (as George M. Cohan)</p> <p>1943 <i>Johnny Come Lately</i> (<i>Johnny Vagabond</i>) (William K. Howard) (as Tom Richards); <i>Show Business at War</i> (<i>March of Time</i>); <i>You, John Jones</i> (LeRoy) (as Air Raid Warden)</p> <p>1944 <i>Battle Stations</i> (as narrator)</p> <p>1945 <i>Blood on the Sun</i> (Lloyd) (as Nick Condon)</p> <p>1946 <i>13 Rue Madeleine</i> (Hathaway) (as Bob Sharkey)</p> <p>1948 <i>The Time of Your Life</i> (Potter) (as Joe)</p> <p>1949 <i>White Heat</i> (Walsh) (as Cody Jarrett)</p> <p>1950 <i>The West Point Story</i> (Del Ruth) (as Elwin Bixby); <i>Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye</i> (Gordon Douglas) (as Ralph Cotter)</p> <p>1951 <i>Come Fill the Cup</i> (Gordon Douglas) (as Lew Marsh); <i>Starlift</i> (Del Ruth) (as himself)</p> <p>1952 <i>What Price Glory?</i> (John Ford) (as Captain Flagg)</p> <p>1953 <i>A Lion Is in the Streets</i> (<i>A Lion in the Streets</i>) (Walsh) (as Hank Martin)</p> <p>1955 <i>Run for Cover</i> (Nicholas Ray) (as Matt Dow); <i>Love Me or Leave Me</i> (Charles Vidor) (as Martin "Gimp" Snyder); <i>Mister Roberts</i> (John Ford and LeRoy) (as Captain); <i>The Seven Little Foys</i> (Shavelson) (as George M. Cohan)</p> | <p>1956 <i>Tribute to a Bad Man</i> (Wise) (as Jeremy Rodock); <i>These Wilder Years</i> (Rowland) (as Steve Bradford)</p> <p>1957 <i>Man of a Thousand Faces</i> (Pevney) (as Lon Chaney Sr.)</p> <p>1959 <i>Never Steal Anything Small</i> (Lederer) (as Jake MacIllaney); <i>Shake Hands with the Devil</i> (Anderson) (as Sean Lenihan)</p> <p>1960 <i>The Gallant Hours</i> (Montgomery) (as Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey, + pr)</p> <p>1961 <i>One, Two, Three</i> (Wilder) (as C. P. MacNamara)</p> <p>1962 <i>Road to the Wall</i> (doc) (as narrator)</p> <p>1966 <i>Ballad of Smokey the Bear</i> (voice only)</p> <p>1968 <i>Arizona Bushwhackers</i> (Selander) (as narrator)</p> <p>1975 <i>Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?</i> (Mora—doc) (as voice of Everyman)</p> <p>1981 <i>Ragtime</i> (Forman) (as Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo)</p> <p>1984 <i>Terrible Joe Moran</i> (Sargent—for TV) (title role)</p> |
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Film as Director:

- 1957 *Short Cut to Hell*

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Jimmy Cagney was a natural actor with an astonishing range. As Bottom in Reinhardt and Dieterle's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, he demonstrated that he could play comedy effectively. He was Lon Chaney in *Man of a Thousand Faces*, and twice played George M. Cohan, winning an Academy Award for *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, and repeating the role in 1955 for *The Seven Little Foys*. But his specialty was Irish tough guys: prizefighters, gangsters, bootleggers, and racketeers.

In 1931, a year after his film career began, Cagney created the definitive portrait of a tough, swaggering movie gangster in Wellman's *The Public Enemy*. Fifty years later, and in failing health, he gave Milos Forman an equally memorable portrayal as New York police commissioner Rhinelander Waldo in the film version of E. L. Doctorow's *Ragtime*. The swagger was still there, and the charisma. As early as 1939, critic Otis Ferguson paid tribute to Cagney by noting that it would be “hard to say what our impression of the total American character would have been without him.”

Cagney learned the American character on the streets of New York. When he played Irish tough guys on the screen, he was able to

draw on his own youthful experiences. Cagney began his performing career as a hooper in a show called *Every Sailor* at Keith's 86th Street Theatre, then, in 1920, he landed a specialty dance in the show *Pitter-Patter*. His future wife, Frances Willard Vernon, was in the chorus line and after *Pitter-Patter* closed, they joined to form a dance team called "Vernon and Nye." His first important acting assignment came in 1925 when he was cast with Charles Bickford in the Maxwell Anderson play *Outside Looking In*.

In 1929 he played opposite Joan Blondell in *Maggie the Magnificent*, and subsequently in *Penny Arcade*. Al Jolson procured the rights for this play and then sold it to Warner Brothers. Cagney and Blondell were part of the package, and so Cagney went to Hollywood, where *Penny Arcade* became *Sinner's Holiday*. A year later he had the lead in *The Public Enemy* and was on his way to becoming a star.

His great talent was confined by the apparently stereotyped roles he often played over the next 25 years, but no one could do them better than Cagney. He perfectly understood the characters of the punks he portrayed, from the raw and brutal ambition of Tom Powers to the psychotic complexity of Cody Jarrett in *White Heat*, 18 years later.

In his portrayal of "Gimp" Snyder for Charles Vidor in *Love Me or Leave Me*, Cagney drew upon all the vitality and charisma of his old gangster roles to present the melancholy figure of a man who loves and respects a woman, Doris Day's Ruth Etting, whose sense of decency he is incapable of understanding. Cagney takes a modest melodrama and gives it an almost tragic dimension as Snyder attempts to reform but is finally driven crazy by his jealousy and shoots the piano player (Cameron Mitchell), who is his rival.

Rat-a-tat-tating those famous feet like machine gun fire in his musicals, Cagney was a whirling dervish whose finest performances, even in nonmusicals, seem choreographed. Both his upbringing in Hell's Kitchen and his vaudeville trouping inform every step this *sui generis* takes. Unlike other male superstars of Hollywood's Golden Age, Cagney was unafraid of returning to his gangster roots throughout his long, kinetic career. Only an actor unconstrained by image considerations could deliver as chilling a portrait of psychopathy as his migraine-plagued Mama's boy, Cody Jarrett. By contrast, think of the roles Gable, Stewart, Tracy, and Grant chose after their mass appeal hardened around their personas. Bringing humanity to his criminals and moral uncertainty to his good guys, Cagney created the myth of the streetwise cynic, who could just as fatefully be recruited to walk the straight and narrow or stride through a police lineup with attitude to burn. The only characterizational common ground was an energy-level unknown to the rest of us. In *One, Two, Three*, a virtuoso collaboration with Billy Wilder (then intended as Cagney's retirement film), the performer propels the Cold War farce forward and flies past topical references that date the film, as if his acting were independent of tired plot mechanics, as if his personality could simply burn through familiar gags until the audience is left only with the distilled essence of Cagney. One wishes this vital actor had accepted Jack Warner's offer to play Alfred P. Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, a museum piece that would have benefited from his irreverent cock-of-the-walk strut.

Whether tackling bad guys on-screen or battling the Brothers Warner offscreen in his heyday, Cagney always placed his convictions in the forefront. Going independent at a time in the forties when such ventures were considered suicidal, Cagney's production company created some lovely films, such as *Johnny Come Lately*, before

going down fighting. But bucking the odds has always been a signature move on Cagney's part, whether knocking himself out to put on a show in *Footlight Parade* or sizing up Ann Sheridan on a rubber plantation in *Torrid Zone*. Not only could he jump in the job pool from G-Man to America's most wanted but he could also enliven Shakespeare or impersonate Adm. "Bull" Halsey in *The Gallant Hours* with the same self-confident *droit du seigneur*. Whereas less versatile stars played storybook versions of heroism, Cagney always scrapped for his honor because he was not a to-the-manner-born savior like John Wayne but a conflicted hero who had to arrive at virtue by sometimes battling his own instincts. Jimmy Cagney embodied the personal charisma of star acting during Hollywood's Golden Era. His abilities were unique, and his classic films are forever marked by his personal brilliance.

—James M. Welsh, updated by Robert Pardi

CAINE, Michael

Nationality: British. **Born:** Maurice Micklewhite in London, 14 March 1933. **Military Service:** 1951–53—served in Korea with Royal Fusiliers. **Family:** Married 1) Patricia Haines, 1954 (divorced 1956), one daughter; 2) Shakira Khatoon Baksh, 1973, one daughter. **Career:** Late 1940s–early 1950s—acted with amateur groups while working as a laborer; 1954–56—played small parts in provincial theaters and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop; appeared frequently on British television; 1956—began appearing in bit roles in feature films; 1964—critical attention for role in *Zulu*; 1965—played role of Harry Palmer in first of series of films, *The Ipcress File*; early 1970s—involved with Klinger-Caine-Hodges Productions; 1980s—much work for TV, including *Jack the Ripper*, 1988, and *Jekyll and Hyde*, 1990. **Awards:** British Academy Award for Best Actor, for *Educating Rita*, 1983; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Hannah and Her Sisters*, 1986; CBE, 1993; Best Actor Golden Globe Award for *Little Voice*, 1999. **Address:** c/o Dennis Selinger, International Creative Management, Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, London W1N OAX, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1956 *A Hill in Korea (Hell in Korea)* (Amyes) (bit role as Pvt. Lockyer)
- 1957 *How to Murder a Rich Uncle* (Patrick) (as Gilrony)
- 1958 *The Key* (Reed) (bit role); *Blind Spot* (Maxwell) (bit role); *The Two Headed Spy* (de Toth) (bit role as 2nd Gestapo agent); *Carve Her Name with Pride* (Gilbert)
- 1959 *Passport to Shame (Room 43)* (Rakoff) (bit role); *Danger Within (Breakout)* (Chaffey) (bit role)
- 1960 *Foxhole in Cairo* (Moxey) (as Weber); *The Bulldog Breed* (Asher) (bit role)
- 1961 *The Day the Earth Caught Fire* (Guest) (bit role)
- 1962 *Solo for Sparrow* (Fleming) (as Mooney); *The Wrong Arm of the Law* (Owen) (bit role)



Michael Caine with Julie Foster in *Alfie*

- 1964 *Zulu* (Endfield) (as Lt. Gonville Bromhead)
- 1965 *The Ipcress File* (Furie) (as Harry Palmer)
- 1966 *Alfie* (Gilbert) (title role); *The Wrong Box* (Forbes) (as Michael); *Gambit* (Neame) (as Harry); *Funeral in Berlin* (Hamilton) (as Harry Palmer); *Hurry Sundown* (Preminger) (as Henry Warren)
- 1967 *Billion Dollar Brain* (Russell) (as Harry Palmer); "Snow" ep. of *Woman Times Seven* (De Sica) (as handsome stranger)
- 1968 *Deadfall* (Forbes) (as Henry Clarke); *Play Dirty* (de Toth) (as Capt. Douglas); *The Magus* (Green) (as Nicholas Urfe)
- 1969 *The Italian Job* (Collinson) (as Charlie Croker); *Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Sqdn. Leader Canfield); *Too Late the Hero* (Aldrich) (as Tosh)
- 1970 *The Last Valley* (Clavell) (as Captain); *Get Carter* (Hodges) (as Jack Carter); *Simon, Simon* (short)
- 1971 *Kidnapped* (Delbert Mann) (as Alan Breck); *Zee and Company* (X, Y, and Zee) (Hutton) (as Robert)
- 1972 *Pulp* (Hodges) (as Mickey King); *Sleuth* (Mankiewicz) (as Milo Tindle)
- 1974 *The Black Windmill* (Siegel) (as Major John Tarrant); *The Marseilles Contract* (*The Destroyers*) (Parrish) (as Deray)
- 1975 *The Wilby Conspiracy* (Nelson) (as Keogh); *The Romantic Englishwoman* (Losey) (as Lewis Fielding); *The Man Who Would Be King* (Huston) (as Peachy Carnehan)
- 1976 *Peeper* (Hyams) (as Leslie Tucker); *The Eagle Has Landed* (John Sturges) (as Col. Kurt Steiner)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Lt. Col. Joe Vandeleur); *Harry and Walter Go to New York* (Rydell) (as Adam Worth)
- 1978 *California Suite* (Ross) (as Sidney Cochran); *Ashanti* (Fleischer) (as Dr. David Lenderby); *Silver Bears* (Passer) (as Doc Fletcher)
- 1979 *The Swarm* (Irwin Allen) (as Brad Crane); *The Island* (Ritchie) (as Maynard); *Beyond the Poseidon Adventure* (Irwin Allen) (as Mike Turner)
- 1980 *Dressed to Kill* (De Palma) (as Dr. Robert Elliott)
- 1981 *Victory* (*Escape to Victory*) (Huston) (as Colby); *The Hand* (Stone) (as Jon Landsdale)
- 1982 *Deathtrap* (Lumet) (as Sidney Bruhl)
- 1983 *The Honorary Consul* (*Beyond the Limit*) (Mackenzie) (as Charlie Fortnum); *Educating Rita* (Gilbert) (as Professor)
- 1984 *The Jigsaw Man* (Young) (as Sir Philip Kimberly/Sergei Kuzminsky); *Blame It on Rio* (Donen) (as Matthew Hollis)

- 1985 *The Holcroft Convention* (Frankenheimer) (as Noel Holcroft); *Water* (Clement) (as Baxter)
- 1986 *Half Moon Street* (Swaim) (as Lord Bulbeck); *Hannah and Her Sisters* (Woody Allen) (as Elliot); *Mona Lisa* (Neil Jordan) (as Mortwell); *Sweet Liberty* (Alda) (as Elliott James)
- 1987 *The Fourth Protocol* (Mackenzie) (as John Preston, + exec pr); *Jaws—the Revenge* (Sargent) (as Hoagie); *Surrender* (Belson) (as Sean Stein, mystery novelist); *The Whistle Blower* (Langton) (as Frank Jones)
- 1988 *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Oz) (as Lawrence Jamieson); *Without a Clue* (Eberhardt) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Jack the Ripper* (Wickes) (as Frederick Abberline—for TV)
- 1989 *Movie Life of George* (Brand—for TV); *The Trouble with Michael Caine* (Macmillan—for TV)
- 1990 *A Shock to the System* (Egleson) (as Graham Marshall); *Bullseye!* (Winner) (as Sidney Lipton/Dr. Daniel Hicklar); *Mr. Destiny* (Orr) (as Mike); *Jekyll & Hyde* (Wickes—for TV) (title role)
- 1991 *Noises Off* (Bogdanovich) (as Lloyd Fellowes)
- 1992 *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (Henson) (as Scrooge); *Death Becomes Her* (Zemeckis); *Blue Ice* (Mulcahy—for TV) (as Harry Anders, + pr)
- 1994 *On Deadly Ground* (Seagal) (as Michael Jennings); *World War II: When Lions Roared* (Joseph Sargent—for TV) (as Joseph Stalin)
- 1995 *Len Deighton's Bullet to Beijing* (Mihalka) (as Harry Palmer)
- 1997 *Blood and Wine* (Rafelson) (as Victor Spansky); *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* (Hardy—for TV) (as Captain Nemo); *Mandela and deKlerk* (Sargent—for TV) (as F.W. deKlerk)
- 1998 *Little Voice* (Herman) (as Ray Say)
- 1999 *Curtain Calls* (Yates) (as Max Gale); *The Cider House Rules* (Hallström) (as Dr. Wilbur Larch)
- 2000 *Quills* (Philip Kaufman) (as Dr. Royer-Collard); *Get Carter* (Kay) (as Cliff Brumby); *Miss Congeniality* (Petrie) (as Vic); *Shiner* (Irvin) (as Billy Simpson)

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Michael Caine belonged in the Cockney contingent (Anthony Newley, Terence Stamp, Twiggy) that rose to stardom soon after kitchen-sink Northerners such as Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay. While Stamp came on as the smart tough mod, and Newley led with his pathos, Caine's basic persona was the upwardly mobile Cockney, with 1960s executive specs and crispy well-groomed wavy hair, who yet retains, without inverted snobbery and in a naturally neat voice, his Cockney accent. He was laid-back, too—tall, amiable, almost lordly—and his cool blue eyes bespoke calm calculation, bedroom sensitivity, and/or deep dark scheming. This balance of easy sociability and private purpose is of the essence.

Son of a fish porter and a charwoman, Caine rose through rep to television, which he alternated with innumerable bit and supporting parts. Auditioning for a grumbling Cockney soldier in *Zulu*, he was surprised to be offered a lead role, and as an aristocratic young officer, whose authority must be overthrown by toughly professional Stanley Baker. Caine revamped his stereotypically effete character, so that his languid air proved deceptive.

While Caine's performance in *Zulu* drew considerable critical attention, he languished for almost a year without film offers after the picture's release. Then Harry Saltzman, co-producer of the fabulously successful James Bond films, tapped him for the lead in the screen version of Len Deighton's espionage novel *The Ipcress File*. As the insolent, working-class secret agent Harry Palmer, Caine was a complete antithesis to James Bond. The long, improvised, supermarket scene in the film embellishes the everyday melancholy that extended Caine's rapport with audiences. The subsequent Palmer films, *Fahrenheit 451* in Berlin and *Billion Dollar Brain*, the latter directed by Ken

Russell, Caine's handpicked choice, neglected that intimate rapport with audiences, and failed. As did Caine's return to the character twenty years later in *Bullet to Beijing*, producer Harry Allan Tower's flat start to a proposed new series of Harry Palmer theatrical adventures that died aborning when the film was spun off to TV and video. In *Alfie* Caine's Cockney chauffeur, a smoothly relentless Casanova, with his insidiously cynical chats direct to the audience, stirred a deep uneasiness about permissiveness. It was a role shunned by almost every eligible star; Caine won his first Oscar nomination, and the film was the biggest-ever British money-earner in the United States. It made him the star he is today.

Caine contributed polished performances to many lesser films, although his very Englishness, as domestic production flagged, set him adrift in productions of "ersatz internationalism," as he called it. Of various war action films in exotic locales, the most interesting were two toughly ironic meditations on idealism and power: *The Last Valley*, written and directed by the late novelist James Clavell of *Shogun* and *Noble House* fame, with Caine as a thoughtful German mercenary in the Thirty Years' War; and John Huston's long-aborning *The Man Who Would Be King*, with Caine as the feet-on-the-ground adventurer Peachy Carnehan, opposite Sean Connery's upstart title character. In both films, settings and trimmings somehow eclipsed stars and themes intrinsically as powerful as *The Bridge on the River Kwai* or *Apocalypse Now*. Caine's long line of affable scoundrels and connen extended to chillingly calm London gangsters in *Get Carter*, a pet project of Caine's directed by Mike Hodges, that has been relocated to America for a 2000 remake starring Sylvester Stallone in the role originally played by Caine, who is set to play a cameo in the remake; and *Mona Lisa*, for which Caine took substantially less than his usual astronomical fee in order to get the film made. In *Kidnapped* his sword-fencing worked in well with his airily long-limbed command of personal space.

Caine's sharply blue, yet softly bulbous, eyes suggested quietly devious, complicated, or creative characters. *Pulp*, *Sleuth*, and *Deathtrap* were dialogue comedies involving writers in murder-plot-and-counterplot; they were near two-handers, Caine "duetting" with, respectively, Mickey Rooney, Laurence Olivier (Caine plucking an Oscar nomination from under the knightly nose), and Christopher Reeve. A fourth variation on writer/reality games, *The Romantic Englishwoman*, with Caine as a writer fantasizing his wife's adultery, promised greater depth, but the eagerly awaited collaboration between Caine and director Joseph Losey seemed short-circuited by a tricky script.

Caine's air of mischievous sensuality explains his three gay roles: in *Deathtrap* (where he and Reeve kiss), *Dressed to Kill* (as a psychiatrist who is also a transvestite homicidal maniac), and *California Suite* (with Maggie Smith as sexually ambiguous Hollywood marrieds doubly nervy while awaiting the Oscar announcements).

By 1979 Caine's career again risked losing direction, with a run of parts in mediocre spy, horror, and disaster films. *Educating Rita* was a "return to roots," to the director of *Alfie*, and to Oscar nomination. Caine played an extinct poet turned university lecturer, disillusioned by the grooves of academe, and vacillating between his textbooks and his whiskey bottle; but revived by the cheek and eager optimism of working-class housewife Julie Walters. Alan Alda's *Sweet Liberty* and Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters* brought Caine fully into the American comedy of manners. In Alda's film he sketches a film star surely based on himself. A gregarious Cockney now King of Hollywood, he good-naturedly jollies Alda, as a history professor, out of his misery about moviemakers travestying his serious book. In

Allen's slightly sad comedy, Caine, a business manager for rock stars, is torn by guilt about loving two sisters, and ends up prey to the nervousness with which the Allen character began; an intriguing role reversal. Though every character but Allen's was dissatisfyingly foreshortened, Caine won a Supporting Actor Oscar.

He continues a highly popular star, though he is frequently criticized for being less than selective about the projects he takes on. He played the real inspector Frederick Abberline, the working-class chief detective on the trail of the infamous serial killer Jack the Ripper in writer-director David Wickes's two-part telefilm produced for the Ripper's centenary. The film proposed a final solution to the century-old mystery, naming the Queen's royal physician as the legendary killer, a solution offered by the 1979 Ripper film, *Murder by Decree*, as well. For Wickes also, Caine played the title roles in *Jekyll and Hyde*, the umpteenth version of the durable Robert Louis Stevenson barnstormer, this one produced for British and American television. For TV, he also played an unremarkable Captain Nemo in an unspectacular mini-series based on the Jules Verne classic; and gave a remarkable performance (sporting a convincing South African accent) as F. W. deKlerk opposite Sidney Poitier's Nelson Mandela in *Mandela and deKlerk*, a docudrama about the fall of apartheid.

He returned to comedy with *Noises Off*, Peter Bogdanovich's film adaptation of playwright Michael Frayn's takeoff on British sex farces, appearing opposite his old *Deathtrap* flame Christopher Reeve. In *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, he played Scrooge opposite a bevy of Jim Henson's puppet creatures in Dickensian garb. 1992's *Blue Ice*, a film he also produced, found Caine once again embroiled in secret agency. He was a villainous oil baron whom Steven Seagal prevents from destroying the Alaskan landscape in *On Deadly Ground*.

Late in the 1990s he returned to more meaty roles. In *Little Voice* he gave a notable turn as a sleazy talent scout who discovers an introverted girl (Jane Horrocks) with an amazing skill for imitating famous songstresses like Judy Garland and Shirley Bassey. And in *The Cider House Rules*, based on a novel by John Irving, he adopted his first American accent (down-home Maine no less) to play the sympathetic head of an orphanage and earned another Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actor for his trouble. The busy star somehow managed to find the time find to write his autobiography, published in 1992 under the title *What's It All About?*, Caine's famous refrain from *Alfie*, as well as open a string of upscale restaurants in London and Miami.

—Raymond Durnat, updated by John McCarty

CALHERN, Louis

Nationality: American. **Born:** Carl Henry Vogt in New York City, 19 (or 16) February 1895. **Family:** Married 1) the actress and writer Ilka Chase, 1926 (divorced 1926); 2) Julia Hoyt, 1927 (divorced 1932); 3) Natalie Schafer, 1933 (divorced); 4) Marianne Stewart, 1946 (divorced). **Career:** Late 1910s-early 1920s—worked on Broadway stage; 1921—film debut in *The Blot*; followed by romantic leading man roles in silent films; 1931—talking film debut in *Stolen Heaven*; 1938—on stage in *Golden Boy* in London; later stage roles include *Life with Father*, 1942, *The Magnificent Yankee* (and film version), and *King Lear*, 1950; after 1949—worked exclusively for



Louis Calhern with Ann Harding in *The Magnificent Yankee*

MGM, mainly in supporting roles. **Died:** In Tokyo, Japan, 12 May 1956.

Films as Actor:

- 1921 *The Blot* (Weber) (as Phil West); *Too Wise Wives* (Weber); *What's Worth While?* (Weber)
- 1922 *Woman, Wake Up!* (Harrison)
- 1923 *The Last Moment* (Read)
- 1931 *Blonde Crazy* (*Larceny Lane*) (Del Ruth) (as Dapper Dan Barker); *Stolen Heaven* (Abbott) (as Steve Perry); *The Road to Singapore* (Alfred E. Green) (as Dr. George March)
- 1932 *Okay America* (*Penalty of Fame*) (Garnett) (as Mileaway Rosso); *They Call It Sin* (Freeland) (as Ford Humphries); *Night after Night* (Mayo) (as Dick Bolton); *Afraid to Talk* (Cahn) (as Wade)
- 1933 *20,000 Years in Sing Sing* (Curtiz) (as Joe Finn); *The Woman Accused* (Sloane) (as Leo Young); *Duck Soup* (McCarey) (as Ambassador Trentino); *Frisco Jenny* (Wellman) (as Steve Dutton); *Strictly Personal* (Murphy) (as Magruder); *The World Gone Mad* (*The Public Be Hanged*) (Cabanne) (as Christopher Bruno); *Diplomaniacs* (Seiter) (as Winklereid)
- 1934 *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Raymond de Villefort Jr.); *The Affairs of Cellini* (La Cava) (as Ottaviano); *The Man with Two Faces* (Mayo) (as Stanley Vance)
- 1935 *The Arizonian* (Charles Vidor) (as Jake Mannen); *The Last Days of Pompeii* (Cooper) (as prefect); *Sweet Adeline* (LeRoy) (as Maj. Jim Day); *Woman Wanted* (Seitz) (as Smiley)
- 1936 *The Gorgeous Hussy* (Brown) (as Sunderland)
- 1937 *The Life of Emile Zola* (Dieterle) (as Maj. Dort); *Her Husband Lies* (Ludwig) (as Sordoni)
- 1938 *Fast Company* (*The Rare Book Murder*) (Buzzell) (as Elias Z. Bannerman)
- 1939 *Juarez* (Dieterle) (as LeMarc); *Fifth Avenue Girl* (La Cava) (as Dr. Kessler); *Charlie McCarthy, Detective* (Tuttle) (as Arthur Aldrich); *The Story of Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet* (*Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet*) (Dieterle) (as Dr. Brockdorf); *I Take This Woman* (Van Dyke) (as Dr. Duveen)

- 1943 *Heaven Can Wait* (Lubitsch) (as Randolph Van Cleve); *Nobody's Darling* (Anthony Mann)
- 1944 *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* (Rowland V. Lee) (as viceroy); *Up in Arms* (Nugent) (as Col. Ashley)
- 1946 *Notorious* (Hitchcock) (as Paul Prescott)
- 1948 *Arch of Triumph* (Milestone) (as Morosow)
- 1949 *The Red Danube* (Sidney) (as Col. Piniev); *The Red Pony* (Milestone) (as Grandpa)
- 1950 *Nancy Goes to Rio* (Leonard) (as Gregory Elliott); *Two Weeks with Love* (Rowland) (as Horatio Robinson); *The Magnificent Yankee* (*The Man with Thirty Sons*) (John Sturges) (as Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.); *The Devil's Doorway* (Anthony Mann) (as Verne Coolan); *A Life of Her Own* (Cukor) (as Jim Leversoe); *The Asphalt Jungle* (Huston) (as Alonzo D. Emmerich); *Annie Get Your Gun* (Sidney) (as Buffalo Bill)
- 1951 *The Man with a Cloak* (Markle) (as Thevenet); *It's a Big Country* (Thorpe and others) (as narrator)
- 1952 *Invitation* (Reinhardt) (as Simon Bowker); *The Bad and the Beautiful* (Minnelli) (as voice on the recording); *We're Not Married* (Goulding) (as Freddie Melrose); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Thorpe) (as Col. Zapt); *Washington Story* (*Target for Scandal*) (Pirosh) (as Charles W. Birch)
- 1953 *Confidentially Connie* (Buzzell) (as Opie Bedloe); *Julius Caesar* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (title role); *Remains to Be Seen* (Weis) (as Benjamin Goodwin); *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as himself); *Latin Lovers* (LeRoy) (as Grandfather Santos)
- 1954 *Rhapsody* (Charles Vidor) (as Nicholas Durant); *Executive Suite* (Wise) (as George Nyle Caswell); *The Student Prince* (Thorpe) (as King of Karlsburg); *Men of the Fighting Lady* (Marton) (as James A. Michener); *Betrayed* (Reinhardt) (as Gen. Ten Eyck); *Athena* (Thorpe) (as Grandpa Ulysses Mulvain)
- 1955 *The Blackboard Jungle* (Richard Brooks) (as Jim Murdock); *The Prodigal* (Thorpe) (as Nahreeb)
- 1956 *Forever, Darling* (Hall) (as Charles Y. Bewell); *High Society* (Walters) (as Uncle Willie)

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In the first half of the 1950s it seemed as if Louis Calhern was in every other MGM picture released. He had signed with that studio in 1949 and immediately began creating character roles that were always interesting and occasionally more. One of his first portrayals was Buffalo Bill, long white hair flowing, in the musical *Annie Get Your Gun*.

In 1950 Calhern recreated for the cinema his acclaimed stage role in *The Magnificent Yankee*, in which he had definitively impersonated—or perhaps reincarnated—Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. The previous year he had returned to Broadway to play the role he had prepared himself for most of his professional life: the great mad King Lear.

Despite the actor's gray-haired and dignified mien he was not always cast as a rock of probity. It was John Huston's crime drama *The Asphalt Jungle* that gave Calhern one of his few truly memorable film parts. With an inexperienced but plainly nubile Marilyn Monroe in a supporting role as his decades-younger mistress, he brought both understated menace and a sad world-weariness to his sleazy, crooked lawyer Emmerich. To her he euphemistically may have been "Uncle Lon" but he was far from avuncular.

This was somewhat of a return to Calhern's film roots. He began his sound film career in 1931 and throughout the decade he played villains or at least men with morality in various shades of gray. When he wasn't plotting dirty work in melodramas he was sometimes found doing it in such comedies as Paramount's *Duck Soup* in which the formidable Groucho Marx was his adversary.

Calhern was also subjected to indignities by the comedy team of Wheeler and Woolsey in *Diplomaniacs* and by Danny Kaye in *Up in Arms*. In viewing those films one is led to wonder whether Calhern really had much sense of humor. He seems to have a puzzled look on his face that may or may not have been called for in the script. Either he wittingly played against his persona in comedies or it was played against without his complicity.

Calhern usually essayed authoritative characters, helped by a powerful physical presence with a height in the 6'2" to 6'3" range. This imposing physique was topped by a face like that on some ancient coin. His was a Roman nose incarnate and indeed it was seen at least twice above a Roman toga in *The Last Days of Pompeii* and the title role in the all-star *Julius Caesar*.

Calhern had begun his illustrious career humbly enough troupng in a Bronx stock company about 1912. He gradually made his way upward through vaudeville and repertory, eventually joining a stock company in Los Angeles. He was discovered for the cinema in the very lair of the movie industry and taken under the wing of director Lois Weber.

It was in 1921 that Louis Calhern made the first three of his five silent movies. He partnered the beautiful Weber star Claire Windsor who got far more mileage out of their pictures together than he did. With such unprepossessing titles as *What's Worth While?*, *Woman, Wake Up!*, and *Too Wise Wives* to his dubious credit, he soon headed east again. This time it was to a career as a Broadway matinee idol.

With the success of *The Song and Dance Man* in 1923 and the romantic lead in the next year's even more popular *The Cobra*, the decade of the Roaring Twenties was Calhern's. His reappearance in movies during the 1930s did not necessarily bring him greater fame but aging theater idols do not have great job security. He certainly did not give up the theater; a road company of *Life with Father* later provided him with another born-to-play role.

Louis Calhern's film career had its ups and downs but he proved himself to be a distinguished character actor. If he had to endure *Charlie McCarthy*, *Detective* and *The Gorgeous Hussy* there were also the rewards of *The Life of Emile Zola* and *Heaven Can Wait*. Indeed, as fine wines do, Calhern got better as he aged. His once arrogant screen persona softened and grew more likable. Good roles still came, such as that of the once great actor George Lorison in *The Bad and the Beautiful*, *Executive Suite* and *High Society*, his last completed film, also provided him with worthy assignments. He was,

as he wanted to be, still in harness and still in demand when he died in Japan during the making of what would have been his 73rd film, *The Teahouse of the August Moon*.

—Roy Liebman

CANTINFLAS

Nationality: Mexican. **Born:** Mario Moreno Reyes in Ciudad de los Palacios, 12 August 1911. **Education:** Studied at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in the school of medicine. **Family:** Married Valentina Zubareff, 1937 (died 1966), son: Mario Arturo Moreno Ivanova. **Career:** 1930—began working in variety theaters, using name Cantinflas to hide identity from family; 1936—first film role as comic in *No te engañes corazón*; 1940—became leading comic figure of Spanish-language cinema with lead role in *Ahí está el detalle*; 1941—founded Posa Films production company and produced *Ni sangre ni arena*; began lifelong professional relationship with the director Miguel M. Delgado after first film together, *El gendarme desconocido*; 1956—became known internationally after role as Passepartout in *Around the World in Eighty Days*; 1960—commercial and critical failure of *Pepe* led to his departure from Hollywood and return to Mexico; 1981—final feature film, after which he concentrated on philanthropic interests. **Awards:** Special Prize, Ariel Awards, Mexico, for “work on behalf of the Mexican



Cantinflas (top) with David Niven in *Around the World in Eighty Days*

cinema,” 1950–51; Golden Globe for Best Actor, for *Around the World in Eighty Days*, 1956; Special Award, Golden Globes, 1960; Special Prize, Mexican Silver Goddesses, 1969; named “symbol of peace and happiness of the Americas,” by the Organization of American States, 1983; Diploma of Honor, Inter-American Council of Music, 1983; honored for lifelong contribution to Mexican cinema, by the Mexican Academy of Cinematographic Arts and Sciences, 1988. **Died:** Of lung cancer, in Mexico City, 20 April 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *No te engañes corazón* (*Don't Deceive Yourself, My Heart*) (Torres)
- 1937 *Así es mi tierra!* (Boytlér); *Aguila o sol* (Boytlér)
- 1939 *Siempre listo en las tinieblas* (Rivero—short); *Jengibre contra dinamita* (Rivero—short); *El signo de la muerte* (Urueta)
- 1940 *Ahí está el detalle* (*There Is the Detail; Here's the Point*) (Oro) (as himself); *Cantiflas y su prima* (Toussain—short); *Cantiflas boxeador* (*Cantinflas the Boxer*) (Rivero—short); *Cantiflas ruletero* (Rivero—short)
- 1941 *Ni sangre ni arena* (*Neither Blood Nor Sand*) (Galindo) (+ pr); *El gendarme desconocido* (Delgado) (as 77)
- 1942 *Los tres mosqueteros* (*The Three Musketeers*) (Delgado) (as D'Artagnan); *El circo* (Delgado)
- 1943 *Romeo y Julieta* (*Romeo and Juliet*) (Delgado) (as Romeo)
- 1944 *Gran hotel* (Delgado)
- 1945 *Un día con el diablo* (Delgado)
- 1946 *Soy un prófugo* (Delgado)
- 1948 *El supersabio* (Delgado)
- 1949 *Puerta . . . joven* (Delgado); *El mago*
- 1950 *El siete machos* (Delgado); *El bombero atómico* (*The Atomic Fireman*) (Delgado)
- 1951 *Si yo fuera diputado* (Delgado)
- 1952 *El señor fotógrafo* (Delgado)
- 1953 *Caballero a la medida* (Delgado)
- 1954 *Abajo el telón* (Delgado)
- 1956 *El bolero de Raquel* (Delgado); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Passepartout)
- 1957 *Les Bijoutiers du clair de lune* (*The Night Heaven Fell; Heaven Fell that Night*) (Vadim) (as Alfonso)
- 1958 *Ama a tu prójimo* (Demicheli); *Sube y bajo* (Delgado); *Agguato a Tangeri* (*Trapped in Tangiers*) (Freda)
- 1960 *Pepe* (Sidney) (title role); *El analfabeto* (Delgado) (as Inocencio Prieto y Calvo)
- 1962 *El extra* (Delgado) (Rogaciano)
- 1963 *Entrega inmediata* (Delgado) (as Feliciano)
- 1964 *El padrecito* (Delgado) (as Padre Sebas)
- 1965 *El señor doctor* (Delgado) (as Dr. Medina)
- 1966 *Su exelencia* (Delgado)
- 1968 *Por mis pistolas* (Delgado) (as Fidenco)
- 1969 *Don Quijote sin mancha* (Delgado)
- 1970 *El profe* (Delgado)
- 1972 *Don Quijote cabalga de nuevo* (Delgado) (as Sancho Panza)
- 1976 *El ministro y Yo* (Delgado)
- 1978 *El patrullero 777* (*Patrol Car 777*) (Delgado)
- 1981 *El Barrendero* (Delgado)
- 1985 *Mexico . . . Estamos Contigo* (for TV)

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The best-known figure of Spanish-language cinema, Cantinflas gained international recognition through his rendering of a purely local character. The *Pelado* is native to Mexico City’s slums—a lumpen-proletarian created by rapid, unplanned, and uncontrollable urbanization, the clash of classes in a dependent and underdeveloped society, and the racial mixing and antagonism of Indians and Europeans. Streetwise as only the powerless learn to become, the *pelado* relies on wit and guile in dealing with the state apparatus—law, for instance—which oppresses rather than protects him. Cantinflas’s *peladito* was a comic variant of this character but the actor’s lack of a critical class consciousness led in the end to his acceptance of the very forces that he had built his career on attacking.

Literally, *pelado* means stripped clean, broke. Cantinflas himself defined his “prototype of the humble people from the urban *barrio*” in this way: “superficially educated and practically non-existent socially, but with a highly developed ingenuity (a Mexican characteristic), a formidable astuteness—and a large, gentle, and open heart.” Confronted with the rich and powerful, Cantinflas’s *peladito* delights in turning the tables and confusing them with their own tools of domination.

Language—the instrument of the educated—is one of the ways the privileged classes maintain their position, but it is also a front on which the *peladito* excels. Cantinflas’s enormous gift for impromptu verbal invention was the very essence of his comedy—requiring, for example, that he be allowed to improvise fully on scripts. In Mexico, to *cantinflear* has come to mean to talk a lot and say nothing, while the noun *cantinflas* means lovable clown. As Cantinflas put it, when an explanation is demanded “by the policeman whose hat you stepped on or the boss whose shirt you just spilled catsup down, the *pelado*’s defense is to talk, talk, talk.”

In Cantinflas’s early films this nonsensical double-talk was used to criticize forms of social control—for example, when he confused a courtroom full of lawyers, infecting them with his incoherent verbiage in *Aquí está el detalle*. In the later works, however, this critical attitude toward the use and abuse of language was replaced with word games which essentially denied the existence of social problems. In his last several movies Cantinflas became openly reactionary, taking on social roles he had earlier criticized, such as priest, doctor, and politician. Under the guise of being nonideological, Cantinflas spouted a rabid and simplistic anticommunism while calling fervidly for free enterprise—and offering himself as the most cogent and apparent example of what hard work can do for one.

Even if on one hand Cantinflas lost touch with his slum roots as he became a multimillionaire with five homes, a thousand-acre ranch, and his own airplane, he at the same time freely donated his time and money to philanthropic causes, appearing at numerous benefits each year and, notably, at one time financially supporting more than 250 poor families in a Mexico City slum. In the end Cantinflas was, justifiably or not, a hero to the Mexican masses, evidenced by the thousands of people who gathered outside the funeral home where his body lay, in tribute to his great talent for making people laugh as well as his enormous generosity.

—John Mraz, updated by David E. Salamie

CANTOR, Eddie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edward Israel Iskowitch in New York City, 31 January 1892. **Family:** Married Ida Tobias, 1914, five daughters. **Career:** 1907—debut at the Clinton Music Hall; later joined Gus Edwards’s “Kid Kabaret”; 1914–15—with Lily Lee, performed as Cantor and Lee; 1916—moved to the West Coast, performed with the “Canary Cottage” company; 1917–19—in the Ziegfeld “Follies”; 1920—debut as star in *The Midnight Rounders*; 1926—film debut in filmed version of stage success, *Kid Boots*; 1930s—president of Jewish Theatrical Guild of America, and of the American Federation of Radio Artists (1937); 1950–54—host of *The Colgate Comedy Hour*; 1955—host of *Eddie Cantor Comedy Theatre*. **Awards:** Honorary Oscar, for “distinguished service to the film industry,” 1956. **Died:** 10 October 1964.



Eddie Cantor

Films as Actor:

- 1926 *Kid Boots* (Tuttle) (title role)
- 1927 *The Speed Hound* (short); *Follies*; *Special Delivery* (Goodrich) (as Eddie, the mail carrier, + story)
- 1929 *Glorifying the American Girl* (Webb) (as himself, performing in revue); *That Party in Person* (short); *Getting a Ticket* (Blumenstock—short) (as himself)
- 1930 *Whoopee!* (Freeland) (as Henry Williams); *Insurance* (short) (as Sidney B. Sweiback)
- 1931 *Mr. Lemon of Orange* (co-sc only); *Palmy Days* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Eddy Simpson, + co-story, co-sc)
- 1932 *The Kid from Spain* (McCarey) (as Eddie Williams)
- 1933 *Roman Scandals* (Tuttle) (as Eddie)
- 1934 *Kid Millions* (del Ruth) (as Eddie Wilson Jr.); *Hollywood Cavalcade* (short); *Screen Snapshots No. 11* (short)
- 1936 *Strike Me Pink* (Taurog) (as Eddie Pink)
- 1937 *Ali Baba Goes to Town* (David Butler) (title role)
- 1940 *Forty Little Mothers* (Berkeley) (as Gilbert J. Thompson)
- 1943 *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler) (as Joe Sampson/himself)
- 1944 *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as himself); *Show Business* (Marin) (as Eddie Martin, + pr)
- 1945 *Rhapsody in Blue* (Rapper)
- 1948 *If You Knew Susie* (Gordon Douglas) (as Sam Parker, + pr)
- 1952 *The Story of Will Rogers* (Curtiz) (as himself)
- 1953 *The Eddie Cantor Story* (Alfred E. Green) (appearance)
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With the exception of the Marx Brothers team no other comedian has brought from the stage to the screen so much of the vigor of vaudeville and the musical comedy as Eddie Cantor. A stand-up comic with the skills of a song and dance man, he possessed the charisma to dominate a theater or film skit. During the transition to sound in 1929 and 1930 his one-reel films such as *Getting a Ticket* were refurbished vaudeville sketches. As an actor who obviously had developed a kinetic comic style that matched the lively pace of the musical comedy, Cantor then starred in a series of films in the early 1930s that equalled such well-known musicals as *Forty-Second Street* and *Footlight Parade*. His *Roman Scandals*, produced the same year

as these works, remains one of the best examples of his contribution. One of the achievements in this film is a manic portrait that bursts with energy; consequently, when his character switches from straight dialogue to a musical number, it seems quite logical. Cantor also developed a working method similar to that of Charles Chaplin and Buster Keaton. He created a persona who exists on the edge of society, a tramp-child character, who nevertheless possesses a mind which works differently than those of his social superiors, creating the anomalous “wise fool.” Comic ingenuity reigns as his oddball mind produces a tactic to escape the wrath of his enemies.

In *Roman Scandals* many facets of Cantor’s skill evolved. He exhibits comic cowardice, a con man’s ability to bilk authority, and a childlike spirit of play when faced with each new situation. Visually, the actor becomes as adroit as he does verbally. Many of his reactions, the rolling of his large eyes, the gaiety of movement, the charming smile, and the overall warmth of a little fellow struggling against odds and escaping are intriguing. His aggression is distinctive, but he never becomes the brash confidence man in the vein of his contemporary, Groucho Marx. In this 1933 musical, for example, his wisecracks have a more flippant tone. But while Eddie’s invective humor may not prove to be a match for Groucho’s, his deftness as a song and dance man left the leader of the Marx team far behind. In his films Cantor could sell a song such as “Making Whoopee,” “Keep Young and Beautiful,” and “My Honey Said Yes, Yes.” Of course, it could have been partly a case of the public preferring allusions to the high life over the social cynicism of Groucho.

In these early 1930s musicals the comedian retained the lion’s share of the focus even when he was flanked by a Busby Berkeley battalion of beauties dancing in swirling, kaleidoscopic patterns. Eddie does not merely hold his own; he dominates. With his strutting patter routine, he hops about in an eccentric dance, pressing palms together and clapping with delight, his huge eyes revolving. He is a standout figure as his vaudeville “blackface” dance and song routines keep him in the center of the action—among the circling, scantily costumed blonds.

Like many top comedians, Cantor had a number of impersonations up his sleeve. In *Palmy Days*, he skillfully handles three roles: he impersonates a woman to escape his adversaries, a phony French spiritualist to con a quack medium, and a wacky efficiency expert recruited by a bakery tycoon through a mistaken identity plot development in the film. Another farcical twist shows the comedian acting out the role of a Toreador in *The Kid from Spain*, an effort that wins the approval of the crowd because of his supposed innovative deviations from the art of bullfighting. In all of these contrivances the comedian portrays the coward on the run who achieves safety and even fame by pluck and luck.

In the musical with a strong comedy emphasis, Eddie Cantor can be rated as king of them all. By 1933 he was the highest-paid comedian in the country; not merely through his films but also as America’s leading radio comedian. In fact, his success in that medium cut into the number of films he created in the 1930s, and consequently, his influence on the musical began to wane. His ability to turn a line, even a mediocre one, was an asset that made him a successful radio comedian, but he was skilled in visual comedy as well. It was a pity that, with his success in radio, he did not concentrate on films. Even a second-rate Cantor work was better than most of the musical comedy movies of the 1930s. It is, however, only conjecture that he

might have changed the face of the musical. *Roman Scandals* may have been a fortunate combination of writing, directing, and production talents which could not be equalled in a later picture, such as *Kid Millions*. If the quality of his work in film had continued, he might now be ranked with the best laugh getters of the period—the Marx Brothers, W. C. Fields, and Laurel and Hardy. As a comedian in the musical comedy, however, Eddie Cantor had no equal.

—Donald McCaffrey

CARDINALE, Claudia

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Tunis, Tunisia, 15 April 1939. **Education:** Attended acting classes at Centro Sperimentale film school, Rome. **Family:** Married the producer Franco Cristaldi. **Career:** 1956—appeared in small part in short film *Anneaux d’or*; 1957—contract with Cristaldi; 1958—began appearing in secondary roles in Italian films; early 1960s—international stardom, particularly with Fellini’s *8½*; 1977—in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*. **Awards:** Silver Ribbons, Italy, for Best Actress, for *La ragazza di Bube*, 1963, and *Claretta*, 1984–85, and for Best Supporting Actress, for *La pelle*, 1981–82. **Address:** Via Flaminia Km.17,200, 1–0018 Rome, Italy.

Films as Actress:

- 1956 *Anneaux d’or (Chaines d’or)* (Vautier)
- 1957 *Goha* (Baratier)
- 1958 *I soliti ignoti (Big Deal on Madonna Street; Persons Unknown)* (Monicelli) (as Carmelina); *Tre straniere a Roma* (Gora); *La prima notte* (Cavalcanti); *Totò e Marcellino* (Masa)
- 1959 *Il magistrato (Zampa)*; *Un maledetto imbroglio (The Facts of Murder)* (Germi); *Audace colpo dei soliti ignoti (Fiasco in Milan; Hold-up à la Milanaise)* (Loy); *Vento del sud* (Provenza); *Upstairs and Downstairs* (Thomas) (as Maria)
- 1960 *Austerlitz (The Battle of Austerlitz)* (Gance) (as Pauline); *Il bell’Antonio* (Bolognini) (as Barbara Puglisi); *I delfini* (Maselli); ***Rocco e i suoi fratelli (Rocco and His Brothers; Rocco et ses freres)*** (Visconti) (as Ginetta)
- 1961 *La ragazza con la valigia (Girl with a Suitcase; Pleasure Girl)* (Zurlini) (as Aida Zepponi); *Les lions sont lâchés* (Verneuil); *Senilità* (Bolognini) (as Angiolina); *La viaccia (The Love Makers)* (Bolognini)
- 1962 *Cartouche (Swords of Blood)* (de Broca) (as Venus)
- 1963 ***Il gattopardo (The Leopard)*** (Visconti) (as Angelica Sedara/Bertiana); *8½ (Otto e mezzo)* (Fellini) (as Claudia); *La ragazza di Bube (Bebo’s Girl)* (Comencini) (as Mara)
- 1964 *Circus World (The Magnificent Showman)* (Hathaway) (as Toni Alfredo); *The Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Princess Dala); *Il magnifico cornuto (The Magnificent Cuckold)* (Pietrangeli) (as Maria Grazia Artusi); *Gli indifferenti (A Time of Indifference)* (Maselli) (as Carla Ardengo)
- 1965 *Vaghe stelle dell’Orsa (Sandra; Of a Thousand Delights)* (Visconti) (as Sandra)



Claudia Cardinale with David Niven in *The Pink Panther*

- 1966 *Blindfold* (Dunne) (as Vicky Vincenti); *Una rosa per tutti* (*A Rose for Everyone*; *Every Man's Woman*) (Rossi) (as Rosa); "Fata Armenia" ("Queen Armenia") ep. of *Le fate* (*The Queens*; *Sex Quartet*) (Monicelli) (as Armenia); *Lost Command* (*Not for Honor and Glory*) (Robson) (as Aicha); *The Professionals* (Richard Brooks) (as Maria Grant)
- 1967 *Don't Make Waves* (Mackendrick) (as Laura Califatti); *Piero Gherardi* (Werba)
- 1968 *The Hell with Heroes* (Sargent) (as Elena); *C'era una volta il West* (*Once upon a Time in the West*) (Leone) (as Jill McBain); *Il giorno della civetta* (*The Day of the Owl*; *La Maffia fait la loi*; *Mafia*) (Damiani) (as Rosa Nicolosi)
- 1969 *La tenda rossa* (*Krasnaya palatka*; *The Red Tent*) (Kalatozov) (as Nurse Valeria); *Nell'anno del signore* (Magni) (as Giuditta Di Castro); *Ruba al prossimo tuo* (*Una coppia tranquilla*; *A Fine Pair*) (Maselli) (as Esmeralda Marini)
- 1970 *The Adventures of Gerard* (Skolimowski) (as Countess Teresa); *Certo, certissimo . . . anzi probabile* (*Certain, Very Certain, as a Matter of Fact . . . Probable*) (Fondato) (as Marta)
- 1971 *Popsy Pop* (*The Butterfly Affair*; *The 21 Carat Snatch*; *Queen of Diamonds*) (Herman) (as Popsy); *Les Pétroleuses* (*The Legend of Frenchie King*; *The Petroleum Girls*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Maria); *L'udienza* (*Tee Audience*; *The Papal Audience*) (Ferreri); *Bello, onesto, emigrato Australia sposerebbe compaesana illibata* (Zampa)
- 1972 *La scoumoune* (Giovanni) (as Genevieve Saratov)
- 1973 *Libera, amore mio* (*Libera, My Love*) (Giovanni); *I guappi* (*Blood Brothers*) (Squitieri); *Il giorno del furore* (*Days of Fury*; *One Russian Summer*) (Calenda) (as Anya)
- 1974 *Gruppo di famiglia in un interno* (*Conversation Piece*; *Violence et Passion*) (Visconti) (as wife)
- 1975 *A mezzanotte va la ronda del piacere* (*The Immortal Bachelor*; *Midnight Pleasures*; *Qui comincia l'avventura*) (Fondato) (as Gabriella Sansoni)
- 1976 One ep. of *Il comunismo del pudore* (*A Common Sense of Modesty*) (Sordi); *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (Edwards)
- 1977 *Blonde in Black Leather* (Di Palma); *Un jour peut-être à San Pedro ou ailleurs*; *Il prefetto di ferro* (Squitieri); *La part du feu* (Périer); *Goodbye e Amen* (*Goodbye and Amen*) (Damiani) (as Aliki)
- 1978 *Cocktails for Three*; *L'arma* (*The Gun*) (Squitieri) (as Marta Campagna); *La petite fille en velours bleu* (*The Little Girl*)

- in *Blue Velvet* (Bridges); *Corleone (Father of the Godfather)* (Squitiere) (as Rosa Accordini)
- 1979 *L'ingorgo (Traffic Jam)* (Comencini); *Escape to Athena* (Cosmatos) (as Eleana)
- 1980 *Si salvi chi vuole* (Faenza)
- 1981 *La pelle* (Cavani); *The Salamander* (Zinner) (as Elena)
- 1982 *Le Cadeau (The Gift)* (Michel Lang) (as Antonella); *Fitzcarraldo* (Herzog) (as Molly); *Burden of Dreams* (Blank—doc)
- 1983 *Le Ruffian (The Ruffian)* (Giovanni) (as la “baronne”); *Princess Daisy* (Hussein—for TV); *Stelle emigranti* (Mazeni—for TV)
- 1984 *Claretta* (Squitiere); *Enrico IV (Henry IV)* (Bellochio) (as Matilda)
- 1985 *La storia (History)* (Comencini) (as Ida); *Donna delle meraviglie (The Woman of Wonders)* (Beraviglie)
- 1986 *L'Été prochain (Next Summer)* (Trintignant) (as Jeanne)
- 1987 *Un Homme amoureux (A Man in Love)* (Kurys) (as Julia Steiner); *Sniper* (Jameson)
- 1988 *Blu Elettrico (Electric Blue)* (Gaeng) (as Tata)
- 1989 *La bataille des trois rois (The Battle of Three Kings; Tambores de fuego; Drums of Fire)* (Barka); *La Revolution Française (The French Revolution)* (Enrico and Heffron) (as the Countess); *Ben Webster: The Brute and the Beautiful* (Jeremy—doc)
- 1990 *Hiver 54, l'Abbé Pierre* (Amar); *Atto di dolore* (Squitiere); *Money* (Stern)
- 1991 *Mayrig* (as Araxi/Mayrig); *Act of Contrition* (Squitiere)
- 1992 *588 Rue Paradis (Mother)* (as Araxi/Mayrig)
- 1993 *Son of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Maria)
- 1994 *Elles ne pensent qu'à ça (Women Have Only One Thing on Their Minds)* (as Margaux)
- 1995 *Un été à La Goulette* (Boughedir) (as Herself); *10-07: L'affaire Zeus* (Ciupka) (as Agent)
- 1996 *Nostromo* (Reid) (as Viola); *Cannes ... les 400 coups* (Nadeau—for TV) (as herself)
- 1997 *Sous les pieds des femmes* (Krim) (as Aya 1996); *Deserto di fuoco* (Castellari—for TV) (as Leila)
- 1998 *Riches, belles, etc.* (Schpoliansky); *Mia, Liebe meines Lebens* (Soldati—for TV) (as Mary O' Sullivan); *Mein liebster Feind—Klaus Kinski* (Herzog—doc) (as herself)
- 1999 *Luchino Visconti* (Lizzani) (as herself); *Briganti* (Squitiere)

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Claudia Cardinale, the Italian actress famous for her husky, almost raspy voice, began her career by winning a contest for “the most beautiful Italian girl in Tunisia.” As the winner, she was granted a trip to the Venice Film Festival, and eventually attended acting classes at the Centro Sperimentale in Rome. She was promoted by producer Franco Cristaldi, who carefully guided her every move in regard to the cinema, and later married her.

Cardinale was discovered during the era when Brigitte Bardot created one sensation after another both on screen and off. Cardinale could merely have become “the Italian Bardot,” and, indeed comparisons have been drawn between the two actresses. But a number of factors helped lead Cardinale’s career in a different direction. The publicity surrounding both Cardinale’s films and her personal life was not nearly as sensational as that concerning Bardot. More importantly, Cardinale soon began appearing in the films of the major Italian auteurs. Minor, and later more substantial, roles in the films of Mario Monicelli, Mauro Bolognini, Luchino Visconti, and Federico Fellini made her a star in Italy and abroad.

While many of Bardot’s films are now known simply because she is in them, Cardinale’s films are often important works in the careers of their respective directors. For example, she appeared in Monicelli’s best-known comedy (*Big Deal on Madonna Street*), co-starred in a fine series of films for Bolognini (*Il bell’Antonio*, *La viaccia*, and *Senilità*), and gained critical and popular recognition for her role as the fiancée of the eldest brother in Visconti’s *Rocco and His Brothers*. She appeared in multiple roles in Fellini’s *8½*, one of her most memorable films.

In these films, Cardinale’s characters were, more often than not, portrayed as glamorous sex objects, not unlike Bardot. The variations each director introduced in the presentation of Cardinale in this type of character, however, prove interesting. In *8½* she plays Claudia, herself, as well as the ideal woman of Guido’s dreams. Outside the immediate narrative context of the film, her character becomes a symbol for Fellini of unspoiled, yet unattainable, innocence. Though beautiful and sensuous, she is not crassly sexual.

Later, in Leone’s *Once upon a Time in the West*, Cardinale portrays Jill McBain, the new bride of murdered settler Brett McBain. Again, her character could be described as the object desired by the male figures in the film, but Jill McBain signifies much more within the context of the film’s complex narrative, and within the genre of the Western itself. She represents the forces of civilization, as female characters often do in Westerns. The final scene depicts Jill providing water to the thirsty workers building the railroad (that other symbol of the taming of the west), implying that Jill will fulfill her husband’s dream of running a railroad station. Her past life as a prostitute in New Orleans, however, recalls the less than desirable elements of civilization, which will inevitably follow the settlers. In this film, as in *8½*, Cardinale’s character carries symbolic, almost mythic connotations.

Cardinale made her American film debut in Blake Edwards’s very popular *The Pink Panther*, securing her international star status. Other American films, such as *The Professionals*, followed. During the 1970s and 1980s, however, Cardinale made most of her films in Italy

and Europe. Many were not distributed in America or suffered from limited distribution, thereby reducing Cardinale's international exposure. Three 1980's roles, in Liliana Cavani's *La pelle* (well-received at Cannes), in Werner Herzog's *Fitzcarraldo*, and Diane Kurys's *A Man in Love*, have again focused attention on her as she enters a more mature phase of her life and career.

—Susan M. Doll

CAREY, Harry

Nationality: American. **Born:** Henry DeWitt Carey II in the Bronx, New York, 16 January 1878 (some sources list 1880). **Education:** Attended New York University. **Family:** Married 1) Alma Fern (divorced); 2) Olive Fuller Gordon, children: the actor Harry Jr. and Ellen. **Career:** Pre-1909—worked at various occupations including writing melodramas; 1909—began acting in films for Biograph, working in many early Griffith productions; 1917—emerged as star of Westerns by such directors as John Ford; 1928—left films to seek voice training for the coming of sound; 1931—returned to films with role in *Trader Horn*. **Died:** In Brentwood, California, 21 September 1947.

Films as Actor:

- c.1909 *Bill Sharkley's Last Game*
 1911 *Riding de Trail*
 1912 *An Unseen Enemy* (D. W. Griffith); *A Cry for Help* (D. W. Griffith); *The Musketeers of Pig Alley* (D. W. Griffith); *In the Aisles of the Wild* (D. W. Griffith); *Friends* (D. W. Griffith); *Heredity* (D. W. Griffith); *The Unwelcome Guest* (D. W. Griffith); *An Adventure in the Autumn Woods* (D. W. Griffith); *My Hero* (D. W. Griffith); *Love in an Apartment Hotel* (D. W. Griffith); *The Informer* (D. W. Griffith); *Three Friends* (D. W. Griffith); *Brothers* (D. W. Griffith)
 1913 *Broken Ways* (D. W. Griffith); *The Ranchero's Revenge* (D. W. Griffith); *The Left-Handed Man* (D. W. Griffith); *The Hero of Little Italy* (D. W. Griffith); *Olaf—An Atom* (D. W. Griffith); *The Sheriff's Baby* (D. W. Griffith); *Two Men of the Desert* (D. W. Griffith)
 1914 *Judith of Bethulia* (D. W. Griffith); *McVeagh of the South Seas* (*Brute Island*; *Brute Force*; *Wars of the Primal Tribes*) (D. W. Griffith); *Travellin' On*; *The Master Cracksmen* (as Gentleman Joe, the Cracksmen)
 1915 *Graft*
 1917 *Beloved Jim*; *The Fighting Gringo*; *The Secret Man* (Ford); *A Marked Man* (Ford); *Bucking Broadway* (Ford); *Two Guns*; *Straight Shooting* (*The Cattle War*; *Joan of the Cattle Country*) (Ford) (as Cheyenne Harry)
 1918 *Thieves' Gold* (Ford); *Wild Women* (Ford); *Three Mounted Men* (Ford); *A Woman's Fool* (Ford); *The Scarlet Drop* (Ford); *The Phantom Riders* (Ford); *Hell Bent* (Ford)
 1919 *By Indian Post* (Ford); *The Rustlers* (Ford); *Gun Law* (Ford); *The Gun Packer* (*The Gun Pusher*) (Ford); *The Last Outlaw* (Ford); *The Fighting Brothers* (Ford); *Blind Husbands* (von Stroheim); *A Fight for Love* (Ford); *Bare Fists* (Ford); *Riders of Vengeance* (Ford); *The Outcasts of Poker Flat* (Ford); *The Ace in the Saddle* (Ford); *A Gun Fightin' Gentleman* (Ford); *The Rider of the Law* (Ford); *Marked Men* (Ford); *Sure Shot Morgan*
 1920 *Hitchin' Posts* (Ford); *Overland Red*; *West Is West*; *Sundown Slim*; *Human Stuff*; *Bullet Proof*; *Blue Streak McCoy*
 1921 "If Only" *Jim* (Jaccard); *The Freeze Out* (Ford); *Hearts Up*; *Desperate Trails* (Ford); *The Fox* (Thornby); *The Wallop* (Ford)
 1922 *Man to Man* (Paton); *The Kick Back* (Paul); *Good Men and True* (Neitz)
 1923 *Canyon of the Fools* (Paul); *Crushin' Thru* (Paul); *Desert Driven* (Paul); *The Miracle Baby* (Paul)
 1924 *The Night Hawk* (Paton); *The Man from Texas*; *Tiger Thompson* (Eason); *The Lightning Rider* (Ingraham); *Roaring Rails* (Forman); *The Flaming Forties* (Forman)
 1925 *Soft Shoes* (Ingraham); *Beyond the Border* (Dunlap); *Silent Sanderson* (Dunlap); *The Texas Trail* (Dunlap); *Wanderer*; *The Bad Lands* (Henderson); *The Prairie Pirate* (Mortimer); *The Man from Red Gulch* (Mortimer)
 1926 *Driftin' Thru* (Dunlap); *The Seventh Bandit* (Dunlap); *The Frontier Trail* (Dunlap); *Satan Town* (Mortimer)
 1927 *A Little Journey* (Leonard); *Slide, Kelly, Slide* (Sedgwick)
 1928 *The Trail of '98* (Brown); *The Border Patrol* (Hogan); *Burning Bridges* (Hogan)
 1931 *Trader Horn* (Van Dyke) (title role); *Bad Company* (Garnett) (as McBaine); *The Vanishing Legion* (Eason—serial); *Across the Line*; *Double Sixes*; *Horse Hoofs*; *The Hurricane Rider*; *Cavalier of the West* (McCarthy)
 1932 *Border Devils* (Nigh); *Without Honors* (Nigh); *Law and Order* (*Guns A' Blazing*) (Cahn) (as Ed Brant); *Last of the Mohicans* (Beebe—serial); *The Devil Horse* (Brower—serial); *The Night Rider* (Nigh)
 1933 *Man of the Forest* (Hathaway) (as Jim Gaynor); *Sunset Pass* (Hathaway) (as John Hesbitt)
 1934 *The Thundering Herd* (*In the Days of the Thundering Herd*) (Hathaway) (as Clark Sprague)
 1935 *The Last of the Clintons* (Fraser) (as Trigger Carson); *Rustlers' Paradise* (Fraser) (as Cheyenne Kincaid); *Powdersmoke Range* (Fox) (as Tucson Smith); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as Slocum); *Wagon Trail* (Fraser) (as Sheriff Hartley); *Wild Mustang* (Fraser) (as Norton)
 1936 *The Prisoner of Shark Island* (Ford) (as Commandant of Fort Jefferson "Shark Island"); *Little Miss Nobody* (Blystone) (as John Russell); *The Last Outlaw* (*Last of the Outlaws*) (Cabanne) (as Dean Payton); *Sutter's Gold* (Cruze) (as Kit Carson); *Valiant Is the Word for Carrie* (Ruggles) (as Phil Yonne); *The Accusing Finger* (Hogan) (as Sen. Nash); *The Three Mesquiteers* (Saylor); *Man behind the Mask* (Powell)
 1937 *Racing Lady* (Fox) (as Tom Martin); *Born Reckless* (St. Clair) (as Dad Martin); *Kid Galahad* (Curtiz) (as Silver Jackson); *Souls at Sea* (Hathaway) (as Captain of the William Brown); *Ghost Town* (Fraser) (as Cheyenne Harry); *Border Cafe*



Harry Carey (left) in *Trader Horn*

- (Landers) (as Tex); *Annapolis Salute* (*Salute to Romance*) (Cabanne) (as Chief Martin); *Aces Wild* (Fraser); *Danger Patrol* (Landers) (as "Easy" Street)
- 1938 *You and Me* (Fritz Lang) (as Mr. Morris); *Sky Giant* (Landers) (as Col. Stockton); *The Law West of Tombstone* (Tryon) (as Bill Barker); *Gateway* (Werker) (as Commissioner Nelson); *Port of Missing Girls* (Karl Brown) (as Capt. Storm); *King of Alcatraz* (Florey) (as Capt. Glennan); *Code of the Streets* (Harold Young) (as Lt. Lewis)
- 1939 *Burn 'em Up O'Connor* (Sedgwick) (as P. G. Delano); *Inside Information* (Lamont) (as Capt. Bill Dugan); ***Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*** (Capra) (as President of the Senate); *Street of Missing Men* (Salkow) (as Putnam); *My Son Is Guilty* (Barton) (as Tim Kerry)
- 1940 *Outside the 3-Mile Limit* (*Mutiny on the Seas*) (Collins) (as Capt. Bailey); *Beyond Tomorrow* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as George Melton); *They Knew What They Wanted* (Kanin) (as doctor)
- 1941 *Among the Living* (Heisler) (as Dr. Ben Saunders); *The Shepherd of the Hills* (Hathaway) (as Daniel Howitt);

- Parachute Battalion* (Goodwins) (as Bill Richards); *Sundown* (Hathaway) (as Dewey)
- 1942 *The Spoilers* (Enright) (as Al Dextry)
- 1943 *Air Force* (Hawks) (as Sgt. Robby White); *Happy Land* (Pichel) (as Gramp)
- 1945 *The Great Moment* (Preston Sturges) (as Prof. Warren); *China's Little Devils* (Bell)
- 1946 *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor and others) (as Lem Smoot)
- 1947 *Angel and the Badman* (Grant) (as Wistful McClintock); *The Sea of Grass* (Kazan) (as Doc Reid)
- 1948 ***Red River*** (Hawks) (as Mr. Millville)
- 1949 *So Dear to My Heart* (Schuster) (as judge at county fair)

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When John Ford dedicated *Three Godfathers* “to the memory of Harry Carey—bright Star of the early Western sky” he acknowledged more than the death of an old friend and colleague. Carey, like Ford himself, was an Easterner who fell in love with the West, adopted its ethos, and came to feel himself, as did William S. Hart, a custodian of its ethics and principles.

With Ford and others, Carey for many years lived a communal Western-style existence on a small ranch near Newhall, California, counterfeiting a life that, as the son of a New York judge, he had never known. Distrusting Griffith’s sentimental view of the frontier, and the antics of such stars as Tom Mix and Hoot Gibson whose comedy/action Westerns reflected their rodeo and traveling show backgrounds, Carey and Ford, in 26 silents together, often co-written and co-directed, combined myth and truth to construct a legendary West more consistent with their own intellect and morality.

Carey’s lined, impassive face with its turned-down mouth epitomized the Russell/Remington vision of frontier life—violent, grinding, dirty. As Henry Nash Smith wrote in *Virgin Land*, the hero of this West, “even after his reformation, could not easily be distinguished from the criminals opposing him.” Most Americans soon unquestioningly accepted the West of Carey’s Cheyenne Harry films as literal truth.

Carey survived the move to sound better than many of his colleagues. Playing the white scout Hawkeye in a serial version of *Last of the Mohicans*, he introduced his stern face and growling voice to new audiences. He was excellent in the underrated Earp/Holliday film *Law and Order*, and transferred his frontier rectitude to Africa for *Trader Horn*. Few character actors could have rallied the force to face down Lionel Barrymore so effectively in *Duel in the Sun*. When Hitchcock, with characteristic malice, suggested him for the Nazi spy in *Saboteur*, Carey’s wife advised him indignantly that he now occupied the position in the American pantheon vacated by Will Rogers. Her claim was exaggerated, but not without its justification.

—John Baxter

CARLYLE, Robert

Nationality: Scottish. **Born:** Glasgow, Scotland, 14 April 1961. **Education:** Acting classes at Glasgow Arts Centre. **Career:** Founded, with four others, Raindog Theatre Company, 1991; played Hamish Macbeth, *Hamish Macbeth* TV series, and Albie, *Cracker* TV series, both 1995. **Awards:** British Academy Award, for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role, London Critics Circle Award, for



Robert Carlyle in *The Full Monty*

British Actor of the Year, Screen Actors Guild Award, for Outstanding Performance by a Cast, all for *The Full Monty*, all 1998. **Address:** International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1990 *Riff-Raff* (Loach) (as Steve); *Silent Scream* (Hayman) (as Big Woodsy)
- 1993 *Being Human* (Forsyth) (as Prehistoric Shamen); *Safe* (Bird) (as Nosty)
- 1994 *Priest* (Bird) (as Graham)
- 1995 *Go Now* (Winterbottom) (as Nick Cameron)
- 1996 *Carla's Song* (Loach) (as George); *Trainspotting* (Boyle) (as Francis “Franco” Begbie)
- 1997 *Face* (Bird) (as Ray); *The Full Monty* (Cattaneo) (as Gary ‘Gaz’ Schofield)
- 1998 “*Looking After Jo Jo*” (Mackenzie) (mini, for TV) (as John Joe “Jo Jo” McCann)
- 1999 *The World Is Not Enough* (Apted) (as Renard); *Angela's Ashes* (Parker) (as Dad); *Ravenous* (Bird) (as Colquhoun/Ives); *Plunkett & Macleane* (Scott) (as Plunkett)
- 2000 *To End All Wars* (Cunningham) (as Campbell); *The Beach* (Boyle) (as Daffy); *There's Only One Jimmy Grimble* (Hay) (as Eric Wirral); *To End All Wars* (Cunningham) (as Campbell)

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In barely ten years, Robert Carlyle has established himself as one of the best-known Scottish actors in the world, probably second only to Sean Connery. This is all the more remarkable since, with only one or two exceptions, his films have all been low-budget, British-made movies. So far, he seems resistant to the megabuck glamour of the U.S. film industry, and his career apparently doesn't need it in order to thrive.

Not that transatlantic offers have been wanting, especially in the wake of *Trainspotting* and *The Full Monty*. But Carlyle, a serious and committed actor with a strong political conscience, has always fought shy of Hollywood, which rarely offers the kind of role he favours. “The most important thing for me,” he observes, “is to find a script that has some kind of social comment, that says something to somebody. . . . I can't think of anything worse than being in a film or playing a part with nothing to say.” Accepting the role of villain in a Bond movie (*The World Is Not Enough*) might seem to stretch that principle, but Carlyle justifies it in historical terms. “That link between Connery and Bond and the Scottish people is fundamental. Being in a Bond film is like being part of history.”

In any case the casting was probably inevitable, sooner or later, since Carlyle has created some of the most memorably terrifying villains in recent cinema. Created them, too, with evident relish: “Those are the parts, aren't they? There's just much more in those characters to get my teeth into.” He first came to wide public notice in the British TV crime series *Cracker* playing Albie, a shaven-headed Scouse serial killer with a grimly single-minded agenda. A year later his talent for acting scary riveted movie audiences in *Trainspotting*. As psychotic Scots hardman Begbie, with his mad-eyed stare and ferocious moustache, Carlyle plays the only member of his lowlife set with no use for hard drugs: gratuitous violence gives him all the highs he wants. It's a lethally funny performance, hilarious, and unsettling at once.

Physically, Carlyle seems singularly ill-equipped to play heavies, being small and slender with wide-set, soulful brown eyes. But there's an intensity to his acting that can, when he chooses, readily take on

a dangerous edge, lending his slight frame an impression of coiled power. The eyes narrow and darken, the thin, arrow-straight nose turns sharp as a blade, the lips tighten and the whole wiry physique clenches, poised to attack. Not even in *Ravenous*, where he plays a vampiric cannibal gaining strength from those he devours, did he need any extraneous gimmicks or special effects to create a sense of malign, unstoppable force. As the director Danny Boyle told him when casting him—rather to Carlyle's own surprise—as Begbie, “Small psychos are the best.”

At the opposite end of his range, Carlyle can play amiable, innocuous types with no less conviction. Simultaneously with his killer-role in *Cracker*, he was appearing on another TV channel as Hamish Macbeth, a shy, unambitious, pot-smoking Highland cop—causing viewers no apparent confusion. But both Hamish and Albie can be seen as contrasted facets of the outsider figures that Carlyle is most drawn to: society's misfits, whether benevolent or savage, in whom he invests a sympathy that strikes an answering chord in audiences. In *The Full Monty* the wry warmth of his performance as leader of the would-be male strippers did much to ensure the film's runaway success, and his South-London gangster in Antonia Bird's *Face* comes across more as victim than predator. *Priest*, another Bird film, casts him as the eponymous cleric's gay lover; Carlyle gives an appealingly vulnerable performance, cocky and streetwise but sensitive, with a touching tenderness in the love scenes.

Carlyle rejects the term “method actor.” But he always seeks out a level of emotional identification with a role (“It's not about acting, it's about *being*”), aiming to find a core of humanity in even the least promising material, such as his Bond villain, Renard: “I tried to make him a character who's staring into the abyss. He knows he's going to die, so there's a gentleness about him because of that, a relaxed quality.” Likewise, his take on the feckless, drunken father of *Angela's Ashes* avoids demonising the man. “No doubt he did terrible things, but the kids adored him, which says a lot for what he was like.”

As yet, Carlyle seems set on sticking to his roots. He remains committed to the Rain Dog theatre company that he founded in Glasgow, and followed up his Bond stint with a \$3 million film in Manchester (*It's Only Jimmy Grimble*). “I always try to go as far away from what I have just done as possible. If you can do that, you get a longer shelf-life. And it's more interesting.” Even so, once or twice lately there's a sense—as with his deranged druggie in *The Beach*—that he may be in danger of repeating himself, falling back on a few well-tried mannerisms. But if he can avoid that trap, and resist the glitter of Tinseltown, Carlyle looks set to inherit Connery's crown—and more than likely surpass him as an actor.

—Philip Kemp

CARON, Leslie

Nationality: French. **Born:** Leslie Claire Margaret Caron in Boulogne-Billancourt, near Paris, 1 July 1931. **Education:** Attended the Convent of the Assumption, Paris; studied dance at the Conservatoire de Paris, 1944–46. **Family:** Married 1) George Hormel, 1951 (divorced 1954); 2) the director Peter Hall, 1956 (divorced 1965), one son, one daughter; 3) the producer Michael Laughlin, 1969 (marriage dissolved). **Career:** 1946–47—dancer with Ballet des Champs-Élysées;



Leslie Caron with Gene Kelly in *An American in Paris*

1949—head ballerina for Ballet des Champs-Élysées; 1951—discovered by Gene Kelly and chosen for role in *An American in Paris*, beginning her film career in MGM musicals; 1954–55—toured with Ballet de Paris; 1955—stage debut in Jean Renoir's *Orvet*; 1955—continued to appear on stage in London, Paris, and on Broadway between films; 1972—began acting mostly in European films; 1974—in TV mini-series *QB VII*; 1980—in French TV series *Docteur Erica Werner*; 1984—in TV mini-series *Master of the Game*, and *The Man Who Lived at the Ritz*, 1988. **Awards:** Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Lili*, 1953; Best British Actress, British Academy, for *The L-Shaped Room*, 1962.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1951 <i>An American in Paris</i> (Minnelli) (as Lise Bouvier); <i>The Man with a Cloak</i> (Markle) (as Madeline Minot)</p> <p>1952 <i>Glory Alley</i> (Walsh) (as Angela)</p> <p>1953 “Mademoiselle” ep. of <i>The Story of Three Loves</i> (Minnelli) (as Mademoiselle); <i>Lili</i> (Walters) (title role)</p> | <p>1955 <i>The Glass Slipper</i> (Walters) (as Ella); <i>Daddy Long Legs</i> (Negulesco) (as Julie Andre)</p> <p>1956 <i>Gaby</i> (Bernhardt) (title role)</p> <p>1958 <i>Gigi</i> (Minnelli) (title role); <i>The Doctor's Dilemma</i> (Asquith) (as Mrs. Dubedat)</p> <p>1959 <i>The Man Who Understood Women</i> (Johnson) (as Ann Garantier); <i>Austerlitz (The Battle of Austerlitz)</i> (Gance) (as Mlle. de Vaudey)</p> <p>1960 <i>The Subterraneans</i> (MacDougal) (as Mardou Fox); <i>Fanny</i> (Logan) (title role)</p> <p>1962 “Les Deux Pigeons” (“Two Pigeons”) ep. of <i>Les Quatres Vérités (Three Fables of Love)</i> (Clair); <i>Guns of Darkness</i> (Asquith) (as Claire Jordan); <i>The L-Shaped Room</i> (Forbes) (as Jane Fosset)</p> <p>1964 <i>Father Goose</i> (Nelson) (as Catherine Freneau)</p> <p>1965 <i>A Very Special Favor</i> (Gordon) (as Lauren Boullard)</p> <p>1966 <i>Promise Her Anything</i> (Hiller) (as Michele O'Brien); <i>Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)</i> (Clément) (as Françoise Labe)</p> <p>1967 <i>Il padre di famiglia (The Head of the Family; Jeux D'adultes)</i> (Loy) (as Paola)</p> |
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- 1970 *Madron* (Jerry Hopper) (as Sister Mary)
 1971 *Chandler* (Magwood) (as Katherine)
 1972 *Nicole* (Ventilla); *Purple Night* (film not listed in most sources)
 1975 *James Dean, the First American Teenager* (Connolly—doc) (as herself); *Carola* (Lloyd—for TV)
 1976 *Sérail* (de Gregorio)
 1977 *L'Homme qui aimait les femmes* (*The Man Who Loved Women*) (Truffaut) (as Vera); *Valentino* (Ken Russell) (as Alla Nazimova)
 1978 *The Contract* (Hui)
 1979 *Goldengirl* (Sargent) (as Dr. Sammy Lee); *Tous vedettes* (Michel Lang)
 1981 *Kontrakt* (*The Contract*) (Zanussi) (as Penelope); *Chanel solitaire* (Kaczender)
 1982 *Imperative* (Zanussi) (as Mother); *Die unerreichbare* (*The Unapproachable*) (Zanussi)
 1984 *La Diagonale du fou* (*Dangerous Moves*) (Dembo) (as Henia Liebskind)
 1987 *The Sealed Train* (for TV)
 1989 *Guerriers et captives* (*Warriors and Prisoners*) (Cozarinsky); *Courage Mountain* (Leitch) (as Jane Hillary)
 1990 *Blue Notte* (Serafini)
 1992 *Damage* (*Fatale*) (Malle) (as Elizabeth Prideaux)
 1993 *The Genius* (Joe Gibbons); *Jean Renoir* (David Thompson—doc)
 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan—compilation)
 1995 *Funny Bones* (Chelsom) (as Katie Parker); *Let It Be Me* (Bergstein)
 1996 *The Ring* (Armand Mastroianni—for TV) (as madame de Saint Marne); *The Great War* (Byker—for TV) (Czarina Aleksandra Romanov)
 1997 *The Reef* (Ackerman) (as Regine De Chantelle)
 1999 *From Russia to Hollywood: The 100-Year Odyssey of Chekhov and Shdanoff* (Keeve) (as Herself); *Passion's Way* (as Regine)
 2000 *Chocolat* (Hallström) (as Madame Audel)

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Originally a Gallic twinkletoes and all-purpose gamine for MGM, Leslie Caron became the only dancing star of her day to transpose brilliance en pointe to pointedly dramatic performance. While Cyd Charisse, Ann Miller, Ginger Rogers, and Vera-Ellen remain symbols of a glamorous yesterday, Caron (who had never intended to be a thespian, let alone a movie star) has matured into a working actress keenly aware of contemporary trends. Disparaging her early MGM work in the book, *The Magic Factory*, she has lately softened those ungenerous remarks. Never a happy camper within the studio system, outspoken Caron need not play down her escapist past in order to emphasize her present seriousness.

If *An American in Paris* now registers as a rather puffed-up sacrifice to the Art of Dance, that musical does have its saving graces including the moonstruck pas de deux that Kelly and Caron dance to “Our Love Is Here to Stay.” In all her MGM diversions (although it is least evident in *Lili*), there is a disdainful chilliness about Caron as if she is hiding her feelings from the camera. (In retrospect, it may be that she simply was not comfortable making these films.) While her reserve melts whenever she moves to music, the Roland Petit choreography is not much of a godsend to her in the second-rate *The Glass Slipper* and *Daddy Long Legs*. Still, an ebullient delight, *Lili* characterizes the actress’s reticence as diffidence and her cool composure as innocence vanquishing the hard heart of sophistication. Bringing immense conviction to the scenes where she converses with *poupées*, Caron speaks to the inner child in us all—no mean feat since some of the human actors she contends with such as Mel Ferrer are more wooden than the puppets.

In her nonmusicals, Caron was forced to be a one-woman Gallic goodwill ambassador, and you can feel her resentment at having to typify all things French. Since MGM already limited her range, she was probably wise to nix *Les Girls*, just one more nail in the coffin of the movie musical. Salvation was at hand when the cinema’s premiere continental charmer Audrey Hepburn rejected *Gigi*, for which Caron was ideally suited. Enchanting as the child raised to be a courtesan, she was bewitching as the adult who scandalizes her instructors by preferring *l’amour* to family traditions of impropriety. At the other end of the soignée scale came the box-office smash *Fanny* which scuttled the gorgeous Harold Rome score except for the rapturous title theme, failed to come within hailing distance of the Pagnol original, and straitjacketed Caron into embodying the soul of France for one final occasion. Since then, her forays into art films have been as unrewarding as sporadic returns to Hollywood, where her strenuous comedy technique went down for the count with *A Very Special Favor* and *Promise Her Anything*. The one bright note of the post-MGM period came with the kitchen-sink soap opera, *The L-Shaped Room*, for which she earned an Oscar bid for conveying the anguish of an unwed mother. This film, which could be dubbed, “The Death of Innocence” benefited greatly from a supporting cast of consummate British players and from Caron’s insight into the plight of an abandoned foreigner.

One wishes late-career highlights such as *Il padre di famiglia* and *Dangerous Moves* had offset pretentious misfires and commercial duds. Fortunately, in 1995, Caron graced a little-seen masterwork *Funny Bones*. It is exactly the kind of personal, offbeat film that she had always championed. Protecting her psychologically damaged son

from the unkindness of strangers or vanquishing a crooked cop who mistakes her womanliness for softness, Caron contributed significantly to the film's impact. Looking more lovely than ever, Caron can confidently expect further adventures in cinematic artistry, foreshadowed by her variegated and supremely confident work in *Funny Bones*.

—Robert Pardi

CARRADINE, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Richmond Reed Carradine in New York City, 5 February 1906. **Education:** Christ Church School, Kingston, New York; Graphic Art School; Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia. **Family:** Married 1) Ardanelle Cosner, 1935 (divorced 1944), sons: Bruce John and the actor John Arthur (David); 2) Sonia Sorel, 1945 (divorced 1955), sons: Christopher, John, and the actors Keith Ian and Robert Reed; 3) Doris Rich, 1957 (died 1971); 4) Emily Cisneros, 1975. **Career:** Pre-1925—traveled throughout the South working as sketch artist; 1925—stage debut in *Camille* in New Orleans; then joined Shakespearean stock company; 1927–30—appeared in stage productions in Los Angeles; 1930—film debut using professional name Peter Richmond in *Tol'able David*; also appeared as John Peter Richmond until 1935; 1936—changed name to John Carradine after signing contract with 20th Century-Fox; c. 1930s–60s—acted on stage between film assignments; 1940s—began freelancing for various studios; 1950—host of TV series *The Trap*; 1953–54—in TV series *My Friend Irma*; 1964–66—appeared occasionally as Mr. Gateman on TV series *The Munsters*; 1978—in TV mini-series *Greatest Heroes of the Bible*. **Died:** In Milan, 27 November 1988.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Tol'able David* (Blystone) (as Buzzard)
- 1931 *Heaven on Earth* (Mack) (as Chicken Sam); *Bright Lights* (Curtiz)
- 1932 *The Sign of the Cross* (DeMille); *Forgotten Commandments* (Gasnier and Schorr)
- 1933 *The Invisible Man* (Whale); *This Day and Age* (DeMille); *The Story of Temple Drake* (Roberts) (as trial spectator); *To the Last Man* (Hathaway) (as Pete Garon)
- 1934 *The Black Cat* (Ulmer) (as member of cult); *Cleopatra* (DeMille) (as Roman citizen); *The Meanest Gal in Town* (Mack)
- 1935 *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* (Roberts); *Alias Mary Dow* (Neumann); *Les Misérables* (Boleslawski); *The Crusades* (DeMille); *The Bride of Frankenstein* (Whale) (as Woodsman); *Clive of India* (Boleslawski); *She Gets Her Man* (Nigh); *Cardinal Richelieu* (Lee); *Bad Boy* (Blystone); *Transient Lady (False Witness)* (Buzzell)
- 1936 *Anything Goes (Tops Is the Limit)* (Milestone); *Captain January* (Butler); *The Prisoner of Shark Island* (John Ford) (as Sgt. Rankin); *Under Two Flags* (Lloyd) (as Cafard); *White Fang* (Butler) (as Beauty Smith); *Ramona* (King) (as Jim Farrar); *Dimples* (Seiter) (as Richards); *Mary of Scotland* (John Ford) (as David Rizzio); *Daniel Boone* (Howard) (as Simon Girty); *Winterset* (Santell) (as Romagna); *The Garden of Allah* (Boleslawski); *A Message to Garcia* (Marshall) (as voice of President McKinley); *Half Angel* (Lanfield); *Laughing at Trouble (Laughing at Death)* (Strayer)
- 1937 *Nancy Steele Is Missing* (Marshall) (as Harry Wilkins); *Danger—Love at Work* (Preminger) (as Herbert Pemberton); *This Is My Affair (His Affair)* (Seiter) (as Ed); *Love under Fire* (Marshall) (as Captain Delmar); *Thank You, Mr. Moto* (Foster) (as Pereira); *Captains Courageous* (Fleming) (as Long Jack); *The Last Gangster* (Ludwig) (as Caspar); *The Hurricane* (John Ford); *Ali Baba Goes to Town* (Butler) (as Ishak)
- 1938 *International Settlement* (Forde) (as Murdock); *Four Men and a Prayer* (John Ford) (as Gen. Adolfo Arturo Sebastian); *I'll Give a Million* (Walter Lang) (as Kopelpeck); *Kentucky Moonshine (Four Men and a Girl)* (Butler) (as Reef Hatfield); *Kidnapped* (Werker) (as Gordon); *Alexander's Ragtime Band* (King) (as cabbie); *Gateway* (Werker); *Submarine Patrol* (Ford) (as McAllison); *Of Human Hearts* (Brown) (as Abraham Lincoln)
- 1939 *Jesse James* (King) (as Bob Ford); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Lanfield) (as Barryman); *Frontier Marshal* (Dwan) (as Ben Carter); *Drums along the Mohawk* (John Ford) (as Caldwell); *The Three Musketeers (The Singing Musketeer)* (Dwan) (as Naveau); *Stagecoach* (John Ford) (as Hatfield); *Captain Fury* (Roach) (as Coughy); *Five Came Back* (Farrow) (as Crimp); *Mr. Moto's Last Warning* (Foster) (as Danforth)
- 1940 *The Grapes of Wrath* (John Ford) (as Jim Casey); *The Return of Frank James* (Fritz Lang) (as Bob Ford); *Brigham Young—Frontiersman (Brigham Young)* (Hathaway) (as Porter Rockwell); *Chad Hanna* (King) (as Bisbee)
- 1941 *Western Union* (Fritz Lang) (as Murdoch); *Blood and Sand* (Mamoulian) (as El Nacional); *Man Hunt* (Fritz Lang) (as Mr. Jones); *Swamp Water (The Man Who Came Back)* (Renoir) (as Jesse Wick)
- 1942 *Whispering Ghosts* (Werker) (as "Long Jack"/"Norbert"); *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Caleb Green); *Northwest Rangers* (Newman) (as Martin Caswell); *Reunion (Reunion in France; Mademoiselle France)* (Dassin) (as Ulrich Windler); *Information Please* no. 5 (short) (as guest panelist)
- 1943 *Silver Spurs* (Kane); *Captive Wild Woman* (Dmytryk) (as Dr. Walters); *Hitler's Madman (Hitler's Hangman)* (Sirk) (as Heydrich); *I Escaped from the Gestapo (No Escape)* (Young); *The Isle of Forgotten Sins* (Ulmer)
- 1944 *The Mummy's Ghost* (LeBorg); *Barbary Coast Gent* (Del Ruth) (as Duke Cleat); *The Adventures of Mark Twain* (Rapper) (as Bret Harte); *The Black Parachute* (Landers); *The Invisible Man's Revenge* (Beebe) (as Dr. Drury); *The Return of the Ape Man* (Rosen); *Voodoo Man* (Beaudine) (as Job); *Alaska* (Archainbaud); *House of Frankenstein* (Kenton) (as Dracula); *Waterfront* (Sekely); *Gangway for Tomorrow* (Auer); *Revenge of the Zombies (The Corpse Vanished)* (Sekely); *Bluebeard* (Ulmer) (title role)
- 1945 *House of Dracula* (Kenton) (as Dracula); *Fallen Angel* (Preminger); *Captain Kidd* (Lee) (as Orange Povey); *It's in the Bag (The Fifth Chair)* (Wallace) (as Pike)

- 1946 *Down Missouri Way* (Berne) (as Thorndyke Dunning); *The Face of Marble* (Beaudine)
- 1947 *The Private Affairs of Bel Ami* (Lewin) (as Charles Forestier)
- 1949 *C-Man* (Lerner) (as Doc Spencer)
- 1954 *Thunder Pass* (McDonald) (as Bergstron); *Casanova's Big Night* (McLeod) (as Foressi); ***Johnny Guitar*** (Nicholas Ray) (as Old Tom); *The Egyptian* (Curtiz)
- 1955 *Stranger on Horseback* (Jacques Tourneur); *Desert Sands* (Selander) (as Arab Jala); *The Kentuckian* (Lancaster) (as Fletcher)
- 1956 *The Female Jungle* (Ve Sota); *The Black Sheep* (Dr. Cadman's Secret) (LeBorg) (as Borg); *The Ten Commandments* (DeMille) (as Aaron); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Col. Proctor Stamp); *Hidden Guns* (Gannaway) (as Snipe Harding); *The Court Jester* (Panama and Frank); *Dark Venture* (Trevlac, i.e. John Calvert)
- 1957 *The Unearthly* (Peters); *Half Human* (Jujin Yukiotoke) (Honda and Crane); *Hell Ship Mutiny* (Sholem and Williams) (as Malone); *The True Story of Jesse James* (Nicholas Ray) (as Rev. Bailey); *The Story of Mankind* (Allen) (as Pharaoh Khufu)
- 1958 *The Proud Rebel* (Curtiz); *The Last Hurrah* (Ford) (as Amos Force); *Showdown at Boot Hill* (Fowler, Jr.) (as Doc Weber)
- 1959 *The Oregon Trail* (Fowler, Jr.) (as Zachariah); *The Cosmic Man* (Greene); *Invisible Invaders* (Cahn)
- 1960 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Curtiz); *Tarzan the Magnificent* (Day); *Sex Kittens Go to College* (Zugsmith); *The Incredible Petrified World* (Warren)
- 1962 *Invasion of the Animal People* (*Terror in the Midnight Sun*) (Vogel and Warren); ***The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*** (Ford) (as Major Cassius Starbuckle)
- 1964 *The Patsy* (Lewis) (as Bruce Alden); *Cheyenne Autumn* (John Ford) (as Major Jeff Blair); *Curse of the Stone Hand* (Warren and Schlieppe)
- 1965 *House of the Black Death* (*Blood of the Man Devil; Night of the Beast*) (Daniels and LeBorg); *The Wizard of Mars* (Hewitt); *Something for Mrs. Gibbs* (Van Praag—advertising short)
- 1966 *Billy the Kid vs. Dracula* (Beaudine) (as Dracula); *Night Train to Mundo Fine* (Francis); *Broken Sabre* (McEveety); *Munster, Go Home!* (Bellamy) (as Cruikshank); *The Emperor's New Clothes* (Clark—unreleased)
- 1967 *The Hostage* (Doughten) (as Otis Lovelace); *Hillbillies in a Haunted House* (Yarbrough); *Dr. Terror's Gallery of Horrors* (*The Blood Suckers; Gallery of Horror; Return from the Past*) (Hewitt) (as narrator and warlock in one ep.); *La Senora Muerte* (*Mrs. Death; The Death Woman*) (Salvador)
- 1968 *They Ran for Their Lives* (Payne) (as Laslow); *Pacto diabolico* (*Pact with the Devil*) (Salvador); *The Astro-Zombies* (Mikels); *Autopsia de un fantasma* (*Autopsy on a Ghost*) (Rodriguez) (as Satan); *The Helicopter Spies* (Sagal—for TV); *Genesis* (*Genesis I*) (organized by R. B. Childs—compilation film) (as narrator)
- 1969 *Blood of Dracula's Castle* (Adamson and Hewitt) (as George); *The Good Guys and the Bad Guys* (Kennedy); *The Trouble with Girls* (Tewksbury); *Daughter of the Mind* (Grauman—for TV); *Dracula vs. Frankenstein* (*The Blood Seekers; Blood of Frankenstein*) (Adamson); *Las vampiras* (*The Vampires*) (Curiel)
- 1970 *The McMasters* (Kjellin); Myra Breckinridge (Sarne); *Hell's Bloody Devils* (*The Fakers; Swastika Savages; Operation M; Smashing the Crime Syndicate*) (Adamson); *Crowhaven Farm* (Grauman—for TV); *Cain's Cutthroats* (*Cain's Way; Justice Cain*) (Osborne) (as Preacher Sims); *Blood of the Iron Maiden* (*Trip to Terror; Is This Trip Really Necessary?*) (Benoit); *Horror of the Blood Monsters* (*The Flesh Creatures; Flesh Creatures of the Red Planet; Creatures of the Prehistoric Planet; Creatures of the Red Planet; Vampire Men of the Lost Planet*) (Adamson); *Five Bloody Graves* (*The Lonely Man; Five Bloody Days to Tombstone; Gun Riders*) (Adamson)
- 1971 *Shinbone Alley* (Wilson and Detiege—animated feature) (as voice); *The Seven Minutes* (Meyer)
- 1972 *Richard* (Yerby and Hurwitz); *Boxcar Bertha* (Scorsese); *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask* (Allen); *Blood of Ghastly Horror* (*The Fiend with the Electronic Brain; Psycho a Go-Go!; The Love Maniac; Man with the Synthetic Brain*) (Adamson—produced 1969); *Portnoy's Complaint* (Lehman) (as voice of judge); *Shadow House* (short); *Decisions! Decisions!* (Segal—TV pilot); *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (animated short) (as narrator)
- 1973 *Silent Night, Bloody Night* (Zora; *Night of the Full Dark Moon*) (Gershuny); *Terror in the Wax Museum* (Fenady); *Bad Charleston Charlie* (Nagy); *Hex* (Garen); *Superchick* (Forsyth) (as Igor Smith); *House of Dracula's Daughter* (Hessler); *One Million A.D.* (Baron—unreleased); *The Cat Creature* (Harrington—for TV); *The Night Strangler* (Curtis—for TV); *Legacy of Blood* (Monson); *The Gatling Gun* (Gordon—produced 1969 as *King Gun*); *Bigfoot* (Slatzer)
- 1974 *The House of the Seven Corpses* (Harrison); *Moonchild* (Gadney—produced 1972) (as “The Walker”)
- 1975 *Mary, Mary, Bloody Mary* (Moctezuma); *Stowaway to the Moon* (McLaglen—for TV) (as Jacob Avril)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner); *Crash* (Band); *The Killer Inside Me* (Kennedy); *The Shootist* (Siegel) (as Hezekiah Beckum); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as studio tour guide); *Death at Love House* (*The Shrine of Lorna Love*) (Swackhamer—for TV) (as Conan Carroll)
- 1977 *The Sentinel* (Winner); *Shock Waves* (*Death Corps; Almost Human*) (Weiderhorn); *The White Buffalo* (Thompson) (as Amos Briggs); *Golden Rendezvous* (Lazarus); *Tail Gunner Joe* (Taylor—for TV); *The Christmas Coal Mine Miracle* (*Christmas Miracle in Caulfield, U.S.A.*) (Taylor—for TV); *Satan's Cheerleaders* (Clark); *Journey into the Beyond* (Olsen) (as narrator); *The Lady and the Lynchings; Frankenstein Island* (Warren) (as Dr. Frankenstein)
- 1978 *Sunset Cove* (*Save Our Beach*) (Adamson) (as Judge Winslow); *Vampire Hookers* (Santiago); *The Bees* (Zacharias) (as Dr. Sigmund Hummel)
- 1979 *Monster* (*Monster: The Legend That Became a Terror*) (Hartford); *The Seekers* (Hayers—for TV); *Teheran Incident*

- (*Missile X; The Neutron Bomb Incident; Cruise Missile*) (Martinson); *Phobia (The Nesting)* (Weston); *Nocturna (Granddaughter of Dracula)* (Tampa, i.e. Harry Hurwitz) (as Dracula); *The Mandate of Heaven*
- 1980 *Carradines in Concert* (doc); *The Monster Club* (Baker); *The Howling* (Dante) (as Kenton); *The Boogey Man* (Lommel)
- 1982 *The Secret of NIMH* (Bluth) (as voice of Great Owl); *The Scarecrow* (Pillsbury)
- 1983 *House of Long Shadows* (Walker); *The Ice Pirates* (Raffill) (as Emperor)
- 1985 *Evils of the Night* (Rustam) (as Dr. Kozmar); *The Vals* (Polakof) (as Mr. Stanton)
- 1986 *Peggy Sue Got Married* (Coppola) (as Leo); *Revenge* (Lewis) (as Sen. Bradford); *The Tomb* (Olen Ray) (as Mr. Androheb)
- 1987 *Evil Spawn (Deadly Sting; Alive by Night)* (Hall) (as Dr. Zeitman); *Monster in the Closet* (Dahlin) (as Old Joe)
- 1988 *Star Slammer (Prison Ship)* (Olen Ray) (as The Justice)

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The film career of John Carradine was one of the longest and most prolific in Hollywood. He claimed to have appeared in over 400 films and the range of his roles varies widely. Although he made a successful career for himself in films, Carradine’s first love was always the theater, particularly Shakespeare. His training in theater is apparent in his film work, creating “larger than life” characters with exaggerated gestures and a booming voice.

Carradine began acting in films in the early 1930s using the name John Peter Richmond. He found fairly steady work as a bit player with such directors as Cecil B. DeMille (*The Sign of the Cross, This Day and Age, Cleopatra*) and James Whale (*The Bride of Frankenstein, The Invisible Man*). In 1936, using the name John Carradine, he became a Fox contract player. That same year Carradine appeared in John Ford’s *The Prisoner of Shark Island*. (Carradine eventually appeared in ten films directed by John Ford, including *Stagecoach, The Grapes of Wrath*, and *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*.) Carradine received excellent notices for his performance as a prison guard in *The Prisoner of Shark Island*, which led to villainous roles in other films.

In addition to his reputation as a film “bad guy” Carradine also became known for his roles in cheap horror pictures. These films were produced very quickly and so there are many of them among Carradine’s credits. In 1945 he appeared in two low-budget films for Universal, *House of Frankenstein* and *House of Dracula*, which marked the first times that Carradine played a vampire. His subsequent horror films, with titles like *The Incredible Petrified World* and *Billy the Kid vs. Dracula*, did not carry much credibility, but this kind of film kept Carradine employed for a good number of years. Carradine became so well known for playing the “mad scientist” in low-budget horror films that he was enlisted to do a parody of himself in a segment of Woody Allen’s *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask*. With such an amazingly diverse list of film credits, it is not greatly surprising that John Carradine became one of the most recognizable character actors on the American screen.

—Linda J. Obalil

CARREY, Jim

Nationality: Canadian. **Born:** James Eugene Carrey in Jacksons Point (some sources say Newmarket), Ontario, Canada, 17 January 1962, **Family:** Married 1) Melissa Womer (an actress), 1986 (divorced, 1995); 2) Lauren Holly (an actress), September 23, 1996 (divorced, 1997); children: (first marriage) Jane. **Career:** Titan Wheels (factory), Toronto, Ontario, laborer, c. 1978; performed in comedy clubs in Toronto, Canada, 1977–81; moved to Los Angeles to work clubs, 1981; appeared on a television special with Rich Little; played Skip Tarkenton, *The Duck Factory* TV show, 1984; ensemble member, *In Living Color* weekly comedy variety television show, 1990; writer, for *In Living Color*, 1990–94; voice of Exterminator, *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, USA Network, 1993. **Awards:** MTV Movie Award, best comedic performance, 1994, for *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*; MTV Movie Award, best comedic performance, 1996, for *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*; MTV Movie Award, best comedic performance, 1997, for *The Cable Guy*; Showman of the Year Award, 1998; Blockbuster Entertainment Award, favorite actor-comedy, Golden Globe Award nomination, best performance by an actor in



Jim Carrey in *The Truman Show*

a motion picture-comedy/musical, and MTV Movie Award, best comedic performance, all 1998, for *Liar Liar*; Golden Globe Award, best performance by an actor in a motion picture-drama, 1999, for *The Truman Show*; Golden Globe Award, best performance by an actor in a motion picture-drama, 2000, for *Man on the Moon*; ShoWest Award, for Male Star of the Year, 2000. **Address:** United Talent Agency, 9560 Wilshire Boulevard, 5th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212-2401, U.S.A.

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| <p>1983 <i>All in Good Taste</i> (Kramreither); <i>Copper Mountain</i> (Mitchell) (as Bobby Todd); <i>Introducing . . . Janet (Rubberface)</i> (Salzman and Yates) (as Tony Moroni)</p> <p>1984 <i>Finders Keepers</i> (Lester) (as Lane Biddlecoff)</p> <p>1985 <i>Once Bitten</i> (Storm) (as Mark Kendall)</p> <p>1986 <i>Peggy Sue Got Married</i> (Coppola) (as Walter Getz)</p> <p>1988 <i>The Dead Pool</i> (Van Horn) (as Johnny Squares) (credited as James Carrey)</p> | <p>1989 <i>Pink Cadillac</i> (Van Horn) (as Lounge entertainer) (credited as James Carrey); <i>Earth Girls Are Easy</i> (Temple) (as Wiploc); <i>Mike Hammer: Murder Takes All</i> (Nicolella—for TV) (as Brad Peters)</p> <p>1991 <i>High Strung</i> (Nygard) (as Death [uncredited])</p> <p>1992 <i>Doing Time on Maple Drive</i> (Olin—for TV) (as Tim)</p> <p>1994 <i>Dumb and Dumber</i> (Farrelly) (as Lloyd Christmas); <i>The Mask</i> (Russell) (as Stanley Ipikiss and The Mask); <i>Ace Ventura: Pet Detective</i> (Shadyac) (as Ace Ventura, + co-sc)</p> <p>1995 <i>Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls</i> (Oedeker) (as Ace Ventura); <i>Batman Forever</i>, (Schumacher) (as The Riddler/Edward Nygma)</p> <p>1996 <i>The Cable Guy</i> (Stiller) (as Chip Douglas)</p> <p>1997 <i>Liar Liar</i> (Shadyac) (as Fletcher Reede)</p> <p>1998 <i>Simon Birch</i> (Johnson) (as Adult Joe Wentworth); <i>The Truman Show</i> (Weir) (as Truman Burbank)</p> <p>1999 <i>Man on the Moon</i> (Forman) (as Andy Kaufman)</p> <p>2000 <i>Me, Myself and Irene</i> (Farrelly and Farrelly) (as Charlie Baileygates and Hank); <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> (Howard) (as The Grinch)</p> |
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Jim Carrey combined the rubber-faced rubber-boned antics of a Jerry Lewis with the zany improvisational style of a Robin Williams (with a heavy dash of Williams's acting ability thrown in) to make some of the most successful and entertaining comedies of the 1990s and to launch him into the superstar stratosphere—Carrey becoming the first actor to break the \$20-million-per-film wage barrier.

His beginnings could not have been humbler. His father, a professional musician, sold his saxophone to pay his wife's hospital bills, and at various points the family lived in a Volkswagen camper and in a tent. After years as the resident white guy on television's enormously popular *In Living Color*, he took on the serious role of a son with a drinking problem in the television movie *Doing Time on Maple Street* (1992). But what launched him into superstar status were the three comedies he made in 1994: *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, *The Mask*, and *Dumb & Dumber*, with a combined global box office draw of \$550 million. In *Ace Ventura*, Carrey cuts loose as the bizarre pet detective designed to make outrageous fun of leading men. In *The Mask* he plays an average guy given superhuman powers by an ancient Norse mask, and although the (literally) eye-popping special effects based on classic Tex Avery cartoons were supplied by Industrial Light & Magic, as Richard Corliss in *Time* said "Carrey doesn't need any cybernetics or silicon to rubberize his limbs. He is his own best special effect, the first star who is a live-action toon." *Dumb & Dumber* was an over-the-top slob comedy in the same vein as the Farrelly brother's subsequent *There's Something about Mary*. But even in *Dumb & Dumber*, there's a scene where his character stares out a window and says, "You know what I'm sick and tired of? I'm sick and tired of having to eke my way through life," and the audience really feels for the guy.

After *Batman Forever* and the *Ace Ventura* sequel (both 1995), Carrey became the \$20 million man with *The Cable Guy* (1996),

where his performance was evidently a little *too* dark for most audiences. The movie's failure caused Hollywood to question actors' soaring salaries, but not before Stallone, Schwarzenegger, and other superstars demanded higher pay (Carrey has subsequently agreed to work for less). *Liar Liar* (1997) put Carrey back on top with one of his best performances, as an attorney forced to tell the truth for 24 hours because of a birthday wish his son made. Carrey's performance is reminiscent of Steve Martin's in *All of Me*, except instead of fighting Lily Tomlin's soul occupying half his body, he's fighting this birthday wish, making the wish seem completely tangible in the process. The movie finds clever variations on a potentially repetitive theme (a la *Groundhog Day*), with his backed-into-a-corner lawyer finally forced to win a case by actually using his brain instead of his usual bag of knee-jerk, lawyerly tricks. And Carrey's a good enough actor to make you believe the "I love my son" ending.

The Truman Show (1998) was considered by most to be Carrey's breakthrough performance. In it, he plays Truman Burbank, the unwitting star of a 24-hour-a-day real-life drama unfolding on the world's largest movie set. As an "everyman," Carrey acts without his manic side, in what Corliss called "a performance of profound charm, innocence, vulnerability and pain." Many predicted Carrey would win an Oscar for his performance, but the award eluded him. Similar predictions for an Oscar returned when critics saw Carrey's uncanny performance of Andy Kaufman in Milos Forman's *Man on the Moon* (1999). Many felt he was again snubbed when Carrey did not win the Oscar. Kaufman, the groundbreaking comedian/performance artist who died in 1984, was one of Carrey's inspirations, and in the film Carrey throws himself into each of Kaufman's diverse personae—the wide-eyed Foreign Man, the sneering wrestler of women, the obnoxious Tony Clifton—with such conviction that those who actually knew Kaufman were completely spooked. Janet Maslin in the *New York Times* called Carrey's performance "an electrifying homage," while *Newsweek* claimed, "Jim Carrey may be a better Andy Kaufman than Andy Kaufman was," and *Time* said it was very possibly the best work Carrey had ever done. Should Academy members ever finally realize that great comedic talent is as rare as great dramatic talent, perhaps Carrey will one day get his due, but in the meantime at least he should be happy with the compensation.

—Bob Sullivan

CARROLL, Madeleine

Nationality: British American. **Born:** Marie Madeleine Bernadette O'Carroll in West Bromwich, Warwickshire, England, 26 February 1906; became United States citizen, 1943. **Education:** Attended Birmingham University, B.A. in French. **Family:** Married 1) Philip Astley, 1931 (divorced 1939); 2) the actor Sterling Hayden, 1942 (divorced 1946); 3) the producer Henri Lavoire, 1946 (divorced 1949); 4) Andrew Heiskell, 1950 (divorced 1965): one daughter. **Career:** French teacher in girls' school in Hove, Sussex; 1927—stage debut in *The Lash*, London; 1928—film debut in *The Guns of Loos*; 1936—film contract with Walter Wanger: made films in Hollywood; during World War II—worked with refugee orphans, then entertainment director for merchant seamen in New York; 1943–45—worked with the Red Cross in France and Italy, and subsequently with UNESCO (made documentary films for the United Nations and others: e.g. *Children's Republic* and *The Eternal Fight*); 1948—on



Madeleine Carroll with Dick Powell in *On the Avenue*

Broadway in *Goodbye, My Fancy*. **Awards:** Legion of Honor (France); United States Medal of Freedom. **Died:** In Marbella, Spain, 2 October 1987.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1928 <i>The Guns of Loos</i> (Hill) (as Diana Cheswick); <i>What Money Can Buy</i> (Greenwood) (as Rhoda Pearson); <i>The First Born</i> (Mander) (as Lady Madeleine Boycott)</p> <p>1929 <i>The Crooked Billet</i> (Brunel) (as Joan Easton); <i>The American Prisoner</i> (Bentley) (as Grace Malherb); <i>Atlantic</i> (Dupont) (as Monica)</p> <p>1930 <i>The "W" Plan</i> (Saville) (as Rosa Hartmann); <i>Young Woodley</i> (Bentley) (as Laura Simmons); <i>French Leave</i> (Raymond) (as Dorothy Glenister); <i>Escape</i> (Dean) (as Dora); <i>The School for Scandal</i> (Elvey) (as Lady Teazle); <i>Kissing Cup's Race</i> (Knight) (as Lady Molly Adair)</p> <p>1931 <i>Madame Guillotine</i> (Fogwell) (as Lucille de Choaigne); <i>Fascination</i> (Mander) (as Gwenda Farrell); <i>The Written Law</i> (Fogwell) (as Lady Margaret Rochester)</p> | <p>1933 <i>Sleeping Car</i> (Litvak) (as Anne); <i>I Was a Spy</i> (Saville) (as Marthe Cnockhaert)</p> <p>1934 <i>The World Moves On</i> (Ford)</p> <p>1935 <i>The Dictator</i> (<i>The Love Affair of the Dictator</i>; <i>The Loves of a Dictator</i>; <i>For Love of a Queen</i>) (Saville and Santell) (as Caroline Struensee); <i>The 39 Steps</i> (Hitchcock) (as Pamela)</p> <p>1936 <i>The Story of Papworth</i> (charity appeal) (as guest); <i>The Secret Agent</i> (Hitchcock) (as Elsa); <i>The Case against Mrs. Ames</i> (Seiter); <i>The General Died at Dawn</i> (Milestone); <i>Lloyds of London</i> (King)</p> <p>1937 <i>On the Avenue</i> (Del Ruth); <i>It's All Yours</i> (Nugent); <i>The Prisoner of Zenda</i> (Cromwell)</p> <p>1938 <i>Blockade</i> (Dieterle)</p> <p>1939 <i>Cafe Society</i> (Griffith); <i>Honeymoon in Bali</i> (<i>Husbands or Lovers</i>) (Griffith)</p> <p>1940 <i>My Son, My Son!</i> (Charles Vidor); <i>Safari</i> (Griffith); <i>North-west Mounted Police</i> (DeMille)</p> <p>1941 <i>Virginia</i> (Griffith); <i>One Night in Lisbon</i> (Griffith); <i>Bahama Passage</i> (Griffith)</p> <p>1942 <i>My Favorite Blonde</i> (Lanfield)</p> <p>1946 <i>La Petite Republique</i> (Vicas)</p> |
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- 1947 *White Cradle Inn (High Fury)* (French) (as Magda)
 1948 *Don't Trust Your Husband (An Innocent Affair)* (Bacon)
 1949 *The Fan (Lady Windermere's Fan)* (Preminger)

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Although her primary fame was for her unusually refined blonde good looks, Madeleine Carroll was nonetheless a capable film actress. Her current reputation is based on her work with Alfred Hitchcock (notably in *The 39 Steps* and *The Secret Agent*). These were by no means the only worthwhile films she made; she was one Hollywood import who thrived on its soil. The highlights of her Hollywood years were *The General Died at Dawn* and the fanciful romantic epic *The Prisoner of Zenda* in which she played opposite Ronald Colman.

She began in the theater after attending the University of Birmingham, and entered the British film scene in the late 1920s. Gaumont British traded her for Warner Baxter, in an arrangement with 20th Century-Fox, and it was thus that she made her first American film, *The World Moves On* (John Ford, 1934). She returned to England for her work with Hitchcock, and finally returned to America under contract to Walter Wanger. She ended up at Paramount, and found her niche as a comedienne. Although her films were rather lackluster, her restrained and subtle performances won her a loyal following, and she remained active until the late 1940s. Her later films included a version of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan (The Fan)* and a string of comedies in which she was teamed with Fred MacMurray. She also had a huge stage success in the early 1950s with Garson Kanin's *Goodbye, My Fancy*.

As a film actress, Carroll was notable for her underplaying, her lack of posturing or reliance on mannerism. This was unusual in an era when such qualities were more common than they are now, and perhaps explains her enduring popularity among film enthusiasts.

—Joseph Arkins

CERVI, Gino

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Luigi Cervi in Bologna, 3 May 1901. **Family:** Married the actress Nini Gordini, son: the producer Tonino Cervi. **Career:** 1924—stage debut with Aldo Borelli's troupe; later performed with Pirandello's acting troupe as well as other theater groups; 1932—screen debut in patriotic air force epic *L'armata assura*; late 1950s—began appearing frequently on TV, notably as

Inspector Maigret in series based on Simenon novels. **Died:** In Punta Alta, Italy, 3 January 1974.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *L'armata assura* (Righelli)
 1933 *T'amerò sempre* (Camerini)
 1934 *Frontiere* (Meano and Caraphi)
 1935 *Aldebaran* (Blasetti) (as Camado Valeri); *Amore* (Bragaglia) (as Paolo)
 1936 *I due sergenti* (Guazzoni)
 1937 *Ettore Fieramosca* (Blasetti); *Gli uomini non sono ingrati* (Brignone); *L'argine* (d'Errico) (as Zugni)
 1938 *I figli del marchese Lucera* (Palermi); *Inventiamo l'amore* (Mastrocinque) (as Carlo); *Voglio vivere con Letizia* (Mastrocinque)
 1940 *La peccatrice* (Palermi) (as Alberto); *Un'avventura di Salvator Rosa* (Blasetti) (as Salvator Rosa); *Melodie eterne (Eternal Melodies)* (Gallone) (as Mozart); *Una romantica avventura* (Camerini); *La corona di ferro (The Iron Crown)* (Blasetti) (as King Sedemondo)
 1941 *I promessi sposi (Father Christopher's Prayer; The Spirit and the Flesh)* (Camerini) (as Renzo); *La regina di Navarra* (Gallone) (as Charles V); *Il sogno di tutti* (Biancoli and Kisch)
 1942 *L'ultimo addio* (Cerio) (as Paolo); *Acque di primavera* (Malasomma); *Don Cesare di Bazan* (Freda) (as Don Cesare); *Gente dell'aria* (Pratelli); *Quattro passi fra le nuvole (Four Steps in the Clouds)* (Blasetti); *Quarta pagina* (Manzari)
 1943 *Tristi amori* (Gallone); *Che distinta famiglia* (M. Bonnard); *T'amerò sempre* (Camerini); *La locandiera* (Chiarini) (as the Poet); *Nessuno torna indietro* (Blasetti)
 1944 *Quartetto Pazzo* (Salvini); *Senza famiglia* (Ferroni); *Vivere ancora* (Gianini)
 1945 *Lo sbaglio di essere vivo (My Widow and I)* (Bragaglia); *Le miserie del signor Travet (His Young Wife)* (Soldati)
 1946 *Malia* (Amato); *Umanità* (Bragaglia); *Un uomo ritorna (Revenge)* (Neufeld); *Aquila nera* (Freda)
 1947 *L'angelo e il diavolo* (Camerini); *Cronaca nera* (Bianchi); *Daniele Cortis* (Soldati); *Furia* (Alessandrini)
 1948 *I miserabili (Les Misérables)* (Freda) (as Jean Valjean); *La signora della camelie* (Bernard); *Anna Karenina* (Duvivier) (as Enrico)
 1949 *Guglielmo Tell (William Tell)* (Pastino); *Yvonne la nuit* (Amato); *La fiamma che no si spegne* (Cottafavi); *Fabiola* (Blasetti); *La passione secondo San Matteo* (Marischka); *La sposa non può attendere* (Franciolini)
 1950 *Donne senza nome (Women without Names)* (Radvanyi); *Il cielo è rosso* (Gora); *La scogliera del peccato* (Montero); *Sigillo rosso* (Calzavaro); *Il caimano del Piave* (Bianchi)
 1951 *Cristo proibito (Forbidden Christ; Strange Deception)* (Malaparte); *Cameriera bella presenza offerirsi* (Pastini); *O.K. Nerone (O.K. Nero)* (Soldati) (as Nero)
 1952 *Le Petit Monde de Don Camillo (The Little World of Don Camillo)* (Duvivier) (as Peppone); *Tre storie proibite (Three Forbidden Stories)* (Genina); *Moglie per una notte (Wife for a Night)* (Camerini); *La regina di Saba (The Queen of Sheba)* (Francisci) (as Solomon); *La Dame aux camélias* (Bernard)

- 1953 *Stazioni termini (Indiscretion of an American Wife)* (De Sica); *Le Retour de Don Camillo (The Return of Don Camillo)* (Duvivier) (as Peppone); *La signora senza camelie (Camille without Camelias)* (Antonioni); *Les Trois Mousquetaires* (Hunebelle); *Si Versailles m'était conté* (Guitry); *Nerone a Messalina* (Zeglio); *Maddalena* (Genina); *Addio mia bella signora* (Cerchio); *Fate largo ai moschettieri* (Hunebelle); *La grande avventura; Cavallina storna* (Morelli); *Una donna libera* (Cottafavi); *Napoléon* (Guitry)
- 1955 *Il cardinale Lambertini* (Pastini); *Froufrou* (Genina); *Non c'è amore più grande* (Bianchi); *Don Camillo e l'onorevole Peppone* (Gallone) (as Peppone); *Gli innamorati* (Wild Love) (Bolognini); *Il coraggio* (Paoletta)
- 1956 *Guardia, guardia scelta, brigadiere e maresciallo* (Bolognini); *Beatrice Cenci* (Freda); *Moglie e buoi . . .* (de Mitri); *Amanti del deserto (Le Fils du chiek; The Desert Warrior)* (Cerchio)
- 1957 *Amore e chiacchiere* (Blasetti); *Ragazze delle nuvole* (Costa)
- 1958 *Agguato a Tangeri* (Freda); *Le belle dell'aria* (Costa); *La maja desnuda (The Naked Maja)* (Koster) (as King Carlos of Spain); *Sans Famille* (Michel)
- 1959 *Nel segno di Roma* (Brignone); *Noi gangsters; Brevi amori a Palma di Majorca* (Bianchi); *Cartagine in fiamme; Le grand chef (The Big Chief)* (Verneuil)
- 1960 *La lunga notte del '43* (Vancini); *I sicari di Hitler; L'assedio di Siracusa (Siege of Syracuse)* (Francisci) (as Gerone); *Le olimpiadi dei mariti* (Bianchi); *Femmine di lusso (Love the Italian Way)* (White) (as Lemeni); *La rivolta degli schiavi (The Revolt of the Slaves)* (Malasomma); *Herrin der Welt* (Dieterle)
- 1961 *Che gioia vivere (Quelle joie de vivre)* (Clément); *Un figlio d'oggi* (Girolami and Graziano); *Don Camillo, monsignore . . . ma non troppo* (Gallone) (as Peppone); *Gli attendenti* (Bianchi); *Geheimaktion schwarze Kapelle* (Habib)
- 1962 *Le Crime ne paie pas (Crime Does Not Pay)* ("La Masque" ep.) (Oury); *Dieci italiani per un Tedesco (La Furie des S.S.)* (Ratti); *La monaca di Monza* (Gallone); *Gli anni ruggenti* (Zampa); *Il cambio della guardia* (Bianchi); *Avanti la musica* (Bianchi); *Il forno più corto* (Corbucci)
- 1963 *La smania addosso (Eye of the Needle)* (Andrei) (as D'Angelo); *Gli onorevoli* (Corbucci); *Le Bon Roi Dagobert* (Chevalier)
- 1964 *Becket* (Glenville) (as Cardinal Zambelli); *Volles Herz und leere Tashcen* (Mastrocinque)
- 1965 *Il compagno Don Camillo* (Comencini) (as Peppone)
- 1967 *Maigret a Pigalle* (Landi)
- 1972 *Don Camillo e i giovani d'oggi* (as Peppone); *Uccidere in silenzio* (Rolando); *I racconti romani di Pietro l'Aretino* (Tosini)

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On CERVI: article—

"Gino Cervi," letter from V. Martinelli in *Films in Review* (New York), June-July 1975.

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For several decades, Gino Cervi was the leading character actor in Italy and certainly one of the pillars of the industry. He began as a stage actor in 1924; a few years later he made his screen debut in a film on the Air Force. Immediately demonstrating his versatility, he starred in Camerini's melancholic love story *T'amerò sempre*. He was one of Alessandro Blasetti's favorite actors, providing a commanding presence in the historical epics *Ettore Fieramosca*, *Un'avventura di Salvator Rosa*, and *La corona di ferro*. Blasetti recognized Cervi's range and cast him in the role of the plain, downtrodden traveling salesman who aids an unwed mother in *Four Steps in the Clouds*, the first of Cervi's films to be shown widely outside Italy.

His performance in one scene of a little-known film, *La Peccatrice*, is a tour de force that represents Cervi's combination of technical virtuosity and naturalness. He plays a cad living in a small town; a person he has victimized, the "sinner" of the title, has returned to the town after several years and watches him eating alone in a restaurant. In this scene he must express the cad's entire character—his disregard for others, his lack of conscience, his pomposity—simply by eating his meal.

After the war, he continued to give credence to Italian costume dramas and historical epics but reached an international audience through his portrayal of Peppone, the Communist mayor in Giovanni Guareschi's series of novels about Don Camillo. Cervi played the role in Duvivier's first version of the story in 1952 and in the many sequels. His resonant voice enabled him to work as a dubber (he dubbed Olivier's voice for the Italian versions of his Shakespeare films) and achieve considerable success on stage. For Italian television, he played Georges Simenon's Inspector Maigret in a series of productions.

—Elaine Mancini

CHAN, Jackie

Pseudonym: Known to Chinese audiences as Sing Lung, meaning "to become a dragon." **Nationality:** Hong Kong. **Born:** Chan Kong-Sang in Hong Kong, 7 April 1954. **Education:** Studied at Peking Opera School, Hong Kong, 1961–71. **Career:** 1962—screen debut in the Cantonese film *Huang Tian Ba*, subsequently appeared as child actor in more than 20 films; 1972–73—worked as film stuntman and martial artist; 1976—contracted as lead actor by Lo Wei Film Company; 1978—first real success with two films for Ng See-Yuen's Seasonal Film Corporation; 1979—directed himself for the first time in *The Fearless Hyena*; 1980—made first film for major Golden Harvest company; mid-1980s—co-founder, Golden Way production company; 1995—received first widespread North American attention with *Rumble in the Bronx*.

Films as Actor: (films as child actor not included)

1971 *Little Tiger from Canton*

1973 *Enter the Dragon (The Deadly Three)* (Clouse)

Jackie Chan in *Supercop*

- 1975 *Countdown in Kung Fu (Hand of Death)* (Woo)
- 1976 *Xin Ching-Wu Men (New Fist of Fury)* (Lo Wei) (as Ai Long); *Shaolin Wooden Men (36 Wooden Men; Shaolin Chamber of Death)* (Ch'en Chih-Hua and Lo Wei); *The Killer Meteors* (Lo Wei)
- 1977 *Snake and Crane Arts of Shaolin* (Ch'en Chih-Hua)
- 1978 *To Kill with Intrigue* (Lo Wei); *Magnificent Bodyguards* (Lo Wei); *Snake in the Eagle's Shadow (The Eagle's Shadow)* (Yuen Woo-ping); *Spiritual Kung-Fu (Karate Ghostbuster)* (Lo Wei)
- 1979 *Dragon Fist (In Eagle Dragon Fist)* (Lo Wei); *Drunken Master (Drunken Monkey in a Tiger's Eye; The Story of Drunken Master)* (Yuen Woo-ping) (as Huang Fei-hong)
- 1980 *The Big Brawl (Battle Creek Brawl)* (Clouse) (as Jerry); *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu* (Ch'en Chi-Hua) (+ martial arts director)
- 1981 *The Cannonball Run* (Needham) (as Subaru driver no. 1); *Snake Fist Fighter*
- 1983 *Winners and Sinners* (Samo Hung); *The Fearless Hyena: Part 2* (Chuen Chan)
- 1984 *Cannonball Run 2* (Needham) (as Jackie); *Meals on Wheels* (Samo Hung); *Eagle's Shadow* (Yuen Woo-ping)
- 1985 *My Lucky Stars* (Samo Hung) (as Muscles); *Twinkle, Twinkle, Lucky Stars* (Samo Hung); *First Mission; The Protector* (Glickenhau) (as Billy Wong); *Ninja Thunderbolt* (Ho)
- 1986 *Heart of the Dragon (The First Mission)* (Samo Hung)
- 1987 *Dragons Forever* (Samo Hung); *Fist of Death*
- 1990 *The Deadliest Art: The Best of the Martial Arts Films* (Weintraub—compilation)
- 1992 *City Hunter* (Jing Wong) (as Ryu Saeba); *Supercop: Police Story III* (Stanley Tong) (as Chan Chia-chu); *Twin Dragons* (Ringo Lam and Hark Tsui) (as John Ma/Boomer)
- 1993 *Police Story 4: Project S (Once a Cop; Project S; Supercop 2)* (Stanley Tong); *Crime Story* (Kirk Wong) (as Inspector Eddie Chan)
- 1995 *Hong Faan Kui (Rumble in the Bronx)* (Stanley Tong) (as Ah Keung, + martial arts director); *Thunderbolt*
- 1996 *Rumble in the Bronx* (Tong) (as Keung); *Supercop 3* (Tong) (as Detective Kevin Chan/Fu Sheng)
- 1998 *Rush Hour* (Ratner) (as Detective Inspector Lee)
- 1999 *Gorgeous* (Kok) (as C.N. Chan); *The King of Comedy* (Chow, Lee); *Tejing xinrenlei* (Chan)
- 2000 *Shanghai Noon* (Dey) (as Chong Wang)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1979 *Siukun gwaitsiu (The Fearless Hyena)* (co-d)
- 1980 *Sidai cheutma (The Young Master)* (+ co-sc)
- 1982 *Lung siuye (Dragon Lord; Young Master in Love)* (+ co-sc, martial arts choreographer)
- 1983 *A gaiwak (Project A)* (as Dragon Ma, + co-sc)
- 1985 *Gingchat gusi (Police Story; Police Force; Jackie Chan's Police Story; Jackie Chan's Police Force)* (+ co-sc)
- 1986 *Lunghing fudai (The Armour of God)* (+ co-sc)
- 1987 *A gaiwatsuksap (Project A: Part II)* (+ co-sc)
- 1988 *Gingchat gusi tsuksap (Police Story Part II)* (+ co-sc)
- 1989 *Keitsik (Miracle; Black Dragon; Miracles: The Canton Godfather; Mr. Canton and Lady Rose)* (as Kuo Cheng-wah/ Mr. Canton, + co-sc)
- 1990 *Lunghing fudai tsuksap (The Armour of God II: Operation Condor)* (as Jackie/"Condor," + sc); *Island on Fire (Island of Fire; The Prisoner)*
- 1994 *Tsui Kun II (Drunken Master II)* (as Huang Fei-hong)

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Jackie Chan emerged out of the ranks of martial arts stuntmen and bit players in the mid-1970s as the most talented of those hoping for the international megastardom Bruce Lee had achieved before his death in 1973. In 1976, Lo Wei introduced Chan in a sequel to one of Lee's more popular films, *Fist of Fury* (*The Chinese Connection*), called *New Fist of Fury*, in which Chan imitates Lee's fighting style for the most part. Throughout his career, Chan has been haunted by comparisons with Lee. Despite his huge popularity in Asia, evidenced by the box-office records films such as *Police Story* and *Project A: Part II* have broken, Chan still aspires to break into the European and American market the way Lee was able to with his *Enter the Dragon*. To date, Chan's English-language vehicles, *The Big Brawl* and *The Protector*, have failed to appeal to most audiences in the West, and Chan is perhaps still most often recognized outside of Asia from his cameo role as the comic Chinese racer in *The Cannonball Run* series. In 1995, he makes another attempt at winning the American audience with *Rumble in the Bronx*, filmed "on location" in Vancouver. Although Chan has enjoyed a certain amount of critical attention since his films have been hailed at several international festivals as artistic "masterpieces," popular appeal, outside the Asian community, eludes him.

Comparisons to Lee and failure to win over the Western mass audience are both understandable and unfortunate. Although publicized as a "new Bruce Lee" and encouraged to imitate Lee very early in his film career, Chan, in fact, can best be appreciated as Lee's polar opposite in terms of performance persona and martial arts style. Whereas Lee was fascinated by Western boxing, Philippine stick fighting, and European fencing, which all became part of his very eclectic style, Chan has stuck more to the acrobatic movements associated with the traditional Chinese opera he studied as a young man. A significant part of this involves comic pantomime, and, unlike the more serious and intense Lee, who only occasionally threw in a humorous bit for comic relief, Chan excels at the lighter aspects of the operatic tradition in which his martial skills are rooted. This gift for both acrobatics and comedy has led some critics to compare Chan to Harold Lloyd or Buster Keaton. Conscious of the comparison, Chan has recreated Lloyd's daredevil clock tower stunt and Keaton's

infamous falling house stunt in his own films (*Project A: Parts I and II*). Like his silent Hollywood film heroes, Chan prides himself on doing his own stunts, and he has had a number of brushes with death as a result (the most serious a head injury when filming *Armour of God*). In the closing credits of his more recent films, outtakes show the bloody results of failed stunts, adding an element of machismo to his star persona missing from the insouciant characters he typically portrays.

With his wide, almost bulbous nose, sparkling eyes and mischievous smile, Chan's boyish ebullience and remarkable physical prowess seem best put to use in the costume martial arts comedies he made in the late 1970s and early 1980s. During this phase of his career, Chan began to choreograph his own fighting, act as martial arts instructor, and, eventually, direct his own features. As a result, a characteristic Chan star persona really began to emerge, displaying Chan's acrobatic and martial skills to their best advantage.

In most of these films, Chan plays reluctant students who excel at kung fu in spite of themselves. With the exception of *Dragon Lord*, they all feature scenes that display Chan's physical prowess in training as well as combat. The Chan character is repeatedly tortured by eccentric masters (exemplified by the "drunken master" played by Simon Yuen in *Drunken Master* and *Snake in the Eagle's Shadow*), who casually drink or smoke while Chan sweats blood and plots to escape from kung-fu practice. Set in the past, all these films make use of traditional costumes and weaponry as well as such Chinese arts as lion dancing and calligraphy, and allude to (indeed mildly satirize) established Chinese customs and institutions. In *Drunken Master*, for example, Chan portrays a young, impudent and impulsive Huang Fei-hong, in sharp contrast to Jet Li's more sober portrayal of the same folk hero in the *Once upon a Time in China* series. Scenes with expressly Chinese content, however, might explain the cool reception Chan has been given outside the Asian community in the West.

Chan's most recent films mark a significant break with his earlier successes. These later films are set in the present or the more recent past. Unlike the earlier films which delight in Chinese traditions, archaic weaponry, and the arcane aspects of Chinese kung fu, these films have a more Western orientation with gun play, automobile chases, shopping malls, cops, and gangsters replacing rival kung-fu schools, drunken masters, and operatic swordplay. Although Chan continues to play an affable hero, more attention is given to the action-adventure aspects of the plot and to the spectacular, often noncombative stunts than to Chinese martial artistry or acrobatics. No longer the troublesome pupil, Chan has matured into Asia's best-loved comic action hero.

With his own production unit at Hong Kong's Golden Harvest studios, Chan has artistic and a great deal of economic control over his current projects. More than just a kung-fu superstar, Chan has also become a shrewd film producer and promoter. His recent films place Hong Kong and its citizens on the world stage, as players in their own right, with an identity separate from mainland China. In *City Hunter*, Chan plays a Japanese detective, partly as a tribute to his loyal Japanese fans and partly as a means of looking beyond the confines of Hong Kong. As *Rumble in the Bronx* brings him back to North America, Chan embodies the fantasy of the Chinese global citizen, acting outside the strictures of a vacillating national identity.

—Gina Marchetti

CHAPLIN, (Sir) Charles (Charlie)

Nationality: British. **Born:** Charles Spencer Chaplin in London, England, 16 April 1889. **Family:** Married 1) Mildred Harris, 1918 (divorced 1920); 2) Lita Grey, 1924 (divorced 1927), two sons; 3) Paulette Goddard, 1936 (divorced 1941); 4) Oona O'Neill, 1943, eight children. **Career:** At age nine, followed the careers of his parents, Charles and Hannah Chaplin, as a music hall performer; 1903–06—appeared as the youth Billy in the stage play *Sherlock Holmes*; 1907—hired for the Fred Karno troupe; 1913—signed by Mack Sennett for Keystone studios after second Karno tour of the United States; moved to Hollywood; 1914—first film, *Making a Living*, followed by 34 more films that same year; 1915—left Keystone to write, direct, and act in 14 films for Essanay Films; 1916—moved to Mutual Films to create 12 films through 1917; 1918–23—produced seven shorts and one feature, *The Kid* (1921), for First National; 1919—co-founder with D. W. Griffith, Mary Pickford, and Douglas Fairbanks of United Artists; 1923—first film for United Artists, *A Woman of Paris*; 1952—visited London; political pressure forced cancellation of his reentry permit to return to the United States; 1953—moved to Vevey, on Lake Geneva, Switzerland. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *The Great Dictator*, 1940; Foreign Language Press Critics designate *Limelight* as best film, 1953; Honorary Oscar, “for the incalculable effect he has had in making motion pictures the art form of this century,” 1971; Academy Award for Best Original Dramatic Score (shared), for *Limelight*, 1972 (film first released in 1952, but had not been shown in Los Angeles until 1972); Golden Lion, Venice Film Festival, 1972; Knighted, 1975. **Died:** In Vevey, Switzerland, 25 December 1977.

Films as Actor:

(shorts for Keystone Film Company; role as Charlie unless otherwise noted)

- 1914 *Making a Living* (A Busted Johnny; Troubles; Doing His Best) (Lehrman) (as reporter); *Kid Auto Races at Venice* (The Kid Auto Race) (Lehrman); *Mabel's Strange Predicament* (Hotel Mixup) (Lehrman and Sennett); *Between Showers* (The Flirts; Charlie and the Umbrella; In Wrong) (Lehrman); *A Film Johnnie* (Movie Nut; Million Dollar Job; Charlie at the Studio) (Sennett); *Tango Tangles* (Charlie's Recreation; Music Hall) (Sennett); *His Favorite Pastime* (The Bonehead; His Reckless Fling) (Nichols); *Cruel, Cruel Love* (Sennett); *The Star Boarder* (The Hash-House Hero) (Sennett); *Mabel at the Wheel* (His Daredevil Queen; Hot Finish) (Norman and Sennett); *Twenty Minutes of Love* (He Loved Her So; Cops and Watches) (Sennett) (as Charlie, + sc); *The Knockout* (Counted Out; The Pugilist) (Arbuckle); *Tillie's Punctured Romance* (Tillie's Nightmare; For the Love of Tillie; Marie's Millions) (Sennett—feature)

(other films)

- 1914 *His Regeneration* (Anderson) (guest appearance)
1921 *The Nut* (Reed) (guest appearance)

- 1923 *Souls for Sale* (Hughes) (guest appearance)
1928 *Show People* (King Vidor) (guest appearance)

Films as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

(shorts for Keystone Film Company)

- 1914 *Caught in a Cabaret* (Jazz Waiter; Faking with Society) (co-d, co-sc); *Caught in the Rain* (At It Again; Who Got Stung?); *A Busy Day* (Lady Charlie; Militant Suffragette); *The Fatal Mallet* (The Pile Driver; The Rival Suitors; Hit Him Again) (co-d, co-sc); *Her Friend the Bandit* (Mabel's Flirtation; A Thief Catcher) (co-d with Normand, co-sc); *Mabel's Busy Day* (Charlie and the Sausages; Love and Lunch; Hot Dogs) (co-d with Normand, co-sc); *Mabel's Married Life* (When You're Married; The Squarehead) (co-d with Normand); *Laughing Gas* (Tuning His Ivories; The Dentist); *The Property Man* (Getting His Goat; The Roustabout; Vamping Venus); *The Face on the Bar-Room Floor* (The Ham Artist); *Recreation* (Spring Fever); *The Masquerader* (Putting One Over; The Female Impersonator); *His New Profession* (The Good-for-Nothing; Helping Himself); *The Rounder* (Two of a Kind; The Love Thief; Oh, What a Night!); *The New Janitor* (The Porter; The Blundering Booby); *Those Love Pangs* (The Rival Mashers; Busted Hearts); *Dough and Dynamite* (The Doughnut Designer; The Cook); *Gentlemen of Nerve* (Some Nerve; Charlie at the Races); *His Musical Career* (The Piano Movers; Musical Tramps); *His Trysting Place* (Family Home); *Getting Acquainted* (A Fair Exchange; Hullo Everybody); *His Prehistoric Past* (A Dream; King Charlie; The Caveman)

(shorts, two-reelers unless noted otherwise, for Essanay Company)

- 1915 *His New Job*; *A Night Out* (Champagne Charlie); *The Champion* (Battling Charlie); *In the Park* (Charlie on the Spree) (one reel); *A Jinney Elopement* (Married in Haste); *The Tramp* (Charlie the Hobo); *By the Sea* (Charlie's Day Out) (one reel); *Work* (The Paper Hanger; The Plumber); *A Woman* (The Perfect Lady); *The Bank*; *Shanghaied* (Charlie the Sailor; Charlie on the Ocean); *A Night in the Show*
1916 *Carmen* (Charlie Chaplin's Burlesque on Carmen); *Police!* (Charlie the Burglar)

(two-reelers for Mutual Films)

- 1916 *The Floorwalker* (The Store); *The Fireman*; *The Vagabond*; *One A.M.*; *The Count*; *The Pawnshop*; *Behind the Screen*; *The Rink*
1917 *Easy Street*; *The Cure*; *The Immigrant*; *The Adventurer*
1918 *Triple Trouble* (an Essanay compilation release of 1915 Chaplin footage plus non-Chaplin footage)

(for First National Film Company)

- 1918 *A Dog's Life* (three reels); *The Bond* (half-reel for Liberty Loan Committee); *Shoulder Arms* (three reels)
1919 *Sunnyside* (three reels); *A Day's Pleasure* (two reels)



Charlie Chaplin in *The Great Dictator*

- 1921 *The Kid* (+ pr); *The Idle Class* (two reels) (+ pr)
 1922 *Pay Day* (two reels) (+ pr); *Nice and Friendly* (+ pr) (made privately and unreleased)
 1923 *The Pilgrim* (four reels) (+ pr)

(features for United Artists Company)

- 1923 *A Woman of Paris* (+ pr)
 1925 *The Gold Rush* (+ pr, narration, mus for sound reissue)
 1928 *The Circus* (+ pr, mus, song for sound reissue)
 1931 *City Lights* (+ pr, mus)
 1936 *Modern Times* (+ pr, mus)
 1940 *The Great Dictator* (+ pr, mus)
 1947 *Monsieur Verdoux* (+ pr, mus)
 1952 *Limelight* (+ pr, co-mus, co-choreographer)

(feature for Attic-Archway Company)

- 1957 *A King in New York* (+ pr, mus)

(feature for Universal)

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It took only a very busy year of acting and directing short films for Charles Chaplin to launch his own career and alter the format of the Mack Sennett comic film. While the famous comedian owed much to the Sennett tradition—the story material and plotting, the techniques of the medium, and the comic vigor—he had his own contribution to make to the comic film. The more subtle humor of this English music hall entertainer was thwarted by the fast pace and farcical plotting of many of the Sennett one- and two-reel comedies.

Chaplin's fame emerged with the development of the little tramp character as early as 1914 when he co-starred with Mabel Normand for Keystone studio and producer Mack Sennett. When he left Sennett's company to work for Essanay and Mutual studios he added finishing touches to the tramp character so that it became a marvelous comic portrait for all times. At the same time, from 1915 to 1917 Chaplin came very close to perfection in the construction of the two-reel humorous film, especially with *The Cure* and *Easy Street* in 1917. But the most important aspect of his work was not structure, it was the heights he brought to his acting skills.

The quality of Chaplin's acting as it relates to the total work and his fellow players surfaced in these early works. *The Cure* and *Easy Street*, for example, illustrate how he achieved a balanced enactment with his casts. Although he is the leading figure, there are convincing performances by all of the supporting players so that the works display theatrical unity. From the documentary on the working method of Chaplin, 1983's *Unknown Chaplin*, featuring a number of outtakes from the comedian's *The Cure*, we now know he often acted out a number of roles which would later be played by other members of his cast. From the evidence in this documentary, extensive rehearsal by all cast members proved Chaplin demanded the devotion of those who worked with him on his films. With all the repetition of one scene it is a wonder the acting did not become stale, flat, and mechanical. But the comedian's portraits emerged fresh, providing a first-time illusion. Especially noteworthy in *The Cure* is Chaplin's portrayal of an alcoholic who has arrived at a mineral springs hotel for a cure. Gone from his portrayal is the broad, staggering stereotype of the Sennett comedies. He teeters and leans askew as his locomotion becomes comically askew. And, of course, his mind also reveals it is askew. When he is pushed into the gym to receive physical therapy he sees the masseur as an attacker and strikes the pose of a wrestler. He then begins a series of moves to avoid what he thinks is an opponent. The comedian handles this pantomime adroitly with the grace of a dancer. It is little wonder then that W. C. Fields is reported to have declared in a fit of jealousy: "The son of a bitch is a ballet dancer!"

When Chaplin moved to the feature length film with *The Kid* in 1921, the richness of his character and acting sprang forth. A greater range of humor was finally achieved because the feature allowed the actor the total dimension of the little tramp. While his two-reelers often moved in the rapid, farcical, slapstick style of Mack Sennett, his full-length films explored the spectrum of his little man-child clown. The quiet, personal moments of the social outcast blossomed, and what critics called "Chaplin's pathos" was born. The little tramp raises a foundling to have many of the awry social values of a social outcast—providing the viewer with some understanding of survival necessities. The kid breaks windows with a pocketful of rocks as the little tramp follows behind as a glazer who repairs the damage for a fee. When an orphanage official takes the kid away in a truck, the tramp pursues and stops the abduction. In an emotional embrace of his adopted son, Chaplin underplays the joy of the moment in a powerful shot of the scene. It may not be what has been called "pathos"—more like sympathy—nevertheless, this shows the essence of a subtle tone without moving to sentimentality.

Other examples of the range of Chaplin's acting deftness display his skill. Critics often point to turns of Chaplin's innovation, such as the oceanic roll dance when he entertains a guest with a routine that shows his head hovering over rolls on forks executing a ballet—an unusual bit in *The Gold Rush*. There are also more subtle scenes such as one when the little fellow is starving in a remote cabin in Alaska. With delicate, facile pantomime the hollow-eyed, comic hero eyes the stub of a candle. Sadly, the little tramp picks it up and nibbles it with rabbit bites—as if the candle were a piece of carrot or celery. And with a deft touch that again shows Chaplin's genius, he sprinkles salt on the morsel of wax, finds that it tastes better, and pops it into his mouth. With such actions a new depth in comic character was added, a dimension that was to make Chaplin the darling of the critics.

Evaluators of the comedian's work have been most generous in the hundreds of articles published and more than 25 major books solely devoted to his life and films. Sometimes critics believe comedy films do not receive recognition for social significance and employ sweeping symbols and allusions to elevate them. Theodore Huff, usually detached and low-key in his 1951 work, *Charlie Chaplin*, writes that the comedian has become "a symbol of the age, the twentieth-century Everyman." In *The Little Fellow*, Peter Cotes and Thelma Niklaus try to give the comedian the position of the champion of the poor and oppressed by stating: "He and Dickens are of the same stock, filled with the same humanism, the same passionate pity for the underdog, the same blaze of anger against persecution, exploitation, and injustice." Such statements strain credulity because the majority of evaluators see *Modern Times* and *The Great Dictator* as designed or intended to be satires but end up being lampoons. By far the most rhapsodic commentary comes from Robert Payne who uses the pretentious title *The Great God Pan* for a biography of Chaplin. He writes: "Far more than Sir Galahad, he [Chaplin] represents the heroic figure of the man pure and undefiled."

These three statements by writers of major works in the early 1950s use allusions that touch upon themes and not the acting, which was the major quality that places Chaplin as the leading king of comedy of the 1920s. For subtle nuances in humor he is the champion. Both Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton were his equal in the broad, athletic comic moments, but only in a few flickering moments in their features did these two rival the master. Much of this early affection for Chaplin resulted from the continued showing of his films and the fact that much of the work of Keaton did not see the light until the 1960s. Since then, 8 studies of Lloyd and 11 evaluations of Keaton focused on the life and films of these two comedians.

One of the most neglected of the kings of silent screen comedy, Harry Langdon, was the one actor most often compared with Chaplin's character—because Langdon employed a tramplike and child-man person. Nevertheless, Langdon's character falls into the class of "dumb" clowns—low mental ability. Most of the humor of his best films, *The Strong Man* and *Long Pants*, directed by Frank Capra, springs from a childlike man who is lost in a sophisticated world. Much of the complicated world is a wonder to this wide-eyed person who tries to figure out things that baffle him, like a four year old. Also, Langdon's character does not have the joy and enthusiasm that Chaplin exhibits in his relationship with another person, as in *The Kid* with his child and in *Modern Times* with a girlfriend waif.

The type of enthusiasm and joy Chaplin gave to his character is another distinguishing feature. Granted, Harold Lloyd possessed it—like the boy-next-door—but Chaplin had it in the manner of the child in slums who finds a quarter. As critics have pointed out, Chaplin followed in the tradition of the *commedia dell'arte*. He combined many characteristics of the sad and joyful clowns as he acted in various scenes of his movies. He almost seemed to be the reincarnation of the famous nineteenth-century French clown, Jean-Gaspard Debureau, a renowned Pierrot, blended with all the rollicking good spirit of the Clown created by the English music hall's favorite comedian, Grimaldi.

—Donald W. McCaffrey

CHAPLIN, Geraldine

Nationality: American. **Born:** Santa Monica, California, 31 July 1944; daughter of the actor Charlie Chaplin. **Education:** Attended Swiss schools; Royal Ballet School, London, 1961. **Family:** Lived with the director Carlos Saura, son: Shane Saura Chaplin O'Neill. **Career:** 1952—screen debut as street urchin in father Charlie's *Limelight*; 1963—professional engagement as dancer in chorus of *Cinderella* in London; 1964—first major screen role in French film *Par un beau matin d'été*; 1966–67—appeared in some episodes of Spanish TV series *La familia Colón*; 1967—on Broadway under Mike Nichols's direction in *The Little Foxes*; in *Peppermint frappé*, first film with Carlos Saura; 1969—collaborated on script of *La madriguera* with Saura and Rafael Azcona; 1975—in *Nashville*, first of several films for Robert Altman; 1978—in TV mini-series *The Word and My Cousin Rachel*, 1983. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1952 *Limelight* (Chaplin) (as street urchin)
- 1964 *Dernier soir* (Pourtales); *Par un beau matin d'été* (Deray)
- 1965 *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (as Tonia)
- 1966 *Andreino in città* (Nelo Risi)
- 1967 *A Countess from Hong Kong* (Chaplin) (as girl at dance); *J'ai tué Raspoutine (I Killed Rasputin)* (Hossein); *Stranger in the House (Cop-Out)* (Rouve) (as Angela Sawyer); *Peppermint frappé* (Saura) (as Elena)
- 1968 *Stress es tres tres* (Saura)
- 1969 *La madriguera (The Honeycomb)* (Saura) (as Teresa, + co-sc)
- 1970 *El jardín de las delicias* (Saura); *The Hawaiians (Master of the Islands)* (Gries) (as Purity Hoxworth)
- 1971 *Sur un arbre perché* (Korber); *Carlos* (Geissendörfer)
- 1972 *Innocent Bystanders* (Collinson); *La casa sin fronteras* (Olea); *Z.P.G. (Zero Population Growth)* (Campus) (as Carole McNeil)
- 1973 *Aña y los lobos (Aña and the Wolves)* (Saura) (as Aña); *The Three Musketeers (The Queen's Diamonds)* (Lester) (as Anne of Austria); *Y el prójimo?* (del Pozo); *Verflucht dies Amerika (La banda de Jaider)* (Vogeler) (as Kate Elder)
- 1974 *Le mariage à la mode* (Mardore); *Sommerfuglene (Summer of Silence)* (Boger); *The Four Musketeers (The Revenge of Milady)* (Lester) (as Queen Anne of Austria)
- 1975 *Nashville* (Altman) (as Opal); *The Gentlemen Tramp* (Patterson—doc)
- 1976 *Cria Cuervos (The Secret of Anna; Raise Ravens; Cria!)* (Saura) (as Ana as an adult/her mother Maria); *Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson* (Altman) (as Annie Oakley); *Noroît (Scènes de la vie parallèle: 3 Noroît; Une Vengeance)* (Rivette); *Welcome to L.A.* (Rudolph) (as Karen Hood); *Scrim* (Bijl)
- 1977 *Elisa, vida mía (Elisa, My Life)* (Saura) (as Elisa); "The Hustle" ep. of *Roseland* (Ivory) (as Marilyn); *In Memoriam*



Geraldine Chaplin with Omar Sharif in *Dr. Zhivago*

- (Brasó) (as Paulina Arevalo); *Une page d'amour* (Rabinowicz)
- 1978 *Los ajos vandados* (Saura); *A Wedding* (Altman) (as Rita Billingsley); *Remember My Name* (Rudolph) (as Emily); *L'Adoption* (*The Adoption*) (Grunebaum) (as wife); *The Masked Bride*; *Mais où et donc ornicar?* (van Effenterre) (as Isabelle)
- 1979 *Tout est à nous*; *Mama cumple cien años* (*Mama Turns 100*) (Saura) (as Ana)
- 1980 *La Viuda de Montiel* (Littin); *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Ella Zielinsky)
- 1981 *Les Uns et les autres* (*Bolero*; *Within Memory*) (Lelouch) (as Suzan/Sara Glenn); *Voyage en douce* (Deville) (as Lucie)
- 1984 *L'Amour par terre* (*Love on the Ground*) (Rivette) (as Charlotte); *La Vie est un roman* (*Life Is a Bed of Roses*) (Resnais) (as Nora)
- 1985 *The Corsican Brothers* (Sharp—for TV); *Gentile Alouette* (Castilla) (as Angela Duverger)
- 1988 *White Mischief* (Radford) (as Nina Soames); *The Moderns* (Rudolph) (as Nathalie de Ville)
- 1989 *The Return of the Musketeers* (Lester) (as Queen Anne of Austria); *Je veux rentrer à la maison* (*I Want to Go Home*) (Resnais) (as Terry Armstrong)
- 1990 *The Children* (Tony Palmer) (as Joyce Wheeler); *Buster's Bedroom* (Horn) (as Diana Daniels); *Duel of Hearts* (Hough—for TV) (as Mrs. Miller)
- 1992 *Chaplin* (Attenborough) (as Hannah Chaplin); *Zwischensaison* (*Hors Saison*; *Off Season*) (Schmid) (as anarchist)
- 1993 *The Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (as Mrs. Welland); *A Foreign Field* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Beverley)
- 1994 *Words upon the Window Pane* (McGuckian) (as Miss MacKenna)
- 1995 *Para recibir el canto de los pajaros* (*The Bird's Singing*) (Sanjines) (as Catherine); *Home for the Holidays* (Jodie Foster) (as Aunt Gladys)
- 1996 *Jane Eyre* (Zeffirelli) (as Miss Scatcherd); *Gulliver's Travels* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Empress Munodi)
- 1997 *Mother Theresa: In the Name of God's Poor* (Connor) (as Mother Theresa); *The Odyssey* (Konchalovsky for TV) (as Eurycleia)

- 1998 *Cousin Bette* (McAnuff) (as Adeline Hulot); *Finisterre, donde termina el mundo* (Villaverde) (as Mother)
- 1999 *To Walk with Lions* (Schultz) (as Victoria Andreccoli); *Mary, Mother of Jesus* (Conner) (as Elizabeth); *¿Y tu qué harías por amor? (Just Run!)* (Saura Medrano) (as Madre); *Beresina oder Die letzten Tage der Schweiz (The Last Days of Switzerland)* (Schmid) (as Beresina)
- 2000 "In the Beginning" (Connor—for TV) (as Yocheved)

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As the oldest daughter of the legendary Charlie Chaplin, Geraldine Chaplin's career in films would doubtless have attracted a considerable degree of attention regardless of her own merits as an actress. In the years since her portrayal of Tonia in *Doctor Zhivago*, however, Chaplin has established herself as a talented—if somewhat limited—performer with an intriguing on-screen appeal. Her dark, waiflike beauty, reminiscent of her mother, Oona O'Neill Chaplin, and her graceful, enigmatic qualities have made her a favorite of directors Robert Altman, Alan Rudolph, and Carlos Saura, while her facility for languages has enabled her to move with ease between American and European films.

It is perhaps ironic that, as the child of one of the world's greatest comedians, Chaplin has worked primarily in the realm of serious drama. Even her performance as the affected journalist in Altman's *Nashville* falls into the area of satire rather than straightforward

comedy, and her particular strength as an actress has been the combination of dramatic intensity and a certain ethereal quality that she brings to her characters. Much of her best work has resulted from her collaboration with Saura, her longtime companion and one of Spain's leading filmmakers. Under his direction in such films as *Cria, Aña y los lobos*, and *Elisa, vida mía*, Chaplin gives sensitively drawn performances of depth and feeling.

Chaplin's vulnerable physical appearance also can work to her advantage when contrasted with a strong inner character. In Alan Rudolph's disturbing *Remember My Name*, she plays a revenge-obsessed woman whose seeming delicacy belies her ruthless, street-smart nature. It is one of her finest performances, and a startling departure from her usual screen roles.

Chaplin has had the good fortune throughout her career to work with directors who have utilized her unique talents and provided her with roles which complement her striking personal style. With strong films to display her abilities, she has created a professional identity apart from her early one as "Charlie Chaplin's daughter." Yet at the same time, in *Chaplin*, Richard Attenborough's celluloid biography of the Little Tramp, she was called upon to portray her own intensely, tragically disturbed grandmother. No actress in the world would have been a more logical and appropriate choice for the role.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by Rob Edelman

CHARISSE, Cyd

Nationality: American. **Born:** Tula Ellice Finklea in Amarillo, Texas, 8 March 1921 (some sources list 1922). **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Nico Charisse, 1939 (divorced 1947); 2) the singer Tony Martin, 1948. **Career:** 1934—joined Ballet Russe; late 1930s-early 1940s—European tour with Ballet Russe interrupted by World War II; 1943—began working in films as bit player under the name Lily Norwood; 1946—contract with MGM as Cyd Charisse; 1960s—begins appearing in European films; appeared in nightclub revue with husband Tony Martin; 1972—in Australian stage production of *No, No Nanette*; 1992—Broadway debut in *Grand Hotel*. **Address:** 10390 Wilshire Boulevard #1507, Los Angeles, CA 90024, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *Something to Shout About* (Ratoff) (as Lily, credited as Lily Norwood); *Mission to Moscow* (Curtiz) (as specialty dancer); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney)
- 1946 *The Harvey Girls* (Sidney) (as Deborah); "Meet the Ladies" ep. of *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli or Sidney) (as ballet dancer); *Three Wise Fools* (Buzzell) (as Rena Fairchild); *Till the Clouds Roll By* (Whorl)
- 1947 *Fiesta* (Thorpe) (as Conchita); *The Unfinished Dance* (Koster) (as Mlle. Ariane Bouchet)
- 1948 *On an Island with You* (Thorpe) (as Yvonne Torro); *The Kissing Bandit* (Benedek) (as fiesta dancer); *Words and Music* (Taurog) (as Margo Grant)
- 1949 *Tension* (Berry) (as Mary Chanler); *East Side, West Side* (LeRoy) (as Rosa Senta)
- 1951 *Mark of the Renegade* (Fregonese) (as Manuella)



Cyd Charisse with Fred Astaire in *The Band Wagon*

- 1952 *Singin' in the Rain* (Kelly and Donen) (as dancer); *The Wild North* (Marton) (as Indian girl)
- 1953 *Sombrero* (Norman Foster) (as Lola de Torrano); *The Band Wagon* (Minnelli) (as Gaby Gerard); *Easy to Love* (Walters)
- 1954 *Deep in My Heart* (Donen); *Brigadoon* (Minnelli) (as Fiona Campbell)
- 1955 *It's Always Fair Weather* (Kelly and Donen) (as Jackie Leighton)
- 1956 *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Viva Las Vegas) (Rowland) (as Maria Corvier)
- 1957 *Silk Stockings* (Mamoulian) (as Ninotchka); *Invitation to the Dance* (Kelly)
- 1958 *Twilight for the Gods* (Pevney) (as Charlotte King); *Party Girl* (Nicholas Ray) (as Vicki Gaye)
- 1960 "Deuil en 24 heures" ("A Merry Mourning") ep. of *Les Collants noirs* (*Un, deux, trois, quatre?*; *Black Tights*) (Terence Young)
- 1961 *Five Golden Hours* (Zampi) (as Baronessa Sandra)
- 1962 *Two Weeks in Another Town* (Minnelli) (as Carlotta)
- 1963 *Il segreto del vestito rosso* (*Assassinio Made in Italy*; *Murderer Made in Italy*) (Amadio)
- 1966 *The Silencers* (Karlson) (as Sarita)
- 1967 *Maroc 7* (O'Hara) (as Louise Henderson)
- 1971 *Call Her Mom* (Paris—for TV)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner)
- 1978 *Warlords of Atlantis* (Connor) (as Atsil)
- 1980 *Portrait of an Escort* (Stern—for TV)
- 1984 *That's Dancing* (Haley Jr.—doc)

- 1989 *Swimsuit* (Thomson—for TV) (as Mrs. Allison)
- 1990 *Visioni Privati* (*Private Screening*)
- 1993 *Frasier* (Ackerman, Beren—for TV) (voice)
- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan) (as host); *Burke's Law* (Chalmers, Conway—for TV) (as Amanda Richardson)

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A dancer of formidable talent, Cyd Charisse was a major presence in several important musicals of the 1950s. At MGM she worked within the Arthur Freed unit where her special abilities were successfully exploited. Classically trained, Charisse always played characters tailored to her natural elegance and sophistication. Since her background was in ballet rather than in the dance forms of musical comedy, her roles often drew on the conventional associations of ballet in film, such as high art, dreaminess, and aloofness. Her work in five films—*Singin' in the Rain*, *The Band Wagon*, *Brigadoon*, *It's Always Fair Weather*, and *Silk Stockings*—epitomized her contribution to the genre.

As Gene Kelly's unapproachable femme fatale in the "Broadway Melody" sequence in *Singin' in the Rain*, Charisse establishes an image continued through the other four films, although in the course of each her character is modified—and she usually becomes a less balletic performer as well. In *Singin' in the Rain* she does not play a character, but rather is a torrid stage image who dances with Kelly.

In the other films she plays characters who are part of the plots; in each, she must lose her distance and stiffness before becoming an impassioned dancer and suitable romantic partner. Playing a ballet star in *The Band Wagon*, she cannot fall in love with Fred Astaire until she abandons her high art pretensions. In *Brigadoon* she is the woman Kelly loves, but she lives (and dances) in a town that comes to life only once every hundred years. She has an encyclopedic memory in *It's Always Fair Weather* and uses it at first to intimidate Kelly. And in *Silk Stockings* she is the remote Russian Ninotchka, the anticapitalist who ultimately capitulates to Fred Astaire's dancing. Charisse could not sing and her vocals were always dubbed, but this does not diminish her performances since their emphasis is on dancing—and she participated in the richest period of musical production in film history.

After her screen career waned in the early 1960s, Charisse and her second husband, Tony Martin, appeared together on the nightclub circuit. She also has starred in musical stage productions that draw on nostalgia for the era with which she was such an integral part.

—Jerome Delamater, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

CHATTERJEE, Soumitra

Nationality: Indian. **Born:** 1934. **Education:** Studied acting with Ahindra Choudhury. **Career:** Amateur actor with Sisir Kumar Bahaduri; 1954—entered films; 1959—first film for the director Satyajit Ray, *Apur Sansar*; 1962—co-editor of literary magazine *Eksham*.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *Apur Sansar* (*The World of Apu*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Apurba Kumar Roy)
- 1960 *Devi* (*The Goddess*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Uma Prasad); *Kshudista Pashan* (Tapan Sinha)
- 1961 “Samapti” ep. of *Teen Kanya* (*Two Daughters*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Amulya); *Swaralipi*; *Swayambara*; *Jhinder Bandi*; *Punashcha*
- 1962 *Abhijan* (*The Expedition*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Narsingh); *Shasti*; *Atal Jaler Ahwan*; *Agun*; *Banarasi*
- 1963 *Saat Pake Bandha* (Ajoy Kar); *Shesh Prahar*; *Barnali*
- 1964 *Charulata* (*The Lonely Wife*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Amal); *Pratinidhi*; *Kinu Goyalar Gali*; *Ayananta*
- 1965 *Baksha Badal*; *Ek Tuku Basa*; *Raj Kanya*; *Kapurush-o-Mahapurush* (*The Coward and the Holy Man*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Amitabha Roy); *Akash Kusum* (Mrinal Sen); *Eki Ange Eto Rup*
- 1966 *Joradighir Choudhury Paribar*; *Kanch Kata Hirey* (Ajoy Kar); *Manihar*
- 1967 *Ajana Shapath*; *Hathat Dekha*; *Mahashweta*; *Prastar Swakshar*
- 1968 *Baghini*; *Parishodh*
- 1969 *Aparichita*; *Chena Achen*; *Parineeta*; *Teen Bhubhaner Parey*
- 1970 *Aranyar din Ratri* (*Days and Nights in the Forest*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Ashim); *Aleyar Alo*; *Padmagolap*; *Pratham Kadam Phool*
- 1971 *Khunje Berai*; *Malayadaan*; *Sansar*

- 1972 *Jiban Saikate*; *Natun Diner Alo*; *Stree*; *Basanta Bilap*; *Bilet Pherat*
- 1973 *Ashani Sanket* (*Distant Thunder*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Gangacharan Chakravarti); *Epar Opar*; *Nishi Kanya*; *Shesh Pristhay Dekhun*; *Agni Bhraman*
- 1974 *Sonar Kella* (*The Golden Fortress*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Felu); *Asati*; *Jadi Jantem*; *Sangini*; *Chhutir Phande*
- 1975 *Nishi Mrigaya*; *Sansar Simantey* (Majumdar); *Sudur Niharika*
- 1976 *Datta*; *Nandita*
- 1977 *Babu Moshai*; *Mantramugdha*; *Pratima*
- 1978 *Joi Baba Felunath* (*The Elephant God*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Felu); *Nadi Theke Sagare*; *Ganadevata* (Majumdar); *Job Charnaker Bibi*; *Pronoy Pasha*
- 1979 *Devdas*; *Nauka Dubi*
- 1980 *Darpachurna*; *Gharer Baire Ghar*; *Hirak Rajar Deshe* (*The Kingdom of Diamonds*) (Satyajit Ray—for TV) (as Pandit Moshai); *Pankhiraj*
- 1981 *Father*; *Nyay Anyay*; *Khelar Putul*
- 1982 *Preyasi*; *Matir Swarga*; *Agradani*; *Simanta Raag*
- 1983 *Indira*; *Chena Achen*; *Amar Geeti*
- 1984 *Achen Mukh*; *Kony*; *Lal Golap*; *Ghare Baire* (*The Home and the World*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Sandip Mukherjee); *Vasundhara* (Sekhar Chatterjee)
- 1985 *Baikunther Will*; *Tagori*; *Sandhya Pradeep*
- 1986 *Urbashe*; *Shyam Saheb*
- 1987 *Atanka* (Sinha); *Raj Purush*; *Nyay Adhikar*; *Sukumar Ray*
- 1988 *Ekti Jiban* (Mitra) (as Gurudas); *Nuit Bengali* (*Bengali Night*) (Klotz) (as Narendra Sen); *Channachara*; *Agaman*; *Agni Sanket*; *Agun*; *Debibaran*; *Anjali*; *Pratik*
- 1989 *Ganashatru* (*An Enemy of the People*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Dr. Ashok Gupta); *Maryada*; *Jankar*; *Amar Shapath*
- 1990 *Shakha Proshakha* (*Branches of the Tree*) (Satyajit Ray) (as Proshanto); *Manasi*; *Ekhane Amar Swarga*; *Apon Amar Apon*
- 1992 *Mahaprithivi* (as Father)
- 1994 *Uttoran* (*The Broken Journey*) (Sandip Ray) (as Dr. Sengupta)
- 2000 *Paromitar Ek Din* (*House of Memories*) (Sen)

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Soumitra Chatterjee's name as an actor cannot be evoked without recalling the films of Satyajit Ray, almost as if Chatterjee were synonymous with the Apu trilogy, although he appeared in his first film role only in the final part of the trilogy, as the grown Apu in *Apu Sansar*. Ray is renowned for being a consistently sensitive director of actors, and Chatterjee became a particular favorite, his chief asset undoubtedly being a naturally sensitive appearance. Robin Wood, in his book on the Apu Trilogy, says that his beauty, which is "at once physical and spiritual, seems an ideal incarnation of Ray's belief in human potential."

Chatterjee had some theatrical experience before his first film role, and subsequently became a star in numerous films made by other directors, mainly in the Bengali cinema. While the memory of his performances in those films has faded, the roles he has played in Ray's films—as the husband in *Devi*, the suitor with tartan socks in *Teen Kanya*, the thinly veiled portrait of Rabindranath Tagore in *Charulata*, the arrogant leader in *Aranyar din Ratri*, or the revolutionary in the more recent *Ghare Baire*—have left a lasting impression. Chatterjee's last collaborations with Ray have also been impressive, such as in *Ganashatru*, where Chatterjee, as Dr. Ashok Gupta, emotionalizes the conflicting pulls of the beliefs of the orthodox society, and the mechanics of modern science, where eventually no one is the winner. And in *Uttoran*, the last script penned by Satyajit Ray and directed by his son Sandip Ray, the talents of Soumitra Chatterjee are showcased, again. He brings a new depth to the character of Dr. Sengupta, the cardiologist, who is cosmopolitan in living and outlook. Satyajit Ray's intention of making a commentary on modern medicine losing the values of humaneness, was realized by the complexity that Chatterjee brought to the portrayal. When the doctor is stuck in a village due to a flat tire, his experiences change his outlook. Drawn irrevocably into the life of a sick peasant and his family, the doctor decides it is time for him to do a good deed. It is Chatterjee's talents that makes us question if this conventional climax is an end at all, or only a beginning.

Indian actors and actresses have often been accused of one-dimensional performance, either heroic or villainous, with no subtlety of nuance or gesture. It is a tradition inherited from the theatrical origins of Indian cinema, whereas Ray's cinema, imbibing the values of his colonial overlords and firmly rooted within the tradition of Western humanism, set out to create psychologically rounded characters and thus changed the whole style of cinema acting in India. According to Chatterjee, "Ray's films brought about a real change from the acting point of view—actors began trying to be cinema actors. I didn't know what to do when Mr. Ray first asked me. I didn't know the real difference between stage and screen acting." He seemed to have quickly mastered the difference, for Ray regularly returned to Chatterjee with more and more challenging roles.

—Behroze Gandhi, updated by Usha Venkatachallam

CHER

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cherilyn Sarkisian in Southern California, 20 May 1946. **Education:** Trained for the stage with Jeff Corey. **Family:** Married 1) Sonny Bono, 1964 (some sources say

1969) (divorced 1974), daughter: Chastity; 2) Gregg Allman, 1975 (divorced), son: Elijah Blue. **Career:** With husband, as Sonny and Cher, had first U.S. hit, *Baby Don't Go*, 1965; co-hosted *The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour* for CBS, 1971–74; had her own TV show, *Cher*, 1975–76; co-hosted *The Sonny and Cher Show*, 1976–77; appeared on stage (then on film) in *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*, 1982; won international success as a film actress, mid-late 1980s. **Awards:** Best TV Actress—Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*, 1971; Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe, for *Silkwood*, 1983; Best Actress Cannes Film Festival, for *Mask*, 1985; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Comedy/Musical Golden Globe, for *Moonstruck*, 1987. **Address:** c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1965 *Wild on the Beach* (Dexter) (as herself)
- 1967 *Good Times* (Friedkin) (as herself)
- 1969 *Chastity* (De Paola) (title role)
- 1982 *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* (Altman) (as Sissy)
- 1983 *Silkwood* (Nichols) (as Dolly Pelliker)
- 1985 *Mask* (Bogdanovich) (as Rusty Dennis)
- 1987 *The Witches of Eastwick* (Miller) (as Alexandra Medford); *Suspect* (Yates) (as Kathleen Riley, Public Defender); *Moonstruck* (Jewison) (as Loretta Castorini)
- 1990 *Mermaids* (Benjamin) (as Mrs. Flax)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as herself)
- 1994 *Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)* (Altman) (as herself)
- 1996 *Faithful* (Mazursky) (as Margaret O'Donnell)
- 1999 *Tea With Mussolini* (Zeffirelli) (as Elsa); *Cher: Live in Concert from Las Vegas* (doc) (as herself)

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Cher (right) with Meryl Streep and Kurt Russell in *Silkwood*

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Cher is an unpredictable woman, a talented entertainer who seems to enjoy sampling various show business venues without getting attached to any one. It might be unfair to categorize her as a movie star, since her active on-screen career has been limited to relatively few films. One is on more secure ground calling Cher a celebrity.

Her emergence as a critically acclaimed screen actress in the 1980s is surprising not only because few would have guessed she could be a talented actress, but also because the roles she has taken are so different from her celebrity image. In most of her films, she plays distinctly unglamorous women, a far cry from the glittery persona associated with her long-standing fame.

For a decade, 1965–74, she was the overtly talented half of the singing duo Sonny and Cher. After several hit singles and a popular television show, the marriage ended and so the act folded. Cher continued her singing career and had a number of hits (“Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves,” “Half Breed,” “Dark Lady”) which alluded to a difficult and impoverished upbringing as the daughter of a part Cherokee Indian mother who was married eight times. Aside from buying her records, the public craved information about her love affairs with younger men, her provocative—and quite tacky—scanty clothing, and her face and figure. The tabloids were quick to supply any and all information they could run down or make up. She cashed in on her celebrity in the late 1970s with a solo act in Las Vegas for which she was paid \$300,000 per week.

Few performers have made the leap from Las Vegas to art cinema, but Cher managed to do just that when she took the role of Sissy, a good-natured but hard-drinking and rough-talking waitress, in Robert Altman’s screen version of the stage play *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*, whose plot involves the 1975 reunion of the James Dean Fan Club, a group of forlorn women who share the events of their unfulfilled lives. The genesis of her film career came the year before the film was made when she moved to New York City to seek work in the theater, and Altman hired her for the play’s Broadway run.

Mike Nichols was so impressed with Cher’s stage performance as Sissy that he cast her in *Silkwood* as the blue-collar, frumpy lesbian roommate of Karen Silkwood (Meryl Streep). This was a much more mainstream movie than *Jimmy Dean*, and Cher’s praised performance led to her being cast as unglamorous leads in other Hollywood films. All of a sudden, baby boomers who had grown to maturity alongside Cher were realizing that Sonny was not the only member of the duo with brains. Scratch Cher’s sequined exterior, and you find an intelligent and insightful actress.

She next starred in *Mask* as a drug-addicted, foul-mouthed motorcycle mama who is a loving mother to a son suffering from craniodiaphyseal dysplasia, a disease that causes enlargement of the head and disfigurement of the facial features. It was the sort of down-and-dirty role that many stars would refuse. Cher relished the part and became friendly with real-life disease victim Rusty Dennis, and has since raised funds to support victims of this disease. Cher fought with director Peter Bogdanovich throughout the production, insisting on playing the character in her own instinctual way. For her determined efforts, she wound up winning the 1985 Cannes Film Festival Best Actress Award.

In the late 1980s, Cher continued to record hit tunes and appear in a variety of films. *The Witches of Eastwick* is an entertaining black comedy about three New England sex-starved females who conjure up a charming devil of a man (Jack Nicholson). She also played a public defender in *Suspect*, a film which did little to further her career. But in *Moonstruck*, Cher found an outstanding opportunity in the plain-Jane role of Loretta Castorini, who is 37 going on 50. Loretta dresses like a frump. Her frizzy black hair has more than a touch of gray. A widow of seven years, she is a dutiful daughter who lives with her very ethnic Italian-American parents in a very ethnic Italian neighborhood in Brooklyn. She has been dating Johnny Cammareri (Danny Aiello), a respectable but boring fellow. When Johnny proposes marriage, she readily accepts. But Loretta has yet to meet Johnny’s estranged brother Ronny (Nicolas Cage), who causes her to bloom like the cherry blossoms in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on a sunny spring afternoon. Loretta’s catharsis is the thrust of *Moonstruck*;

by the time she played Loretta, Cher had developed into a solid screen actress. Her performance in the film ranks with her roles in *Silkwood* and *Mask* as her best work to date on celluloid, but this time she earned a Best Actress Academy Award.

Mermaids allowed Cher to play a sexy single mom to Winona Ryder, and was a solid comedy hit. She put in a fine performance (and had enough creative leverage to have director Frank Oz replaced by Richard Benjamin), but the role was not in the same league as *Moonstruck*. The following decade found her mostly absent from the screen. She starred in exercise videos that showed off the fabulous body she claims comes from workouts rather than nips and tucks, and occasionally appeared on infomercials. Aside from cameo appearances as herself in *The Player* and *Ready to Wear*, Cher took roles in only two theatrical features: *Faithful*, a well-intentioned drama in which she plays an unhappy wife whose husband hires a hit man to murder her; and *Tea With Mussolini*, cast as a wealthy American in 1930s Italy who becomes involved with a group of eccentric British expatriate women. In the film, Cher plays opposite several of the world’s top actresses, including Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, and Joan Plowright. Yet she practically steals the film with her vibrant presence and screen confidence.

Perhaps Cher’s most notable 1990s credit is the three-part made-for-television feature *If These Walls Could Talk*, a serious-minded drama which explores the issues of unplanned pregnancy and abortion. Cher not only takes an acting role in the film, but also co-directs (with Nancy Savoca).

—H. M. Glancy, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

CHERKASSOV, Nikolai

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Nikolai Konstantinovich Cherkassov in St. Petersburg, 27 July 1903; name sometimes transliterated as Cherkasov. **Education:** Attended the Leningrad Theatre Institute, 1923–26. **Career:** 1926–33—actor for Leningrad Youth theater; 1927—film debut in *Poet i tsar*; 1933—member of Pushkin Theatre, Leningrad; 1938—elected Deputy for Kuibyshev district of Leningrad. **Awards:** Order of Lenin, 1939; People’s Artist of the USSR, 1947. **Died:** In Leningrad, 14 September 1966.

Films as Actor:

- 1927 *Poet i tsar (The Poet and the Czar)* (Gardin) (as Sharl); *Ego prevoskhoditelstvo (His Excellency)* (Roshal)
- 1928 *Moi syn (My Son)* (Chervyakov); *Luna sleva (The Moon Is to the Left)* (Ivanov) (as Kalugin)
- 1929 *Rodnoi brat (Blood Brother)* (Krol)
- 1930 *Vsadniki vetra (Horsemen of the Wind)* (Zhemchuzhnikov)
- 1932 *Schastye (Happiness)* (Fainzimmer and Soloviev) (as police agent)
- 1933 *Pervaya lyubov (First Love)* (Shreiber)
- 1934 *Zhenitba Jana Knukke (Jan Knukke’s Wedding)* (Ivanov) (as Pfal); *Lyubliu tebya? (Do I Love You?)* (Gerasimov) (as student)



Nikolai Cherkassov (right) and Yuci Tulubeyer in *Don Quixote*

- 1935 *Granitsa (Staroye Dudino; Old Dudino)* (Dubson) (as Gaidul); *Podrugi (Girl Friends)* (Arnstam) (as Belyi); *Goryachie dyenechki (Hectic Days)* (Zarkhi and Heifitz) (as Kolka Loshak)
- 1936 *Deputat Baltiki (Baltic Deputy)* (Zarkhi and Heifitz) (as Prof. Polezhaev); *Deti kapitana Granta (Captain Grant's Children)* (Vainshtok) (as Paganel)
- 1937 *Ostrov sokrovishch (Treasure Island)* (Vainshtok) (as Billy Bones); *Ka sovetskuyu rodinu (For the Soviet Homeland)* (Muzkant)
- 1937–9 *Piotr Pervyi (Peter the Great)* (Petrov—in 2 parts) (as Tsarevich Alexei)
- 1938 *Druzya (Friends)* (Arnstam); *Chelovek s ruzhyom (Man with a Gun)* (Yutkevich) (as general); *Alexander Nevsky* (Eisenstein) (title role)
- 1939 *Koncert na ekrane (Film Concert No. One)* (Timoshenko); *Lenin i 1918 godu (Lenin in 1918)* (Kozintsev and Trauberg) (as Maxim Gorky)
- 1942 *Ego zovut Sukhe-Bator (His Name Is Sukhe-Bator)* (Zarkhi and Heifitz) (as Baron Ungern)
- 1943 *Shestdesyat dnei (Sixty Days)* (Shapiro) (as Antonov)
- 1944 *Ivan Groznyi (Ivan the Terrible)* (Eisenstein) (title role)
- 1946 *Vo imya zhizni (In the Name of Life)* (Zarkhi and Heifitz) (as Lukich)
- 1947 *Pirogov* (Kozintsev) (as Liadov); *Novyi dom (New House)* (Korsh-Sablin); *Vesna (Spring)* (Alexandrov) (as Gromov)
- 1949 *Schastlivogo plavaniya (Bon Voyage)* (Lebedev) (as Levashov); *Akademik Ivan Pavlov (Academician Ivan Pavlov)* (Roshal)

- (as Maxim Gorky); *Alexander Popov* (Rappoport and Eisimont) (title role); *Stalingradsкая bitva (The Battle of Stalingrad)* (Petrov) (as President Roosevelt)
- 1950 *Mussorgsky* (Roshal) (as Stasov)
- 1952 *Rimsky-Korsakov* (Roshal and Kozansky) (title role)
- 1955 *Oni znali Mayakovskiy (They Knew Mayakovskiy)* (Petrov) (as Mayakovskiy)
- 1957 *Don Kikhot (Don Quixote)* (Kozintsev) (title role)
- 1958 *Ivan Groznyi II: Boyarsky zagovor (Ivan the Terrible, Part II: The Boyars' Plot)* (Eisenstein—completed 1946) (title role)
- 1963 *Vse ostaetsia lyudyam (Everything Remains for the People; Legacy)* (Natanson) (as Dronov)
- 1965 *La Nuit des adieux* (Petipa) (Dréville)

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Nikolai Cherkassov, a graduate of the Leningrad Theatre Institute, began his professional career on stage in 1920, developing his skill in burlesque, and subsequently making his first film appearance in 1927 in *The Poet and the Czar*. Although his basic training had been in ballet, opera, and even the circus as well as the theater, he concentrated in the mid-1920s on legitimate acting and joined the Leningrad Pushkin Theatre, working for much of his career in both theater and film. His international reputation in the cinema was made in the character of Professor Polezhaev in the celebrated film that established "historic realism" in the Soviet Union of the 1930s, Josef Heifitz and Alexander Zarkhi's *Baltic Deputy*, in which at the age of only 32 he played a man of 75; of the part Cherkassov said, "He was so young in spirit that only a young actor could play him." As he described it, the film presented the attitude of the "progressive, democratic intelligentsia in the early stages of the Revolution." This part (for which he had so much longed) came at approximately the same time as his interpretation of the Tsarevich Alexei in the first part of Vladimir Petrov's magnificent, two-part historical spectacle, *Peter the Great*, and it was for this latter part that he received his first official decoration the same year. In his roster of well-known character parts, he was to appear much later as Franklin D. Roosevelt in Petrov's *The Battle of Stalingrad* and in the title role of Grigori Kozintsev's *Don Quixote* in 1957.

Cherkassov is primarily known internationally for his magnificent portrayals in the title roles of Eisenstein's *Alexander Nevsky* and *Ivan the Terrible*. These were heavily stylized performances in the heroic mold of historical figures idealized in order to fulfil Soviet reinterpretation of Russian history and legend. Cherkassov had, however, been trained in the traditional mode of Russian realist acting. Once he had submitted himself to the special disciplines of performance imposed by Eisenstein on his players, which tended to turn the actors into a mobile part of the total pictorial design of each shot, Cherkassov gave both Nevsky and Ivan a grandeur on the screen which was as much due to his deep, reverberant voice as it was to his magnificent appearance.

In spite of the difficulties and severe physical trials Cherkassov and his fellow players endured while working on *Alexander Nevsky* and *Ivan the Terrible*, he became a close friend of Eisenstein. When invited to play Ivan late in 1941, the year of the Nazi invasion of Russia, Cherkassov had been evacuated with the Pushkin Theatre from besieged Leningrad to Novo Sibirsk in Siberia, from which he had to travel in the winter of early 1942 to the studios of Alma Ata in Central Asia where Eisenstein and his production team had been sent from Moscow. Cherkassov complained that Eisenstein treated his actors "like wax dummies," and that he was forced to "practice long and tiringly to produce the tragic bend of Tsar Ivan's figure." In his *Notes of a Soviet Actor* he wrote further, "the general custom is to try to make the historical personage 'accessible,' to portray him as an ordinary person sharing the ordinary, human traits of other people. . . . But with Ivan we wanted a different tone. In him we wished chiefly to convey a sense of majesty, and this led us to adopt majestic forms." His makeup was so brilliantly constructed by the makeup artist V. Goryunov that the composer for the film, Sergei Prokofiev, failed to recognize him when they were seated close together at the premiere. When *Ivan the Terrible, Part II* incurred Stalin's hostility and the film was banned on ideological grounds, it was Cherkassov who accompanied Eisenstein (then in declining health) to a meeting

with Stalin in 1947 at which, after considerable modifications were introduced, permission was granted to resume work. This was never to be, but in February 1948 when Eisenstein died, one of his last notes was a message penned to Cherkassov.

During the period he worked with Eisenstein, Cherkassov became a deputy of the Supreme Soviet, giving him a political as well as acting career. (Note: Nikolai Cherkassov should not be confused with his namesake, the actor Nikolai P. Cherkasov, who starred in many Russian films, most notably Pudovkin's wartime biographical film, *General Suvorov*.)

—Roger Manvell

CHEVALIER, Maurice

Nationality: French. **Born:** Maurice Auguste Chevalier in Ménilmontant, Paris, 12 September 1888. **Education:** Attended the École des Frères, Paris. **Military Service:** Began military service, 1913, wounded and taken prisoner, 1914, spent two years in German prisoner-of-war camp at Alten Grabow. **Family:** Married the dancer Yvonne Vallée, 1926 (divorced 1935). **Career:** 1901—began performing in Paris cafés as "Le Petit Chevalier"; three-season contract with Folies Bergères; in second season chosen by star Mistinguett as partner in act, and began ten-year association with her; 1910—beginning of film career, though appeared in bit part in 1908; 1919—in London with Elsie Janis in revue *Hullo, America*; 1920—suffered breakdown, recuperated at Saujon; 1923–26—at Empire Theatre, Paris; 1928—contract with Paramount; 1929—after release of *The Love Parade*, salary tripled; 1933—contract with MGM; 1936–39—made films in France and Britain; 1940–45—in seclusion, performing rarely; performance in Germany for French prisoners gave rise to rumors of collaboration; exonerated after war; 1947—resumed touring in one-man recitals; 1951—refused entry into U.S. for having signed Stockholm Appeal for banning of nuclear weapons; from mid-1950s—numerous TV appearances; 1968—last performance, at Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Paris. **Awards:** Croix de Guerre, 1917; Légion d'honneur, 1938; Order of Leopold, Belgium, 1943; Special Academy Award, "for his contributions to the world of entertainment for more than half a century," 1958; Ordre merite national, France, 1964. **Died:** 1 January 1972.

Films as Actor:

- 1908 *Trop crédules* (Durand)
- 1910 *Un Marie qui se fait attendre* (Gasnier)
- 1911 *La Mariée recalitrante* (Gasnier)
- 1914 *Par habitude* (Linder); *La Valse renversante* (Monca)
- 1917 *Une Soirée mondaine* (Diamant-Berger)
- 1922 *Le Match Criqui-Ledoux* (Diamant-Berger); *Le Mauvais Garçon* (Diamant-Berger)
- 1923 *Gonzague* (Diamant-Berger); *L'Affaire de la Rue de Lourcine* (Diamant-Berger); *Par habitude* (Diamant-Berger); *Jim Bougne, boxeur* (Diamant-Berger)



Maurice Chevalier with Jeannette MacDonald in *Love Me Tonight*

- 1928 *Bonjour New York!* (Florey)
 1929 *Innocents of Paris* (Wallace) (as Maurice Marny); *The Love Parade* (Lubitsch) (as Count Alfred Renard)
 1930 *Paramount on Parade* (Lubitsch) (as guest star); *The Big Pond* (Henley) (as Pierre Mirande); *La Grande Mare* (Henley and Bataille-Henri—French version of *The Big Pond*); *Playboy of Paris* (Berger) (as Albert Loriflan); *Le Petit Café* (Diamant-Berger—French version of *Playboy of Paris*)
 1931 *The Smiling Lieutenant* (Lubitsch) (as Niki); *El cliente seductor* (Rey and Blumenthal—short)
 1932 *One Hour with You* (Lubitsch and Cukor) (as Dr. André Bertier); *Make Me a Star* (Beaudine) (guest appearance); *The Stolen Jools* (*The Slippery Pearls*) (McGann and others—short); *Love Me Tonight* (*Marez-moi ce soir*) (Mamouliau) (as Maurice Courtelin); *Stopping the Show* (Fleischer) (as voice)
 1933 *A Bedtime Story* (*Monsieur Bébé*) (Taurog) (as René); *The Way to Love* (Taurog) (as François)
 1934 *The Merry Widow* (*The Lady Dances*) (Lubitsch) (as Prince Danilo)
 1935 *Folies Bergère* (*The Man from the Folies Bergère*) (Del Ruth) (as Eugene Charlier/Fernard, the Baron Cassini)
 1936 *The Beloved Vagabond* (Bernhardt) (as Paragot); *L'Homme du jour* (*The Man of the Hour*) (Duvivier) (as himself/Alfred Boulard); *Avec le sourire* (*With a Smile*) (Maurice Tourneur) (as Victor Larnois)
 1937 *Break the News* (Clair) (as François Verrier)
 1939 *Pièges* (*Personal Column*) (Siodmak) (as Robert Fleury)
 1947 *Le Silence est d'or* (*Man about Town*; *Silence Is Golden*) (Clair) (as Emile)
 1949 *Le Roi* (*A Royal Affair*; *The King*) (Sauvajan) (as the King)
 1950 *Ma Pomme* (*Just Me*; *My Apple*) (Sauvajan) (title role)
 1952 *Jouons le jeu . . . L'Avarice* (Gillois) (as interviewee)
 1953 "Amore 1954" ep. of *Cento anni d'amore* (De Felice); *Schlagerparade* (Ode); *Chevalier de Ménilmontant* (Baratier)
 1954 *Caf' Conc 1954* (Barthomieu—short); *Sur toute la gamme* (Régamey—short); *Visite à Maurice Chevalier* (Lucot and Folgoas—for TV)
 1955 *J'avais sept filles* (*My Seven Little Sins*; *I Have Seven Daughters*) (Boyer) (as Count Andre)
 1956 *The Happy Road* (Kelly) (title song)

- 1957 *Rendez-vous avec Maurice Chevalier* (Régamey—6 shorts); *Love in the Afternoon* (Wilder) (as Claude Chavasse); *The Heart of Show Business* (Staub) (as guest)
- 1958 *Gigi* (Minnelli) (as Honoré Lachaille)
- 1959 *Count Your Blessings* (Negulesco) (as Duc de St. Cloud)
- 1960 *Can-Can* (Walter Lang) (as Paul Barriere); *Un, deux, trois, quatre?* (*Les Collants noirs*; *Black Tights*) (Terence Young) (as narrator); *A Breath of Scandal* (Curtiz) (as Prince Philip); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *Fanny* (Logan) (as Panisse)
- 1962 *Jessica* (*La Sage-femme, le curé, et le bon Dieu*) (Negulesco) (as Father Antonio); *In Search of the Castaways* (Stevenson) (as Prof. Jacques Paganel)
- 1963 *A New Kind of Love* (Shavelson) (as himself)
- 1964 *Panic Button* (Sherman) (as Philippe Fontaine); *I'd Rather be Rich* (Smight) (as Philip Dulaine); linking sequence of *La Chance et l'amour* (Chabrol) (as interviewee)
- 1967 *Monkeys, Go Home!* (McLaglen) (as Father Sylvain)
- 1970 *The Aristocats* (Reitherman—animation) (as voice only—singer of title song)
- 1971 *Le Chagrin et la pitié* (*The Sorrow and the Pity*) (Marcel Ophüls) (songs)

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After performing in French cafés as he struggled to establish his career, mixing clown capers with coarse song and dance routines, Maurice Chevalier gradually evolved the sophisticated man-about-town character which was to make him famous and loved by stage and screen audiences. His charismatic presence was enhanced by the attire that became his trademark: a formal or semiformal suit, straw hat, and sometimes a cane. His jaw extended, and sporting an engaging smile, he deftly cocked the hat and swung his cane as he strutted through song and dance numbers. While he did appear in 13 silent films, five of them created by his own production company, the full range of his debonair character could not be realized until the arrival of sound movies.

In 1929 the famous Parisian music hall star was fortunate to have Ernst Lubitsch direct his second American film, *The Love Parade*. Chevalier was teamed with Jeanette MacDonald in one of the most sophisticated movie musicals made in Hollywood. The breezy Gallic charm of the French singer proved so successful that, as the New York film critic Mordaunt Hall noted, the audience clapped for some scenes at the premiere of the film as if they were witnessing a stage performance. Some of the memorable Chevalier numbers were “Louise,” “My Ideal,” “You Brought a New Love to Me,” and “One Hour with You”—songs that became part of the singer’s repertoire. The director Rouben Mamoulian also assisted the development of the French actor’s international reputation by once more using the Chevalier and MacDonald team in *Love Me Tonight*. Lubitsch’s adaptation of the Franz Lehar operetta, *The Merry Widow*, is the final entry in the trio of best films from the actor’s first Hollywood period.

Disenchanted with what he considered an endless repetition of the same screen character, Chevalier abandoned Hollywood and attempted to continue his career in France. His 1930s and 1940s films, such as *L'Homme du jour* and *Pièges*, reveal a wider range of acting ability because of the variety of his roles. In René Clair’s *Le Silence est d'or* he played the type of charming, older character role that would be typical of his final film successes in the United States.

As he turned 70, Chavalier had a second career in Hollywood with late 1950s films such as Billy Wilder’s *Love in the Afternoon*, and the memorable *Gigi*, a Lerner and Loewe musical. The highlight of *Gigi* was his beguiling rendition of the song “Thank Heaven for Little Girls.” The energy the actor projected in his early musicals was absent, but the warmth of his portrayal of Honoré Lachaille in *Gigi* revealed an acting talent that had matured. For years Chevalier was a favorite subject of entertainers doing impressions, who imitated his distinctive style as a singer, though they could never capture his charm.

—Donald McCaffrey

CHRISTIE, Julie

Nationality: British. **Born:** Julie Frances Christie in Chukua, Assam, India, 14 April 1941. **Education:** Studied art in France, attended Brighton Technical College and Central School for Music and Drama, London. **Career:** 1957—acting debut on stage with Frinton Repertory Company, Essex; early 1960s—on British TV, including title role in serial *A for Andromeda*; 1962—film debut in small part in *Crooks Anonymous*; 1963—first lead role in Schlesinger's *Billy Liar*; 1984—in TV mini-series *Entscheidung am Kap Horn*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, New York Film Critics, and Best British Actress, British Academy, for *Darling*, 1965. **Agent:** International Creative Management, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1962 *Crooks Anonymous* (Annakin) (as Babette La Vern)
- 1963 *The Fast Lady* (Annakin) (as Claire Chingford); *Billy Liar* (Schlesinger) (as Liz)
- 1965 *Young Cassidy* (Cardiff and Ford) (as Daisy Battles); *Darling* (Schlesinger) (as Diana Scott); *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (as Lara)
- 1966 *Fahrenheit 451* (Truffaut) (as Linda/Clarisse)
- 1967 *Far from the Madding Crowd* (Schlesinger) (as Bathsheba Everdene); *Tonite Let's All Make Love in London* (Whitehead—doc)
- 1968 *Petulia* (Lester) (title role)
- 1970 *In Search of Gregory* (Peter Wood) (as Catherine)
- 1971 *The Go-Between* (Losey) (as Marian Maudsley); *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (Altman) (as Mrs. Miller)
- 1973 *Don't Look Now* (Roeg) (as Laura Baxter)
- 1975 *Shampoo* (Ashby) (as Jackie Shawn); *Nashville* (Altman) (as herself)
- 1977 *The Demon Seed* (Cammell) (as Susan Harris)
- 1978 *Heaven Can Wait* (Beatty and Henry) (as Betty Logan)
- 1981 *Memoirs of a Survivor* (Gladwell) (as "D"); *The Animals Film* (Schonfeld and Alaux) (as narrator)
- 1982 *The Return of the Soldier* (Bridges) (as Kirry Baldry); *Les Quarantièmes Rugissants* (de Chalonges)
- 1983 *Heat and Dust* (Ivory) (as Anne)
- 1984 *The Gold Diggers* (Women Make Movies) (Potter) (as Ruby); *Separate Tables* (Schlesinger—for TV) (as Mrs. Shankland/Miss Railton-Bell); *Broadside: Taking on the Bomb* (doc for TV) (as narrator); *Why Their News Is Bad News* (for TV) (as narrator)
- 1985 *Champagne amer* (Vert)
- 1986 *Miss Mary* (Bemberg) (as Mary Mulligan); *Power* (Lumet) (as Ellen Freeman)
- 1987 *Agent Orange: Policy of Poison* (Iverson—doc) (as narrator); *Yilmaz Güney: His Life, His Films* (Cousins-Mills—for TV) (as narrator); *Secret Obsession* (Vart)
- 1988 *La Memoire Tatouée* (Behi) (as Betty); *Dadah Is Death* (Deadly Decision) (London—for TV) (as Barbara Barlow); *Vater und Sonhe* (Fathers and Sons; Sins of the Fathers) (Sinkel—for TV)

- 1990 *Fools of Fortune* (O'Connor) (as Mrs. Quinton)
- 1991 *Short Step* (Babenco)
- 1992 *The Railway Station Man* (Whyte—for TV) (as Helen Cuffe)
- 1996 *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Gertrude); *Dragonheart* (Cohen) (as Aislinn)
- 1997 *Afterglow* (Rudolph) (as Phyllis Mann)
- 1999 *The Miracle Maker* (Hayer, Sokolov—for TV) (as God)
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Julie Christie became an international star in the decade her performances seemed to celebrate. (And a lot of Christie's star appeal was tied into her youth and associated with the rebellious youth of the 1960s.) Her characters defied convention, joyfully reveling in zoom-lensed sensuality in *Billy Liar*, selfishly courting the high life in *Darling*, impetuously pursuing dangerous whims in *Petulia*. But in the morally schizoid world of 1960s cinema, screenwriters often exacted a high price for their characters' sexual liberation. For such films—epitomized by her Oscar-winning *Darling*—Julie Christie was the perfect actress.

Her particular talent appeared double-edged. Her model's beauty and the slick style in which she was photographed (especially by John



Julie Christie with Omar Sharif in *Doctor Zhivago*

Schlesinger), invited the viewer to admire her characters and to covet the glossy worlds they inhabited. But as *Darling* and later *The Go-Between* strikingly confirm, numerous Christie performances gradually reveal the enigmatic frost initially concealed by her characters' husky-voiced charm, thus permitting the viewer to accept, even enjoy, their eventual comeuppance.

Starring roles in three prestigious but overproduced adaptations of novels—two historical (Boris Pasternak's *Doctor Zhivago* and Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*), the third futuristic (Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*)—reflect Christie's career-long resistance to typecasting. Dual performances as Oskar Werner's dreadful, book-hating wife and his magnificent, book-loving mistress in *Fahrenheit 451* might have broadened public perception of her acting range, but fade into the film's pretentious moralizing, and are smothered by Truffaut's apparent discomfort with an English-language film.

Three roles in early 1970s pictures underline more vividly her rejection of glamorous roles in favor of challenging, literate scripts filmed by brilliantly quirky directors. All three movies—Altman's *McCabe and Mrs. Miller*, Losey's *The Go-Between*, and Roeg's *Don't Look Now*—thrive on narrative ambiguity, and rebel against

the filmic genres from which they are derived—Western, English romance, and gothic thriller, respectively—through consistent frustration of audience expectations. In all three, her identity as a star is submerged. In *The Go-Between* and *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (a second Oscar nomination), Christie disappears from view for considerable stretches of time; in *Don't Look Now* she is offscreen for more than a quarter of the film. In the movie *The Go-Between*, adapted by Harold Pinter from L. P. Hartley's complex novel, her performance is integrated with the remarkable ensemble playing of its all-British cast. Yet in all three films, Christie dominates the frame when she is in it, and she displays a depth and range of acting skill, that in her 1960s work, seemed almost secondary to her beauty.

With enviable control, inner torment pokes through to disclose the characteristic Christie embodiment of the clash between illusion and reality in all three women: frizzy-headed prostitute Mrs. Miller (opposite Warren Beatty's McCabe) in the eccentric, elliptical world of Robert Altman; radiant aristocrat Marian Maudsley who, by *The Go-Between's* end, reveals unforgivable streaks of cruelty; and Laura Baxter, haunted by her husband's and daughter's deaths in the terrifying, fractured universe of *Don't Look Now*, but regal as she musters her emotional resources. More recently, Christie played

a mother in the 1988 television movie *Dadah Is Death*. It was a part most would not identify with her early screen persona. She starred in this fact-based story about an Australian woman's efforts to clear her son of drug charges in Malaysia. It was not a glamorous or offbeat role, but Christie played it with the same kind of intensity.

Christie is committed to political and social causes which, since *Heaven Can Wait*, have increasingly determined the roles she accepts: nuclear disarmament (*Memoirs of a Survivor*; *Broadside: Taking on the Bomb*, a television documentary); animal experimentation (*The Animals Film*); and feminism (*The Gold Diggers*, directed by Sally Potter and produced by a crew comprised entirely of women). The specialized, uncommercial nature of the films she tends to select, and her conscious shedding of the star image, have combined in recent years to limit Christie's audience to that of art houses and cinema societies. The single exception is *Heat and Dust*, in which the actress portrays a young woman searching for clues to her great-aunt's life in India, where Christie herself was born. Like *The Go-Between*, it uses the past to reflect upon the present; as in the three films of the early 1970s, Christie is offscreen for long periods. And like other Christie films, its source is a rich literary text, Ruth Praver Jhabvala's novel of the same name, a further example of the actress's discriminating taste.

—Mark W. Estrin, updated by Linda J. Stewart

CHURIKOVA, Inna

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Belibey, USSR (now Russia), 5 October 1943; sometimes credited as Inna Tschurikowa. **Family:** Married to Gleb Panfilov, Russian film director. **Career:** Became known for her work as an actress in films by Gleb Panfilov; appeared on stage of the Moscow Comsomol Theater. **Awards:** Silver Bear for Best Actress, Berlin International Film Festival, for *Voyenno-polevoj roman*, 1984; Nika Best Actress Award, for *Rebro Adama*, 1991.

Films as Actress:

- 1960 *Tuchi nad Borskom* (*Clouds Over Borsk*) (Vasili Ordynsky)
- 1963 *Ya shagayu po Moskve* (*I Step Through Moscow*) (Georgi Daneliya)
- 1964 *Morozko* (*Jack Frost*) (Aleksandr Rou) (as Marfushka)
- 1965 *Tridsat tri* (*Nenauchnaya fantastika*) (33) (Georgi Daneliya); *Stryapukha* (*The Cook*) (Edmond Keosayan)
- 1966 *Starshaya sestra* (*Elder Sister*) (Georgi Natanson); 1966 *Neulovimye mstiteli* (*The Elusive Revengers*) (Edmond Keosayan)
- 1967 *V ognе broda net* (*There Is No Crossing in Fire*) (Gleb Panfilov) (as Tanya Tyotkina)
- 1970 *Nachalo* (*Beginning*) (Panfilov) (as Pasha Stroganova)
- 1975 *Proshu slova* (*I Want the Floor*) (Panfilov) (as Yelisaveta Uvarova)
- 1979 *Tot samyi Myunkhgauzen* (*That Munchhausen*) (Mark Zakharov—for TV) (as Jakobina Munchhausen)
- 1979 *Tema* (*The Theme*) (Panfilov) (as Sasha)
- 1981 *Valentina* (*Valentine*) (Panfilov) (as Anna)
- 1983 *Voyenno-polevoy roman* (*War-Time Romance*) (Pyotr Todorovsky); *Vassa* (Panfilov) (as Vassa Zheleznova)

- 1984 *Myortvye dushi* (*Dead Souls*) (Mikhail Shvejtser—for TV)
- 1986 *Kuryer* (*Messenger*) (Karen Shakhnazarov) (as Ivan's mother)
- 1989 *Mat* (*Mother*) (Panfilov) (as Pelageia Nilovna); *Gamlet* (*Hamlet*) (Panfilov) (as Gertrud)
- 1990 *Rebro Adama* (*Adam's Rib*) (Vyacheslav Krishtofovich) (as Nina)
- 1993 *Plashch Kazanovy* (*Il Mantello di Casanova*; *Casanova's Raincoat*) (Aleksandr Galin)
- 1993 *God sobaki* (*The Year of a Dog*) (Semyon Aranovich) (as Vera)
- 1994 *Kurochka Ryaba* (*Ryaba My Chicken*) (Andrei Konchalovsky) (as Asya)
- 1995 *Shirli-Myrli* (*What a Mess!*) (Vladimir Menshov) (as Krolikovs' mother)

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Inna Churikova's plain looks and wide-eyed demeanor often obscure the fact that she is a film star of the highest stature. A leading actress of Soviet and Russian cinema, she created a gallery of remarkable female portraits. Her seemingly common protagonists usually show uncommon talents or reveal striking personalities under the surface. Because Churikova's unique presence in Soviet cinema has done much to strengthen the self-esteem of ordinary women, her oeuvre can be described as a truly feminist project. Her best roles were in films made at the height of the Cold War, which is why her work is little known and insufficiently appreciated in the West.

Churikova first appeared in films in the early 1960s, cast in supporting roles in popular Soviet films like the action-adventure *Neulovimye mstiteli* (1966) and in comedies by Georgi Danelia. But it was not until she met Gleb Panfilov (1934—), a former chemical engineer from Magnitogorsk who had then studied cinematography and directing at VGIK, that she found her real artistic self. For more than two decades Churikova worked almost exclusively with Panfilov, whom she also married. The couple created a series of remarkable films that centered on strikingly original, strong, and memorable female protagonists. According to film historian Neya Zorkaya, Panfilov and Churikova's special achievement was in their ability to tell stories of "artistic, unusual and even exceptional women capable of daring actions, even when their individuality was obstructed by everyday routine."

Churikova's first big role under Panfilov's direction was in the 1967 film *V ognе broda net*. It is the story of Tanya Tyotkina, an ordinary peasant girl and a committed revolutionary who discovers her exclusive talent for naïvist painting during the civil war of 1918–1920. The film is about the dilemmas faced by the non-traditional heroine when she has to make choices between the call of history and her own artistic realization. The next Churikova/Panfilov film continued her specialization in roles of ordinary women who have to make extraordinary decisions. The protagonist of *Nachalo*

(1970) is a weaver in a provincial factory who plays in an amateur theater on her free evenings, and who is unexpectedly given the chance to test for the role of Jeanne d'Arc in a forthcoming production. This remarkable story of personal growth and artistic ambition is one of Churikova's best roles.

In *Proshu slova* (1975) Churikova played Yelizaveta Uvarova, an idealist and hard working council official in a provincial Russian town, eager to improve the poor living conditions in the worker's quarters. Uvarova's contradictions were representative of the problems faced by what has been described by critics as "a Soviet superwoman," one who is in control of her career and ambitions but who nonetheless remains lonely and unhappy in her personal life. The film, which was one of the Russian examples of what in an Eastern European context was known as a cinema of moral anxiety, introduced a new kind of critical realist reflection on the Soviet socialist reality.

In *Tema* (1979) Churikova played yet another provincial woman, a literature-loving museum guide in the historic town of Vladimir. At work she accidentally meets a famous writer, played by the great Soviet actor Mikhail Ulyanov, who has withdrawn to Vladimir in order to live through a creative crisis. Theirs is an encounter between the creative personality of the writer, shown here as a conformist and self-obsessed egotist, and Churikova's ordinary protagonist, who has preserved a much higher moral integrity. Based on the play *Last Summer in Chulimsk* by Alexander Vampilov and set in a Siberian inn, Panfilov/Churikova's next film, *Valentina* (1981), once again treated the topic of choices faced by ordinary women and issues of personal integrity.

The 1980s for Churikova and Panfilov were the time of literary adaptations: two based on Maxim Gorky's work, and one on Shakespeare. The pre-revolutionary melodrama *Vassa* (1983) focused on yet another strong character, the shipyard owner Vassa Zheleznova, and her family tragedy. In *Mat* (1989), Churikova was Pelageia Nilovna, a proletarian woman in a drama of personal revolutionary growth. Based on real events from the time of the 1905 revolution in Russia, this work of Gorky had first been adapted for the screen by Vsevolod Pudovkin in 1926, and then by Mark Donskoy in 1955. Panfilov's adaptation was acclaimed at Cannes, at the European Film Awards, and won several of the newly established Russian Nika awards. In 1989 Churikova also appeared as Gertrude in an unconventional adaptation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. In the 1980s Churikova also started appearing in films by other directors, where she mostly had important supporting roles. An example is Pyotr Todorovsky's drama *Voyenno-polevoy roman* (1983), which revolved around the post-war traumatic encounter between a former front-line officer, now happily married, and a former field nurse who now faces the harsh realities of life. The film was nominated for an Oscar for best foreign film; Churikova, who played the protagonist's wife, won an award at the Berlin Film Festival for her performance.

In the 1990s Churikova had several central roles in films made by directors other than Panfilov. Her first high-profile role was in the bittersweet comedy-drama *Rebro Adama* (1990, directed by Vyacheslav Krishtovich), in which Churikova played a twice-divorced mother sharing a crammed Moscow apartment with her two grown-up daughters and her old mother. Churikova's next role was as Vera in *God sobaki* (1993) where she was a simple-minded middle-aged provincial woman living through a troublesome relationship with

a newly released convict. In *Plashch Kazanovy* (1993), a film which is believed to be an allegory of Russia's post-communist flirtation with the West, she played a Russian woman who accidentally gets involved with an Italian gigolo. In Andrei Konchalovsky's *Kourotchka Riaba* (1994), Churikova appeared as Assia, an old maid who lives by herself in a remote village and makes a living by selling eggs and brewing home-made spirits. One day she finds a miraculous golden egg, an event which triggers a series of problems for her and her fellow villagers. The film, which is a sequel to Konchalovsky's celebrated and banned 1966 *Istoriya Asi Klyachinoy, kotoraya lyubila, da ne vyshla zamuzh* (1966), is equally critical of the social realities of post-communist Russia. It was nominated for Golden Palm at the 1994 Cannes film festival.

—Dina Iordanova

CLEESE, John

Nationality: British. **Born:** John Marwood Cleese in Weston-Super-Mare, 27 October 1939. **Education:** Attended Clifton College; studied law at Downing College, Cambridge, graduated 1963. **Family:** Married 1) Connie Booth, 1968 (divorced 1978), daughter: Cynthia; 2) Barbara Trentham, 1981 (divorced 1990), daughter: Camilla; 3) Alyce Faye Eichelberger, 1992. **Career:** 1963—appeared on stage in West End as a cast member of Cambridge Footlights



John Cleese in *Time Bandits*

Revue (same show given on Broadway in 1964); 1965—in *Half a Sixpence* on Broadway; 1966–67—wrote with Graham Chapman for and appeared on *The Frost Report* and *At Last the 1948 Show* for TV; 1969—in the first series of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* for BBC TV, developed with Chapman, Terry Jones, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, and Terry Gilliam; 1971—appears in first *Monty Python* film, *And Now for Something Completely Different*; founded a company for industrial training films, Video Arts Ltd.; 1975—co-writer and co-actor with Connie Booth, *Fawlty Towers* TV series; 1982—in TV series *Whoops Apocalypse*. **Awards:** Honorary LLD, St. Andrew's University, 1971; Emmy Award for best performance in comedy for guest appearance, for *Cheers* episode, "Simon Says," 1987; British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Actor, for *A Fish Called Wanda*, 1988; Jack Oakie Award for comedy in motion pictures, Screen Actors Guild in the United States, 1994. **Agent:** David Wilkinson Associates, 115 Hazlebury Road, London SW6 2LX, England. **Address:** c/o 8 Clarendon Road, London W11 3AA, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1968 *Interlude* (Billington) (as TV publicist); *The Best House in London* (Savile); *The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom* (McGrath)
- 1970 *The Rise and Rise of Michael Rimmer* (Billington) (as Plumer, + co-sc); *The Magic Christian* (McGrath) (as director in Sotheby's, + co-sc); *The Statue* (Amateau) (as Harry)
- 1971 *And Now for Something Completely Different* (MacNaughton) (+ co-sc)
- 1972 *It's a 2' 6" above the Ground World (The Love Ban)* (Thomas)
- 1974 *Romance with a Double Bass* (Robert Young) (as Musician Smychkov, + co-sc)
- 1975 *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (Gilliam and Terry Jones) (as Sir Lancelot/minor roles, + co-sc)
- 1977 *The Strange Case of the End of Civilisation as We Know It* (McGrath—for TV) (as Arthur Sherlock Holmes, + co-sc)
- 1979 *Monty Python's Life of Brian (Life of Brian)* (Terry Jones) (as Reg/minor roles, + co-sc); *The Secret Policeman's Ball* (Graef)
- 1980 *The Taming of the Shrew* (Jonathan Miller—for TV) (as Petruccio)
- 1981 *Time Bandits* (Gilliam) (as Robin Hood); *The Great Muppet Caper* (Henson) (as Neville)
- 1982 *The Secret Policeman's Other Ball* (Temple); *Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl* (Terry Hughes and Ian MacNaughton) (various roles, + co-sc); *Privates on Parade* (Blakemore) (as Major Giles Flack)
- 1983 *Monty Python's the Meaning of Life* (Terry Jones) (as Second Fish/Grim, + co-sc, co-mus); *Yellowbeard* (Damski) (as Blind Pew)
- 1985 *Silverado* (Kasdan) (as Sheriff Langston)
- 1986 *Clockwise* (Morahan) (as Brian Stimpson)
- 1987 *The Secret Policeman's Third Ball*
- 1988 *A Fish Called Wanda* (Charles Crichton) (as Archie Leach, + exec pr, sc)
- 1989 *The Big Picture* (Guest) (as bartender); *Erik the Viking* (Terry Jones) (as Halfdan the Black)
- 1990 *Bullseye!* (Winner) (as man on the beach in Barbados who. . .)
- 1991 *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West* (Nibbelink and Wells—animation) (as voice of Cat R. Waul)
- 1993 *Splitting Heirs* (Robert M. Young) (as Raoul P. Shadgrind)
- 1994 *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* (Branagh) (as Prof. Waldman); *Rudyard Kipling's the Jungle Book (The Jungle Book)* (Sommers) (as Dr. Plumford); *The Swan Princess* (Richard Rich—animation) (as voice of Jean-Bob)
- 1996 *Fierce Creatures* (Robert M. Young) (as Rollo Lee, + co-sc, co-pr)
- 1998 *The Out-Of-Towners* (Weisman) (as Mr. Mersault)
- 1999 *The World Is Not Enough* (Apted) (as R); *30 years of Monty Python: A Revelation (It's the Monty Python Story)* (for TV) (as himself)
- 2000 *Isn't She Great* (Andrew Bergman) (as Henry Marcos); *Quantum Project* (Zanetti) (as Alexander Pentcho); *The Magic Pudding* (animation) (as voice of Albert the Magic Pudding); *Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big* (animation)

Other Film:

- 1972 *Rentadick* (Jim Clark) (co-sc)

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- Fawlty Towers*, with Connie Booth, Volume I, London, 1977; Volume II, 1979.
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The bulk of John Cleese's acting career featured his work as a comedian and ranged from an occasional sophisticated stage comedy to surreal, odd humor typical of British comedy linked to the radio *Goon Show*, the college revue, and the variety stage. Critics lauded as superior his Petruchio in the BBC TV version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. However, most of the actor's portraits were in original comedies, some of which he had a hand in writing. Cleese's most popular and critically successful solo performance—at least in the United States—appeared in 1988 with *A Fish Called Wanda*. He was the lead actor, writer, and executive producer of this movie in which he played a role close to that of the light, sophisticated male comedian of the thirties—a character with romantic possibilities with the female comedienne. As Archie Leach, a lawyer, the actor played the role of a person who realized he led a staid existence and wanted to break away from such a stuffy life.

The premise of *A Fish Called Wanda* tends to follow that which was sometimes used by writer-director Preston Sturges who created such witty comedies as *Easy Living* (1937), as a writer, and *The Lady Eve* (1941), as a writer-director. This Cleese vehicle uses the kind of picaresque characters that Sturges used for a broader type of comedy. The 1988 comedy features two American con-artist-robbers, Wanda, played by Jamie Lee Curtis, and Otto, enacted by Kevin Kline. These two free-spirited oddballs provide comic contrast with the conservative lawyer, Archie.

As Wanda moves in to seduce Archie, he says, before they kiss, "Sorry if I seem pompous." Cleese handles the line with even more effective understatement than he employed in all the stuffy English gentlemen he portrayed in the broad comic *Monty Python* and *Fawlty Towers* shows.

When confronted by the other con artist, Otto, the lawyer is, once more, no match when intimidated. Expansive, high-intensity comedy evolves when Otto stalks Archie to thwart any sexual encounter with Wanda. Kevin Kline, who received an Academy Award for the supporting role of Otto, enacts a foil diametrically the opposite of the lawyer. This volatile, comically explosive cross between a neo-Nazi and Mafia hit man, provides a counterpoint to Cleese's humorously impotent personality. Pushing Archie backwards on a window sill so that he dangles upside down, held only by Otto leaning on his legs, the temperamental, jealous madman demands an apology for trying to

seduce Wanda. Cleese, as Archie, responds in lawyer type terms: "All right. All right. I apologize. I'm really, really sorry—unreservedly. . . . I offer a complete and utter retraction. The imputation was totally without basis."

Less than a decade earlier, broader portraits of the upper-class Englishman show Cleese as a master of depicting this type of comic figure. Critic Anthony Slide lauds the actor's enactment of a minor role in *Time Bandits* (1981) and views it as a lampoon of royalty: "Cleese is unquestionably the funniest man in the film, and one can only wish that his sequence had been longer. As Robin Hood, Cleese appears to have based his characterization on the present British Royal Family, patronizingly distributing wealth to the poor. 'Have you met the poor? Charming people,' he says." (Essay on *Time Bandits* in *Magill's Cinema Annual* 1982.)

A few more examples of the variety of roles and the range of John Cleese's acting deserve a concluding survey. In *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (1975) as Lancelot he botches a heroic rescue from the tower of a person he believes is a fair damsel. After he has hacked his way through a crowd of wedding guests, killing a multitude with his sword, he finds out that the prisoner in the tower is the groom who does not want to get married. His discovery is capped with a meek, "Sorry." As a con man and informer named Blind Pew in a swashbuckling pirate movie, *Yellowbeard* (1983) Cleese enacts one of his most picaresque parts. With an exaggerated claim that he has such acute hearing he can detect the pirate Yellowbeard from the rustling of his beard, he gives his pronouncements in a harsh voice, using the accent of a growling, low-class cockney. Three years later, in the 1986 *Clockwise*, Cleese is back playing the would-be cultured gentleman as a headmaster who is a tyrant and an unreasonable disciplinarian, barking reprimands over a public address system as he views questionable activities on a school playground. In his physical demeanor and voice this character that Cleese portrays is another authority figure lampoon. Then, ten years later, the actor creates another picaresque character. As an insane lawyer in *Splitting Heirs* (1993) the comedian kills a number of people "to clear the path" for the rightful heir to achieve the title of duke. When the heir finds the lawyer is responsible for the deaths, he declares, "You're mad!" With aplomb the killer jovially replies, "Well, we are all a bit mad."

While the inventory of humor in the actor's craft proves to be his vocal intonations, phrasings, and timing of responses, Cleese has a definite, unusual physical side to his comedy. In his *Monty Python* period he was noted for his silly walks—exaggerated, eccentric movements of his long legs. A 6' 4" man, he also created funny movements when frustrated or angry by odd jumps and twists or, when playing an eccentric character, by just walking away with an erratic gait. The former was most often displayed when he portrayed Basil Fawlty in the situation comedy series *Fawlty Towers*. The latter is evident in *Splitting Heirs*, with his creation of the quirky, deranged lawyer.

In 1994 Cleese portrayed characters removed from his usual comedic personae: Dr. Waldeman in *Frankenstein* and Dr. Plumford in Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*, a live action cinema version of the novel. However, that same year he would contribute to the cartoon, *The Swan Princess*, with the voice-over portrait for a frisky frog named Jean-Bob. His most distinctive voice-over portrayal developed when he dubbed in the dialogue for a gorilla named Ape for the 1997 *George of the Jungle*. This amazing talking primate provides

an officious counselor and cook for a handsome but dense strongman who is a live action lampoon of Tarzan. While this character has the uptight, British pretension Cleese was so famous for in the Monty Python television and film series, his advice to George sometimes lapses into the primitive mating habits of his genes.

Two other enactments reveal some of the famous officious and pretentious characters he employed in his Monty Python and *Fawlty Towers* days: A manager of a zoo in *Fierce Creatures* (1997) with the same cast as the successful film comedy, *A Fish Called Wanda*, and a hotel manager in a 1999 remake of the 1970 *The Out of Towners*, a vehicle for Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. In the more recent version starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn, critics found this humorous dramatic reinstatement inferior to the original. However, some evaluators gave kudos to Cleese, who provides the most intriguing and risible moments in the movie.

John Cleese has enjoyed a rich and varied career as both a writer and actor for stage, television, and movies. His innovation as a writer obviously makes it possible for him to design parts with which he can exhibit a variety of roles and a range of acting skills. This combination of writing and acting to best show his talent was, of course, most evident in the 12 *Fawlty Towers* television shows and the feature movie *A Fish Called Wanda*.

—Donald W. McCaffrey

CLIFT, Montgomery

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edward Montgomery Clift in Omaha, Nebraska, 17 October 1920. **Career:** 1933–34—first stage experience for amateur theatrical group in Sarasota, Florida; 1935—Broadway debut in *Fly Away Home*; 1942—joined the Group Theater in New York; 1945—first starring role on Broadway in *Foxhole in the Parlor*; 1947—co-founder, Actors Studio in New York; 1948—release of first two films *Red River* and *The Search*; three-film contract with Paramount; 1949—refusal of role in *Sunset Boulevard* resulted in cancellation of contract by Paramount; 1953—starring role on Broadway in *The Sea Gull*; 1956—three-film contract with MGM; 1957—face permanently scarred as a result of automobile accident; 1960s—progressive emotional and physical decline. **Died:** In New York City, 23 July 1966.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *The Search* (Zinnemann) (as Ralph Stevenson); *Red River* (Hawks) (as Matthew Garth)
- 1949 *The Heiress* (Wyler) (as Morris Townsend)
- 1950 *The Big Lift* (Seaton) (as Danny MacCullough)
- 1951 *A Place in the Sun* (Stevens) (as George Eastman)
- 1953 *I Confess* (Hitchcock) (as Father Michael William Logan); *From Here to Eternity* (Zinnemann) (as Robert E. Lee “Prew” Prewitt); *Stazione termini* (*Indiscretion of an American Wife*; *Terminal Station*; *Indiscretion*) (de Sica) (as Giovanni Doria)

- 1957 *Raintree County* (Dmytryk) (as John Wickliff Shawnessy)
- 1958 *The Young Lions* (Dmytryk) (as Noah Ackerman); *Lonelyhearts* (Donehue) (as Adam White)
- 1959 *Suddenly Last Summer* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Dr. John Cukrowicz)
- 1960 *Wild River* (Kazan) (as Chuck Glover)
- 1961 *The Misfits* (Huston) (as Perce Howland); *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Rudolph Petersen)
- 1962 *Freud* (*Freud—The Secret Passion*) (Huston) (as Sigmund Freud)
- 1966 *The Defector* (*L’Espion*; *Lautlose Waffen*) (Levy) (as Prof. James Bower)

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Montgomery Clift (right) in *Judgment at Nuremberg*

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Among the 17 films that Montgomery Clift appeared in, it is impossible to point to any one role as “defining” Clift’s image on screen, in the way that *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Rebel without a Cause* established Brando’s and James Dean’s personalities in the public’s mind. Yet Clift was one of the first actors of his generation to capture the attention of moviegoing audiences with performances that were sensitive, complex, and deeply introspective in nature. The combination of intensity and vulnerability that he brought to his characters—qualities magnified in later years by the car accident that destroyed his matinee-idol good looks and compounded the problems of an already troubled personality—was unique in 1948, when Clift was catapulted to stardom by the release of his first two films, *The Search* (for which he received an Oscar nomination) and *Red River*.

Red River in particular represents an important juncture in film history, pairing Clift with John Wayne in a genre usually defined by its rigid codes of male behavior. The central conflict in Howard Hawks’s film, however, is between Wayne’s brand of brutal, bullying

masculinity and Clift’s quiet blend of toughness and compassion. Theirs is a clash of reason and brute strength, and although their reconciliation takes the form of a violent physical confrontation, the role of Matthew Garth clearly presents Clift as an alternative to the rugged, unyielding protagonists of traditional Westerns. It was a part that heralded a shift in the characteristics that would define screen heroes in the decade to come.

Clift portrayed another man challenging stereotypical views of masculinity—this time in the U.S. military—in *From Here to Eternity*. As Prewitt, the bugler and former boxer who silently stands up to the harassment of his fellow soldiers when he refuses to reenter the ring after blinding a man, Clift gives one of his strongest performances. In the role that brought him his third Oscar nomination (the second was for *A Place in the Sun*), he conveys both the courage and the inner torment of a man whose unshakable moral convictions form the heart of his sense of self-worth, yet cause him to be labeled a coward. The complexity that Clift brings to the character is a trait that marks his work as a whole, charging his performances with an underlying pain that few actors of his day dared to reveal.

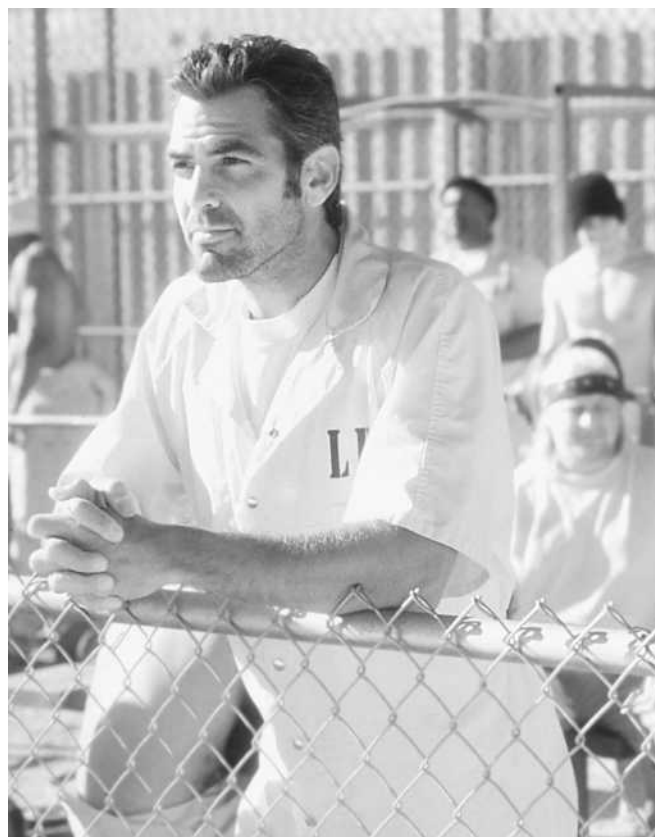
These qualities were a central part of Clift’s relationships with women in films. Clift never overwhelms women in the manner of Gable or Flynn but attracts them instead with an almost hypnotic emotional power that often seems to arise from some deep inner need. This is especially true of his films with Elizabeth Taylor, whose dark

beauty made her an ideal physical match for Clift on the screen. In both *A Place in the Sun* and *Raintree County*, the similarity between the two is so striking that they might almost be brother and sister, and there is an erotic tension in their work together that reaches its climax in the former film's extraordinary close-ups of the couple's romantic scenes. Clift's vulnerability is also a factor in his relationship with Donna Reed in *From Here to Eternity* and, on a platonic level, in the understanding and friendship between his character and that of Marilyn Monroe in *The Misfits*.

The tension and internal conflict in Clift's screen persona form the basis for his portrayals of the priest in Hitchcock's *I Confess* and Noah Ackerman, the Jewish soldier battling anti-Semitism, in *The Young Lions*. Each man is placed at odds with society by his religious convictions, and Clift conveys the hidden pain of both Father Michael's struggle with his conscience and Ackerman's scrappy refusal to tolerate religious slurs. Clift's intensity took on an increasingly unsettling quality in the films following his accident (which occurred during the filming of *Raintree County*), and in *Suddenly Last Summer*, *The Misfits*, and *Freud*, in which he played the title role, there is a tightly wound, neurotic edge to the characters that is both compelling and disturbing. In Stanley Kramer's *Judgment at Nuremberg* this quality reaches its peak in Clift's brief supporting role as a mildly retarded man testifying against Nazi war criminals. It is a riveting performance, jarringly real and often painful to watch, and it brought Clift his fourth Academy Award nomination. It is this sense of emotional risk-taking that makes Clift a magnetic presence in even his less effective roles and which places his best work next to that of the finest actors of his generation.

With the recent revelation of the fact of Clift's bisexuality, one is able to see more into the correlation between his star personality (that of vulnerability, sensitivity, and almost effeminate masculinity closer to androgyny) and the real-life Clift (whose swinging sexuality and unsettling dissatisfaction throughout life mirrors and projects a troubled soul onto the big screen). Clift's own claim regarding this uncertainty in him reveals more than a touch of stubbornness and pride: "I don't want to be labeled as either a pansy or a heterosexual. Labeling is so self-limiting" (quoted by Graham McCann in *Rebel Males*). Throughout Clift's career, one sees a wide range of roles played, each of them nothing short of constant erotic tensions coming not only from the dramatic characters or his *acting* but also from a lifelong *felt* and *lived* conflict of an unsettled sexuality.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by Guo-Juin Hong



George Clooney in *Out of Sight*

1984; appeared on such TV series as *Riptide*, *The Golden Girls*, *Hunter*, and *Murphy Brown*, and had recurring roles on such TV sitcoms as *The Facts of Life* and *Roseanne*, 1985–94; won fame as a regular on the television drama *ER*, 1994; voted Sexiest Man Alive by *People* magazine, 1997; signed a three-year development deal with Warner Bros., 1998; boycotted the television entertainment news show *Entertainment Tonight*, when its sister show, *Hard Copy*, broadcast an unauthorized clip of him and a former girlfriend, 1998; left the cast of *ER* to focus on feature film work, 1999. **Awards:** Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series Screen Actors Guild Award, for *ER*, 1998; Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series Screen Actors Guild Award, for *ER*, 1999. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1986 *Combat High (Combat Academy)* (Israel—for TV) (as Major Biff Woods); *Grizzly II: The Predator*
- 1987 *Return to Horror High* (Froehlich) (as Oliver)
- 1988 *Return of the Killer Tomatoes!* (De Bello) (as Matt Stevens)
- 1990 *Red Surf* (Boos) (as Remar)
- 1992 *Unbecoming Age (The Magic Bubble)* (A. Ringel, D. Ringel) (as Mac)
- 1993 *The Harvest* (Marconi) (as Lip-Synching Transvestite); *Without Warning: Terror in the Towers* (Levi—for TV) (as Kevin Shea)

CLOONEY, George

Nationality: American. **Born:** George Timothy Clooney in Lexington, Kentucky, 6 May 1961; son of television anchor/talk show host Nick Clooney; nephew of singer Rosemary Clooney and actor Jose Ferrer; cousin of actor Miguel Ferrer. **Education:** Studied at Northern Kentucky University. **Family:** Married Talia Balsam, 1989; divorced, 1992. **Career:** Appeared on his father's talk show, *The Nick Clooney Show*, at age five, 1966; moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career, 1982; won a role on the short-lived TV sitcom *E/R*,

- 1996 *From Dusk Till Dawn* (Rodriguez) (as Seth Gecko); *One Fine Day* (Hoffman) (as Jack Taylor)
- 1997 *Batman & Robin* (Schumacher) (as Batman/Bruce Wayne); *Full Tilt Boogie* (Kelly) (as himself); *The Peacemaker* (Leder) (as Thomas Devoe)
- 1998 *Waiting for Woody* (Heslov) (as himself); *Out of Sight* (Soderbergh) (as Jack Foley); *The Thin Red Line* (Malick) (as Captain Charles Bosche)
- 1999 *South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut* (Parker) (as Voice of Dr. Gouache); *Three Kings* (Russell) (as Archie Gates)
- 2000 *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Coen) (as Ulysses Everett McGill); *The Perfect Storm* (Petersen) (as Captain Billy Tyne); *Fail Safe* (Frears—for TV) (+ pr)
- 2001 *Ocean's Eleven* (Soderbergh) (as Danny Ocean)

Other Films:

- 2000 *Metal God* (Herek) (pr)

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George Clooney's magnetism and smoldering good looks made him one of the heartthrobs of 1990s movies and television. With a show business pedigree—his father is Nick Clooney, longtime television anchor-talk show host, and his aunt is singer Rosemary—Clooney initially earned stardom playing Dr. Doug Ross on the hit television drama, *ER*. He then emulated Bruce Willis rather than Tom Selleck as a popular television actor who successfully segued into starring screen roles.

Pre-*ER*—and despite his professional connections—Clooney was just one of the countless Tinseltown hopefuls who found small and not-so-small parts on television series and in made-for-TV and theatrical features. The quality of his projects is reflected in their less-than-A-list titles: *Combat High*; *Return to Horror High*; and *Return of the Killer Tomatoes!* In *The Harvest*, a wobbly thriller starring his cousin, Miguel Ferrer, Clooney is billed near the bottom of the credits as a “lip-synching transvestite.” He did appear as a regular on a number of TV series, the best of which were *The Facts of Life* (cast during the 1985–87 television season) and *Roseanne* (in 1988–89); interestingly, his very first TV series also was titled *E/R* (albeit with slightly different punctuation). This show was a short-lived sitcom that starred Elliott Gould.

Clooney's success on the drama *ER* allowed him to win lead roles on the big screen; had it not been for the TV series, it is doubtful that he would have earned his shot at movie stardom. The actor has been cast in films of all genres. While he was merely a presence as Batman/Bruce Wayne in *Batman & Robin*, a drab, by-the-numbers Hollywood action-adventure fantasy, he was far more effective in two very different (albeit formulaic) films: the action thriller *The Peacemaker*, cast as a cocky, take-charge U.S. Army Special Forces intelligence operative; and the romantic comedy *One Fine Day*, playing a New York newspaper columnist-single parent who finds love with a divorced single mom.

To date, Clooney's most distinctive and memorable screen roles have been in quirky, cutting-edge films of varying quality, in which he played lawbreakers or lawbreaker wannabes. In each, his characters are slightly off-center, and tinged with a streak of devilish, anarchic insanity. In Robert Rodriguez's pointlessly violent *From Dusk Till Dawn*, Clooney is a murderous desperado making his way across the American Southwest and into Mexico; here, his mere presence transcends the overblown material and set pieces that play through to their gratuitously bloody conclusions. He is perfectly cast as an Elmore Leonard character, a just-escaped-from-jail bank robber who flirts and tangles with a sexy FBI agent, in Steven Soderbergh's *Out of Sight*. By far Clooney's best film to date is David O. Russell's sharp, entertaining *Three Kings*, set at the end of the Gulf War, in which he is completely believable as a likable yet larcenous American soldier.

In 1999, Clooney left *ER* to work full-time on screen. Given his looks and talent, he can expect a long and successful big-screen career—if he chooses the right roles in the right projects.

—Rob Edelman

CLOSE, Glenn

Nationality: American. **Born:** Greenwich, Connecticut, 19 March 1947. **Education:** Attended William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, graduated 1974. **Family:** Married 1) Cabot Wade;



Glenn Close in *101 Dalmatians*

2) James Marlas, 1984 (divorced 1986); one daughter with John Starke: Annie Maude. **Career:** 1974—debut on Broadway in *Love for Love*; 1982—film debut in *The World According to Garp*. **Awards:** Three Tony Awards for Best Actress, for *The Real Thing*, 1984, *Death and the Maiden*, 1992, and *Sunset Boulevard*, 1995; Emmy Award for Best Actress in Mini-series or Special, for *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*, 1995. **Address:** c/o Fred Specktor, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1979 *The Orphan Train* (William A. Graham—for TV) (as Jessica); *Too Far to Go* (Fielder Cook—for TV) (as Rebecca Kuehn)
- 1982 *The World According to Garp* (George Roy Hill) (as Jenny Fields)
- 1983 *The Big Chill* (Kasdan) (as Sarah Cooper)
- 1984 *The Stone Boy* (Cain) (as Ruth Hillerman); *The Natural* (Levinson) (as Iris Raines); *Something about Amelia* (Haines—for TV) (as Gail Bennett); *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes* (Hudson) (voice only, dubbed Andie MacDowell's voice)
- 1985 *Jagged Edge* (Marquand) (as Teddie Barnes); *Maxie* (Free Spirit) (Aaron) (as Jan/Maxie)
- 1987 *Fatal Attraction* (Lyne) (as Alex Forrest); *Gandahar* (Light Years) (Wernstein—animation) (voice only)
- 1988 *Stones for Ibarra* (Gold—for TV) (as Sara Everton); *Dangerous Liaisons* (Frears) (as Marquise de Merteuil)
- 1989 *Immediate Family* (Parental Guidance) (Kaplan) (as Linda Spector)
- 1990 *Hamlet* (Zeffirelli) (as Gertrude); *Reversal of Fortune* (Schroeder) (as Martha "Sunny" von Bulow); *I'll Take Romance* (Haggard—for TV)
- 1991 *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (title role, + co-exec pr); *Meeting Venus* (Szabo) (as Karin Anderson); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as pirate); *Brooklyn Laundry* (as Birdie)
- 1992 *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—TV doc) (as voice of Mary Todd Lincoln)
- 1993 *Skylark* (Sargent—for TV) (as Sarah Witting + exec pr)
- 1993 *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Ferula)
- 1994 *The Paper* (Ron Howard) (as Alicia Clark)

- 1995 *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* (Bleckner—for TV) (title role + exec pr)
- 1996 *Mary Reilly* (Frears) (as Mrs. Farraday); *101 Dalmations* (as Cruella De Vil); *Mars Attacks!* (Tim Burton) (as First Lady Martha Dale)
- 1997 *Paradise Road* (Beresford) (as Adrienne Pargiter); *Air Force One* (Petersen) (as Vice President Kathryn Bennett); *In the Gloaming* (Reeve—for TV) (as Janet)
- 1999 *Tarzan* (Buck & Lima) (voice of Kala); *Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End* (Jordan—for TV) (title role + exec pr); *Cookie's Fortune* (Altman) (as Camille Dixon); *The Lady with the Torch* (Heeley—doc) (herself as host)
- 2000 *102 Dalmations* (Lima) (as Cruella De Vil); *Things You Can Tell Just By Looking at Her* (Garcia) (as Dr. Elaine Keener)
- 2001 *South Pacific* (Richard Pearce)

Other Films:

- 1987 *Do You Mean There Are Still Real Cowboys?* (Blair—doc) (pr)
- 1995 *Journey* (McLoughlin—for TV) (exec pr)

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- Interview with B. Hadleigh, in *Film Monthly*, July 1990.
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The early 1980s witnessed the emergence of three actresses who still enjoy great popularity and critical acclaim: Meryl Streep, Jessica Lange, and Glenn Close. Graduating from five years of stage experience, Close earned five Academy Award nominations between 1982 and 1988 in five of the most popular and successful films of the decade. During this period, Close also firmly established her credentials as a distinguished actress on Broadway (winning a Tony Award for *The Real Thing*) and on television (receiving an Emmy nomination for *Something About Amelia*). From this explosive start, her superb skills as an actress continually grew while her roles reflected the cultural priorities of the times.

Close’s early 1980s films created an image of conservative femininity: a nurturing, virtuous, attractive, and vulnerable woman. She plays an overly protective mother in *The World According to Garp*, a serene and loving wife in *The Big Chill*, and a deified muse in *The Natural*. This stereotype (which won Close her first three Academy Award nominations) also underscores the dilemma of women’s roles during a decade that championed masculine heroism. Actresses found themselves playing characters who often merely supported the male lead in his endeavors. When this stereotype of the feminine ideal becomes threatened in *The World According to Garp* (Jenny Fields’s mothering leads her to a radical feminism) or questioned in *Jagged Edge* (Teddie Barnes improperly uses the legal system to protect her lover, the killer), the character is punished by assassination or physical and emotional trauma.

Jagged Edge introduced the opposite side of Close’s stardom: the feminine threat. Her next two roles, Alex in *Fatal Attraction* and the Marquise de Merteuil in *Dangerous Liaisons*, unleashed characters who follow the tradition of the femme fatale; women who are sexy, independent, manipulative, and duplicitous. Alex is a successful businesswoman, but unmarried and childless. Her desire to achieve a “traditional” family initiates a perverse drive to replace the legitimate wife. Her unsuccessful attempt results in Alex’s death (at the hands of the legitimate wife), the punishment of the adulterous husband, and the reestablishment of the nuclear family. The Marquise’s social and sexual machinations, based upon contempt for love and masculine power, destroy everyone including herself. Utterly alone, she recognizes her contempt has denied her any chance of happiness. This second stereotype (which won Close her next two Academy Award nominations) again underscores the dilemma of women’s roles in 1980s Hollywood. Actresses found themselves playing characters who often threatened the male lead and deserved punishment for their aggression.

The tension between these two stereotypes reached its apex in *Maxie*. Close plays a character who literally manifests the notion of feminine duality. Portraying a dedicated wife possessed by the spirit of a freewheeling “flapper,” she must synthesize the contradictions of these two characters to achieve peace and emerge as an ideal figure of womanhood.

Close’s early difficulty in finding films that did not perpetuate the two extremes of the feminine stereotype found resolution during the 1990s. She combined attributes of the strong, determined woman with a more traditional femininity and created characters with complex psychological motivations. This synthesis links her to Bette Davis, whom she admits emulating. Davis always played a powerful woman inflected in two ways: a self-sacrificing and maternal figure or a manipulative and destructive one. Close continues this tradition but in a way that doesn’t necessarily present these two types as mutually exclusive. In *Immediate Family*, *Hamlet*, *The House of the Spirits*, *In*

the *Gloaming*, *Serving in Silence*, *Paradise Road*, and the *Sarah, Plain and Tall* trilogy (*Sarah, Plain and Tall*, *Skylark*, and *Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End*) she plays strong, nurturing, virtuous, and yet vulnerable women. Each character offers a different facet of this model, from lesbian mother to repressed spinster, but the results ultimately reaffirm feminine strength, love, and determination. Even her "role" as Kala in the animated *Tarzan* emphasizes these culturally important characteristics of nurturing. In *Reversal of Fortune*, *Meeting Venus*, *The Paper*, *Cookie's Fortune*, and *101 Dalmations* she plays strong, sexy, independent, and manipulative women who are punished in some way for the problems they create. In *Reversal of Fortune* she plays "Sunny" von Bulow whose "failure" to be a traditional mother offers another explanation why her husband attempts to kill her. In *Meeting Venus* she plays Karin Anderson, an opera diva whose affair with a conductor destroys the conductor's marriage. In *The Paper* she plays Alicia Clark, the managing editor of a New York daily newspaper. She engages in a surprisingly physical brawl with Michael Keaton, an altercation she ultimately wins. Yet when accidentally shot, parallel editing equates her helplessness to Michael Keaton's wife's emergency C-section. In *Cookie's Fortune* she plays Camille Dixon whose secret past, over-mothering, and class consciousness leads to her nervous breakdown and imprisonment. Occasionally this model is pushed to extremes, either for comic effect (Cruella De Vil in *101 Dalmations* gave Close the opportunity to play a living cartoon, which she did with great fun and gusto) or melodramatic excess (Norma Desmond in the stage version of *Sunset Boulevard* allowed Close to turn in a stunningly psychotic—and musical—performance as a deranged silent film star).

And like Davis, Close is both an actress and a star; finding a new mannerism and vocal quality to make each character unique and memorable, yet retaining that core persona which quietly states "this is Glenn Close." Her most interesting films include *Reversal of Fortune*, *Meeting Venus*, *In the Gloaming*, *Paradise Road*, the *Sarah, Plain and Tall* trilogy, and *Serving in Silence*. In *Reversal of Fortune*, playing a comatose Sunny von Bulow, Close appears in flashbacks as a woman who suffers emotionally and physically from a diffident husband, alienated children, diabetes, alcoholism, and a bourgeois ennui. In *Meeting Venus*, Close portrays a celebrated artist confident with her career but less certain about her romantic relationships. In *In the Gloaming*, Close's touching performance as an upper-class mother re-connecting with her dying son at the expense of her husband and daughter earned her an Emmy nomination. In *Paradise Road*, Close's coolly detached patrician attitude disappears to reveal a warm and caring leader, a survivor who keeps a group of women alive during their years as prisoners of war. In the *Sarah, Plain and Tall* trilogy she authors one of her most complex characters; an obdurate New England spinster who answers a mail-order wife ad, moves to Kansas, falls in love, and raises her new husband's two children. Ostensibly a Western, the films allow Close that rare opportunity to play a woman who embodies the characteristics of both a nurturing mother and a fiercely independent woman without lapsing into either stereotype. In *Serving in Silence*, Close masterfully creates another complex character: a woman torn between her homosexual desire, her military career, and her sons. That her performance never falls into caricature and that the film allows a believable merger of these conflicting drives (never forcing a choice) shows the maturity of Close's acting techniques and the film's willingness to reflect more culturally (and personally) diverse solutions to real problems. Close's 20 year career nicely parallels Hollywood's shift from limited stereotypes in the

1980s to a wider range of social beings in the 1990s. Her talents have contributed to and benefitted from this change.

—Greg S. Faller

COBB, Lee J.

Nationality: American. **Born:** Leo Jacoby in New York City, 8 December 1911 (some sources list 9 December). **Education:** Attended accounting classes at City College of New York (CCNY). **Family:** Married 1) Helen Beverly, 1940 (divorced 1952), children: Vincent and Julie; 2) Mary Hirsch, 1957, sons: Tony and Jerry. **Career:** 1920s—trained as a violinist, but broken wrist ended musical career; 1928—ran away from home to Hollywood, but failed to secure work in film industry as actor; 1928–31—returned to New York City and acted in radio dramas to pay for classes at CCNY; 1931—stage debut at Pasadena Playhouse, California; 1934—film debut in serial *Vanishing Shadow*; 1935—joined Group Theater in New York; 1949—role as Willie Loman in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* on Broadway; early 1950s—forced to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee; 1962–66—starred as Judge Henry Garth in TV series *The Virginian*; 1970–71—in TV series *The Young Lawyers*. **Died:** In Woodland Hills, California, 11 February 1976.

Films as Actor:

- 1934 *Vanishing Shadow* (serial)
- 1937 *North of the Rio Grande* (Watt) (as Goodwin); *Rustler's Valley* (Watt) (as Cal Howard); *Ali Baba Goes to Town* (David Butler)
- 1938 *Danger on the Air* (Garrett) (as Tony)
- 1939 *Golden Boy* (Mamoulian) (as Mr. Bonaparte); *The Phantom Creeps* (serial)
- 1941 *This Thing Called Love* (Married but Single) (Hall) (as Julio Diestro); *Men of Boys Town* (Taurog) (as Dave Morris); *Paris Calling* (Marin) (as Schwabe)
- 1943 *The Moon Is Down* (Pichel) (as Dr. Winter); *Tonight We Raid Calais* (Brahm) (as Bonnard); *The Song of Bernadette* (Henry King) (as Dr. Dozous); *Buckskin Frontier* (*The Iron Road*) (Selander) (as Jephtha Marr)
- 1944 *Winged Victory* (Cukor) (as doctor)
- 1946 *Anna and the King of Siam* (Cromwell) (as Kralahome)
- 1947 *Boomerang* (Kazan) (as Chief Robinson); *Captain from Castile* (Henry King) (as Juan Garcia); *Johnny O'Clock* (Rossen) (as Inspector Koch); *Carnival in Costa Rica* (Ratoff)
- 1948 *The Miracle of the Bells* (Pichel) (as Marcus Harris); *Call Northside 777* (Hathaway) (as Brian Kelly); *The Luck of the Irish* (Koster) (as D. C. Augur)
- 1949 *The Dark Past* (Maté) (as Dr. Andrew Collins); *Thieves' Highway* (Dassin) (as Mike Figlia)
- 1950 *The Man Who Cheated Himself* (Feist) (as Ed Cullen)
- 1951 *Sirocco* (Bernhardt) (as Col. Feroud); *The Family Secret* (Levin) (as Howard Clark)
- 1952 *The Fighter* (Kline) (as Durango)
- 1953 *The Tall Texan* (Williams) (as Capt. Theodore Bess)



Lee J. Cobb, Yul Brynner, William Shatner, and Richard Basehart in *The Brothers Karamazov*

- 1954 *Yankee Pasha* (Pevney) (as Sultan); *Gorilla at Large* (Harmon Jones) (as Det. Sgt. Garrison); *On the Waterfront* (Kazan) (as Johnny Friendly); *Day of Triumph* (Pichel and Coyle) (as Zadok)
- 1955 *The Racers* (*Such Men Are Dangerous*) (Hathaway) (as Maglio); *The Road to Denver* (Kane) (as Jim Donovan); *The Left Hand of God* (Dmytryk) (as Mieh Yang)
- 1956 *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* (Johnson) (as Judge Bernstein); *Miami Exposé* (Sears) (as Bart Scott)
- 1957 *Twelve Angry Men* (Lumet) (as Juror no. 3); *The Three Faces of Eve* (Johnson) (as Dr. Luther); *The Garment Jungle* (Aldrich and Vincent Sherman) (as Walter Mitchell)
- 1958 *The Brothers Karamazov* (Richard Brooks) (as Fyodor Karamazov); *Man of the West* (Anthony Mann) (as Dock Tobin); *Party Girl* (Nicholas Ray) (as Rico Angelo)
- 1959 *But Not for Me* (Walter Lang) (as Jeremiah MacDonald); *The Trap* (*The Baited Trap*) (Panama) (as Victor Massonetti); *Green Mansions* (Mel Ferrer) (as Nuflo)
- 1960 *Exodus* (Preminger) (as Barak Ben Canaan)
- 1962 *The Brazen Bell* (Sheldon—for TV); *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as Julio Madariaga)
- 1963 “The Outlaws” ep. of *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway) (as Lou Ramsey); *Come Blow Your Horn* (Yorkin) (as Mr. Baker)
- 1966 *Our Man Flint* (Daniel Mann) (as Cramden)
- 1967 *In Like Flint* (Gordon Douglas) (as Cramden)
- 1968 *Las Vegas 500 millones* (*They Came to Rob Las Vegas*; *Les Hommes de Las Vegas*) (Isasi) (as Skorsky); *Il giorno della civetta* (*The Day of the Owl*; *La Maffia fait la loi*; *Mafia*) (Damiani) (as Don Mariano Arena); *MacKenna’s Gold* (J. Lee Thompson) (as the editor); *Coogan’s Bluff* (Siegel) (as Sheriff McElroy)
- 1970 *The Liberation of L. B. Jones* (Wyler) (as Oman Hedgepath); *Macho Callahan* (Kowalski) (as Duffy)
- 1971 *Heat of Anger* (Taylor—for TV); *Lawman* (Winner) (as Vincent Bronson)
- 1973 *Double Indemnity* (Smight—for TV); *The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing* (Sarafian) (as Lapchance); *La polizia sta a guardare* (Infascelli); *The Exorcist* (Friedkin) (as Lt. Kinderman)
- 1974 *Dr. Max* (Goldstone—for TV) (title role); *The Great Ice Ripoff* (Curtis—for TV); *Trapped beneath the Sea* (Graham—for TV) (as Victor Bateman); *Venditore di palloncini* (*The Last Circus Show*; *The Balloon Vendor*; *Last Moments*) (Gariazzo)
- 1975 *Mark il poliziotto* (*Blood, Sweat and Fear*) (Massi); *Ultimatum alla città* (*Ultimatum*); *That Lucky Touch* (Miles) (as Lt. Gen. Henry Steedman)

- 1976 *I Amici di Nick Nevard (Nick the Sting)* (Di Leo); *Cross Shot* (La legge violenta della squadra anticrimine) (Massi)
 1979 *Arthur Miller on Home Ground* (Rasky)

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Lee J. Cobb died while preparing to repeat in *Exorcist II: The Heretic* the role of investigating detective he played in the original film. It was an ironic end for an actor whose impeccable credentials would, on any European stage, have earned him fame and honor. Unfortunately, this fine character actor, who appeared in the early plays of Odets for the Group Theatre and created Willy Loman in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, spent most of a long screen career in distinctive but undemanding work.

On occasion, Cobb would play thoughtful, supportive characters, such as the psychiatrist who attempts to cure Joanne Woodward of her psychological disorder in *The Three Faces of Eve*. But in his best screen roles, he was effectively cast as an urban predator paradoxically tormented by twentieth-century anxieties: a wolf with an ulcer. Cobb redeemed a score of routine roles as gang boss, cop, or rancher with his capacity for conveying disquiet or a residual sensitivity. Behind his snarl lurked a weakness that already had betrayed him or would do so in the last reel. Gang-boss Rico Angelo in *Party Girl* is softened by a fugitive sentimentality toward Robert Taylor's tame cultivated attorney, while loneliness for the son he terrorized away from him racks the bigot in *Twelve Angry Men*.

In comedy Cobb seldom convinced. His Jewish father in *Come Blow Your Horn* is a performance anyone might have given. But in Don Siegel's *Coogan's Bluff* he played a weary and impatient New York detective to some effect against Eastwood's Arizona cowboy cop.

Sensitive or not, Cobb had the crooked mouth that allowed him to play pure evil. Pouring acid over a paper party decoration in *Party Girl* to demonstrate what might happen to Cyd Charisse's face, blustering himself into exhausted acquiescence to Henry Fonda's intelligence and logic in *Twelve Angry Men* or, most memorably, as union racketeer Johnny Friendly, ranting at the longshoremen whom Marlon Brando leads back to work in *On the Waterfront*, he defined for all time a sector in the outer limits of urban desperation.

From an acting standpoint, *On the Waterfront* is most fondly recalled for the legendary "I coulda been a contender" taxicab scene between Marlon Brando and Rod Steiger. But Cobb's electrifying performance as Friendly—a bully destined to crumble and fall when one man becomes determined to defy him—remains every bit as impressive as those of Brando and Steiger.

—John Baxter, updated by Rob Edelman

COBURN, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** Laurel, Nebraska, 31 August 1928. **Education:** Studied acting at Los Angeles City College and University of Southern California; studied acting with Stella Adler in New York. **Military Service:** U.S. Army during World War II, served as radio operator. **Family:** Married Beverly Kelly, 1959, children: James IV and Lisa. Divorced, 1979; Married Paula Murad, 1993. **Career:** 1940s—stage debut at La Jolla Playhouse in *Billy Budd*; early 1950s—in television commercials and various live drama series including *Studio One*; 1959—film debut in *Ride Lonesome*; 1960s–1980s—formed production companies Panpiper, and later Armageddon Productions; 1960–61—in TV series *Klondike*, and *Acapulco*, 1961; 1977—began directing with episode of TV series *The Rockford Files*; 1978—in TV mini-series *The Dain Curse*; 1981–82—host of TV series *Darkroom*; 1992—in TV series *The Fifth Corner*. **Agent:** Special Artists, 335 North Maple Drive, #360, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *Ride Lonesome* (Boetticher) (as Wid); *Face of a Fugitive* (Wendkos) (as Purdy)
 1960 *The Magnificent Seven* (John Sturges) (as Britt)
 1962 *Hell Is for Heroes* (Siegel) (as Cpl. Henshaw); *The Murder Men* (Peyser—for TV)
 1963 *The Great Escape* (John Sturges) (as "The Manufacturer" Sedgwick); *Charade* (Donen) (as Tex Panthollow); *The Man from Galveston* (Conrad) (as Boyd Palmer)
 1964 *The Americanization of Emily* (Hiller) (as Lt. Cmdr. "Bus" Cummings)
 1965 *Major Dundee* (Peckinpah) (as Samuel Potts); *A High Wind in Jamaica* (Mackendrick) (as Zac); *The Loved One* (Richardson) (as immigration officer)
 1966 *Our Man Flint* (Daniel Mann) (as Derek Flint); *What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?* (Edwards) (as Lt. Christian); *Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round* (Girard) (as Eli Kotch)
 1967 *In Like Flint* (Gordon Douglas) (as Derek Flint); *Waterhole #3* (Graham) (as Lewton Cole); *The President's Analyst* (Flicker) (as Dr. Sidney Schaefer)
 1968 *Duffy* (Parrish) (title role); *Candy* (Marquand) (as Dr. Krankieit)
 1969 *Hard Contract* (Pogostin) (as John Cunningham); *Blood Kin* (*The Last of the Mobile Hot-Shots*) (Lumet)
 1972 *Giù la testa* (*Duck, You Sucker!*; *A Fistful of Dynamite*) (Leone) (as Sean Mallory); *The Honkers* (Ihnat) (as Lew Lathrop); *The Carey Treatment* (Edwards) (as Peter Carey)
 1973 *The Last of Sheila* (Ross) (as Clinton); *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* (Peckinpah) (as Pat Garrett); *Harry in Your Pocket* (*Harry Never Holds*) (Geller) (title role); *Una ragione per vivere e una per morire* (*A Reason to Live, a Reason to Die*; *Massacre at Fort Holman*) (Valerii) (as Col. Pembroke)
 1974 *The Internecine Project* (Ken Hughes) (as Robert Elliot)
 1975 *Bite the Bullet* (Richard Brooks) (as Luke Matthews); *Hard Times* (*The Streetfighter*) (Walter Hill) (as Spencer "Speed" Weed)
 1976 *Sky Riders* (Hickox) (as Jim McCabe); *Midway* (*The Battle of Midway*) (Smight) (as Capt. Vinton Maddox); *The Last*



James Coburn (second from left) with Nick Nolte, Willem Dafoe, and Sissy Spacek in *Affliction*

- Hard Men* (McLagen) (as Zach Provo); *White Rock* (Maylam) (as narrator); *A Fast Drive in the Country: The Heydays of Le Mans* (Maylam) (as narrator)
- 1977 *Cross of Iron* (Peckinpah) (as Steiner)
- 1979 *Firepower* (Winner) (as Jerry Fanon/Eddie); *The Muppet Movie* (Frawley) (as El Sleezo Cafe Owner); *Goldengirl* (Sargent) (as Jack Dryden)
- 1980 *Mr. Patman* (Guillermin) (title role); *Loving Couples* (Smight) (as Walter); *The Baltimore Bullet* (Robert Ellis Miller) (as Nick Casey)
- 1981 *High Risk* (Raffill) (as Serrano); *Looker* (Michael Crichton) (as John Reston); *Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls* (Valley of the Dolls) (Grauman—for TV) (as Henry Bellamy)
- 1983 *Malibu* (Swackhamer—for TV); *Digital Dreams* (Dornhelm)
- 1984 *Draw!* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Sam Starret)
- 1985 *Martin's Day* (Alan Gibson) (as Lt. Lardner); *Sins of the Father* (Sinkel—for TV) (as Frank Murchison)
- 1986 *Death of a Soldier* (Mora) (as Maj. Patrick Danneberg); *Mackendrick* (Quarrie—for TV)
- 1988 *Walking after Midnight* (Kay)
- 1989 *Place of Skulls* (Logan—for TV); *Tag till Himlen* (Anderberg); *Call from Space* (Fleischer)
- 1990 *Young Guns II* (Murphy) (as John Chisum)
- 1991 *Hudson Hawk* (Lehmann) (as George Kaplan); *Helicon* (Eng)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as himself); *Hugh Hefner: Once upon a Time* (Heath—doc) (as narrator); *Crash Landing: The Rescue of Flight 232* (*A Thousand Heroes*) (Lamont Johnson—for TV) (as Jim Hathaway)
- 1993 *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* (Duke) (as Mr. Crisp); *Deadfall* (Christopher Coppola) (as Mike Donan); *The Hit List* (Webb—for TV) (as Peter Mayhew)
- 1994 *Ray Alexander: A Taste for Justice* (Gary Nelson—for TV) (as Jeffrey Winslow); *Greyhounds* (Manners—for TV) (as John Dolan); *A Christmas Reunion* (as Santa Claus); *Maverick* (Richard Donner) (as Commodore)
- 1995 *The Set Up* (as Jeremia Cole); *The Avenging Angel* (Baxley—for TV) (as Porter Rockwell); *Ray Alexander: A Menu for Murder* (Gary Nelson—for TV) (as Jeffrey Winslow)
- 1996 *Eraser* (Chuck Russell)
- 1996 *The Nutty Professor* (Shadyac) (as Harlan Hartley)
- 1997 *The Second World War* (Dante—for TV) (as Jack Buchan); *Keys to Tulsa* (Greif) (as Harman Shaw)
- 1998 *Mr. Murder* (Lowry—for TV) (as Drew Oslett Sr.); *Affliction* (Schrader) (as Glen Whitehouse); *Payback* (Helgeland) (as Fairfax)
- 1999 *The Good Doctor* (Orkin—short) (as Dr. Samuel Roberts); *Noah's Ark* (Irvin—for TV) (as Peddler); *Shake, Rattle and Roll: An American Love Story* (Robe—for TV) (as Morris)

- Gunn); *Arnold Schwarzenegger: Hollywood Hero* (Baker—for TV) (as Himself)
- 2000 *Missing Pieces* (Schenkel—for TV) (as Atticus Cody); *Intrepid* (Putch) (as Captain Hal Josephson); *The Good Doctor* (Orkin) (as Samuel Roberts)
- 2001 *Proximity* (Ziehl); *Monsters, Inc.* (Docter and Silverman—animation) (as voice of Henry J. Waterhouse)

Other Films:

- 1978 *Convoy* (Peckinpah) (second unit d)
- 1979 *Circle of Iron* (*The Silent Flute*) (Richard Moore) (co-story)

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Coburn began his film career with supporting roles in that most American genre, the Western, and found much success playing quiet but rugged (and usually deadly) gunslingers. His poised, laconic knife thrower in the box office hit *The Magnificent Seven* prompted director John Sturges to give Coburn an even meatier role in the classic war film, *The Great Escape*, another genre in which Coburn’s screen personal fit comfortably well—although he, and everyone else in the respective casts of both films, were overshadowed by the scene stealing Steve McQueen, who was then on the verge of superstardom. Coburn’s role as the one-armed scout in Sam Peckinpah’s *Major Dundee* and the sheriff in the same director’s *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* are refined and more mature versions of his early Western and War film roles for such directors as Budd Boetticher, Sturges and Don Siegel. As Garrett, Coburn is still quiet, but his face is worn and his whole manner suggests wearily gained experience. He brought the same qualities to his performance as the battle-hardened German soldier Steiner in Peckinpah’s grim World War II opus *Cross of Iron*.

Coburn’s association with Peckinpah, a close friend as well as a filmmaker the actor particularly admired, extended to Coburn’s taking over some of the directorial chores on Peckinpah’s modern day Western *Convoy* when Peckinpah’s alcoholism, drug taking, and other eccentricities rendered him incapable of carrying on.

Coburn branched out from the Western and War film by playing an American hero different from the strong silent type. His roles in *Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round*, *Harry in Your Pocket*, and *Hard Times* were as talkative con men and hustlers. Coburn’s pace, so restrained and controlled in the Westerns, is in high gear in these films. Words fly out of his mouth at such speed that one can barely keep up, let alone understand the plans, logic, or details being given. The gangster film *Hard Contract*, in which Coburn appeared as a hit man, made use of these same qualities, but the film turned out a pretentious talkathon, rather than the intellectual thriller it was intended to be.

Coburn is not limited to these basic types. Audiences have accepted him in roles that placed him in operating rooms, gambling casinos, and even a boxing gym. His versatility has allowed him to resist being typecast as an action hero, and Coburn’s career is noteworthy for balancing lead and character parts. The common denominator of his roles is the character’s air of confidence, often coupled with sophistication. This characteristic combination is probably at the root of his success in comic roles which are often parodies of his serious ones. Much like Marvin in *Cat Ballou*, Coburn can reprise the serious types he has successfully portrayed, playing them for laughs. One of his most popular films, the James Bond spoof *In Like Flint*, displays this ability. Derek Flint, ace of spies, deftly conquers every obstacle and villain. His victories are achieved so easily that the battles become humorous. This effortlessness must be accepted by the audience, and it is here that the confidence and sophistication come into play, as Coburn makes saving the world look like a relaxed weekend romp in the tropics.

As the Western began to make another of its short-lived comebacks following the success of Costner’s *Dances with Wolves* and Eastwood’s *Unforgiven*, Coburn returned to the genre in which he had made his name early on—in Donner’s *Maverick*, a bloated homage to the classic television series, appearing along with many other movie and television Western stars of the past in a cameo role. Now one of the old guard in Hollywood who has been around long enough to earn mostly life achievement and other career acknowledgment awards, he broke through in 1999 with a bonafide Academy Award nomination (his first) as Best Supporting Actor in Paul Schrader’s adaptation of the Russell Banks novel *Affliction*. For his searing portrayal of Nick Nolte’s alcoholic, abusive father in that film, Coburn was voted a shoe-in for taking home the prize by Hollywood odds-makers. And they were right. He did.

—Ray Narducy, updated by John McCarty

COLBERT, Claudette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Claudette Lily Chauchoin in Paris, France, 13 September 1903. **Education:** Attended Washington Irving High School, New York, graduated 1923; studied briefly at Art Students League, New York. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Norman



Claudette Colbert with Henry Wilcox in *Cleopatra*

Foster, 1928 (divorced 1935); 2) Dr. Joel J. Pressman, 1935 (died 1968). **Career:** 1912—family moved to New York; 1923—met playwright Anne Morrison, offered bit part in her *The Wild Westcotts*; changed name to Colbert; 1925–26—on Broadway in *A Kiss in a Taxi*; 1927—first film role, for Paramount at Astoria studios; 1929—first talkie, *The Hole in the Wall*; Paramount contract; 1944—terminated Paramount contract; 1952–55—worked in European films and theater; 1956—replaced Margaret Sullavan in Broadway production of *Janus*; occasional stage appearances: with Rex Harrison on Broadway in *The Kingfisher*, 1978, and in London and New York in *Aren't We All?*, 1984–85; 1984—tribute staged by Film Society of Lincoln Center; 1987—in TV mini-series *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *It Happened One Night*, 1934. **Died:** July 29, 1996.

Films as Actress:

- 1927 *For the Love of Mike* (Capra) (as Mary)
 1929 *The Hole in the Wall* (Florey) (as Jean Oliver); *The Lady Lies* (Henley) (as Joyce Roamer)
 1930 *The Big Pond* (Henley) (as Barbara Billings); *La Grande Mare* (Henley—French version of *The Big Pond*); *Young Man of Manhattan* (Bell) (as Ann Vaughn); *Manslaughter* (Abbott) (as Lydia Thorne); *L'Enigmatique Monsieur Parkes* (Gasnier—French version of *Slightly Scarlet*) (as Lucy de Stavrion)
 1931 *Honor among Lovers* (Arzner) (as Julia Traynor); *The Smiling Lieutenant* (Lubitsch) (as Franzi); *Le Lieutenant souriant* (Lubitsch—French version of *The Smiling Lieutenant*); *Secrets of a Secretary* (Abbott) (as Helen Blake); *His Woman* (Sloman) (as Sally Clark)
 1932 *The Wiser Sex* (Viertel) (as Margaret Hughes); *The Misleading Lady* (Walker) (as Helen Steele); *The Man from Yesterday* (Viertel) (as Sylvia Suffolk); *Phantom President* (Taurog) (as Felicia Hammond); *The Sign of the Cross* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Empress Poppaea); *Make Me a Star* (Beaudine) (as guest star)
 1933 *Tonight Is Ours* (Walker) (as Princess Nadja); *I Cover the Waterfront* (Cruze) (as Julie Kirk); *Three-Cornered Moon* (Nugent) (as Elizabeth Rimplegar); *Torch Singer* (Broadway Singer) (Hall and Somnes) (as Sally Trent/Mimi Barton)

- 1934 *Four Frightened People* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Judy Cavendish); *It Happened One Night* (Capra) (as Ellie Andrews); *Cleopatra* (Cecil B. DeMille) (title role); *Imitation of Life* (Stahl) (as Beatrice Pullman)
- 1935 *The Gilded Lily* (Ruggles) (as Lillian David); *Private Worlds* (La Cava) (as Dr. Jane Everest); *She Married Her Boss* (La Cava) (as Julia Scott); *The Bride Comes Home* (Ruggles) (as Jeanette Desmereau)
- 1936 *Under Two Flags* (Lloyd) (as Cigarette)
- 1937 *Maid of Salem* (Lloyd) (as Barbara Clarke); *I Met Him in Paris* (Ruggles) (as Kay Denham); *Tovarich* (Litvak) (as Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna)
- 1938 *Bluebeard's Eighth Wife* (Lubitsch) (as Nicole de Loisel)
- 1939 *Zaza* (Cukor) (title role); *Midnight* (Leisen) (as Eve Peabody/“Baroness Czerny”); *It's a Wonderful World* (Van Dyke) (as Edwina Corday); *Drums along the Mohawk* (Ford) (as Lana “Magdelana” Martin)
- 1940 *Boom Town* (Conway) (as Betsy Bartlett); *Arise My Love* (Leisen) (as Augusta Nash)
- 1941 *Skylark* (Sandrich) (as Lydia Kenyon); *Remember the Day* (Henry King) (as Nora Trinell)
- 1942 *The Palm Beach Story* (Preston Sturges) (as Gerry Jeffers); *Hedda Hopper's Hollywood No. 6*
- 1943 *So Proudly We Hail* (Sandrich) (as Lt. Janet Davidson); *No Time for Love* (Leisen) (as Katherine Grant)
- 1944 *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Anne Hilton); *Practically Yours* (Leisen) (as Peggy Martin)
- 1945 *Guest Wife* (Wood) (as Mary)
- 1946 *Tomorrow Is Forever* (Pichel) (as Elizabeth MacDonald Hamilton); *Without Reservations* (LeRoy) (as Christopher “Kit” Madden); *The Secret Heart* (Leonard) (as Lee Addams)
- 1947 *The Egg and I* (Erskine) (as Betty MacDonald)
- 1948 *Sleep, My Love* (Sirk) (as Alison Courtland); *Family Honeymoon* (Binyon) (as Katie Armstrong Jordan)
- 1949 *Bride for Sale* (William D. Russell) (as Nora Shelly)
- 1950 *Three Came Home* (Negulesco) (as Agnes Keith); *The Secret Fury* (Mel Ferrer) (as Ellen)
- 1951 *Thunder on the Hill* (Bonaventure) (Sirk) (as Sister Mary Bonaventure); *Let's Make It Legal* (Sale) (as Miriam Halsworth)
- 1952 *The Planter's Wife* (*Outpost in Malaya*) (Annakin) (as Liz Frazer)
- 1953 *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Affairs in Versailles*; *Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as Mme. de Montespan)
- 1954 “Elizabeth” ep. of *Destinées* (*Daughters of Destiny*; *Love, Soldiers and Women*; *Lysistrata*) (Pagliero) (as Elizabeth I)
- 1955 *Texas Lady* (Whelan) (as Prudence Webb)
- 1960 *Parrish* (Daves) (as Ellen McLean)
- 1986 *Three Came Home* (Negulesco—for TV)

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Claudette Colbert is the epitome of Hollywood glamour, but not the glamour that comes bolstered by furs and feathers like Dietrich's or by mystery and aloneness like Garbo's. Colbert's glamour is the sort that women attain for themselves by using their intelligence to create a timeless personal style. It is an attainable kind of glamour, but only if one has the natural gifts of brains and beauty associated with Colbert.

Colbert is most often remembered for her expert comic timing, which was displayed in a series of screwball comedies she made throughout the 1930s and 1940s, chief among them her Academy Award-winning performance in Frank Capra's *It Happened One Night*. In that film, Colbert took out a patent on the runaway heiress character, and anyone else who played such a role did so in her shadow. All her comedies present her as a well-dressed modern woman who can handle any situation. *Midnight* opens on a rainy night in which a train pulls into a Paris station, bearing Colbert, asleep, in a third-class coach. She is without funds, without luggage, and without contacts, but she is nevertheless wearing a fabulous silver lamé evening gown. She wakes up, picks the straw out of her hair, and steps confidently out into the lousy weather, her wits sharp and her wardrobe up to whatever social advantage she can promote. This illustrates a typical Colbert comedy character—the woman of resource, humor, style, and, above all else, confidence.

Despite her association with comedy, Colbert played a wide range of roles. Her versatility is seldom commented on, but it is reflected in her other two Oscar nominations: for her role as a psychiatrist in *Private Worlds*, and as a wartime wife in *Since You Went Away*. She

appeared in mysteries, costume dramas, melodramas, musicals, and epics. She portrayed everyone from Cleopatra to a modern egg farmer, a villainess to a maid of Salem, an authoress to a nun. Whatever the role, her grace and timing always prevented her from seeming to be humiliated or defeated. Thus, she could endure a prison camp, as in *Three Came Home*, go out of control on a bobsled in *I Met Him in Paris*, or fall about in a ship's galley while trying to fry a fish in *Skylark*, without ever seeming to lose her ladylike grace. This quality, coupled with her delicate features, might have doomed her to stuffy roles had she not also projected a genuine warmth, enhanced by an unforgettable laugh, a delicious speaking voice, and a sparkling quality that humanized her.

At first Colbert planned to become a fashion designer, but a growing interest in dramatics led her to Broadway. She became respected and popular primarily as a result of her 1927 performance as a carnival snake charmer in *The Barker*, a success which led inevitably to a film career. Her first big hit was as the seductress, Empress Poppaea, in Cecil B. DeMille's *The Sign of the Cross*, and she might have become typed as a villainess had she not been assigned to *It Happened One Night*.

Colbert became known in Hollywood for her shrewd business sense, and the successful direction of her career is said to be largely due to her own good instincts. She left the comforts of a Paramount contract after appearing in *Practically Yours* in 1944, and spent the rest of her Hollywood years as a freelance artist. Her one big career disappointment was due to an illness which forced her to step out of the leading role in *All about Eve*, which then went to Bette Davis. Otherwise Colbert maintained a steady pace until she chose to retire after playing a mother in *Parrish*. Although that remains her last feature film, she found continuing popularity and acceptance in the theater, having returned to leading roles in New York and London. After a 25-year hiatus from movies, she gave a heralded performance in the television mini-series *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*, playing the matriarch of a socially prominent family.

Claudette Colbert is the sort of actress whose best qualities were those that the passage of time could not date or diminish: a sense of wit, a core of strength, and, above all, a strong projection of intelligence. Had she been only a clotheshorse, or a model of whatever glamorous style was currently in fashion, she would not have lasted. Yet her good looks, slim figure, and timeless chic endured over seven decades of work in film and theater. She herself said it best, "I don't need that awful artificial glamour that Hollywood devises for people who don't have any personalities." Colbert's ability to create her own brand of glamour helped her outlast many of her less self-sufficient contemporaries.

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

COLMAN, Ronald

Nationality: British. **Born:** Richmond, Surrey, 9 February 1891. **Education:** Attended London University. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Thelma Victoria Maud, 1918 (divorced 1935); 2) the actress Benita Hume, 1938, daughter: Julia Benita Colman. **Military Service:** Served with London Scottish during World War I; wounded at Messines and decorated with Mons medal, invalidated out of service. **Career:** 1908—office boy with British Steamship Company while performing with Bancroft Amateur Dramatic Society; 1916–20—on

London stage; 1919—feature film debut in *The Toilers*; 1920—emigrated to America and appeared in various stage roles, including small part with George Arliss in *The Green Goddess*; 1923—chosen by Lillian Gish as leading man in film *The White Sister*; 1924—invited to Hollywood by Samuel Goldwyn; early 1930s—star status acknowledged when Goldwyn allows him luxury of making only one film per year; 1933—sued Goldwyn for false publicity concerning rumors of his drinking on set of *The Masquerader*; 1940s—began working on radio, including regular guest spots with wife Benita Hume on Jack Benny's program; 1950–52—starred with Benita Hume in radio series *The Halls of Ivy*, and in TV series, 1954–55. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *A Double Life*, 1947. **Died:** In Santa Barbara, California, 19 May 1958.

Films as Actor:

- 1917 *The Live Wire* (Dewhurst—short, never released)
- 1919 *The Toilers* (Watts) (as Bob); *A Daughter of Eve* (Walter West); *Sheba* (Hepworth); *Snow in the Desert* (Walter West) (as Rupert Sylvester)
- 1920 *A Son of David* (Plumb) (as Maurice Phillips); *Anna the Adventuress* (Hepworth) (as Walter Brendan); *The Black Spider* (Humphrey) (as Vicomte de Beauvais)
- 1921 *Handcuffs or Kisses?* (Archainbaud) (as Lodyard)
- 1923 *The White Sister* (Henry King) (as Capt. Giovanni Severi); *The Eternal City* (Fitzmaurice)
- 1924 *\$20 a Week* (Weight) (as Chester Reeves); *Tarnish* (Fitzmaurice) (as Emmet Carr); *Romola* (Henry King) (as Carlo Bucellini)
- 1925 *Her Night of Romance* (Franklin) (as Paul Menford); *A Thief in Paradise* (Fitzmaurice) (as Maurice Blake); *The Sporting Venus* (Neilan) (as Donald MacAllan); *His Supreme Moment* (Fitzmaurice) (as John Douglas); *Her Sister from Paris* (Franklin) (as Joseph Weyringer); *The Dark Angel* (Fitzmaurice) (as Capt. Alan Trent); *Stella Dallas* (Henry King) (as Stephen Dallas); *Lady Windermere's Fan* (Lubitsch) (as Lord Darlington)
- 1926 *Kiki* (Clarence Brown) (as Victor Renal); *Beau Geste* (Brenon) (as Michael "Beau" Geste); *The Winning of Barbara Worth* (Henry King) (as Willard Holmes)
- 1927 *The Night of Love* (Fitzmaurice) (as Montero); *The Magic Flame* (Henry King) (as Tito the Clown/Cassati the Count)
- 1928 *Two Lovers* (Niblo) (as Mark Van Rycke)
- 1929 *The Rescue* (Brenon) (as Tom Lingard); *Bulldog Drummond* (F. Richard Jones) (title role); *Condemned!* (Ruggles) (as Michel Auban)
- 1930 *Raffles* (Fitzmaurice and d'Arrast) (as A. J. Raffles); *The Devil to Pay* (Fitzmaurice) (as Willie Hale)
- 1931 *The Unholy Garden* (Fitzmaurice) (as Barrington Hunt); *Arrowsmith* (John Ford) (as Dr. Martin Arrowsmith)
- 1932 *Cynara (I Was Faithless)* (King Vidor) (as Jim Warlock)
- 1933 *The Masquerader* (Wallace) (as Sir John Chilcote/John Loder)
- 1934 *Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back* (Del Ruth) (as Hugh Drummond)



Ronald Colman with Lilyan Tashman in *Bulldog Drummond*

- 1935 *Clive of India* (Boleslawski) (as Robert Clive); *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* (Roberts) (as Paul Gallard); *A Tale of Two Cities* (Conway) (as Sydney Carton)
- 1936 *Under Two Flags* (Lloyd) (as Sgt. Victor)
- 1937 *Lost Horizon* (Capra) (as Robert Conway); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Cromwell) (as Rudolf Rassendyll/King Rudolph V)
- 1938 *If I Were King* (Lloyd) (as François Villon)
- 1939 *The Light that Failed* (Wellman) (as Dick Helder)
- 1940 *Lucky Partners* (Milestone) (as David Grant/Paul Knight Somerset)
- 1941 *My Life with Caroline* (Milestone) (as Anthony Mason)
- 1942 *The Talk of the Town* (Stevens) (as Michael Lightcap); *Random Harvest* (LeRoy) (as Charles Rainier/John "Smithy" Smith)
- 1944 *Kismet* (*Oriental Dream*) (Dieterle) (as Hafiz)
- 1947 *The Late George Apley* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (title role); *A Double Life* (Cukor) (as Anthony John)
- 1950 *Champagne for Caesar* (Whorf) (as Beauregard Bottomley); *Shakespeare's Theater: The Globe Playhouse* (W. and M. Jordan) (as narrator)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as railway official)
- 1957 *The Story of Mankind* (Irwin Allen) (as Spirit of Man)

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Suave, debonair, a gentleman hero with dashing good looks, Ronald Colman is the quintessential Hollywood-Englishman. One of the few stars of the silent era to maintain and even increase their popularity after the transition to sound, Colman was a leading man for more than 20 years, for in addition to his handsome grace, Colman possessed a beautifully cultured and modulated voice. Colman is known for roles where he is above all polite and well-mannered, but the source of his success may lie beyond his ability to portray characters who are refined but sentimental, mysterious but thoughtful. As Sheridan Morley points out, Colman's sense of humor made him stand out from other good-looking Englishmen. Moreover, Colman was a consummate craftsman; director George Cukor explains that Colman knew more about acting for the camera than any actor he had worked with.

Colman began with small parts in the theater. His (silent) film career received its greatest impetus in the two films he made with Lillian Gish, *The White Sister* and *Romola*. Handsome, graceful, exuding good nature, he complemented Gish, and demonstrated the magnetism that captured the public in subsequent starring vehicles such as *The Dark Angel* and *Beau Geste*. Reviewers of the time noted that Colman was stepping into the shoes of Rudolph Valentino and John Gilbert.

Colman's first sound film, *Bulldog Drummond*, for which he received an Academy Award nomination, might be a surprise to viewers who know the actor primarily for his later films, because he races through this rather madcap detective story with a verve and athleticism that recall Douglas Fairbanks, and his dialogue delivery matches the humor and panache of his physical presence. That same vibrant intensity informs his portrayal of Robert Clive's rise from office boy to British officer in *Clive of India*.

By the mid-1930s, Colman's performances in such films as *Clive of India*, *Arrowsmith*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Lost Horizon*, *The Prisoner of Zenda* had made him one of the most popular male stars in Hollywood. Sought after for "important" pictures, Colman played the selfless hero and the noble Englishman in film after film. In *A Tale of Two Cities*, Colman comforts Elizabeth Allan on the way to the guillotine, richly atoning, "It is a far, far better thing I do"; in *Lost Horizon* he incarnates the idealism of author James Hilton and director Frank Capra.

There was no diminution of Colman's romantic appeal in the 1940s. Exemplary of MGM's Anglophilia, *Random Harvest* proved to be one of the most popular films of the war years, and it united Colman with a particularly congenial co-star, Greer Garson. Colman's star image, in part that of the Englishman who is reserved to the point of shyness, contributes to the film, as do his intelligent choices in representing Smithy/Rainier—Colman conveys the profound impact of finally, suddenly recognizing Paula's voice as the voice of his long-lost love in one simple move: with his back to us, he simply raises his head.

A Double Life, the film for which Colman received an Academy Award, is an intriguing commentary on acting, and, in particular, the performances of a star such as Colman, a "movie" actor par excellence, who in this film plays a "legitimate" actor who becomes

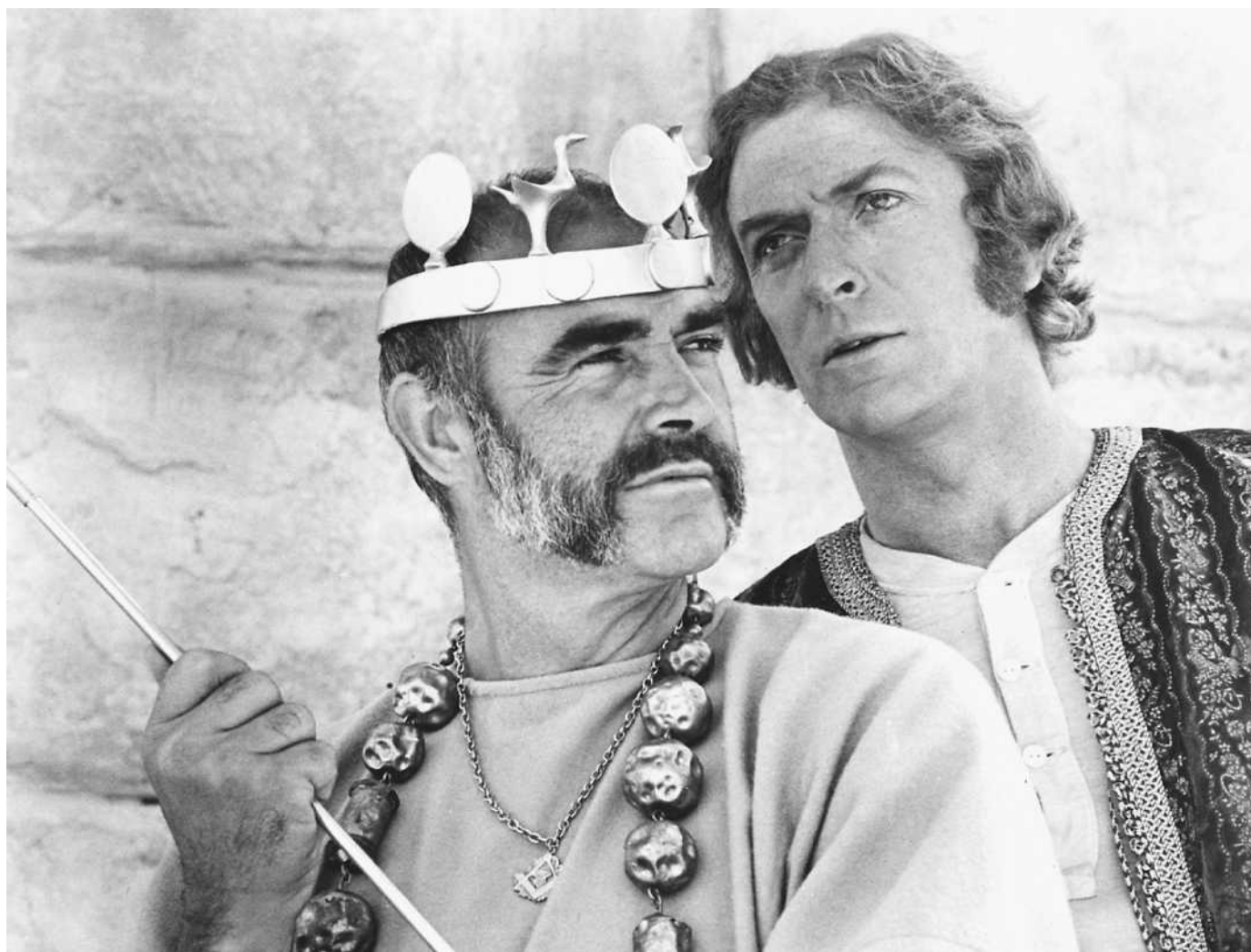
so immersed in the role of Othello that he is pushed to murder. Here, Colman, the dashing romantic lead, is measured against one of the great tragic roles in the Western tradition. Our sense of Colman having a go at Shakespeare is fully tested twice in the film: on opening night, when his style is conventionally theatrical, and near the end, when he replays the same scene, prey to guilt and madness, in rhythms and tones that are decidedly cinematic. The film suggests that Colman, and others like him, depend on their charm, wit, grace, but that they labor, sometimes even to their own detriment to be "good actors." The film not only plays on Colman's star image, it also provides an occasion for us to see the actor at the height of his craft, for Colman's meticulous preparation and execution is apparent even in small scenes. Early in the film, as the character recalls how he had already come a long way with his ambition, Colman caricatures the juvenile in tennis shorts "he" used to be, then performs a remembered scene with "his father," then comes back to "himself" as he remembers having to teach himself how to talk, how to move, how to think. Like so many scenes in Colman's career, it is a passage of seamless virtuosity.

In the 1950s, Colman turned in a marvelously funny portrayal of a television quiz show sensation in *Champagne for Caesar*, co-starred in a radio series, "Halls of Ivy," the Best New Radio Show for 1950, and moved to television with the series which was named Best New Television Show for 1954.

—Charles Affron, updated by Cynthia Baron

CONNERY, Sean

Nationality: British. **Born:** Thomas Connery in Edinburgh, Scotland, 25 August 1930. **Education:** Attended Edinburgh School of Art. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Diane Cilento, 1962 (divorced 1973), children: Jason and Giovana; 2) Micheline Roquebrun, 1975, stepson: Stefan. **Career:** 1945—in Royal Navy but discharged because of ulcers; late 1940s-early 1950s—bodybuilder and model; 1951–53—toured in chorus of *South Pacific*; mid-1950s—gained acting experience in repertory theater; 1955—first film, *Lilacs in the Spring*; contract with 20th Century-Fox the following year; 1957–62—in small and featured roles in non-Fox productions; 1962—first appearance as James Bond; 1969—directed unreleased documentary film *The Bowler and the Bonnet*; 1972—formed production company Tantallon Productions. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award for World Film Favorite-Male, 1972; ShoWest Worldwide Star of the Year, 1982; D. W. Griffith Award and Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, National Board of Review Best Supporting Actor Award, and Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, for *The Untouchables*, 1987; British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Actor, for *The Name of the Rose*, 1988; Légion d'honneur (France); National Board of Review Career Achievement Award, 1993; Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, 1995; Academy Fellowship, British Academy Awards, 1998; European Film Awards Audience Award for Best Actor, for *Entrapment*, 1999; ShoWest Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.



Sean Connery (left) with Michael Caine in *The Man Who Would Be King*

Films as Actor:

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| 1955 | <i>Lilacs in the Spring (Let's Make Up)</i> (Wilcox) (bit part) | 1966 | <i>A Fine Madness</i> (Kershner) (as Samson Shillitoe) |
| 1956 | <i>No Road Back</i> (Tully) (as Spike) | 1967 | <i>You Only Live Twice</i> (Lewis Gilbert) (as James Bond) |
| 1957 | <i>Hell Drivers</i> (Endfield) (as Johnny); <i>Time Lock</i> (Thomas) (as welder); <i>Action of the Tiger</i> (Terence Young) (as Mike) | 1968 | <i>Shalako</i> (Dmytryk) (title role) |
| 1958 | <i>Another Time, Another Place</i> (Lewis Allen) (as Mark Trevor); <i>A Night to Remember</i> (Baker) | 1969 | <i>The Molly McGuires</i> (Ritt) (as Jack Kehoe); <i>La tenda rossa (The Red Tent)</i> (Kalatozov) (as Amundsen) |
| 1959 | <i>Darby O'Gill and the Little People</i> (Stevenson) (as Michael McBride); <i>Tarzan's Greatest Adventure</i> (Guillermin) (as O'Bannion) | 1971 | <i>The Anderson Tapes</i> (Lumet) (as Duke Anderson); <i>Diamonds Are Forever</i> (Hamilton) (as James Bond) |
| 1961 | <i>The Frightened City</i> (Lemont) (as Paddy Damion); <i>On the Fiddle (Operation Snafu)</i> (Frankel) (as Pedlar Pascoe) | 1972 | <i>The Offence</i> (Lumet) (as Johnson) |
| 1962 | <i>The Longest Day</i> (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Zanuck) (as Pvt. Flanagan); <i>Dr. No</i> (Terence Young) (as James Bond) | 1973 | <i>Zardoz</i> (Boorman) (as Zed) |
| 1963 | <i>From Russia with Love</i> (Terence Young) (as James Bond) | 1974 | <i>The Terrorists (Ransom)</i> (Wrede) (as Nils Tahlvik); <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> (Lumet) (as Col. Arbuthnott) |
| 1964 | <i>Woman of Straw</i> (Dearden) (as Anthony Richmond); <i>Marnie</i> (Hitchcock) (as Mark Rutland); <i>Goldfinger</i> (Hamilton) (as James Bond) | 1975 | <i>The Wind and the Lion</i> (Milius) (as Mulay El Raisuli); <i>The Man Who Would Be King</i> (Huston) (as Daniel Dravot) |
| 1965 | <i>The Hill</i> (Lumet) (as Joe Roberts); <i>Thunderball</i> (Terence Young) (as James Bond) | 1976 | <i>Robin and Marian</i> (Lester) (as Robin Hood); <i>The Next Man</i> (Serafian) (as Khalif Abdul-Muhsen) |
| | | 1977 | <i>A Bridge Too Far</i> (Attenborough) (as Maj. Gen. Urquhart) |
| | | 1978 | <i>The Great Train Robbery (The First Great Train Robbery)</i> (Michael Crichton) (as Edward Pierce) |
| | | 1979 | <i>Meteor</i> (Neame) (as Bradley); <i>Cuba</i> (Lester) (as Robert Dapes) |
| | | 1981 | <i>Time Bandits</i> (Gilliam) (as King Agamemnon); <i>Outland</i> (Hyams) (as O'Neil) |

- 1982 *Wrong Is Right (The Man with the Deadly Lens)* (Richard Brooks) (as Patrick Hale); *Five Days One Summer* (Zinnemann—re-edited version released 1988) (as Douglas)
- 1983 *Never Say Never Again* (Kershner) (as James Bond); *Sword of the Valiant* (Weeks) (as the Green Knight)
- 1986 *Highlander* (Mulcahy) (as Ramirez); *The Name of the Rose* (*Rosa dei nomi*) (Annaud) (as William of Baskerville)
- 1987 *The Untouchables* (De Palma) (as James Malone)
- 1988 *The Presidio* (Hyams) (as Lt. Col. Alan Caldwell); *Memories of Me* (Henry Winkler) (as himself)
- 1989 *Family Business* (Lumet) (as Jessie McMullen); *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (Spielberg) (as Professor Henry Jones)
- 1990 *The Russia House* (Schepisi) (as Barley Blair); *The Hunt for Red October* (McTiernan) (as Marko Ramius)
- 1991 *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (Kevin Reynolds) (as King Richard); *Highlander II* (Mulcahy) (as Ramirez)
- 1992 *Medicine Man* (McTiernan) (as Dr. Robert Campbell, + exec pr)
- 1993 *Rising Sun* (Kaufman) (as John Connor, + exec pr)
- 1994 *A Good Man in Africa* (Beresford) (as Dr. Alex Murray)
- 1995 *Just Cause* (Glimcher) (as Paul Armstrong, + exec pr); *First Knight* (Zucker) (as King Arthur)
- 1996 *Dragonheart* (Cohen) (as voice of Draco); *The Rock* (Bay) (as John Patrick Mason, + exec pr)
- 1998 *The Avengers* (Chechik) (as Sir August de Wynter); *Playing by Heart* (Carroll) (as Paul)
- 1999 *Entrapment* (Amiel) (as Robert “Mac” MacDougal, + pr); *The James Bond Story* (doc) (Hunt—for TV) (as himself)
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“There’s nothing special about being an actor,” Sean Connery once remarked. “It’s a job, like being a carpenter or a bricklayer, and I’ve never stopped being amazed at the mystique people attach to my business.” There is about all his roles—even kings, even desert chieftains, even the suave and supercilious James Bond—an attractively down-to-earth roughness, his Scots burr and robust physique anchoring the wilder flights of fantasy. In the early years of his stardom, he was often dismissed as a clumsy, limited player who had struck lucky. As evidence to the contrary built up, the critical consensus veered round: he came to be seen as a fine actor whose career had become shadowed by the unworthy role of Bond. But this, too, may be something of an oversimplification.

That Bond made Connery’s career is undeniable. He was 32 when he was chosen for *Dr. No*, with an undistinguished batch of supporting parts to his credit. Had he not landed the role, it’s hard to imagine him attaining super-stardom so fast, or perhaps at all; more likely,

he'd have turned increasingly to television, which had always used him better. And for all the limitations of the Bond character, it allowed Connery to develop and explore his own potential, refining techniques that he would put to more varied use elsewhere.

At the same time, Connery made Bond. Probably no other British actor—with the exception of James Mason, also at one point considered for the role—could have matched the cool, insolent sexuality that Connery brought to his portrayal. And without his intensely physical presence fleshing out Fleming's "cardboard boob" (the author's own description) the cycle could scarcely have taken off as it did. Connery's Bond moved with a tensile grace, a feral virility touched with a disturbing edge of danger. Yet the suggestion of cruelty was set off—and made all the more attractive—by a glint of sardonic complicity, inviting the audience in on the joke. The balance was finely gauged. A straighter performance would have made the comic-strip violence distasteful; a more flippant one would have defused the menace.

The films themselves may be little more than glossy escapist trash, and Connery has grown weary of being tagged with the role that made him famous. Still, his achievement shouldn't be underestimated: he created a lasting cinematic icon, and effectively spoiled the part for his successors, who all appear lumbering or lightweight by comparison. Even as a jowly 53-year-old returning for what must surely (despite the title) be his last outing in the role in *Never Say Never Again*, he exuded an unmistakable authority; this, beyond the least doubt, was the real James Bond.

Connery's initial attempts to assert a wider range seemed inhibited by the 007 persona, either playing variations on it—Hitchcock's predatory sadist in *Marnie*—or self-consciously striving to look as unlike as possible: the sweaty imprisoned NCO of *The Hill*, or the boozy, disreputable poet in *A Fine Madness*. Only with the Bond cycle (barring his late comeback) safely behind him, did a distinct cinematic identity, inherent rather than willed, start to emerge. And in many ways it was the antithesis of everything Bond had stood for.

Where Bond was firmly on the winning side, smoothly amoral, arrogant, and assured, the emergent Connery appeared a noble, shaggy anachronism, upholding lost-cause moralities in a cynical world. Dreams of outmoded heroism, splendid and futile, alike entice his Arab chieftain in *The Wind and the Lion*, the backwoods empire-builder of *The Man Who Would Be King*, the space marshal of *Outland*, and the ageing Robin Hood of *Robin and Marian*. Skillfully varying the tone from the tongue-in-cheek whirlwind rhetoric of Milius's Raisuli to the poignantly elegiac Robin, a man struggling to inhabit his own legend, Connery invests such roles with a "strong innocence" (Richard Lester's phrase), a relaxed grandeur which always retains its edge of incipient violence.

And while Bond might be a loose cannon, his shots were always fired for the benefit of the (British) establishment. Post-Bond Connery was an instinctive rebel, reaching back to his own staunchly working-class background. The defiant NCO of *The Hill* paved the way for Connery's grim activist miner in *The Molly Maguires*, and for the disruptive sexuality of Zed the Exterminator in John Boorman's sci-fi parable *Zardoz*, invading the enclave of the flaccid elite like sperm into an ovum.

Growing age and eminence have inevitably blunted the edge of rebellion. Increasingly Connery has found himself playing authority figures, often monarchs: Agamemnon in Terry Gilliam's quirky *Time Bandits*, King Arthur (touchingly tender in his October-and-April romance with Julia Ormond) in *First Knight*, stealing the whole film with an unbilled cameo as Coeur-de-Lion at the end of Kevin

Costner's *Robin Hood*. The authority is instinctive, never pompous: in *The Hunt for Red October* his Russian submarine captain exudes the same effortless confidence as his veteran cop in *The Untouchables*, the astute William of Baskerville in *The Name of the Rose*, and the 2,000-year-old warrior in the mystical tosh of *Highlander*. The teasing, knowing grin is rarely far from the surface, nor is the sexual magnetism. Connery has never troubled to maintain the illusion of youth; he's aged gracefully and handsomely, still capable of playing sexy with wit and style, every bit a match (as Indy's dad) for Harrison Ford in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. By this stage in his career, Connery can do what he likes. He can play the voice of an animatronic dragon (*Dragonheart*), give a lazy performance in a mediocre film, such as Lumet's *Family Business*, or a downright bad performance in a terrible film (*The Avengers*). None of it matters, or can dent his status even fractionally. Sean Connery, in short, has gone beyond mere stardom to become an icon.

—Philip Kemp

CONSTANTINE, Eddie

Nationality: American/French. **Born:** Los Angeles, 29 October 1917; became French citizen. **Education:** Vienna Conservatory. **Family:** Married 1) the ballet dancer Helene Mussel; 2) Maja Faber-Janssen, children: Tania, Barbara, Lemmy, and Mia Bella Marie. **Career:** 1936—taken to Vienna by singing teacher Igor Gorin; while studying at Vienna Conservatory earned tuition by singing in cafes; 1938—worked in New York City and Newark at odd jobs; singing debut in Bayonne, New Jersey, theater in trio; trio joined by two others to form "The 5 Musketeers," performed in burlesque theaters and with swing bands; 1939—single dates in nightclubs; 1940—worked in Los Angeles singing and as movie extra; early 1940s—worked in radio in New York; 1949—first big success in Rio de Janeiro, nightclub dates and recordings in Paris after moving to France with first wife; 1952—signed to do gangster film by producer Victor Stoloff, *Egypt by Three*; 1953—cast by director Bernard Borderie in breakthrough role as Detective Lemmy Caution in first of series of low-budget films; 1956—formed Belmont Productions; 1967—formed Panda Films with Robert Kronenberg and James Henaghan; 1970s—revived career with roles in films by new generation of German filmmakers, such as Fassbinder's *Beware of a Holy Whore*; 1978—moved to Weisbaden, West Germany, to live with third wife; 1986—in TV series *Roncalli*; 1990s—subject of a film retrospective in Germany shortly before his death. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Weisbaden, Germany, 25 February 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1953 *Egypt by Three* (Stoloff) (as Nick); *La Môme vert-de-gris* (*Poison Ivy*) (Borderie) (as Lemmy Caution); *Cet homme est dangereux* (*This Man Is Dangerous*) (Sacha) (as Lemmy Caution)
- 1954 *Les Femmes s'en balancent* (Borderie) (as Lemmy Caution); *Votre Devoue, Blake* (Laviron) (as Captain Blake)
- 1955 *Ça va barder!* (Berry); *Avanzi di galera* (Cottafavi); *Je suis un sentimental* (*Headlines of Destruction*) (Berry)

- 1956 *Vous piguez?* (Chevalier) (as Lemmy Caution); *Les Truands* (Rim); "Paris after Dark" ep. of *Around the World with Orson Welles* (as himself); *L'Homme et l'enfant* (Andre)
- 1957 *Folies-Bergère* (Decoin) (as Bob Hardie); *Le Grand Bluff* (Dally)
- 1958 *Ces dames preferent le Mambo* (Dishonorable Discharge) (Borderie); *Incognito* (Dally); *Hoppla, jetzt kommt Eddie!* (Klinger) (as Eddie Petersen)
- 1959 *Passport to Shame* (*Room 43; The Girl in Room 43*) (Rakoff) (as Johnny); *Du Rififi chez les femmes* (Riff Raff Girls) (Joffé) (as Williams); *S.O.S. Pacific* (Guy Green) (as Mark); *The Treasure of San Teresa* (*Hot Money Girl; Rhapsodie in Blei*) (Rakoff) (as Larry Brennan)
- 1960 *Bomben auf Monte Carlo* (Jacoby); *Comment qu'elle est!* (Borderie) (as Lemmy Caution); *Le Chien de pique* (Yves Allégret)
- 1961 *Ca va etre ta fête* (*Tout feu, tout flamme; It's Your Birthday*) (Montazel); *Me faire ca à moi!* (Grimblat); *En pleine bagarre* (*Haut les mains!; Destination Fury*) (Bianchi); *Cause toujours, mon lapin* (LeFranc)
- 1962 "La Paresse" ("Laziness") ep. of *Les Sept Péchés capitaux* (*The Seven Capital Sins*) (Godard) (as himself); *Lemmy pour les dames* (Borderie) (as Lemmy Caution); *Cléo de cinq à sept* (*Cleo from 5 to 7*) (Varda); *Une Grosse Tête* (*La Guerre des karts*) (de Givray); *Bonne Chance, Charlie* (*De la poudre et des balles*) (Richard); *L'Empire de la nuit* (*The Empire of Night*) (Grimblat) (as Eddie); *Nous irons à Deauville* (Rigaud) (bit role)
- 1963 *Les Femmes d'abord* (Andre) (as Bobby Caro); *Comme s'il en pleuvait* (*If It Were Raining*) (Monter); *A toi de faire, Mignonne* (*Your Turn, Darling*) (Borderie) (as Lemmy Caution)
- 1964 *Des frissons partout* (Andre) (as Jeff Gordon); *Nick Carter va tout casser* (*Nick Carter casse tout; License to Kill*) (Decoin) (as Nick Carter); *Laissez tirer les tireurs* (LeFranc) (as Jeff Gordon); *Lucky Jo* (Deville) (title role)
- 1965 *Ces Dames s'en melent* (Andre) (as Jeff Gordon); *Alphaville* (*Une étrange aventure de Lemmy Caution; Alphaville: A Strange Adventure of Lemmy Caution; Tarzan versus I.B.M.*) (Godard) (as Lemmy Caution); *Feu à volonte* (*Faites vos jeux, mesdames*) (Marcel Ophüls) (as Mike Warner); *Je vous salue, Mafia* (*Hail, Mafia*) (Lévy) (as Rudy); *Nick Carter et le trefle rouge* (Savignac) (as Nick Carter); *Cartes sur table* (*Attack of the Robots*) (Franco) (as Al Pereira)
- 1967 *Residencia para espías* (*Dan chez les gentlemen*) (Franco) (as Dan Layton)
- 1968 *Le Consortium* (*Spara per primo vivrai di più; A tout casser*) (Berry)
- 1969 *Lion's Love* (Varda)
- 1970 *Malatesta* (Lilienthal); *Eine Rose für Jane* (Geissendörfer—for TV)
- 1971 *Warnung vor einer heiligen Nutte* (*Beware of a Holy Whore*) (Fassbinder)
- 1973 *Welt am Draht* (Fassbinder—for TV) (as man in Rolls Royce)
- 1975 *Der Zweite Frühling* (Lommel) (as Frank Cabot); *Souvenir de Gibraltar*
- 1977 *Le Couple témoin* (Klein); *Raid on Entebbe* (Kershner—for TV) (as Capt. Michel Bacos)
- 1978 *It Lives Again* (*It's Alive II*) (Cohen) (as Dr. Forrest)
- 1979 *Die dritte Generation* (*The Third Generation*) (Fassbinder) (as Lenz); *Bestellt—Geklaut—Geliefert* (*Car-napping*) (Wicker) (as Lauroux, police officer)
- 1980 *The Long Good Friday* (Mackenzie) (as Charlie); *Exit . . . nur Keine Panik* (Novotny); *Panische Zeiten* (Fratzscher and Lindenberg)
- 1982 *Rote Liebe* (Von Prauheim); *Boxoffice* (Josef Bogdanovich) (as Hugh Barren)
- 1983 *Der Schnüffler* (Runze); *La Bête noire* (Chaput)
- 1984 *Fluchtpunkt Berlin* (*Flight to Berlin*) (Petit); *J'ai bien l'honneur* (Ruffio); *Dorian Grey im Spiegel del Boulevardpresse* (Ottinger)
- 1985 *Tiger—Frühling in Wien* (Partzak); *Paul Chevrolet en de ultieme hallucinatie* (*Paul Chevrolet and the Ultimate Hallucination*) (de la Parra) (as Boy Pappa, a gangster)
- 1986 *Elanprostek nr. 4* (*Macaroni Blues*) (Csepcsanyi) (as a boot-legger); *Frankenstein's Aunt*
- 1987 *Nouvelle brigades du tigre* (Vieds); *Helsinki Napoli: All Night Long* (Mika Kaurismäki) (as old gangster)
- 1988 *Pehavy Max a Strasilda* (Jakubisko)
- 1989 *Europa Abends* (Schroder)
- 1991 *Allemagne annee 90 neuf zero* (*Germany Year 90 Nine Zero*) (Godard) (as Lemmy Caution)
- 1992 *Zentropa* (*Europa*) (von Trier) (as Col. Harris)
- 1993 *Three Shake-a-Leg Steps to Heaven* (Bausch)

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Eddie Constantine's film roles are primarily in one of two categories: two-dimensional, hard-boiled American detectives in fast-paced French action thrillers or variations on these sleuths in politically and aesthetically provocative films by French new wave and new German filmmakers. There are exceptions—such as his down-and-out American loser in *Lucky Jo*—but the exceptions prove the rule.

Constantine was born in Los Angeles. As a young man he studied opera in Vienna, but on his return to America he achieved nothing more exalted than the chorus at the Radio City Music Hall in New York. He went back to Europe in 1947, settled in Paris, began singing in nightclubs there, became a protégé of Edith Piaf, and before long had become a popular French recording star. The French director Bernard Borderie gave him his first real opportunity in films in 1953, not as a musical performer but as Lemmy Caution, the hero of *La Môme vert-de-gris*, derived from Peter Cheyney's mystery novels. Constantine went on to play Lemmy—sometimes as a private eye, sometimes as an instrument of the FBI—in several other films by Borderie (the importance of the role to the actor is evidenced by the naming of Constantine's son Lemmy). The popularity of his screen persona determined the roles he played in films by other directors such as Yves Allégret, Henri Decoin, and Marcel Ophüls.

In the late 1960s various of the more "cerebral" directors began to use the Constantine persona, well known to European audiences, to make their avant-garde political films more accessible. This easily recognized actor played an actor in several self-reflexive films, such as Agnes Varda's *Cleo from 5 to 7*, Godard's "Laziness" episode of *The Seven Capital Sins*, and Fassbinder's *Beware of a Holy Whore*. These films are far removed from the transparent genre films for which Constantine had become famous.

He once again played Lemmy Caution—or rather a parody of Lemmy—in Godard's *Alphaville*, an aggressive political parody of the science-fiction and detective genres. He portrays the quiet but firm anarchist leader in Peter Lilienthal's conventional but politically charged *Malatesta*. Fassbinder goes further in *The Third Generation*. He uses the Constantine screen persona in this instance as a wealthy industrialist who arranges his own kidnapping by leftist terrorists in order to consolidate his own power. There is method in the transposition: Constantine had moved in his film career from the individualistic private eye or FBI operative to the omnipotent head of a multinational corporation.

In one of Constantine's last films before his death in 1993, however, he was able to bring a more explicit, and perhaps more fitting, culmination to his career through one last reprise of Lemmy Caution in another Godard film, 1991's *Germany Year 90 Nine Zero*. Here, Caution is "the last spy" lost in a post-Cold War Germany bereft of conflict, yes, but also bereft of any meaning beyond that of commerce. With this transition, the easily recognized Constantine

image is effectively shown to be obsolete and irrelevant, climaxing with Constantine/Caution's epigrammatic cry of "The bastards!" at film's end.

—Howard Feinstein, updated by David E. Salamie

COOPER, Gary

Nationality: American. **Born:** Frank James Cooper in Helena, Montana, 7 May 1901. **Education:** Dunstable College, England, until WWI; Wesleyan College, Bozeman, Montana; Grinnell College, Iowa. **Family:** Married Veronica Balfe, 1933, daughter: Maria. **Career:** 1924—worked as political cartoonist for newspapers in Los Angeles; began working as extra and stunt rider in Westerns; 1925—appeared as villain in Marilyn Mills's Western shorts; 1926—first major featured role in *The Winning of Barbara Worth*; contract with Paramount; 1928—first appearance in sound film, *The Shopworn Angel*; 1937—named by *New York Times* as highest paid entertainer; contract with Samuel Goldwyn; 1944—formed own production company, International Pictures; 1947—testified before House Un-American Activities Committee, but named no names; contract with Warners; 1952—critical comeback in *High Noon* after several unsuccessful films; formed production company, Baroda Productions; 1961—narrated "The Real West" episode of *Project 20* for television, his last media appearance. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Sergeant York*, 1941; Best



Gary Cooper in *The Plainsman*

Actor Academy Award for *High Noon*, 1952; Special Academy Award 1961. **Died:** 13 May 1961.

Films as Actor:

(also appeared as extra in about 30 films during 1925–26 including: 1925–26 *Dick Turpin*; *The Thundering Herd*; *Wild Horse Mesa*; *The Lucky Horseshoe*; *The Vanishing American*; *The Eagle*; *The Enchanted Hill*; *Watch Your Wife*)

- 1926 *Tricks* (Mitchell); *Three Pals* (Mitchell); *Lightnin' Wins* (Tiesler); *The Winning of Barbara Worth* (King) (as Abe Lee)
- 1927 *It* (Badger) (as reporter); *Children of Divorce* (Lloyd) (as Ted Larrabee); *Arizona Bound* (Waters) (as the Cowboy); *Wings* (Wellman) (as Cadet White); *Nevada* (Waters) (as Jim Lacy); *The Last Outlaw* (Rossen) (as Sheriff Buddy Hale)
- 1928 *Beau Sabreur* (Waters) (as Major Henri de Beaujolais); *Legion of the Condemned* (Wellman) (as Gale Price); *Doomsday* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Arnold Furze); *Half a Bride* (La Cava) (as Captain Edmunds); *Lilac Time* (Fitzmaurice) (as Captain Philip Blythe); *The First Kiss* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Mulligan Talbot); *The Shopworn Angel* (Wallace) (as William Tyler)
- 1929 *Wolf Song* (Fleming) (as Sam Lash); *Betrayal* (Milestone) (as Andre Frey); *The Virginian* (Fleming) (title role)
- 1930 *Only the Brave* (Tuttle) (as Captain James Braydon); *Paramount on Parade* (Arzner and others) (as himself); *The Texan* (Cromwell) (as Enrique "Quico"); *Seven Days Leave* (Wallace) (as Kenneth Dowey); *The Man from Wyoming* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Jim Baker); *The Spoilers* (Carewe) (as Glenister); *Morocco* (von Sternberg) (as Tom Brown)
- 1931 *Fighting Caravans* (Brower and Burton) (as Clint Belmet); *City Streets* (Mamoulian) (as The Kid); *I Take This Woman* (Gering) (as Tom McNair); *His Woman* (Sloman) (as Captain Sam Whalan)
- 1932 *Make Me a Star* (Beaudine) (as himself); *The Devil and the Deep* (Gering) (as Lieutenant Sempter); *If I Had a Million* (Lubitsch and others) (as Gallagher); *A Farewell to Arms* (Borzone) (as Frederic Henry); *The Slippery Pearls* (short); *Voice of Hollywood* (short) (as himself)
- 1933 *Today We Live* (Hawks) (as Bogard); *One Sunday Afternoon* (Roberts) (as Biff Grimes); *Design for Living* (Lubitsch) (as George Curtis); *Alice in Wonderland* (McLeod) (as The White Knight); *Operator Thirteen* (Boleslawsky) (as Captain Jack Gailliard)
- 1934 *Now and Forever* (Hathaway) (as Jerry Day)
- 1935 *The Lives of a Bengal Lancer* (Hathaway) (as Lieutenant McGregor); *The Wedding Night* (Vidor) (as Tony Barrett); *Peter Ibbetson* (Hathaway) (title role); *Star Night at the Coconut Grove* (short) (as himself)
- 1936 *Desire* (Borzone) (as Tom Bradley); *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* (Capra) (as Longfellow Deeds); *Hollywood Boulevard* (Florey) (as guest at bar); *The General Died at Dawn* (Milestone) (as O'Hara); *The Plainsman* (DeMille) (as Wild Bill Hickok); *La Fiesta De Santa Barbara* (short)
- 1937 *Souls at Sea* (Hathaway) (as "Nuggin" Taylor); *Lest We Forget* (short) (as himself)
- 1938 *The Adventures of Marco Polo* (Mayo) (as Marco Polo); *Bluebeard's Eighth Wife* (Lubitsch) (as Michael Brandon); *The Cowboy and the Lady* (Potter) (as Stretch)
- 1939 *Beau Geste* (Wellman) (title role); *The Real Glory* (Hathaway) (as Dr. Bill Canavan)
- 1940 *The Westerner* (Wyler) (as Cole Hardin); *Northwest Mounted Police* (DeMille) (as Dusty Rivers); *Meet John Doe* (Capra) (as John Doe or Long John Willoughby)
- 1941 *Sergeant York* (Hawks) (title role); *Ball of Fire* (Hawks) (as Prof. Bertram Potts)
- 1942 *The Pride of the Yankees* (Wood) (as Lou Gehrig)
- 1943 *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (Wood) (as Robert Jordan)
- 1944 *Memo for Joe* (Richard Fleischer) (as himself); *The Story of Dr. Wassell* (DeMille) (as Dr. Corydon M. Wassell); *Casanova Brown* (Wood) (title role)
- 1945 *Along Came Jones* (Heisler) (as Melody Jones, + pr); *Saratoga Trunk* (Wood) (as Col. Clint Maroon)
- 1946 *Cloak and Dagger* (Fritz Lang) (as Prof. Alvah Jesper)
- 1947 *Unconquered* (DeMille) (as Captain Christopher Holden); *Variety Girl* (Marshall) (as himself)
- 1948 *Good Sam* (McCarey) (as Sam Clayton); *The Fountainhead* (King Vidor) (as Howard Roark)
- 1949 *It's a Great Feeling* (Butler) (as himself); *Task Force* (Daves) (as Jonathon L. Scott); *Snow Carnival* (short) (as narrator, + pr); *Bright Leaf* (Curtiz) (as Brant Royle); *Dallas* (Heisler) (as Blayde "Reb" Hollister)
- 1951 *You're in the Navy Now* (Hathaway) (as Lt. John Harkness); *Starlift* (Del Ruth) (as guest star); *It's a Big Country* (Thorpe and others) (as Texas); *Distant Drums* (Walsh) (as Capt. Quincy Wyatt)
- 1952 *High Noon* (Zinnemann) (as Will Kane); *Springfield Rifle* (deToth) (as Major Alex Kearney)
- 1953 *Return to Paradise* (Robson) (as Mr. Morgan); *Blowing Wild* (Fregonese) (as Jeff Dawson)
- 1954 *Garden of Evil* (Hathaway) (as Hooker); *Vera Cruz* (Aldrich) (as Benjamin Trane)
- 1955 *The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell* (Preminger) (as Billy Mitchell)
- 1956 *Friendly Persuasion* (Wyler) (as Jess Birdwell)
- 1957 *Love in the Afternoon* (Wilder) (as Frank Flanagan)
- 1958 *Ten North Frederick* (Dunne) (as Joe Chapin); *Man of the West* (Anthony Mann) (as Link Jones)
- 1959 *The Hanging Tree* (Daves) (as Doc Joseph Frail); *Alias Jesse James* (McLeod) (as himself); *The Wreck of the Mary Deare* (Anderson) (as Gideon Patch); *They Came to Cordura* (Rossen) (as Major Thomas Thorn)
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The film career of Gary Cooper seems to fall into six distinct periods:

1926–30: *The Naive Young Hero*. In this four-year period Cooper made 23 films, an average of five a year from *The Winning of Barbara Worth* to *The Spoilers*. More than half of them are Westerns or military pictures, films in which Cooper appeared as the tentative, shy young man, loose and limber of body, sure of the moral position he shared with the world. In this pre-Depression era, Cooper represented the young American who believed in the triumph of simple virtues and his commitment to them. In his own life, Cooper was, in fact, developing more and more confidence, was at the peak of his physical

appearance and health, and was by the conclusion of this period not a tentative, shy man at all.

1930–36: *Cynicism and Disillusion*. In this six-year period Cooper made 19 films, an average of about three a year, from *Morocco* to *Desire*. Only one of these films is a Western. The Western image of affirmation was submerged by the Depression. In these films Cooper emerges as a tense and cautious figure, one who distrusts others or is loath to commit himself to others, though he can be touched.

1936–41: *Altruism and Dedication*. In this four-year period Cooper made 14 films, from *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* to *Sergeant York*. Cooper's character is now that of a determined man, a man who sees hope in the future and is willing to sacrifice himself for the future of mankind. Many of these films are set in the past.

1942–47: *Intellect and Purpose*. In this five-year period Cooper made eight films, from *Ball of Fire* through *Unconquered*. In these films made during and immediately after World War II Cooper is a man out of his natural environment, a man who must deal with the riddles of an unfamiliar world and triumph by his native wit and determination, even when others distrust him. The only exceptions to this pattern are the two films his production company or Cooper himself produced, *Casanova Brown* and *Along Came Jones*, both of which represent an earlier Cooper image, an attempt to create a variation on what he had done before. It seems that the public image of Cooper changed slowly, even though he himself wanted to try broader variations on that image. It was surely a source of unhappiness to him that whenever he strayed from his accepted image in a particular period, the public failed to respond.

1948–56: *The Man Alone*. In this eight-year period Cooper made 16 films, from *The Fountainhead* to *The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell*. It is significant that half of the films he made in this period are Westerns, often harking back to the period of his tentative shyness. Now however, Cooper was a rapidly aging man who stood resolutely against the world. That *The Virginian* should be the culmination of his earlier Western period and *High Noon* the peak of his second Western period is not a coincidence. Cooper as well as others saw the similarity of the two films. The differences between them are equally striking. Will Kane in *High Noon* seeks help from his society; the Virginian wanted to be on his own. Will Kane learns the bitter lesson of having to be alone; the Virginian never has to face this problem. Throughout this period, the Cooper character is faced with defeat and indecision—a character alone by choice, as in *The Fountainhead*, or because his society rejects him, as in *The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell*. It is the time of the Cold War, in which the Cooper character's old values were rejected.

1956–61: *Questioning the Past*. In this five-year period Cooper made eight films, from *Love in the Afternoon* through *The Naked Edge*. This period is ushered in by a transition film, *Friendly Persuasion*, a film in which Cooper's character discarded his guns and rejected the violence that characters in the other periods had accepted with little question. This questioning of the past continues to the end of Cooper's life. It is significant that this is the period in which Cooper had the most control of his parts, was producing his own films, but felt he had let his public down. He was now trying to extend his range as an actor and was willing to do so by questioning his image in the past. His role as the lover in *Love in the Afternoon* is an ironic comment on his past comedy images. In his Westerns of this period, he is a self-sufficient but highly reluctant, somber man. His final films constantly question his past. In *They Came to Cordura* the very essence of filmic courage that Cooper had represented is questioned, and in his final film, *The Naked Edge*, the possibility of Cooper being

a vicious murderer is proposed. It is true that in all these films the Cooper character is ultimately heroic, but the films play with the image, toy with the possibilities of that image. Cooper's work is certainly no less good in this period. What was reacted to by critics and public was what Cooper now represented, the weary questioner of the American mythic past.

It is perhaps appropriate that Cooper's two Academy Awards (for *Sergeant York* and *High Noon*) should be for two separate periods, one in which he was the optimistic hero of the past and the other in which he was the pessimistic retainer of the past. In fact, more than 60 of Cooper's films were set in the past. It may well have been that it was what he represented in American history and culture as well as his performances in these films for which he was honored.

As one critic said, Gary Cooper's face was the map of America. In it, we read our past. We liked it or did not like it, but we could not turn away from the compelling man who represented it.

—Stuart M. Kaminsky

COOPER, Jackie

Nationality: American. **Born:** John Cooper, Jr. in Los Angeles, California, 15 September 1921; nephew of the director Norman Taurog. **Education:** Attended Notre Dame University, Indiana. **Military Service:** U.S. Navy during World War II. **Family:** Married



Jackie Cooper

1) June Horne, son: John; 2) Hildy Parks; 3) Barbara Kraus, children: Russell, Julie, and Christina. **Career:** At age three acted in comedies with Bobby Clark and Lloyd Hamilton; 1929—in eight episodes of the *Our Gang* comedies; 1931—in series of successful films with Wallace Beery, beginning with *The Champ*; mid-1930s—contract with MGM; late-1940s—on Broadway in *Magnolia Alley*; then national tour as Ensign Pulver in *Mister Roberts*; 1954—star of Broadway play *King of Hearts*; 1955–58—in TV series *The People's Choice*, and in *Hennessey*, 1959–62; 1963–72—in charge of television production for Columbia Pictures Television; 1970s—regular appearances on TV series *Columbo* and *Police Story*, and host of *The Dean Martin Comedy World*, 1974, and in series *Mobile One*, 1975; also director of episodes of *M*A*S*H*, *The Rockford Files*, *Kojak*, and *Quincy*. **Awards:** Emmy Awards for direction, for *M*A*S*H* episode, “Carry on Hawkeye,” 1973, and for the pilot of *The White Shadow*, 1978. **Address:** 9621 Royalton Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 8 *Our Gang* comedy shorts; *Fox Movietone Follies of 1929* (Butler); *Sunny Side Up* (David Butler) (as tenement boy); *Boxing Gloves* (Mack and McGowan—short) (as Jackie)
- 1931 *Skippy* (Taurog) (title role); *Donovan's Kid* (*Young Donovan's Kid*) (Niblo) (as Midge Murray); *The Champ* (King Vidor) (as Dink); *Sooky* (Taurog) (as Skippy Skinner)
- 1932 *When a Feller Needs a Friend* (Pollard) (as Eddie Randall); *Divorce in the Family* (Reisner) (as Terry Parker)
- 1933 *Broadway to Hollywood* (*Ring Up the Curtain*) (Mack) (as Ted Hackett Jr. as child); *The Bowery* (Walsh) (as Swipes McGurk)
- 1934 *Lone Cowboy* (Sloane) (as Scooter O'Neal); *Treasure Island* (Fleming) (as Jim Hawkins); *Peck's Bad Boy* (Cline) (as Bill Peck)
- 1935 *Dinky* (Bretherton and Lederman) (title role); *O'Shaughnessy's Boy* (Boleslawski) (as Stubby); *Tough Guy* (Franklin) (as Freddie)
- 1936 *The Devil Is a Sissy* (*The Devil Takes the Count*) (Van Dyke) (as “Buck” Murphy)
- 1937 *Boy of the Streets* (Nigh) (as Chuck)
- 1938 *White Banners* (Goulding) (as Peter Trimble); *Gangster's Boy* (Nigh) (as Larry Kelly); *That Certain Age* (Ludwig) (as Ken); *Newsboys' Home* (Harold Young) (as “Rifle” Edwards)
- 1939 *Scouts to the Rescue* (Taylor and James—serial); *The Spirit of Culver* (*Man's Heritage*) (Taurog) (as Tom Allen); *Streets of New York* (*The Abe Lincoln of Ninth Avenue*) (Nigh) (as Jimmy); *Two Bright Boys* (Santley) (as Roy O'Donnell); *The Big Guy* (Lubin) (as Timmy Hutchins); *What a Life!* (Reed) (as Henry Aldrich)
- 1940 *Gallant Sons* (Seitz) (as Byron “By” Newbold); *The Return of Frank James* (Fritz Lang) (as Clem/Tom Grayson); *Seventeen* (Louis King) (as William Sylvanus Baxter)
- 1941 *Ziegfeld Girl* (Leonard) (as Jerry Regan); *Her First Beau* (Reed) (as Chuck Harris); *Glamour Boy* (*Hearts in Springtime*) (Murphy) (as Tiny Barlow); *Life with Henry* (Reed) (as Henry Aldrich)

- 1942 *Syncopation* (Dieterle) (as Johnnie); *Men of Texas* (*Men of Destiny*) (Enright) (as Robert Houston Scott); *The Navy Comes Through* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Babe)
- 1943 *Where Are Your Children?* (Nigh) (as Danny)
- 1947 *Stork Bites Man* (Endfield) (as Ernie); *Kilroy Was Here* (Karlson) (as John J. Kilroy)
- 1948 *French Leave* (*Kilroy on Deck*) (McDonald) (as Skitch)
- 1961 *Everything's Ducky* (Don Taylor) (as Lt. Parnell)
- 1968 *Shadow on the Land* (Sarafian—for TV)
- 1971 *The Love Machine* (Haley) (as Danton Miller); *Maybe I'll Come Home in the Spring* (*Deadly Desire*) (Sargent—for TV)
- 1972 *The Astronaut* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV)
- 1974 *Chosen Survivors* (Roley) (as Raymond Couzins); *The Day the Earth Moved* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV)
- 1975 *The Invisible Man* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV)
- 1976 *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (Edwards) (as service repairman)
- 1977 *Operation Petticoat* (Astin—for TV)
- 1978 *Superman* (Richard Donner) (as Perry White)
- 1980 *Superman II* (Lester) (as Perry White)
- 1983 *Superman III* (Lester) (as Perry White)
- 1987 *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (Furie) (as Perry White); *Surrender* (Belson) (as Ace Morgan)
- 1990 *Hollywood Chronicles* (doc)

Films as Director:

- 1972 *Stand Up and Be Counted*
- 1978 *Having Babies III* (for TV); *Perfect Gentlemen* (for TV) (+ pr); *Rainbow* (for TV)
- 1979 *Sex and the Single Parent* (for TV)
- 1980 *Marathon* (for TV); *Rodeo Girl* (for TV); *White Mama* (for TV)
- 1981 *Leave 'em Laughing* (for TV)
- 1982 *Rosie: The Rosemary Clooney Story* (for TV)
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Child actors as stars and protagonists in features had become an important part of movie fare by the mid-1930s. Jackie Cooper, a boy who had gained audience approval in the “Our Gang” comedies when this series switched to sound in 1929, became a star in 1931 with the full-length films *Skippy* and *The Champ*, well before such moppet actors as Shirley Temple, Mickey Rooney, and Judy Garland were cast in leading roles.

In *Skippy* Cooper plays an enterprising boy able to manipulate his middle-class parents, who do not always approve of his adventures with boys from the “wrong side of the tracks.” Cooper’s skills were even more evident in *The Champ* in which he portrays the son of a prizefighter on the skids. Although this work lapses into sentimentality, the combined talents of Wallace Beery (“The Champ”) and Cooper helped to make this work an important film of the early 1930s. Because their names were similar, Cooper was sometimes confused with Jackie Coogan. In fact there was another connection: in 1934 Jackie Cooper played the lead in the film *Peck’s Bad Boy*, a role that Coogan had created in a silent version 13 years earlier.

Cooper went on to play Jim Hawkins to Beery’s Long John Silver in the screen adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson’s *Treasure Island*. At the age of 17 he played opposite Deanna Durbin in *That Certain Age*, the kind of film that Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland were handling more successfully in the “Andy Hardy” series. As Cooper grew older, his acting became less fresh and natural.

After establishing himself as an actor and director in television, Cooper returned to the medium that had made him a star when he released his *Stand Up and Be Counted* in 1972, his debut as a film director. Still active today as both an actor and director, Cooper remains best known for the roles he created as a child star in the early 1930s.

—Donald McCaffrey

COSTELLO, Lou

See ABBOTT, Bud, and Lou COSTELLO

COSTNER, Kevin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Compton, near Los Angeles, 18 January 1955. **Education:** Studied business at the University of California, Fullerton; studied acting at the South Coast Actors Co-op. **Family:** Married Cindy Silva, 1978 (divorced 1994), three children: Annie, Lily, and Joe. **Career:** Worked in marketing for six weeks, left



Kevin Costner in *Waterworld*

and became stage manager at Raleigh Movie Studios; made film debut in small nonunion picture, *Stacey's Knights*, 1981; was cast in, but edited out of, Lawrence Kasdan's *The Big Chill*, 1983; set up own production company, TIG, late 1980s; executive producer and narrator of TV series *500 Nations*, 1995. **Awards:** Academy Award for Best Director, Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Motion Pictures, Silver Bear Award, Berlin Film Festival, Golden Globe Award for Best Director, National Board of Review NBR Award for Best Director, and PGA Golden Laurel Award as Motion Picture Producer of the Year, all for *Dances with Wolves*, 1990. **Office:** TIG Productions, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91523.

Films as Actor:

- 1981 *Stacey's Knights* (Winning Steak) (Wilson) (as Will Bonner); *Shadows Run Black* (Heard) (as Jimmy Scott); *Chasing Dreams* (Roche and Conte) (as Ed)
- 1982 *Frances* (Clifford) (as Man in Alley); *Night Shift* (Ron Howard) (as Frat Boy #1)
- 1983 *The Big Chill* (Kasdan) (as Alex; scenes deleted); *Testament* (Littman) (as Phil Pitkin); *Table for Five* (Lieberman) (as Newlywed Husband)
- 1984 *American Flyers* (Badham) (as Marcus Sommers)
- 1985 *Silverado* (Kasdan) (as Jake); *Fandango* (Reynolds) (as Gardner Barnes)
- 1986 *Sizzle Beach U.S.A. (Malibu Hot Summer)* (Brander—produced in 1974) (as John Logan)
- 1987 *The Untouchables* (De Palma) (as Eliot Ness); *No Way Out* (Donaldson) (as Lt. Cmdr. Tom Farrell)
- 1988 *Bull Durham* (Shelton) (as Crash Davis)
- 1989 *Field of Dreams* (Robinson) (as Ray Kinsella); *The Gunrunner* (Castillo—produced in 1983) (as Ted Beaubien)
- 1990 *Revenge* (Scott) (as Cochran, + co-pr)
- 1991 *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (Reynolds) (title ro, + co-pr); *JFK* (Stone) (as Jim Garrison); *Truth or Dare* (Keshishian—doc) (as Himself)
- 1992 *The Bodyguard* (Jackson) (as Frank Farmer, + co-pr); *Beyond 'JFK': A Question of Conspiracy* (Kopple, Schechter—doc) (as Interviewee); *John Barry-Moviola* (Brien—doc) (as Himself)

- 1993 *A Perfect World* (Eastwood) (as Butch Haynes)
 1994 *The War* (Avnet) (as Stephen); *Wyatt Earp* (Kasdan) (title role, + pr)
 1995 *Waterworld* (Reynolds) (as the Mariner, + co-pr)
 1996 *Tin Cup* (Shelton) (as Roy "Tin Cup" McAvoy)
 1999 *Message in a Bottle* (Mandoki) (as Garret Blake); *For Love of the Game* (Raimi) (as Billy Chapel)
 2000 *Play It to the Bone* (Shelton) (cameo appearance); *Thirteen Days* (Donaldson) (as Kenny O'Donnell); *3,000 Miles to Graceland* (Lichtenstein)
 2001 *Beyond Borders* (Stone)

Films as Director:

- 1990 *Dances with Wolves* (+ pr, ro)
 1997 *The Postman* (+ ro)

Films as Producer:

- 1993 *Rapa Nui* (Reynolds)
 1996 *Head Above Water* (Wilson) (co-pr)

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At the beginning of his career, Kevin Costner spent several years knocking around the edges of the film industry. Some of his roles were so small that his presence was barely noticed. Others were bigger parts in dreadful low-budget potboilers that later came back to haunt him when they ingloriously appeared in video stores. He caught the attention of critics and audiences with his scene-stealing, star-making supporting performance as Jake, a roguish gunslinging cowboy, in the Lawrence Kasdan Western *Silverado*. The plum role was a payback of sorts from Kasdan; Costner earlier had played Alex, whose suicide sparks the chain of events which unfolds in *The Big Chill*, but the director decided to cut the character from the film's final edit. All that remains of Costner in *The Big Chill* are his feet in the opening sequence, as Alex is being prepared for his funeral. Costner similarly had been cut from *Frances*, a biography of Frances Farmer, appearing on-screen ever so briefly in a scene in an alley in which he has one line.

Costner was to solidify his stardom playing square-jawed, true-blue all-American heroes. He specialized in such character types early on, playing Eliot Ness in *The Untouchables*, a remake of the classic television series, and a stalwart naval officer who uncovers corruption in *No Way Out*. Both these characters are generic Hollywood good guys who remain uncorrupted as they take on the scenario's villains. Around this time, Costner expressed his desire to

be linked to the Frank Capra-Jimmy Stewart tradition, playing boyish and stable leads, and he did just that in the baseball films *Bull Durham* and *Field of Dreams*. In the former, he is aging catcher Crash Davis, a ballyard purist who understands and loves the game, but whose limited talent has kept him in the minor leagues for most of his career, with only brief appearances in "The Show." In the latter, by far his most Capraesque film, he is Ray Kinsella, a Midwest farmer who is told by a divine voice to replace his corn stalks with a baseball field. Both these heroes are in the classic Hollywood tradition. In an earlier era, each might have been played by Stewart; indeed, during its publicity tour, Costner touted *Field of Dreams* as "our generation's *It's a Wonderful Life*." Furthermore, Costner's Jim Garrison in *JFK* may lack the outright innocence of Stewart's Jefferson Smith in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, but they remain linked in their idealism and vigor. As Costner orates in court on how the facts of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been concealed from the American public, he becomes reminiscent of Stewart filibustering on the Senate floor and exposing venal Washington politicians.

Nevertheless, the appealing boyishness of Costner's characters was not always Capraesque. It may be in *Field of Dreams*, where Ray Kinsella's true-blue idealism becomes one of the scenario's overriding factors. But in *Silverado*, that innocence is portrayed as outright immaturity, as his character acts recklessly (and easily might have come to be known as "Jake the Kid"). At the same time, Costner has more than adequately played the contemporary male sex symbol. His characters are anything but boyish when tangling with their female counterparts. In *No Way Out*, he and Sean Young share a headline-making rendezvous in the back seat of a limousine, and his between-the-sheets antics with Susan Sarandon in *Bull Durham* are no less erotically charged.

Costner's heroes also are contemporary in that they are alienated souls who occasionally take on subversive edges. His Lt. John Dunbar, the Civil War soldier in *Dances with Wolves*, is anything but the traditional American Western hero in that he is as deeply troubled as highly principled, and he goes on to renounce western civilization and join (rather than fight) a Lakota Sioux Indian tribe. Overall, in the first section of his career, Costner embodied the traditional Hollywood hero. The actors surrounding him may be cast in the juicier and more colorful roles: Robert De Niro and Sean Connery in *The Untouchables*; Gene Hackman in *No Way Out*; Tim Robbins in *Bull Durham*; Graham Greene and Rodney A. Grant in *Dances with Wolves*; and, later on, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*. But Costner's presence in each film is essential, as it serves as a consistent calming and stabilizing force at the scenario's center.

Dances with Wolves is to date the summit of Costner's career, if only because he directed as well as starred in the film—and won Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director. As a film, it is deeply flawed. With the exception of Dunbar, the whites all are depicted as grungy, crazy, sadistic, or (in the case of the Civil War general who travels with his own personal surgeon) products of a class system. Meanwhile, the Lakota Sioux are, to a person, attractive, squeaky-clean models of reason. *Dances with Wolves* is almost laughable in its superficial political correctness. And why so much graphic, stomach-churning violence? Perhaps Costner was trying to contrast the harsh reality of life on the American frontier with its breathtaking natural beauty. This could have been accomplished in one poignant, cleverly directed sequence. In *Dances with Wolves*, there is a distasteful overdose of blood and pain.

Costner slipped somewhat in his immediate post-*Dances with Wolves* career, in that he was unable to find an interesting role in a commercially successful film. By far his two best mid-1990s parts came in *A Perfect World* and *The War*. In each, he plays a character with a deeply troubled past who attempts to be a positive role model to children. Costner may have given an excellent performance—arguably the best of his career—in *A Perfect World*, playing Butch Haynes, a sympathetic prison escapee who takes a young boy hostage. The film's director, Clint Eastwood, has the standard hero role, that of the Texas Ranger who sets out on Haynes's trail. But audiences rejected Costner in *A Perfect World*, and the film was a financial failure. He also is fine in *The War*, playing an unstable but well-intentioned Vietnam veteran. Moviegoers did not flock to see the film, however, preferring him instead in *The Bodyguard*, in which he stars as an icy-cold professional bodyguard who falls for the superstar singer he has been hired to protect. Aside from its wide popularity, *The Bodyguard* is an overripe exercise in Hollywood corn.

In spite of the prominence of his role in *JFK*, that film is a star vehicle for its director, Oliver Stone, rather than any of the actors in its cast. *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (despite a delightfully campy performance from Alan Rickman as the Sheriff of Nottingham) pales in comparison to similar films of an earlier era; the same might be said for *Wyatt Earp*, featuring Costner in the title role, in which he is reteamed with *Silverado* director Kasdan.

In *Waterworld*, Costner attempted to enter Stallone-Schwarzenegger territory as a cartoon hero in a special effects-laden action movie extravaganza. But the film will be remembered not for its entertainment value but for the reams of negative publicity it earned as the costliest movie made to date. While not the fiasco of a *Heaven's Gate* or *Ishtar*, *Waterworld* did nothing to enhance Costner's career. Yet the film was the equal of *Star Wars* when contrasted to his career nadir: *The Postman*, a laughably ludicrous post-apocalyptic allegory that was a critically skewered box office disaster. Costner directed as well as starred, playing a drifter-loner who impersonates a postman and becomes the savior of a war-ravaged populace.

If he is to remain a bankable movie personality, Costner would be advised to seek out roles that are aging versions of the ones that firmed up his stardom. This is precisely what he did in two of his late 1990s releases, both reminiscent of *Bull Durham* and *Field of Dreams* in that their scenarios reflect on sports as a metaphor for life. The first is *Tin Cup*, in which he was reunited with *Bull Durham* director Ron Shelton. Costner exudes charm as a broken-down golf pro who operates a dinky driving range and sets out to qualify for the United States Open, but is done in by his lack of discipline and obsession with hitting the perfect golf ball. Adding to his appeal is his romantic pairing and verbal sparring with a talented and attractive co-star, Rene Russo. In *For Love of the Game*, the final installment in what may be considered Costner's baseball trilogy, the actor plays an aging Detroit Tigers pitcher and future Hall of Famer who hurls a perfect game in Yankee Stadium. While not in the same league as *Bull Durham* and *Field of Dreams*, *For Love of the Game* is a fine companion piece that is a knowing story of baseball and baseball psychology, of team effort, time passing, and bonds between fathers and sons. Off the field, when the scenario spotlights Costner's character and his girlfriend, played by Kelly Preston, the film works as a love story featuring fully fleshed-out characters in a believable relationship.

In between *Tin Cup* and *For Love of the Game*, Costner faltered in the less-successful *Message in a Bottle*, a contrived tearjerker casting him as a grieving widower who tentatively becomes involved in a new

romantic relationship. So in addition to finding good roles, he also must look for good scripts.

—Mark Walker, updated by Rob Edelman

COTTEN, Joseph

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joseph Cheshire Cotten in Petersburg, Virginia, 15 May 1905. **Education:** Studied at Hickman School of Expression, Washington, D.C. **Family:** Married 1) Lenore Kipp Lamont, 1931 (died 1960), one stepdaughter; 2) the actress Patricia Medina, 1960. **Career:** 1929—occasional drama critic for Miami *Herald* while selling paint and later advertising space in Miami; 1930—engaged by Belasco Theatre as understudy and assistant stage manager in New York; 1931—actor with Copley Square Theatre; worked in summer stock; 1932—Broadway debut with small screen role in *Absent Father*; 1936—joined Orson Welles's Federal Theater project; 1938—joined Welles and John Houseman's Mercury Theatre; 1939—critical acclaim for role opposite Katharine Hepburn in *The Philadelphia Story* on Broadway; 1941—film debut in *Citizen Kane*; 1942—seven-year contract with David O. Selznick after Mercury players forced to leave RKO; 1948—contract sold to Warners; 1949—began to freelance for other studios; 1950–53—contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1953–54—returned to Broadway for starring role in *Sabrina Fair*; 1955–56—host on TV series *The 20th Century-Fox Hour*; 1956–57—host and occasional actor on TV series *On Trial*, later *The Joseph Cotten Show*, produced by his own company, Fordyce Productions; 1963–64—host on TV series *Hollywood and the Stars*, and appeared in TV mini-series *Aspen*, 1977. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Portrait of Jennie*, 1949. **Died:** In Westwood, California, 6 February 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1941 *Citizen Kane* (Welles) (as Jed Leland); *Lydia* (Duvivier) (as Michael Fitzpatrick)
- 1942 *The Magnificent Ambersons* (Welles) (as Eugene Morgan); *Journey into Fear* (Norman Foster) (as Graham, + co-sc)
- 1943 *Shadow of a Doubt* (Hitchcock) (as Uncle Charlie); *Hers to Hold* (Ryan) (as Bill Morley)
- 1944 *Gaslight* (*The Murder in Thornton Square*) (Cukor) (as Brian Cameron); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Lt. Anthony Willett); *I'll Be Seeing You* (Dieterle) (as Zachary Morgan)
- 1945 *Love Letters* (Dieterle) (as Alan Quinton)
- 1946 *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor and others) (as Jesse McCanles)
- 1947 *The Farmer's Daughter* (Potter) (as Glenn Morley)
- 1948 *Portrait of Jennie* (Jennie) (Dieterle) (as Eben Adams)
- 1949 *The Third Man* (Reed) (as Holly Martins); *Under Capricorn* (Hitchcock) (as Sam Flusky); *Beyond the Forest* (King Vidor) (as Dr. Lewis Moline)
- 1950 *Walk Softly, Stranger* (Stevenson) (as Chris Hale); *Two Flags West* (Wise) (as Col. Clay Tucker); *September Affair* (Dieterle) (as David Lawrence)
- 1951 *Half Angel* (Sale) (as John Raymond); *Peking Express* (Dieterle) (as Michael Bachlin); *The Man with a Cloak* (Markle) (as Dupin)
- 1952 *Untamed Frontier* (Fregonese) (as Kirk Denbow); *Gone to Earth* (Powell) (as narrator); *The Wild Heart* (Powell and Pressburger—revised version of *Gone to Earth*, shortened) (as narrator); *The Steel Trap* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Jim Osborne); *Othello* (Welles) (as Senator)
- 1953 *Niagara* (Hathaway) (as George Loomis); *A Blueprint for Murder* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Whitney Cameron); *Egypt by Three* (Stoloff) (as narrator)
- 1955 *Special Delivery* (*Von Himmel gefallen*) (Brahm) (as Jonathan Adams)
- 1956 *The Killer Is Loose* (Boetticher) (as Sam Wagner); *The Bottom of the Bottle* (*Beyond the River*) (Hathaway) (as P. M.); *Nobody Runs Away* (Parker—short)
- 1957 *The Halliday Brand* (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Daniel)
- 1958 *Touch of Evil* (Welles) (as Detective); *From the Earth to the Moon* (Haskin) (as Victor Barbicane)
- 1960 *The Angel Wore Red* (Nunnally Johnson) (as Hawthorne)
- 1961 *The Last Sunset* (Aldrich) (as John Breckenridge); *The Karma* (for U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare) (as narrator)
- 1964 *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as Drew)
- 1965 *The Great Sioux Massacre* (Salkow) (as Maj. Reno); *Krakatoa* (Izard) (re-edited version of 1933 film) (as narrator)
- 1966 *The Oscar* (Rouse) (as Kenneth H. Regan); *The Money Trap* (Kennedy) (as Dr. Horace Van Tilden); *Gli uomini dal passo pesante* (*The Trampers*) (Sequi and Antonini, English-language copies: Band) (as Temple Cordeen)
- 1967 *Some May Live* (*In Saigon, Some May Live*) (Sewell) (as Col. Woodward); *Brightly of the Grand Canyon* (Norman Foster) (as Jim Owen); *Jack of Diamonds* (Taylor) (as Ace of Diamonds); *I crudeli* (*The Hellbenders*) (Corbucci) (as Jonas); *Comanche blanco* (*White Comanche*; *Rio Hondo*) (Briz, English-language copies: Kay)
- 1968 *Petulia* (Lester) (as Mr. Danner); *Split Second to an Epitaph* (Horn—for TV); *Gangster '70* (Guerrini)
- 1969 *The Lonely Profession* (Heyes—for TV); *Cutter's Trail* (McEveety—for TV); *Keene*
- 1970 *The Grasshopper* (Paris) (as Richard Morgan); *E venne l'ora della vendetta*; *Do You Take This Stranger?* (Heffron—for TV); *Assault on the Wayne* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Admiral); *Ido zero daisakusen* (*Latitude Zero*) (Honda) (as Capt. Craig McKenzie); *Tora! Tora! Tora!* (Fleischer) (as Henry Stimson); *City beneath the Sea* (*One Hour to Doomsday*) (Irwin Allen—for TV)
- 1971 *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* (Fuest) (as Dr. Vesalius); *La figlia di Frankenstein* (*Lady Frankenstein*) (Mel Welles) (as Baron)
- 1972 *The Devil's Daughter* (Szwarc—for TV) (as Judge Wetherby); *The Screaming Woman* (Smight—for TV); *Lo scopone scientifico* (*The Scientific Cardplayer*) (Comencini) (as George); *Gli orrori del castello di Norimberga* (*Baron Blood*) (Bava) (as Becker/the Baron); *Doomsday Voyage* (Vidette) (as Capt. Jason)
- 1973 *Soylent Green* (Fleischer) (as William Simonson); *A Delicate Balance* (Richardson) (as Harry)



Joseph Cotten (right) with Jennifer Jones and Robert Walker in *Since You Went Away*

- 1975 *Timber Tramps* (Garnett); *F for Fake* (*Vérités et mensonges*; *About Fakes*; *Nothing but the Truth*) (Welles); *Il giustiziere sfida la città* (Lenzi)
- 1976 *The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case* (Kulik—for TV); *Un sussurro nel buio* (*A Whisper in the Dark*) (Aliprandi)
- 1977 *Twilight's Last Gleaming* (Aldrich) (as Arthur Renfrew); *Airport '77* (Jameson) (as Nicholas St. Downs II)
- 1978 *Screamers* (*The Island of the Fish Men*; *L'isola degli uomini Pesci*) (Martino and Miller) (as Prof. Marvin); *L'Ordre et la sécurité du monde* (Martino and Miller); *Caravans* (Fargo) (as Crandall); *Return to Fantasy Island* (McGowan—for TV)
- 1979 *Trauma* (Beattie); *Churchill and the Generals* (Gibson—for TV); *Concorde affaire* (*S.O.S. Concorde*) (Desdato)
- 1980 *Guyana: Cult of the Damned* (*Guyana: Crime of the Century*) (Cardona Jr.) (as Richard Gable); *Heaven's Gate* (Cimino) (as the Reverend Doctor); *The Hearse* (Bowers) (as Walter Pritchard); *Survivor* (Hemmings) (as priest); *Casino* (Chaffey—for TV) (as Ed Booker)
- 1984 *Delusion* (*The House Where Death Lives*) (Beattie—produced in 1980)

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Self-effacing to the point of never drawing attention away from his healthy-egoed leading ladies, Joseph Cotten was an indispensable part of forties romantic hagiography. When Cotten stared soulfully at a woman, his eyes revealed a man consumed by his feelings—not to the point of traditional derring-do or fancy declarations of love, but to the level of psychological breakdown. The term lovesick could have been coined for him. With the burgeoning fascination with psychoanalysis (given impetus by *Spellbound*), Freudians could study Cotten as the era's prime symbol of emotional defeat and sublimation. If only one of his roles (*I'll Be Seeing You*) featured an actual victim of shell-shock, many of his other opuses (*Love Letters*, *Since You Went Away*, *The Magnificent Ambersons*, *Portrait of Jennie*) could be considered studies of a love-shocked martyr in thrall to elusive women on pedestals. That above list includes some of the period's most winsome classics and one masterpiece, Welles's studio-mauled *Ambersons*, in which Cotten loses his lady fair while regretting the progress he has implemented, aware that his mechanical forward-strides have destroyed his beloved Isabelle's family. Even in his debut film, *Citizen Kane*, always complaisant Cotten is a fence-sitting wag content to criticize and conjecture regarding someone else, but not forcefully pursuing his own goals. In the mythology of Hollywood, the reactive Cotten is a Cupid-struck Sisyphus forever pushing his own heart up that hill. Usually proving that the good guy finishes, if not last, at least lovelorn, Cotten spends World War II waiting for Claudette Colbert to have a weak adulterous moment in *Since You Went Away* but surrender never comes. In *Portrait of Jennie* (a movie immeasurably enhanced by its dreamy score and iridescent black and white cinematography), the unrequited suitor Cotten does not have a ghost of a chance with his spectral love object. But real or otherwise, all this leading man's dream girls turn out to be figurative if not literal phantoms.

The downside of Cotten's ineffectuality is that his innate decency is never backed up by action. Thus, while typifying all the cherished virtues of modern times in the adult sagebrusher *Duel in the Sun*, Cotten is helpless to save his heart's desire, Pearl, from the call of the wild represented by his compunction-free brother, Lewt. Complexly, the scenario of this Western epic makes it crystal clear that Cotten is a catalyst in the film's tragic ending. Hawking the necessity of goodness is not enough when villains run helter-skelter in the devil's employ.

After his peak period, watch-and-wait Cotten's lack of willfulness takes on a more pejorative coloration. In two fifties classics of cuckoldry, he is cast as the middle-aged good provider who is less slow-burning than burned out. Unable to curb his wife's infantile pining for a flashy lifestyle in *Beyond the Forest*, Cotten is Stoicism incarnate but playing second banana to Bette Davis's mood shifts

ends up being a career misstep into character roles. Visibly older by the time he visits *Niagara* to punish the bombshell wife he craves but cannot satisfy, Cotten's screen alter ego finally takes steps, but homicide brings the spineless spouse no vengeful joy.

On one previous occasion—the high point of Cotten's acting career—Hitchcock divined the underside to Cotten's sober nobility and cast him, atypically, as a man of confident action. In *Shadow of a Doubt*, Cotten's Uncle Charlie pursues women not for their beauty but for their pocketbooks. Contemptuous of humanity in general, this terminator of wealthy widows kills for fun and profit. Pitilessly zeroing in on the killer's self-loathing, Hitchcock and Cotten characterize cold-blooded Uncle Charlie's strangleholds as a reaction to his basic impotence. It is as if each killing was a shameful admittance of lack of character.

Sadly, for a career that includes the superb postwar thriller *The Third Man* and roles or cameos in five Welles classics, Cotten seemed to give up on stardom with the same lack of coyness his characters suffered from. He was lucky to average two good movies a decade from the fifties onward. In addition to a memorable appearance as the Reverend Doctor failing to inspire a graduating class in *Heaven's Gate*, Cotten was supremely swinish as a greedy plotter in *Hush* . . . *Hush*, *Sweet Charlotte*, and stomach-churningly class conscious as an overprotective father in *Petulia*. Perhaps it is merciful to overlook those decades of perfectly intoned line deliveries that he palmed off as performances and concentrate on his glory days as a luckless Lothario forever reaching for the unattainable woman. Falling short or pulling fatefully back, Cotten is remembered as the hero-in-stasis, a man whose goodness ultimately proved ineffective in his pursuit of happiness.

—Robert Pardi

CRAWFORD, Broderick

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Broderick Crawford in Philadelphia, 9 December 1911. Son of the actress Helen Broderick. **Education:** Dean Academy, Franklin, Massachusetts, 1924–28. **Military Service:** 1942–45—served as sergeant in U.S. Army Air Force. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Joan Tabor (divorced), son: Kim; 2) the actress Kay Griffith, 1940, children: Lauren and Kelly; two later marriages. **Career:** 1928–30—after high school, joined parents in Max Gordon's vaudeville unit; c. 1932–36—appeared occasionally on radio; c. 1934—legitimate stage debut in London production of *She Loves Me Not*; 1935—Broadway debut in *Point Valaine*; 1937—contract with MGM: film debut in *Woman Chases Man*; 1949—starring role in *All the King's Men*; contract with Columbia; 1955–59—starred in syndicated TV series *Highway Patrol*; 1960s—in many Italian and Spanish Westerns and adventure films; 1961–62—in syndicated TV series *King of Diamonds*; 1970–71—in TV series *The Interns*; 1974—on Broadway in *That Championship Season*; late 1970s—guest host of *Saturday Night Live*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *All the King's Men*, 1949. **Died:** In Rancho Mirage, California, 26 April 1986.



Broderick Crawford (right) with John Ireland and John Derek (left) in *All the King's Men*

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Woman Chases Man* (Blystone); *Submarine D-1* (Bacon)
- 1938 *Start Cheering* (Rogell)
- 1939 *Ambush* (Neumann); *Sudden Money* (Grinde); *Undercover Doctor* (Louis King); *Island of Lost Men* (Neumann); *Beau Geste* (Wellman); *The Real Glory* (Hathaway); *Eternally Yours* (Garnett)
- 1940 *Slightly Honorable* (Garnett); *I Can't Give You Anything but Love, Baby* (Rogell); *When the Daltons Rode* (Marshall); *Seven Sinners* (Garnett); *Trail of the Vigilantes* (Dwan); *The Texas Rangers Ride Again* (Hogan)
- 1941 *The Black Cat* (Rogell); *Tight Shoes* (Rogell) (as Speedy Miller); *Badlands of Dakota* (Green); *South of Tahiti* (Wagner)
- 1942 *North to the Klondike* (Kenton); *Butch Minds the Baby* (Rogell) (as Aloysius "Butch" Grogan); *Larceny, Inc.* (Bacon); *Broadway* (Seiter); *Men of Texas* (*Men of Destiny*) (Enright); *Sin Town* (Enright); *Keeping Fit* (Lubin—short)
- 1946 *The Runaround* (Lamont); *The Black Angel* (Neill)
- 1947 *Slave Girl* (Lamont); *The Flame* (Auer)
- 1948 *The Time of Your Life* (Potter); *Sealed Verdict* (Allen); *Bad Men of Tombstone* (Neumann)
- 1949 *Night unto Night* (Siegel); *A Kiss in the Dark* (Daves); *Anna Lucasta* (Rapper); *All the King's Men* (Rossen) (as Willie Stark)
- 1950 *Cargo to Capetown* (McEvoy); *Convicted* (Levin); *Born Yesterday* (Cukor) (as Harry Brock)
- 1951 *The Mob* (*Remember That Face*) (Parrish)
- 1952 *Lone Star* (Sherman); *Scandal Sheet* (*The Dark Page*) (Karlson); *Last of the Comanches* (*The Sabre and the Arrow*) (de Toth); *Stop, You're Killing Me* (Del Ruth)
- 1953 *The Last Posse* (Werker)
- 1954 *Night People* (Johnson); *Human Desire* (Fritz Lang); *Down Three Dark Streets* (Laven)
- 1955 *Big House, U.S.A.* (Koch); *New York Confidential* (Rouse); *Not as a Stranger* (Kramer); *Il bidone* (*The Swindlers*) (Fellini); *Man on a Bus* (Lewis—for United Jewish Appeal Fund)
- 1956 *The Fastest Gun Alive* (Rouse); *Between Heaven and Hell* (Fleischer)
- 1958 *The Decks Ran Red* (Stone)
- 1960 *La vendetta di Ercole* (*Goliath and the Dragon*; *The Revenge of Hercules*) (Cottafavi)
- 1961 *Nasilje na trgu* (*Square of Violence*) (Bercovici)
- 1962 *Convicts Four* (*Reprieve*) (Kaufman); *The Castilian* (Setó)
- 1964 *A House Is Not a Home* (Rouse)
- 1965 *Up from the Beach* (Parrish); *Kid Rodelo* (Carlson)
- 1966 *The Oscar* (Rouse); *El escuadró de la muerte* (*Per un dollaro di gloria*; *Mutiny at Fort Sharp*) (Cerchio); *The Texican* (Selander); *The Vulture* (Huntington)
- 1967 *Red Tomahawk* (Springsteen)
- 1970 *Wie kommt ein so reizendes Mädchen zu diesem Gewerbe?* (*How Did a Nice Girl Like You Get into This Business?*) (Tremper); *Maharlika* (Hopper); *The Challenge* (Smithee—for TV)
- 1971 *A Tattered Web* (Wendkos—for TV)
- 1972 *Embassy* (Hessler); *House of Dracula's Daughter* (Hessler); *The Candidate* (Ritchie) (as voice)
- 1973 *Hell's Bloody Devils* (*Smashing the Crime Syndicate*) (Adamson); *Terror in the Wax Museum* (Fenady); *The Adventures of Nick Carter* (Krasny—for TV)
- 1974 *The Phantom of Hollywood* (Levitt—for TV)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner); *Mayday at Forty Thousand Feet* (Butler—for TV); *Look What's Happened to Rosemary's Baby* (O'Steen—for TV)
- 1977 *The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover* (*J. Edgar Hoover*) (Cohen) (title role); *Ningen no shomei* (*Proof of the Man*) (Sato)
- 1979 *A Little Romance* (George Roy Hill) (as Brod); *Supertrain* (Curtis—for TV)
- 1980 *Harlequin* (Wincer); *There Goes the Bride* (Marcel)
- 1981 *The Upper Crust* (Patzak)
- 1982 *Liar's Moon* (Fisher)

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During the Eisenhower era, Broderick Crawford was everyone's favorite "authority figure" on television. With his bulldog face and barking voice, he roared down the highway after lawbreakers as Chief Dan Matthews in *Highway Patrol*. Prior to his television success, however, it was Crawford's performance as Willie Stark in the film *All the King's Men* that had established his reputation as an actor. As the honest country lawyer who becomes a ruthless demagogue, Crawford is frighteningly convincing in his transformation of character. His physical gifts as an actor—the beefy physique, the aggressive stance, the gruff voice—were never more perfectly exploited than in his portrayal of the dichotomous nature of Stark. Crawford's intelligent performance will always stand as a model interpretation of how power can corrupt the individual. He was later to draw on this same persona in his perversely sympathetic portrayal of J. Edgar Hoover in Larry Cohen's *The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover*, a comic book-style fantasy that depicts Hoover as a sexually repressed neurotic who freely violated the law.

After his screen debut in 1937 Crawford appeared in supporting roles and as an occasional lead in "B" pictures such as *Sin Town* and *The Runaround*. It was his experience in vaudeville and on Broadway that prepared him for his success in his first lead roles, as Speedy Miller in *Tight Shoes* and Aloysius "Butch" Grogan in *Butch Minds the Baby*. In these two broad theatrical comedies by Damon Runyon, Crawford established himself as the quintessential Runyon hero—the soft-hearted, streetwise mobster. His familiarity with the underworld personality, the result of his portrayal of these amiable rogues, served him well when he gave a brilliant comic performance as Harry Brock, the arrogant self-made tycoon in *Born Yesterday*.

Crawford is never more likable than when he plays against type, as in *The Time of Your Life* (a melancholy policeman), *Not as a Stranger* (a cynical doctor), and *The Real Glory* (an officer who loves orchids). The subtlety of his performance in these offbeat roles tends to be overshadowed by his more familiar image as a screen heavy, the raging psychopath, as in *The Scandal Sheet*, *New York Confidential*, *Big House, U.S.A.*, and *The Fastest Gun Alive*, in which he plays a trigger-happy desperado who must compulsively and continually prove his manhood with a gun.

Apart from his acclaimed performances in *All the King's Men*, *Born Yesterday*, and *The Mob* (in which he plays a tough undercover cop), however, most of Crawford's fine work has been ignored by critics. Two of his most memorable performances are in this category: Fritz Lang's *Human Desire* and Federico Fellini's *Il bidone*. In the Lang film, Crawford commands pity and fear as the tormented railway engineer driven to insane jealousy and murder by his unfaithful wife. In the Fellini film, he is eloquent and moving as the petty thief who attempts to redeem himself for the sake of his adoring daughter. The tragic final image of *Il bidone*, Crawford alone and dying on a deserted mountain road, is one of the most heartrending in the history of the cinema.

—Jeff Stafford

CRAWFORD, Joan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lucille LeSueur in San Antonio, Texas, 23 March 1908; adopted name of stepfather, Cassin, as a child. **Education:** Attended St. Agnes School and Rockingham; Stephens

College, Columbia, Missouri, for about three months. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr., 1929 (divorced 1933); 2) the actor Franchot Tone, 1935 (divorced 1939); 3) Phillip Terry, 1942 (divorced 1946), adopted children: Christina, Christopher, Cynthia, and Cathy; 4) Alfred N. Steele, 1955 (died 1959). **Career:** Took dancing lessons as a child, and became a dancer; 1923—dancer at Oriole Terrace Club, Detroit; 1924—in chorus of Broadway revue *Innocent Eyes* and *The Passing Show of 1924*; spotted by MGM talent scout; 1925—contract with MGM, and given name "Joan Crawford," prize-winning name in movie magazine contest; 1928—dancer in film *Our Dancing Daughters*; 1929—first talkie, *Untamed*; 1943—left MGM, signed with Warner Brothers; occasional TV appearances from 1953; 1955—after marriage to Alfred Steele, chairman of Pepsi-Cola Company, began making promotional appearances for company; 1959—following death of Steele, became first woman member of company's board of directors, and later became company's official hostess and vice president; 1964—suffered pneumonia while working on *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte*, replaced by Olivia de Havilland. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *Mildred Pierce*, 1945. **Died:** In New York City, 13 May 1977.

Films as Actress:

(as Lucille LeSueur)

1925 *Lady of the Night* (Bell) (as double for Norma Shearer); *Proud Flesh* (King Vidor) (as party guest); *Pretty Ladies* (Bell) (as Bobby)

(as Joan Crawford)

1925 *The Circle* (Borzage) (as young Lady Catharine); *Old Clothes* (Cline) (as Mary Riley); *Sally, Irene, and Mary* (Goulding) (as Irene)

1926 *The Boob* (Wellman) (as Jane); *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp* (Edwards and Capra) (as Betty Burton); *Paris* (Goulding) (as the Girl)

1927 *The Taxi Dancer* (Millarde) (as Joslyn Poe); *Winners of the Wilderness* (Van Dyke) (as Renee Contrecoeur); *The Understanding Heart* (Conway) (as Monica Dale); *The Unknown* (Browning) (as Estrellita); *Twelve Miles Out* (Conway) (as Jane); *Spring Fever* (Sedgwick) (as Allie Monte)

1928 *West Point* (Sedgwick) (as Betty Channing); *Rose-Marie* (Hubbard) (title role); *Across to Singapore* (Nigh) (as Priscilla Crowninshield); *The Law of the Range* (Nigh) (as Betty Dallas); *Four Walls* (Nigh) (as Frieda); *Our Dancing Daughters* (Beaumont) (as Diana Medford); *Dream of Love* (Niblo) (as Adrienne)

1929 *The Duke Steps Out* (Cruze) (as Susie); *Hollywood Revue of 1929* (Riesner); *Our Modern Maidens* (Conway) (as Billie Brown); *Untamed* (Conway) (as Bingo)

1930 *Montana Moon* (St. Clair) (as Joan); *Our Blushing Brides* (Beaumont) (as Jerry Marsh); *Paid* (Wood) (as Mary Turner)

1931 *Dance, Fools, Dance* (Beaumont) (as Bonnie Jordan); *Laughing Sinners* (Beaumont) (as Ivy Stevens); *This Modern Age* (Grinde) (as Valentine Winters); *Possessed* (Brown) (as Marian Martin)



Joan Crawford (left) and Bette Davis in *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*

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| <p>1932 <i>Grand Hotel</i> (Goulding) (as Flaemmchen); <i>Letty Lynton</i> (Browning) (title role); <i>Rain</i> (Milestone) (as Sadie Thompson)</p> <p>1933 <i>Today We Live</i> (Hawks) (as Diana Boyce-Smith); <i>Dancing Lady</i> (Leonard) (as Janie Barlow)</p> <p>1934 <i>Sadie McKee</i> (Brown) (title role); <i>Chained</i> (Brown) (as Diane Lovering)</p> <p>1935 <i>Forsaking All Others</i> (Van Dyke) (as Mary Clay); <i>No More Ladies</i> (Edward H. Griffith and Cukor) (as Marcia Townsend); <i>I Live My Life</i> (Van Dyke) (as Kay)</p> <p>1936 <i>The Gorgeous Hussy</i> (Brown) (as Peggy O'Neal Eaton); <i>Love on the Run</i> (Van Dyke) (as Sally Parker)</p> <p>1937 <i>The Last of Mrs. Cheyney</i> (Boleslawski) (as Fay Cheyney); <i>The Bride Wore Red</i> (Arzner) (as Annie Palowitz/Signorina Vivaldi); <i>Mannequin</i> (Borzage) (as Jessie Cassidy)</p> <p>1938 <i>The Shining Hour</i> (Borzage) (as Olivia Riley)</p> <p>1939 <i>Ice Follies of 1939</i> (Schunzel) (as Mary McKay); <i>The Women</i> (Cukor) (as Crystal Allen)</p> <p>1940 <i>Strange Cargo</i> (Borzage) (as Julie); <i>Susan and God</i> (Cukor) (as Susan Trexel)</p> <p>1941 <i>A Woman's Face</i> (Cukor) (as Anna Holm); <i>When Ladies Meet</i> (Leonard) (as Mary Howard)</p> <p>1942 <i>They All Kissed the Bride</i> (Hall) (as Margaret J. Drew); <i>Reunion in France</i> (Dassin) (as Michele de la Becque)</p> | <p>1943 <i>Above Suspicion</i> (Thorpe) (as Frances Myles)</p> <p>1944 <i>Hollywood Canteen</i> (Daves)</p> <p>1945 <i>Mildred Pierce</i> (Curtiz) (title role)</p> <p>1946 <i>Humoresque</i> (Negulesco) (as Helen Wright)</p> <p>1947 <i>Possessed</i> (Bernhardt) (as Louise Howell); <i>Daisy Kenyon</i> (Preminger) (title role)</p> <p>1949 <i>Flamingo Road</i> (Curtiz) (as Lane Bellamy); <i>It's a Great Feeling</i> (David Butler) (as guest)</p> <p>1950 <i>The Damned Don't Cry</i> (Sherman) (as Ethel Whitehead/Lorna Hansen Forbes); <i>Harriet Craig</i> (Sherman) (title role)</p> <p>1951 <i>Goodbye, My Fancy</i> (Sherman) (as Agatha Reed)</p> <p>1952 <i>This Man Is Dangerous</i> (Feist) (as Beth Austin); <i>Sudden Fear</i> (Miller) (as Myra Hudson)</p> <p>1953 <i>Torch Song</i> (Walters) (as Jenny Stewart)</p> <p>1954 <i>Johnny Guitar</i> (Nicholas Ray) (as Vienna)</p> <p>1955 <i>Female on the Beach</i> (Pevney) (as Lynn Markham); <i>Queen Bee</i> (MacDougall) (as Eva Phillips)</p> <p>1956 <i>Autumn Leaves</i> (Aldrich) (as Milly)</p> <p>1957 <i>The Golden Virgin</i> (Miller); <i>The Story of Esther Costello</i> (Miller) (as Margaret Landi)</p> <p>1959 <i>The Best of Everything</i> (Negulesco) (as Amanda Farrow)</p> <p>1962 <i>Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?</i> (Aldrich) (as Blanche Hudson)</p> <p>1963 <i>The Caretakers</i> (Bartlett) (as Lucretia Terry)</p> |
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- 1964 *Strait-Jacket* (Castle) (as Lucy Harbin)
 1965 *I Saw What You Did* (Castle) (as Amy Nelson); *Della* (Gist) (title role)
 1967 *The Karate Killers* (Shear—compilation of *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* eps.) (as Amanda True)
 1968 *Berserk!* (O'Connolly) (as Monica Rivers)
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Dismissed by Bette Davis as a Star (rather than an Actress like Bette), taken for granted by MGM, ignored as an aging legend, and trashed in a tell-all bio by her daughter (who claims Joan was an Actress rather than a Mother), Joan Crawford survives the contumely of others. This controversial patron saint of fan magazines, who has been labeled everything from a porn-star to child-beater to spitefully jealous co-star to closet alcoholic, is undisputably one thing, a great film star. Whatever Crawford was offscreen, she is our most representative American film icon because she wanted it more than all the others.

Free-spiriting her way through the silent era in true flapper fashion, Crawford thought nothing of altering her look or jumping on a promising trend whenever she needed to pump plasma into an

anemic career. Directors are on record as stating she needed careful reining because she lacked the technique to control her emotions; critics point to her forties performances as evidence of the musty staleness of the studio system. But the woman who never let a fan letter go unanswered always respected her public and tried to give them what they wanted. When they tired of Joan, the Blue-Collar Goddess, she gave them Joan, the Domestic Martyr, and when that image ran out of vim, Crawford restyled herself as the Untamable Shrew. What the many faces of Crawford had in common is glamour; it is a quality that is missing in modern films which kow-tow to naturalism and have little to do with theatrical notions of acting but a lot to do with great screen acting in which the star must communicate her intense belief in her own make-believe image to the movie public. In big hits such as *Possessed* (1931) and *Mannequin* (1937), she offered the shop girl's fantasy of herself, with upward mobility in a good man's arms—the ultimate prize. Later in her career, while still exuding that movie star *je ne sais quoi*, she became a menopausal everywoman living out the worst fears of an audience that had aged with her. Naturally, the gloved hand choking back Crawford's tears was encircled in a haul from Harry Winston's.

Yet, the number one Hurrell-photographed drone in the Tinseltown film factory could step out of her Joan-ness with stunning results (a fiery Sadie Thompson in *Rain*, a performance which the passage of time has vindicated). Even her acting triumphs in offbeat roles capitalized on her trademark stoic chic—a poised demeanor whose formidableness is softened by those mascara-lashed eyes widening in apprehension about what emotional dark woods attractive scoundrels might lead her into. In the forties especially, the Crawford visage was a study in face-saving willfulness—expansive lips for quivering, lighthouse eyes for staring unfathomably, luxurious eyebrows for arching disdainfully; these features seldom acted in concert but were often immobile as if her face was on strike against appearing vulnerable. When emotions finally galvanized that paralyzed pan, all histrionic hell broke loose. More than any other screen icon, Crawford made suffering attractive. Comfortable with being the Queen of masochism, versatile Joan could also be spikily funny as the other woman in *The Women*, convincingly hard-as-nails as a symbolic mouthpiece in *Strange Cargo*, hypnotically ambivalent in *A Woman's Face* as a scarred con woman, alluringly vexatious in *Humoresque* as a social pillar whose cigarette roomfuls of swains rush to light, deservedly Oscared for completing her ten-step program in how to bake pies and spoil a child while wearing a halo of face powder and pastry flour in *Mildred Pierce*, sufficiently unhinged as a schizophrenic in *Possessed* (1947) to impress the intransigent James Agee, taken for granted in her seething-with-suppressed-rage tour de force in *Baby Jane* and chillingly brittle as a *Night Gallery* control-freak who treats everyone as potential toadies.

Admittedly, the long arm of camp was reaching out for Crawford long before *Night Gallery* or William Castle got mileage out of her waning stardom. From *Flamingo Road* onward, Crawford was not only prepared to do battle with sexist roadblocks but with her own femininity. What that cockeyed wonder of a film version of *Mommie Dearest* suggests is that the price of succeeding in a world dominated by men is to end up a quasi man oneself. In what emerged not as a hatchet job but as an empathetic analysis by interpreter Faye Dunaway, *Mommie Dearest* portrays Crawford's life as a series of great moments from films such as *Torch Song*, *Queen Bee*, etc. When

Dunaway's Crawford tells Pepsi executives that she fought bigger monsters than them in Hollywood and won, cinephiles laugh and then they cry, at the sacrifices this warrior-star made in a fool's quest to stay a star at the top.

Throughout the fifties in her mannish period, Crawford became a bitch-on-wheels forever at the mercy of a gigolo (*Female on the Beach*) or disturbed younger man (*Autumn Leaves*) or even a repressed lesbian (*Johnny Guitar*) but the constant in all these films is the ongoing punishment of Joan Crawford who seemed to be a female Christ-figure paying for the sins of every love-starved fan in the audience. Glamorous to the end, Crawford still had those massive shoulders for bearing such a burden.

What shines through all these bizarre melodramas is Crawford's unchecked fever for adulation; what the teary-eyed spectators accepted as Joan's desire for fade-out surrender to a man was actually Joan's love affair with her own career. Those who still respond to Crawford's icy soap operas regard *Harriet Craig* as her most characteristic role. Substitute a movie career for the symbolic dream house and you can appreciate the essence of The Joan Crawford Story. Although lovers were fickle and friends had the effrontery to snag better roles, only a legendary film career could bring the joy few mortals know, or so Joan thought. Rejected by the industry in the last years of her life, Crawford had too much spare time to contemplate the drawbacks of the choice she had made.

—Robert Pardi

CRISP, Donald

Nationality: British. **Born:** Aberfeldy, Perthshire, Scotland, 27 July 1880. **Education:** Eton College and Oxford University. **Military Service:** 1899–1902—trooper in Boer War; wounded; during World War I—served as British Intelligence Officer, providing information on conditions in Russia. **Family:** Married 1) Marie Stark (divorced 1919); 2) the screenwriter Jane Murfin, 1932 (divorced 1944). **Career:** 1906—moved to U.S.; hired for musical *Floradora*; also sang for Fisher-Reilly Opera Company; 1906–09—produced and appeared in some Mutascopes in New York; c. 1909—joined Biograph as actor; 1910s—became part of D. W. Griffith's stock company and later served as Griffith's assistant director on several films. 1914–30—worked as both director and actor; 1922—supervised Famous-Lasky studios in Bombay, India; 1920s–1950s—served as loan adviser to film companies for Bank of Italy. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *How Green Was My Valley*, 1941. **Died:** In Van Nuys, California, 25 May 1974.

Films as Actor:

- 1907 *The French Maid*
- 1910 *Sunshine Sue* (Griffith); *Winning Back His Love* (Griffith)
- 1911 *The Two Paths* (Griffith); *Fate's Turning* (Griffith); *A Wreath of Orange Blossoms* (Griffith); *What Shall We Do with Our*



Donald Crisp (center) with Anna Lee and John Loder in *How Green Was My Valley*

- Old* (Griffith); *The Primal Call* (Griffith); *Out from the Shadow* (Griffith); *The Diving Girl*; *The Adventures of Billy* (Griffith); *The Battle* (Griffith); *The Failure* (Griffith)
- 1912 *When Kings Were the Law* (Griffith)
- 1913 *The Best Man Wins* (Cabanne); *Drink's Lure* (Cabanne); *The Daylight Burglar* (Cabanne); *Two Men of the Desert* (Griffith); *Intolerance* (Griffith)
- 1914 *The Battle of the Sexes* (Griffith); *The Avenging Conscience*; *The Escape* (Griffith); *Home, Sweet Home* (Griffith); *The Great Leap* (Cabanne); *The Different Man*; *The Mountain Rat* (Kirkwood); *The Sisters* (Davis); *A Question of Courage* (Cabanne)
- 1915 *The Birth of a Nation* (Griffith); *Bred in the Bone* (Powell); *Such a Little Queen* (Hugh Ford); *The Love Route* (Dwan); *The Commanding Officer* (Dwan); *May Blossom* (Dwan); *A Girl of Yesterday* (Dwan); *The Foundling* (Dwan); *Joan the Woman* (DeMille) (+ uncredited 2nd unit d)
- 1918 *One More American* (DeMille)
- 1919 *Broken Blossoms* (Griffith)
- 1926 *The Black Pirate* (Parker)
- 1928 *The River Pirate* (Howard)
- 1929 *Trent's Last Case* (Hawks); *The Pagan* (W. S. Van Dyke); *The Viking* (Neill); *The Return of Sherlock Holmes* (Dean)
- 1930 *Scotland Yard* (Detective Clive, Bart) (Howard)
- 1931 *Svengali* (Mayo); *Kick In* (Wallace)
- 1932 *A Passport to Hell* (Burnt Offering) (Lloyd); *Red Dust* (Fleming)
- 1933 *Broadway Bad* (Her Reputation) (Lanfield)

- 1934 *The Crime Doctor* (Robertson); *The Key* (Curtiz); *The Life of Vergie Winters* (Santell); *What Every Woman Knows* (La Cava); *The Little Minister* (Wallace)
- 1935 *Vanessa, Her Love Story* (Howard); *Laddie* (Stevens); *Oil for the Lamps of China* (LeRoy); *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Lloyd)
- 1936 *The White Angel* (Dieterle); *Mary of Scotland* (John Ford); *A Woman Rebels* (Sandrich); *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Curtiz); *The Great O'Malley* (Dieterle); *Beloved Enemy* (Potter)
- 1937 *Parnell* (Stahl); *The Life of Emile Zola* (Dieterle); *That Certain Woman* (Goulding); *Confession* (May); *Sergeant Murphy* (Eason)
- 1938 *Jezebel* (Wyler); *The Beloved Brat* (A Dangerous Age) (Lubin); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak); *Valley of the Giants* (Keighley); *The Sisters* (Litvak); *The Dawn Patrol* (Goulding); *Comet over Broadway* (Berkeley)
- 1939 *The Oklahoma Kid* (Bacon); *Wuthering Heights* (Wyler); *Juarez* (Dieterle); *Daughters Courageous* (Curtiz); *The Old Maid* (Goulding); *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (Curtiz)
- 1940 *The Story of Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet* (Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet) (Dieterle); *Brother Orchid* (Bacon); *City for Conquest* (Litvak); *The Sea Hawk* (Curtiz); *Knut Rockne—All American* (Bacon)
- 1941 *Shining Victory* (Rapper); *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Fleming); *How Green Was My Valley* (John Ford)
- 1942 *The Battle of Midway* (John Ford—short) (as narrator); *The Gay Sisters* (Rapper)
- 1943 *Forever and a Day* (Clair and others); *Lassie Come Home* (Wilcox)
- 1944 *The Uninvited* (Allen); *The Adventure of Mark Twain* (Rapper); *National Velvet* (Brown)
- 1945 *Son of Lassie* (Simon); *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett)
- 1947 *Ramrod* (De Toth)
- 1948 *Hills of Home* (Master of Lassie) (Wilcox); *Whispering Smith* (Fenton)
- 1949 *Challenge to Lassie* (Thorpe)
- 1950 *Bright Leaf* (Curtiz)
- 1951 *Home Town Story* (Pierson)
- 1954 *Prince Valiant* (Hathaway); *The Long Gray Line* (John Ford)
- 1955 *The Man from Laramie* (Anthony Mann)
- 1957 *Drango* (Bartlett)
- 1958 *Saddle the Wind* (Parrish); *The Last Hurrah* (John Ford)
- 1959 *A Dog of Flanders* (Clark)
- 1960 *Pollyanna* (Swift)
- 1961 *Greyfriar's Bobby* (Chaffey)
- 1963 *Spencer's Mountain* (Daves)

Films as Director:

- 1914 *Her Father's Silent Partner*; *The Dawn*; *The Mysterious Shot* (+ ro); *The Newer Woman* (+ ro); *Her Birthday Present*; *Their First Acquaintance*; *The Idiot*; *The Tavern of Tragedy*; *Her Mother's Necklace*; *Frenchy*; *The Milkfed Boy*; *Down the Hill to Creditville*; *The Warning* (+ ro); *His Mother's Trust*; *Sands of Fate*; *The Availing Prayer*; *His Lesson*
- 1915 *An Old Fashioned Girl*; *How Hazel Got Even* (uncredited direction)

- 1916 *Ramona* (+ ro under pseudonym James Needham)
- 1917 *His Sweetheart*; *The Bond Between*; *The Marcellini Millions*; *The Cook of Canyon Camp* (+ co-sc); *Lost in Transit*; *The Countess Charming* (+ ro); *The Clever Mrs. Carfax*; *A Roadside Impressario*
- 1918 *Jules of the Strong Heart*; *Rimrock Jones*; *The House of Silence*; *Believe Me Xant(h)ippe*; *The Firefly of France*; *Less Than Kin*; *The Goat*; *The Way of a Man with a Maid*; *Under the Top*; *Venus in the East*
- 1919 *Johnny Get Your Gun*; *Poor Boob*; *Something to Do*; *Putting It Over*; *A Very Good Young Man*; *Love Insurance*; *Why Smith Left Home*; *It Pays to Advertise*; *Too Much Johnson*
- 1920 *The Six Best Cellars*; *Miss Hobbs*; *Held by the Enemy*
- 1921 *The Barbarian*; *Appearances*; *The Princess of New York*; *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush* (*The Bonnie Brier Bush*) (+ ro)
- 1923 *Ponjola*
- 1924 *The Navigator* (co-d only, with Buster Keaton); *Tell Your Children*
- 1925 *Don Q of Zorro* (+ ro)
- 1926 *Sunny Side Up* (*Footlights*); *Young April*; *Man Bait*
- 1927 *Nobody's Widow*; *Vanity*; *The Fighting Eagle* (*Brigadier Gerard*); *Dress Parade*
- 1928 *Stand and Deliver*; *The Cop*
- 1930 *The Runaway Bride*

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One of the unassuming pillars of the industry, Donald Crisp had a very long and successful career in motion pictures. A Scot who was educated at Oxford and served as a soldier in the Boer War, he emigrated to New York and appeared in opera as a leading tenor in 1906. He also acted in stage plays before joining the Biograph Company as an extra in 1909. He moved with D. W. Griffith to Majestic as a director, and made 35 one- and two-reelers in a little over one year. He never stopped working; he also acted in several of these films and served as assistant director to Griffith on *The Birth of a Nation* and *Broken Blossoms*. His performance as Lillian Gish's brutal father in the latter brought him much acclaim.

Throughout the 1920s, Crisp continued his hectic schedule, directing a few films in Britain; serving on the board of directors of the

Bank of Italy (later Bank of America) which approved loans for film productions; acting in several dozen more films opposite Vilma Banky, Douglas Fairbanks, and other major stars; and serving as Buster Keaton's co-director.

Because of his sonorous voice and long experience in film, Crisp adapted easily to sound and became one of the favorite character actors of the 1930s and 1940s. For a while he was under contract to Warner Brothers, appearing in *Jezebel*, playing Francis Bacon in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex*, and playing the kindly doctor in *The Old Maid*. He was equally good in adventure stories such as *Mutiny on the Bounty* and action films such as *The Dawn Patrol* and *Juarez*, but his personal amiability, to which everyone attested, communicated itself superbly on-screen, and he evolved as the character actor perfectly suited to play wise doctors, good friends, and loyal confidants. He is especially remembered as the kindly, benevolent father in the Lassie films of the 1940s and in *National Velvet*.

Although the type remained the same, Crisp brought a freshness to each role, never falling into repetitive portrayals and always inventing original gestures. Perhaps the best example is his performance in *How Green Was My Valley* for which he received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor at the age of 61. Retirement was far from his mind, and he continued to act in a few dozen more films in the 1950s and 1960s. He was lovable and understanding in *Pollyanna*, in a minor role, and gave a performance full of pathos as the leading role of the old man in *Greyfriar's Bobby*. He died in California at the age of 93, a respected and well-liked veteran of more than 400 productions spanning 55 years in the film industry.

—Elaine Mancini

CROSBY, Bing

Nationality: American. **Born:** Harry Lillis Crosby in Tacoma, Washington, 2 May 1901 (year of birth also given as 1903 and 1904 in various sources); nickname “Bing” acquired in grade school through avid reading of comic strip “The Bingville Bugle.” **Education:** Attended Gonzaga High School; Gonzaga University, 1920–22. **Family:** Married 1) Wilma Winnifred Wyatt (“Dixie Lee”), 1930 (died 1952), sons: Gary, Philip and Dennis (twins), and Lindsay; 2) Kathryn Grant, 1957, children: Harry Jr., Mary, and Nathaniel. **Career:** 1922—drummer and vocalist with band “The Musicaladers”; 1926—singer with Paul Whiteman band; 1927—dropped from Whiteman show reportedly due to heavy drinking; teamed with Al Rinker and Harry Barris as “Paul Whiteman's Rhythm Boys” appearing on Keith circuit; 1929—initial film work in Hollywood at Pathe and for Sennett; 1930—solo singer on nightly broadcasts from Cocoanut Grove in Los Angeles; 1931—began broadcasting for CBS; five-picture Paramount contract: association with Paramount lasted until 1956; 1932—debut as featured actor in *The Big Broadcast*; 1934—signed with Decca Record Co.; 1935—coast-to-coast broadcast for Kraft Music Hall; 1936–46—host of Kraft program; 1945—two films produced by Bing Crosby Productions do poorly at box office; 1964–65—actor in TV series *The Bing Crosby Show*. **Awards:**



Bing Crosby

Best Actor, Academy Award for *Going My Way*, 1944. **Died:** 14 October 1977.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Two Plus Fours* (Ray McCarey—short); *Ripstitch the Tailor* (Ray McCarey—short, unreleased); *King of Jazz* (Anderson); *Check and Double Check* (Brown) (cameo role); *Reaching for the Moon* (Goulding)
- 1931 *Confessions of a Co-ed (Her Dilemma)* (Burton and Murphy) (as voice); *I Surrender Dear* (Sennett—short); *One More Chance* (Sennett—short)
- 1932 *Dream House* (Lord—short); *Billboard Girl* (Pearce—short); *The Big Broadcast* (Tuttle)
- 1933 *Blue of the Night* (Pearce—short); *Sing, Bing, Sing* (Stafford—short); *College Humor* (Ruggles); *Too Much Harmony* (Sutherland); *Please* (Gillstrom—short); *Going Hollywood* (Walsh)
- 1934 *Just an Echo* (Gillstrom—short); *We're Not Dressing* (Taurog); *She Loves Me Not* (Nugent); *Here Is My Heart* (Tuttle)
- 1935 *Star Night at the Cocoanut Grove* (Lewyn—short); *Mississippi* (Sutherland); *Two for Tonight* (Tuttle); *The Big Broadcast of 1936* (Taurog)
- 1936 *Anything Goes* (Milestone); *Rhythm on the Range* (Taurog); *Pennies from Heaven* (McLeod)
- 1937 *Waikiki Wedding* (Tuttle); *Double or Nothing* (Reed)
- 1938 *Doctor Rhythm* (Tuttle); *Sing You Sinners* (Ruggles); *Don't Hook Now* (Short)
- 1939 *Paris Honeymoon* (Tuttle); *East Side of Heaven* (Butler); *The Star Maker* (Del Ruth)
- 1940 *Road to Singapore* (Schertzing); *If I Had My Way* (Butler); *Swing with Bing* (Polesie—short); *Rhythm on the River* (Schertzing)
- 1941 *Road to Zanzibar* (Schertzing); *Birth of the Blues* (Schertzing)
- 1942 *Angels of Mercy* (short); *My Favorite Blonde* (Lanfield) (as guest); *Holiday Inn* (Sandrich); *Road to Morocco* (Butler); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall) (as guest)
- 1943 *Dixie* (Sutherland)
- 1944 *Going My Way* (McCarey) (as Father O'Malley); *The Road to Victory* (Prinz—short); *The Princess and the Pirate* (Butler) (as guest); *Here Come the Waves* (Sandrich); *The Shining Future* (Prinz—short)
- 1945 *All Star Bond Rally* (Audley—short); *Hollywood Victory Caravan* (Russell—short); *Out of this World* (Walker) (as voice); *Duffy's Tavern* (Walker) (as guest); *The Bells of St. Mary's* (McCarey) (as Father O'Malley); *Road to Utopia* (Walker)
- 1946 *Monsieur Beaucaire* (Marshall) (as guest); *Blue Skies* (Heisler); *The Road to Hollywood* (compilation of early Crosby shorts)
- 1947 *My Favorite Brunette* (Nugent) (as guest); *Welcome Stranger* (Nugent); *Road to Rio* (McLeod); *Variety Girl* (Marshall) (as guest)
- 1948 *The Emperor Waltz* (Wilder)
- 1949 *A Connecticut Yankee (A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court; A Yankee in King Arthur's Court)* (Garnett); "Ichabod Crane" ep. of *The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad* (Geronimi and Algar) (as narrator); *Top o' the Morning* (Miller); *The Road to Peace* (Webb—short); *You Can Change the World* (McCarey) (as guest)
- 1950 *Riding High* (Capra); *Mr. Music* (Haydn)
- 1951 *Angels in the Outfield (Angels and the Pirates)* (Brown) (as guest); *Here Comes the Groom* (Capra); *A Millionaire for Christy* (Marshall) (as voice)
- 1952 *The Greatest Show on Earth* (DeMille) (as guest); *Son of Paleface* (Tashlin) (as guest); *Just for You* (Nugent); *Off Limits (Military Policemen)* (Marshall) (as guest)
- 1953 *Scared Stiff* (Marshall) (as guest); *Little Boy Lost* (Seaton); *Faith, Hope and Hogan* (Denove—short) (as guest)
- 1954 *White Christmas* (Curtiz); *The Country Girl* (Seaton)
- 1955 *Bing Presents Oreste* (Dmytryk—short)
- 1956 *High Society* (Walters); *Anything Goes* (Lewis—not a remake of 1936 film)
- 1957 *Man on Fire* (MacDougall); *The Heart of Show Business* (Staub) (as narrator)
- 1958 *Showdown at Ulcer Gulch* (Culhane—short)
- 1959 *Alias Jesse James* (McLeod) (as guest); *Say One for Me* (Tashlin)
- 1960 *Let's Make Love* (Cukor) (as guest); *High Time* (Edwards); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as guest)
- 1961 *The Road to Hong Kong* (Panama)
- 1964 *Robin and the Seven Hoods* (Douglas)

- 1965 *Cinerama's Russian Adventure* (Bing Crosby in *Cinerama's Russian Adventure*) (doc) (as narrator)
 1966 *Stagecoach* (Douglas)
 1968 *Bing Crosby's Washington State* (Gardner—short) (as narrator)
 1970 *Golf's Golden Years* (Evans—short) (as narrator)
 1971 *Dr. Cook's Garden* (Post—for TV) (title role)
 1972 *Cancel My Reservation* (Bogart) (as guest); *The World of Sport Fishing* (Morgan—for TV)
 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.) (as narrator)

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Although Bing Crosby had made films for Paramount Pictures from the early 1930s to the mid-1950s, it was during the 1940s with his “Road” films that he achieved major box-office status. In 1944 he reached the acme of star ranking in Hollywood and remained there for five consecutive years. All his “Road” films with Bob Hope ranked among the top grossers for their respective years. But so did *Going My Way*, *Here Come the Waves*, *Blue Skies*, *Welcome Strangers*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, all Crosby films sans Hope. Indeed, in 1944 Crosby stood as the American film industry's number one star, earned an Academy Award, and recorded “Swinging on a Star,” a record that sold a million copies.

Bing Crosby retained his ranking as a top movie star until 1954. Throughout the early 1950s, he continued to win awards and generate millions for Paramount, the studio for which he had labored so long. In 1954, for example, he earned an Academy Award nomination for *The Country Girl* and starred in *White Christmas*, the highest grossing film of the year. It was in 1956, with *Anything Goes*, that he terminated a 24-year association with Paramount, and began to freelance as a movie actor working for Twentieth Century-Fox, Columbia, United Artists, and Warner Brothers. In the mid-1960s he ended his movie career, and turned to full-time work in television with his second wife and new brood of children.

Surprisingly, his success in the new visual medium of television never matched his popularity in films. There were the annual specials featuring family and guest star, Bob Hope. But his only weekly television series, a domestic situation comedy for ABC entitled *The Bing Crosby Show*, proved a major disappointment, and was canceled in 1964 after only one season. In the long run, Crosby's greatest success in television came through his production company with such popular series hits as *Ben Casey*, *The Wild, Wild West*, and *Hogan's Heroes*.

Crosby first achieved national popularity on the radio, and would never forget these origins: he continued with a weekly radio show well into the 1950s. His popularity on radio during the Great Depression ignited his career as a phonograph recording star. It was in this sector of American show business that Crosby's impact was truly staggering. He sold 22 million single records; he recorded more than 2,600 different songs; he sold 400 million records total (by 1975). And one recording, “White Christmas,” went on to sell more than 30 million copies alone.

His radio, record, movie, and television activities made Bing Crosby one of the richest persons in the history of American show business. He was one of the first stars of any media to incorporate himself—in 1936. Once his show business success was assured, he began to invest in real estate, mines, oil wells, cattle ranches, race horses, music publishing, baseball teams, and the aforementioned television production company. But his greatest wealth probably did not even come from his extraordinary movie and singing career but from his financing of what later became the Minute Maid Orange Juice Corporation. This investment alone made him a multimillionaire.

Crosby's successes as a movie star should best be thought of as an extension of his enormous popularity as a singer and radio star. Through hundreds and hundreds of "performances," he was able to project an image as the unexceptional, even lazy character who sang effortlessly, always playing himself. He became an extension of the icon of the "bashful hero." Along with Jimmy Stewart and Gary Cooper he represented the "average American male," who always seemed to stumble toward success. With his stable, solid image in a world of depressions, world wars, and cold wars, Bing Crosby more than any star became a symbol for his generation.

—Douglas Gomery

CROWE, Russell

Nationality: New Zealander. **Born:** Russell Ira Crowe, Strathmore Park, New Zealand, 7 April 1964. **Career:** Began appearing in television programs at age six, in the Australian TV series *Spyforce*; appeared on TV series *The Young Doctors*, 1976, and *Police Rescue*, 1992; stage actor, beginning in the mid-1980s; appeared in a touring production of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. **Awards:** Australian Film Institute Award for Best Performance in a Supporting Role, for *Proof*, 1991; Australian Film Institute Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, 1991, and Australian Film Critics Circle Best Actor Award, 1992, for *Romper Stomper*; National Board of Review Award for Best Actor and National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Actor, 1999, and Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Actor and Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for Best Actor, 2000, for *The Insider*. **Agent:** c/o George Freeman, William Morris Agency Inc., 151 S. El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1990 *Blood Oath (Prisoners of the Sun)* (Wallace) (as Lieutenant Jack Corbett); *The Crossing* (Ogilvie) (as Johnny)
- 1991 *Brides of Christ* (Cameron) (as Dominic Maloney); *Spotswood (The Efficiency Expert)* (Joffe) (as Kim Barrett); *Hammers over the Anvil* (Turner) (as East Driscoll); *Proof* (Moorhouse) (as Andy)
- 1992 *For the Moment* (Johnston) (as Lachlan); *Romper Stomper* (Wright) (as Hando)
- 1993 *Silver Brumby (The Silver Stallion: King of the Wild Brumbies)* (Tatoulis) (as The Man); *Love in Limbo* (Elfick) (as Arthur Baskin)
- 1994 *The Sum of Us* (Dowling) (as Jeff Mitchell)
- 1995 *The Quick and the Dead* (Raimi) (as Cort); *Virtuosity* (Leonard) (as Sid 6.7); *Rough Magic* (Peplow) (as Alex Ross)
- 1996 *No Way Back* (Cappello) (as Zack Grant)
- 1997 *Breaking Up* (Greenwald) (as Steve); *Heaven's Burning* (Lahiff) (as Colin O'Brien); *L.A. Confidential* (Hanson) (as Bud White)

- 1999 *Mystery, Alaska* (Roach) (as John Biebe); *The Insider* (Mann) (as Jeffrey Wigand)
- 2000 *Gladiator* (Scott) (as Maximus Decimus Meridius); *Proof of Life* (Hackford)
- 2001 *Flora Plum* (Jodie Foster)

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Russell Crowe has been smoking cigarettes since he was ten years old, and did not feel compelled to alter this habit before, during, or after playing the role of an anti-tobacco activist in *The Insider*. As an actor though, he did alter much else about himself to become Jeffrey Wigand, the middle-aged former head of research and development at a tobacco company who decided to release secret studies exposing the duplicity of his employer. He successfully transformed himself from an athletic, healthy 35-year-old into a paunchy, gray middle-aged man.

This outward transformation, for which he gained 35 pounds, was not the only way Crowe inhabited the role, and he ultimately won widespread acclimation and an Oscar nomination for this performance. The actor already had developed a phenomenal ability to portray with great subtlety the interior conflicts of a variety of men, which first became apparent to American audiences when two Australian films in which he starred, *The Sum of Us* and *Romper Stomper*, were released here.

In the former film, Crowe played an affable young gay man whose father lives with him, and who is feeling a little crowded by the father's enthusiastic acceptance of his love life. This tension is not expressed so much in confrontations as in the edgy ways Crowe moves his body and uses his eyes as his father interacts with his current boyfriend. In *Romper Stomper* he plays a young man on the other end of the spectrum, a seething skinhead who charismatically leads his friends to follow him into racist attacks on Asians and others whom he feels are crowding his already constricted environment.



Russell Crowe (center) and Guy Pearce (right) in *L.A. Confidential*

Crowe was born in New Zealand, and his parents moved the family to Australia when he was four. His mother became a caterer on movie sets, and took her young son along on her assignments, which led to his early feeling of comfort around the apparatus of filmmaking; he started acting in a television series when he was six years old. The star of that series was Jack Thompson, who would later play the father in *The Sum of Us*. Crowe continued to act, and as a young adult his work began to attract more and more critical attention. At 19 he broke into musical theater, where he received one of his favorite roles, that of Dr. Frankenfurter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in which he delivered 415 performances. He was nominated for an Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award as Best Supporting Actor in 1990 for *The Crossing*, and won that award the following year for his performance in *Proof*. Then came *Romper Stomper* in 1992, for which he won both the AFI and Australian Film Critics Award for Best Actor, but also endured along with the film a barrage of criticism for seeming to make racist aggression attractive.

The intensity of his *Romper Stomper* performance attracted the attention of Sharon Stone, who was at the time putting together a package called *The Quick and the Dead*, in which she would star as a female gunfighter. Stone was so impressed with Crowe that she held

up production of her film to allow him to finish his work on *The Sum of Us*. Unfortunately for Crowe, both *The Quick and the Dead* and his next film, *Rough Magic*, won almost no attention at the box office.

Then came *L. A. Confidential*. In retrospect it seems almost miraculous that such a movie could come out of the Hollywood production system. Based on a James Ellroy novel, typically for that author dark and convoluted, the story seemed to many untransformable into film. It also cast the movie capital in an unsavory light, exposed many of the illusions that keep the industry going, and argued that the environment in which Hollywood functioned was also riddled with corruption.

Furthermore, the director, Curtis Hanson, had only helmed a couple of relatively low-budget projects (*The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* and *The River Wild*), and he had put together a cast of largely unknown actors. But through the strength of its unrelenting vision and the over-all excellence of its ensemble performance, *L. A. Confidential* garnered widespread critical acclaim, multiple awards and nominations, and was included on more than 100 critics' Top Ten lists.

Among the ensemble cast, Crowe was frequently singled out for his portrayal of the conflicted police detective, Bud White, whose visceral reaction to violence against women frequently erupted into

violence against the perpetrators. Crowe says of Bud White that “he makes a very healthy statement through his anger and his fighting and his resolve at the end. There’s a purity about him.” The opportunity to make statements about social issues is part of what has attracted Crowe to such varied projects as *Romper Stomper*, *The Sum of Us*, *L. A. Confidential*, and *The Insider*. While Crowe is widely viewed as a rising star, he does not fully embrace the movie establishment. He lives on a station (ranch) in northern Australia with his parents and brother, and spends part of his energy in a rock band named Thirty Odd Food of Grunts, which mostly tours Australia and New Zealand. While he is attractively diffident about his own work—“I’ve made 18 movies and I think I’ve given 18 bad performances,” he told Kim Basinger in an interview published in *Interview*—other film professionals are much more enthusiastic.

“He reminds me of myself as a young actor,” says Sir Anthony Hopkins, who acted with him in *The Efficiency Expert*. George Ogilvie, who directed Crowe in *The Crossing*, compares him with James Dean. Most tellingly many people, including *The Insider* director Michael Mann, see hints of the young Marlon Brando in Crowe’s work. Perhaps Crowe agrees. “Generally I’m not somebody who covets roles, even if someone else gets a part that I’d like to play,” he told Basinger. “However, I would have liked to do the first run of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.”

—Stephen Brophy



Tom Cruise in *Mission: Impossible*

CRUISE, Tom

Nationality: American. **Born:** Thomas Cruise Mapother IV in Syracuse, New York, 3 July 1962. **Education:** Attended high school in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Mimi Rogers, 1987 (divorced 1990); 2) the actress Nicole Kidman, 1990, son: Connor, daughter: Isabella. **Career:** 1981—film debut in *Endless Love*; 1993—directed an episode of TV series *Fallen Angels*. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama, for *Born on the Fourth of July*, 1990; Hasty Pudding Theatricals Man of the Year, 1994; Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, National Board of Review Best Actor Award, and Golden Satellite Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy or Musical, for *Jerry Maguire*, 1997; Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, and Chicago Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor Award, for *Magnolia*, 2000. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1981 *Endless Love* (Zeffirelli) (as Billy); *Taps* (Becker) (as David Shawn)
 1983 *Losin' It* (Hanson) (as Woody); *The Outsiders* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Steven Randall); *Risky Business* (Brickman)

(as Joel Goodson); *All the Right Moves* (Chapman) (as Stef Djordevic)

- 1985 *Legend* (Ridley Scott) (as Jack)
 1986 *Top Gun* (Tony Scott) (as Lt. Pete Mitchell); *The Color of Money* (Scorsese) (as Vincent)
 1988 *Cocktail* (Donaldson) (as Doug Coughlin); *Rain Man* (Levinson) (as Charlie Babbitt)
 1989 *Born on the Fourth of July* (Oliver Stone) (as Ron Kovic)
 1990 *Days of Thunder* (Tony Scott) (as Cole Trickle)
 1992 *A Few Good Men* (Rob Reiner) (as Lt. J. G. Daniel Kaffee); *Far and Away* (Ron Howard) (as Joseph Donnelly)
 1993 *The Firm* (Pollack) (as Mitch McDeere)
 1994 *Interview with the Vampire* (as Lestat de Lioncourt)
 1996 *Mission: Impossible* (DePalma) (as Ethan Hunt, + pr)
 1997 *Jerry Maguire* (Crowe) (as title role)
 1999 *Eyes Wide Shut* (Kubrick); *Magnolia* (Anderson) (as Dr. William Harford)
 2000 *Mission Impossible 2* (as Ethan Hunt)
 2002 *Minority Report* (Spielberg) (as John Anderton)

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 Conant, J., “The Professional,” in *Vanity Fair* (New York), June 1996.
 Friend, T., “Man with a Mission,” in *Premiere* (Boulder), June 1996.
 Paterson, Elaine, “Mission: Improbably,” in *Time Out* (London), no. 1347, 12 June 1996.

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Despite his male model features and proven box-office clout, there is something thin and underdeveloped about Tom Cruise’s screen image. Has any leading man gotten so much mileage out of playing variations on the same theme in such a relatively short time span? Immensely likable, Cruise calculatedly plays the cocky all-American overachiever who is ultimately humbled by life-lessons learned at the knee of an older male mentor and eventually humanized by the love of the proverbial good woman. Capable of bending the law slightly on occasion, this self-assured locker room antihero gets knocked down

a few pegs in formulaic fashion; it is a neatly stage-managed persona that has served Cruise well in *Risky Business*, *Cocktail*, *Top Gun*, *The Color of Money*, *Rain Man*, *Days of Thunder*, *A Few Good Men*, *Far and Away*, and *The Firm*. Incredibly, the only clinker marring this track record is the meandering fairy tale, *Legend*. When required to stretch, Cruise can perform with sleek assuredness matching Paul Newman shot for shot in *The Color of Money* and outclassing the contemporary cinema’s Paul Muni—Dustin Hoffman—in the sappy *Rain Man*.

If Cruise’s career seems less the by-product of a thespic drive than the inspiration of well-connected business managers, Cruise has tried to stretch himself although not with any of the daring moves associated with Richard Gere, for example. Still, in *Born on the Fourth of July*, the Vietnam War film based on Ron Kovic’s book of the same name, Cruise convincingly and effectively portrays a Ron Kovic who moves from naive recruit to angry, wheelchair-bound paraplegic. Although the movie version of *Interview with the Vampire* guts the homoerotic content of the novel, this profitable bloodbath was a bold move on Cruise’s part, and he rises to the challenge with an atypically flamboyant turn as a hedonist bloodsucker for whom no standard Cruise-ian redemption awaits. Modulating his usually strained vocal resources, Cruise, for the first time in his career, etches an eerily believable characterization far removed from his heel-reborn-as hero image. Although this *Interview* is too glumly serious, deficient in mystery, and sadistic to be scarily entertaining, Cruise does pump it full of vampiric glee.

Still young and shrewdly determined to keep the machinery of his success oiled, Cruise carries out a *Mission Impossible* in order to upgrade his stature as a film star who can play with the big boys (Ford, Schwarzenegger) in the action flick arena. Thus far, his mainstream success stands as a monument to the never-ending adolescence of men who enjoy exercising their braggadocio, treating women like trophies, and egotistically excelling at various sports. Whether flying MIGs, racing cars, playing pool, boxing bare-knuckled, footballing for a scholarship, or shaking a cocktail, Cruise taps into the American male’s unconscious desires. What this really amounts to is Peter Pan with a sex drive or Huckleberry Finn discovering puberty. It is a juvenile conception, and fans to the contrary, it is an image which Cruise cannot go on revamping forever. That crooked grin could become as obsolete as Mary Pickford’s sausage curls.

That’s why it’s so reassuring to observe Cruise reconnecting with his fans in a role that exercised his acting muscles without dampening his magnetism. After toiling profitably in the most poorly designed blockbuster of the 90s, *Mission Impossible*, Cruise puts his magnetism to better use as a sports agent in the quirky seriocomedy, *Jerry McGuire*. Relaxed yet authoritative, Cruise is more believable than he is with showier roles that require “acting.” Part con man, part cheerleader, McGuire makes a living by massaging the egos of petulant athletes. Whether he’s pitching himself to clients or wooing Renee Zellweger, Cruise reveals an astounding command over the audience’s goodwill. The role marks a defining moment in Cruise’s stardom.

Tight-lipped about his private life, Cruise, nonetheless, chose to expose himself in provocative fare that was a far cry from the safety of *Mission Impossible 2*. Devoting an inordinate amount of time to notoriously finicky Stanley Kubrick’s *Eyes Wide Shut*, Cruise submerges his ego to serve the director’s swan song. Although one vainly

hoped Kubrick would do for Cruise what Bertolucci did for Brando in *Last Tango in Paris*, Cruise deserves credit for lending his star-power to this circumspect exploration of sexuality. If there seems to be too much ice and not enough fire in the Kubrick project, there is altogether too much heat in Cruise's performance as a self-help huckster in the pretentious *Magnolia*. Structurally intricate, the film wants to bowl you over by fitting mega-star Cruise into its ensemble, but it actually positions him as a sun surrounded by lesser stars. (Imagine if Tyrone Power had tried to upstage everyone in *Nightmare Alley*, and you get an idea of the magnitude of the problem.) Unfortunately, Cruise's performance doesn't showcase his quiet magnanimity, even as it appeals to awards voters, impressed by sound and fury signifying nothing. And yet, not one of Cruise's male contemporaries has dared similar challenges at the height of popularity. Still youthful looking, Cruise can afford to take vacations from stardom to stretch himself instead of accepting something like *Top Gun Hits Middle Age*. One hopes, however, that he realizes there's more art and less artfulness in the laid-back environment of *Jerry McGuire*, than there is in the symbol-laden landscapes of directors uninspired by Cruise's greatest strength, which is his covert vulnerability.

—Robert Pardi

CRYSTAL, Billy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Long Beach, Long Island, New York, 14 March 1947. **Family:** Married Janice Goldfinger, 1970; children: Jennifer, Lindsay. **Education:** Attended Marshall University; graduated from Nassau Community College; New York University, B.F.A. in television and film direction, 1970. **Career:** Substitute teacher at Long Beach Junior High School; worked with Alumni Theatre Group, Nassau Community College; comedian with improvisational comedy groups We the People, Comedy Jam, and Three's Company, 1971–75; stand-up comedian, from 1975; played Jodie Dallas on TV series *Soap*, 1977–81; host of *The Billy Crystal Comedy Hour*, 1982; appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, 1984–85; frequent host of television award shows, including Grammy Awards, Emmy Awards, and Academy Awards; actor, writer, director, producer. **Awards:** Golden Apple Award, star of the year, Women's Press Club, 1989; American Comedy Award, Funniest Actor in a Motion Picture, for *When Harry Met Sally*. . . , 1989; four Emmy Awards, 1989, 1991; American Comedy Award, Funniest Actor in a Motion Picture, for *City Slickers*, 1991; ShoWest Special Award for Comedy Star of the Decade, 1991; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1991; Creative Achievement Award, American Comedy Awards, 1993; Hasty Pudding Theatricals Man of the Year, 2000. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *SST: Death Flight (SST: Disaster in the Sky)* (Rich—for TV) (as David)
 1978 *Human Feelings* (Pintoff—for TV); *Rabbit Test* (Joan Rivers) (as Lionel Carpenter)

- 1979 *Breaking Up Is Hard to Do* (Antonio—for TV) (as Danny Doyle); *Animalympics* (Kroyer and Lisberger) (voice)
 1980 *Enola Gay: The Men, the Mission, the Atomic Bomb* (Rich—for TV) (as Lieutenant Jacob "Jake" Beser)
 1984 *This Is Spinal Tap* (Reiner) (as Morty the Mime)
 1986 *Running Scared* (Hyams) (as Danny Costanzo)
 1987 *Throw Momma from the Train* (DeVito) (as Larry); *The Princess Bride* (Reiner) (as Miracle Max)
 1988 *Memories of Me* (Winkler) (as Abbie) (+ pr, sc); *An All-Star Toast to the Improv* (Miller) (as himself)
 1989 *When Harry Met Sally*. . . (Reiner) (as Harry Burns); *Midnight Train to Moscow* (for TV) (as himself)
 1991 *City Slickers* (Underwood) (as Mitch Robbins) (+ pr, sc)
 1992 *Mr. Saturday Night* (as Buddy Young Jr.) (+ d, pr, sc)
 1994 *City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold* (Weiland) (as Mitch Robbins) (+ pr, sc); *Baseball* (doc) (Burns—for TV) (as himself); *In Search of Dr. Seuss* (Paterson—for TV) (as The Voice of America); *A Century of Cinema* (doc) (Thomas) (as himself)
 1995 *Forget Paris* (as Mickey Gordon) (+ d, pr, sc)
 1996 *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as First Gravedigger)
 1997 *Fathers' Day* (Reitman) (as Jack Lawrence); *Deconstructing Harry* (Allen) (as Larry/Satan); *I Am Your Child* (Reiner—for TV)
 1998 *My Giant* (Lehman) (as Sam "Sammy" Kamin) (+ pr, sc)
 1999 *Analyze This* (Ramis) (as Ben Sobol) (+ exec pr); *Get Bruce* (doc) (Kuehn) (as himself)
 2000 *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle* (McAnuff)
 2001 *Monsters, Inc.* (Docter and Silverman—animation) (as voice of Mike Wzowski)

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Billy Crystal (right) with Woody Allen and Elizabeth Shue in *Deconstructing Harry*

The poster art for Billy Crystal's hit movie *City Slickers* (1991)—with Crystal in saddle and spurs, wearing a New York Mets cap on his head—succinctly captures Crystal's ability to reconcile classic Hollywood imagery with his own persona. His wry, skeptical attitude has made him an unlikely romantic hero, and his ability to combine nostalgia has led him to emcee the epitome of schmaltz and sincerity, the Academy Awards.

Crystal was born in showbiz; his father managed the Colony record store in midtown Manhattan, and an uncle, Milt Gabler, was a jazz producer (according to family legend, Crystal was named for family friend Billie Holliday). Crystal attended Marshall University on a baseball scholarship, and later studied film at New York University under Martin Scorsese. His early professional work was as a mimic, and his loving impressions of Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell drew praise across the board. Steve Allen noted, "(H)e is more than merely an impressionist, because his essential comic quality is dominant, whereas most impressionists could not succeed as comedians if they did not employ the voices of well-known figures."

Crystal was willing to risk embarrassment in his first major acting roles, playing the TV sitcom's first gay character on ABC's *Soap* (1977–81) and a pregnant male in Joan Rivers' over-the-top misfire *Rabbit Test* (1978). During the late 1970s Crystal developed a rapport with a group of cutting-edge comedians and satirists in Southern California, including Albert Brooks and Rob Reiner. And Crystal's

monologues included such original characters as jazz musician "Face" and transsexual cabaret singer Penny Lane.

In 1984 Crystal spent a productive season on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, where his impressions of TV host Joe Franklin, laid-back actor Fernando Lamas, and superstar Sammy Davis, Jr. earned him widespread acclaim. Crystal immediately left the series to develop his film career. *Running Scared* (1986), directed by Peter Hyams, gave Crystal the chance to trade smart one-liners with cop sidekick Gregory Hines, and resolve his conflict with his estranged wife. Crystal gave Hines room to act, and he also was effective in the film's romantic scenes. The *Beverly Hills Cop*-knockoff was a critical and box-office success.

Crystal scored again in Danny DeVito's *Throw Momma from the Train* (1987), where his detachment on-screen played well opposite DeVito's matricidal character and Anne Ramsay's passive-aggressive mother. An often-overlooked Crystal movie is *Memories of Me* (1988, Henry Winkler), where his doctor character reconciles with his aging actor father (Alan King). Crystal co-wrote the script with Eric Roth, and the screenplay effectively switches between Borscht Belt humor and melodrama. Roger Ebert complimented King and Crystal's rapport: "Their timing has the almost effortless music of two professionals who have spent their lifetimes learning how to put the right spin on a word. . . . Crystal is very good in a role that must have been second nature to him." Crystal would further explore the life of

a middling Jewish-American showbiz character in his directorial debut, *Mr. Saturday Night* (1992), which resurrected his standup persona of insult-comic extraordinaire Buddy Young, Jr. (“Nice body odor, lady—you smell like landfill”).

Crystal’s biggest hit to date was *When Harry Met Sally*. . . (1989), in which he winningly played Meg Ryan’s platonic male friend over a 15-year span. Again, Crystal’s generosity shone through; he consciously encouraged director Rob Reiner to make Ryan, not himself, the center of the movie’s famous deli scene, a scene which catapulted Ryan to stardom. The Nora Ephron-scripted film owed much to Woody Allen films, but *When Harry Met Sally*. . . demanded more than one-liners to succeed. Crystal’s genuinely touching reconciliation with Ryan the night after consummating their relationship gave the movie its strength.

City Slickers (1991) allowed Crystal to hilariously explore the psyche of middle-aged men in the 1990s, as Crystal and his childhood buddies herd cattle as a metaphor for organizing their messy personal lives. In a potent early scene, Crystal poignantly describes the stages of life to his son’s grade-school class; to paraphrase Lincoln, he cracks jokes because he must not cry. While out West he and his buddies reminisce about the past (including a touching discussion about baseball), match wits with mythical cowboy Jack Palance (Crystal: “Kill anybody today?” Palance, coldly: “Day ain’t over yet”), and reconnect with their wives and families.

Crystal scored his biggest hit of the late 1990s as the shrink of a neurotic Mob don in *Analyze This* (1999). Once again, Crystal willingly allowed his costar to get the laughs. In this case it was Robert De Niro, the protégé of Crystal’s former mentor, Martin Scorsese. Crystal’s reactions to De Niro’s deadpan quips were priceless, and his presence complemented De Niro’s. Though not in the same class with the similarly-themed TV series *The Sopranos*, *Analyze This* was a well-produced contemporary movie comedy.

In 1990 Crystal was pegged to host the Academy Awards, a task that had daunted bigger names. In a series of hosting gigs during the 1990s Crystal proved to be the ceremony’s best host since Bob Hope, with a crack writing staff backstage to take advantage of spontaneous on-stage goofs, the dexterity to sing and dance elaborate production numbers of each year’s five Best Picture nominees, and a strong ad-lib ability (when 100-year-old honoree Hal Roach’s microphone went dead during the 1992 ceremony, Crystal quipped that it was fitting, since Roach began with silent films).

Crystal’s most prominent flops have been *City Slickers II* (1994), a spiritless reworking of the original, and *Father’s Day* (1997), an uninspired teaming with fellow comedian Robin Williams. These failures suggest that Crystal is better off exploring new subjects and collaborators. There’s no reason Crystal can’t appear on a future Oscar telecast—as a recipient.

—Andrew Milner

CUNY, Alain

Nationality: French. **Born:** René Xavier Marie in Saint-Malo, 12 July 1908. **Education:** Attended Institut Libre de Saint-Lô and the Collège Locroy-Saint-León; studied architecture at École Nationale

Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris; studied drama with Charles Dullin.

Family: Married Marie-Blanche Guidicelli, 1962. **Career:** Began career in film as costume and set designer for Cavalcanti, Feyder, and Renoir; late 1930s—began acting on stage; 1941—film debut in Jean Grémillon’s *Remorques*; early 1950s—began starring in Italian in addition to French films; 1960—international recognition for role of Steiner in Fellini’s *La dolce vita*. **Died:** In Paris, 16 May 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1941 *Remorques (Stormy Waters)* (Grémillon)
- 1942 *Les Visiteurs du soir (The Devil’s Envoys; The Devil’s Own Envoy)* (Carné) (as Giles)
- 1943 *Le Baron fantôme (The Phantom Baron)* (de Poligny); *Madame Sans-Gêne* (Richebé)
- 1946 *Solita de Cordoue* (Koster)
- 1951 *Il Cristo proibito (Forbidden Christ; Strange Deception)* (Malaparte) (as Mastro Antonio); *Camicie rosse (Anita Garibaldi; Red Shirts)* (Rosi and Alessandrini) (as Bueno)
- 1952 *Les Conquérants solitaires* (Vermoral); “Minna de Vanghel” ep. of *Le Rideau carmoisi (Les Crimes de l’amour; The Crimson Curtain)* (Astruc)
- 1953 *La signora senza camelia (The Lady without Camelias)* (Antonioni—released in U.S. in 1981) (as Lodi)
- 1956 *Notre Dame de Paris (The Hunchback of Notre Dame)* (Delannoy) (as Claude Frolo)
- 1958 *Les Amants (The Lovers)* (Malle) (as Henri Tournier)
- 1960 *La dolce vita* (Fellini) (as Steiner)
- 1961 *Scano boa* (Dall’Ar) (as Cavarazan)
- 1962 *La Croix de vivants (Cross of the Living)* (Govar) (as Count)
- 1963 *La corruzione (Corruption)* (Bolognini) (as Leonardo)
- 1964 *Peau de banane (Banana Peel)* (Marcel Ophüls) (as Bontemps)
- 1965 *Le Festin des mots* (Dansereau)
- 1969 *La Voie lactée (The Milky Way; La Via Lattea)* (Buñuel) (as man with cape); *Fellini Satyricon (Satyricon)* (Fellini) (as Lichas)
- 1970 *Uomini contro* (Rosi) (as General Leone)
- 1971 *Valparaiso, Valparaiso* (Aubier)
- 1972 *L’udienza* (Ferrer); *La grande scrofa nera* (Ottoni); *Il maestro i Margarita* (Petrovic)
- 1973 *La rosa rossa* (Giraldi)
- 1974 *Emmanuelle* (Jaekin) (as Marco); *Touche pas la femme blanche (Don’t Touch White Women)* (Ferrer)
- 1975 *El recurso del metedo* (Littin); *Il contesto* (Rosi); *I prosseneti* (Rondi)
- 1976 *Cadaveri eccellenti (Illustrious Corpses)* (Rosi); *Irene, Irene* (Del Monte)
- 1978 *La Chanson de Roland* (Cassenti)
- 1979 *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli (Christ Stopped at Eboli)* (Rosi) (as Baron Rotundo)
- 1980 *Les Jeux de la comtesse; Semmelweis* (Bettetini)
- 1984 *Basileus Quartet* (Carpi) (as Finkel)
- 1985 *Déetective* (Godard) (as Old Mafioso)
- 1987 *Cronaca di una morte annunciata (Chronicle of a Death Foretold)* (Rosi) (as Widower)

- 1989 *Camille Claudel* (Nuytten) (as Louis-Prosper Claudel)
 1992 *Uova di Garofano* (*Farewell Sweet War*) (Agosti) (as Crimen);
Le Retour de Casanova (*Casanova's Return*) (Niermans)
 (as Marquis)

Film as Director:

- 1991 *L'annonce faite a Marie*

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After working as an assistant director to Alberto Cavalcanti, and as set and costume designer for Cavalcanti, Feyder, and Renoir, Alain Cuny made his film acting debut in an insignificant role in Grémillon's *Remorques* in 1941. During the war, he was active in the theater, but he first received serious attention in two film roles that made him instantly famous.

The first was a lively performance as the strolling minstrel and Devil's assistant, Gilles, in Marcel Carné's *Les Visiteurs du soir*, and the second the role of Hervé in Serge de Poligny's *Le Baron fantôme*, for which Cuny also collaborated on the script. Opposite Jean

Cocteau, as the Baron, Cuny, the Baron's son and heir, created an unusual version of the romantic hero, reflecting the film's fantastic and legendary quality.

Thereafter, Cuny played increasingly realistic roles, and his performances became deeper and more psychologically complex. This gradual change was probably due to the influence of his theatrical work, especially after he began to appear at the Théâtre National Populaire under Jean Vilar. Cuny's first major stage success came at the 1947 Avignon Festival in Paul Claudel's *L'Histoire de Tobie et de Sarah*, and he also appeared in Vilar's subsequent production of *Macbeth*. In the mid-1950s he became a member of Madeleine Renaud and Jean-Louis Barrault's company; his appearance in their production of *Tête d'or* confirmed Cuny's standing as a great tragedian.

In the early 1950s he pursued a film career mainly in Italy, notably in an early Antonioni film, *La signora senza camelie*. Delannoy's *Notre Dame de Paris*, with Cuny opposite Gina Lollobrigida, was an Italian co-production. The emerging New Wave made good use of his capabilities, through his appearance in Louis Malle's *Les Amants*, but Cuny continued to make his most significant impact in Italian films.

His remarkable performance as the philosophizing author Steiner in Fellini's *La dolce vita* presented a seemingly quiet and even-tempered man, living happily with a beautiful and intelligent wife, who yields to a sudden, mysterious attack of folly and commits suicide. Cuny subsequently worked with Fellini in *Satyricon*. Equally important was the beginning of his collaboration with Francesco Rosi in *Uomini contro*, as General Leone, followed by performances in Rosi's *Cadaveri eccellenti*, *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli*, and *Cronaca di una morte annunciata*, which continued to demonstrate Cuny's skill and dramatic sophistication.

—Karel Tabery

CURTIS, Jamie Lee

Nationality: American. **Born:** Los Angeles, California, 22 November 1958; daughter of the actor Tony Curtis and the actress Janet Leigh; sister of the actress Kelly Curtis. **Education:** Studied at Choate School, Connecticut; University of the Pacific, California. **Family:** Married the actor/director Christopher Guest, 1984, daughter: Annie, son: Thomas Haden. **Career:** Began her career by acting on TV, with credits including the TV movie and TV series *Operation Petticoat*, 1970s; made her film debut in *Halloween*, 1978; starred on the TV situation comedy *Anything but Love*, 1989–92. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress British Academy Award, for *Trading Places*, 1983; Cognac Festival du Film Policie Special Mention (for her Acting Performance), for *Blue Steel*, 1990; Best Performance by an Actress on a TV Series-Comedy/Musical Golden Globe, for *Anything But Love*, 1990; Funniest Actress in a Motion Picture (Leading Role) American Comedy Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical Golden Globe, for *True Lies*, 1994. **Address:** 10573 West Pico Boulevard #242, Los Angeles, CA 90064–2348, U.S.A.



Jamie Lee Curtis in *Halloween H2O*

Films as Actress:

- 1977 *Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High I.Q. Murder Case* (Wanamaker—for TV) (as Waitress); *Operation Petticoat* (Life in the Pink) (Astin—for TV) (as Lieutenant Barbara Duran)
- 1978 *Halloween* (Carpenter) (as Laurie Strode)
- 1980 *The Fog* (Carpenter) (as Elizabeth Solley); *Prom Night* (Lynch) (as Kim); *Terror Train* (Spottiswoode) (as Alana)
- 1981 *Road Games* (Franklin) (as Pamela Rushworth); *Halloween II* (Carpenter) (as Laurie Strode); *Escape from New York* (Carpenter) (as opening narrator/voice of computer); *Death of a Centerfold: The Dorothy Stratten Story* (Beaumont—for TV) (title role); *She's in the Army Now* (Averback—for TV) (as Rita Jennings)
- 1982 *Money on the Side* (Collins—for TV) (as Michelle Jamison)
- 1983 *Trading Places* (Landis) (as Ophelia); *Love Letters* (My Love Letters) (Amy Jones) (as Anna Winter)
- 1984 *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai: Across the Eighth Dimension* (Richter) (as Dr. Sandra Banzai); *Grandview, U.S.A.* (Kleiser) (as Michelle "Mike" Cody)
- 1985 *Perfect* (Bridges) (as Jessica Wilson); *8 Million Ways to Die* (Ashby); *Annie Oakley* (Shelley Duvall's Tall Tales and Legends: Annie Oakley) (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV)
- 1986 *As Summer Dies* (Tramont—for TV) (as Whitsey Loftin)
- 1987 *Amazing Grace and Chuck* (Silent Voice) (Newell) (as Lynn Taylor); *A Man in Love* (Un Homme amoureux) (Kurys) (as Susan Elliot)
- 1988 *Dominick and Eugene* (Robert M. Young) (as Jennifer Reston); *A Fish Called Wanda* (Charles Crichton) (as Wanda Gershwitz)
- 1990 *Blue Steel* (Bigelow) (as Megan Turner)
- 1991 *Queens Logic* (Rash) (as Grace); *My Girl* (Zieff) (as Shelly DeVoto)
- 1992 *Forever Young* (Miner) (as Claire)
- 1994 *My Girl 2* (Zieff) (as Shelly Sultenfuss); *Mother's Boys* (Simoneau) (as Jude); *True Lies* (Cameron) (as Helen Tasker)
- 1995 *The Heidi Chronicles* (for TV) (as Heidi Holland)
- 1996 *House Arrest* (Winer) (as Janet Beindorf); *Ellen's Energy Adventure* (short) (as Dr. Judy Peterson—uncredited)
- 1997 *Fierce Creatures* (Young, Schepisi) (as Willa Weston); *Homegrown* (Gyllenhaal) (as Sierra Kazan)
- 1998 *Halloween H2O: Twenty Years Later* (Miner) (as Laurie Strode/Keri Tate); *Nicholas' Gift* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Maggie Green)
- 1999 *Virus* (Bruno) (as Kit Foster)
- 2000 *Drowning Mona* (Gomez) (as Rona Cale); *The Tailor of Panama* (Boorman); *Daddy and Them* (Thornton)

Other Films:

1977 *Murder at the World Series* (McLaglen—for TV) (dialogue coach)

Publications

By CURTIS: books—

When I Was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of Her Youth, New York, 1993.

Tell Me Again: About the Night I Was Born, New York, 1995.

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Interview with C. Krista, in *Films in Review* (New York), August/September 1985.

Interview in *Time Out* (London), 3 January 1990.

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Like many a cinematic ingenue, Jamie Lee Curtis started out as a heroine of horror/terror films: John Carpenter's *Halloween*, *The Fog*, and *Halloween II*; Paul Lynch's *Prom Night*; and Roger Spottiswoode's *Terror Train*. But unlike scores of attractive but inexperienced young actresses, she never was forced to make films

that were strictly cheesy, Grade D exploitation. Similarly, unlike countless performers whose careers never transcend their roots, she has been able to secure a series of showy supporting and starring roles in A-list films. Perhaps her career progressed in this direction because of her lineage: her parents are, of course, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. Keeping in mind her parents, Curtis's casting in horror films may be linked to the shower her mother took in *Psycho*; prior to debuting in *Halloween*, Curtis appeared in a television series based on the film *Operation Petticoat*, the original of which had starred her father.

This is not to imply that Curtis simply inherited her fame. Early in her career, she "paid her dues" in television movies which were variously stupid (*She's in the Army Now*, a tepid reworking of *Private Benjamin*), exploitative (*Death of a Centerfold: The Dorothy Stratten Story*), or stupid and exploitative (*Money on the Side*, playing a suburban housewife who becomes a prostitute—a film which never would be confused with Buñuel's *Belle du jour*). In all these films, Curtis imbued her characters with an intelligence far greater than that supplied by the scriptwriters.

Having the proper connections may have helped her early on, but Curtis's acting ability and on-screen appeal, coupled with her undeniable sexiness, are what have sustained her. In *Halloween*, for instance, her talent is showcased to good advantage. As the likable, partnerless member of a trio of young women, she manages to convey her character's repressed sexuality—an irony, considering the in-your-face eroticism inherent in so many of her future roles. Indeed, in some of Curtis's biggest box-office hits, she has traded on a combination of her natural effervescence and sex appeal. In *Trading Places*, one of her earlier films, she is memorable in her supporting role as a Bronx-accented hooker-with-a-heart-of-gold. It was here where she first displayed her flair for comedy. In *A Fish Called Wanda*, she blends seamlessly with a choice cast (John Cleese, Kevin Kline, Michael Palin) as a sexy con woman. Her instant-classic striptease scene in *True Lies* (in which she is cast as Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife) is as eye-popping as any of the film's special effects.

While she was taking showy roles in *Trading Places*, *A Fish Called Wanda*, and *True Lies*, Curtis also was tackling parts that stretched her as an actress—most successfully, as the young woman who comes upon her late mother's romantic correspondence with a married man in *Love Letters*; and the title role in the television adaptation of Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*. She also has played characters of integrity in films that were simply unsuccessful: the aerobics instructor in the inane *Perfect*, and the cop in the muddled *Blue Steel*. And she has taken supporting roles in projects she has believed in: *A Man in Love*, *Dominick and Eugene*, and *Amazing Grace and Chuck*.

Because her highest-profile roles have been supporting ones (*Trading Places*, *True Lies*) or as a part of an ensemble (*A Fish Called Wanda*), Curtis never has won a place in the inner circle of actress-stars, alongside the likes of Demi Moore and Julia Roberts. This is unfortunate, as she is every bit as attractive as (and, in some ways, far more charismatic than) Moore and Roberts. Curtis's full-bodied performance in *The Heidi Chronicles* serves as evidence that she has matured as an actress, and is quite capable of playing characters whose intelligence and vulnerability transcend their sexuality.

Yet at the time she made *The Heidi Chronicles*, her most fully evolved and heartfelt projects were made-for-TV; she also starred in *Nicholas' Gift* as a parent forced to make a life-giving decision

regarding the donation of her brain-dead son's organs. Otherwise, Curtis was lost in the dreadful sci-fi thriller *Virus*; her role in the ensemble farce *Homegrown* was virtually a cameo; and she had what might have been a solid part as a comically sexy small town waitress in *Drowning Mona*, only the character was underwritten. Meanwhile, she was linked to her cinematic past. In 1997, Curtis was reunited with her *Fish Called Wanda* co-stars in the less-than-memorable *Fierce Creatures*; the film was shot in 1995 by Robert M. Young, and then rewritten and re-filmed by Fred Schepisi the following year. Then in 1998, she reprised her screen debut in the self-explanatorily-titled *Halloween H20: Twenty Years Later*.

—Rob Edelman

CURTIS, Tony

Nationality: American. **Born:** Bernard Schwartz in the Bronx, New York, 3 June 1925; known as James Curtis and Anthony Curtis during early career. **Education:** Attended Seward Park High School, New York; City College of New York; acting classes at New York's Dramatic Workshop. **Military Service:** World War II—served with U.S. Navy. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Janet Leigh, 1951 (divorced 1962), daughters: the actresses Kelly Lee and Jamie Lee Curtis; 2) the actress Christine Kaufmann, 1963 (divorced 1967),



Tony Curtis (left) and Jack Lemmon in *Some Like It Hot*

daughters: Alexandra, Allegra; 3) Leslie Allen, 1968 (divorced 1981), sons: Nicholas, Benjamin. **Career:** Mid-1940s—started Empire Players theater in Newark, New Jersey; later joined the Dramatic Workshop of the Cherry Lane Theater and Drama Workshop of Walt Whitman; late 1940s—began acting professionally with Stanley Woolf Players which toured “Borscht Circuit” in Catskills; appeared briefly off-Broadway; 1948—film debut in bit role in *Criss Cross*; 1949—contract with Universal; late 1950s—formed Curtleigh Productions with wife Janet Leigh; early 1960s—formed production company Curtis Enterprises; later formed Reynard production company; 1971–72—in the TV series *The Persuaders*; 1975–76—in TV series *McCoy*; 1978–82—semi-regular on ABC-TV series *Vegas*. **Address:** c/o Jerry Zeitman, The Agency, 10351 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 211, Los Angeles, CA 90025, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Criss Cross* (Siodmak) (as gigolo)
- 1949 *City across the River* (Shane) (as Mitch); *The Lady Gambles* (Gordon) (as bellboy); *Johnny Stool Pigeon* (Castle) (as Joey Hyatt); *Francis* (Lubin) (as Capt. Jones)
- 1950 *Sierra* (Green) (as Brent Coulter); *I Was a Shoplifter* (Lamont) (as Pepe); *Winchester '73* (Anthony Mann) (as Doan); *Kansas Raiders* (Enright) (as Kit Dalton)
- 1951 *The Prince Who Was a Thief* (Maté) (as Julna); *Flesh and Fury* (Pevney) (as Paul Callan)
- 1952 *No Room for the Groom* (Sirk) (as Alvah Morrell); *Son of Ali Baba* (Newmann) (as Kashma Baba)
- 1953 *Houdini* (George Marshall) (title role); *The All-American* (*The Winning Way*) (Hibbs) (as Nick Bonelli); *Forbidden* (Maté) (as Eddie Darrow)
- 1954 *Beachhead* (Heisler) (as Burke); *Johnny Dark* (Sherman) (title role); *The Black Shield of Falworth* (Maté) (as Myles Falworth); *So This Is Paris* (Quine) (as Joe Maxwell)
- 1955 *Six Bridges to Cross* (Pevney) (as Jerry Florea); *The Purple Mask* (Humberstone) (as René); *The Square Jungle* (Jerry Hopper) (as Eddie Quaid)
- 1956 *The Rawhide Years* (Maté) (as Ben Matthews); *Trapeze* (Reed) (as Tino Orsini)
- 1957 *Mister Cory* (Edwards) (title role); *The Sweet Smell of Success* (Mackendrick) (as Sidney Falco); *The Midnight Story* (*Appointment with a Shadow*) (Pevney) (as Joe Martini)
- 1958 *The Vikings* (Fleischer) (as Eric); *Kings Go Forth* (Daves) (as Britt Harris); *The Defiant Ones* (Kramer) (as John Jackson); *The Perfect Furlough* (*Strictly for Pleasure*) (Edwards) (as Cpl. Paul Hodges)
- 1959 *Some Like It Hot* (Wilder) (as Joe/Josephine); *Operation Petticoat* (Edwards) (as Lt. Nick Holden); *Who Was That Lady?* (Sidney) (as David Wilson)
- 1960 *The Rat Race* (Mulligan) (as Pete Hammond Jr.); *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Antoninus); *The Great Impostor* (Mulligan) (as Ferdinand Waldo Demara Jr.); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as guest)
- 1961 *The Outsider* (Delbert Mann) (as Ira Hamilton Hayes)
- 1962 *Forty Pounds of Trouble* (Jewison) (as Steve McCluskey); *Taras Bulba* (Thompson) (as Andrei Bulba)

- 1963 *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as Italian); *Captain Newman, M.D.* (Miller) (as Cpl. Jackson Laibowitz); *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine) (as second policeman)
- 1964 *Wild and Wonderful* (Anderson) (as Terry Williams); *Good-bye Charlie* (Minnelli) (as George Tracy); *Sex and the Single Girl* (Quine) (as Bob Weston)
- 1965 *The Great Race* (Edwards) (as The Great Leslie); *Boeing-Boeing* (Rich) (as Bernard Lawrence)
- 1966 *Not with My Wife, You Don't* (Panama) (as Tom Ferris); *Chamber of Horrors* (Averback) (as Mr. Julian); *Arrivederci, Baby* (*Drop Dead, Darling*) (Hughes) (as Nick)
- 1967 *La cintura di castita* (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Crusades*; *The Chastity Belt*) (Campanile) (as Guerrando da Montone); *Don't Make Waves* (Mackendrick) (as Carlo Cofield)
- 1968 *Rosemary's Baby* (Polanski) (as voice of Donald Baumgart); *The Boston Strangler* (Fleischer) (as Albert de Salvo)
- 1969 *Quei temerari sulle loro pазze, scatenate, scalciate carrieole* (*Those Daring Young Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies*; *Monte Carlo or Bust!*) (Annakin) (as Chester Schofield)
- 1970 *Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came?* (Averback) (as Shannon Gambroni); *You Can't Win 'em All* (Collinson) (as Adam Dyer)
- 1973 *The Third Girl from the Left* (Medak—for TV)
- 1974 *Lepke* (Golan) (title role)
- 1975 *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Greene—for TV) (as Mondego); *The Big Rip-Off* (Hardgrove—for TV)
- 1976 *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Rodriguez)
- 1977 *Casanova & Co.* (*The Rise and Rise of Casanova*; *Some Like It Cool*) (Legrand, i.e., Franz Antel) (title role); *The Manitou* (Girdler) (as Harry Erskine)
- 1978 *Sextette* (Hughes) (as Alexei); *The Bad News Bears Go to Japan* (Berry) (as Marvin); *The Users* (Hardy—for TV); *Vegas* (Richard Lang—for TV) (as Phillip Roth)
- 1979 *It Rained All Night the Day I Left* (Gessner) (as Robert Talbot); *Title Shot* (Rose) (as Frank Renzetti)
- 1980 *Little Miss Marker* (Bernstein) (as Blackie); *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Marty N. Fenn); *Moviola: The Scarlett O'Hara War* (Erman—for TV)
- 1981 *The Million Dollar Face* (O'Herlihy—for TV); *Inmates: A Love Story* (Green—for TV)
- 1982 *Brainwaves* (Lommel) (as Dr. Clavius); *Portrait of a Showgirl* (Stern—for TV); *Othello—The Black Commando* (Boulois) (as Iago); *Balboa* (Polakof) (as Ernie Stoddard)
- 1984 *Where Is Parsifal?* (Helman) (as Parsifal Katzenellenbogen)
- 1985 *Insignificance* (Roeg) (as the Senator)
- 1986 *The Last of Philip Banter* (Hachuel) (as Charles Foster); *Mafia Princess* (Collins—for TV) (as Salvatore "Sam" Giancana); *Balbao* (Polakof) (as Ernie Stoddard)
- 1987 *Club Life* (Vane) (as Hector)
- 1988 *Pascagier—Welcome to Germany* (Brasch) (as Cornfield)
- 1989 *Lobster Man from Mars* (Sheff) (as J. P. Shelldrake); *Midnight* (Vane); *Walter & Carlo i Amerika* (Friis-Mikkelsen) (as Wally La Rouge)
- 1990 *Tarzan in Manhattan* (Schultz—for TV) (as Archimedes Porter); *Bloodlaw* (Heavener); *Thanksgiving Day* (Tanasescu—for TV) (as Max Schloss)

- 1991 *Prime Target* (Heavener) (as Marrietta Copella)
- 1992 *Center of the Web* (Prior) (as Stephen Moore); *Christmas in Connecticut* (Schwarzenegger—for TV) (as Alex Yardley)
- 1994 *The Mummy Lives* (Gerry O'Hara) (as Aziru/Dr. Mohassid); *Bandit: Beauty and The Bandit* (Needham—for TV) (as Lucky Bergstrom); *A Perry Mason Mystery: The Case of the Grimacing Governor* (Tash—for TV) (as Johnny Steele); *Naked in New York* (Algrant) (as Carl Fisher)
- 1995 *The Immortals* (for TV); *The Celluloid Closet* (Epstein and Friedman—doc) (as interviewee); *Roger Moore: A Matter of Class* (for TV) (as himself)
- 1997 *Elvis Meets Nixon* (Arkush) (uncredited—as himself); *Hardball* (Erschbamer) (as Wald); *Brittle Glory* (*The Continued Adventures of Reptile Man*) (Schill) (as Jack Steele); *Alien X Factor* (Sondberg) (as Dr. Lancaster)
- 1998 *Louis & Frank* (Rockwell); *Stargames* (Gordon Clark)
- 1999 *Play It to the Bone* (*Play It*) (Shelton) (as Ringside Fan)
- 2000 *Those Old Broads*

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Ironically, Tony Curtis is today best known as the father of actress Jamie Lee Curtis. But in a career that spans more than five dozen films and a panorama of genres, he has proved to be an engaging light comedian—particularly when guided by Blake Edwards or Billy Wilder; he has also startled critics with a smattering of sharp-edged dramatic portrayals. Sadly, his acting reputation has long been eclipsed by that of his personal life, most notably his marriages (which proved fodder for fan magazines during their heyday). Even his physical qualities, his "pretty-boy" looks, which initially propelled him to stardom during the glamour-obsessed late 1950s and early 1960s, have worked against him.

Certainly, he was badly miscast early in his career: with his Bronx accent, the former Bernard Schwartz stuck out like the proverbial sore thumb in a string of Westerns, swashbucklers, and Arabian Nights-induced flights of fancy, wherein he uttered such immortal lines as "Yonda is the castle uv my fodda."

The critical sniggering that dogged those early performances came to a halt in 1957 with Curtis's stunning portrayal of oily press agent Sidney Falco in the gritty film noir *The Sweet Smell of Success*. Incomprehensibly, Curtis was not nominated for an Oscar in that performance. A year later, however, he was Best Actor nominee for *The Defiant Ones*, a chase film about racial prejudice directed by Stanley Kramer. Armed with critical acclaim, Curtis gave confident performances (sans Bronx accent) in the memorable period spectacles, *The Vikings* and *Spartacus*.

It was the back-to-back release in 1959 of two frantic comedies—*Some Like It Hot*, directed by Wilder, and *Operation Petticoat*, one of his many collaborations with Edwards (they also teamed up for such films as *Mister Cory* and *The Great Race*)—that displayed his impeccable comic timing. At his most convincing when cast opposite strong (or, at the very least, ingratiating) performers, Curtis proved a deft foil for Jack Lemmon and a charming romantic lead opposite Marilyn Monroe in the Wilder comedy. In *Operation Petticoat* he more than held his own with Cary Grant (whose distinctive voice he successfully parodied in *Some Like It Hot*).

Curtis went on to breezy work in so-called sophisticated comedies such as *Sex and the Single Girl*, then reinforced his dramatic reputation with his chilling portrayal of Albert de Salvo in *The Boston Strangler* (1968). Curtis campaigned long and hard to win the role, knowing it was a long shot; he gained almost 30 pounds and had his face rebuilt with a false nose to look like de Salvo. His perseverance earned him the role and good reviews, but not the Oscar nomination he sought and expected. The academy did not like serial killers, regardless of how persuasively they were played on the screen; it had previously ignored Anthony Perkins's now-classic performance in *Psycho*. Not until Anthony Hopkins's Hannibal the Cannibal in *Silence of the Lambs* in 1991 would such an honor be bestowed—not only was Hopkins nominated, he won.

The Boston Strangler proved to be Curtis's last major film role. He has since appeared mostly in low-budget and foreign films and in various television productions, often playing aging Sicilian godfathers and other Mafioso types.

—Pat H. Broeske, updated by John McCarty

CUSACK, Cyril

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Cyril James Cusack in Durban, South Africa, 26 November 1910. **Education:** Attended Dominican College, Newburgh, Ireland; University College, Dublin. **Family:** Married 1) Mary Margaret Kiely, 1945 (died in the 1970s), sons: Paul and Padraig, daughters: the actresses Sinead, Sorcha, Niamh, and Catherine; 2) Mary. **Career:** 1916—stage debut as Little Willie Carlyle in *East Lynne*; 1918—film debut as Young O'Brien in *Knocknagow*; acted on stage during childhood in family touring company (with mother Alice Violet [Cole] and stepfather Brefni O'Rourke); 1928–32—member of Norwich Repertory Co., Norfolk, England; 1932–35—member, Abbey Theatre, Dublin (also acted in many Abbey Theatre productions during lifetime); 1935—began appearing in films regularly; 1935–36—producer of the Gaelic Players; 1936—London stage debut as Richard in *Ah, Wilderness*; 1942—production of his play in Gaelic *Tar eis an aifrinn* (*After Mass*); 1944—manager of the Gaiety Theatre; 1944–61—managing director of Cyril Cusack Productions; 1948—began appearing in television plays regularly; 1957—Broadway debut as Phil Hogan in *A Moon for the Misbegotten*; 1961—in TV mini-series *The Power and the Glory*; 1966—associate and stockholder of the National Theatre, Dublin; 1972—in TV miniseries *The Golden Bowl*, as narrator, and in *Jesus of Nazareth*, 1977; 1990—appeared with his three daughters, Sinead, Sorcha, and Niamh in the London stage production of *The Three Sisters*. **Awards:** English Tatler Radio Critics Award, for *The Dark Tower*, 1954; Sylvania Television Citation, for *The Moon and Sixpence*, 1959; International Critics Award, for *Arms and the Man* and *Krapp's Last Tape*, 1961; Best Actor, Irish Television Critics' Award, 1963; Honorary LL.D, Honoris Causa, National University of Ireland, 1977; Honorary Degree, Litt., University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, 1982. **Died:** In London, 7 October 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1918 *Knocknagow* (*Homes of Tipperary*) (O'Donovan) (as Young O'Brien)
- 1935 *Guests of the Nation* (Johnston); *Late Extra* (Albert Parker) (as Jules); *The Man without a Face* (G. King) (as Billy Desmond)
- 1936 *Servants All* (Bryce) (as Billy)
- 1938 *The Shadow of the Glen* (for TV)
- 1941 *Inspector Hornleigh Goes to It* (*Mail Train*) (Forde); *Once a Crook* (Mason) (as Bill Hopkins)
- 1947 *Odd Man Out* (*Gang War*) (Reed) (as Pat)
- 1948 *Esther Waters* (Dalrymple) (as Fred Parsons); *Escape* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Rogers); *Once a Jolly Swagman* (*Maniacs on Wheels*) (Jack Lee and McNaughton) (as Duggie Lewis); *Highland Fling* (for TV); *Ship Day*
- 1949 *The Small Back Room* (*Hour of Glory*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Cpl. Taylor); *The Blue Lagoon* (Lauder) (as James Carter); *All over the Town* (Twist) (as Gerald Vane); *Christopher Columbus* (McDonald); *The Sensible Man* (for TV)



Cyril Cusack (right) with Edward Fox in *The Day of the Jackal*

- 1950 *Gone to Earth* (Powell) (as Edward Marston); *The Wild Heart* (Powell and Pressburger—revised version of *Gone to Earth*, shortened); *The Elusive Pimpernel* (*The Fighting Pimpernel*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Chauvelin); *W. B. Yeats—A Tribute* (Fleischmann—doc) (as narrator, with others)
- 1951 *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt) (as Frank Hutchins); *The Secret of Convict Lake* (Michael Gordon) (as Limey); *Soldiers Three* (Garrett) (as Pvt. Dennis Malloy)
- 1953 *Oedipus Complex* (for TV)
- 1954 *Destination Milan* (Huntington) (as Paddy O'Clafferty); *The Last Moment* (Comfort) (as Daniel O'Driscoll); *Saadia* (Lewin) (as Khadir)
- 1955 *Passage Home* (Roy Ward Baker) (as Bohannon); *The Thoroughbred* (Huth—for TV)
- 1956 *Jacqueline* (Roy Ward Baker) (as Mr. Flannagan); *The Man in the Road* (Comfort) (as Dr. Kelly); *The Man Who Never Was* (Neame) (as taxi driver); *The March Hare* (*Gamblers Sometimes Win*) (O'Ferrall) (as Lazy Mangan); *The Spanish Gardener* (Leacock) (as Garcia); *Deidre* (for TV)
- 1957 *Ill Met by Moonlight* (*Night Ambush*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Sandy); *Miracle in Soho* (Aymes) (as Sam Bishop); "The Majesty of the Law" ep. of *The Rising of the Moon* (Ford) (as Inspector Michael Dillon); *The Moon and Sixpence* (Mulligan—for TV) (as Dr. Coutras)
- 1958 *Cradle of Genius* (Rotha—doc) (as himself)
- 1959 *Floods of Fear* (Charles Crichton) (as Peebles); *Gideon's Day* (*Gideon of Scotland Yard*) (Ford) (as Herbert "Birdy" Sparrow); *Shake Hands with the Devil* (Anderson) (as Chris Noonan); *The Enchanted* (for TV); *What Every Woman Knows* (Mulligan—for TV)
- 1960 *Johnny Nobody* (Patrick—released in U.S. in 1965) (as Prosecuting Counsel); *Once upon a Tram* (Sarsfield and Maguire—doc) (as narrator); *A Terrible Beauty* (*The Night Fighters*) (Garrett) (as Jimmy Hannafin)
- 1962 *I Thank a Fool* (Stevens) (as Capt. Ferris); *Waltz of the Toreadors* (*The Amorous General*) (Guillermin) (as Dr. Grogan); *The Chairs* (for TV); *Don Juan in Hell* (for TV); *The Dummy* (for TV); *The Lotus Eater* (for TV); *The Wedding Dress* (for TV)

- 1963 *80,000 Suspects* (Guest) (as Father Maguire); *Accidental Death* (for TV); *In the Train* (for TV); *Krapp's Last Tape* (for TV) (as Krapp); *Tryptych* (for TV); *The Workhouse Ward* (for TV) (as Michael McInerney)
- 1964 *The Big Toe* (for TV) (as Petley); *Murder in the Cathedral* (Foa—for TV) (as Thomas à Becket); *Six Characters in Search of an Author* (for TV) (as the father)
- 1965 *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* (Ritt) (as Control); *Passage to India* (Hussein—for TV); *Where the Spies Are* (*Passport to Oblivion*; *One Spy Too Many*) (Guest) (as Peter Rosser); *I Was Happy Here* (*Time Lost and Time Remembered*; *Passage of Love*) (Desmond Davis) (as Hogan)
- 1966 *Fahrenheit 451* (Truffaut) (as Captain)
- 1967 *Jonathan Swift* (Hickey—doc) (as narrator, with others); *The Taming of the Shrew* (*La Bisbetica Domata*) (Zeffirelli) (as Grumio); *Dial M for Murder* (Moxey—for TV) (as Inspector Hubbard); *Oedipus the King* (*Oedipus Rex*) (Saville) (as Messenger)
- 1968 *Galileo* (Cavani) (title role); *Stage Irishman* (Hickey—doc) (as himself)
- 1969 *Country Dance* (*Brotherly Love*) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Dr. Maitland)
- 1970 *David Copperfield* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Barkis)
- 1971 *Harold and Maude* (Ashby) (as sculptor); *King Lear* (Peter Brook) (as Duke of Albany); *Sacco e Vanzetti* (*Sacco and Vanzetti*) (Montaldo) (as Frederick Katzmann); *Tam Lin* (*The Devil's Widow*) (McDowall) (as Vicar Julian Ainsley)
- 1972 *La polizia ringrazia* (*From the Police, with Thanks*; *The Law Enforcers*; *Execution Squad*) (Steno) (as Stolfi); *Piu forte ragazzi!* (*All the Way, Boys*) (Colizzi) (as Matto); *Clochmerle* (Mills—for TV); *The Hands of Cormac Joyce* (Cook—for TV) (as Mr. Reese)
- 1973 *The Day of the Jackal* (Zinnemann) (as Gozzi the gunsmith); *The Homecoming* (Hall) (as Sam); *La "mala" ordina* (*Manhunt*; *Manhunt in Milan*; *The Italian Connection*) (Di Leo) (as Corso); *Tristan et Iseult* (*Tristan and Isolde*) (Legrance); *Catholics, a Fable for the Future* (Gold—for TV) (as Father Manus); *The Reunion* (for TV)
- 1974 *The Abdication* (Harvey) (as Chancellor Oxenstierna); *Arrivano Joe e Margherito* (*Joe y Margherito*; *Run, Run, Joe*) (Colizzi); *Juggernaut* (Lester) (as Maj. O'Neill); *Venditore di palloncini* (*The Last Circus Show*; *The Balloon Vendor*; *Last Moments*) (Gariazzo) (as balloon vender); *The Good and Faithful Servant* (for TV)
- 1975 *Children of Rage* (Arthur Alan Seidelman) (as David's father); *Crystal and Fox* (for TV)
- 1976 *Lo mano spietata della legge* (*The Bloody Hands of the Law*; *Execution Squad*) (Gariazzo); *Paura in città* (*Hot Stuff*; *Fear in the City*; *Street War*) (Rosati); *Portrait of a Library* (Hickey—doc) (as narrator)
- 1978 *Les Misérables* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Fauchelevent); *Cry of the Innocent* (O'Herlihy—for TV)
- 1979 *Poitin* (*Poteen*) (Quinn) (as a poteen maker); *Love Spell* (*Tristan and Isolde*) (Donovan) (as Gorman of Ireland); *The Hitchhiker* (Reid—for TV)
- 1980 *Cry of the Innocent* (O'Herlihy) (as Detective Inspector Tom Moloney); *Strumpet City* (for TV)
- 1981 *True Confessions* (Grosbard) (as Cardinal Danaher); *Andrina* (Forsyth—for TV) (as retired sea captain); *No Country for Old Men* (Powell—for TV)
- 1982 *The Ballroom of Romance* (O'Connor—for TV) (as Mr. Dwyer); *The Ghost Downstairs* (*The Neighbour Downstairs*) (Gosling—for TV); *The Plough and the Stars* (for TV); *The Search for Shaw* (Cash—doc for TV) (as the voice of Bernard Shaw)
- 1983 *Don Camillo* (Hill); *Comedy of Errors* (James Cellan Jones—for TV) (as Aegeon); *Death of an Expert Witness* (Wise—for TV) (as Mr. Lorrimer); *One of Ourselves* (O'Connor—for TV) (as Quigley); *Wagner* (Tony Palmer—for TV) (as Sulzer); *The Kingfisher* (James Cellan Jones—for TV)
- 1984 *1984* (Radford) (as Charrington); *At the Cinema Palace—Liam O'Leary* (Taylor—doc) (as himself); *2 x Forsyth* (*No Comebacks*): *A Careful Man* (O'Herlihy—for TV) (as Martin Pound); *Dr. Fischer of Geneva* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Steiner); *Introduction to English Poetry, 1384-Present* (doc for TV) (poetry read by Cusack and others); *Rainy Day Women* (Bolt—for TV) (as Reed); *Restoration and Augustan Poetry* (Mervyn—doc for TV) (poetry read by Cusack and others)
- 1986 *The Theban Plays: Oedipus the King* (Don Taylor—for TV) (as the priest)
- 1987 *Little Dorrit* (Part I: *Nobody's Fault* and Part II: *Little Dorrit's Story*) (Edzard) (as Frederick Dorrit); *Cusack by Cusack* (doc for TV)
- 1988 *Menace Unseen* (for TV); *The Tenth Man* (Gold—for TV) (as the parish priest)
- 1989 *My Left Foot* (Sheridan) (as Lord Castlewelland); *Danny, the Champion of the World* (Millar—for TV) (as Doc Spencer)
- 1990 *The Fool* (Edzard) (as the Ballad Seller)
- 1991 *The Company: Inigo and His Jesuits* (Fenton) (as host)
- 1992 *Far and Away* (Ron Howard) (as Danty Duff); *As You Like It* (Edzard) (as Adam); *Memento Mori* (Clayton and Hubbard—for TV) (as the poet Percy Mannering)
- 1993 *Young Indiana Jones Chronicles: Paris, May 1919* (Hare—for TV) (as Georges Clemenceau)

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- Obituary in *Variety* (New York), 18 October 1993.

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In a life of almost 83 years Cyril Cusack spent 77 of those years active in the theater, film, radio, television, recordings, and publishing, with well over 100 theatrical productions, 90 films, and 75 television productions to his credit.

After his birth in Durban, Natal, South Africa, his actress mother brought him to Ireland at any early age. He was a devoted Irishman—as actor and nationalist—and in many ways his theatrical and film work reflects this. In an incident recounted in *Cinema and Ireland* (1988), Cusack and a group of fellow actors and students, offended by what they considered to be a stereotypical depiction of the Irish shouted down a screening of the American film *Smiling Irish Eyes* (1929) in a Dublin theater. He was fluent in the Irish language, sent his children to Irish language schools, and wrote a play in Gaelic, *Tar eis an aifrin*, which was staged in 1942. At the age of eight he was cast in the early silent Irish film *Knocknagow* which dealt with the Irish famine. In 1979 he starred as a poteen maker in *Poitin* (*Poteen*), which is considered the first Irish feature film in Gaelic. Many of the films in which he appeared are about the Irish fight for independence: *Guests of the Nation*, *Odd Man Out*, *The Rising of the Moon*, and *Shake Hands with the Devil*.

He often said that his movie career supported his primary interest of mounting theatrical productions. While long associated with the Abbey Theatre he also ran his own company, Cyril Cusack Productions. His theatrical contributions included the major Irish figures of the stage from Boucicault to Beckett. His favorite roles included The Covey in O’Casey’s *The Plough and the Stars* and Christy Mahon in Synge’s *The Playboy of the Western World*. The full extent of his abilities as a stage actor are not always captured on film. But his long association with Caedmon Records provides one with an opportunity to at least hear him in some of his important Shakespearean and Irish roles, and the plays of Genet and Ionesco. (He also recorded the poetry and writings of Hopkins, Yeats, Joyce, and Beckett). One of

Cusack’s proudest moments was the production of *The Three Sisters* (Royal Court Theatre, London, 1990) in which he acted with his three actress daughters, who through their active stage and screen careers have extended the Cusack acting dynasty into its fourth generation.

While Cusack’s film career has included some major roles: Chauvelin in *The Elusive Pimpernel*, the title role in *Galileo*, and as Frederick Katzmann in *Sacco and Vanzetti*, virtually his whole body of film work has been devoted to the portrayal of character roles. In a way this is a pity, because Cusack was a major actor, of great talent, who had honed his craft through long years of experience. (He had great confidence in his acting abilities and did not particularly appreciate directors who wanted to tell him how to act the parts.) On the other hand one has the opportunity of experiencing this great talent in relatively short, concentrated scenes. Some of these are gems of acting skill. The two short scenes as Control with Richard Burton in *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* underline the subtlety of his acting. In the theme and plot of this wonderfully complex film, his role is extremely important to the action. There is subtlety of interpretation, an almost “minimalist” approach of expression, movement, speech, and body language that projects the depth of character. Here is Cusack as a prissy, meticulous, almost insufferable bore, irritated because the “office girl” did not warm the teapot. He was able to project an exterior of extreme propriety, a person meticulously dressed, while underneath it there is a ruthless schemer. Other movies in which this ability to flesh out the role of a minor character who often has an impact on the plot of the film are: *Odd Man Out*, *The Passage Home*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *Day of the Jackal*, *Juggernaut*, *True Confessions*, “A Careful Man” sequence in *2 x Forsyth*, and *The Tenth Man*.

—Allen Cohen

CUSACK, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Evanston, Illinois, 28 June 1966. **Education:** Trained for the stage with Byrne and Joyce Piven at the Piven Theatre Workshop, Chicago. **Career:** Writer and director of musicals for Evanston Township High School; appeared in industrial films and commercials; founder, New Crime Productions, 1986; director and producer of the play *Alagazam . . . After the Dog Wars*, Chicago, Illinois, 1988. **Awards:** Commitment to Chicago Award (with other family members), Chicago Film Critics Association, 2000. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019–4701, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1983 *Class* (Carlino) (as Roscoe)
- 1984 *Sixteen Candles* (Hughes) (as Bryce); *Grandview, U.S.A.* (Kleiser) (as Johnny Maine)
- 1985 *The Journey of Natty Gann* (Kagan) (as Harry); *Better Off Dead . . .* (Holland) (as Lane Myer); *The Sure Thing* (Reiner) (as Walter “Gib” Gibson)



John Cusack and Ione Skye in *Say Anything*

1986 *Crazy Summer* (Holland) (as Hoops McCann); *Stand by Me* (Reiner) (as Denny Lachance)
 1987 *Hot Pursuit* (Lisberger) (as Dan Bartlett); *Broadcast News* (Brooks) (as Angry Messenger)
 1988 *Tapeheads* (Fishman) (as Ivan Alexeev); *Eight Men Out* (Sayles) (as Buck Weaver)
 1989 *Fat Man and Little Boy* (Joffé) (as Michael Merriman); *Elvis Stories* (Stilller) (as Corky); *Say Anything . . .* (Crowe) (as Lloyd Dobler)
 1990 *The Grifters* (Frears) (as Roy Dillon)
 1991 *True Colors* (Ross) (as Peter Burton)
 1992 *Roadside Prophets* (Wool) (as Serial Eater); *The Player* (Altman) (as himself); *Shadows and Fog* (Allen) (as Student Jack); *Map of the Human Heart* (Ward) (as The Mapmaker); *Bob Roberts* (Robbins) (as Cutting Edge Host)
 1993 *Money for Nothing* (Menéndez) (as Joey Coyle)
 1994 *The Road to Wellville* (Parker) (as Charles Ossining); *Baseball* (Burns—doc, for TV) (voice); *Floundering* (McCarthy) (as JC); *Bullets Over Broadway* (Allen) (as David Shayne)
 1996 *City Hall* (Becker) (as Kevin Calhoun)
 1997 *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (Eastwood) (as John Kelso); *Eastwood on Eastwood* (Schickel—doc, for TV) (as Narrator); *Anastasia* (Bluth and Goldman) (as voice of

Dimitri); *Con Air* (West) (as Vince Larkin); *Grosse Pointe Blank* (Armitage) (as Martin Q. 'Marty' Blank) (+ sc, co-pr)
 1998 *The Thin Red Line* (Malick) (as Captain John Gaff); *Chicago Cab* (Cybulski and Tintori) (as Scary Man) (+ pr); *This Is My Father* (Quinn) (as Eddie Sharp, the Pilot)
 1999 *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze) (as Craig Schwartz); *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Nelson Rockefeller); *Pushing Tin* (Newell) (as Nick Falzone); *The Jack Bull* (Badham—for TV) (as Myrl Redding) (+ exec)
 2000 *High Fidelity* (Frears) (as Rob) (+ sc, co-pr); *White Jazz* (Robert Richardson)
 2001 *Serendipity* (Chelsom)

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The myriad adjectives used to describe actor John Cusack seem to mirror traits of his many film characters: highly intelligent, quirky, wry, cynical, wise, ambitious, sensitive, likable, arrogant, serious, soulful, funny. This wide range of intriguing attributes has made Cusack one of the most versatile actors of his generation. A movie star since his late teens, the darkly handsome Cusack can carry a film, but he will probably never earn a Cruise or Pitt-like fee for doing so.

Undoubtedly this is because Cusack has always eschewed the obvious in favor of characters that Caren Weiner Campbell categorizes as typically ranging between “the extremes of Smirking Daredevil and Neurotic Ditherer.”

As a child actor in Chicago’s Piven Theater Workshop, John Cusack learned his acting chops and a disdain for the Establishment. Nonetheless, as a sixteen-year-old, he made his screen debut in the frothy Rob Lowe-Andrew McCarthy feature, *Class*, and followed up with a small role in another dubious Brat Pack classic, *Sixteen Candles*. But it was director Rob Reiner who saw Cusack’s potential, casting the teenager in the starring role in the 1985 *It Happened One Night* update, *The Sure Thing*. As college freshman Walter “Gib” Gibson traveling across country in search of love, Cusack brought depth and a winning decency to what might have been a merely cloying role, and proved himself a romantic lead. This uncommon depth of character in a teen film would become the hallmark of Cusack’s early career.

But it was Cusack’s nuanced portrayal of the soulful Lloyd Dobler in Cameron Crowe’s *Say Anything* (1989) that elevated the Chicago-based actor to cult stardom. As the kickboxing, misfit, high school senior, who wooed and won the beautiful class brain by playing Peter Gabriel outside her window on a boom box, Cusack became the thinking woman’s screen idol of his generation. He also won the respect of the movie community. Critic Pauline Kael wrote of his performance, “Cusack is a wonder: Lloyd’s (nearly) blank look tells you that a lot of things are going on inside him—he has a buzz in his blank face.”

Cusack followed up *Say Anything* with his first adult role, as Chicago “Black Sox” third baseman, Buck Weaver, in John Sayles’s dark baseball drama, *Eight Men Out*. As the lone player who knew of the scandal but refused to go along with the conspiracy, Cusack turned in a poignant and movie-stealing performance in a cast featuring some of Hollywood’s hottest young actors.

Throughout his twenties, Cusack landed on his feet in small roles in some of Hollywood’s most ambitious films, such as *Fat Man and Little Boy*, *Bob Roberts*, and *The Player*. The good-looking yet quirky actor became a favorite of many of cinema’s most lauded auteurs, including Woody Allen, Robert Altman, Stephen Frears, and John Sayles. Cusack’s most memorable roles from this period were youthful con artist Roy Dillon in the contemporary noir, *The Grifters* (1990), and earnest playwright David Shane in Woody Allen’s period farce *Bullets Over Broadway* (1994).

More than holding his own in the formidable company of Angelica Huston and Annette Bening, Cusack was the emotional center of *The Grifters*. Caught in the emotional warfare between the grifter mother who abandoned him (Huston) and his glamorous grifter girlfriend (Bening), Cusack takes the film to its ugly and cathartic climax by doing less rather than more. As one critic noted, “Cusack makes a style out of recessiveness.”

Bullets Over Broadway marked Cusack’s full maturation as an actor, leaving behind the teen idols and troubled young men, and brilliantly assuming the role of an exceedingly serious and self-absorbed playwright who sells out for success. In a cast of brilliantly outlandish performances, Cusack’s earnestness once again became a cinematic anchor.

After making a series of less-than-successful films such as *The Road to Wellville* and *City Hall*, Cusack took the role of sanguine U.S.

Marshall Vince Larkin—the voice of reason in the smash ‘em up Nicolas Cage blockbuster, *Con Air*.

The success of *Con Air* allowed Cusack to bankroll the first film from his own production company, New Crime. In *Grosse Pointe Blank*, Cusack plays humane and psychologically confused hit man Martin Blank, who returns home for his high school reunion. At the crux of the film is Blank’s contentious and electric relationship with his high school girlfriend, played by Minnie Driver, and once again Cusack proves himself a charismatic, if rather dark, leading man.

Throughout the late 1990s, Cusack alternated Hollywood films with independent efforts. For every *Pushing Tin*, there was a New Crime production such as *High Fidelity*. Consequently, Cusack’s popularity with audiences grew even as he continued to be a favorite of filmmakers such as Spike Jonze, Terence Malick, and Tim Robbins.

In *Pushing Tin*, Cusack plays Nick Falzone, a hotheaded air traffic controller who thrives on stress. When a renegade Zen-like controller, played by Billy Bob Thornton, joins their team, high testosterone high jinks ensue and Nick’s world falls apart. Again, it is Cusack’s underlying integrity that keeps audiences believing and empathizing with his character.

Spike Jonze cast Cusack in the leading role of out-of-work, down-and-out performance art puppeteer Craig Schwartz in the surrealistic *Being John Malkovich*. With his unkempt beard and greasy ponytail, Cusack’s Schwartz is an anti-leading man who falls obsessively in lust with the mysterious Maxine, even as Maxine and his wife fall in love with each other. Cusack’s seethingly dissolute and simultaneously bleak performance as Schwartz bears resemblance to nothing so much as his starring role as used record store owner Rob Gordon in his next New Crime effort, *High Fidelity*. Although Gordon is much better looking than Schwartz and infinitely more attractive to women, his inability to come to terms with his own adulthood propels him into one hopeless relationship after another. In both performances, Cusack willingly plays against his own attractiveness in order to create characters that are both utterly lost and curiously powerful.

As Cusack enters his mid-thirties, he seems to be experimenting with his own persona even as he is pushing the limits of the Hollywood system. He is, as *Time* magazine dubbed him, “the hip, cutting-edge, counterculture-but-inside-the-Establishment, Trojan horse guy.”

—Victoria Price

CUSHING, Peter

Nationality: British. **Born:** Kenley, Surrey, 26 May 1913. **Education:** Attended Purley Secondary School; Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. **Family:** Married Helen Beck, 1940 (died 1971). **Career:** Early 1930s—assistant stage manager of Worthing Repertory Company in Sussex; 1935—stage debut in *The Middle Watch* in Worthing; 1939—film debut in *The Man in the Iron Mask*; 1940—Hollywood film debut in *Vigil in the Night*; 1941—New York stage debut in *The Seventh Trumpet*; 1943—London stage debut in *War and Peace*; 1948—toured Australia and New Zealand with Old Vic



Peter Cushing in *Dracula* A.D. 1972

Company; 1954—critical and popular acclaim for role in 1984 for British television; 1957—began acting in long series of horror films produced by Hammer Films and directed by Terence Fisher; 1968—in British TV series *Sherlock Holmes*. **Awards:** Officer, Order of the British Empire, 1989. **Died:** Of cancer, in Canterbury, England, 11 August 1994.

Films as Actor:

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| 1939 | <i>The Man in the Iron Mask</i> (Whale) | 1954 | <i>The Black Knight</i> (Garnett) (as Sir Palamides) |
| 1940 | <i>Hidden Master</i> (short); <i>Dreams</i> (short); <i>Laddie</i> (Hively) (as Robert Pryor); <i>Women in War</i> (Auer) (as Capt. Evans); <i>A Chump at Oxford</i> (Goulding) (as student); <i>Vigil in the Night</i> (Stevens) (as Joe Shand) | 1955 | <i>The End of the Affair</i> (Dmytryk) (as Henry Miles) |
| 1941 | <i>They Dare Not Love</i> (Whale); <i>We All Help</i> (short); <i>The New Teacher</i> (short); <i>Safety First</i> (short) | 1956 | <i>Magic Fire</i> (Dieterle) (as Otto Wesendonk); <i>Alexander the Great</i> (Rossen) (as Memnon); <i>Time without Pity</i> (Losey) (as Jeremy Clayton) |
| 1947 | <i>It Might Be You</i> (short) | 1957 | <i>The Abominable Snowman</i> (<i>The Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas</i>) (Guest) (as Dr. John Rollason); <i>The Curse of Frankenstein</i> (Fisher) (as Victor Frankenstein) |
| 1948 | <i>Hamlet</i> (Olivier) (as Osric) | 1958 | <i>Violent Playground</i> (Dearden) (as priest); <i>Dracula</i> (<i>The Horror of Dracula</i>) (Fisher) (as Dr. Van Helsing) |
| 1952 | <i>Moulin Rouge</i> (Huston) (as Marcel de la Voisier) | 1959 | <i>The Mummy</i> (Fisher) (as John Banning); <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (Fisher) (as Sherlock Holmes); <i>John Paul Jones</i> (Farrow) (as Capt. Pearson) |
| | | 1960 | <i>The Flesh and the Fiends</i> (<i>Mania</i> ; <i>Psycho Killers</i> ; <i>The Fiendish Ghouls</i>) (Gilling) (as Dr. Robert Knox); <i>Code of Silence</i> (<i>Trouble in the Sky</i>) (Frend) (as Captain Clive Judd); <i>Suspect</i> (<i>The Risk</i>) (Boulting) (as Prof. Sewell); <i>The Brides of Dracula</i> (Fisher) (as Dr. Van Helsing); <i>Sword of Sherwood Forest</i> (Fisher) (as Sheriff of Nottingham) |
| | | 1961 | <i>Fury at Smuggler's Bay</i> (Gilling) (as Squire Trevenyan); <i>The Naked Edge</i> (Anderson) (as Wrack); <i>The Hellfire Club</i> |

- (Baker) (as Merryweather); *Cash on Demand* (Lawrence) (as Fordyce)
- 1962 *The Devil's Agent* (Carstairs); *Captain Clegg* (*Night Creatures*) (Scott) (as Dr. Blyss/Capt. Nathaniel Clegg); *The Man Who Finally Died* (Fisher) (as Dr. von Brecht)
- 1964 *The Evil of Frankenstein* (Fisher) (as Baron Frankenstein); *Dr. Terror's House of Horrors* (Francis) (as Dr. Sandor Schreck); *The Gorgon* (Fisher) (as Dr. Namaroff)
- 1965 *She* (Day) (as Major Horace Holly); *The Skull* (Francis) (as Prof. Christopher Maitland); *Dr. Who and the Daleks* (Fleming) (as Dr. Who)
- 1966 *Island of Terror* (Fisher) (as Dr. Brian Stanley); *Daleks—Invasion Earth A.D. 2150* (Fleming) (as Dr. Who)
- 1967 *Frankenstein Created Woman* (Fisher) (as Baron Frankenstein); *Torture Garden* (Francis) (as Canning); *The Mummy's Shroud* (Gilling) (as narrator); *Some May Live (They Also Kill)* (Sewell—for TV) (as John Meredith); *Night of the Big Heat (Island of the Burning Damned)* (Fisher) (as Dr. Stone); *Caves of Steel*
- 1968 *The Blood Beast Terror (The Vampire Beast Craves Blood)* (Sewell) (as Inspector Quennell); *Corruption* (Hartford-Davis) (as Sir John Brown)
- 1969 *Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed* (Fisher) (as Baron Frankenstein); *Scream and Scream Again* (Hessler) (as Major Heinrich); *One More Time* (Lewis) (as Frankenstein)
- 1970 *The Vampire Lovers* (Baker) (as General Spielsdorf); *The House That Dripped Blood* (Duffell) (as Philip Grayson); *Incense for the Damned (Bloodsuckers)* (Hartford-Davis) (as Dr. Goodrich)
- 1971 *Twins of Evil* (Hough) (as Gustav Weil)
- 1972 *I, Monster* (Weeks) (as Utterson); "Poetic Justice" ep. of *Tales from the Crypt* (Francis) (as Mr. Grimsdyke); *Nothing but the Night* (Sasdy) (as Sir Mark Ashley); *Michael Carmichael (Fear in the Night)* (Sangster); *Asylum* (Baker) (as Smith); *Dr. Phibes Rises Again* (Fuest) (as Captain); *Dracula A.D. 1972* (Gibson) (as Van Helsing); *Panico en el Transiberiano (Horror Express)* (Martin) (as Dr. Wells)
- 1973 *The Satanic Rites of Dracula (Count Dracula and His Vampire Bride)* (Gibson) (as Van Helsing); *Frankenstein and the Monster from Hell* (Fisher) (as Dr. Frankenstein); *The Creeping Flesh* (Francis) (as Emmanuel Hildern); *And Now the Screaming Starts* (Baker) (as Dr. Pope); *From Beyond the Grave* (Connor) (as shopkeeper)
- 1974 *Legend of the Werewolf* (Francis) (as Paul Cataflangue); *The Golden Vampire (The Seven Brothers Meet Dracula; The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires)* (Baker) (as Van Helsing); *Madhouse* (Clark) (as Herbert Flay); *La Grande Trouille (Tendre Dracula)* (Grunstein) (as voice); *The Beast Must Die* (Annett) (as Dr. Lungren)
- 1975 *Call Him Mr. Shatter (Shatter)* (Carreras); *The Ghoul* (Francis) (as Dr. Lawrence); *Shock Waves (Almost Human; Death Corps)* (Wiederhorn) (as Scar)
- 1976 *The Devil's Men (Land of the Minotaur)* (Carayiannis) (as Baron Corofax); *Trial by Combat (Choice of Weapons; Dirty Knight's Work)* (Connor) (as Sir Edward Gifford); *At the Earth's Core* (Connor) (as Dr. Abner Perry); *The Great Houdinis* (Shavelson—for TV)
- 1977 *The Uncanny* (Herous) (as Wilbur Gray); *Die Standarte (Battle Flag)* (Runze) (as Maj. von Hackenberg); *Star Wars* (Lucas) (as Grand Moff Tarkin)

- 1978 *Hitler's Son* (Amateau) (as Heinrich Hussner); *The Detour*
- 1979 *Touch of the Sun* (Curran) (as Commissioner Potts); *Arabian Adventure* (Connor) (as Wazir Al Wurzara)
- 1980 *A Tale of Two Cities* (Jim Goddard—for TV) (as Dr. Manette); *Misterio en la isla de los monstruos (Monster Island; Mystery of Monster Island)* (Piquer) (as Colderup); *Black Jack* (Boulois)
- 1982 *House of the Long Shadows* (Walker) (as Sebastian)
- 1983 *Sword of the Valiant* (Weeks) (as Seneschal)
- 1984 *Top Secret!* (Abrahams, Zucker, and Zucker) (as Sven Jorgensen); *The Silent Scream* (Alan Gibson); *Sherlock Holmes and the Masks of Death (Masks of Death)* (Roy Ward Baker—for TV); *Helen Keller: The Miracle Continues* (Alan Gibson—for TV) (as Prof. Charles Copeland)
- 1985 *Biggles: Adventures in Time* (Biggles) (Hough) (as Colonel Raymond)

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Peter Cushing was identifiable by his noble air and refined manner, by all appearances a gentleman. Yet he is best remembered for those moments in film where he plunges the stake, without reservation or mercy, into the waiting chest of the sleeping vampire, amid deafening screams from the dying and a pool of blood to reassure us that the deed is done. For Cushing was one of the mainstays of the British horror film, as defined by Hammer Films. His frequent pairing with Christopher Lee in dozens of horror films over several decades was the most famous “scream team” since Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi went to their great rewards.

Beginning in the late 1950s, Hammer began turning out loose remakes, in color, of the classic Universal horror films of the 1930s under the guidance of house directors such as Terence Fisher and Freddie Francis. In these films Hammer created a fairy tale gothic atmosphere distinctively its own. It combined this with unprecedentedly graphic violence and sexual exploitation which contributed much to breaking down the walls of screen censorship in Britain and elsewhere. Cushing brought to the title character of *The Curse of Frankenstein*—the first of Hammer’s gothic horrors—a touch of nastiness that audiences weaned on Colin Clive’s portrayal in the 1931 original had never seen before. No mere mad scientist, Cushing’s Baron von Frankenstein was the ultimate narcissist: cold, ruthless, remorseless, and a murderer to boot—the true monster of the film. He played the part, with which he is most identified by horror fans, in five Hammer sequels, the last of which, *Frankenstein and the Monster from Hell*, found him the chief lunatic in charge of his private asylum.

Cushing’s other famous role was that of Dracula’s arch nemesis, the vampire destroyer Dr. Abraham Van Helsing. Cushing injected

the character with a degree of neurotic obsession barely hinted at in Bram Stoker’s novel. He first played the role in Hammer’s *Horror of Dracula*, the studio’s smash hit follow-up to *The Curse of Frankenstein*. It remains the studio’s most celebrated film. Cushing played Van Helsing (as well as Van Helsing’s nephew, Lorimar) in five Hammer sequels, the oddest of which was 1974’s *The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires* produced by the Shaw brothers in Hong Kong. Here, the martial arts meet the black arts, as Cushing allies himself with sibling martial artists to fight a horde of kung-fu vampires created by Dracula.

Cushing also made an indelible mark as Sherlock Holmes in Hammer’s *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, one of the best screen versions of Conan Doyle’s oft-filmed tale. Cushing’s Holmes was an intellectual neurotic whose obsession with solving the mystery almost leads to his client’s death. The screen had never presented Holmes in such a light, but this was precisely as Conan Doyle had written the character; thus, Cushing’s Holmes, like his Baron Frankenstein and Van Helsing before it, was a groundbreaker, paving the way for a host of similarly authentic Holmes interpretations, culminating with the late Jeremy Brett’s even more neurotic (and obsessive) incarnation a quarter of a century later on television. Cushing also played the character on television in a series of 16 Holmes adventures produced for the BBC in the 1960s, one of them yet another remake of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, trimmed to an hour-long format.

In addition to Lee, Cushing teamed with another icon of modern horror cinema, Vincent Price, in several films, most notably *House of the Long Shadows*, an homage to the gothic “old dark house” genre of horror films based on the oft-filmed Earl Derr Bigger’s thriller *Seven Keys to Baldpate*.

Cushing and Lee’s final teaming was a documentary on Hammer Films, *Flesh and Blood*, which they hosted and narrated for producer-director Ted Newsom. The documentary aired in two parts on the BBC in August 1994. Ill at the time, Cushing’s spirits were buoyed by the arrival of thousands of fan letters after the first episode aired. His death (from cancer) on 11 August 1994, before the second episode reached the airwaves, marked the end of an era for horror fans, young and old, around the world.

—Rob Winning, updated by John McCarty

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DAFOE, Willem

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Dafoe in Appleton, Wisconsin, 22 July 1955. **Family:** Son with Elizabeth LeCompte: Jack. **Education:** Attended University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. **Career:** 1975—Member of Theatre X experimental theatrical company; 1977—joined Wooster Group theatrical company; 1980—film debut in *Heaven's Gate*. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *Heaven's Gate* (Cimino)
1982 *The Loveless* (Bigelow) (as Vance)
1984 *The Hunger* (Tony Scott) (as phone booth youth); *New York Nights* (Nuchtern) (as punk boyfriend); *Roadhouse 66* (John Mark Robinson) (as Johnny Harte); *Streets of Fire* (Walter Hill) (as Raven)
1985 *To Live and Die in L.A.* (Friedkin) (as Eric Masters); *The Communists Are Comfortable* (Kobland)
1986 *Platoon* (Oliver Stone) (as Sgt. Elias)
1987 *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturie—doc, for TV) (as co-narrator); *Hitchhiker 3* (for TV)
1988 *The Last Temptation of Christ* (Scorsese) (as Jesus Christ); *Mississippi Burning* (Alan Parker) (as Alan Ward); *Off Limits* (Saigon) (Crowe) (as Buck McGriff)
1989 *Born on the Fourth of July* (Oliver Stone) (as Charlie); *Triumph of the Spirit* (Robert M. Young) (as Salamo Arouch)
1990 *Cry-Baby* (Waters) (as hateful guard); *Wild at Heart* (Lynch) (as Bobby Peru)
1991 *Flight of the Intruder* (Milius) (as Lt. Commander Virgil Cole)
1992 *Light Sleeper* (Schrader) (as John LeTour); *White Sands* (Donaldson) (as Ray Dolezal)
1993 *Body of Evidence* (Edel) (as Frank Dulaney); *Faraway, So Close* (In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!) (Wenders) (as Emit Flesti)
1994 *Clear and Present Danger* (Noyce) (as Clark); *The Night and the Moment* (Tato) (as the writer); *Tom & Viv* (Brian Gilbert) (as T. S. Eliot)
1995 *The English Patient* (Minghella) (as Caravaggio); *Victory* (Peplow)
1996 *Basquiat* (Build a Fort, Set It on Fire) (Schnabel); *The Foolish Heart* (Babenco)
1997 *Speed 2: Cruise Control* (De Bont) (as John Geiger)
1998 *Affliction* (Schrader) (as Rolfe Whitehouse); *New Rose Hotel* (Ferrara) (as X); *eXistenZ* (Cronenberg) (as Gas)
1999 *The Boondock Saints* (Duffy) (as FBI Agent Paul Smucker)
2000 *American Psycho* (Harron) (as Detective Donald Kimball); *The Animal Factory* (Buscemi) (as Earl Copen); *Shadow of*

the Vampire (Merhige) (as Max Schreck); *Pavilion of Women* (Yim); *Bullfighter* (Bendixen) (as Father Ramirez)

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Although one has a vivid mental image of Willem Dafoe, and the impression of a strong and striking presence, the more one thinks about his performances and the range of his roles (from demonic biker to Jesus Christ, with many variables in between), the more complex the persona appears, the more difficult to fix upon a stable core. Certain patterns form, but they are often contradictory.

One may begin by defining him negatively, by what he *does not* do. Aside from the grotesquerie of his small roles in *Cry-Baby* and *Wild at Heart*, he never plays comedy; he is seldom permitted a happy ending, especially the traditional one of lovers united; he is only



Willem Dafoe (center) in *Platoon*

slightly more frequently involved in love stories; although he has played in “action” movies he is far from a typical “action” hero. He is the kind of actor, in fact, that Hollywood needs but does not quite know what to do with. There is his unusual and expressive face, far from the conventional good looks that get inferior actors cast as romantic leads, which can be at times incredibly beautiful (*Off Limits*), intensely malevolent (*Streets of Fire*), or intriguingly decadent (*To Live and Die in L.A.*).

He has appeared most frequently in “dark” movies: contemporary variants on film noir (*White Sands*, *Light Sleeper*) or films of notably grim subject matter (*Platoon*, *Triumph of the Spirit*). His roles in these, however, have been extremely varied, running the gamut from villainy and evil to heroism and Christlike martyrdom. The first films in which he made a strong impression established the former. *Streets of Fire* is a misguided, deliriously stylized, homage to/parody of bad fifties B movies, that ends being at least as empty as what it parodies. The two leads, Michael Paré (doing a Sylvester Stallone imitation) and Diane Lane (looking sulky), form an ideal context in which Dafoe’s demon biker can shine: he looks like a juvenile Frankenstein’s monster gone berserk, and easily steals the film. The far more interesting *To Live and Die in L.A.* gives him a richer context

and a much more complex role. His murderous counterfeiter, associated with art and (in the film’s strangest moment) sexual ambiguity, is only ambiguously the villain in a film in which the nominally good/moral can easily (as in certain other Friedkin movies, notably *Cruising*) switch places with the nominally evil/immoral, within a world where everyone is implicated in corruption.

Only one year later Oliver Stone cast him in *Platoon*, initiating the series of “Christ” roles, as Stone’s treatment of his death scene makes quite explicit. This is followed by two more “hero” roles: his purification through experience and the love of a good nun in *Off Limits*, and his naive and idealistic young civil rights worker from the North coming South to teach the helpless blacks how to take a stand in Alan Parker’s *Mississippi Burning*, an eloquent example of those good intentions to which the road to hell is said to be paved. These in turn are followed by the culmination of this particular career trajectory, his selection by Scorsese to play Jesus himself in *The Last Temptation of Christ*. Despite the evident commitment and the all-too-obviously strenuous effort, this seems to me Scorsese’s one serious failure. But how *do* you present Christ on the screen? What course to steer between the human and the divine, between skepticism and belief? Significantly it is Dafoe’s least memorable performance

in a major role. *Triumph of the Spirit*, a year later, offered him more practicable opportunities in a variation on the “savior” role: a concentration camp inmate who both survives, and helps others to survive, through his prowess as a boxer, driving himself to ever greater exertions in order to stay alive.

Three years later, after a period in which it appeared that Dafoe had been relegated to the status of supporting player, taking variously grotesque roles in films ranging from the distinguished but compromised *Born on the Fourth of July* to the relentlessly atrocious *Wild at Heart*, his great moment arrived, in that unpredictable way in which such things occasionally happen in Hollywood: the central roles, and two of his best performances, in two films of considerable distinction, both released in 1992, *White Sands* and *Light Sleeper*. Unfortunately (as far as Dafoe’s future career is concerned), the former performed at the box office indifferently, the latter disastrously.

All the negatives by which I defined Dafoe at the outset are contradicted in *White Sands*. This critically underrated film is among the most interesting of contemporary attempts to revive (by updating) film noir: it exceeds expectations in one direction while negating them in others. The image of America as a nation characterized by all-pervasive corruption and the resulting paranoia was a given of classical film noir but is here pushed further: the FBI are as criminal as the nominal criminals, and the ultimate figure of evil (Mickey Rourke) is finally revealed as a representative of the CIA. On the other hand, the apparent femme fatale (Mary Elizabeth Mastroantonio) emerges as (although not uncontaminated—as she says, “It’s a fine line”) one of the film’s most admirable characters, and the hero (Dafoe), whom we constantly expect to be sucked into the seemingly inescapable corruption, emerges intact (even if guilty of brief marital infidelity). Dafoe navigates the film’s quicksands with splendid assurance, often as bewildered as the traditional noir protagonist (not to mention the audience) by the web of intrigue and double-dealing, but through a combination of pragmatism and integrity managing (just) to survive its pitfalls and temptations, his self-respect intact.

Light Sleeper (more central to the noir tradition with its urban setting, criminal underworld, and fallible and corrupt protagonist), offers him even greater opportunities to develop a complex character, here a drug dealer, tired and beginning to feel his age, attempting to extricate himself from a life he has come to find oppressive, but the forces of which, set in motion, are all-but-impossible to combat. Specifically, he is an apparently lost soul struggling upward toward salvation. The two films in juxtaposition might be taken as summing up two sides of the Dafoe persona, the innocent and the corrupt, striving for life within a dark, menacing, and hostile world.

Unfortunately, the following year (after a brief, indecisive venture into international co-production for Wenders’s *Faraway, So Close*) marked the nadir of Dafoe’s career so far: *Body of Evidence*, in which his ignominious function was to “support” the insupportable. Doubtless it seemed a good career move at the time, but it rebounded disastrously, as such things tend to do.

In recent years Dafoe has had the most distressingly bad fortune of any comparable contemporary American film actor. Three of the four films in which he has starred have failed to get a theatrical release. *Victory* (from Joseph Conrad’s splendid novel) is apparently considered unreleasable and has not even appeared on video, a fact greatly to be regretted as Axel Heyst would be a perfect role for Dafoe. *Night and the Moment* is allegedly available on video, but stores deny all knowledge of it. *New Rose Hotel* is at least available on both video (incorrectly formatted) and DVD (in widescreen). Even aside from

this major catastrophe within a distinguished career, Dafoe’s supporting roles have not been especially rewarding, though he is never uninteresting. His role in *The English Patient* (Caravaggio) was greatly reduced in importance from the novel, the film concentrating on the central love story; *Affliction* (arguably the best film in which he has appeared in this period) gave him little to do; he accepted the role of the villain in *Speed 2: Cruise Control*, but even actors have to eat. His cameo in Cronenberg’s *eXistenZ* (he is prominent in only one sequence) allows him to pass within a few minutes between the two extremes of his persona, from amiable nice guy to malicious villain, and one admires the subtlety with which the latter is hinted at in the former, the friendly smiles just a trifle strained. This leaves us with his two available major roles, in *Tom & Viv* and *New Rose Hotel*. It was a shock to find this actor, so often associated with crime movies and lowlife characters, cast as T.S. Eliot. The title *Tom & Viv* suggests equal status, but in fact it is really Amanda Richardson’s film, dedicated to the memory of Vivienne Haigh-Wood and clearly concerned to express a feminist viewpoint. But Dafoe is superb, in a role far less showy than that of his co-star. The film tells us little about Eliot’s poetry, ignoring its prominent sexual disgust, its anti-semitism, and its occasional homophobia. Dafoe gives us a decent, troubled man who genuinely cares for his disturbed, passionate wife and acts responsibly within his own limitations, quite unable to see that her alleged insanity is a perfectly understandable response to her dull and unimaginative family and the stultifying upperclass British milieu that has created it. He says, near the end of the film, after Vivienne’s commitment to a “home,” “I love this family. I’ve always wanted to be a part of it,” and the line as Dafoe delivers it carries great pathos, his entrapment subsequently visualized in the repeated image of his face behind the bars of the elevator “cage.”

Reactions to *New Rose Hotel* will depend upon one’s estimate of Abel Ferrara: the film is fully characteristic of his work, in its sense of human beings trapped within a thoroughly corrupt world, either trying (Dafoe) or not trying (Christopher Walken) to retain a little dignity and decency. Clearly the film was a very difficult commercial proposition: essentially a “modernist” art-house movie, formally and stylistically ambitious, constructed upon a basically elementary generic plot. It deserved far better treatment than it has received. It also contains Dafoe’s finest performance in years, allowing him a wide range of expression. His love scenes with Asia Argento have a touching erotic tenderness, and he beautifully conveys his character’s fundamental (if threatened) innocence. He is still able, in his forties, convincingly to project a boyish vulnerability.

—Robin Wood

DAGOVER, Li

Nationality: Dutch. **Born:** Marie Antonia Siegelinde Marta Lilets in Madiven, Java (now Djawa), 30 September 1897 (or 1894). **Education:** Boarding schools in Baden-Baden and Weimar, Germany, Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Fritz Daghofer, 1917 (divorced 1919), daughter: Eva Marie; 2) the producer George Witt, 1936. **Career:** 1919—film debut in Fritz Lang’s *Harakiri*; 1925—stage debut under the direction of Max Reinhardt in Salzburg; 1926–27—appeared in a few Swedish films; 1927—visited Hollywood; 1928–29—appeared in several French

films; 1932—in only U.S. film, *The Woman from Monte Carlo*; 1940s-1979—acted occasionally on stage and television, and in films. **Awards:** State Actress, Germany, 1937; Bundesfilmpreis, 1962; Cross of Merit, Federal Republic of Germany, 1967. **Died:** In Munich, 23 January 1980.

Films as Actress:

- 1919 *Harakiri* (Lang) (as Butterfly); *Die Spinnen, Part 1: Der goldene See* (*The Spiders, Part 1: The Golden Lake*) (Lang)
- 1920 **Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari** (*The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*) (Wiene) (as Jane); *Die Spinnen, Part 2: Das Brillantenschiff* (*The Spiders, Part 2: The Diamond Ship*) (Lang); *Das Blut der Ahnen* (Gerhardt); *Die Jagd nach dem Tode* (Gerhardt); *Das Geheimnis von Bombay* (Holz); *Spiritismus* (Zelnik); *Die Toteninsel* (Froelich)
- 1921 *Der müde Tod* (*Destiny; Between Two Worlds; Beyond the Wall*) (Lang); *Der Richter von Zalamea* (Berger); *Das Medium* (Rosenfeld)
- 1922 *Phantom* (Murnau); *Luise Millerin* (*Kabale und Liebe*) (Froelich) (title role); **Dr. Mabuse, der Spieler** (*Dr. Mabuse, The Gambler*) (Lang); **Tiefland** (Licho); *Macht der Versuchung* (Stein)
- 1923 *Seine Frau, die Unbekannte* (*Wilbur Crawfords wundersames Abenteuer*) (Christensen); *Liebe macht Blind* (*Love Makes Us Blind*) (Mendes); *Die Prinzessin Sawarin* (Guter)
- 1924 *Komödie des Herzens* (Gliese)
- 1925 *Tartuff* (*Tartuffe*) (Murnau) (as Elmira); *Zur Chronik von Grieshuus* (*Chronicles of the Grey House; At the Grey House*) (von Gerlach); *Die Doppelgängerin*; *Der Demütiger und die Sängerin* (Dupont)
- 1926 *Der geheime Kurier* (*Red and the Black*) (Righelli); *Die Brüder Schellenberg* (*The Two Brothers*) (Grüne); *Der Veilchenfresser* (Zelnik); *Hans engelska frau* (*His English Wife; Discord*) (Molander)
- 1927 *Bara en danserska* (*Only a Dancing Girl*) (Morel); *Der Anwalt des Herzens* (Thiele); *Ein moderner Don Juan*; *Orient-Express* (Thiele)
- 1928 *Der Ungarische Rhapsodie* (*Hungarian Rhapsody*) (Schwarz); *Monte Cristo* (Fescourt); *Le Tourbillon de Paris* (Duvivier)
- 1929 *La Grande Passion* (*The Grand Passion*) (Hugon); *Der Günstling von Schönbrunn* (Waschneck); *Spielereien einer Kaiserin* (Strijewski); *Die Ehe* (Frowein); *Es flüstert die Nacht* (*Hungarian Nights*) (Janson); *Melodie des Herzens* (*Melody of the Heart*) (Schwarz); *Der weisse Teufel* (*The White Devil*) (Volkoff)
- 1930 *Der grosse Sehnsucht* (Szekely); *Das alte Lied* (*Zu jedem kommt einmal die Liebe*) (Waschneck); *Boykott* (*Primanerehe*) (Land); *Es gibt eine Frau, die Dich niemals vergisst* (Mittler); *Va bangue* (Waschneck)
- 1931 *Der Fall des Generalstabsobers Redl* (*The Case of Colonel Redl*) (Anton); *Elisabeth von Österreich* (*Elizabeth of Austria*) (Trotz); *Der Kongress tanzt* (*The Congress Dances*) (Charell)
- 1932 *The Woman from Monte Carlo* (Curtiz); *Die letzte Illusion* (Waschneck); *Das Schicksal einer schönen Frau* (Conrad Wiene) (as Madame Blaubart)
- 1933 *Johannisnacht* (Reiber); *Die Tänzerin von Sanssouci* (*Barberina, die Tänzerin von Sanssouci; The King's Dancer*) (Zelnik); *Der Storch hat uns getraut* (*Married by the Stork*); *Das Abenteuer der Thea Roland* (*Das Abenteuer einer schönen Frau*) (Kösterlitz)
- 1934 *Ich heirate meine Frau* (Riemann); *Einer Frau, die weiss, was sie will* (Janson); *Der Flüchtling aus Chicago* (*The Fugitive from Chicago*) (Meyer)
- 1935 *Der höhere Befehl* (Lamprecht); *Der Vogelhändler* (Emo); *Lady Windermere's Fächer* (*Lady Windermere's Fan*) (Hilpert)
- 1936 *Schlussakkord* (*Final Accord*) (Sierck, i.e., Sirk); *Fridericus* (Meyer); *August der Starke* (Wegener); *Das Mädchen Irene* (Schünzel)
- 1937 *Streit um den Knaben Jo* (*Strife over the Boy Jo*) (Waschneck); *Das Schönheit-splästerchen* (*The Beauty Shop*) (Hansen); *Die Kreutzersonate* (*The Kreutzer Sonata*) (Harlan)
- 1938 *Dreiklang* (Hinrich); *Maja zwischen zwei Ehen* (Kirchhoff); *Rätsel um Beate* (Meyer)
- 1939 *Umwege zum Glück* (Buch)
- 1940 *Friedrich Schiller* (*Der Triumph eines Genies*) (Maisch); *Bismarck* (Liebeneiner)
- 1942 *Wien 1910* (Emo); *Kleine Residenz* (Zerlett)
- 1944 *Musik in Salzburg* (Maisch)
- 1948 *Die Söhne des Herrn Gaspary* (Meyer)
- 1949 *Man spielt nicht mit der Liebe* (Deppe)
- 1950 *Das Geheimnis von Bergsee*; *Es kommt ein Tag* (*A Day Will Come*) (Jugert); *Vorn Teufel gejagt* (Tourjansky)
- 1953 *Rote Rosen, rote Lippen, roter Wein* (Martin); *Königliche Hoheit* (Braun)
- 1955 *Schloss Hubertus: Der Fischer von Heiligensee* (*The Big Barrier*) (Weiss); *Die Barrings* (Thiele); *Ich wiess, wofür ich lebe* (Verhoeven); *Rosen im Herbst* (*Effi Briest*) (Jugert); *Meine 16 Söhne* (Domnick)
- 1956 *Kronprinz Rudolfs letzte Liebe* (Jugert); *Verwegene Musikanten* (Domnick)
- 1957 *Unter Palmen am blauen Meer* (Deppe); *Bekenntnisse des Hochstaplers Felix Krull* (*The Confessions of Felix Krull*) (Hoffmann)
- 1959 *Buddenbrooks* (Weidenmann—for TV)
- 1961 *Die seltsame Gräfin* (von Baky)
- 1974 *Karl May* (Syberberg); *Der Fussgänger* (*The Pedestrian*) (Schell)
- 1975 *Der Richter und sein Henker* (*End of the Game; Deception; Murder on the Bridge; The Judge and His Hangman*) (Schell)
- 1977 *Die Standarte* (*Battle Flag*) (Runze)
- 1979 *Geschichten aus den Wienerwald* (*Tales from the Vienna Woods*) (Schell)

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Lil Dagover's dark beauty, heavily outlined by makeup, featured prominently during the so-called golden age of the German silent cinema after World War I. The daughter of a Dutchman working in Java, she was educated in Germany and was introduced to films after marrying, at age 20, the well-established actor Fritz Daghofer, a man more than twice her age whom she divorced in 1919, before starring in the celebrated German expressionist film, Robert Wiene's *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*. In this film, her jet-black hair, parted in the middle and flattened to the shape of her head, her long, white face, and her huge, expressive eyes all served to create the archetypical, victimized heroine of the expressionist melodramas of the early 1920s.

Dagover was most often employed by Fritz Lang at this stage in her career (she had appeared in his *Harakiri* just before *Caligari*): for Lang she went on to repeat the same, semi-idealized, artificial feminine image in a succession of stylized films, *Die Spinnen*, *Der müde Tod*, and *Dr. Mabuse, The Gambler*. After these films, among a wide range of parts in German, Swedish, and French films, she appeared in two outstanding productions of the German cinema of the mid-1920s: Murnau's *Tartuffe* (with Emil Jannings) and Arthur von Gerlach's *Zur Chronik von Grieshuus*.

Lil Dagover survived professionally both the coming of sound and the period of the Third Reich, appearing mostly in costume, period films such as *The Congress Dances*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *Fridericus*, *Friedrich Schiller*, and *Bismarck* and, after World War II, in *The Confessions of Felix Krull* and *Buddenbrooks*. Her career in film lasted over half a century from 1919 to 1979, during which she appeared in only one American film, *The Woman from Monte Carlo*.

—Roger Manvell

DAHLBECK, Eva

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Saltsjö-Duvnäs, 8 March 1920. **Education:** Attended Royal Dramatic Theatre School, Stockholm. **Family:** Married Col. Sven Lampell, 1944, two sons. **Career:** 1941—stage acting debut; 1942—stage role in *Rid i natt* at Theatre Royal, Stockholm, then first film appearance in Gustaf Molander's film adaptation of that play; extensive stage career included singing roles, e.g., Jenny in *Die Dreigroschenoper* (1950); 1952–55—in European-filmed U.S. TV series *Foreign Intrigue*; 1970s—career predominantly devoted to writing. **Awards:** Aftonidningen's Film Trophy, 1946; Medal of Honour, Swedish Filmassociation, 1951; Mauritz Stiller Award, 1956; Best Actress (collectively awarded), Cannes

Festival, for *Brink of Life*, 1958; Golden Beetle for Outstanding Performance, for *The Cats*, 1965. **Address:** c/o Svenska Filminstitutet, Kungsgatan 48, Stockholm C, Sweden; or, Rödklövervägen 39 S-16573 Hässelby, Sweden.

Films as Actress:

- 1942 *Rid i natt* (*Ride Tonight!*) (Gustaf Molander)
- 1944 *Räkna de lyckliga stunderna blott* (*Only Count the Happy Moments*) (Carlsten)
- 1945 *Oss tjuvar emellan eller En burk ananas* (*Between Us Thieves*) (Olaf Molander); *Svarta rosor* (*Black Roses*) (Carlsten); *Den allvarsamma leken* (*The Serious Game*) (Carlsten)
- 1946 *Pengar—en tragikomisk saga* (*Money—a Tragicomedy*) (Poppe); *Brita i grosshandlarhuset* (*Brita in the Whole-saler's House*) (Ohberg); *Kärlek och störtlopp* (*Love and Downhill Skiing*) (Husberg); *Möte i natten* (*Meeting in the Night*) (Ekman) (as Marit Rylander)
- 1947 *Nyckeln och ringen* (*Key and the Ring*) (Henrikson); *Två kvinnor* (*Two Women*) (Sjöstrand); *Folket i Simlångsdalen* (*People of the Simlångsdalen Valley*) (Ohberg)
- 1948 *Var sin väg* (*Each to His Own Way*) (Ekman); *Lars Hård* (Faustman); *Eva* (Gustaf Molander) (as Susanne); *Flickan från fjällbyn* (*Girl from the Mountain Village*) (Henrikson)
- 1949 *Kvinna i vitt* (*Woman in White*) (Mattsson); *Bara en mor* (*Only a Mother*) (Sjöberg) (as Rya-Rya)
- 1950 *Hjärter Knekt* (*Jack of Hearts*) (Ekman); *Kastrullresan* (*Sauce-pan Journey*) (Mattsson)
- 1951 *Sköna Helena* (*Helen of Troy*) (Edgren); *Bärande hav* (*Rolling Sea*) (Mattsson); *Fästmö uthyres* (*Fiancée for Hire*) (Gustaf Molander)
- 1952 *Sabotage* (Jonsson); *Ubåt 39* (*U-Boat 39*) (Faustman); *Trots* (*Defiance*) (Gustaf Molander); *Kvinnors väntan* (*Secrets of Women; Waiting Women*) (Bergman) (as Karin); *Kinder in Gottes Hand* (Lindtberg)
- 1953 *Das Pestalozzidorf* (*The Village*) (Lindtberg) (as Wanda Piwonska); *Skuggan* (*Shadow*) (Fant); *Barabbas* (Sjöberg); *Kvinnohuset* (*House of Women*) (Faustman); *Göingehövdingen* (*The Chief from Göinge*) (Ohberg)
- 1954 *En lektion i kärlek* (*A Lesson in Love*) (Bergman) (as Marianne Erneman)
- 1955 *Resa i natten* (*Night Journey*) (Faustman); *Kvinnodröm* (*Dreams; Journey into Autumn*) (Bergman) (as Susanne); *Paradiset* (*Paradise*) (Ragneborn); *Sommarnattens leende* (*Smiles of a Summer Night*) (Bergman) (as Desirée Armfeldt)
- 1956 *Sista paret ut* (*Last Pair Out; Last Couple Out*) (Sjöberg) (as Susanna Dahlin); *Tarps Elin* (Fant)
- 1957 *Möten i skymningen* (*Twilight Meetings*) (Kjellin); *Sommarnöje sökes* (*Summer Place Wanted*) (Ekman)
- 1958 *Nära livet* (*Brink of Life; So Close to Life*) (Bergman) (as Stina Andersson)
- 1960 *Kärlekens decimaler* (*Decimals of Love*) (Ekman); *Tre önskingar* (*Three Wishes*) (Ekman)
- 1961 *De sista stegen* (*A Matter of Morals*) (Cromwell) (as Eva Walderman)
- 1962 *The Counterfeit Traitor* (Seaton) (as Ingrid Erickson); *Biljett till paradiset* (*Ticket to Paradise*) (Mattsson)
- 1964 *För att inte tala om alla dessa kvinnor* (*All These Women; Now about All These Women*) (Bergman) (as Adelaide);

- Älskande par (Loving Couples)* (Zetterling) (as Mrs. Landborg)
- 1965 *Kattorna (The Cats)* (Carlsen); *Morianerna (Morianna; I, the Body)* (Mattsson) (as Anna Vade)
- 1966 *Les Créatures (Varelserna)* (Varda) (as Michele Quéllec)
- 1967 *Den röde kappe (The Red Mantle; Hagbard and Signe)* (Axel) (as the Queen); *Människor mötas och ljuv musik uppstår i hjärtat; People Meet and Sweet Music Fills the Air* (Carlsen) (as Devah Sorensen)
- 1968 *Markurells i Wadköping (Markurells of Wadköping)* (Dahlin—for TV)
- 1970 *Tintomara* (Abramson)

Film as Scriptwriter:

- 1966 *Yngsjömordet (Woman of Darkness)* (Mattsson)

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Hem till kaos [Home to Chaos] (novel), Stockholm, 1964.
Sista spegeln [The Last Mirror] (novel), Stockholm, 1965.
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Domen [The Judgment] (novel), Stockholm, 1967.
Med seende ögon [With Seeing Eyes] (novel), Stockholm, 1972.
Hjärtslagen [The Heart Beats] (novel), Stockholm, 1974.
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Eva Dahlbeck was a major figure in Ingmar Bergman's films of the 1950s, from *Waiting Women* to *Brink of Life*. It is significant that

her only subsequent appearance for him was in his only late comedy, *Now about All These Women*. It is essentially as a comic presence—aware, ironic, sophisticated—that Dahlbeck functions in Bergman's work, and the path he chose at the end of the 1950s led to the virtual abandonment of comedy.

In *Waiting Women*, *A Lesson in Love*, and *Smiles of a Summer Night* Dahlbeck played opposite Gunnar Björnstrand, and they formed a team one might compare without absurdity to the great couples of Hollywood comedy, such as Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn, playing to each other with extraordinarily refined precision and nuance. Their episode of the three-story *Waiting Women* takes place almost entirely in an elevator stuck between floors in which, as a couple whose marriage has become stale and routine, they work their way through a series of mutual recriminations to discover a new basis for their relationship; the entire episode is built essentially on the actors' comic gifts for facial expression, timing, and body language. All three Björnstrand-Dahlbeck films are concerned with the humiliation of the male, exposing the vulnerability and childishness behind a complacent exterior; in all three Dahlbeck represents poise and maturity, with strong overtones of motherliness. (No doubt part of the sense of frustration one experiences with the curious, unsatisfactory *Journey into Autumn* derives from the fact that, although Björnstrand and Dahlbeck are both in it, they are never together.)

Bergman's most telling use of Dahlbeck, and arguably her finest performance, is in *Brink of Life*. The film draws upon the motherliness more explicitly than before: as one of three women sharing a room in a maternity ward, Dahlbeck exudes health, self-confidence, lovingness, warmth, and pride in her imminent motherhood, to a degree that, while remaining extremely sympathetic, continually threatens to become cloying. But this is central to the film's theme: the gulf between the images of ourselves we project (and believe in) and the reality that our consciousness can never quite control and that our bodies eventually express. In labor (in the film's most harrowing sequence) her body refuses to release the baby, finally killing it. Afterwards, her earth-mother image irreparably shattered, her entire comportment has changed: the moment when she viciously slaps the hand of the young woman (Bibi Andersson) who offers her water is among the most unforgettable in Bergman's cinema.

—Robin Wood

DALIO, Marcel

Nationality: French. **Born:** Israel Moshe Blauschild in Paris, 17 July 1900. **Education:** Attended the Paris Conservatoire, 1916–18. **Family:** Married twice, second marriage to Madeleine Lebeau. **Military Service:** Served in armed forces during World War I. **Career:** 1920s—appeared in cabarets, revues, and some plays; stage name taken from character Prince Danilo in *The Merry Widow*; 1933—feature film debut in *Mon Chapeau*; 1930s—acted in both films and the theater; 1937—author, with Pierre Brasseur, of play *Grisou*, seen in Paris, and basis of film by Maurice de Canonge; 1939—at outbreak of World War II, forced to flee France; escaped to Canada and then to Hollywood; 1941—began appearing in Hollywood films; after the war returned to France; 1950s—appeared mostly in Hollywood films; 1955–56—in TV series *Casablanca*; 1960s–1970s—acted in both American and French films, eventually returning to Paris to live. **Died:** In Paris, 20 November 1983.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Les Quatres Jambes* (Marc Allégret—short)
- 1933 *Mon Chapeau* (Guissart)
- 1934 *Turandot, princesse de Chine* (Lamprecht); *Une Nuit à l'hôtel* (Mittler); *Les Affaires publiques* (Bresson)
- 1936 *Quand minuit sonnera* (Joannon); *L'Or* (de Poligny); *Un Grand Amour de Beethoven* (Beethoven, le voleur de femmes; *The Life and Loves of Beethoven*) (Gance) (as Steiner)
- 1937 *Cargaison blanche* (*Le Chemin de Rio; French White Cargo; Traffic in Souls; Woman Racket*) (Siodmak); *Naples au baiser de feu* (*The Kiss of Fire*) (Genina) (as the photographer); *Les Perles de la couronne* (*The Pearls of the Crown*) (Guitry and Christian-Jaque); *L'Homme à abattre* (Mathot); *Marthe Richard* (Bernard); *Sarati le terrible* (Hugon); *Miarka la fille à l'ours* (Choux); *Gribouille* (*Heart of Paris*) (Marc Allégret); *Troïka sur la piste blanche* (Dréville); *La Grande Illusion* (*Grand Illusion*) (Renoir) (as Rosenthal); *Pépé-le-Moko* (Duvivier) (as L'Arbi); *L'Affaire Lafarge* (Chenal)
- 1938 *Chéri-Bibi* (Mathot); *Mollenard* (*Capitaine Mollenard; Capitaine Corsaire; Hatred*) (Siodmak); *L'Alibi* (Chenal); *La Maison du Maltais* (Sirocco) (Chenal); *Les Pirates du rail* (Christian-Jaque); *Entrée des artistes* (*The Curtain Rises*) (Marc Allégret); *Conflit* (*The Affair Lafont; Conflict*) (Moguy); *Les Courtes Jambes* (short)
- 1939 *La Règle du jeu* (*Rules of the Game*) (Renoir) (as Marquis Robert de la Chesnave); *Le Bois sacré* (Mathot); *L'Esclave blanche* (*The Pasha's Wives*) (Sorkin); *La Tradition de minuit* (Richebê); *Le Corsaire* (Marc Allégret—not completed)
- 1940 *Tempête sur Paris* (Deschamps)
- 1941 *The Shanghai Gesture* (*Shanghai*) (von Sternberg) (as croupier); *Unholy Partners* (LeRoy) (as Molyneaux); *One Night in Lisbon* (Edward H. Griffith) (as concierge)
- 1942 *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Emil, the croupier); *The Pied Piper* (Pichel) (as Foquet); *Flight Lieutenant* (*Le Pilote de la morte*) (Salkow) (as Faulet); *Joan of Paris* (Stevenson)
- 1943 *Tonight We Raid Calais* (Brahm) (as Jacques Grandet); *The Desert Song* (*Le Chant du départ*) (Florey) (as Tarbouch); *The Song of Bernadette* (Henry King) (as Callet); *Paris after Dark* (*The Night Is Ending*) (Moguy) (as Michel); *Flesh and Fantasy* (Duvivier) (as clown); *The Constant Nymph* (Edmund Goulding) (as Georges)
- 1944 *Pin-Up Girl* (Humberstone) (as headwaiter); *The Conspirators* (Negulesco) (as croupier); *Action in Arabia* (Moguy) (as Chakka); *To Have and Have Not* (Hawks) (as Gerard); *Passage to Marseilles* (Curtiz); *Wilson* (Henry King) (as Georges Clemenceau)
- 1945 *A Bell for Adano* (Henry King) (as Zito)
- 1946 *Petrus* (Marc Allégret); *Son Dernier Rôle* (Gourguet); *Le Bataillon du ciel* (Billon)
- 1947 *Temptation Harbour* (*Le Port de la tentation*) (Comfort) (as Inspector Dupre); *Les Maudits* (*The Damned*) (Clément) (as Larga); *Erreur judiciaire* (de Canonge); *Snowbound* (McDonald) (as Stefan Valdin)
- 1948 *Hans le Marin* (*Hans the Sailor; Wicked City*) (Villiers) (as Aime); *Sombre dimanche* (Loubignac); *Dédée d'Anvers* (*Dédée; Woman of Antwerp*) (Yves Allégret) (as Marco);
- Les Amants de Vérone* (*The Lovers of Verona*) (Cayatte) (as Amadeo Maglia)
- 1949 *Maya* (Bernard); *Captain Blackjack* (*Black Jack*) (Duvivier) (as Capt. Nikarescu); *Portrait d'un assassin* (Rolland); *Menace de mort* (Leboursier); *Aventure à Pigalle* (Leboursier)
- 1950 *Porte d'Orient* (Deray)
- 1951 *On the Riviera* (Walter Lang) (as Philippe Lebrix); *Rich, Young, and Pretty* (Taurog) (as Claude Duval); *Nous irons à Monte Carlo* (Boyer) (as Poulos)
- 1952 *The Happy Time* (Fleischer) (as Grandpere Bonnard); *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* (Henry King) (as Emile); *The Merry Widow* (Bernhardt) (as police sergeant); *Lovely to Look At* (LeRoy) (as Pierre)
- 1953 *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (Hawks) (as Judge); *Flight to Tangier* (Warren) (as Gogo); *M. Scrupule, gangster* (Deray)
- 1954 *Sabrina* (*Sabrina Fair*) (Wilder) (as Baron); *La Patrouille des sables* (Chanas); *Lucky Me* (*Mademoiselle Porte-bonheur*) (Donohue) (as Anton)
- 1955 *Jump into Hell* (*L'Enfer de Dien Bien Phu*) (David Butler) (as Sgt. Taite); *Les Amants du Tage* (*Lover's Net; Port of Shame; Lovers of Lisbon*) (Verneuil) (as Porfirio); *Razzia sur la chnouff* (*Razzia*) (Decoin)
- 1956 *Miracle in the Rain* (*L'Immortel Amour*) (Maté) (as waiter)
- 1957 *The Sun Also Rises* (Henry King) (as Zizi); *Ten Thousand Bedrooms* (Thorpe) (as Vittorio Cisini); *Lafayette Escadrille* (*Hell Bent for Glory*) (Wellman) (as drillmaster); *Tip on a Dead Jockey* (*Time for Action*) (Thorpe) (as Toto del Aro); *China Gate* (Fuller) (as Father Paul)
- 1958 *Classe tous risques* (*The Big Risk*) (Sautet) (as Gibelin); *The Perfect Furlough* (*Strictly for Pleasure*) (Edwards) (as Henri)
- 1959 *Pillow Talk* (Michael Gordon) (as Pierot); *The Man Who Understood Women* (Johnson) (as Le Marne)
- 1960 *Le Diable et les dix commandements* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duvivier); *Can-Can* (Walter Lang) (as headwaiter); *Song without End* (Charles Vidor and Cukor, uncredited) (as Chelard)
- 1961 *Le Petit Garçon de l'ascenseur* (Granier-Deferre); *The Devil at Four O'Clock* (LeRoy) (as Gaston); *La Loi des hommes* (Gérard)
- 1962 *Jessica* (*La Sage-femme, le curé et le bon dieu*) (Negulesco) (as Luigi Tuffi); *A couteaux tirés* (Gérard); *Cartouche* (*Swords of Blood*) (de Broca) (as Malichot)
- 1963 *L'Abominable Homme des douanes* (Marc Allégret); *Donovan's Reef* (Ford) (as Father Cluzeot); *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as Anton Karoudjian)
- 1964 *Wild and Wonderful* (*Monsieur Cognac*) (Anderson) (as Dr. Reynard); *Le Monocle rit Jaune* (Lautner); *Un Monsieur de compagnie* (*Male Companion*) (de Broca) (as Krieg von Spiel)
- 1965 *Made in Paris* (Sagal) (as Georges); *Lady L* (Ustinov) (as Sapper)
- 1966 *Tendre voyou* (*Tender Scoundrel*) (Jean Becker) (as Veronique's father); *Le 17e ciel* (Bernard); *How to Steal a Million* (Wyler) (as Señor Paravideo)
- 1967 *La 25e Heure* (*The 25th Hour; La Vingt-cinquième Heure*) (Verneuil) (as Strul); "Aujourd'hui" ("Paris Today") ep. of *Le Plus Vieux Métier du monde* (*The Oldest Profession*) (Autant-Lara) (as Older Man)

- 1968 *L'Amour c'est gai, l'amour c'est triste* (Pollet); *How Sweet It Is!* (Paris) (as Louis)
- 1969 *Le Blé en liasses* (Brunet); *Justine* (Cukor) (as French Consul General)
- 1970 *Catch-22* (Mike Nichols) (as Old Man); *The Great White Hope* (Ritt) (as French promoter)
- 1971 *Aussi loin que l'amour* (Rossif); *Papa les petits bateaux* (Kaplan); *Les Yeux fermés* (Santoni)
- 1972 *Dédé la tendresse* (van Belle)
- 1973 *La Punition* (Jolivet); *Les Aventures de Rabbi Jacob* (*The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob*; *The Adventures of Rabbi Jacob*) (Oury) (title role); *Ursule et Grelu* (Korber)
- 1974 *La Bête* (*The Beast*) (Borowczyk) (as Duc du Balo); *Hommage irrespectueux comme tous les hommages* (Rochefort—short); *La Chatte sur un doigt brûlant* (Chardon)
- 1975 *Trop c'est trop* (Kaminka); *Le Faux cul* (Hanin); *Que la fête commence* (*Let Joy Reign Supreme*) (Tavernier)
- 1976 *La Communion solennelle* (Féret); *L'Aile ou la cuisse* (Zidi); *L'Ombre des châteaux* (Duval); *Madame Claude* (Jaekin)
- 1977 *Une Page d'amour* (Rabinowicz); *Le Paradis des riches* (Barge)
- 1978 *Chaussette surprise* (Davy); *L'Honorable Société* (Weinberger)
- 1980 *Brigade mondaine, vaudou aux Caraïbes* (Monier)

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The art in playing waiters on screen lies, as in life, in giving the impression that you are doing the customer a favor. During a long Hollywood career impersonating waiters, Marcel Dalio, previously one of the most refined character performers of the prewar French cinema (a distinction confirmed by the simple use of his surname alone in the credits), conveyed with unflinching good taste the hauteur of a man who served others from a position of power.

Dalio had earned his air of casual superiority. For Renoir, first in *La Grande Illusion* as the wealthy and likable Jewish prisoner-of-war on whose largesse his companions depend for the comforts of good food and wine, then as the equally rich and cultivated host of the house party in *La Règle du jeu*, the diminutive Dalio embodied noblesse oblige. In the Renoir films and also in Duvivier's *Pépé-le-Moko*, he trod with wit, taste, and delicacy the narrow line between character and caricature. His nobleman in *La Règle du jeu* is his masterpiece. A childlike delight in his collection of music machines does not make his pain at the infidelity of his wife or the party's dislocation by her tormented lover any less poignant.

Despite this success in a leading role, Dalio was destined to remain mainly a character actor. World War II broke out shortly after the completion of *La Règle du jeu*, and Dalio's face was used by Nazi propagandists on posters displayed in Paris captioned "the typical Jew." Forced to flee the country, Dalio eventually arrived in Hollywood, which at first could find nothing for him to do. Dorothy Parker is said to have connived at his salvation by pointing him out at a party as "the great French actor Dalio." Unfortunately, the parts that came his way were those of waiters and domestics, leavened with the occasional curé or military officer, the sort of roles handed out to most accented émigrés.

With better material he was commensurately more memorable. As the croupier in *Casablanca*, handing his winnings to a Claude Rains who has just closed down Rick's Cafe Américain because gambling is taking place there, he made a good enough impression to play the Rains role in a later television series. His one scene in *Sabrina*, as the baron returning to cooking school to take a refresher course in soufflés, is a delight. In general, however, his Hollywood career is a monument to the unimaginativeness of casting directors.

—John Baxter

DAMON, Matt

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cambridge, Massachusetts, 8 October 1970. **Education:** Studied English at Harvard University for three years. **Awards:** Academy Award for Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen, National Board of Review Award for Special Achievement in Filmmaking, Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Original Screenplay and Breakout Artist, Golden Globe Award for Best Screenplay—Motion Picture, Silver Bear Award for Outstanding Single Achievement (for acting and screenwriting), Berlin International Film Festival, and Golden Satellite Award for Best Motion Picture Screenplay—Original, all for *Good Will Hunting*, 1997; ShoWest Award for Male Star of Tomorrow, 1998. **Agent:** PMK, 955 S. Carillo Dr., Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1988 *The Good Mother* (Nimoy) (uncredited); *Mystic Pizza* (Petrie) (as Steamer)
- 1990 *Rising Son* (Coles—for TV) (as Charlie Robinson)
- 1992 *School Ties* (Mandel) (as Charlie Dillon)
- 1993 *Geronimo: An American Legend* (Hill) (as Lieutenant Britton Davis)



Matt Damon in *Rounders*

- 1995 *The Good Old Boys* (Tommy Lee Jones—for TV) (as Cotton Calloway)
- 1996 *Courage Under Fire* (Zwick) (as Specialist Ilario); *Glory Daze* (Wilkes) (as Edgar Pudwhacker)
- 1997 *Good Will Hunting* (Van Sant) (as Will Hunting, + sc with Ben Affleck); *Chasing Amy* (Kevin Smith) (as Exec #2); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Rudy Baylor)
- 1998 *Rounders* (Dahl) (as Mike McDermott); *Saving Private Ryan* (Spielberg) (as Private James Francis Ryan)
- 1999 *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (Minghella) (as Tom Ripley); *Dogma* (Kevin Smith) (as Loki/Larry)
- 2000 *The Legend of Bagger Vance* (Redford) (as Rannulph Junuh); *Titan A.E. (Titan: After Earth)* (Bluth, Goldman, Vitello) (as Cale [voice]); *All the Pretty Horses* (Thornton) (as John Grady Cole)

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On the third of April 1998, 27-year-old Matt Damon and his childhood friend, 25-year-old Ben Affleck, won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for *Good Will Hunting*. Amid much levity about the youth of the recipients, two stars were born that night. In their personal lives and their careers, Damon and Affleck have often seemed inseparable. In addition to winning the Oscar for their screenplay, the pair acted together in *Good Will Hunting*, *Dogma*, and *School Ties*. But following the 1998 Oscars, it was the affable, sandy-haired Damon who emerged as Hollywood's millennial Golden Boy, on the heels of a Best Actor nomination for his portrayal of a troubled mathematical genius in the film that he also co-wrote.

Much has been made of Damon's unusual upbringing in a Cambridge, Massachusetts, commune and his decision to drop out of Harvard University one semester shy of graduation to pursue a career as an actor. In fact, the determined Damon knew he wanted to act from the time he was ten years old, and while still in high school, he landed a bit part in 1988's *Mystic Pizza*. But it was a minor role in the 1992 prep school drama, *School Ties*—the film that launched the careers of Brendan Fraser and Chris O'Donnell—that allowed Damon to believe he had what it took to make it. After dropping out of Harvard and moving to Hollywood, however, Damon's all-American teen idol good looks brought him little more than bit parts in such little-seen movies as *Geronimo: An American Legend*. Four years passed before he landed his breakthrough role in the underrated 1996 Gulf War film, *Courage Under Fire*. Determined to make an impression, Damon lost 40 pounds to play the part of Specialist Ilario, a heroine-addicted Gulf War veteran. Damon's evocative portrayal of a junkie haunted by his traumatic experience in combat stood out in a film featuring such star players as Meg Ryan, Denzel Washington, and Lou Diamond Phillips. It even attracted the attention of Francis Ford Coppola. The legendary director cast Damon as the lead in John Grisham's courtroom drama, *The Rainmaker*. Damon's solid performance as a crusading, young Southern lawyer caught the attention of Steven Spielberg, who tapped the actor for the title role of *Saving Private Ryan*. In Spielberg's World War II epic, Damon's disarming and understated depiction of a soldier who has lost three of his brothers in combat was the lynchpin that held the Oscar-winning film together. It put Damon on the map. Suddenly studios were clamoring for more of the 26-year-old all-American boy. The savvy Damon used this opportunity to revive interest in a screenplay that he and Affleck had written, and Miramax offered the pair a cool million for *Good Will Hunting*. Within months, Gus van Sant had signed on to direct.

Good Will Hunting transformed Damon from just another up-and-coming young actor into Hollywood wunderkind. As the South

Boston genius delinquent, Damon managed to craft a sympathetic portrayal that ran the gamut of emotions from rough-edge cynicism to youthful sex appeal to heartbreaking optimism. Buoyed by a strong supporting cast that included Robin Williams, Minnie Driver, and Affleck, the independent film earned nine Oscar nominations, including Best Actor, Actress, and Supporting Actor, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Picture.

With a writing Oscar and an acting nomination under his belt, Damon was one of Hollywood's hottest young male stars with first choice on all of the best projects. Damon began carefully constructing a career that would earn the respect of the acting community. He starred as a reformed gambler and law student in *Rounders*, with some of acting's hot young turks, including Edward Norton, John Turturro, and John Malkovich. Next came *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, a project that Damon had signed on to do prior to *Good Will Hunting*. This time the young actor chose to play a difficult role, and a potentially unlikable one. As the talented but troubled Tom Ripley, a young man who so desperately wants to be accepted and loved by the beautiful people that he becomes a killer, Damon managed to imbue his character with an unlikely pathos, allowing the audience to empathize with him instead of revile him. His ability to completely throw himself into a role surfaced once again, as he turned his affable, all-American good looks into a detriment instead of an asset. Damon's Ripley was good-looking but never handsome, personable but never charming.

Damon's next roles, a cowboy in *All the Pretty Horses* and war hero turned golfer in *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, are both star turns in epic films with big name directors—Billy Bob Thornton and Robert Redford. For all of his success, Damon is still unsure of himself as an actor. He knows he has been lucky, and he certainly has been savvy. But intelligence is sometimes the bailiwick of the actor, and Damon will continue to try to prove to himself and to others that he is, indeed, a good actor.

—Victoria Price

DANDRIDGE, Dorothy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cleveland, Ohio, 9 November 1922. **Family:** Married Harold Nicholas (divorced); daughter: Harolyn. **Education:** Attended the Actors Lab in Los Angeles. **Career:** Motion picture debut in 1936 with the Dandridge Sisters performing a musical number in *The Big Broadcast of 1936*. **Awards:** Oscar nomination for the title role in *Carmen Jones*, 1954. **Died:** West Hollywood, California, 8 September 1965.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *The Big Broadcast of 1936* (Taurog) (as a member of the Dandridge Sisters)
- 1937 *A Day at the Races* (Wood) (uncredited, she appears in a musical number); *It Can't Last Forever* (MacFadden) (as a member of the Dandridge Sisters)



Dorothy Dandridge with Sammy Davis Jr. in *Porgy and Bess*

- 1939 *Going Places* (Enright) (as a member of the Dandridge Sisters)
- 1940 *Irene* (Wilcox) (uncredited, as a member of the Dandridge Sisters); *Four Shall Die* (Popkin) (as Helen Fielding)
- 1941 *Bahama Passage* (Griffin) (as Thalia); *Lady from Louisiana* (Vorhaus) (as Felice); *Sundown* (Hathaway) (as Kipsang's bride); *Sun Valley Serenade* (Humberstone) (as Specialty)
- 1942 *Drums of the Congo* (Cabanne) (as Malimi); *Lucky Jordan* (Tuttle) (uncredited, as maid)
- 1943 *Hit Parade of 1943* (Rogell) (as herself)
- 1944 *Atlantic City* (McCary) (as herself); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Officer's wife)
- 1945 *Pillow to Post* (Sherman) (as herself)
- 1947 *Ebony Parade* (as herself)
- 1951 *The Harlem Globetrotters* (Brown) (as Ann Carpenter); *Tarzan's Peril* (also known as *Tarzan and the Jungle Queen*) (Haskin) (as Melmendi, Queen of the Ashuba)
- 1953 *Bright Road* (Mayer) (as Jane Richards); *Remains to be Seen* (Weis) (as herself)
- 1954 *Carmen Jones* (Preminger) (title role)
- 1956 *The Happy Road* (Kelly)
- 1957 *Island in the Sun* (Rossen) (as Margot Seaton)
- 1958 *The Decks Ran Red* (Stone) (as Mahia)
- 1959 *Porgy and Bess* (Preminger) (as Bess); *Tamango* (Berry) (as Aiche)
- 1960 *Moment of Danger* (also known as *Malaga*) (Benedeck) (as Gianna)
- 1962 *Cain's Hundred* (TV series); *The Murder Men* (Peyser)

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Considered one of Hollywood's greatest talents, Dorothy Dandridge was also one of Tinsel-town's greatest tragedies. Racism impeded the career of this African-American performer, who, nonetheless, set several precedents in the Hollywood motion picture industry. A child actress/performer who went on to star in such films as *Carmen Jones* and *Island in the Sun*, and the television series *Beulah* and *Father of the Bride*, Dandridge was the first African-American woman to be nominated in the Best Actress category for the Academy Awards and one of the first African-American women to be featured in film about interracial romance.

Dandridge was born on 9 November 1922 to Cyril and Ruby Dandridge. As a child, she performed with her older sister and only sibling, Vivian. Billed as the Wonder Kids, the sisters toured Baptist churches around the country with a two-act show scripted by their mother. In 1934, after moving to Chicago and subsequently Los Angeles, the Wonder Kids changed their stage name to The Dandridge Sisters and added the talents of thirteen-year-old Etta Jones. As a trio, they triumphed in an amateur competition on radio station KNX Los Angeles, defeating twenty-five white contestants.

Two years later they were invited to perform at New York's famed Cotton Club, a nightclub that featured African-American talent and catered to white audiences. The act was so successful that they were given a spot in the regular program, performing on the same bill as legendary jazz artists Cab Calloway and W. C. Handy. Another prominent act found regularly in the line-up was the dynamic dance team of Harold and Fayard Nicholas, the Nicholas Brothers.

In 1936 The Dandridge Sisters debuted in Hollywood, performing a musical number with theater and film star Bill Robinson in Paramount Picture's *The Big Broadcast of 1936*. They followed it up by appearing in the Marx Brothers classic, *A Day at the Races*, performing with Ivie Anderson and the Crinoline Choir singing "All

God's Chillun Got Rhythm.' After several one-night gigs and recording dates with Jimmie Lunceford and his Orchestra, the trio dissolved. In 1941 and 1942, Dandridge performed solo in several musical film shorts: *Yes Indeed*, *Sing for My Supper*, *Jungle Jig*, *Easy Street*, *Cow Cow Boogie*, and *Paper Doll*. She married dancer Harold Nicholas in 1942. The newlyweds lived in Los Angeles so that they could both pursue careers in motion pictures. Shortly after marrying, Dandridge became pregnant with her daughter Harolyn, who was born in 1943. Several years later, after institutionalizing her daughter, left severely retarded from the misuse of forceps during delivery, Dandridge divorced her adulterous husband and returned to the nightclub circuit, traveling the globe. In 1951 she appeared with the Desi Arnaz Band at the Macombo and, in that same year, became the first African American to perform in the Empire Room of New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Dandridge continued to work in Hollywood films, and in 1954 obtained the role that would define her career, the lead in Otto Preminger's all-black musical extravaganza *Carmen Jones*. The film, which featured Harry Belafonte, as well as Pearl Bailey and Diahann Carroll in supporting roles, was a critical success, winning a Golden Globe Award for Best Musical Motion Picture of 1954, an Audience Award from the Berlin Film Festival in 1955, and an Oscar nomination for Best Actress for Dandridge, the first ever received by an African-American woman.

Time magazine thought the success of the film would create more opportunities for African Americans in the film industry, but that was not the case. Rather than being offered a wide variety of roles that would make use of her talents, Dandridge was typecast into the stereotypical roles commonly given to African-American actresses. As Dandridge explained in an interview in *Ebony*, "I consider myself an actress, and I have always been a confident one. I interpret a role to the best of my ability, and more often than not, and more often than I'd like, the role calls for a creature of abandon whose desires are stronger than their sense of morality." Her roles were so sexualized that she was cast mainly as the object of male desire, most often that of white males. In 1957, she was paired with John Justin in the highly controversial film *Island in the Sun*, which offered not only a romance between a white man and African-American woman, but also the reverse, with a couple played by Harry Belafonte and Joan Fontaine. The trend of interracial romance continued with Dandridge in such features as *The Decks Ran Red* (1958) and *Tamango* (1959).

Frustrated by her inability to find challenging roles in feature films, Dandridge returned to live performance. During a tour, she met in Las Vegas restaurateur Jack Dennison, whom she married in 1959. Three years later Dandridge divorced him and found herself bankrupt after a series of bad investments. She tried to resurrect her failing career, but found little opportunity, making only a few television appearances. She died in her West Hollywood apartment on 8 September 1965.

In 1999, the biopic *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*, produced by and starring Halle Berry, was broadcast on the cable network Home Box Office (HBO). The made-for-television movie, directed by Martha Coolidge, received popular and critical acclaim—winning the Screen Actor's Guild and Golden Globe Awards for Berry, the American Society of Cinematographer Award for Outstanding Cinematography, and Coolidge's nomination for a Best Directing Award from the Directors Guild of America.

—Frances Gateward

DARRIEUX, Danielle

Nationality: French. **Born:** Bordeaux, 1 May 1917. **Education:** Studied the cello at the Paris Conservatory. **Family:** Married 1) the director Henri Decoin, 1934 (divorced 1940); 2) Porfirio Rubirosa, 1942 (divorced 1947); 3) the author Georges Mitsinkides, 1948. **Career:** 1931—film acting debut in *Le Bal*; 1936—international recognition for role in *Mayerling*; 1937—stage debut in Paris; 1950s–1975—made films in a number of countries; 1960s—began making concert appearances and recordings; 1970—replaced Katharine Hepburn in Broadway musical *Coco*; 1971—on London stage in *The Ambassadors*. **Awards:** Chevalier de la legion d'honneur, 1962; Officier de la legion d'honneur, 1977. **Address:** 1 rue Alfred de Vigny, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1931 *Le Bal* (Thiele)
- 1932 *Coquecigrole* (Berthomieu); *Panurge* (Bernheim); *Le Coffret de laque* (Kemm)
- 1933 *Château de rêve* (Bolvary and Clouzot)
- 1934 *Mauvaise graine* (*Bad Blood*) (Wilder and Esway) (as Jeanette); *Volga en flammes* (Tourjansky); *La Crise est finie* (Siodmak); *Dédée* (Guissart); *L'Or dans la rue* (Bernhardt); *Mon Coeur t'appelle* (Gallone and Veber)
- 1935 *Le Contrôleur des wagon-lits* (Eichberg); *Quelle drôle de gosse!* (Joannon); *J'aime toutes les femmes* (Lamac); *Le Domino vert* (Decoin and Selpin); *Mademoiselle Mozart* (Noé)
- 1936 *Mayerling* (Litvak) (as Marie Vetsera); *Tarass Boulba* (Granowski) (as Marina); *Port-Arthur* (Farkas); *Club de femmes* (Deval); *Un Mauvais Garçon* (Boyer)
- 1937 *Mademoiselle ma mère* (Decoin); *Abus de confiance* (*Abused Confidence*) (Decoin) (as Lydia)
- 1938 *Katia* (Maurice Tourneur); *Retour à l'aube* (Decoin); *The Rage of Paris* (Koster) (as Nicole de Cortillon); *Avocate D'amour* (*Counsel for Romance*) (Ploquin) (as Jacqueline Servat)
- 1939 *Battements de coeur* (Decoin)
- 1941 *Premier rendez-vous* (*Her First Affair*) (Decoin) (as Micheline Chevassu); *Caprices* (Joannon)
- 1942 *La Fausse Maîtresse* (Cayatte)
- 1945 *Adieu Chérie* (Bernard)
- 1946 *Au petit bonheur* (L'Herbier)
- 1947 *Bethsabée* (Moguy); *Ruy Blas* (Billon) (as Queen)
- 1948 *Jean de la lune* (Achard)
- 1949 *Occupe-toi d'Amélie* (Autant-Lara) (as Amélie d'Avranches)
- 1950 *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Max Ophüls) (as Emma Breitenkopf); *Romanzo d'amore* (*Toselli*) (Coletti)
- 1951 *Rich, Young, and Pretty* (Taurog) (as Marie Deverone); *La Maison Bonnadieu* (Rim); "La Maison Tellier" ("The House of Madame Tellier") ep. of *Le Plaisir* (*House of Pleasure*) (Max Ophüls) (as Rosa); *La Vérité sur Bébé Donge* (Decoin)
- 1952 *Five Fingers* (*Operation Cicero*) (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Anna); *Adorables créatures* (*Adorable Creatures*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Christians)

- 1953 *Le Bon Dieu sans confession* (Autant-Lara); *Madame de . . .* (*The Earrings of Madame De . . .*; *The Diamond Earrings*) (Max Ophüls) (as Countess Louise de); *Châteaux en Espagne* (Wheeler)
- 1954 *Escalier de service* (Rim); *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Eleonore Denuelle); *Bonnes à tuer* (Decoin); *Le Rouge et le noir* (*The Red and the Black*) (Autant-Lara) (as Mme. Louise de Rênal)
- 1955 *L’Affaire des poisons?* (*One Step to Eternity*) (Decoin) (as Mme. de Montespan); *L’Amant de Lady Chatterley* (*Lady Chatterley’s Lover*) (Marc Allégret) (as Constance Chatterley)
- 1956 *Si Paris nous était conté* (*If Paris Were Told to Us*) (Guitry) (as Agnes Sorel); *Alexander the Great* (Rossen) (as Olympias); *Typhon sur Nagasaki* (*Typhoon over Nagasaki*) (Ciampi); *Le Salaire du péché* (de la Patellière)
- 1957 *Pot-Bouille* (*The House of Lovers*) (Duvivier)
- 1958 *Le Septième Ciel* (Bernard); *Le Désordre et la nuit* (*Night Affair*) (Grangier) (as Therese Marken); *La Vie à deux* (*Life as a Couple*) (Duhour); *Un Drôle de dimanche* (Marc Allégret) (as Catherine)
- 1959 *Marie-Octobre* (Duvivier); *Les Yeux de l’amour* (de la Patellière)
- 1960 *Meurtre en 45 tours* (*Death at 45 RPM*; *Murder at 45 RPM*) (Périer) (as Eve Faugeres); *L’Homme à femmes* (Cornu)
- 1961 *The Greengage Summer* (*Loss of Innocence*) (Lewis Gilbert) (as Mme. Zisi); *Les Lions sont lâchés* (Verneuil); *Les Bras de la nuit* (Guymont); *Vive Henri IV, Vive l’Amour* (Autant-Lara)
- 1962 “L’Homme de l’avenue” (“The Man on the Avenue”) ep. of *Le Crime ne paie pas* (*Crime Does Not Pay*; *The Gentle Art of Murder*) (Oury); “L’Inceste” ep. of *Le Diable et les dix commandements* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duvivier) (as Clarisse Ardant); *Pourquoi Paris?* (de la Patellière)
- 1963 *Landru* (*Bluebeard*) (Chabrol) (as Berthe Heon); *Du grabuge chez les veuves* (Poitrenaud); *Méfiez-vous, mesdames!* (Hunebelle)
- 1964 *Patate* (*Friend of the Family*) (Thomas) (as Edith Rollo)
- 1965 *Le Coup de grâce* (Cayrol and Durand); *L’Or du Duc* (Baratier); *Le Dimanche de la vie* (Herman)
- 1967 *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort* (*The Young Girls of Rochefort*) (Demy) (as Yvonne); *L’Homme à la Buick* (Grangier)
- 1968 *Les Oiseaux vont mourir au Pérou* (*Birds Come to Die in Peru*; *Birds Do It*) (Gary) (as Fernande); *Vingt-quatre heures de la vie d’une femme* (*24 Hours in a Woman’s Life*) (Delouche) (as Alice)
- 1969 *La Maison de campagne* (Girault)
- 1972 *No encontro rosas para mi madre* (*Roses rouges et piments verts*) (Beleta)
- 1975 *Divine* (Delouche)
- 1976 *L’Année sainte* (Girault) (as Christina)
- 1978 *Le Cavaleur* (*Practice Makes Perfect*; *The Skirt Chaser*) (de Broca) (as Suzanne Taylor)
- 1980 *Mort en sautoir* (Goutas)
- 1982 *Une Chambre en ville* (*A Room in Town*) (Demy) (as Baroness de Neuville)
- 1983 *En Haut des marches* (Vecchichi) (as Françoise Canavaggia); *Dame aux milles et une vies* (Gautas)

- 1984 *L’Age vermeil* (Kahane—for TV); *Marie, Marie* (Chatel—for TV)
- 1986 *Le Lieu du crime* (*The Scene of the Crime*) (Téchiné) (as Grandmother); *Corps et biens* (Jacquot) (as Mme. Krantz)
- 1987 *Lawyers* (de la Patellière); *Quelques jours avec moi* (*A Few Days with Me*) (Sautet) (as Mme. Pasquier)
- 1988 *La Tête dans la nuages* (Vecchiali)
- 1989 *Bille en tête* (*Headstrong*) (Cotti) (as L’Arquebuse)
- 1991 *Le Jour des Rois* (as Armande)
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In a career extending over seven decades and more than 100 films Danielle Darrieux has deployed her considerable talents in an impressive diversity of roles. Though most readily associated with sophisticated comedy or romantic drama, she has also brought depth to melodrama and graced musicals with her fine voice.

After her debut at the age of 14 in *Le Bal* as a willful adolescent, she was frequently cast during the 1930s as the fractious, wayward teenager who eventually succeeds despite misfortune or social handicap. Her burgeoning vocal talents were heard in musicals such as *La Crise est finie*, and her innate vitality and sense of timing enlivened lighthearted comedies such as *Un Mauvais Garçon*, while a controlled passivity in her playing conveyed a tragic quality to period melodramas such as *Port-Arthur*. International acclaim came with *Mayerling* in which, as the beautiful and tragic Marie Vetsera, she achieved a deeply moving and seemingly intuitive characterization.

Stardom brought her contracts with many filmmakers in several countries, but Darrieux’s major performances are associated with three directors in particular: Henri Decoin, Claude Autant-Lara, and Max Ophüls. During the 1930s Decoin, then her husband, developed her talents in a variety of films that reflected the different styles of the period. Following her tragic debut in *Le Domino vert* as the heroine under emotional and financial stress, she appeared in *Mademoiselle*

ma mère, a film of dark poetic realism, in which as a headstrong daughter rejecting parental advice she marries a middle-aged man and then has an affair with his son. The mood is brighter in *Abus de confiance* where she portrays an orphan who cheerfully dupes her benefactor. In *Battements de coeur* she confirmed her range by playing an unruly delinquent who is transformed into a sophisticated woman of the world.

Her performances for Decoin, impressive in their variety alone, were never less than convincing, but it was with Autant-Lara in the late 1940s and early 1950s that Darrieux distinguished her film career as a brilliant romantic actress. In *Occupe-toi d'Amélie*, an unashamedly theatrical Feydeau farce, she played with sparkling vivacity and considerable elegance the beautifully enticing but outrageously self-centered Amélie d'Avranches who delights in teasing her many suitors. In complete contrast was her later role as Madame de Rênal in *Le Rouge et le noir*. Now as a bored provincial falling selflessly in love with a proud and insecure young man, she gave a performance of great tenderness, maturity, and restraint, conveying with tremulous delicacy the powerful but guilty emotion she feels. In films directed by Max Ophüls her interpretation of romantic roles was further extended. In *La Ronde* her performance as the understanding married woman in bed with her lover beset by temporary impotence is exquisitely subtle in tone and timing. As Rosa, the prostitute of *Le Plaisir*, she again excelled in a more robust and wickedly ironic part, but perhaps her finest acting came in *Madame de . . .*, in which, as the elegant aristocrat, she suffers deeply and is ultimately destroyed when a casual affair develops into an impossible passion. To this tragic role she lent a fragile dignity and a sense of resignation which crystallized in unsurpassed romantic acting.

Films made outside France also mark Darrieux's career, notably those produced in America. Before the war she appeared in a Hollywood star vehicle, *The Rage of Paris*, as a vulnerable French girl alone in New York seeking a husband. In the 1950s she returned to play and sing as Marie Deverone, a French cabaret artist, in the MGM musical *Rich, Young, and Pretty*. She appeared as a double-crossing countess in *Five Fingers*, and in the epic *Alexander the Great* was a commendable Olympias. During the late 1950s and 1960s her range did not diminish: she played comic parts opposite Bourvil in *Un Drôle de dimanche* and Fernandel in *L'Homme à la Buick*, tragic parts in Resistance dramas such as *Marie-Octobre* and *Le Coup de grâce*, now a poised elegant widow in *Pot-Bouille*, now a hard lesbian madame in *Les Oiseaux vont mourir au Pérou*, and in a delightful though nostalgic role she was the slightly eccentric mother of *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort*.

During the late 1970s Darrieux increasingly turned her attention to television work and the theater. The 1980s, however, brought a welcome return to the screen with memorable parts that confirmed the undiminished breadth and depth of her talents. In Vecchiali's *En Haut des marches*, a demanding emotional range was required as Françoise Canavaggia, a French woman intent on revenging her husband's wartime death at the hands of collaborators; in *Corps et biens* she was the alcoholic Mme. Krantz doggedly investigating her friend's death; in Demy's musical comedy *Une Chambre en ville* she excelled as the lonely alcoholic industrialist Baronness de Neuville, determined to break a strike.

—R. F. Cousins

DAVIES, Marion

Nationality: American. **Born:** Marion Cecilia Douras in Brooklyn, New York, 3 January 1897. **Education:** Convent of the Sacred Heart, Hastings, N.Y., 1910–16; Theodore Kosloff's Ballet School, Manhattan; Wayburn School; Sargent School; Empire School of Acting. **Family:** Married Horace Brown, 1951. **Career:** 1913—began appearing in revues and musicals as dancer; 1914—received billing as “Marion Davis” in Jerome Kern musical *Nobody Home*; 1916—featured role in the *Ziegfeld Follies of 1916*; 1917—film debut; contract with William Randolph Hearst; 1918—began starring in films of Hearst-owned Cosmopolitan Pictures; Hearst papers began intensive promotion of Davies films; 1920—last stage appearance; 1922—first film hit, *When Knighthood Was in Flower*; 1924—Cosmopolitan joined Metro-Goldwyn merger; 1929—first sound picture, *The Broadway Melody*; 1929–33—president of Motion Picture Relief Fund; 1934—Cosmopolitan severed connection with MGM in favor of Warners; 1937—retired from film; 1951—Hearst died. **Died:** Of cancer, 23 September 1961.

Films as Actress:

- 1917 *Runaway Romany* (Lederer) (as Romany, + sc); *Cecilia of the Pink Roses* (Steger and King) (as Cecilia); *The Burden of Proof* (Steger) (as Elaine Brooks)
- 1919 *The Belle of New York* (Steger) (as Violet Gray); *Getting Mary Married* (Dwan) (as Mary); *The Dark Star* (Dwan) (as Rue Carew); *The Cinema Murder* (Baker) (as Elizabeth Dalston)
- 1920 *April Folly* (Leonard) (as April Poole); *The Restless Sex* (Leonard and D'Usseau) (as Stephanie Cleland)
- 1921 *Buried Treasure* (Baker); *Enchantment* (Vignola)
- 1922 *Beauty's Worth* (Vignola) (as Prudence Cole); *When Knighthood Was in Flower* (Vignola) (as Mary Tudor); *The Bride's Play* (Terwilliger); *The Young Diana* (Capellani and Vignola); *Adam and Eva* (Vignola)
- 1923 *Little Old New York* (Olcott) (as Patricia O'Day)
- 1924 *Yolanda* (Vignola) (as Princess Mary of Burgundy/Yolanda); *Janice Meredith (The Beautiful Rebel)* (Hopper) (title role)
- 1925 *Lights of Old Broadway (Merry Wives of Gotham)* (Bell) (as Fely/Anne); *Zander the Great* (Hill) (as Mamie Smith)
- 1926 *Beverly of Graustark* (Franklin) (as Beverly Calhoun)
- 1927 *The Red Mill* (Goodrich, i.e. Roscoe Arbuckle) (as Tina); *Tillie the Toiler* (Henley) (as Tillie Jones); *The Fair Co-ed (The Varsity Girl)* (Wood) (as Marion); *Quality Street* (Franklin) (as Phoebe Throssel)
- 1928 *The Patsy (The Politic Flapper)* (Vidor) (as Patricia Harrington); *Her Cardboard Lover* (Leonard) (as Sally); *Show People* (Vidor) (as Peggy Pepper)
- 1929 *The Hollywood Revue of 1929* (Reisner); *Marianne* (Leonard) (title role); *The Five O'Clock Girl* (Green—unreleased)
- 1930 *Not So Dumb (Dulcy)* (Vidor) (as Dulcy); *The Floradora Girl (The Gay Nineties)* (Beaumont) (as Daisy)
- 1931 *The Bachelor Father* (Leonard) (as Tony); *It's a Wise Child* (Leonard) (as Joyce); *Five and Ten (Daughter of Luxury)* (Leonard) (as Jennifer Rarick); *The Christmas Party (Jackie Cooper's Christmas)* (Reisner—short) (as guest)



Marion Davies with William Haines in *Show People*

- 1932 *Polly of the Circus* (Santell) (as Polly); *Blondie of the Follies* (Goulding) (as Blondie McClune)
- 1933 *Peg o' My Heart* (Leonard) (as Peg); *Going Hollywood* (Walsh) (as Sylvia Bruce)
- 1934 *Operator Thirteen* (*Spy Thirteen*) (Boleslawsky) (as Gale Loveless)
- 1935 *Page Miss Glory* (LeRoy) (as Loretta)
- 1936 *Hearts Divided* (Borzage) (as Betsy Patterson); *Cain and Mabel* (Bacon) (as Mabel O'Dare); *Pirate Party on Catalina Isle* (Lewyn—short)
- 1937 *Ever since Eve* (Bacon) (as Marge Winton)

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Citizen Kane may have been wickedly accurate in its lampooning of newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst, but Dorothy Comingore's portrayal of Susan Alexander Kane has tended to cast an unfortunate pall on posterity's view of Marion Davies, Hearst's mistress. Film scholarship is rife with those who—without benefit of actually having seen any of Davies's films—are content to dismiss her as a vapid, talent-free beauty who lucked into an association with the biggest Stage-Door Johnny of them all.

In fact, Davies has been unfairly maligned. She was a delightful talent with a fine comedic sense, a flair for mimicry, and a natural, agreeable personality. Her liaison with Hearst may have paid the rent at San Simeon (where she reigned as the ultimate Hollywood hostess) but his overbearing attentions effectively stifled the development of her true gifts. Hearst's relentless publicity machine made Davies a star but it lost her the respect of the industry and the patience of the public who felt that a truly talented performer would have no need of such a constant media blitz.

If not for the Hearst connection, Davies would almost certainly be regarded more highly now. Few of her films were very bad and there are a surprising number of real gems in her filmography. She shines in comedies such as King Vidor's *The Patsy* and *Show People* (of the former, Vidor wrote that it "even got some good reviews outside of the Hearst Press"). But Hearst's ideas of her capabilities seldom matched with reality; he saw her as another Lillian Gish: noble, delicate, virginal. Costume spectacles such as *Janice Meredith* and *When Knighthood Was in Flower* feature the Davies that Hearst sought to showcase: prim, doll-like, a little dull. Unpretentious comedies such as *Tillie the Toiler*, *Her Cardboard Lover*, and *Not So Dumb* display the bounce and wit that were among Davies's most obvious attractions.

Her career started to wind down by the time sound pictures came along, but she managed to put her best foot forward in *Blondie of the*

Follies, *Going Hollywood*, and *Page Miss Glory*. After the dopey and plodding *Ever since Eve*, Davies retired from the screen. Her professional reputation has since fallen into neglect. Her career is due for reexamination, though; it remains a classic case of too-often misdirected talent. Hearst was an empire builder. He wanted Marion Davies to be a magnificent cathedral when all she was was a simple country church.

—Frank Thompson

DAVIS, Bette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ruth Elizabeth Davis in Lowell, Massachusetts, 5 April 1908. **Education:** Attended Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Massachusetts; Mariarden School of Dancing; studied acting at Robert Milton-John Murray Anderson School of the Theatre, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Harmon Nelson, 1932 (divorced 1938); 2) Arthur Farnsworth, 1941 (divorced 1943); 3) William Grant Sherry, 1945 (divorced), daughter: Barbara Davis Sherry; 4) the actor Gary Merrill, 1950 (divorced 1960). **Career:** 1928—professional stage debut in George Cukor's stock production of *Broadway* in Rochester, New York; 1929—acted with Blanche Yurka Company in stock productions; Broadway debut in *The Lady from the Sea*; 1930—contract with Universal; 1931—film debut in *Bad Sister*; 1932—after series of unsuccessful films, dropped by Universal; long-term contract with Warners; 1934—critical acclaim for role in *Of Human Bondage*; 1936—refused to appear in poor



Bette Davis in *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*

quality films and suspended without pay from Warners; attempt to act in Alexander Korda film thwarted by Warners; sued Warners over situation but lost long court battle; 1941—president of The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences; co-founder and president of Hollywood Canteen; 1946—formed production company B.D., Inc.; 1949—terminated contract with Warners with Jack Warner's approval after series of unsuccessful films; 1952—returned to stage in musical revue *Two's Company*; 1956—television debut; early 1960s—change in direction of career occurs after appearances in low-budget horror films; 1978—in TV mini-series *The Dark Secret of Harvest Home*, and, briefly, in the TV series *Hotel*, 1983. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *Dangerous*, 1935; Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Marked Woman* and *Kid Galahad*, 1937; Best Actress Academy Award, for *Jezebel*, 1938; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, and Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *All about Eve*, 1951; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1977. **Died:** In Neuilly sur Seine, France, 6 October 1989.

Films as Actress:

- 1931 *Bad Sister* (Henley) (as Laura Madison); *Seed* (Stahl) (as Margaret Carter); *Waterloo Bridge* (Whale) (as Janet)
- 1932 *Way Back Home* (*Old Greatheart*) (Seiter) (as Mary Lucy); *The Menace* (Neill) (as Peggy); *Hell's House* (Higgin) (as Peggy Gardner); *The Man Who Played God* (Adolfi) (as Grace Blair); *So Big* (Wellman) (as Dallas O'Mara); *The Rich Are Always with Us* (Alfred E. Green) (as Malbro); *The Dark Horse* (Alfred E. Green) (as Kay Russell); *The Cabin in the Cotton* (Curtiz) (as Madge Norwood); *Three on a Match* (LeRoy) (as Ruth Westcott)
- 1933 *20,000 Years in Sing Sing* (Curtiz) (as Fay); *Parachute Jumper* (Alfred E. Green) (as Alabama); *The Working Man* (Adolfi) (as Jenny Hartland); *Ex-Lady* (Florey) (as Helen Bauer); *Bureau of Missing Persons* (Del Ruth) (as Norma Phillips)
- 1934 *Fashions of 1934* (Dieterle) (as Lynn Mason); *The Big Shakedown* (Dillon) (as Norma Frank); *Jimmy the Gent* (Curtiz) (as Joan Martin); *Fog over Frisco* (Dieterle) (as Arlene Bradford); *Of Human Bondage* (Cromwell) (as Mildred Rogers); *Housewife* (Alfred E. Green) (as Patricia Barclay/Ruth Smith)
- 1935 *Bordertown* (Mayo) (as Marie Roark); *The Girl from Tenth Avenue* (Alfred E. Green) (as Miriam Brady); *Front Page Woman* (Curtiz) (as Ellen Garfield); *Special Agent* (Keighley) (as Julie Carston)
- 1936 *Dangerous* (Alfred E. Green) (as Joyce Heath); *The Petrified Forest* (Mayo) (as Gabrielle Maple); *The Golden Arrow* (Alfred E. Green) (as Daisy Appleby); *Satan Met a Lady* (Dieterle) (as Valerie Purvis)
- 1937 *Marked Woman* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Mary Dwight/Strauber); *Kid Galahad* (Curtiz) (as Louise "Fluff" Phillips); *That Certain Woman* (Goulding) (as Mary Donnell); *It's Love I'm After* (Mayo) (as Joyce Arden)
- 1938 *Jezebel* (Wyler) (as Julie Marsden); *The Sisters* (Litvak) (as Louise Elliot)
- 1939 *Dark Victory* (Goulding) (as Judith Traherne); *Juarez* (Dieterle) (as Empress Carlotta von Habsburg); *The Old Maid* (Goulding) (as Charlotte Lovell); *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (Curtiz) (as Queen Elizabeth)
- 1940 *All This and Heaven Too* (Litvak) (as Henriette Deluzy Desportes); *The Letter* (Wyler) (as Leslie Crosbie)
- 1941 *The Great Lie* (Goulding) (as Maggie Patterson); *The Bride Came C.O.D.* (Keighley) (as Joan Winfield); *Shining Victory* (Rapper) (as nurse); *The Little Foxes* (Wyler) (as Regina Hubbard Giddens)
- 1942 *In This Our Life* (Huston) (as Stanley Timberlake); *Now, Voyager* (Rapper) (as Charlotte Vale); *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (Keighley) (as Maggie Cutler)
- 1943 *Watch on the Rhine* (Shumlin) (as Sara Muller); *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler) (as herself); *Old Acquaintance* (Vincent Sherman) (as Kitty Marlowe); *Stars on Horseback* (Swartz—doc, short); *A Present with a Future* (Swartz—short)
- 1944 *Mr. Skeffington* (Vincent Sherman) (as Fanny Tellis Skeffington); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as herself)
- 1945 *The Corn Is Green* (Rapper) (as Miss Lilly Moffat); *Second Victory Loan Campaign Fund* (Vincent Sherman—short)
- 1946 *A Stolen Life* (Bernhardt) (as Kate Bosworth/Pat Bosworth, + pr); *Deception* (Rapper) (as Christine Radcliffe)
- 1948 *Winter Meeting* (Windust) (as Susan Grieve); *June Bride* (Windust) (as Linda Gilman)
- 1949 *Beyond the Forest* (King Vidor) (as Rosa Moline)
- 1950 *All about Eve* (Mankiewicz) (as Margo Channing)
- 1951 *Payment on Demand* (Bernhardt) (as Joyce Ramsey)
- 1952 *Another Man's Poison* (Rapper) (as Janet Frobisher); *Phone Call from a Stranger* (Negulesco) (as Marie Hoke); *The Star* (Heisler) (as Margaret Elliot)
- 1955 *The Virgin Queen* (Koster) (as Queen Elizabeth)
- 1956 *Storm Center* (Taradash) (as Alicia Hull); *The Catered Affair* (*Wedding Breakfast*) (Richard Brooks) (as Aggie Conlon Hurley)
- 1959 *John Paul Jones* (Farrow) (as Catherine the Great); *The Scapegoat* (Hamer) (as the Countess)
- 1961 *Pocketful of Miracles* (Capra) (as Apple Annie)
- 1962 *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* (Aldrich) (as Jane Hudson)
- 1964 *Dead Ringer* (Henreid) (as Margaret de Lorca/Edith Philips); *La noia* (*The Empty Canvas*) (Damiani) (as Dino's mother); *Where Love Has Gone* (Dmytryk) (as Mrs. Gerald Hayden); *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as Charlotte Hollis)
- 1965 *The Nanny* (Holt) (title role)
- 1968 *The Anniversary* (Baker) (as Mrs. Taggart)
- 1971 *Connecting Rooms* (Gollings) (as Wanda Fleming)
- 1972 *Bunny O'Hare* (Oswald) (title role); *Madame Sin* (David Greene—for TV) (title role); *Lo scopone scientifico* (*The Scientific Cardplayer*) (Comencini) (as Millionairess); *The Judge and Jake Wyler* (Rich—for TV) (as Judge Meredith)
- 1973 *Scream, Pretty Peggy* (Hessler—for TV) (as Mrs. Elliott)
- 1976 *Burnt Offerings* (Curtis) (as Aunt Elizabeth); *The Disappearance of Aimee* (Harvey—for TV) (as Aimee's mother)
- 1978 *Return from Witch Mountain* (Hough) (as Letha); *The Children of Sanchez* (Bartlett); *Death on the Nile* (Guillermin) (as Mrs. Van Schuyler); *Dark Secret of Harvest Home* (Leo Penn—for TV) (as Widow Fortune)
- 1979 *Strangers* (Katselas—for TV)
- 1980 *The Watcher in the Woods* (Hough) (as Mrs. Aylwood); *White Mama* (Cooper—for TV) (as Adele Malone)
- 1981 *Skyward* (Ron Howard—for TV); *Family Reunion* (Cook—for TV) (as Elizabeth Winfield)

- 1982 *A Piano for Mrs. Cimino* (Schaefer—for TV) (as Esther Cimino); *Little Gloria . . . Happy at Last* (Hussein—for TV) (as Alice Vanderbilt)
- 1983 *Right of Way* (Schaefer—for TV)
- 1985 *Murder with Mirrors* (Lowry—for TV) (as Carrie Louise Serrocold)
- 1986 *As Summers Die* (Tramont—for TV) (as Hannah Loftin); *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (as herself)
- 1987 *The Whales of August* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Libby Strong)
- 1989 *Wicked Stepmother* (Cohen) (as Miranda); *As Summer Dies* (Tramont—for TV)
- 1991 *Here's Looking at You*, Warner Bros. (Guenette—doc for TV) (as herself)

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If Warner Brothers's commitment in the 1930s to films based on "spot news" had any historical justification, it was the creation of Bette Davis as America's most influential female star. After a generation of desuetude, the working-class heroine became not an occasional feature of American film but the role model by which the women of a new generation could measure themselves. Above all Davis exhibited resilience and resource, taking nothing for granted, accepting no statement without its due degree of scepticism. She typified the kind of woman we now think of as a mid-century standard—tough, ambitious, competent, laconic, yet vulnerable, retaining her femininity even as she competed with men. Both in films and in her dealings with the studios she controlled her environment and the people in it to achieve her ends, always reaffirming her strength and independence.

During the 1930s Davis made a dozen minor pictures which established her as a fighter and a survivor, a type in contradistinction to the other female stars then at Warner Brothers: in *Three on a Match* Ann Dvorak is the socialite who comes to a bad end, Joan Blondell the showgirl who rises in her place, and Davis the stenographer who is simply lucky to be alive at the end. Davis would always survive. She may suffer as Spencer Tracy's self-sacrificing mistress in *20,000 Years in Sing Sing*, but it is Tracy who goes gallantly to the electric chair for the crime she had committed in an attempt to save him. And in *Dangerous*, the unjustly excoriated melodrama for which Davis won her first Oscar, Franchot Tone willingly toys with destruction to rescue her, however embittered and suicidal she might be.

As her range of roles expanded, her technique and style also developed until by 1939 she could play with conviction a queen in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex*. Davis made three films with William Wyler, a director with a meticulous, exhausting style who changed what had become mannerisms into new and adaptable techniques. Resource became calculation, and determination became command.

In *Jezebel*, Warner Brothers's hurried answer to the threatening success of *Gone with the Wind*, Davis schemed and sacrificed with a new and potent sensuality. As a coldly dissembling tropical murderess in *The Letter*, she enmeshes husband Herbert Marshall and solicitous policemen in a net as intricate as the lace she wears mantilla-like around her face. And in *The Little Foxes* as ruthless, self-regarding Regina Giddens, she shows a precisely perfected

seductive skill. The final annihilating confession of *The Letter*, "I still love the man I killed," and the moment in *The Little Foxes* where she withholds from her husband the medicine that will prevent his heart attack, are insights into a type of character almost unknown in American movies of the time.

The gallery of classic Davis performances is unmatched by any other screen actress because Bette is impossible to dismiss even in the most wretched circumstances. Garbo had more allure; Stanwyck could play comedy with greater ease; the ageless Kate Hepburn perceptively chose better written vehicles from the fifties onward, but none of these titans bears watching in their bombs. In the campy bitterness of *Beyond the Forest* (in a Morticia Addams wig, Davis induces a miscarriage and blasts a mealy mouthed caretaker to death) or the souped-up melodrama of *In This Our Life* (rolling her eyes like a human slot machine, seductive Davis plays an incestuously inclined uncle for a sap), Davis is at her most mesmerizing, like a thespic warrior sumo-wrestling with flawed material. A valiant actress, temperamental Davis broke with the convention of her time and prided herself on sacrificing her looks for the honesty of a characterization; an intuitive grasp of building a role through externals infused her work from *Of Human Bondage* through *Mr. Skeffington* all the way up to *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* and beyond. Although Davis's numerous home runs, such as Empress Carlotta going mad in *Juarez* or Judith Traherne self-sufficiently facing her *Dark Victory* are as well—documented as her comeback in the quintessential Davis part of Margo Channing in *All about Eve*, it is more instructive to examine how the celluloid Duse handled what the industry grudgingly handed her after the title First Lady of the Screen had purely retrospective value. After her unjustly neglected Southern scenery-mastication in *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Kenneth Tynan called hers a great performance), Davis's silver-screen opportunities evaporated except for being brilliantly restrained in *The Nanny* and hilariously out of sorts in *Death on the Nile*. Having had checkered success on Broadway over the years and having struck out repeatedly in launching her own television series, Davis also chickened out of a stage musical Lazarus-act with *Miss Moffat*, a Dixie transplant of *The Corn Is Green*. From the 1970s onwards, Davis retreated to the Land of TV Movies, where she was superbly imperious in a tiny role in *Little Gloria . . . Happy at Last* and heartbreakingly truculent paired opposite Gena Rowlands in *Strangers*, for which Davis won an Emmy.

A born scrapper, after surviving the traumas of mastectomies, strokes, cancer, inferior television fodder, and a vicious tell-all book by her ungrateful daughter, Bette was a haunting shell of her former self in *The Whales of August* which would have been a fine artistic capstone to her career. Then, despite a troubled production history and Davis's unhealthy appearance, *The Wicked Stepmother* provided a few final rumblings from that Davis volcano. Displeased with the rushes and terminally ill, Davis bowed out of a project that writer-director Larry Cohen had created in response to the movie business's neglect of her. Against the wishes of the actress, Cohen reshot around Davis's existing footage in a manner not seen since Ed Wood Jr.'s heyday. If this legend did not triumph artistically in her swansong, at least willful Davis went out battling a producer/director; that combativeness was the essence of her character and her unassailable artistry.

—John Baxter, updated by Robert Pardi

DAVIS, Geena

Nationality: American. **Born:** Virginia Davis in Wareham, Massachusetts, 21 January 1957. **Family:** Married 1) Richard Emmolo (divorced); 2) the actor Jeff Goldblum (divorced); 3) the director Renny Harlin (divorced). **Education:** Attended Boston University, BFA, 1979. **Career:** Began acting on stage with the Mount Washington Repertory Company in New Hampshire, late 1970s; moved to New York to break into theater, 1979; worked as a model, early 1980s; made screen debut in *Tootsie*, 1982; appeared in TV sitcom *Buffalo Bill*, 1983–84; had title role in TV sitcom *Sara*, 1985; had breakthrough screen roles in *Beetlejuice* and *The Accidental Tourist*, 1988; established her own production company, Genial Pictures, 1990s; placed 24th out of 28 semi-finalists for the United States Olympic Archery Team, 1999. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *The Accidental Tourist*, 1988; Best Actress National Board of Review, for *Thelma & Louise*, 1991. **Agent:** Paramount Communications, 15 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1982 *Tootsie* (Pollack) (as April)
- 1985 *Fletch* (Ritchie) (as Larry); *Transylvania 6–5000* (DeLuca) (as Odette); *Secret Weapons (Secrets of the Red Bedroom; Sexpionage)* (Don Taylor—for TV) (as Tamara Reshevsky)
- 1986 *The Fly* (Cronenberg) (as Veronica “Ronnie” Quaife)
- 1988 *Beetlejuice* (Burton) (as Barbara Maitland); *The Accidental Tourist* (Kasdan) (as Muriel Pritchett)
- 1989 *Earth Girls Are Easy* (Temple) (as Valerie Dale)
- 1990 *Quick Change* (Howard Franklin and Bill Murray) (as Phyllis)
- 1991 *Thelma & Louise* (Ridley Scott) (as Thelma Dickinson)
- 1992 *Hero (Accidental Hero)* (Fears) (as Gale Gayley); *A League of Their Own* (Penny Marshall) (as Dottie Hinson)
- 1994 *Angie* (Coolidge) (as Angie Scacciapensieri); *Speechless* (Underwood) (as Julia, + co-pr)
- 1995 *Cutthroat Island* (Harlin) (as Morgan Adams)
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Had Paula Prentiss been working in movies in the 1980s, she would have been up for the same roles as Geena Davis. The two talented actresses shared lanky, long-legged good looks and the ability to project appealing, offbeat personalities. Because neither was mistaken for Marilyn Monroe or Michelle Pfeiffer during her early career, the ingenue roles in which the young actresses were cast suggested capricious types. Prentiss’s film career lost steam in the early 1970s as she entered her mid-thirties; however, the increase in solid, three-dimensional film roles for women a decade-and-a-half later allowed Davis’s career to thrive at the same point.

Her screen debut came in an eye-opening supporting role in *Tootsie*, playing a soap opera actress who shares a dressing room with Michael Dorsey (Dustin Hoffman), an unemployable character actor secretly taking on a woman’s identity in order to work. After ongoing roles in two television series, Davis returned to making movies. She co-starred with then-husband Jeff Goldblum in three films. The first was *Transylvania 6–5000*, an unfunny Dracula-themed spoof in which she appeared as a sex-crazed vampiress. But her talent was apparent. According to *New York Times* critic Janet Maslin, Davis “appears to have wandered in from another, much better movie.” In *The Fly* she is underutilized as a journalist who has an affair with the fly/man played by Goldblum. And in the imaginative *Earth Girls Are Easy* she is a harebrained Valley-girl manicurist who falls for a space alien.

The films with Goldblum proved Davis could be credible in fantasy-world films. The most outstanding and appealing of her



Geena Davis and William Hurt in *The Accidental Tourist*

fantasy cycle is Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice*, the now-classic horror tale of a recently deceased couple who attempt to haunt-out a dysfunctional family from the house that had been theirs. Davis is completely at home in Burton's fanciful, surreal after-death world. An actor has to have a special sense of the absurd in order to evoke emotions while wearing rubber monster masks and prancing around in a sheet (even if it is a designer sheet).

Lawrence Kasdan's *The Accidental Tourist* provided Davis with a more substantial role, one which allowed her an opportunity to develop a personality of full measure. From the pages of Kasdan's adaptation of Anne Tyler's best-selling novel, Davis brings to life the character of an ingenuous dog trainer whose free-flowing personality unlocks the emotions of a pent-up travel writer she comes to love. The clarity and feeling she applied to the role earned her an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

However, the outstanding role in Davis's career to date is that of Thelma, an Arkansas housewife who takes to the road with her waitress friend (Susan Sarandon) in the highly-touted female buddy film *Thelma & Louise*. Callie Khouri's original script presents the full-blooded character of an unhappy ditzy housewife who develops into a determined criminal. Feminist viewers were enthralled as they watched the two women characters travel across the Southwest in their '66 T-bird. In Paula Prentiss's 20-year career, she never once had such a solid role.

The year after *Thelma & Louise*, Davis gave a well-rounded performance in *A League of Their Own* as a farm girl who becomes a star baseball player in a women's league during World War II. Here, her rangy build gave credibility to the character's athletic prowess. She then played a pair of independent women who face romance and marriage with some amount of trepidation. She has the title role in *Angie*, playing a free-spirit who is on the verge of marriage and parenthood. In *Speechless*, she is seen in the timely comedy of a political speech writer who falls for a man who writes speeches for opposing candidates. Critics noted the strength of her performances in both these films.

In the mid-1990s, it could have been said that, with the support of several above-average scripts, Davis had gone from playing zany but one-dimensional characters to winning multifaceted star roles in motion pictures that were both critical and box-office successes. So powerfully did the actress carry off well-written roles that she was able to create a new and different look for female film stars. Unfortunately, she then chose to appear in two high-profile genre films, the action thriller *The Long Kiss Goodnight* and the swashbuckler *Cutthroat Island*. Both were directed by Davis's now ex-husband, Renny Harlin. Not only did they fail to establish the actress as a celluloid action heroine but impeded on her very stardom and marketability. Then, after a three year absence from the screen, Davis reemerged as the mother/homemaker in the kiddie fantasy *Stuart*

Little: a colorless role that might have been played by any number of pleasant-looking, anonymous thirty-fortysomething actresses.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

DAVIS, Judy

Nationality: Australian. **Born:** Perth, Australia, 23 April 1955. **Family:** Married the actor Colin Friels, 1984, son: Jack. **Education:** Attended the West Australia Institute of Technology; National Institute of Dramatic Art, Sydney. **Career:** Joined the South Australia Theatre Company; 1977—film debut in *High Rolling*. **Awards:** Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award for Best Actress in a Lead Role, 1979, and British Academy (BAFTA) Awards for Best Actress and Best Newcomer, 1981, for *My Brilliant Career*; AFI Award for Best Actress in a Lead Role, for *Kangaroo*, 1986; National Society of Film Critics (NSFC) Award for Best Actress, for *High Tide*, 1988; New York Film Critics Circle (NYFCC) Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Barton Fink*, 1991; Independent Spirit Award, for *Impromptu*, 1991; NYFCC Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Naked Lunch*, 1991; NSFC Award for Best Supporting Actress, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for Best Supporting Actress, and National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Husbands and Wives*, 1992; AFI Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role, for *On My Own*, 1993; AFI Award for Best Actress in a Lead Role, for *Children of the Revolution*, 1996. **Agent:** Shanahan Management Proprietary Ltd., P.O. Box 478, Kings Cross, NSW 2011 Australia. **Address:** c/o Colin Friels, 129 Bourke Street, Woollomooloo, Sydney, NSW 2011, Australia.

Films as Actress:

- 1977 *High Rolling* (*High Rolling in a Hot Corvette*) (Auzins) (as Lynn)
- 1979 *My Brilliant Career* (Gillian Armstrong) (as Sybylla Melvyn)
- 1981 *Hoodwink* (Whatham) (as Sarah)
- 1982 *The Final Option* (*Who Dares Win*) (Ian Sharp) (as Frankie Leith); *Winter of Our Dreams* (Duigan) (as Lou); *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (David Jones—for TV) (as Mistress Ford); *A Woman Called Golda* (Alan Gibson—for TV) (as the young Golda Meir)
- 1983 *Heatwave* (Noyce) (as Kate Dean)
- 1984 *A Passage to India* (Lean) (as Adela Quested)
- 1986 *Kangaroo* (Burstall) (as Harriet Somers); *Rocket to the Moon* (John Jacobs—for TV) (as Cleo)
- 1987 *Georgia* (Lewin) (as Nina Bailey/Georgia); *High Tide* (Gillian Armstrong) (as Lilli)
- 1990 *Alice* (Woody Allen) (as Vicki); *Impromptu* (Lapine) (as George Sand)
- 1991 *Barton Fink* (Coen) (as Audrey Taylor); *Naked Lunch* (Cronenberg) (as Joan Frost/Joan Lee); *One against the Wind* (Elikann—for TV) (as Mary Lindell)
- 1992 *Husbands and Wives* (Woody Allen) (as Sally); *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (Sturridge) (as Harriet Herriton); *On My Own* (Tibaldi) (as Mother)
- 1994 *The New Age* (Tolkin) (as Katherine Witner); *The Ref* (Ted Demme) (as Caroline)

- 1995 *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* (Bleckner—for TV) (as Diane)
- 1996 *Children of the Revolution* (Peter Duncan)
- 1997 *Deconstructing Harry* (Allen) (as Lucy); *Blood and Wine* (Rafelson) (as Suzanne); *Absolute Power* (Eastwood) (as Gloria Russell)
- 1998 *Celebrity* (Allen) (Robin Simon); *The Echo of Thunder* (Wincer—for TV) (as Gladwyn Ritchie)
- 1999 *Dash and Lilly* (Bates) (Lillian Hellman); *A Cooler Climate* (Seidelman) (as Paula Tanner)
- 2000 *Gaudi Afternoon* (Seidelman) (as Cassandra Reilly)

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Judy Davis’s intermittently brilliant career effectively began with *My Brilliant Career*, her first film after drama school and her first starring role, which won her immediate international attention, establishing her as among Australia’s leading stars and opening up prospects beyond. Critics compared her to the young Katharine Hepburn, and although the resemblance has proved transitory (it was a resemblance of role as much as personality) the comparison suggests certain characteristics basic to Davis’s persona: a strength, activeness and determination conventionally perceived as “masculine,” a resistance to domination (especially by men), and a refusal of conformity to social convention. The film itself was overrated, the kind of “safe” feminist movie that threatens no one: Davis’s own comment, though perhaps overly harsh, is accurate enough (“I thought it was a children’s film, it was so simplistic”). The characteristics have remained fairly stable, but Davis has (rather surprisingly) had few opportunities to develop the positive, Hepburn-like aspects of this early role, its exuberance and untrammelled energy. Increasingly, in both the Australian and American films, the strength and nonconformity have been complicated, at times canceled out, by other factors: neurosis, desperation, defeat. It is interesting that, two years after *My Brilliant Career*, she was chosen to play the young Ingrid Bergman (as Golda Meir) in *A Woman Called Golda*—her



Judy Davis in *Children of the Revolution*

subsequent roles have been, in general, closer to Bergman's than to Hepburn's.

It is sometimes the case that an appearance in a bad film can reveal more of an actor's essence than many performances in better ones; a case in point, in *The Final Option*. The film's project is clear: a simpleminded, blatantly right-wing drama about good guys vs. evil terrorists. Davis's remarkable performance almost turns this on its head: in the context of the colorless and boring spokespersons for law and order and the status quo, she gives such force, conviction, and passion to the leading terrorist that the film comes close to being dangerously subversive.

The most obvious, and least interesting, of her "neurotic" or "desperate" roles are her two appearances in E. M. Forster adaptations (*A Passage to India* and *Where Angels Fear to Tread*), where the character is warped by sexual repression. Far more interesting, because they allow her greater range of expression and opportunities to express her energy, are her recent roles in three consecutive films of some distinction: Woody Allen's *Husbands and Wives*, Ted Demme's *The Ref*, and above all, Michael Tolkin's *The New Age*. Allen's film gives her the chance to "let rip" as a frustrated wife going increasingly out of control: energy expressed as hysteria. *The Ref*, in which her role is a comic variant on this, allows her a rare opportunity to display a quite wonderful gift for comedy, her impeccable timing matched by that of her two male co-stars. *The New Age* is very closely

related to Tolkin's previous (and even more remarkable) film *The Rapture*, which drew from Mimi Rogers one of the greatest performances in all of Hollywood cinema. Davis's character in *The New Age* closely resembles that of Rogers, but without allowing the actress to push things quite as far; nevertheless, Davis matches it as far as the film's relative limitations allow, emerging gradually as its true emotional center, revealing an authenticity in a character defined initially as incorrigibly inauthentic. Both of Tolkin's films are driven by their characters' sense of the meaninglessness and emptiness of their lives and the desperate search for meaning in a world that seems to have abandoned its very possibility: a theme that perfectly suits Davis's persona and abilities.

Davis has frequently played women from real life; since her casting as the young Golda Meir she has taken on two particularly celebrated or notorious historical figures, Frieda Lawrence in *Kangaroo* (thinly disguised as "Harriet Somers"), and George Sand in *Impromptu*, on both occasions with conspicuous success. *Kangaroo* is not a satisfactory film; though, to be fair, its weaknesses derive from D. H. Lawrence's inferior novel, and the filmmakers have made some halfhearted attempts to mitigate them. The subject is Lawrence's brief flirtation with, and eventual—if perhaps only temporary—repudiation of, fascism (as dramatized in an imaginary Australian political movement). He did not live to witness fascism's worst consequences, and it might have been possible to regard the

flirtation more sympathetically in the 1920s; today it is difficult not to feel very impatient with the time it takes Somers/Lawrence to see through its spurious attractions, and extremely dissatisfied with his grounds for rejecting it. In the novel (as in certain of his others) Lawrence seems to make a determined effort to give his representation of Frieda an effective “voice,” but as usual it tends to be shouted down by his own. In the film—thanks largely to Davis at her most mesmerizing—Harriet/Frieda’s challenge to her husband becomes so strong that our impatience with his obtuseness is intensified. Though she is absent through many of the later episodes, and though Colin Friels (her real-life husband) gives a very intelligent performance as Lawrence, it becomes very much Davis’s film, the triumph of a brilliant actress over dubious material and even more dubious ideology.

Davis’s George Sand is another splendid assumption. Striding through most of the film in men’s clothes and asserting her right to the kinds of recognition that men take for granted, her Mme. Sand falls hopelessly in love with Chopin (Hugh Grant)—clearly because he is gentle, passive, “feminine,” and probably gay. Although the film does not suggest that Sand was other than heterosexual, the gender ambiguity is fascinating in relation to the Davis persona, and it is interesting that Davis eventually played a lesbian (as Glenn Close’s lover in the television movie *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*).

Richard Lippe has suggested that there is a fairly consistent difference between Davis’s status in the Australian films and in her Hollywood ones: in the latter she is usually part of an ensemble (if often a dominant member), whereas the former seem conceived as star vehicles that she is expected essentially to carry. Several of the American films may be superior to any of the Australian, but to fully appreciate Davis’s strength one must certainly take into account *Heatwave* and what are to date her last two Australian movies: *High Tide*, which reunites her with Gillian Armstrong for the first time since *My Brilliant Career*, a powerful melodrama about intergenerational conflicts among women; and the intriguing but ultimately disappointing *Georgia*, in which she plays both mother (in the past) and daughter (in the present).

There seems no space in the Hollywood cinema of the late 1990s where Davis’s particular kind of distinction can be accommodated and given space to flourish. She was tempted back to Australia for the lead role in *Children of the Revolution*, a film one watches in a condition of steadily growing stupefaction. It seems to believe itself some kind of political satire, but it never finds a consistent tone (lurching from a Monty Pythonesque absurdity for the Russian sequences with Stalin to vague gestures toward tragic loss in its final scenes). Here, Davis’s passion is made to appear merely ridiculous. It is arguably her worst film.

Nor has she fared much better in America. Her adoption into the Woody Allen (cinematic) family (four films for him so far) has proved at best a mixed blessing. Allen’s more personal films (the ones in which he appears, either in person or in Kenneth Branagh’s remarkably accurate impersonation) have become increasingly hysterical and embarrassing, following his by now familiar stratagem of presenting himself as contemptible within a contemptible milieu, then suggesting that we should love him anyway because, finding it simultaneously irresistible, he cannot imagine any other. In the course of *Deconstructing Harry* Davis (in a mercifully small role) delivers the key line, telling him that he “spins gold out of human misery,” yet we are expected to find the misery funny. Davis is used both here and in *Celebrity* as the central victim, with the hysteria that has become

increasingly the dominant aspect of her persona driven to grotesque extremes.

She has been able to do herself some justice only in supporting roles in two greatly superior films: Bob Rafelson’s intense and disturbing *Blood and Wine*, its narrative and characters at once fascinatingly unpredictable yet wholly convincing, and Clint Eastwood’s critically underrated *Absolute Power*. Rafelson’s films are notable (amongst other things) for the respect with which he treats his actors, and Davis is permitted to bring her characteristic strength and dignity to another potentially hysterical role.

—Robin Wood

DAY, Doris

Nationality: American. **Born:** Doris von Kappelhoff in Cincinnati, Ohio, 3 April 1924. **Education:** Attended Withrow High School, Cincinnati; Fanchon and Marco Dance School, Los Angeles, 1937. **Family:** Married 1) Al Jorden, 1941 (divorced 1942), son Terry; 2) George Weidlen, 1947; 3) Martin Melcher, 1951 (died 1968); 4) Barry Comden, 1976. **Career:** 1940—singer with Bob Crosby’s band in Chicago; 1940–46—singer in Les Brown’s band; also became successful recording star; 1947–48—under personal contract to director Michael Curtiz, made film acting debut in *Romance on the High Seas*; contract with Warners; 1948—appeared with Bob Hope on weekly radio shows and concert tours; 1955—contract with Warner



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Brothers expired; formed Arwin Productions; 1968—discovered life earnings had been mismanaged and embezzled after death of manager-husband Melcher, sued former lawyer for \$22 million; won suit, 1974; 1968–73—star of TV series *The Doris Day Show*; late 1960s–1970s—involved in animal causes; 1985—host of TV show *Doris Day and Friends*.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *Romance on the High Seas* (Curtiz) (as Georgia Garrett)
- 1949 *My Dream Is Yours* (Curtiz) (as Martha Gibson); *It's a Great Feeling* (Butler) (as Judy Adams)
- 1950 *Young Man with a Horn* (*Young Man of Music*) (Curtiz) (as Jo Jordan); *Tea for Two* (Butler) (as Nanette Carter); *The West Point Story* (Del Ruth) (as Jan Wilson); *Storm Warning* (Heisler) (as Lucy Rice)
- 1951 *The Lullaby of Broadway* (Butler) (as Melinda Howard); *On Moonlight Bay* (Del Ruth) (as Marjorie Winfield); *I'll See You in My Dreams* (Curtiz) (as Grace LeBoy Kahn); *Starlift* (Del Ruth) (as Herself)
- 1952 *The Winning Team* (Seiler) (as Aimee); *April in Paris* (Butler) (as Ethel "Dynamite" Jackson)
- 1953 *By the Light of the Silvery Moon* (Butler) (as Marjorie Winfield); *Calamity Jane* (Butler) (title role)
- 1954 *Lucky Me* (Donohue) (as Candy)
- 1955 *Young at Heart* (Douglas) (as Laurie Tuttle); *Love Me or Leave Me* (Charles Vidor) (as Ruth Etting)
- 1956 *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (Hitchcock) (as Jo McKenna); *Julie* (Stone) (as Julie Benton)
- 1957 *The Pajama Game* (Abbott and Donen) (as Katie "Babe" Williams)
- 1958 *Teacher's Pet* (Seaton) (as Erica Stone); *The Tunnel of Love* (Kelly) (as Isolde Poole)
- 1959 *It Happened to Jane* (Quine) (as Jane Osgood); *Pillow Talk* (Gordon) (as Jan Morrow)
- 1960 *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* (Walters) (as Kate Mackay); *Midnight Lace* (Miller) (as Kit Preston)
- 1962 *Lover Come Back* (Delbert Mann) (as Carol Templeton); *That Touch of Mink* (Delbert Mann) (as Cathy Timberlake); *Billy Rose's Jumbo* (Walters) (as Kitty Wonder)
- 1963 *The Thrill of It All* (Jewison) (as Beverly Boyer); *Move Over, Darling* (Gordon) (as Ellen Wagstaff Arden)
- 1964 *Send Me No Flowers* (Jewison) (as Judy)
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- 1967 *Caprice* (Tashlin) (as Patricia Fowler); *The Ballad of Josie* (McLaglen) (as Josie Minick)
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Having at various times been ridiculed as the vacuous heroine of not very distinguished Warner Brothers musical comedies in the 1950s or as the perpetual virgin of Universal's sex comedies in the 1960s, Doris Day now finds herself the victim of a critical change of heart; it now appears that she may have been a gifted and unappreciated actress as well as remaining, for most of her career, one of the top two or three attractions at the American box office.

Most of the snide criticism of her work in fact came at the end of it, when from the perspective of the late 1960s and early 1970s Day's girl next door seemed an affront to the less romance-centric lifestyles of the sexual revolution. No such taint affected her career during the years when she was actually acting, when a Doris Day film was consistent with, and a kind of vindication of, 1950s and early 1960s versions of the ideal woman. By any standard, she was one of the great popular singers of her generation, and that talent at times threatened to overwhelm her work as an actress. Her breath control was exact, her diction was flawless, and her tone was beautiful, but her unique talent was that she could evoke great emotion (and in the process spellbind her audience) without obvious histrionics. No one who has seen her first film, *Romance on the High Seas*, can ever forget the moment when Doris Day first sings "It's Magic." Improving with age, several Day musicals have emerged as the most enjoyable of that genre: a bouncy Broadway transplant (*Pajama Game*), an energized photocopy of *Annie Get Your Gun* (*Calamity Jane*), a surprisingly hard-edged if falsified biopic about Ruth Etting (*Love Me or Leave Me*), and the splashy MGM musical swansong (*Jumbo*).

She began her career as a big band singer in the early 1940s; though she now modestly denies it, she was also a fine dancer; most importantly, however, she created a "character"—the American girl, bright, carefree, resilient, honest, caring, tough when she had to be, nobody's fool, unfailingly optimistic. Day's personal life throughout

the 1940s and 1950s was far from pleasant; the character she portrayed on screen was indeed just that—a persona, the work of an actress, achieved with great cunning. It was an accomplishment of and for its time, perhaps, but it proved more durable than the exotic showgirls of her predecessor, Betty Grable, or the eccentrics of her successor, Julie Andrews.

That persona was so effectively developed and so convincing that her directors were able to “use” Day in opposition to herself (*The Pajama Game*) or to inject the “character” into other, mildly inappropriate contexts (Hitchcock in *The Man Who Knew Too Much*) to achieve a subtle resonance. The great transition in Day’s career—from musical star to light comedy performer—is “odd,” in retrospect, only if one forgets that persona. At the time of her first great comedy success—*Pillow Talk* in 1959—Doris Day was already 35 years old, too old for continued success in musical comedies, a form that was dying anyway; her career ought to have ended. Yet the Day persona was so much established in the moviegoer’s consciousness, so much what the American woman was then, rightly or wrongly, imagined to be, that Day’s transition to another genre was, in fact, both painless and successful; the American girl next door of 20 became the American career girl of 30. The new Day was more popular with the audiences than she had ever been.

Stretching her versatility to extremes may have prolonged her stardom, but whereas Day is irreplaceable in musicals and endearing in comedies, she is often uncomfortable in melodrama. One senses her flinging her emotions haphazardly at the camera. Yet, even caught up in the hysteria of *Midnight Lace* (whimpering while fleeing in her high heels on skyscraper girders from a gaslighting husband) or choking back tears in *Julie* (while crash-coursing in flying a plane after her deranged spouse shoots the pilot), Day arouses our protective instincts.

Today, armed with deconstructive works such as *Rock Hudson’s Home Movies*, buffs approach the Day-Hudson comedies with smirking knowingness, as if awareness of Rock’s homosexuality somehow invalidated these romantic trifles. While it is doubtful that *Pillow Talk* or *Lover Come Back* would ever have had the enduring appeal of Lubitsch’s or Sturges’s escapist wish-fulfilment, it is time to accept these films not as mislabeled sophisticated farces but as double-standard sex romps illuminated by Day’s perky savoir faire. With her bubble-domed coiffure and enviably sleek wardrobe, Day’s career gal was as key an identification figure in the sixties as TV’s Mary Richards was in the seventies. Playing an independent working woman, Day single-handedly removed the stigma from the word “unmarried.”

Contractually bound to repeat herself in films handpicked by her husband (who also obligated her to a TV series without her knowledge, a fact she discovered after his death), Day did not end her film career on a high note. As her beloved image faded due to repetition, in *Caprice*, and other late sixties films, the soft-focus, time-erasing filters seemed to blur her unsinkable spirit; she became a Doris Day impersonator.

Transcending her late spouse’s shady business deals, Day recovered her fortune from an unscrupulous lawyer and now devotes herself to animal rights. Still smashing-looking, she declines comeback offers from Hollywood power brokers and an offer to sleuth in a TV detective series with the same finality with which she once nixed the Mrs. Robinson role in *The Graduate*. Having conquered every field but Broadway, Day inspires a new generation of devotees who respond to this strong-willed star who outgrew being the girl next

door, the career girl next door, and the mature-but-ageless-looking married girl next door.

Doris Day was one of cinema’s most popular stars because she synthesized for millions of people a particular kind of dream, but in those moments when she sang, she was something more. In those moments, she was an artist who could take us beyond ourselves.

—George Walsh, updated by Robert Pardi

DAY-LEWIS, Daniel

(Sometimes Day Lewis). **Nationality:** British. **Born:** London, England, 29 April 1957; son of the poet laureate Cecil Day Lewis and the actress Jill Balcon. **Family:** Son with the actress Isabelle Adjani. **Education:** Attended Bedales School and at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. **Career:** 1971—film debut as teenager in *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*; stage work includes *Another Country*, 1982, *Romeo and Juliet* for the Royal Shakespeare Company, 1983–84, and *Hamlet* at the National Theatre, 1989; TV work includes *The Insurance Man*, 1985. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Award, New York Film Critics, for *My Beautiful Laundrette* and *A Room with a View*; Oscar for Best Actor, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Best Actor Award, and Best Actor Award, New York Film Critics and Los Angeles Film Critics, for *My Left Foot*, 1989. **Agent:** c/o William Morris, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1971 *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* (Schlesinger)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (as Colin)
- 1984 *The Bounty* (Donaldson) (as Fryer)
- 1985 *My Beautiful Laundrette* (Fears) (as Johnny); *The Insurance Man* (Eyre—for TV) (as Mr. Kafka)
- 1986 *A Room with a View* (Ivory) (as Cecil Vyse); *Nanou* (Templeman) (as Max)
- 1988 *Stars and Bars* (O’Connor) (as Henderson Dore); *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (Kaufman) (as Tomas)
- 1989 *My Left Foot* (Sheridan) (as Christy Brown); *Eversmile, New Jersey* (Sorin) (as Dr. Fergus O’Connell)
- 1992 *The Last of the Mohicans* (Michael Mann) (as Nathaniel Poe/Hawkeye)
- 1993 *In the Name of the Father* (Sheridan) (as Gerald Conlon); *The Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (as Newland Archer)
- 1996 *The Crucible* (Hytner) (as John Proctor)
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Daniel Day-Lewis's instinctive, fiery power is unusual for a stage-trained British actor (something Gary Oldman and David Thewlis can only fake). Day-Lewis's repertory theater skills allow him to play men of disparate eras, nationalities, and tendencies with more surface

fidelity than, say, De Niro. But at the same time he will go passionately freestyle in voice and movement in order to get at his character's motivation, a deliberate expense of effort that would have seemed superfluous to Olivier.

Day-Lewis came to moviegoers' attention with his smashing performance as Johnny in Stephen Frears's *My Beautiful Laundrette*, based on Hanif Kureishi's script. As a fascistic punk tired of his violent, pointless life, Day-Lewis brings fresh comic impulses to the naturalistic view of hopeless English kids and immigrant Pakistanis in depressed South London. When the Pakistani Omar recognizes his old schoolfriend Johnny in a threatening street gang, Johnny does not attack Omar, he falls for him (and for the economic advantage of associating with Omar's enterprising family). Like *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*, *Laundrette* does not load its gay characters with the pathos of unrecognized nobility; but unlike Peter Finch, Day-Lewis is movie-star sexy. His foxy eyes and quiet-confident body language help make Johnny one of the few characters in movie history with sexual imagination. When Johnny spits champagne from his mouth into Omar's, Day-Lewis creates a gay character more to be envied than censured.

Playing the Irish painter and writer Christy Brown, afflicted from childhood with cerebral palsy, in *My Left Foot* made Day-Lewis an international star. In such roles actors usually cannot help begging for sympathy. The playwright-director Jim Sheridan enabled Day-Lewis to shoot past pity to get at primal emotions about mother-son love and the rage for expression. Without coordinated movements and barely speaking comprehensibly Day-Lewis gave a performance about not swallowing nature's insults, about living fully with severe limitations, that had the vulcanized intensity of Robert De Niro's in *Taxi Driver*.

Day-Lewis scored again with Sheridan in *In the Name of the Father*, as Gerry Conlon, a Northern Irishman in London whose false imprisonment on charges of IRA terrorism tears his family apart. The English zealously fabricate evidence of a terror network within Gerry's family; this adolescent, semicriminal dork, living out a parody of his own futurelessness, ends up sharing a prison cell with his father. In *My Left Foot* Christy Brown scrawls the word "Mother" on the floor with chalk clenched in his toes. In *In the Name of the Father* is about a young man face-to-face with an unassuming father who never impressed him. The movie comes from headlines, but Sheridan and Day-Lewis push it to a symbolic level: Gerry's being locked up with his father is a metaphor for how all young men feel locked in the prison upstairs with their dads. In Day-Lewis's finest speeches he relives his frustration over his father's weakness. But Gerry comes to appreciate the older man's nonviolent forbearance; he grows up by witnessing the virtues of the "model" he has been trying to reject.

Before working with Sheridan, Day-Lewis had starred impressively in Philip Kaufman's adaptation of Milan Kundera's *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, making Tomas's skirt-chasing seem an existential defiance of a politically dead culture. Day-Lewis played opposite two very different leading ladies, the almost impersonally provocative Lena Olin and Juliette Binoche with her needy hot-baby flesh. Working for Kaufman they brought an experienced tragicomic sensibility to a novel that was a trifle oversketched.

Day-Lewis was also a fine athletic lead in Michael Mann's handsome, large-scale Harlequinized *The Last of the Mohicans*. But it did not call on his special skills—he was not inauthentic as Tom Cruise would have been, but there was not anything to be authentic

about. He was less interesting in Martin Scorsese's too well-mannered adaptation of Edith Wharton's *Age of Innocence*, but the fault lies with the source. We never understand what makes Newland Archer superior to his surroundings, and when he does nothing to avoid marriage to a woman he does not love, it is hard to share the movie's concern for him. Thin roles can expose the calculations behind Day-Lewis's acting, most notably in his stiff performance as Cecil Vyse in *A Room with a View*. But he has a hot-spring of inspiration that usually keeps him running high, despite or perhaps because of the hiatuses between pictures. We await his new releases the way we looked forward to De Niro's in the 1970s.

—Alan Dale

DEAN, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Byron Dean in Marion, Indiana, 8 February 1931. **Education:** Attended Santa Monica City College (1949–50); attended University of California, Los Angeles approximately one semester (fall 1950); studied at the Actors Studio, New York. **Career:** 1950—appeared in Pepsi-Cola TV commercial; 1951—attended James Whitmore's acting workshop in Los Angeles; first role in a nationally broadcast TV program; bit parts in three Hollywood films; moved to New York City; 1952—between 1952 and 1955 appeared in more than two dozen TV programs, beginning with bit parts and graduating to starring roles; at 21 years of age, the youngest actor (at the time) to be admitted to Actors Studio in New York; Broadway debut in the short-lived play *See the Jaguar*; 1953—appeared in significant roles in numerous TV programs; especially noteworthy: "Bells of Cockaigne" (*Armstrong Circle Theatre*, NBC), "Harvest" (*Robert Montgomery Presents*, NBC), and "Something for an Empty Briefcase" (*Campbell Soundstage*, NBC); 1954—important TV roles continued; received critical acclaim for second Broadway role as the provocative homosexual houseboy in André Gide's *The Immoralist*, but gave notice almost immediately to star in Elia Kazan's film of *East of Eden*; signed first contract with Warner Bros.; began amateur career as sports car racer; 1955—completed starring roles in *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Giant*; cast as Rocky Graziano in MGM's *Somebody Up There Likes Me*; negotiated nine-film, six-year contract with Warner Bros. **Died:** 30 September 1955 in automobile accident while en route to a sports car race, just weeks before the release of *Rebel Without a Cause* and a year before the release of *Giant*; buried in Fairmount, Indiana.

Films as Actor:

- 1951 *Fixed Bayonets* (Fuller) (bit role as soldier cut from film)
- 1952 *Sailor Beware* (Walker) (uncredited bit role as sailor); *Has Anybody Seen My Gal?* (Sirk) (uncredited bit role as soda shop customer)
- 1955 *East of Eden* (Kazan) (as Cal Trask); *Rebel Without a Cause* (Ray) (as Jim Stark)
- 1956 *Giant* (Stevens) (as Jett Rink)



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Ambition and talent took James Dean a very long way in a very short time. In the five-year period between 1950 and 1954, the Indiana farm boy transformed himself into a Hollywood movie star. Then he died. His accidental death at 24 sent the trajectory of his career path into another orbit altogether: through a series of cultural reactions James Dean was transmuted into a dead cult personality and ultimately into a full-blown American icon. While his films may appear dated today, Dean is never passé—neither the actor, the persona, nor the image. As the decades have passed the image has only gotten cooler and hipper; as a pop culture icon James Dean seems to have no expiration date.

In only three film roles Dean presented such a vulnerable image of adolescent alienation that conventional stereotypes of youth and masculinity came tumbling down. He struck a chord in the 1950s, and in each successive decade, with his unique capacity to portray the hero while simultaneously undercutting, questioning, and redefining traditional models of masculinity. James Dean was hero and anti-hero in one appealing package. When Al Pacino said, “I grew up with the Dean thing. *Rebel Without a Cause* had a very powerful effect on me,” Pacino spoke for many of his generation. Dean’s emotional and highly idiosyncratic film performances electrified generations of audiences and aspiring actors around the world.

Unknown to film audiences in 1954, Dean appeared to be an “overnight success” in his film debut as Cal Trask in Elia Kazan’s production of *East of Eden*. But behind this exquisitely nuanced screen performance lay Dean’s considerable experience in live television and Broadway productions during his “New York years.” *Rebel Without a Cause* was, and still is, Dean’s signature film, but his portrayal of the unloved son in *East of Eden* was virtually a self-portrait. It was not a stretch for Dean to play the son of an emotionally wooden father and an absent mother, for in truth, this was his own biography. Kazan gave the role to Dean not because he could play Cal Trask, but because he was Cal Trask.

Dean’s next picture was *Rebel Without a Cause*, Nicholas Ray’s study of middle-class juvenile delinquency seen from the adolescent perspective. *Rebel* began as a routine B-picture in black and white, but Warner Bros. quickly upgraded it to a CinemaScope A-production when reviews of *East of Eden* confirmed that they had a star in Dean. As Jim Stark, Dean created an unforgettable image of a confused misfit in rebellion—against his parents, who recoil from personal acts of courage, and against his teenage peers, who act out meaningless rituals of courage. Premiering one month after Dean’s death, *Rebel* was a phenomenal hit with its powerful message and its charismatic dead star. Through this film James Dean entered the cultural imagination as the archetypal rebel hero and he has maintained this eminent position ever since.

For his next and last film Dean accepted a smaller role in an epic-sized picture—George Steven’s production of *Giant*. Dean played a poor, resentful Texas ranch hand who strikes oil, only to become

a rich, embittered oil tycoon. Requiring Dean to age about 30 years, the role of Jett Rink had more breadth than depth, but for Dean's introspective style of acting, this was not a good trade-off. He clashed with George Stevens over the interpretation and development of Jett Rink, and ultimately Dean lost his artistic battles with Stevens. But he won the war. By the time *Giant* premiered in 1956, Dean had been dead a year and Dean delirium had reached a peak. As far as America's teenagers were concerned, *Giant* starred James Dean in "his" final film. Upon his death, Dean seemed to eclipse the directors of each of his films: their films became known as "James Dean films."

As a pop culture icon Dean has been subjected to a relentless commercial life after death. Commercial exploitation of his image has been so persistent that the public's awareness of Dean's unique acting genius is often overwhelmed by the ready availability of his image. While a number of contemporary critics were quick to label Dean a Marlon Brando imitator, and a poor one at that, Dean eventually escaped Brando's shadow to leave an exceptional acting legacy in his own right. Writing as a film critic in the 1950s, François Truffaut succinctly assessed Dean's impact as an actor: "His acting goes against fifty years of filmmaking. Each gesture, each attitude, each mime, is a slap in the face of tradition." Dean revered Method mentors Montgomery Clift and Marlon Brando and like his mentors was admitted to the Actors Studio, but unlike them he was extremely inhibited by Lee Strasberg's criticism and did little work there. Dean was a Method actor more by instinct than by formal training.

Nonetheless, many of Dean's colleagues and acquaintances considered him an "oddball" both professionally and personally. He was certainly a risk-taker. He preferred not to know his lines too well so that his performances would be spontaneous and natural, and he rarely played a scene exactly the same way twice. Dean's unconventional approach to acting—whether on television, the stage, or the screen—often threw his acting colleagues off balance. Raymond Massey, who starred with him in *East of Eden*, complained that he never knew what Dean was going to say or do. Massey hated this unpredictable quality in Dean's acting style; other actors (such as Julie Harris) were more appreciative and tolerant of Dean's unique approach to his craft. Besides acting, Dean's other consuming passion was sports car racing and he won several amateur races. Both racing and acting were vehicles of risk and exhilaration for Dean. The risks he took in acting paid off: he received Best Actor nominations (posthumously) for his performances in *East of Eden* and *Giant*. The tenacity of Dean's cultural impact and personal appeal is confirmed by the enormous quantity of biographies, memoirs, tributes, and documentaries produced during the 45 years since his death. In the 1990s alone, a book was published on Dean in every year of the decade, and almost half a dozen documentaries and films were released. Nor has interest waned: another television documentary ("James Dean: An Invented Life") is soon to go into production once the role of James Dean is cast.

Attempts to resolve the many contradictory facets of the James Dean persona into a single, homogenized, unambiguous icon are misguided. Labels do not fit Dean well. As soon as one is applied, its opposite seems equally appropriate: cool *and* emotional, masculine *and* feminine, heterosexual *and* homosexual, good boy *and* bad boy, nonconformist *and* self-indulgent, mixed-up kid *and* ambitious actor-hustler. Perhaps this ability to accommodate and radiate opposite qualities accounts in some measure for the Dean magic: the visceral power of his screen performances, the magnetism of his image, and the longevity of his legendary status. Or, as Andy Warhol put it:

"[James Dean] is not our hero because he was perfect, but because he so perfectly represented the damaged but beautiful soul of his time."

—Cindy Lee Stokes

DE HAVILLAND, Olivia

Nationality: American. **Born:** Olivia Mary de Havilland in Tokyo, Japan, to English parents, 1 July 1916; sister of the actress Joan Fontaine; became U.S. citizen, 1941. **Education:** Attended Notre Dame Convent, Belmont, California. **Family:** Married 1) Marcus Goodrich, 1946 (divorced 1953), son: Benjamin; 2) Pierre Galante, 1955 (divorced 1979), daughter: Gisele. **Career:** 1933—stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland* with Saratoga Community Players; 1934—in Max Reinhardt's Los Angeles production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and in film version, 1935; seven-year contract with Warners; 1943–45—made no films due to legal difficulties and contract disputes with Warners but performed with USO and on radio; 1945—freed from Warners' contract in landmark court decision; two-film deal with Paramount; 1951—New York stage debut in *Romeo and Juliet*; late 1950s—began living in France on semipermanent basis; late 1960s–1970s—occasional film and TV work (e.g., in mini-series *Roots: The Next Generation*, 1979, *North and South II*, 1986). **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *To Each His Own*, 1946; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Snake Pit*, 1948; Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics,



Olivia de Havilland with Leslie Howard in *Gone with the Wind*

for *The Heiress*, 1949; Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *The Snake Pit*, 1949. **Address:** B.P. 156, 75764 Paris Cedex 16, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *Alibi Ike* (Enright) (as Dolly); *The Irish in Us* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Lucille Jackson); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Reinhardt and Dieterle) (as Hermia); *Captain Blood* (Curtiz) (as Arabella Bishop)
- 1936 *Anthony Adverse* (LeRoy) (as Angela Guiseppe); *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Curtiz) (as Elsa Campbell); *A Day at Santa Anita* (short)
- 1937 *Call It a Day* (Mayo) (as Catherine Hilton); *The Great Garrick* (Whale) (as Germaine De Le Corbe); *It's Love I'm After* (Mayo) (as Marcia West)
- 1938 *Gold Is Where You Find It* (Curtiz) (as Serena Ferris); ***The Adventures of Robin Hood*** (Curtiz and Keighley) (as Maid Marian); *Four's a Crowd* (Curtiz) (as Lorri Dillingwell); *Hard to Get* (Enright) (as Margaret Richards)
- 1939 *Wings of the Navy* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Irene Dale); *Dodge City* (Curtiz) (as Abbie Irving); *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (Curtiz) (as Lady Penelope Gray); ***Gone with the Wind*** (Fleming—additional scenes directed by Cukor, Wood, Menzies, and David O. Selznick) (as Melanie Hamilton)
- 1940 *Raffles* (Wood) (as Gwen); *My Love Came Back* (Bernhardt) (as Amelia Cullen); *Santa Fe Trail* (Curtiz) (as Kit Carson Halliday)
- 1941 *The Strawberry Blonde* (Walsh) (as Amy Lind); *Hold Back the Dawn* (Leisen) (as Emmy Brown); *They Died with Their Boots On* (Walsh) (as Elizabeth Brown Custer)
- 1942 *The Male Animal* (Nugent) (as Ellen Turner); *In This Our Life* (Huston) (as Roy Timberlake)
- 1943 *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler) (as herself); *Princess O'Rourke* (Krasna) (as Maria); *Government Girl* (Dudley Nichols) (as Smokey)
- 1946 *The Well-Groomed Bride* (Lanfield) (as Margie); *To Each His Own* (Leisen) (as Josephine Norris); *Devotion* (Bernhardt) (as Charlotte Brontë); *The Dark Mirror* (Siodmak) (as Terry Collins/Ruth Collins)
- 1948 *The Snake Pit* (Litvak) (as Virginia Cunningham)
- 1949 *The Heiress* (Wyler) (as Catherine Sloper)
- 1952 *My Cousin Rachel* (Koster) (as Rachel)
- 1955 *That Lady* (Terence Young) (as Ana de Mendoza); *Not as a Stranger* (Kramer) (as Kristina Hedvigson)
- 1956 *The Ambassador's Daughter* (Krasna) (as Joan)
- 1958 *The Proud Rebel* (Curtiz) (as Linnett Moore)
- 1959 *Libel* (Asquith) (as Lady Maggie Loddon)
- 1962 *Light in the Piazza* (Guy Green) (as Margaret Johnson)
- 1964 *Lady in a Cage* (Grauman) (as Mrs. Hilyard); *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as Miriam Deering)
- 1970 *The Adventurers* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Deborah Hadley)
- 1972 *The Screaming Woman* (Smight—for TV) (as Laura Wynant); *Pope Joan* (Michael Anderson) (as Mother Superior)
- 1977 *Airport '77* (Jameson) (as Emily Livingston); *Behind the Iron Mask (The Fifth Musketeer)* (Annakin) (as Queen Anne)
- 1978 *The Swarm* (Irwin Allen) (as Maureen)
- 1982 *Murder Is Easy* (Whatham—for TV) (as Honoria Waynflete); *The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana* (Levin—for TV) (as the Queen Mother)

1986 *Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Dowager Empress Maria)

1988 *The Woman He Loved* (Jarrott—for TV) (as Bessie Merryman)

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Almost immediately after making her screen debut, Olivia de Havilland was established as a popular actress through her presence in *Captain Blood*. The film's pairing of de Havilland and Errol Flynn was a great success, and Warner Brothers, during the next six years, reteamed the two in seven films. Although these films gave de Havilland a leading lady status, her function was essentially that of supporting and adoring the male. The function was carried over into *Gone with the Wind*, yet this key role gave her at last an opportunity to display her potential as a skillful actress. The assignment was particularly challenging in that Melanie, in contrast to Scarlett O'Hara, is bland and two-dimensional; yet, arguably, de Havilland's performance is superior to Vivien Leigh's in conception, modulation, and emotional resonance, convincingly communicating the strength beneath Melanie's shy and timid outer self.

The characterization, in addition to establishing de Havilland as a major actress, also, to an extent, gave shape to her 1940s screen persona. During the decade, two of de Havilland's most highly regarded performances are built around seemingly simple women who, unexpectedly, prove to be compelling presences when engaged in emotional interaction. Structurally, both *Hold Back the Dawn* and *The Heiress* are centered on narratives in which physically plain and unimaginative women are courted by handsome men who have no interest in what they have to offer—sincerity and virtuousness. De Havilland imparts a forcefulness to the characterizations by making the women self-conscious about their ordinariness so that the characters' emotional vulnerability become a crucial factor in these portrayals. In *The Heiress* in particular, the effectiveness of de Havilland's performance hinges on the emotional exploitation she willingly submits to and her ultimate response to it.

Essentially, the same persona is the basis of de Havilland's characterization in the less caustic *To Each His Own* in which she enacts various stages in the life of a woman who must deny herself the fulfillment of motherhood because her child was illegitimate. While the film's flashbacks allow de Havilland a greater range (glamour, sophistication) than the above-mentioned films, in the present-day sequences she has a severe physical plainness and projects an intense emotionalism which is held in check through sheer will power.

During the 1940s de Havilland gave two other notable performances in films that can be seen as functioning as implicit commentary on her filmic persona. In *The Dark Mirror* de Havilland plays identical twins who are opposing embodiments of "good" and "evil." The film, in effect, splits the character she plays to expose the end result of the oppressions and repressions the de Havilland persona, in part, represents. In the follow-up film, *The Snake Pit*, she is cast as another ordinary woman who undergoes a mental breakdown because she is not able to fully express her identity.

At the height of her powers, de Havilland seemed to have lost the fighting spirit that enabled her to bring the dreaded seven-year studio contract system to its knees, a court battle previously lost by the redoubtable Bette Davis. Prissily concerned with her star image like Melanie guarding Southern traditions in *Gone with the Wind*, de Havilland rejected the chance to play Blanche Dubois. Considering her icy brilliance in *The Snake Pit*, it is interesting to contemplate what dimensions she would have brought to the most challenging role ever written for an actress. Throughout the fifties, she tackled Broadway to a lukewarm reception (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Candida*) and worked less frequently on-screen—hypnotically ambiguous in *My Cousin Rachel* and authoritatively embodying pioneer spirit in *Proud Rebel*, but ludicrously sporting an eye patch and saccharine airs for the period costumer, *That Lady*, and lading on a thick Swedish meatball accent for *Not as a Stranger*. Almost all the rest is disappointing with de Havilland making great lady appearances rather than flexing her acting muscles (on televised awards ceremonies, she gushes as if impressed with her own place in film history). If she mainly played it safe as part of all-star disaster ensembles (*The Swarm*, *Airport '77*), her latter-day career is marked with two striking returns to form. In an ABC-TV Stage 67 production of Katherine Anne Porter's *Noon Wine*, de Havilland is gravely beautiful as a careworn Texas landowner. Although she had to be coaxed to star after Bette Davis drove rival Joan Crawford to nervous illness while shooting *Hush . . . Hush*, *Sweet Charlotte*, de Havilland is superb in that juicy Southern Gothic hysteria. Counterbalancing Davis's campy splendor, she builds suspense by undermining her pristine screen image for a change. Whereas Crawford would have telegraphed her

duplicity, de Havilland sneaks up on the audience with betrayal up her sleeve. This film demonstrates that de Havilland could have pursued acting in a more complex vein if she had not preferred typecasting herself as the good twin from *The Dark Mirror*.

—Richard Lippe, updated by Robert Pardi

DELON, Alain

Nationality: French. **Born:** Sceaux, 8 November 1935 (or 1936). **Education:** Attended a Catholic boarding school in Bagneux (expelled); St. Nicholas d'Issy and St. Nicholas d'Igny. **Military Service:** French Marines, 1952–53; parachutist in Indochina. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Nathalie Barthelemy (born Canovas), 1964 (divorced 1969), one son; 2) Rosalie, son: Alain-Fabien, daughter: Anouchka. **Career:** Mid-1950s—worked at various odd jobs, including waiter, salesman, and porter in Les Halles market; 1957—film debut in Yves Allégret's *Quand la femme s'en mêle*; declined contract with Selznick studios; 1960—international critical recognition for role in Visconti's *Rocco e i suoi fratelli*; 1961—stage role in *Tis Pity She's a Whore*, directed by Visconti, Paris; 1964—formed film company Delbeau Productions; produced short film *Journal d'un combat* directed by Guy Gilles; 1968—involved in murder, drug, and sex scandal that indirectly implicated major politicians and show business personalities; eventually cleared of charges; late 1960s—formed film company Adel-Film; 1970—began producing feature films; 1981—directed first film *Pour la peau d'un flic*; 1988—in TV mini-series *Cinema*. **Address:** c/o Leda Productions, 4 rue Chambiges, Paris 75800, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1957 *Quand la femme s'en mêle* (*Send a Woman When the Devil Fails; When the Woman Gets Confused*) (Yves Allégret) (as Jo)
- 1958 *Sois belle et tais-toi* (*Blonde for Danger; Just Another Pretty Face*) (Marc Allégret); *Christine* (Gaspard-Huit) (as Franz)
- 1959 *Faibles femmes* (*Women Are Weak; Three Murderesses*) (Boisrand) (as Julien); *Le Chemin des écoliers* (Boisrand) (as Antoine Michaud); *Plein soleil* (*Purple Noon; Lust for Evil*) (Clément) (as Tom Ripley)
- 1960 *Rocco e i suoi fratelli* (*Rocco and His Brothers; Rocco et ses frères*) (Visconti) (as Rocco Parondi)
- 1961 *Che gioia vivere* (*Quelle joie de vivre*) (Clément) (as Ulysse Ceconato); "Agnès Bernauer" ep. of *Amours célèbres* (Boisrand)
- 1962 *L'eclisse* (*The Eclipse*) (Antonioni) (as Piero); "L'Inceste" ep. of *Le Diable et les dix commandements* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duviol) (as Pierre Messenger); *Mélodie en sous-sol* (*The Big Snatch; Any Number Can Play; Big Grab*) (Verneuil); *Carambolages* (Bluwal)
- 1963 *Il gattopardo* (*The Leopard*) (Visconti) (as Tancredi); *La Tulipe noire* (*The Black Tulip*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Julien de Saint-Preux)
- 1964 *Les Félics* (*Joy House; The Love Cage*) (Clément) (as Marc); *L'Insoumis* (Cavalier) (as Thomas); 2nd ep. of *The Yellow*

- Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Stefano); *L'Amour à la mer* (Gilles)
- 1965 *Once a Thief* (Ralph Nelson) (as Eddie Pedak)
- 1966 *Lost Command (Not for Honor and Glory)* (Robson) (as Capt. Philippe Escavier); *Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)* (Clément) (as Jacques Chaban-Delmas); *Texas across the River* (Michael Gordon) (as Don Andrea Baldasar)
- 1967 *Les Aventuriers (The Last Adventure)* (Enrico) (as Manu); *Le Samourai (The Godson)* (Melville) (as Jef Costello); *Diaboliquement vôtre (Diabolically Yours)* (Duvivier) (as Pierre)
- 1968 "William Wilson" ep. of *Histoires extraordinaires (Tales of Mystery; Spirits of the Dead)* (Malle) (as Wilson); *The Girl on a Motorcycle (La Motorcyclette; Naked under Leather)* (Cardiff) (as Daniel); *Adieu l'ami (Farewell Friend; Honor among Thieves)* (Herman) (as Dino Barran); *La Piscine (The Sinners)* (Deray); *Le Clan des Siciliens (The Sicilian Clan)* (Verneuil) (as Roger Sartet)
- 1969 *Jeff* (Herman); *Le Cercle rouge* (Melville); *Madly (The Love Mates)* (Kahane)
- 1970 *Borsalino* (Deray) (as Roch Siffredi, + pr)
- 1971 *Doucement les basses!* (Deray); *Fantasia chez les ploucs* (Pirès); *Soleil rouge (Red Sun)* (Terence Young) (as Gauche); *La veuve Couderc* (Granier-Deferre)
- 1972 *L'Assassinat de Trotsky (The Assassination of Trotsky)* (Losey) (as Frank Jackson); *Un flic (Dirty Money; A Cop)* (Melville) (as Coleman); *La prima notte di quiete (Le Professeur)* (Zurlini); *Traitement du choc (Shock Treatment)* (Jessu) (as Devilers); *Il était une fois un flic* (Lautner); *Big Guns (No Way Out; Tony Arzenta)* (Tessari)
- 1973 *Scorpio* (Winner) (as Laurier); *Deux hommes dans la ville (Two Men in Town; Two against the City)* (Giovanni) (as Gino, + pr); *Les Granges brûlées* (Chapot)
- 1974 *La Race des "Seigneurs"* (Granier-Deferre); *Les Seins de glace* (Lautner); *Borsalino & Co.* (Deray) (as Roch Siffredi, + pr)
- 1975 *Flic Story* (Deray) (as Roger Borniche, + pr); *Zorro* (Tessari); *Le Gitan* (Giovanni) (title role, + co-pr)
- 1976 *Mr. Klein* (Losey) (title role, + pr); *Comme un boomerang* (Giovanni) (+ co-sc); *Le Gang* (Deray)
- 1977 *America at the Movies* (as narrator); *L'Homme presse* (Molinaro); *Armageddon* (Jessua); *Mort d'un pourri* (Lautner); *Attention, les enfants regardent (Attention, the Kids Are Watching)* (Leroy) (as Man)
- 1978 *Indian Summer* (Zurlini) (as Professor)
- 1979 *Le Toubib (The Medic)* (Granier-Deferre); *The Concorde—Airport '79 (Airport '80—The Concorde)* (Rich) (as Metrand); *Teheran Incident (Teheran 1943; The Eliminator)* (Alov and Naumov)
- 1980 *Trois Hommes à abattre (Three Men to Destroy)* (Deray) (as Michel Gerfaut)
- 1982 *Le Choc (The Shock)* (Davis)
- 1984 *Swann in Love (Un Amour de Swann)* (Schlöndorff) (as Baron De Charlus)
- 1985 *Notre histoire (Our Story)* (Blier); *Parole de flic* (Pinheiro) (as Daniel Pratt, + co-sc)
- 1986 *Le Passage* (Manzor) (as Jean Diaz, + co-pr)
- 1988 *Ne Réveillez pas un flic qui dort* (Pinheiro) (as Eugene Grindel, + co-sc)

- 1990 *Nouvelle Vague* (Godard) (as Roger Lennox/Richard Lennox); *Dancing Machine* (Behat) (as Alan Wolf)
- 1992 *Le Retour de Casanova (Casanova's Return)* (Niermans) (title role, + co-exec pr); *Un Crime* (Deray)
- 1993 *L'ours en Peluche (The Teddy Bear)* (Deray) (as Jean Riviere)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une Nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)* (Varda) (as Actor for a Day)
- 1997 *Cannes . . . les 400 coups* (Nadeau) (as Himself); *Jour et la nuit (Day and Night)* (Levy) (as Alexandre)
- 1998 *Une chance sur deux (Half a Chance)* (Leconte) (as Vignal)
- 1999 *Luchino Visconti* (Lizzani) (as Himself)
- 2000 *Les Acteurs* (Blier) (as himself)

Films as Producer:

- 1964 *Journal d'un combat* (Gilles—short)
- 1970 *Sortie de secours* (Kahane)
- 1986 *Le Passage* (Manzor)
- 1992 *Le Retour de Casanova* (Niermans)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1970 *Pour la peau d'un flic (For a Cop's Hide; Whirlpool)*
- 1982 *Le Battant (The Cache)* (as Darnay, + co-sc)

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Alain Delon is, with Jean-Paul Belmondo, the most popular male star of the contemporary French film. Without previous professional preparation, he came to embody the young, energetic, often morally corrupted man. With his attractive appearance, he was also predestined to play tender lovers and romantic heroes, and for many he was in the beginning a French embodiment of the type created in America by James Dean.

His first outstanding success came with the role of the parasite Tom Ripley in Clément's *Plein soleil*. Delon presented a psychological portrait of a murderous young cynic who attempts to take on the identity of his victim. A totally different role was offered him by Visconti in *Rocco e i suoi fratelli*. In this film, Delon plays the devoted Rocco, who accepts the greatest sacrifices to save his characterless brother Simon. After several other films in Italy, he returned to the criminal genre, with Jean Gabin, in *Melodie en sous-sol* (Verneuil). This work, a classic example of the genre, was distinguished not only by a soundly worked-out screenplay, but also by the careful production and the excellent performances of both Delon and Gabin. Several other films about gangsters or thieves followed, including a historical bandit in *La Tulipe noire* (Christian-Jaque).

Since 1968, Delon has often participated in his films as a producer. Though he has continued to make crime and thriller films, he has also undoubtedly attempted to extend his range. Two interesting psychological roles—as a judge in *Les Granges brûlées* (Chapot) and as the self-assured doctor in a luxurious sanatorium in *Traitement du choc* (Jessu)—were followed by his role in Joseph Losey's pretentious reconstruction of the murder of the revolutionary in exile, *The Assassination of Trotsky*. In *Mr. Klein* he took on the ambitious role of an Aryan merchant who throws in his lot with the Jews in occupied France. A serious attempt to consider the imperfect judicial system of contemporary society is made in the film *Deux hommes dans la ville*, in which he plays a thief who tries in vain to participate in ordinary life after his release from prison. His most unusual role has been in Schlöndorff's *Un Amour de Swann*, based on the Proust novel, continued evidence of his genuine acting talent and attempts to seek new expressive opportunities.

—Karel Tabery

DEL RIO, Dolores

Nationality: Mexican. **Born:** Lolita Dolores Martínez Asunsolo López Negrette in Durango, 3 August 1905. **Education:** Convent of St. Joseph, Mexico City. **Family:** Married 1) Jaime Del Rio, 1920 (died 1928); 2) the designer Cedric Gibbons, 1930 or 1932 (divorced 1941); 3) Lewis Riley, 1959. **Career:** 1925—personal contract with the director Edwin Carewe; film debut in *Joanna*; 1926—selected as



Dolores Del Rio

WAMPAS (Western Association of Motion Picture Advertisers) baby star; 1928—critical and public recognition for role in *Ramona*; worked with United Artists, 1929–31, RKO, 1932–33, Warners, 1934–36, Columbia, 1937, and 20th Century-Fox, 1937–38; 1943—left Hollywood to seek more rewarding career in Mexico; in *Flor Silvestre*, first of several successful films for director Emilio Fernández. **Awards:** Ariele Awards for Best Actress, for *Las abandonados*, 1944, *Doña Perfecta*, 1951, and *The Boy and the Fog*, 1953; Special Ariele Award, 1974. **Died:** In Newport Beach, California, 11 April 1983.

Films as Actress:

- 1925 *Joanna* (Carewe) (as Carlotta de Silva)
- 1926 *High Steppers* (Carewe) (as Evelyn Ifffield); *Pals First* (Carewe) (as Jeanne Lamont); *The Whole Town's Talking* (Edward Laemmle) (as Rita Renault); *What Price Glory?* (Walsh) (as Charmaine de la Cognac)
- 1927 *Resurrection* (Carewe) (as Katusha Maslova); *The Loves of Carmen* (Walsh) (as Carmen)
- 1928 *The Gateway of the Moon* (Wray) (as Chela “Toni”); *The Trail of '98* (Brown) (as Berna); *Ramona* (Carewe) (title role); *The Red Dance* (Walsh) (as Tasia); *No Other Woman* (Tellegen) (as Carmelita Desano); *Revenge* (Carewe) (as Rascha)
- 1929 *Evangeline* (Carewe) (title role)
- 1930 *The Bad One* (Fitzmaurice) (as Lita)

- 1932 *Girl of the Rio* (Brenon) (as Dolores); *Bird of Paradise* (King Vidor) (as Luana)
- 1933 *Flying Down to Rio* (Freeland) (as Belinha de Rezende)
- 1934 *Hollywood on Parade, No. 13* (short); *Wonder Bar* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Inez); *Madame DuBarry* (Dieterle) (title role)
- 1935 *A Trip thru a Hollywood Studio* (short); *In Caliente* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Rita Gomez); *I Live for Love* (Berkeley) (as Donna Alvares)
- 1936 *The Widow from Monte Carlo* (Collins) (as Inez); *Accused* (Freeland) (as Gaby Seymour)
- 1937 *Devil's Playground* (Kenton) (as Carmen); *Ali Baba Goes to Town* (David Butler) (as herself); *Lancer Spy* (Ratoff) (as Dolores Daria)
- 1938 *International Settlement* (Forde) (as Leonore)
- 1940 *The Man from Dakota* (Fenton) (as Eugenia)
- 1942 *Journey into Fear* (Norman Foster and Welles) (as Josette Martel)
- 1943 *Flor Silvestre* (Fernández) (as Esperanza)
- 1944 *María Candelaria* (Xochimilco; *Portrait of María*) (Fernández) (title role); *Bugambilia* (Fernández) (as Amalia de los Robles); *Las abandonados* (Fernández) (as Margarita Perez)
- 1945 *La selva de fuego* (de Fuentes)
- 1946 *Lo otra* (Gavaldón) (as Magdalena Mendez/María Mendez)
- 1947 *The Fugitive* (John Ford) (as María Dolores)
- 1948 *Historia de una mala mujer* (Saslavsky)
- 1949 *La malquerida* (Fernández) (as Raimunda)
- 1950 *La casa chica* (Gavaldón) (as Amalia)
- 1951 *Deseada* (Gavaldón); *Doña Perfecta* (Galindo) (as Perfecta)
- 1953 *Reportaje* (Fernández) (as María Enriqueta); *El niño y la niebla* (*The Boy and the Fog*) (Gavaldón) (as Marta)
- 1954 *Señora Ama* (Bracho) (as Dominica)
- 1957 *Torero* (Velo)
- 1958 *A donde van nuestros hijos* (*Media tono*) (Alazraki) (as Rosa); *La cucaracha* (*The Soldiers of Pancho Villa*; *The Bandit*) (Rodríguez) (as Chabela)
- 1960 *Flaming Star* (Siegel) (as Neddy Burton); *El pecado de una madre* (Blake)
- 1964 *Cheyenne Autumn* (John Ford) (as Spanish woman)
- 1966 *La dama del Alba* (Beleta); *Casa de mujeres* (Soler)
- 1967 *C'era una volta* (*More than a Miracle*; *Cinderella, Italian Style*; *Happily Ever After*) (Rosi) (as Princess Mother); *Rio Blanco* (Gavaldón)
- 1978 *The Children of Sanchez* (Bartlett)

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Dolores Del Rio, born into an aristocratic Mexican family, was the daughter of a banker, and also second cousin to the actor Ramon Novarro. In 1925 she came to the United States to begin an acting career that continued into the 1970s. She worked in American and Mexican films (she won four Arieles, Mexico's equivalent to the Oscar), and international productions, with such major directors as Edwin Carewe (who discovered her at a Mexico City tea party, brought her to Hollywood, and was instrumental in helping her career), Busby Berkeley, Clarence Brown, Emilio Fernández, Roberto Gavaldón, Francesco Rosi, Don Siegel, Raoul Walsh, and Orson Welles.

Among the reasons for her remarkable staying power were her skill in creating believable characters and a beauty that transcended age—she was as lovely at 65 as she had been at 25. Most importantly, she never allowed herself to be typed as the sexy Mexican spitfire who fractures the English language. She brought dignity to both leading and character parts, portraying with ease women of all social classes.

Silent films had allowed Del Rio great flexibility in the roles she could play, with nationalities ranging from American Indian to Russian, Acadian, Brazilian, French, Spanish, and, of course, Mexican. In sound films she was more often cast as a woman of Mexican or Spanish descent because of her accent. Some of her most memorable roles in American films were as Charmaine in the World War I classic *What Price Glory?*, the Acadian woman who searches the bayous of Louisiana for her lost love in *Evangeline*, the stunning Brazilian heiress in *Flying Down to Rio*, a beautiful Polynesian native in *Bird of Paradise*, the title role in *Madame Du Barry*, the dancer Josette in *Journey into Fear*, María Dolores in *The Fugitive*, and a Kiowa Indian married to a white settler in *Flaming Star*.

The first American phase of her career lasted from Edwin Carewe's *Joanna* in 1925 to Orson Welles's 1942 *Journey into Fear*, after which she returned to Mexico. She may have seen new opportunities in her native land: by brilliantly assembling a top director, Emilio

Fernández, a top cinematographer, Gabriel Figueroa, and a top leading actor, Pedro Armendáriz, Del Rio shortly became one of Mexico's leading box-office attractions. She continued to appear occasionally in some American films and television programs (for example, John Ford's *Cheyenne Autumn* and an episode of *Marcus Welby, M.D.*). By the 1970s she was devoting less time to performing and more to charity work in Mexico.

In her article "Achieving Stardom" in *Breaking into the Movies*, Del Rio wrote, "my conception of a great success is . . . being capable of reflecting and impersonating all the beauty and cleverness of every different type of woman." In her long and varied career, she conveyed both the inner and outer beauty of her characters, and she did so with authenticity and dignity.

—H. Wayne Schuth

DENCH, Judi

Nationality: British. **Born:** Judith Olivia Dench, York, England, 9 December 1934. **Family:** Married Michael Williams, 5 February 1971; children: Tara Cressida Frances. **Education:** Attended the Mount School, York; trained for the stage at the Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art. **Career:** Stage debut, Old Vic Theatre, London, 1957; Broadway debut, 1958; actress, Old Vic Company, 1957–60; joined Royal Shakespeare Company, 1961; film debut, 1964; musical debut, in *Cabaret*, 1968; made record 100 appearances as Cleopatra with National Theatre, 1987; debut as director, Renaissance Theatre Company, 1988; appeared on TV series: *Talking to a Stranger* TV series, 1966; played Laura, *A Fine Romance* TV series (also singer: title theme), 1981; played Jean Mary Pargetter/Jean Hardcastle, *As Time Goes By* TV series, 1992. **Awards:** Paladino d'Argentino Award, Venice Festival, 1961, for *Romeo and Juliet*; British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) award for most outstanding newcomer to film, 1965, for *Four in the Morning*; BAFTA award for best television actress and Guild of Directors award for best actress, both 1967, for *Talking to a Stranger*; Variety London Critics best actress award, 1967, for *The Promise*; Order of the British Empire, 1970; Laurence Olivier Award for actress of the year, Society of West End Theatre (SWET), 1977, for *Macbeth*; Doctor of Letters, Warwick University, 1978, and York University, 1983; Laurence Olivier Award for actress of the year, 1980; New Standard Drama Award for best actress, 1980; Plays and Players Award for best actress, and Variety Club actress of the year, all for *Juno and the Paycock*; BAFTA award for best television actress, 1981, for *Going Gently*, *A Fine Romance*, and *The Cherry Orchard*; Plays and Players award for best actress, and New Standard Drama Award for best actress, 1983, both for *The Importance of Being Earnest*; Laurence Olivier Award for actress of the year, 1983, and Plays and Players award for best actress, both for *Pack of Lies*; New Standard Drama Award for best actress, 1983, for *A Kind of Alaska*; BAFTA award for best supporting actress, 1986, for *A Room with a View*; Laurence Olivier Award for actress of the year, 1987, and Drama magazine award, both for *Antony and Cleopatra*; BAFTA award for best supporting actress, 1988, for *A Handful of Dust*; named

Dame Commander of the British Empire, 1988; American Cinema Editors (ACE) Award, c. 1988, for *Ghosts*; BAFTA award for best lead actress, Chicago Film Critics Association Award for best actress, Golden Globe award for best actress in a dramatic motion picture, and Golden Satellite Award for best actress in a dramatic motion picture, all 1998, for *Mrs. Brown*; National Society of Film Critics Award for best supporting actress, 1998, Academy Award for best supporting actress, 1999, and BAFTA award for best supporting actress, 1999, and Screen Actors Guild award for outstanding performance by a cast (with others), 1999, all for *Shakespeare in Love*; Tony Award for best actress, 1999, for *Amy's View*. **Agent:** Julian Belfrage Associates, 46 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4PP, England.

Films as Actress:

- 1964 *The Third Secret* (Crichton) [uncredited]
- 1965 *A Study in Terror* (*Sherlock Holmes Grosster Fall and Fog*) (Hill) (as Sally)
- 1966 *He Who Rides a Tiger* (Crichton) (as Joanne); *Four in the Morning* (Simmons) (as Wife); *Days to Come* (Bridges—for TV) (as Elizebeth)
- 1968 *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hall) (as Titania)
- 1973 *Luther* (Green) (as Katherine)
- 1974 *Dead Cert* (Richardson) (as Laura Davidson)
- 1978 *The Comedy of Errors* (Casson and Nunn—for TV) (as Adriana)
- 1979 *On Giant's Shoulders* (Simmons—for TV) (as Hazel Wiles); *Macbeth* (Nunn—for TV) (as Lady Macbeth)
- 1980 *Love in a Cold Climate* (McWhinnie) (mini, for TV) (as Aunt Sadie [Lady Alconleigh])
- 1983 *Saigon: Year of the Cat* (Frears—for TV) (as Barbara Dean)
- 1984 *Playing Shakespeare* (Barton) (mini, for TV) (as Herself)
- 1985 *Mr. and Mrs. Edgehill* (Millar—for TV) (as Dorrie Edgehill); *The Browning Version* (Simpson—for TV) (as Millie Crocker-Harris); *Wetherby* (Hare) (as Marcia Pilborough)
- 1986 *A Room with a View* (Ivory) (as Miss Lavish); *Ghosts* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Mrs. Alving); *84 Charing Cross Road* (Jones) (as Nora Doel)
- 1988 *A Handful of Dust* (Sturridge) (as Mrs. Beaver); *Behaving Badly* (Tucker—for TV) (as Bridget)
- 1989 *Henry V* (Branagh) (as Mistress Quickly)
- 1990 *Can You Hear Me Thinking?* (Morahan—for TV) (as Anne)
- 1991 *Absolute Hell* (Page—for TV) (as Christine Foscett)
- 1995 *Jack and Sarah* (Sullivan) (as Margaret); *GoldenEye* (Campbell) (as M)
- 1996 *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Hecuba)
- 1997 *Tomorrow Never Dies* (Spottiswoode) (as M); *After Murder Park* (Birkin) (as Harriet Hawthorne); *Mrs. Brown* (*Her Majesty, Mrs. Brown*) (Madden) (as Queen Victoria)
- 1998 *Shakespeare in Love* (Madden) (as Queen Elizabeth); *Hey Mr. Producer!: The Musical World of Cameron Mackintosh* (*Hey Mr. Producer*) (as Desiree "Send In The Clowns")
- 1999 *Tea with Mussolini* (*Un Te con Mussolini*) (Zeffirelli) (as Arabella); *The World Is Not Enough* (Apted) (as M)
- 2000 *Chocolat* (Hallström) (as Armande); *The Last of the Blonde Bombshells* (for TV)



Judi Dench and Billy Connolly in *Mrs. Brown*

Films as Director:

1989 *Look Back in Anger* (for TV)

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When she won the 1999 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in *Shakespeare in Love*, it was widely felt that Dame Judi Dench had finally gotten her due. A Best Actress Oscar had eluded the British star of stage and screen two years earlier

for her highly praised performance in *Mrs. Brown*. Hollywood was quick to pay its debts, and by 1999 Dench was firmly ensconced in the Hollywood pantheon.

Like so many British stars of her generation, Judi Dench earned her acting stripes performing the classics on the British stage. At age 36, she was awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth. Eighteen years later, the British monarch bestowed on Dench a Damehood. Always rather slow on the uptake, Hollywood suddenly sat up and took notice, and Dench began to be cast in films such as *A Room with a View*, *A Handful of Dust*, *Hamlet*, and *Tea with Mussolini*. But it was her arch portrayal of Queen Elizabeth I in *Shakespeare in Love* that catapulted 65-year-old Dame Judi to movie stardom.

On stage, Dench has appeared in Shakespearean roles and musicals—she was the original Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*. She has been equally at home on the small screen, and her ongoing star turn in the Britcom, *As Time Goes By*, has been popular on both sides of the Atlantic. Her film career, however, was surprisingly sporadic before the mid-1980s.

During the 1960s, she appeared in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as a kittenish and sexy Titania, as well in a horror film called *A Study in Terror*. The first film in which most American audiences saw Dench was the Merchant-Ivory favorite, *A Room with a View*, where Dench's subtle comic stage timing rounded out a brilliant supporting cast that included Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliot, and Simon Callow. Dench's supporting role as Anthony Hopkins' loving wife in cult favorite *84 Charing Cross Road* earned Dench more recognition among American audiences. But it wasn't until the 1990s that Judi Dench made her mark in film history.

In a brilliant bit of casting, Dench played the spymaster M in two James Bond pictures, *Tomorrow Never Dies* and *The World Is Not Enough*. But it was her sympathetic portrayal of the steely yet lovelorn Queen Victoria in *Mrs. Brown* that gave Dench the opportunity to display her acting skills to the larger film public. As director Peter Hall described the actress, "She's five foot nothing, and yet she's got sex and wit, wit and sex."

The Oscar-nominated turn led to two more popular films—*Tea with Mussolini* and *Shakespeare in Love*. In Franco Zeffereilli's evocative look at his childhood, Dench joined Joan Plowright and Maggie Smith as one of the "Scorpioni," the eccentric, colorful, and strong-willed expatriate women of his youth. But it was Dench's acerbic evocation of Elizabeth I that earned the 65-year-old actress the Oscar that many felt had long been denied her.

Now on the movie A-list in her mid-sixties, Dench may bask in her newfound cinematic popularity, even as she continues to enjoy her forays into every conceivable acting arena (winning a 1999 Tony Award for *Amy's View*)—proving that she is indeed one of acting's true and rare virtuosi.

—Victoria Price

DENEUVE, Cathérine

Nationality: French. **Born:** Cathérine Dorléac in Paris, 22 October 1943; daughter of the actors Maurice Teynac and Renee Deneuve; sister of the actress Françoise Dorléac. **Education:** Attended École

Lamazou and Lycée La Fontaine. **Family:** Married the photographer David Bailey, 1965 (divorced 1972); son with the director Roger Vadim: the actor Christian Vadim; daughter with the actor Marcello Mastroianni: the actress Chiara Mastroianni. **Career:** Made her film debut in a bit role in *Les Collégiennes*, 1956; began a personal and professional relationship with director Roger Vadim, 1960; starred in Polanski's *Repulsion*, 1964; made her American film debut in Stuart Rosenberg's *The April Fools*, 1969; formed the production company Films de la Citrouille, 1971. **Awards:** Best Actress Cesar Award, for *Le Dernier Metro*, 1980; Best Actress César Award, for *Indochine*, 1992; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1993; San Sebastian International Film Festival Golden Seashell for Lifetime Achievement, 1995; Berlin Film Festival Honorary Golden Bear, 1998; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup as Best Actress, for *Place Vendôme*, 1998. **Address:** c/o Place St. Sulpice 76, Rue Bonaparte, Paris 75006, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1956 *Les Collégiennes (The Twilight Girls)* (Hunebelle)
- 1959 *Les Petits Chats (Wild Roots of Love)* (Villa)
- 1960 *Les Portes claquent (The Doors Slam)* (Poitrenaud and Fermaud); *L'Homme à femmes* (Cornu)
- 1961 "Sophie" ep. of *Les Parisiennes (Tales of Paris; Of Beds and Brooms)* (Marc Allégret) (as Sophie)
- 1962 ... *et Satan conduit le bal (Satan Leads the Dance)* (Dabat); *Le Vice et la vertu (Vice and Virtue)* (Vadim) (as Justine); *Vacances portugaises* (Kast)
- 1964 "L'Homme qui vendit la tour Eiffel" ("Paris") ep. of *Les Plus Belles Escroqueries du monde (The Beautiful Swindlers; World's Greatest Swindlers)* (Chabrol); *Les Parapluies de Cherbourg (The Umbrellas of Cherbourg)* (Demy) (as Genevieve Emery); *La Chasse à l'homme (The Gentle Art of Seduction; Male Hunt)* (Molinaro) (as Denise); *Un Monsieur de compagnie (Male Companion)* (de Broca) (as Isabelle); *La costanza della ragione (Avec amour et avec rage)* (Campanile); *Repulsion* (Polanski) (as Carol Ledoux)
- 1965 *Le Chant du monde* (Camus); "Der Somnabule" ep. of *Das Liebeskarussell (Who Wants to Sleep?)* (Thiele)
- 1966 *Les Créatures (Varelserna)* (Varda) (as Mylene); *La Vie de Château (A Matter of Resistance)* (Rappeneau) (as Marie)
- 1967 *Belle de jour* (Luis Buñuel) (as Severine Sevigny); *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort (The Young Girls of Rochefort)* (Demy) (as Delphine Garnier)
- 1968 *Benjamin ou Les mémoires d'un puceau (Benjamin; The Diary of an Innocent Boy)* (Deville) (as Anne de Clecy); *Manon 70* (Aurel) (title role); *La Chamade* (Cavalier); *Mayerling* (Terence Young) (as Baroness Maria Vetsra)
- 1969 *The April Fools* (Rosenberg) (as Cathérine Gunther); *La Sirène du Mississippi (Mississippi Mermaid)* (Truffaut) (as Julie Roussel/Marion); *Tout peut arriver (Don't Be Blue)* (Labro)
- 1970 *Tristana* (Luis Buñuel) (title role); *Peau d'âne (The Magic Donkey; Donkey Skin)* (Demy) (title role/Blue Queen); *Henri Langlois* (Hershon and Guerra)
- 1971 *Ça n'arrive qu'aux autres (It Only Happens to Others)* (Trintignant) (as Cathérine)



Cathérine Deneuve with John Stephen Hill in *The Hunger*

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| 1972 | <i>La cagna</i> (Liza) (Ferrer) (as Liza); <i>Un flic</i> (Dirty Money; A Cop) (Melville) (as Cathy) | | <i>I Didn't Dare</i> ; <i>Ecoute voir...</i> (Look See...) (Santiago) (as Alphanol) |
| 1973 | <i>L'Evènement le plus important depuis que l'homme a marché sur la lune</i> (The Slightly Pregnant Man) (Demy); <i>Touche pas à la femme blanche</i> (Don't Touch White Women) (Ferrer) (as Marie-Elene) | 1979 | <i>Ils sont grands ces petits</i> (These Kids Are Grown-ups) (Santoni) (as Louise); <i>À Nous deux</i> (Adventure for Two) (Lelouch) |
| 1974 | <i>Fatti di gente perbene</i> (La Grande Bourgeoise; The Murri Affair; Drama of the Rich) (Bolognini) (as Linda Murri); <i>La Femme aux bottes rouges</i> (The Lady with the Red Boots; The Woman with the Red Boots) (Juan Buñuel) (as Françoise); <i>Zig-zag</i> (Szabó) (as Marie) | 1980 | <i>Courage, fuyons</i> (Robert) (as Eva); <i>Le Dernier Métro</i> (The Last Metro) (Truffaut) (as Marion Steiner); <i>Je vous aime</i> (I Love All of You) (Berri); <i>Abattre</i> |
| 1975 | <i>L'Aggression</i> (Act of Aggression) (Pirès); <i>Hustle</i> (Aldrich) (as Nicole Britton); <i>Le Sauvage</i> (Lovers Like Us; The Savage) (Rappeneau) (as Nelly) | 1981 | <i>Le Choix des Armes</i> (Choice of Arms) (Corneau) (as Nicole Durieux); <i>A Second Chance</i> (Lelouch) (as Cathérine Berger); <i>Reporters</i> (Depardon) |
| 1976 | <i>Si c'était à refaire</i> (Second Chance) (Lelouch) (as Cathérine); <i>Anima persa</i> (Lost Soul; The Forbidden Room) (Risi) | 1982 | <i>Le Choc</i> (The Shock) (Robin Davis); <i>Hotel des Amériques</i> (Hotel of the Americas) (Téchiné) (as Hélène) |
| 1977 | <i>March or Die</i> (Richards) (as Simone Picard); <i>Coup de foudre</i> (Enrico); <i>Il Casotto</i> (The Beach Hut) (Citti) (as woman in the dream) | 1983 | <i>L'Africain</i> (The African) (de Broca) (as Charlotte); <i>Fort Saganne</i> (Corneau) (as Louise); <i>Le Bon Plaisir</i> (Girod) (as Clair Despres) |
| 1978 | <i>L'Argent des autres</i> (Dirty Money) (de Chalonge); <i>Si je suis comme ça, c'est la faute de papa</i> (When I Was a Kid, | 1984 | <i>The Hunger</i> (Tony Scott) (as Miriam); <i>Paroles et musique</i> (Love Songs) (Chouraqui) (as Margaux) |
| | | 1985 | <i>Speriamo che sia femmina</i> (Let's Hope It's a Girl) (Monicelli) (as Aunt Claudia) |
| | | 1986 | <i>Le Lieu du crime</i> (The Scene of the Crime) (Téchiné) (as Lili) |
| | | 1987 | <i>Agent Trouble</i> (Mocky) (as Amanda Weber) |

- 1988 *Drole d'endroit pour une rencontre* (A Strange Place to Meet) (Dupeyron) (as France, + pr); *Fréquence meurtre* (Rappeneau) (as Jeanne Quester)
- 1989 *Terres jaunes* (Wagnier); *Helmut Newton: Frames from the Edge* (doc) (as Herself)
- 1990 *Fleur de Rubis* (Mocky)
- 1991 *La Reine Blanche* (Hubert) (as Liliane Ripoché)
- 1992 *Indochine* (Wagnier) (as Eliane Devries); *Contre l'oubli* (Against Oblivion) (Akerman and others) (as Herself)
- 1993 *Ma Saison Préférée* (My Favorite Season) (Téchiné) (as Emilie); *Les Demoiselles ont eu 25 Ans* (The Young Girls Turn 25) (Varda—doc)
- 1994 *La Partie d'échecs* (The Chess Game) (Hanchar) (as Marquise); *Petits heures du matin*
- 1995 *Les Cent et une nuits* (A Hundred and One Nights) (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); *O Convento* (The Convent) (de Oliveira) (as Hélène)
- 1996 *Les Voleurs* (Thieves) (Téchiné) (as Marie Leblanc)
- 1997 *Généalogies d'un crime* (Genealogies of a Crime) (Ruiz) (as Jeanne/Solange)
- 1998 *Place Vendôme* (Garcia) (as Marianne)
- 1999 *Le Temps retrouvé* (Ruiz) (as Odette); *The Last Napoleon* (as Empress Eugénie); *Est-ouest* (Wagnier) (as Gabrielle Develay); *A Carta* (de Oliveira); *Le Vent de la nuit* (Garrel); *Belle Maman* (Aghion) (as Léa); *Pola X* (Carax) (as Marie)
- 2000 *Dancer in the Dark* (von Trier) (as Kathy)

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The wit who mistranslated “*La Belle Dame sans merci*” as “The Beautiful Lady Who Never Says ‘Thank You’” achieved by chance a perfect encapsulation of France’s two most potent female stars of the 1960s. On an axis with Jeanne Moreau at one pole and Cathérine Deneuve at the other, that cinema can be seen to revolve—an industry and art, paradoxically for a nation united under de Gaulle in its respect for family, social formality, and *la gloire*, which preoccupied itself with the *demi-mondaine*: gamblers, criminals, soldiers of fortune, and, most of all, its destructive, beguiling, but always unbeholden feminine adventurers.

Of the actresses who played these soiled heroines, none succeeded more stylishly than Deneuve. Moreau’s pouting sourness led her, via an association with the nouvelle vague, to the epicene baroque of late Fassbinder. Deneuve, almost preternaturally beautiful, a confection of peach skin and golden hair, offered little to stimulate the new directors, with the exception of Roger Vadim. She survived two routine films with him (as well as the obligatory domestic entanglement) to become one of France’s most successful star exports, a symbol of lustful purity for forces as disparate as Luis Buñuel and Chanel perfume.

The title of an otherwise unremarkable film, *Touche pas à la femme blanche*, might be her emblem. Deneuve’s most potent stock in trade has always been a beguiling and complaisant innocence, combined with an ingrained seriousness, even solemnity, that her most unbuttoned action cannot dislodge. To see Deneuve laughing is to see her naked, yet physical nudity reveals no more of this remarkable woman than it would of the young Garbo.

Whether playing a high-priced Los Angeles call girl in Aldrich’s *Hustle*, a psychopath in Polanski’s *Repulsion*, the bisexual private eye

of *Ecoute voir . . .*, or a second-rate chanteuse in the trivial farce *Courage, fuyons*, she remains apparently remote, calm, moving to a private rhythm, occupied with thoughts uniquely her own. As Jacques Siclier wrote of her role as the compromised political wife in *Le Bon Plaisir*, “Here, where artifice covers everything, Cathérine Deneuve remains honest, natural and disinterested.”

An actress capable of playing, on the one hand, the sentimental provincial heroines of Demy’s musical fantasies *Les Parapluies de Cherbourg* and *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort* and the fairy story *Peau d’âne*, and on the other the calculating lovers of *Benjamin ou Les mémoires d’un puceau*, *Manon 70*, *Mayerling*, and Truffaut’s *La Sirène du Mississippi*, as well as the insouciant anti-Nazi schemer of his *Le Dernier Métro*, would clearly attract Buñuel. But it was the disinterest Siclier mentions which gave Buñuel the material for *Belle de jour* and *Tristana*. Buñuel distilled the essence of Deneuve’s appeal. Calm but never placid, distant but always touchable, subtly or, as the amputee of *Tristana*, grossly mutilated but confident in her essential concept of self, she epitomized his vision of woman as destroying angel—a whore with a heart, not of gold, but of glass. In particular in *Belle de jour*, Deneuve’s sexuality is self-contained; she is the detached yet eternally sexual (as opposed to romantic) creature. In this film, she was never more beautiful in the role of Severine, a virginal upper-class lady of leisure who has everything a woman who has not embraced feminism could ask for: porcelain good looks, a handsome and successful husband, servants and good clothes, and all the time to spend money she has had no part in earning. But Severine is despondent. She begins having erotic fantasies. And soon, she takes part-time work in a brothel: a job she eventually comes to relish. Severine does not know why she is so attracted to her double life. “But without this I could not live,” she eventually remarks, of her employment. One cannot imagine any actress other than Deneuve in the role of Severine.

Like Moreau, Deneuve decorated her middle years with portraits of surpassing decadence, but characteristically the crumbling exterior of Moreau’s raddled madam in *Querelle* hid a girlish romantic, while Deneuve as the vampire in Tony Scott’s *The Hunger*, though outwardly unmarked by age, has decayed to the core with centuries of lust and self-regard. Yet her innocence remained, almost to the end, unsullied, her tenderness for her dying partner David Bowie sincere and touching, her seduction of Susan Sarandon no mere acquisition of fresh meat but an act of carnal and spiritual love. *La Belle Dame sans merci*, certainly, but also, as so often with this remarkable actress, *sans peur et sans reproche*.

Deneuve has continued to play the sexual creature, in films ranging in quality from the low of *Paroles et musique*, in which she has a relationship with an ambitious young rock singer, to the high of *Indochine*, in which she and her adopted Vietnamese daughter fall for a navy officer. In the latter, she transcends the film’s soap opera storyline, offering a deservedly acclaimed performance. Two of her best 1990s roles came in films directed by Andre Techine, both thoughtful and involving explorations of emotions in which she co-starred with Daniel Auteuil. In *Ma Saison Preferee*, Deneuve plays a troubled woman who has a passionless relationship with her husband. Her one true soul mate is her younger brother (Auteuil), with whom she has been estranged, and their attempt to reconcile results in a complex psychological tug-of-war as they are forced to deal with their unresolved feelings. In *Les Voleurs*, Deneuve is a philosophy professor who, along with Auteuil’s no-nonsense police detective, is amorously fixated on the same scruffy, unpredictable yet alluring

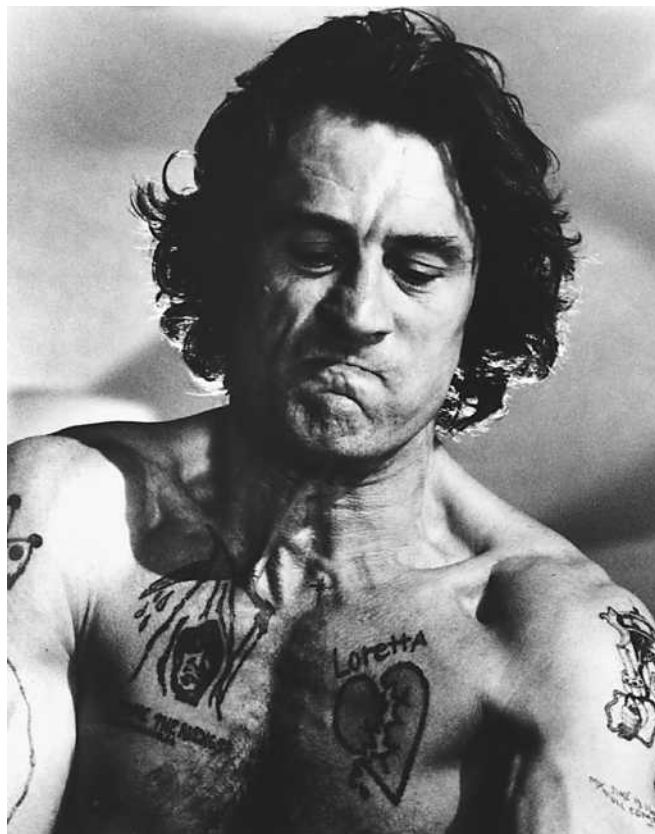
young woman (Laurence Cote). In both films, Deneuve and Auteuil are able to make even the most rudimentary dramatic sequences pulsate with emotion.

Now well into middle-age, Deneuve has settled in as one of the French cinema’s aristocrats and legends. Any film in which she appears, even in a small role—such as *Est-ouest*, in which she plays an actress—automatically radiates prestige.

—John Baxter, updated by Rob Edelman

DE NIRO, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 17 August 1943. **Education:** Attended Rhodes School, New York; High School of Music and Art, New York; studied acting with Stella Adler at the Actors Studio, New York. **Family:** Married the actress Diahnne Abbott, 1976 (divorced 1979), children: Drena and Raphael; twin boys with Toukie Smith. **Career:** Appeared in workshop and off-off-Broadway theater productions, 1960s; made film debut in *The Wedding Party*, 1969; worked with the Theatre Company of Boston for one season, 1969–70; appeared in his first film with director Martin Scorsese, *Mean Streets*, 1973; set up the TriBeCa project in New York, late 1980s; made his directorial debut with *A Bronx Tale*, 1993. **Awards:** National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, for *Mean Streets*, 1973; New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, for *Bang the Drum Slowly*, 1973; Best Supporting Actor



Robert De Niro in *Cape Fear*

Academy Award, for *The Godfather, Part II*, 1974; National Society of Film Critics Best Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actor, for *Taxi Driver*, 1976; Best Actor Academy Award, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actor, National Board of Review Best Actor, Best Motion Picture Actor-Drama Golden Globe, for *Raging Bull*, 1980; New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, for *Awakenings* and *Goodfellas*, 1990; National Board of Review Best Actor (with Robin Williams), for *Awakenings*, 1990; Venice Film Festival Golden Lion for Career Achievement, 1993.
Agent: Jay Julien, 1501 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *The Wedding Party* (De Palma) (as Cecil); *Greetings* (De Palma) (as Jon Rubin)
- 1970 *Hi, Mom!* (De Palma) (as Jon Rubin); *Bloody Mama* (Corman) (as Lloyd Barker)
- 1971 *Jennifer on My Mind* (Black) (as gypsy cab driver); *The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight* (Goldstone) (as Mario); *Born to Win* (Passer) (as Danny)
- 1973 *Bang the Drum Slowly* (Hancock) (as Bruce Pearson); *Mean Streets* (Scorsese) (as Johnny Boy)
- 1974 *The Godfather, Part II* (Coppola) (as Vito Corleone)
- 1976 *Taxi Driver* (Scorsese) (as Travis Bickle); *Novecento* (1900) (Bertolucci) (as Alfredo); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Monroe Stahr)
- 1977 *New York, New York* (Scorsese) (as Jimmy); *The Deer Hunter* (Cimino) (as Mike)
- 1980 *Raging Bull* (Scorsese) (as Jake LaMotta); *The Swap* (Shade) (as Sammy)
- 1981 *True Confessions* (Grosbard) (as Des Spellacy)
- 1982 *The King of Comedy* (Scorsese) (as Rupert Pupkin)
- 1984 *Once Upon a Time in America* (Leone) (as Noodles); *Falling in Love* (Grosbard) (as Frank)
- 1985 *Brazil* (Gilliam) (as Tuttle)
- 1986 *The Mission* (Joffe) (as Mendoza)
- 1987 *Angel Heart* (Parker) (as Louis Cyphre); *The Untouchables* (De Palma) (as Al Capone); *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Coutaurié—doc for TV)
- 1988 *Jacknife* (David Jones) (as Joseph "Megs" Megessey); *Midnight Run* (Brest) (as Jack Walsh)
- 1989 *Stanley and Iris* (Ritt) (as Stanley Cox); *We're No Angels* (Neil Jordan) (as Ned/Fr. Reilly, + exec pr)
- 1990 *GoodFellas* (Scorsese) (as James Conway); *Awakenings* (Penny Marshall) (as Leonard Love)
- 1991 *Guilty by Suspicion* (Irwin Winkler) (as David Merrill); *Backdraft* (Ron Howard) (as Donald Rimgale); *Cape Fear* (Scorsese) (as Max Cady)
- 1992 *Night and the City* (Winkler) (as Harry Fabian); *Mistress* (Primus) (as Evan M. Wright) (+ co-pr)
- 1993 *This Boy's Life* (Caton-Jones) (as Dwight); *Mad Dog and Glory* (McNaughton) (as Wayne "Mad Dog" Dobie)
- 1994 *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* (Branagh) (as The Creature/Sharp) (+ assoc pr)
- 1995 *Casino* (Scorsese) (as Sam "Ace" Rothstein); *Heat* (Mann) (as Neil McCauley); *Les Cent et une Nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)* (Varda) (as Actor for a Day)

- 1996 *The Fan* (Tony Scott) (as Gil Renard); *Marvin's Room* (Zaks) (as Dr. Wally) (+ pr); *Sleepers* (Levinson) (as Father Bobby)
- 1997 *Cop Land* (Mangold) (as Moe Tilden); *Wag the Dog* (Levinson) (as Conrad Brean) (+ co-pr); *Jackie Brown* (Tarantino) (as Louis Gara)
- 1998 *Great Expectations* (Cuaron) (as Arthur Lustig); *Ronin* (Frankenheimer) (as Sam); *Lenny Bruce: Swear to Tell the Truth* (Weide—for TV) (doc) (as Narrator)
- 1999 *Analyze This* (Ramis) (as Paul Vitti); *Flawless* (Schumacher) (as Walt Koontz)
- 2000 *Meet the Parents* (Roach) (as Jack Byrnes); *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle* (McAnuff) (as Fearless Leader); *Fifteen Minutes* (Herzfeld) (as Eddie Flemming); *Men of Honor* (Tillman, Jr.) (as Billy Sunday)
- 2001 *The Score* (Oz) (as Nick Wells)

Other Films:

- 1992 *Thunderheart* (Apted) (co-pr)
- 1993 *A Bronx Tale* (d, co-pr, ro as Lorenzo Anello)

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Robert De Niro is nearly incapable of a thoughtless performance. Early in his career, he radiated appeal in several carefully devised, vividly realistic supporting roles, notably as the none-too-bright, fatally ill baseball player in *Bang the Drum Slowly* and young Vito Corleone in *The Godfather, Part II*, even winning an Oscar for the latter. Still, this stage of his career is best exemplified by the film in which he first gained prominence, Martin Scorsese’s *Mean Streets*, in which he plays Johnny Boy, a reckless young hood who roams—and invariably finds trouble on—the byways of New York’s Little Italy.

In the tradition of Marlon Brando—who originated the role of Vito Corleone in the first *Godfather* film—De Niro eschews the Method approach in creating a role. Reportedly, he drove a cab before playing the title character in *Taxi Driver*, spent hours hitting baseballs prior to *Bang the Drum Slowly*, and even gained the excess poundage required for his appearance as the aging Jake LaMotta in *Raging Bull*. His casting as the younger Vito symbolizes the passing of the mantle from one generation of Method actors to the next. Unlike Brando, however, De Niro did not dissipate his talent, ultimately showing up infrequently on-screen and mumbling his way through his roles. If

anything, De Niro has been a prolific screen actor, appearing in an astonishing variety of roles both starring and supporting, and playing each with equal aplomb.

Yet De Niro’s career remains most associated with that of Scorsese. In the annals of screen history, the Scorsese-De Niro union rates right alongside the collaboration of von Sternberg and Dietrich. Their director-actor relationship is even visualized on-screen in *Taxi Driver*, in which Scorsese, in a cameo role as a frenzied passenger in De Niro’s cab, verbalizes the paranoia that motivates the De Niro character and the subsequent, violent bloodbath he will instigate.

In *The King of Comedy* and *Taxi Driver*, De Niro superbly plays a classic Scorsese character: the social misfit-psychotic who is transformed into a weirdo-celebrity by a society ever willing to elevate oddballs to pop-culture status. In *The King of Comedy*, the actor perfectly captures the superficial and destructive amiability of Rupert Pupkin, a fame-obsessed nonentity who yearns to be a guest on a late night talk show hosted by a Johnny Carson-like celebrity. While Pupkin does have some talent as a stand-up comic, he really does not want to work at his craft. All he wants is stardom and fame. It is the idea of being a celebrity that appeals to him, not the creative work involved in honing his craft. He eventually wins that celebrity, but only after kidnapping the talk show host. In *Taxi Driver*, De Niro gives a now-legendary performance as Travis Bickle, an ex-Marine and pill-popping loner from some nameless spot in the Midwest who has come to New York and taken a job driving a cab. The semiarticulate Bickle is an outsider even to the prostitutes, deadbeats, and castoffs who inhabit the Manhattan terrain like rats in a ghetto hovel. There is a void in his brain; although he earnestly tries to communicate with others, he comes off with the charm and coherence of an airplane glue freak. He sets out to assassinate a presidential hopeful—which would link him to the Lee Harvey Oswalds and James Earl Rays of history—but instead kills a vicious pimp who has enslaved a 12-year-old runaway-prostitute, so he is lionized by the media.

In *Raging Bull*, De Niro’s second Oscar-winning performance, he plays a deeply flawed character who did earn fame based on legitimate merit: real-life boxer Jake LaMotta, the Bronx Bull, who in 1949 copped the middleweight title from Marcel Cerdan. LaMotta is depicted as an inarticulate, insanely jealous man who does not use his mind and cannot control his temper. He starts out as a cocky and confident young fighter and ends up fat, punchdrunk, and pathetic, separated and alienated from the people he loves. As LaMotta, De Niro is nothing short of extraordinary. He simply chews into the role, digests it, and spits it out across the screen.

The actor’s other screen characterizations for Scorsese, all of them fully realized, have placed him within the milieu of gangsters and wiseguys. In *GoodFellas*, he is a career hoodlum; in *Cape Fear*, he is a vengeful psychopath; in *Casino*, he is a bookie-gambler who becomes a Las Vegas casino manager, leaving the muscle to others. Another superlative criminal role came in *Heat*, directed by Michael Mann, in which he is a cool, disciplined gang boss who is the prey of a determined cop (Al Pacino, whose acting style and city boy charisma inexorably link him to De Niro). These parts can be contrasted to his ingratiatingly comical bounty hunter in *Midnight Run*; sensitive intellectual in *Guilty by Suspicion*; patient who awakens from a three-decades-long coma in *Awakenings*; and, most tellingly, his small town Ukrainian-American steelworker with a firmly rooted sense of honor and duty, who heads off to Vietnam in *The Deer*

Hunter. De Niro even has played the Frankenstein monster (in *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*), adding an impressive level of depth and feeling to the character. In *A Bronx Tale* (playing a bus driver), *Falling in Love* (cast as a suburbanite), and *Mad Dog and Glory* (playing a cop), the actor showed that he can act average, essentially colorless, and even retiring characters with the same verve and believability as his Al Capone in *The Untouchables*. Only rarely does De Niro miscalculate a performance. Such a case is *We're No Angels*, in which he hams it up in his role as a none-too-bright escaped convict.

De Niro made his directorial debut with *A Bronx Tale*, expanded from Chazz Palminteri's one-character play. It is a story of the coming-of-age of a young Italian-American on the Bronx streets during the early 1960s, and his relationship to two very different men. They are Lorenzo (played by De Niro), his honest, hard-working bus driver father; and Sonny (played by Palminteri), a macho gangster who is feared by all in the neighborhood, and who thinks that working men like Lorenzo are suckers. For a young boy attempting to define his identity, Sonny is a much more appealing role model than Lorenzo. In this regard, the scenario contrasts these two characters: the flashy guy who "pulls the trigger," and the less glamorous, more anonymous man who actually is the real "tough guy" in that he gets up each morning, goes to work, and supports his family. Additionally, *A Bronx Tale* examines the roots and meaning of racism as it depicts the changing face of urban America. As the years pass, the turf of the Italian-American Bronx neighborhood in which the film is set is encroached upon by an African-American community. The residents of each are culturally disparate, and their mistrust of each other borders on blind hatred.

Not surprisingly, *A Bronx Tale* is a New York City drama which, in its best moments, seethes with the same raw emotion found in the De Niro-Scorsese collaborations. "I'm not crazy about directing myself in a film, because for me it takes the joy out of acting," De Niro declared, at the 1993 Toronto Film Festival. "But I would like to direct more movies. It takes a lot of work and energy to direct. But it's worth it, if you are able to make something that is good and special." This last sentiment also might apply to De Niro's body of work in front of the camera, which ranks among the best of any late twentieth-century American actor.

—Robin Wood

And as the century faded De Niro may not have returned to directing, but he still remained a constant and welcome presence on movie screens. His roles—starring, supporting, and cameo—still were remarkably varied, ranging from a none-too-bright ex-convict (in *Jackie Brown*) to a slick, cynical political operator/spin doctor (*Wag the Dog*); a gun-for-hire mercenary (*Ronin*) to a medical man with a less-than-reassuring bedside manner (*Marvin's Room*); the escaped convict in a modernized version of *Great Expectations* to an NYPD Internal Affairs officer investigating police corruption (*Cop Land*); a psycho/loser who stalks a major league baseball star (*The Fan*) to a retired security guard with a conservative world-view who establishes a bond with his next door neighbor, a drag queen (*Flawless*). By far his most celebrated role came in *Analyze This*, Harold Ramis's amusing farce. Here, De Niro deftly lampooned his tough-guy roles and Scorsese persona, cast as a fabled mobster in dire need of therapy.

—updated by Rob Edelman

DEPARDIEU, Gérard

Nationality: French. **Born:** Châteauroux, 27 December 1948. **Education:** Attended École communale; Cours d'art dramatique de Charles Dullin; École d'art dramatique de Jean Laurent Cochet. **Family:** Married Elisabeth Guignot, 1970, children: Guillaume, an actor, and Julie; a third child, Roxanne, born in 1993. **Career:** Spent his early teens as petty thief; a prison psychologist suggested dramatics as possible therapy, early 1960s; made his film debut while still in his teens in Leenhardt's *Le Beatnik et le minet*, 1965; appeared in occasional drama on French television, 1966–1970s; appeared in a number of plays in Paris, 1968–1970s; appeared in the French TV series *L'Inconnu*, 1974; earned international critical and popular recognition in such films as *Le Retour de Martin Guerre* and *Danton*, early 1980s; directed his first film, *Tartuffe*, 1984; made his first English-language film, *Green Card*, 1990. **Awards:** Prix Gérard Philipe, France, 1973; César Award, Best Actor, for *Le Dernier Métro* 1980; Montreal World Film Festival Best Actor, for *Danton*, 1982; National Society of Film Critics Best Actor, for *Danton* and *La Retour de Martin Guerre*, 1982; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup-Best Actor, for *Police*, 1985; Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy Musical Golden Globe, for *Green Card*, 1990; Best Actor César Award, Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, London Critics Circle Award-Actor of the Year, for *Cyrano de Bergerac*, 1990; Golden Camera Award, 1995; Venice Film Festival Golden Lion, for his contributions to the world of film, 1997. **Address:** Artmédia, 10 av George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1965 *Le Beatnik et le minet* (Leenhardt—short); *Christmas Carol* (Varda)
- 1970 *Le Cri du cormoran, le soir au-dessus des jonques* (Audiard)
- 1971 *Un peu de soleil dans l'eau froide* (Deray); *Le Tueur* (de la Patellière)
- 1972 *Nathalie Granger* (Duras) (as salesman); *La Scoumoune* (Giovanni) (as burglar); *Au rendez-vous de la mort joyeuse* (Juan Buñuel); *L'Affaire Dominici* (Bernardt-Aubert); *Le Viager* (Tchernia)
- 1973 *Deux hommes dans la ville* (*Two against the Law*) (Giovanni); *Rude journée pour la reine* (*Rough Day for the Queen*) (Allio); *Les Gaspards* (*The Holes*) (Tchernia); *Les Valseuses* (*Going Places*) (Blier) (as Jean-Claude); *Stavisky* (Resnais); *La Femme du Ganges* (Duras)
- 1974 *Vincent, François, Paul, et les autres* (Sautet); *Pas si méchant que ça* (*The Wonderful Crook*) (Goretti) (as Pierre)
- 1975 *Maîtresse* (Schroeder) (as Olivier); *7 Morts sur ordonnance* (Rouffio); *Je t'aime, moi non plus* (Gainsbourg) (as René la Canne); *Bertolucci secondo il cinema* (Amelia—doc); *L'ultima donna* (*La Dernière Femme*) (Ferreri)
- 1976 **1900** (*Novecento*) (Bertolucci) (as Olmo Dalco); *Barocco* (Téchiné) (as Samson); *Baxter—Vera Baxter* (Duras); *René la Canne* (Girod)
- 1977 *Le Camion* (Duras); *Violanta* (Schmid); *La Nuit tous les chats sont gris* (Zingg); *Dites-lui que je l'aime* (*This Sweet*



Gérard Depardieu with Isabelle Adjani in *Camille Claudel*

- Sickness) (Miller); *Die linkshändige Frau* (*The Left-Handed Woman*) (Handke) (as man with T-shirt); *Préparez vos mouchoirs* (*Get Out Your Handkerchiefs*) (Blier) (as Raoul)
- 1978 *Ciao maschio* (*Bye Bye Monkey; Reve de Singe*) (Ferrerri) (as Gérard Lafayette); *Le Sucre* (Rouffio); *Les Chiens* (Jessua)
- 1979 *L'Ingorgo* (*Traffic Jam*) (Comencini) (as Franco); *Temporale Rosy* (Monicelli) (as Raoul); *Buffet froid* (Blier) (as Alphonse Tram)
- 1980 *Mon Oncle d'Amerique* (Resnais) (as Rene Ragueneau); *Le Dernier Métro* (*The Last Metro*) (Truffaut) (as Bernard Granger); *Inspecteur La Bavure* (Zidi) (as Roger Morzini); *Je vous aime* (*I Love All of You*) (Berri); *Loulou* (Pialat) (title role)
- 1981 *Le Chèvre* (*The Goat*) (Veber—released in U.S. in 1985) (as Campana); *La Femme d'à côté* (*The Woman Next Door*) (Truffaut) (as Bernard Coudray); *Le Choix des armes* (*Choice of Arms*) (Corneau) (as Mickey); *Le Retour de Martin Guerre* (*The Return of Martin Guerre*) (Vigne) (title role)
- 1982 *Danton* (Wajda) (title role); *Le Grand Frère* (Girod) (as Gérard Berger/Bernard Vigo)
- 1983 *La Lune dans le caniveau* (*The Moon in the Gutter*) (Beineix) (as Gérard); *Les Compères* (Veber) (as Jean Lucas, + co-pr); *Fort Saganne* (Corneau) (as Charles Saganne)
- 1984 *Rive droite, rive gauche* (*Right Bank, Left Bank*) (Labro) (as Paul Senznques)
- 1985 *Police* (Pialat) (as Mangin); *Une Femme ou deux* (*One Woman or Two; A Woman or Two*) (Vigne) (as Julien Chayssac)
- 1986 *Les Fugitifs* (Veber) (as Jean Lucas); *Jean de Florette* (Berri) (as Cadoret/title role); *Rue du départ* (Gatlif) (as Dr. Lombart); *Tenue de soirée* (*Menage*) (Blier) (as Bob); *Je hais les acteurs* (*I Hate Actors*) (Krawczyk) (as prisoner in police station)
- 1987 *Sous le soleil de Satan* (*Under Satan's Sun*) (Pialat) (as Father Donissan)
- 1988 *Camille Claudel* (Nuytten) (as Auguste Rodin); *Drole d'endroit pour une rencontre* (*A Strange Place to Meet*) (Dupeyron) (as Charles)
- 1989 *Je veux rentrer à la maison* (*I Want to Go Home*) (Resnais) (as Christian Gauthier); *Deux* (*Two*) (Zidi); *Trop belle pour toi* (*Too Beautiful for You*) (Blier) (as Bernard Barthélémy)

- 1990 *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Rappeneau) (title role); *Green Card* (Weir) (as Georges Fauré); *Shakha Proshakha (Branches of the Tree)* (Satyajit Ray)
- 1991 *Uranus* (Berri) (as Leopold); *Merci la vie (Thanks for Life)* (Blier) (as Dr. Worms); *Mon Pere ce heros* (Lauzier) (as André)
- 1992 *1492: The Conquest of Paradise* (Ridley Scott) (as Christopher Columbus); *Tous les matins du monde (All the Mornings of the World)* (Corneau) (as Marin Marias)
- 1993 *Hélas pour moi (Oh, Woe Is Me)* (Godard) (as Simon Donnadieu); *My Father, the Hero* (Miner) (as André); *Germinal* (Berri) (as Maheu)
- 1994 *Une Pure Formalité (A Pure Formality)* (Tornatore) (as Onoff); *La Machine (The Machine)* (Dupeyron) (as Dr. Marc Lacroix); *Elisa* (Jean Becker) (as Jacques Desmoulins); *Le Garcu* (Pialat) (as Gérard)
- 1995 *Colonel Chabert* (Angelo) (title role); *Les Cent et une Nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)* (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); *François Truffaut: Portraits Voles (François Truffaut: Stolen Portraits)* (Toubiana and Pascal) (doc) (as Himself); *Le Hussard sur le toit (The Horseman on the Roof)* (Rappeneau) (as Le commissaire de police)
- 1996 *Les Anges Gardiens* (Poiré) (as Antoine Carco); *Bogus* (Jewison) (as Bogus); *Le Gaulois*; *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Reynaldo); *The Secret Agent* (Hampton) (as Ossipon); *Unhook the Stars* (Nick Cassavetes) (as Big Tommy); *Le Plus beau métier du monde* (Lauzier) (as Laurent Monier)
- 1997 *XXL* (Zeitoun) (as Jean Bourdaloue)
- 1998 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Wallace) (as Porthos); *La Parola amore esiste (Notes of Love)* (Calopresti) (as Avv. Levi); *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* (Dayan—mini for TV) (as Lord Wilmore/Edmond Dantes/The Count of Monte Cristo); *Bimboland* (Zeitoun) (as Laurent Gaspard)
- 1999 *Wings Against the Wind* (Palcy); *Passionnément* (Nuytten); *Balzac* (Dayan—for TV) (as Honore de Balzac); *Mirka* (Benhadj) (as Strix); *Asterix et Obelix contre Cesar* (Zidi) (as Obelix)
- 2000 *Les Acteurs* (Blier) (as Gérard Depardieu); *Vatel* (Joffe) (as Vatel); *Vidocq* (Clavier) (as Vidocq); *Les Misérables* (Dayan—for TV) (as Jean Valjean) (+ pr); *102 Dalmations* (Lima) (as Monsieur Le Pelt); *Tutto l'amore che c'e (All the Love There Is)* (Rubini) (as Molotov); *Le Placard* (Veber)

Other Films:

- 1984 *Tartuffe* (d, title ro)
- 1991 *Agantuk (The Stranger; The Visitor)* (Satyajit Ray) (co-exec pr)
- 1997 *She's So Lovely* (Nick Cassavetes) (co-exec pr)
- 1999 *Un pont entre deux rives (The Bridge)* (co-d, pr, ro as Georges)

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Simply put, Gérard Depardieu is both a consummate actor and his generation's premier European-born screen star. Like Marcello Mastroianni before him, he has been able to outshine his fellow European leading men and become a respected and valued international star: one of the few actors who primarily appears in non-English language films, but who has name recognition even among those who dismiss "art house" fare in favor of the most commercial Hollywood product.

Also like Mastroianni, Depardieu is an actor with smoldering intensity and a riveting screen presence who is as equally adept in dramas and comedies, serious films and strictly entertaining ones, and both period and contemporary scenarios. In them, he has brilliantly played a rainbow of characters: from peasant to politico; average working- or middle-class hero who finds himself in extraordinary situations to brooding, alienated antihero; idealistic romantic to bullying macho man and despicable, antisocial villain. A glance at Depardieu's eye-poppingly lengthy filmography serves as a reminder that he has appeared in an extraordinary number of the most praiseworthy motion pictures released since the mid-1970s.

Unlike Mastroianni, however, Depardieu lacks a more traditional movie-star handsomeness. He is a burly man who is inclined to put on weight, and whose facial characteristics might be described as common; his physical presence is closer to that of a Jean Gabin than a Mastroianni. As a type, he is more closely related to Gabin, Lino Ventura, and Harry Baur than suave Charles Boyer and Louis Jourdan, two Frenchmen who went on to become Hollywood personalities.

Among Depardieu's noteworthy early career roles—those that helped solidify his stardom—were ones in which his characters are seethingly sexual, and fashioned to shock middle-class complacency: the amoral hooligan who uses and abuses (sexually and otherwise) everyone he meets, in *Going Places*; the carefree but brutal working

class lout who is more appealing to a bourgeois young woman than her well-bred lover, in *Loulou*; and the male chauvinist of classic proportion who is confused by the changing role of women, in *The Last Woman*. In the latter, he mostly parades about in the nude and, at the finale, cuts off his sex organ. Depardieu's talent for portraying brute force and vulnerability, in part through the contrast between his massive body and tender voice, has coincided with a feminist-oriented interest in questioning traditional gender roles and identity. And so he has played the sexually-oriented male whose actions are, to say the least, unconventional: the husband who willingly finds his sexually unresponsive wife a lover, in *Get Out Your Handkerchiefs*; the devil-may-care homosexual crook, in *Menage*; and the businessman who rejects his beautiful wife for his plain, ordinary-looking temporary office worker, in *Too Beautiful for You*. Like *Going Places*, these three films were directed by Bertrand Blier; Depardieu has, over the years, consistently worked with the most respected French auteurs, including François Truffaut, Alain Resnais, Marguerite Duras, Maurice Pialat, and Claude Berri.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of Depardieu's talent is his ability to make believable completely disparate characters. He is perfectly cast as the simple blue-collar Everyman who is the victim of injustice (most especially as the hunchback farmer in *Jean de Florette*); yet he is as equally mesmerizing as characters who are uncompromisingly hard-boiled (the sexist, racist lawman in *Police*) and brilliantly idealistic (the title characters in *Danton* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, arguably his two greatest screen roles to date).

Despite his heady list of intense and serious characterizations, Depardieu's versatility is further evidenced by his appearances in such undemanding, popular comedies as *Les Compères* and *Les Fugitifs*. In a similar vein, he has given charming performances in two English-language comedies, *Green Card* and *My Father, the Hero* (a remake of his 1991 French feature *Mon Père ce héros*), and the comedy-fantasy *Bogus*. In each, his charisma allows him to transcend the thinness of the material; his mere presence in *Bogus*, playing the imaginary friend of a little boy who has just been orphaned, adds a much-needed jolt to the mawkish storyline. To date, Depardieu's best English-language role is in *Unhook the Stars*, in which he is cast as a French-Canadian truck driver who becomes infatuated with a suburban Salt Lake City widow (Gena Rowlands). The film is a finely crafted exploration of the tensions and alienation found in quiet, desperate lives. Depardieu's few brief scenes with Rowlands, in which his character attempts to make a human connection with hers, are nothing short of wonderful.

Among Depardieu's highest-profile projects at the tail end of the 1990s were a series of impressively mounted made-for-TV adaptations. He had the title roles in *The Count of Monte Cristo* and the biopic *Balzac*, and starred as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*. He also was one of the members of the star-laden international casts of a pair of adaptations of literary classics. While he appeared all-too-briefly as Reynaldo in Kenneth Branagh's *Hamlet*, he was a colorful Porthos opposite Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich, and Gabriel Byrne in *The Man in the Iron Mask*. Depardieu's on-screen output remains as diverse, challenging, and compelling as ever—and there is no indication that, as he ages, he will forfeit his superstar status either at home or abroad.

—Rob Edelman

DEPP, Johnny

Nationality: American. **Born:** John Christopher Depp, Owensboro, Kentucky, 9 June 1963; raised in Miramar, Florida. **Family:** Married Lori Anne Allison (divorced). **Education:** Dropped out of high school in Miramar, Florida, at age 16. **Career:** 1976—at 13 started his own rock group, Flame; later played lead guitar with band, The Kids, who opened shows for the B-52s, Talking Heads, and Iggy Pop; subsequently with the Rock City Angels; 1980—film debut in *Friday the 13th*; 1987–90—as Tom Hanson in TV series *21 Jump Street*; owner of the Viper Room, a rock-n-roll club. **Awards:** ShoWest Male Star of Tomorrow Award, 1990. **Agent:** International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *Friday the 13th* (Sean S. Cunningham)
- 1984 *A Nightmare on Elm Street* (Craven) (as Glen Lantz)
- 1985 *Private Resort* (George Bowers) (as Jack Marshall)
- 1986 *Platoon* (Oliver Stone) (as Lerner); *Slow Burn* (Matthew Chapman—for TV)
- 1990 *Cry-Baby* (Waters) (title role); *Edward Scissorhands* (Tim Burton) (title role)
- 1991 *Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare* (Talalay) (cameo)
- 1992 *Arizona Dream* (Kusturica) (as Axel Blackmar)
- 1993 *Benny & Joon* (Chechik) (as Sam); *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* (Hallström) (title role)



Johnny Depp in *Edward Scissorhands*

- 1994 *Ed Wood* (Tim Burton) (title role)
- 1995 *Nick of Time* (Badham) (as Gene Watson); *Don Juan DeMarco* (Jeremy Leven) (title role)
- 1996 *Donnie Brasco* (Newell); *Dead Man* (Jarmusch) (as William Blake)
- 1998 *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* (Gilliam) (as Raoul Duke); *The Astronaut's Wife* (Ravich) (as Spencer Armacost)
- 1999 *Sleepy Hollow* (Burton) (as Ichabod Crane); *The Ninth Gate* (Polanski) (as Dean Corso); *The Source* (Workman) (as Jack Kerouac)

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In watching Johnny Depp in his early movies, one may have been charmed by his performances, such as that in *Cry-Baby*, but few would have claimed the young man was destined to become one of the finest actors/stars/presences of his generation. One could not, back then, be aware of his potential range—both emotional range and

range of characterization. A mere five years after *Cry-Baby*, we find him in *Don Juan DeMarco*, paired with Marlon Brando, no less, and elegantly holding his own. He is perhaps, in his way, Brando's equal—though an equal as different as can be imagined, Depp's performance style being far removed from Method-derived acting.

In many respects he seems a strange anomaly in contemporary Hollywood, with its preoccupation with violent action or special effects in movies characterized by the hysterical overvaluation of masculinity in the persons of stars such as Stallone and Schwarzenegger (an obvious response to feminism, and already disintegrating into self-parody). While his image has been consistently rooted in male heterosexuality (even when he cross-dresses in *Ed Wood*), he is surely the least aggressively masculine of all currently popular stars. His persona is centered upon gentleness, sensitivity, vulnerability, and an emotional as well as physical delicacy. This was already evident in *Cry-Baby* (and to be capable of expressing delicacy in a John Waters movie is already an achievement), but received its definitive formulation in *Edward Scissorhands*, made the same year, which is a somewhat disappointing film, but Depp's pathetic, sweet, and lovable freak, whose inventor (Vincent Price) dies before he could give him "real" hands, is unforgettably poignant and touching. Indeed, the irreducible sweetness is already there in a film Depp would doubtless not care to be reminded of: the 1985 *Private Resort*, a typically mindless boys-trying-to-get-laid comedy in which he looks about 15 years old and is rather charmingly miscast as a frantic pursuer of tits-and-ass.

The much more textured "Scissorhands" persona was developed further in the two films of 1993, *Benny & Joon* and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. The former—a little movie rendered almost irresistible by its three stars—gave Depp's comedic talents their full expression, especially in his celebrated Buster Keaton routine; like Keaton (and unlike, for example, Jim Carrey), Depp knows that you can only be *really* funny if you never, never suggest that you know you are being funny. In *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* he found, perhaps, his most sympathetic director aside from Tim Burton, Lasse Hallström, a filmmaker with a sensibility of a delicacy to match Depp's. Any other actor in the role would surely have been upstaged by Leonardo di Caprio's extraordinary performance in a far more showy role; Depp and Hallström have understood that quietness and understatement can make an equally telling and indelible impression.

Three films released in 1994 and 1995 contain marvelous performances that show a broadening of his range without ever betraying the qualities and values of his basic persona. The most recent of the three, *Nick of Time*, a silly, gimmicky movie unworthy of Depp's talents, demands little attention, but Depp gives it what distinction it has in his portrayal of a very ordinary, unimaginative young bureaucrat spurred into activity and inventiveness by the threat to his little daughter's life—Depp's first "ordinary" character. *Ed Wood* and *Don Juan DeMarco* are another matter; they are, with *Gilbert Grape*, the most distinguished films in which Depp has appeared so far, and are both (not to belittle the quite marvelous support he gets) essentially carried on his own apparently slender shoulders.

Ed Wood reunites him with Tim Burton, and they have collaborated to develop a character (does anyone *really* care whether it is factually accurate?) that both takes up and extends the "Scissorhands" persona. Like the earlier Edward, Depp's Edward D. Wood, Jr. is at once a "freak" and an artist: an artist so caught up in his delight in

creation that he is never able to recognize that his products are worthless, and will in fact end up being celebrated as the "worst films ever made." Yet it is doubtful whether anyone—not even Kirk Douglas's van Gogh—has been able more convincingly to communicate on screen the sheer joy of creativity. The Burton-Depp Ed Wood is at once funny, touching, and pathetic, yet oddly inspirational; the suggestion is that the delight in creation is sufficient unto itself, irrespective of the value posterity places upon the works. After all, one of our culture's greatest artists, Schubert, composed a number of his supreme works without the least guarantee or even expectation that they would ever be performed. This is not to collapse Schubert's great intelligence with Edward D. Wood's virtually insane delusions of grandeur—we are concerned here with personal pleasure and satisfaction, not objective value.

Depp's Don Juan DeMarco (in the film of the same name) is an equally remarkable assumption, in certain ways closely paralleling his Ed Wood. Here, creativity is recast in sexual terms, in which the character's fantasy is no longer that he produces great art, but that he brings a transitory happiness to frustrated women. Depp's Don Juan can best be defined by juxtaposition with Mozart's Don Giovanni. Mozart's Don is an extraordinarily—almost bafflingly—complex figure: a social/sexual revolutionary who breaks all the restrictive conventions of the culture, yet always at the expense of those (especially women) in a socially inferior and vulnerable position. He is at once the hero and the villain of the opera. Against Don Giovanni's exploitation of women we have Don Juan DeMarco's total identification with them, his assumed role as "great lover" built less upon personal gratification than on empathy and compassion. Depp's Don Juan is unlike Ed Wood in that he is not entirely the victim of delusion; he *really does* change people's lives. The film clarifies most beautifully the very basis of the persona, its fascination and complexity—strong and unambiguous heterosexual appeal, combined with an extreme and potentially revolutionary femininity.

Depp's recent work shows him, far from being content to rest on his laurels, fearlessly electing to appear in offbeat and uncommercial films (*Dead Man*, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*) when they offer him roles that extend his range and present him with challenges. His performance in the more mainstream *Donnie Brasco* carries him into Scorsese territory, as an undercover agent whose task is to infiltrate the Mafia; he brings to it a new emotional maturity. Joe Pistone/"Donnie Brasco" is seen by the ageing mafioso Lefty (Al Pacino) as an alternative son, a role whose implications Joe gradually accepts, his diction and behaviour-patterns changing as he becomes the imaginary person he is supposedly acting. He ends up trying to save the increasingly weary and expendable older man, for whom he has come to feel both respect and compassion, from his inevitable fate. Depp makes us feel that we are watching Joe's sense of his identity disintegrate before our eyes. His progress from confident activity to a total disillusionment as the clear division between black and white, Mafia and FBI, dissolves into a uniform greyness leads to the film's ultimate desolation. Depp's unmannered, understated acting contrasts effectively with Pacino's equally brilliant, more flamboyant "method" performance, which would overshadow a lesser actor.

Fear and Loathing seems somewhat marginal to Depp's career: he becomes less an actor than a "performer," there being barely any character for him to inhabit; what he has to do, he does well. *Dead Man* is quite another matter, one of the peaks so far both of his and Jim

Jarmusch's work. Jarmusch remains faithful to the minimalist absurdism of his early work, but develops it here to the point where it takes on new depth and resonance. Depp's characteristic reticence, a kind of modesty of expression and gesture (he appears to be doing so little, yet achieves so much), becomes the perfect vehicle for the realization of the bleakness of the director's vision. *Sleepy Hollow* returns him for the third time to Tim Burton; Depp's Ichabod Crane, outwardly assured, inwardly vulnerable, firmly anchors Burton's brilliant flights of invention in a calm core of purity.

His two latest films make a somewhat odd pair: *The Astronaut's Wife* is a virtual remake of *Rosemary's Baby* (with aliens replacing the devil); *The Ninth Gate* is about devil-worship and is directed by Polanski. The latter received the more favourable critical response, no doubt in deference to the director; although generally scorned, *The Astronaut's Wife* is perhaps, by a short margin, the better film, regaining some of the disturbing quality of its famous original. *The Ninth Gate*, engrossing enough for much of its length, leaves one feeling that it's well made, but why should anyone want to make it? Depp's presence lends distinction to both, but neither adds anything significant to his already remarkable achievement.

—Robin Wood

DERN, Bruce

Nationality: American. **Born:** Bruce MacLeish Dern in Winnetka, Illinois, 4 June 1936. **Education:** Attended Choate Preparatory School, Connecticut, and New Trier Township High School, Winnetka; University of Pennsylvania; studied acting at the American Foundation of Dramatic Art, Philadelphia, and Actors Studio, New York. **Family:** Married 1) actress Diane Ladd (divorced), daughter: actress Laura Elizabeth; 2) Andrea Beckett, 1969. **Career:** 1958—bit part in stage play *Shadow of a Gunman*; 1959—in Kazan's production of *Sweet Bird of Youth*; 1960—film debut in Kazan's *Wild River*; 1962–63—regular on TV series *Stoney Burke*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Award, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, for *Drive, He Said*, 1971; Silver Berlin Bear for Best Actor, Berlin International Film Festival, 1983. **Address:** c/o K. J. Sparkman, P.O. Box 327, Troy, MT 59935, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *Wild River* (Kazan) (as Jack Roper)
- 1961 *The Crimebusters* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1963 *Bedtime Story* (Levy)
- 1964 *Marnie* (Hitchcock) (as sailor); *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as John Mayhew)
- 1966 *The Wild Angels* (Corman) (as Loser/Joey Kerns)
- 1967 *The War Wagon* (Kennedy) (as Hammond); *The St. Valentine's Day Massacre* (Corman) (as John May); *Waterhole Number Three* (Graham) (as deputy); *Will Penny* (Gries) (as Rafe Quint); *The Trip* (Corman) (as John); *Hang 'em High* (Post) (as Miller)
- 1968 *Support Your Local Sheriff* (Kennedy) (as Joe Danby); *Psych-Out* (Rush) (as Steve Davis)
- 1969 *Rebel Rousers* (Cohen) (as "J. J."); *Castle Keep* (Pollack) (as Lt. Billy Byron Bix); *Number One* (Gries) (as Richie Fowler); *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* (Pollack) (as James)
- 1970 *Bloody Mama* (Corman) (as Kevin Kirkman); *Drive, He Said* (Nicholson) (as Coach Bullion); *The Incredible Two-Headed Transplant* (Lanza) (as Roger); *Cycle Savages* (Brame) (as Keeg)
- 1971 *The Cowboys* (Rydell) (as Long Hair); *Sam Hill: Who Killed the Mysterious Mr. Foster?* (Cook—for TV); *Silent Running* (Trumbull) (as Freeman Lowell)
- 1972 *Thumb Tripping* (Masters) (as Smitty); *The King of Marvin Gardens* (Rafelson) (as Jason Staebler)
- 1974 *The Laughing Policeman (An Investigation of Murder)* (Rosenberg) (as Leo Larsen); *The Great Gatsby* (Clayton) (as Tom Buchanan); *Smile* (Ritchie) (as "Big Bob" Freeland)
- 1975 *Posse* (Kirk Douglas) (as Jack Strawhorn)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner) (as Grayson Potchuck); *Family Plot* (Hitchcock) (as Lumley); *Folies Bourgeoises (The Twist)* (Chabrol) (as writer)
- 1977 *Black Sunday* (Frankenheimer) (as Lander)
- 1978 *Coming Home* (Ashby) (as Capt. Bob Hyde); *The Driver* (Walter Hill) (as detective)
- 1980 *Middle Age Crazy* (Trent) (as Bobby Lee)
- 1981 *Tattoo* (Bob Brooks) (as Karl)
- 1982 *That Championship Season* (Jason Miller) (as George Sitkowski); *Harry Tracy* (Graham) (title role)
- 1985 *Toughlove* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Rob Charters); *On the Edge* (Nilsson) (as Wes Holman)
- 1987 *Big Town* (Bolt) (as Mr. Edwards); *Roses Are for the Rich* (Michael Miller—for TV); *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (Lathan)
- 1988 *1969* (Thompson) (as Cliff); *World Gone Wild* (Katzin) (as Ethan); *The 'Burbs* (Dante) (as Mark Rumsfield)
- 1989 *Trenchcoat in Paradise* (Coolidge—for TV) (as John Hollander)
- 1990 *After Dark, My Sweet* (Foley) (as Uncle Bud); *The Court-Martial of Jackie Robinson* (Pearce—for TV) (as Scout Ed Higgins)
- 1991 *Into the Badlands* (for TV) (as T. L. Barston); *Carolina Skeletons* (for TV) (as Junior Stoker)
- 1992 *Diggstown (Midnight Sting)* (Ritchie) (as John Gillon)
- 1993 *It's Nothing Personal* (Bradford May—for TV) (as Billy Archer)
- 1994 *Dead Man's Revenge* (for TV) (as Payton McCay); *Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight* (Simoneau—for TV) (as George Putnam)
- 1995 *A Mother's Prayer* (for TV) (as John Walker)
- 1996 *Down Periscope* (David S. Ward) (as Admiral Yancy Graham); *Mulholland Falls* (Tamahori) (as The Chief); *Last Man Standing* (Hill) (as Sheriff Ed Galt)
- 1997 *Comfort, Texas* (Ritchie—for TV); *Big Guns Talk: The Story of the Western* (Morris for TV) (interviewee)
- 1998 *Perfect Prey* (McCain—for TV) (as Capt. Swaggert); *Small Soldiers* (Dante) (voice of Link Static)
- 1999 *If . . . Dog . . . Rabbit* (Matthew Modine) (as McGurdy); *Hard Time: The Premonition* (Cass, Sr.—for TV) (as Ray Earl Winston); *The Haunting* (de Bont) (as Mr. Dudley)
- 2000 *All the Pretty Horses* (Thornton) (as Judge); *The Glass House* (Sackheim); *Madison* (Bindley) (as Harry Volpi)



Bruce Dern with Mia Farrow in *The Great Gatsby*

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Bruce Dern seems to have been around forever, but it is impossible to come up with a single film by which to center a portrait of a distinguished career. There were plenty of good roles in the career of this Roger Corman-school-trained actor, with the best still being the lead in Alfred Hitchcock’s final tongue-in-cheek thriller, *Family Plot*. But with a brief moment in the Oscar sun (for a nomination for *Coming Home*), Dern’s time as a leading actor passed, although he continued to be steadily employed as a character actor.

Still Dern’s career is dotted with memorable moments. He made his debut in Elia Kazan’s *Wild River*, singled out for his portrait of a country hoodlum. His roles for Roger Corman in *The Wild Angels*, and for Alfred Hitchcock in *Marnie* will long be remembered by those lucky enough to have seen those films during their original theatrical screenings. But sadly these two films seemed to set a trend; Dern has never been able to harness himself out of the image of an unbalanced,

frighteningly disturbed man. This is due in part to his high, midwestern twang (he hails from an upper-class suburb of Chicago), narrow, almost gaunt face, and wild, unruly curly hair.

But at one point in the late 1960s and into the early 1970s Dern seemed to become a public favorite as “Mr. Demented.” He played a deranged dancer in Sydney Pollack’s *They Shoot Horses, Don’t They?*, and a wild-eyed basketball coach in *Drive, He Said*, directed by Jack Nicholson. This led to his finest roles in Bob Rafelson’s *The King of Marvin Gardens*, Alfred Hitchcock’s *Family Plot*, and Michael Ritchie’s *Smile*. In the latter, Dern proved his ability at comedy in the underrated send-up of American-style beauty pageants.

Through the 1980s Dern worked regularly, but in small parts, too often for secondary studios. In 1988, for instance, he appeared as a father in *1969*, a low-budget affair for Atlantic Films in which college classmates go through the times Dern was so much a part of—the late 1960s: dodging the draft, dropping out of school and society alike, splitting apart families. That year he took the lead in *World Gone Wild*, a low-budget film about a hippie survivor of the apocalypse who brings peace and love to those in a desert community that was blessed with the only water supply left in the world. Dern played the establishment figure who turns violent to repel the evildoers, led by a character played by teen idol Adam Ant. By the end of the twentieth century, roles were fewer and fewer and so sadly, younger fans only knew Bruce Dern as the father of actress Laura Dern.

—Douglas Gomery

DeVITO, Danny

Nationality: American. **Born:** Neptune, New Jersey, 17 November 1944. **Education:** Attended parochial school in Asbury Park, New Jersey; Oratory Prep School in Summit, New Jersey; Wilfred Academy of Hair and Beauty Culture; the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York City, graduated 1966. **Family:** Married the actress Rhea Perlman, 1982, daughters: Lucy Chet and Gracie, son: Jake. **Career:** 1968—stage debut, off-Broadway, in a program of Pirandello one-acts; 1969—film debut in *Dreams of Glass*; 1978–83—starred in the TV series *Taxi* (as Louie DePalma); 1984—directed *The Ratings Game*, a cable TV movie; 1985—directed and starred in “The Wedding Ring” episode of Steven Spielberg’s *Amazing Stories* (TV anthology); has directed numerous shorts and TV shows in addition to feature films; 1987—directorial feature debut with *Throw Momma from the Train*; starting 1988—provided voice of Herbert Powell for several episodes of the cartoon TV series *The Simpsons*. Performed in several TV specials for children; has an active production company, Jersey Films; produced *Reality Bites* and *Pulp Fiction*, 1994; and *Feeling Minnesota*, 1996. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Emmy Award, for *Taxi*, 1981. **Agent:** Fred Spektor, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Dreams of Glass* (Klouse)
- 1971 *Bananas* (Woody Allen) (as subway hood); *La Mortadella* (*Lady Liberty*) (Monicelli) (as Fred Mancuso)
- 1973 *Hurry Up, or I’ll Be 30* (Jacoby) (as Petey); *Scalawag* (Kirk Douglas) (as Fly Speck)

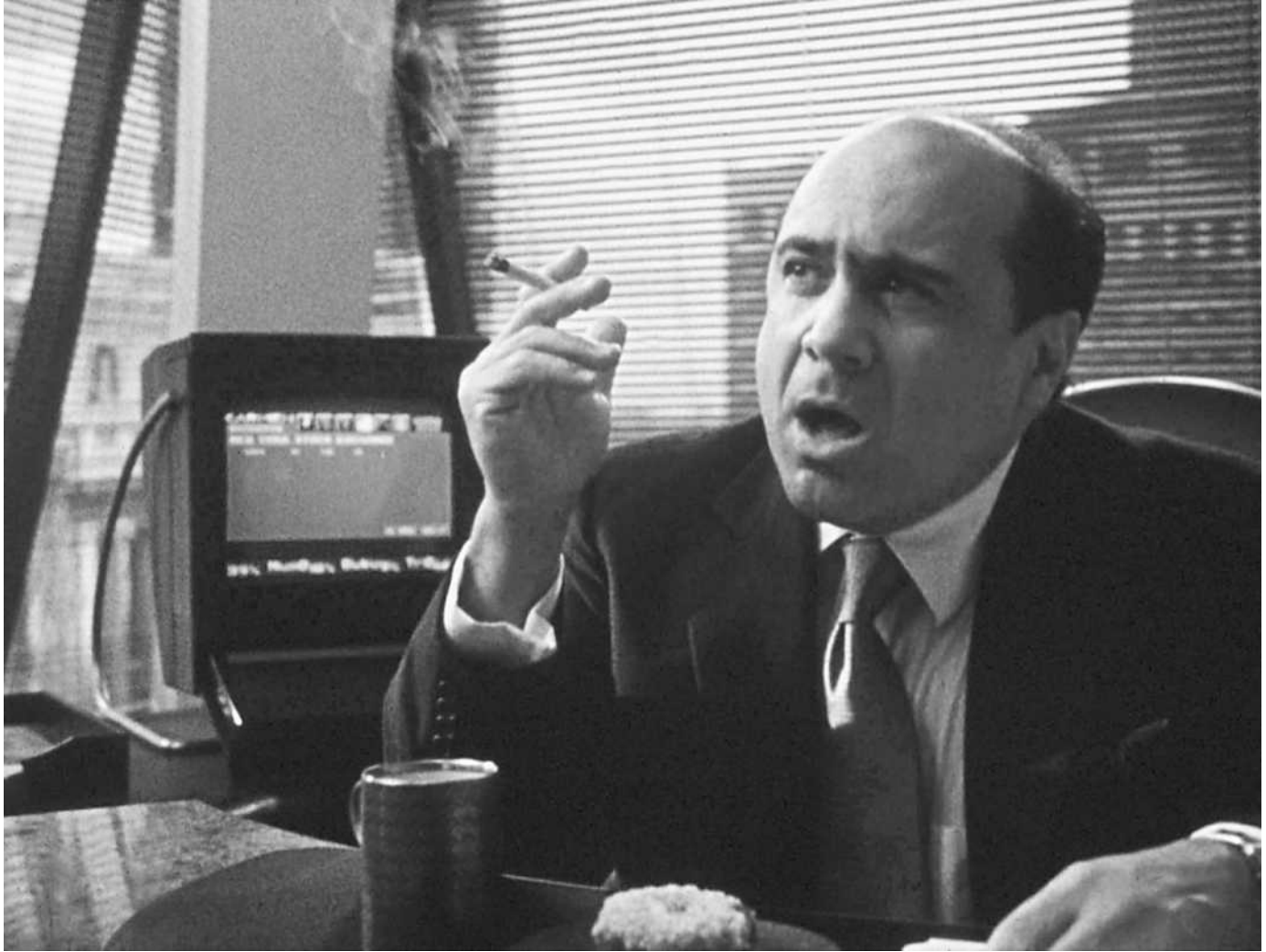
- 1975 *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest* (Forman) (as Martini); *The Money* (Workman)
- 1976 *Car Wash* (Schultz); *Deadly Hero* (Nagy); *The Van* (Grossman) (as Andy)
- 1977 *The World’s Greatest Lover* (Gene Wilder) (as the assistant director)
- 1978 *Goin’ South* (Nicholson) (as Hog)
- 1979 *Valentine* (Philips—for TV)
- 1981 *Going Ape!* (Kronsberg) (as Lazlo)
- 1983 *Terms of Endearment* (James L. Brooks) (as Vernon Dahlar)
- 1984 *Johnny Dangerously* (Heckerling) (as Burr); *Romancing the Stone* (Zemeckis) (as Ralph)
- 1985 *The Jewel of the Nile* (Teague) (as Ralph); *Happily Ever After* (Melendez—for TV) (as voice)
- 1986 *Head Office* (Finkleman) (as Stedman); *My Little Pony* (Joens) (as voice of Grundle King); *Ruthless People* (Abrahams, Zucker, and Zucker) (as Sam Stone); *Wise Guys* (DePalma) (as Harry Valentini)
- 1987 *Tin Men* (Levinson) (as Ernest Tilley)
- 1988 *Twins* (Reitman) (as Vincent Benedict)
- 1991 *Other People’s Money* (Jewison) (as Lawrence Garfield)
- 1992 *Batman Returns* (Burton) (as Penguin/Oswald Cobblepot)
- 1993 *Last Action Hero* (McTiernan) (as voice of Whiskers, uncredited); *Look Who’s Talking Now* (Ropelewski) (as voice of Rocks); *Jack the Bear* (Herskovitz) (as John Leary)
- 1994 *Junior* (Reitman) (as Dr. Larry Arbogast); *Renaissance Man* (*Army Intelligence*) (Penny Marshall) (as Bill Rago)
- 1995 *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (as Martin Weir + co-pr)
- 1996 *Space Jam* (Pytko) (voice)
- 1997 *Hercules* (Musker, Clements) (voice); *L.A. Confidential* (Hanson) (as Sid Hudgens); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Deck Schiflet)
- 1998 *Living Out Loud* (LaGravenese) (as Pat Francato + co-pr)
- 1999 *The Virgin Suicides* (Sofia Coppola) (as Dr. Hornicker); *Foolproof* (Alexander, Karaszewski) (as Grover); *The Big Kahuna* (Swanbeck) (as Phil); *Man on the Moon* (Forman) (as George Shapiro + co-pr)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1984 *The Ratings Game* (for TV) (as Vic De Salvo)
- 1987 *Throw Momma from the Train* (as Owen Lift)
- 1989 *The War of the Roses* (as Gavin D’Amato)
- 1992 *Hoffa* (as Bobby Ciario, + co-pr)
- 1996 *Matilda*

Other Films:

- 1994 *Reality Bites* (Stiller) (co-pr); *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (co-exec pr)
- 1995 *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (co-pr)
- 1996 *Sunset Park* (Gomer) (co-pr); *Feeling Minnesota* (Baigelman) (co-pr)
- 1997 *Gattaca* (Niccol) (co-pr)
- 1998 *Out of Sight* (Soderbergh) (co-pr); *The Pentagon Wars* (Benjamin for TV) (exec pr)



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An actor seemingly proscribed from leading man status by his physical instrument—his five-foot, 150-pound body, his dark-haired, dark-eyed “ethnic” features, and his flat, fast, New Jersey-rooted speech—Danny DeVito over the past decade has established himself as one of the defining screen comics of his generation. Like most recent movie comedians, DeVito first achieved fame in television and continued to work with creative television personnel as he moved into film. But his persona is marked as a product of his times even more by his central theme: the journey of a formerly antiauthoritarian, “freaky”—post-1960s—entrepreneur toward his slice of the American pie. DeVito’s life story and those of his characters neatly cohere around this subject.

While also working on-stage, DeVito spent the 1970s playing background roles in mostly unremarkable films and television shows. Unshakably dedicated, he also produced and directed several short films. DeVito's biggest movie role of the 1970s was as one of the inmates who take over the asylum in *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*. That film's sympathy for the socially maladjusted persisted into DeVito's breakthrough role, as Louie DePalma in the 1978–83 television situation comedy *Taxi*. With Louie, however, DeVito moved from portraying the odd and exploited to portraying the odd and exploited exploiter—the type to which most of his subsequent movie characters adhere.

The dispatcher in a taxi company full of nice fallout victims from the 1960s (a recovering addict, a divorced mother, a Vietnam veteran), Louie is unfettered capitalism embodied—grasping, volatile, and rude. Stamped by the late 1970s, however, *Taxi* made Louie less a figure of unmitigated scorn than, for instance, its generic predecessor *M*A*S*H* made the money-grubbing Frank Burns in the decade's early years. DeVito's performances play to this softening, employing his ability to slide between naturalism and cartoonish excess. DeVito conveys not only Louie's gratingly innocent delight in his gratuitous abusiveness but his fear and loneliness. As he does throughout his career, DeVito in *Taxi* often treats his own body as a prop; he sparks fresh ideas from the ensemble's other players; and he fully exploits his voice. DeVito's thoughtful choices among a subtly wide range of (mostly) East Coast accents, pitches, and volumes individuate his various characters even as they ground these men in the everyday and the middle class.

DeVito's first showcase supporting movie role came from *Taxi* producer James Brooks, who cast him in a subdued key in 1983's *Terms of Endearment*. (People who work with DeVito once seem inclined to repeat the experience.) The next year DeVito directed his first feature-length project, the made-for-cable *The Ratings Game*: all his evolving persona's key traits are present in his leading role as a mob-linked executive from New Jersey who becomes a television star and marries a good woman, played by DeVito's wife and frequent collaborator, Rhea Perlman. For the well-grossing feature *Romancing the Stone* and its sequel *Jewel of the Nile*, DeVito's crooked small-time businessman type metamorphosed into a true crook, in a supporting role as a goofily unhappy, drug-smuggling kidnapper. DeVito got glowing reviews, and the chance to star in two big-screen vehicles—the organized crime spoof *Wise Guys*, and the black comedy of big business and marriage, *Ruthless People*.

With *Ruthless People* DeVito attained movie stardom. He then moved between sour and soft comedies, acting in and directing the former with *Throw Momma from the Train*, his theatrical film debut as director, and *The War of the Roses*; and starring in the latter with *Tin Men* (as a crazed salesman), *Twins* (as a gangster), and *Other People's Money* (as a corporate raider). Almost all of DeVito's post-*Taxi* characters are criminals, either organized, white collar, or both. They are ambivalent figures of mixed pathos and satire, their unlawfulness sometimes standing in for their outsider's natures, but their ill will more often entwining with their situations as capitalist cogs.

In 1992, DeVito played the supporting role of comic-book villain Penguin in *Batman Returns*, while also turning his directorial hand to drama with *Hoffa*, starring his old friend Jack Nicholson; the first was a huge success, though the second fizzled. *Jack the Bear*, a rare noncrime drama (directed by Marshall Herskovitz, a television veteran), did not receive either critical or commercial recognition. DeVito continued to move away from the criminal type and to work with television-bred comic talent in *Renaissance Man* (directed by

television star Penny Marshall) and *Get Shorty* (starring television star John Travolta). Both succeeded at the box office, as did *Junior*, his second pairing with Arnold Schwarzenegger. In 1996 DeVito released *Matilda*, based on Roald Dahl's children's story of a young girl working past her venial and grotesque parents (DeVito and Perlman). As the era's Hollywood dean of corrupt but salvageable authority, DeVito thus pursues his great theme.

—Susan Knobloch

DIAZ, Cameron

Nationality: American. **Born:** San Diego, California, 30 August 1972. **Education:** Long Beach Polytechnic High School, San Diego; studied acting with John Kirby. **Career:** Began modeling professionally, 1988; first film role in *The Mask*, 1993. **Awards:** ShoWest Award, Female Star of Tomorrow, 1996; New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Actress, and American Comedy Award for Funniest Actress, for *There's Something About Mary*, 1999. **Agent:** Addis-Weschler and Associates, 955 South Carrillo Drive, Suite 300, Los Angeles, California, 90048.

Films as Actor:

- 1994 *The Mask* (Russell) (as Tina Carlyl)
- 1995 *The Last Supper* (Title) (as Jude)
- 1996 *She's the One* (Burns) (as Heather); *Feeling Minnesota* (Baigleman) (as Freddie); *Head Above Water* (Wilson) (as Nathalie)
- 1997 *Keys to Tulsa* (Greif) (as Trudy); *My Best Friend's Wedding* (Hogan) (as Kimmy Wallace); *A Life Less Ordinary* (Boyle) (as Celine)
- 1998 *There's Something About Mary* (Bobby and Peter Farrelly) (as Mary Jensen Mathews); *Very Bad Things* (Berg) (as Laura Garrety); *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* (Gilliam) (as the blonde TV reporter)
- 1999 *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze) (as Lotte Schwartz); *Any Given Sunday* (Stone) (as Christina Pagniacchi); *Things You Can Tell By Looking at Her* (Garcia) (as Carol); *Man Woman Film* (Pearson) (as Random Celebrity)
- 2000 *Charlie's Angels* (McG) (as Natalie); *Invisible Circus* (Brooks) (as Faith O'Connor); *Things You Can Tell by Just Looking at Her* (Garcia) (as Carol);

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Cameron Diaz is that type of actor eagerly sought by innovative directors—a natural. Discovered by a modeling agency photographer at a party, she began an international modeling career when she was only sixteen, and fell into acting with no experience outside of high school drama classes.

Her first film role, like her modeling career, was a combination of serendipity, good looks, and her own sometimes painfully difficult work. Her modeling agent suggested she audition for a bit part in

Chuck Russell’s upcoming fantasy-adventure blockbuster *The Mask*, as an adventure. Diaz caught the director’s eye, however, and she found herself cast in the lead, where she made the most of the *femme fatale* role of Tina, the sultry nightclub singer with the heart of gold who ends up with the hero. Though Diaz’s nervousness about acting left her with an ulcer, critics singled her out for the depth of her savvy portrayal of Tina, who might have been just another comic book character in the comic book film.

Diaz surprised studios, fans, and critics when she did not follow up her success in *The Mask* by seeking work in other big studio blockbuster films. Instead, she chose to step back from the fast track to fame. She refused several offers of big budget movies and spent several years working in small independent films. Many of these films were dark and quirky, like *The Last Supper*, about liberals who decide to rid the world of right wing extremists by inviting them to dinner one by one and poisoning them.

Diaz got mixed reviews for her roles in these films. Some critics found it hard not to typecast her as the model-turned-actress bimbo, while others found her subtle and engaging, even pointing her out as the best performer in films like *She’s the One* that they otherwise hated. Stacy Title, director of *The Last Supper*, said that Diaz has the

“old movie-star glamour of Rita Hayworth and the incredible timing and great physical comedy of Lucille Ball.”

It is this gift for comedy that helped create one of the biggest sleeper hits of the 1990s. *There's Something About Mary* filled movie houses and set staid reviewers from journals as diverse as *The New Republic* and *Variety* rolling in the aisles in unwilling laughter over jokes about penis pain and cruelty to animals. The film not only intentionally broke all taboos about good taste and appropriate comedy material, but inspired a series of so-called “gross-out” comedies that competed to find the most offensive subjects of fun. In the midst of it all, Diaz's sweet, funny, and artful performance as Mary made *There's Something About Mary* the single film of the genre that may outlast the fad.

Perhaps to sidestep the blonde bimbo stereotype that followed her since her role in *The Mask*, Diaz took a much less glamorous role in the off-beat independent film, *Being John Malkovich*. As Lotte, a mousy veterinarian's assistant with frizzy brown hair and an entourage of needy animals clinging to her skirts, Diaz turned the ideal of the sex object on its head. Lotte is not only a sweet surprise of a character, showing spirit, sensuality, and loyalty, but also explores her sexual and gender identity with a freedom and irony that typifies the turn of the century.

In many ways, Diaz represents the attitudes of her generation. While certainly not rejecting the glitz and glamour of Hollywood fame, she has resisted the big studio establishment and chosen a more rebellious path toward that fame. While she might often play the bimbo, she manages to give that stereotype a “riot grrl” edge of nerve and self-reliance. It has been her willingness to take the circuitous route, shifting between mainstream Hollywood and the innovative independents, that has given Diaz her depth as an actress. When she was cast in *The Mask*, Diaz said, “I'm a pretty girl who's a model who doesn't suck as an actress.” Her good looks and sincere charm may have gotten her into the movies, but it is her adventurous approach to her career that may keep her there.

—Tina Gianoulis

DiCAPRIO, Leonardo

Nationality: American. **Born:** Hollywood, California, 11 November 1974; son of comic-book artist George DiCaprio. **Education:** Attended Seeds University Elementary School at the University of California, Los Angeles; Center for Enriched Studies, Los Angeles; John Marshall High School, Los Feliz. **Career:** Began making commercials and first TV appearances, 1988; roles in TV series *Santa Barbara* and *Parenthood*, 1990; more recognition for TV series *Growing Pains*; critical acclaim for co-starring film roles in *This Boy's Life* and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, 1993. **Awards:** National Board of Review, Best Supporting Actor, for *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, 1993; Berlin International Film Festival, Best Actor, for *Romeo + Juliet*, 1997. **Agent:** Artists Management Group, 9465 Wilshire Ave., Suite 519, Beverly Hills, California, 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1991 *Critters 3* (Peterson) (as Josh)
- 1992 *Poison Ivy* (Shea) (as Guy)

- 1993 *This Boy's Life* (Caton-Jones) (as Toby); *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* (Hallstrom) (as Arnie)
- 1994 *The Foot Shooting Party* (Haywood-Carter) (short)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une nuits* (Varda) (cameo); *The Quick and the Dead* (Raimi) (as The Kid); *The Basketball Diaries* (Kalvert) (as Jim Carroll); *Total Eclipse* (Holland) (as Arthur Rimbaud); *Don's Plum* (Robb—unreleased in North America) (as Derek)
- 1996 *William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet* (Luhmann) (as Romeo)
- 1997 *Titanic* (Cameron) (as Jack Dawson)
- 1998 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Wallace) (as Louis XIV and Philippe); *Celebrity* (Allen) (as Brandon Darrow)
- 2000 *The Beach* (Boyle) (as Richard)
- 2001 *The Gangs of New York* (Scorsese) (as Amsterdam Vallon)

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Leonardo DiCaprio is in the curious—and not altogether enviable—situation of a young performer aspiring to do thorny, unconventional films but finding himself labeled a teen heartthrob with a \$20 million-a-film price tag. Following his first critical successes in 1993 the responses to his work have often seemed to occupy no middle ground between the idolatry of teenage girls and the disdain of critics for whom the actor has, since 1995, simply played “a variation of the same character: an unformed, slightly androgynous, volatile youth who looks and acts more like 15 than 25.” And every new choice of a part is now scrutinized by the media as a major indicator of the spirit of our times, rather than simply an actor's testing himself with a new challenge.

Rather suddenly, after good notices for television roles and a couple of minor film appearances, DiCaprio achieved major success in two films of 1993. As a teen rebel in *This Boy's Life* he held his own against Robert de Niro's creepy, brutal stepfather, and in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, as the impish but mentally impaired younger



Leonardo DiCaprio with Claire Danes in *Romeo + Juliet*

brother of the title character, he was the perfect foil to a brooding Johnny Depp. From the opening moments of *This Boy's Life*, where he seems to be around 14 (but was in fact nearly 18), DiCaprio has the right look for an all-American boy, with his slightly plump, slightly squished-in face and naughty good humor. As his character ages several years (with a bit of help from haircuts that range from 1950s hoodlum to 1950s military and back again) he reacts to his mother's ghastly boyfriend, later husband, in a variety of convincing ways, from grinning mockery, disgust, and sheer incredulity to several degrees of fury. Only in an anguished drunken speech to some delinquent friends does one feel that DiCaprio is being asked unfairly to do a James Dean scene that he can't quite bring off. In *Gilbert Grape*, however, there is never a break in character: with his mischievous look and ungainly walk, disturbing peals of laughter and slightly braying voice, DiCaprio creates a plausible and touching character—a sort of Peter Pan caged in a young man's body—rather than assembling a mere collection of gestures.

DiCaprio's early success led him to starring roles in 1995 that were daring choices but in some respects beyond his scope, or at least vocal skills. His continued boyish appearance allowed him at 20 to play two real-life teenage writers, Arthur Rimbaud, and a would-be

American counterpart, the heroin-addicted diarist Jim Carroll. But his California intonations (and perhaps lack of professional training) keep him from seeming to be a New York street kid in *The Basketball Diaries*. He does throw himself with impressive abandon into the heroin-withdrawal scenes, but in less intense moments has a tendency to rely upon an all-purpose scowl. In *Total Eclipse* he calls to mind a famous photo of the historical Rimbaud, but the flatness of many of his line readings (as when the poet-prodigy breezily remarks, "I decided to originate the future") make him an unlikely revolutionary. Moreover, his facial expressions and body language identify him as altogether American, and thus incongruous with both the largely French supporting cast and the very British (and dazzlingly complex) performance of David Thewlis as a repellent, fascinating Verlaine.

DiCaprio's lack of professional training may have been even more a liability when he later played another historical Frenchman, Louis XIV, in *The Man in the Iron Mask*. The dual role of the villainous king and his victimized twin calls for a bravura performance in a classic Hollywood style, but Louis' aristocratic arrogance seems far beyond DiCaprio's range: when required to speak lines like "It is good that you watch me, D'Artagnan, but I fear that you watch me too closely," or (to a woman who has rejected his advances), "You would choose

a soldier—a soldier who has not yet proposed—to a king?’’ he sounds precisely like an American boy in a high school theatrical. At least, as the good Philippe, he looks truly dazed and shaken when the fearsome mask is removed, and his Philippe masquerading as the King does seem like someone nervously, unconvincingly pretending to be haughty.

One might have thought DiCaprio not ready for Shakespeare either, but in fact he is ideally cast in Baz Luhrmann’s extravagant postmodern take on *Romeo and Juliet*. The camera seems as much in love with DiCaprio’s face as with that of Juliet, Claire Danes; his tousled hair and gangly body, perfectly suited to his loose-hanging costumes, seem all of a piece with the youthful intensity of his performance. First seeing Juliet at the ball, this Romeo is not so much enraptured as purely delighted and astonished, while managing to send teasing glances toward the Capulet girl. Later, his hysterical rage at Tybalt and shock at the latter’s death by his hand are powerfully registered; to be sure, his subsequent outburst to Father Lawrence may sound like teenage whining (‘‘Banished! Be merciful, say death!’’), but it is wholly consistent with the film’s vision of contemporary youth. (Lawrence’s rejoinder—‘‘I thought thy disposition better-tempered!’’—would have been welcome at more than one moment in those precocious-artist films.)

As for the role that made him much more a Hollywood star than he was already, his working-class artist Jack Dawson in *Titanic* is again exactly what the part calls for: appropriately tough and gleeful in the poker scene; plain-talking with a slight overtone of humor (a little in the style of the young Henry Fonda) when he convinces Rose not to commit suicide; amusingly out of his element in white tie and tails but plenty confident talking to the swells at the dinner table; ardent yet never out of control in his romantic scenes. Overall he is dashing but not campily so, in a role that is a pure throwback to the 1930s and 1940s: the down-to-earth American up against the snooty aristocrats.

After a sort of guest appearance in Woody Allen’s *Celebrity*, where he was suitably obnoxious as a jaded movie idol, DiCaprio chose for his first major role following *Titanic* superfame the part of a young American traveler searching for the perfect beach in Thailand, finding it, and then not so much descending into madness as wallowing in his own shallowness. It is difficult to draw a simple conclusion about DiCaprio’s performance in *The Beach*: the role calls for copious displays of youthful irrationality, narcissism, and disillusionment similar to those of Ewan McGregor in the same director’s *Trainspotting*, but without heroin addiction as a motivation for the displays, and against a backdrop not of gritty realism but of movie fantasy, a realm halfway between *Lost Horizon* and *Apocalypse Now*. DiCaprio unquestionably has charisma enough to hold the screen, and is at first convincing as a full-of-himself but dreamy young man right out of MTV’s *The Real World*. But in later scenes, when a few days alone at a jungle lookout turn his character with utter implausibility into Captain Willard about to dispatch Kurtz, followed by several more histrionic shifts, DiCaprio cannot find any coherence in the part—he just manages to be intense in whatever way the script requires for the moment.

It is of course impossible to predict what course DiCaprio’s career might take once he can no longer play impetuous or bratty youths, but one can certainly hope for a risk-taking character actor rather than a conventional leading man.

—Joseph Milicia

DICKINSON, Angie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Angeline Brown in Kulm, North Dakota, 30 September 1931. **Education:** Attended parochial schools; Immaculate Heart College; Glendale College, California. **Family:** Married 1) Gene Dickinson (divorced 1959); 2) the composer Burt Bacharach, 1965 (divorced 1980), daughter: Nikki. **Career:** Early 1950s—secretary at aircraft company while taking bit parts in TV and acting lessons; 1954—film debut in *Lucky Me*; 1962—Broadway appearance in *The Perfect Setup*; 1974—guest in episode of TV series *Police Story*; asked to star in spin-off series *Police Woman*, 1974–78; 1978—in TV mini-series *Pearl*; 1982—in TV series *Cassie & Company*; 1985—in TV mini-series *Hollywood Wives*, and *Wild Palms*, 1993; also former Mayor of Universal City, California. **Address:** c/o Dorothy Howe, 1524 Walgrove Avenue, Mar Vista, CA 90066, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1954 *Lucky Me* (Donahue) (as party guest)
- 1955 *Man with the Gun* (*Man without a Gun*; *The Trouble Shooter*) (Wilson) (as Kitty); *Tennessee’s Partner* (Dwan) (as girl); *The Return of Jack Slade* (*Texas Rose*) (Schuster) (as Polly Logan)
- 1956 *Hidden Guns* (Gannaway) (as Becky Carter); *Tension at Table Rock* (Warren) (as Cathy); *Gun the Man Down* (*Arizona Mission*) (McLaglen) (as Janice); *The Black Whip* (Warren) (as Sally)
- 1957 *Run of the Arrow* (*Hot Lead*) (Fuller) (as dubbed voice of Yellow Moccasin, played by Sarita Montiel); *Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend* (Bare) (as Priscilla); *China Gate* (Fuller) (as Lucky Legs); *Calypso Joe* (Dein)
- 1958 *Cry Terror* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Eileen Kelly); *I Married a Woman* (Kanter) (as wife of John Wayne character in film-within-film)
- 1959 *Rio Bravo* (Hawks) (as Feathers); *I’ll Give My Life* (Claxton); *Frontier Rangers* (Jacques Tourneur—for TV)
- 1960 *Ocean’s Eleven* (Milestone) (as Beatrice Ocean); *The Sins of Rachel Cade* (*Rachel Cade*) (Gordon Douglas) (title role); *The Bramble Bush* (Petrie) (as Fran)
- 1961 *A Fever in the Blood* (Sherman) (as Cathy Simon)
- 1962 *Rome Adventure* (*Lovers Must Learn*) (Daves) (as Lyda); *Jessica* (*La Sage-femme, le curé et le bon Dieu*) (Negulesco) (title role)
- 1963 *Captain Newman, M.D.* (David Miller) (as Lt. Francie Corum)
- 1964 *The Killers* (*Ernest Hemingway’s The Killers*) (Siegel) (as Sheila Farr)
- 1965 *The Art of Love* (Jewison) (as Laurie)
- 1966 *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson) (as Emma Marcus); *Danger Grows Wild* (*The Poppy Is Also a Flower*) (Terence Young) (as Linda Benson); *The Chase* (Arthur Penn) (as Ruby Calder)
- 1967 *Point Blank* (Boorman) (as Chris); *The Last Challenge* (*Pistolero of Red River*) (Thorpe) (as Lisa Denton)
- 1969 *Some Kind of a Nut* (Kanin) (as Rachel Amidon); *Sam Whiskey* (Laven) (as Laura Breckinridge); *Young Billy Young* (*Who Rides with Kane*) (Kennedy) (as Lily Beloit)



Angie Dickinson in *Dressed to Kill*

- 1970 *The Love War* (McCowan—for TV)
- 1971 *Pretty Maids All in a Row* (Vadim) (as Miss Smith); *The Resurrection of Zachary Wheeler* (Wynn) (as Dr. Johnson); *Thief* (Graham—for TV) (as Jean Melville); *See the Man Run* (Corey Allen—for TV)
- 1973 *Un Homme est morte* (*Funerale a Los Angeles*; *The Outside Man*) (Deray) (as Jackie Kovacs); *The Norliss Tapes* (Curtis—for TV)
- 1974 *Big Bad Mama* (Carver) (as Wilma McClatchie); *Pray for the Wildcats* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV)
- 1977 *A Sensitive, Passionate Man* (Newland—for TV); *Le Labyrinthe* (*Labyrinths*)
- 1978 *Overboard* (Newland—for TV)
- 1979 *L'Homme en colère* (*The Angry Man*) (Pinoteau) (as Karen); *The Suicide's Wife* (*A New Life*) (Newland—for TV) (title role)
- 1980 *Klondike Fever* (*Jack London's Klondike Fever*) (Carter) (as Belinda McNair); *Dressed to Kill* (De Palma) (as Kate Miller)
- 1981 *Death Hunt* (Hunt) (as Vanessa); *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* (Clive Donner) (as Dragon Queen); *Dial M for Murder* (Segal—for TV) (as Margot Wendice)
- 1982 *One Shoe Makes It Murder* (William Hale—for TV)
- 1984 *A Touch of Scandal* (Nagy—for TV) (as Katherine Gilvay); *Jealousy* (Bloom—for TV) (as Georgia/Laura/Ginny)
- 1987 *Big Bad Momma II* (Wynorski) (as Wilma McClatchie); *Police Story: The Freeway Killings* (Graham—for TV) (as Off. Anne Cavanaugh); *Stillwatch* (Holcomb—for TV)
- 1988 *Once upon a Texas Train* (Kennedy—for TV) (as Maggie)
- 1989 *Fire and Rain* (Jameson—for TV) (as Beth Mancini); *Prime Target* (Robert Collins—for TV)
- 1992 *Treacherous Crossing* (Wharmby—for TV) (as Beverly Thomas)
- 1994 *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (Van Sant) (as Miss Adrian)
- 1995 *The Crossing Guard* (Sean Penn); *The Maddening* (Danny Huston); *Sabrina* (Pollack) (as Ingrid Tyson)
- 1996 *The Sun, the Moon and the Stars* (Creed) (as Abbie); *Remembrance* (Rooney—for TV) (as Margaret Fullerton)
- 1997 *The Don's Analyst* (Jablin—for TV); *Deep Family Secrets*; *Sealed with a Kiss* (Lagomarsino) (as Lucille Ethridge)
- 2000 *Pay It Forward* (Leder)

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Like James Caan, Angie Dickinson has never equaled, let alone surpassed, the impression she made early in her career in a Howard Hawks movie, in her case *Rio Bravo*, though she has given numerous sympathetic performances for other directors. It is a striking phenomenon that many stars have given their most vivid, most definitive performances under Hawks’s direction. That is not to suggest that Dickinson’s “Feathers” was somehow Hawks’s creation, yet one must lament the fact that Dickinson, one of the most potentially (and, in *Rio Bravo*, actually) vibrant presences of Hollywood cinema since the late 1950s, has so seldom worked with good directors, or directors responsive to her very distinctive personality. Hawks was never interested in what is commonly known as “great acting,” and that is not the issue here. The knack he had with actors was that of eliciting an aliveness of response, not simply to his direction but in mutual interplay. Hence, in *Rio Bravo* one cannot really talk of Dickinson’s performance in isolation. The inexhaustible delight of her scenes with John Wayne derives, not from “acting,” but from the way they play off each other to create one of the quintessential Hawksian male/female relationships: his silence, stoicism, stiffness, apparent impregnability, set against her continuous nervous talk, emotionalism, spontaneity, vulnerability. Her characterization becomes one of the strategies in the film for developing an affectionate and ironic critique of the Wayne character and the Wayne persona.

It is sad that, with Dickinson yet again, Hawks adhered to his weird principle of never using the same female star twice in a leading role (Lauren Bacall the solitary exception, perhaps because of her partnership with Bogart). Dickinson made a strong impression both before *Rio Bravo* (Samuel Fuller’s *China Gate*) and after (Arthur Penn’s *The Chase*, where her presence transforms what is basically a very conventional role); even reduced to the ignominy of playing a decadent femme fatale bent on seducing Troy Donahue (*Rome Adventure*), she is not negligible; and her presence added an extra dimension to the complex (or confused) sexual politics of De Palma’s *Dressed to Kill*. But the magic of her “Feathers” has never quite been

recaptured: if she never appeared again, she would deserve a niche in cinema history for that alone.

—Robin Wood

DIETRICH, Marlene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Marie Magdalene Dietrich in Berlin, Germany, 27 December 1901 (some sources list 1904); became citizen of United States, 1939. **Education:** Attended the Augusta Victoria School, Berlin, and boarding schools in Weimar; Hochschule für Musik. **Family:** Married Rudolf Sieber, 1924 (separated 1939), daughter: Maria. **Career:** Early 1920s—chorus girl in revue circuit in Germany; 1922—accepted into Max Reinhardt’s Deutsche Theaterschule; began appearing in films for Ufa, debut in *So sind die Männer*; 1928—first starring film role in *Prinzessin Olala*; 1930—in the first German talking film, *Der blaue Engel*, beginning long personal and professional relationship with director Josef von Sternberg; contract with Paramount and moved to Hollywood; 1935—in last film for von Sternberg, *The Devil Is a Woman*; 1936—walked out on Paramount contract and began freelancing for other studios; 1937—approached by Nazi agents with offer to return to German films but refused, resulting in the banning of her films in Germany; 1943–46—entertained American troops, participating in war bond drives, and made anti-Nazi broadcasts in German; 1950s—recording and cabaret performer; in radio series *Cafe Istanbul* and *Time for Love*; 1967—Broadway debut in one-woman cabaret act. **Awards:** Medal of Freedom, for entertaining American troops and working against Nazi Germany, 1947; Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur, 1951. **Died:** In Paris, 6 May 1992.

Films as Actress:

- 1922 *So sind die Männer* (*Napoleons kleiner Bruder; Der kleine Napoleon; Men Are Like This; Napoleon’s Little Brother; The Little Napoleon*) (Jacoby) (as Kathrin)
- 1923 *Tragödie der Liebe* (*Tragedy of Love*) (Joe May) (as Lucie); *Der Mensch am Wege* (*Man by the Roadside*) (Dieterle)
- 1924 *Der Sprung ins Leben* (*They Leap into Life*) (Guter)
- 1925 *Die freudlose Gasse* (*Joyless Street; The Street of Sorrow*) (Pabst) (as extra)
- 1926 *Manon Lescaut* (Robison) (as Micheline); *Eine DuBarry von Heute* (*A Modern DuBarry*) (Korda); *Kopf hoch, Charly!* (*Heads Up, Charly*) (Wolff) (as Edmée Marchand); *Madame wünscht keine Kinder* (*Madame Wants No Children*) (Wolff) (bit part)
- 1927 *Seine grösster Bluff* (*Er oder Dich; His Greatest Bluff*) (Piel) (as Yvette); *Café Electric* (*Wenn ein Weib den Weg verliert; When a Woman Loses Her Way*) (Ucicky) (as Erni); *Der Juxbaron* (*The Imaginary Baron*) (Wolff) (as Sophie)
- 1928 *Prinzessin Olala* (*Princess Olala; Art of Love*) (Land) (as Chicotte de Gastoné); *Die glückliche Mutter* (Sieber—short)
- 1929 *Ich küsse Ihre Hand, Madame* (*I Kiss Your Hand, Madame*) (Land) (as Laurene Gerard); *Die Frau, nach der Man sich sehnt* (*The Woman One Longs For; Three Loves*) (Bernhardt)



Marlene Dietrich in *The Scarlet Empress*

- (as Stascha); *Das Schiff der verlorenen Menschen* (*Le Navire des hommes perdus; The Ship of Lost Souls*) (Maurice Tourneur) (as Miss Ethel); *Liebesnächte* (*Gefahren der Brautzeit; Aus dem Tagebuch eines Verführers; Eine Nacht der Liebe; Liebesbriefe; Nights of Love; Love Letters*) (Sauer) (as Evelyn)
- 1930 ***Der blaue Engel*** (*The Blue Angel*) (von Sternberg) (as Lola Frohlich); *Morocco* (von Sternberg) (as Amy Jolly)
- 1931 *Dishonored* (von Sternberg) (as X-27)
- 1932 *Shanghai Express* (von Sternberg) (as Shanghai Lilly); *Blonde Venus* (von Sternberg) (as Helen Faraday)
- 1933 *Song of Songs* (Mamoulian) (as Lily Czepanek)
- 1934 ***The Scarlet Empress*** (von Sternberg) (as Catherine II)
- 1935 ***The Devil Is a Woman*** (von Sternberg) (as Concha Perez)
- 1936 *Desire* (Borzage) (as Madeleine de Beaupré); *I Loved a Soldier* (Hathaway); *The Garden of Allah* (Boleslawski) (as Domini Enfiliden)
- 1937 *Knight without Armor* (Feyder) (as Alexandra Vladinoff); *Angel* (Lubitsch) (as Maria Barker)
- 1939 *Destry Rides Again* (George Marshall) (as Frenchy)
- 1940 *Seven Sinners* (Garnett) (as Bijou)
- 1941 *The Flame of New Orleans* (Clair) (as Claire Ledoux); *Manpower* (Walsh) (as Fay Duval)
- 1942 *The Lady Is Willing* (Leisen) (as Elizabeth Madden); *The Spoilers* (Enright) (as Cherry Mallotte); *Pittsburgh* (Seiler) (as Josie Winters)
- 1943 *Screen Snapshots No. 103* (short)
- 1944 *Follow the Boys* (A. Edward Sutherland); *Kismet* (Dieterle) (as Jamilla)
- 1946 *Martin Roumagnac* (*The Room Upstairs*) (Lacombe) (as Blanche Ferrand)
- 1947 *Golden Earrings* (Leisen) (as Lydia)
- 1948 *A Foreign Affair* (Wilder) (as Erika von Schluetow)
- 1949 *Jigsaw* (Markle) (as nightclub patron)
- 1950 *Stage Fright* (Hitchcock) (as Charlotte Inwood)
- 1951 *No Highway in the Sky* (*No Highway*) (Koster) (as Monica Teasdale)
- 1952 *Rancho Notorious* (Fritz Lang) (as Altar Keane)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as hostess)
- 1957 *The Monte Carlo Story* (Taylor) (as Marquise Maria de Crevecoeur); *Witness for the Prosecution* (Wilder) (as Christine Vole)

- 1958 *Touch of Evil* (Welles) (as Tanya)
 1961 *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Mme. Bertholt)
 1962 *The Black Fox* (Stoumen) (as narrator)
 1963 *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine)
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For decades, filmgoers have clustered to her like moths around
 a flame, to paraphrase her signature tune "Falling in Love Again."

That eternal flame burned brightest from the thirties onward, but Dietrich had toiled in the silent cinema for nearly ten years before her discovery as Teuton siren, Garbo-threat, and sphinxlike beauty of the international cinema.

The standard critical line is that without cine-magician von Sternberg, there would be no Dietrich; the less supportable exaggeration of this contention is that only the seven Dietrich-von Sternberg collaborations merit serious discussion. If von Sternberg deserves credit for sculpting her image and breathing life into this goddess, then let us applaud implacable Marlene with variations on a theme of mysterious enticement after *The Devil Is a Woman* and until *Just a Gigolo*. Even as a contentious old woman (who refused to appear on camera) in Maximilian Schell's riveting documentary, *Marlene* (1984), her mystique was untouched by time, and as someone once said, "her voice alone could break your heart." Forty years of image maintenance suggests that the provenance of Dietrich's legend was not the vision of her Svengali but could be found in her own steel will.

Certainly, the von Sternberg/Dietrich combination represents a singular symbiosis of visually oriented auteur and perfect camera subject. If Garbo drew the camera to her like a magnet, Dietrich not only fascinated viewers with her sultry glare but transfixed every other aspect of the mise-en-scène, a smoky world of sequined nets, exotic feathers, and glistening surfaces masked by shadows. It is a cinema in which style is the substance. Whether a plump temptress in *The Blue Angel*, foreign-legion groupie in *Morocco*, a fallen angel in *Shanghai Express*, or Czarina of Russia in *The Scarlet Empress*, Dietrich the great illusionist helped von Sternberg fabricate a fabulistic ambience where people lived and died for love. Whether impulsively stealing a kiss from a young woman in *Morocco* or defiantly reapplying her lipstick before the firing squad guns her down in *Dishonored*, the one constant in Dietrich's persona was her supreme control, a guarded willfulness she only relinquished for the one lover of her dreams. And if some of her less than dynamic co-stars (Clive Brook, Herbert Marshall) seemed hidden in her shadow, they were only props anyway. Dietrich's sacrificial gestures, however, were in no way lessened by the unworthiness of their recipients. No man could measure up to a divinity (although *Morocco*'s Gary Cooper is a step in the right direction).

After the peak of the von Sternberg/Dietrich teamwork, the ravishingly decadent *The Devil Is a Woman* (Dietrich's favorite movie), the movie's ultimate apotheosis of the femme fatale, Dietrich floundered a bit, but did not, as some suggest, survive as a mere impersonator of her former exalted self. Are cinephiles supposed to credit von Sternberg with the streak of wit Lubitsch helped unearth in the delicious romantic comedy, *Desire*? And if the raucous comeback of *Destry Rides Again* represents a coarsening of her unapproachable allure, Dietrich's decision to prevail as a more democratic love goddess is completely defensible. What Dietrich cleverly did, while delightfully exploiting a freewheeling side to her nature, was to Americanize herself for the mass audience no matter what nationality she was supposed to be playing in *Seven Sinners* or *The Flame of New Orleans*. Converted to American attitudes, she became a one-woman emigrant experience on display. Rather than her beauty, her largesse made her a citizen of the world.

Repudiating Nazi Germany and touring for Yankee troops further endeared her to Americans and helped sustain her eminence through the difficult middle portion of her career. In a petulant biography, however, Dietrich's spiteful daughter Maria Riva implies that the khaki pinup girl simply used World War II for her own convenience and played the patriot as another acting assignment. In shortchanging

her mother's sacrifices, Riva only conclusively establishes her own jealousy; obviously Dietrich's nurturing of her image was murder on child-rearing.

Rigidly taking care of her beauty, the way champions train their muscles for prize fights, Dietrich cheated time in her postwar film work and in the wildly successful cabaret act that kept her legend alive in an environment of husky-voiced song styling and perfectly positioned stage lighting that burned years off the fabulous face. On-screen, she was still surpassingly lovely as double-crossing dames in *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Stage Fright*, and *A Foreign Affair*. Somehow, the good-time gal of the forties was the aloof temptress of the thirties once more. In our contemporary cinema in which glamour seems to dissolve as soon as it is revealed on-screen, Dietrich remains the movies' most durable symbol of the power of artifice. Like Swanson and Crawford, her enemy was time but she did not go down without a long fight. When we stare at her perfection even in the gauze-lensed *Just a Gigolo*, we look into the face of our dreams—nostalgic dreams of a time when stars offered an escape from the commonplace not just a reaffirmation of it.

—Robert Pardi

DILLON, Matt

Nationality: American. **Born:** New Rochelle, New York, 18 February 1964; brother of actor Kevin Dillon. **Education:** Attended high school in New Rochelle; studied acting at the Lee Strasberg School. **Career:** Made his film debut in *Over the Edge* after being spotted by casting director Vic Ramos, 1979. **Awards:** Best Male Lead Independent Spirit Award, for *Drugstore Cowboy*, 1989; Blockbuster Entertainment Award for Favorite Supporting Actor-Comedy, for *There's Something About Mary*, 1999. **Agent:** Ed Limato, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1979 *Over the Edge* (Kaplan) (as Richie)
- 1980 *Little Darlings* (Maxwell) (as Randy); *My Bodyguard* (Bill) (as Moody)
- 1982 *Liar's Moon* (Fisher) (as Jack Duncan); *Tex* (Hunter) (as Tex McCormick); *The Great American Fourth of July and Other Disasters* (Bartlett—for TV)
- 1983 *The Outsiders* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Dallas Winston); *Rumble Fish* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Rusty James)
- 1984 *The Flamingo Kid* (Garry Marshall) (as Jeffrey Willis)
- 1985 *Rebel* (Jenkins) (title role); *Target* (Arthur Penn) (as Chris Lloyd)
- 1986 *Native Son* (Freedland) (as Jan)
- 1987 *The Big Town* (Bolt) (as J. C. Cullen); *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturie—doc)
- 1988 *Kansas* (David Stevens) (as Doyle Kennedy)
- 1989 *Drugstore Cowboy* (Van Sant) (as Bob Hughes); *Bloodhounds of Broadway* (Brookner) (as Regret); *When He's Not a Stranger* (John Gray—for TV)
- 1991 *A Kiss before Dying* (Dearden) (as Jonathan Corliss); "Return to Kansas City" ep. of *Women & Men II* (*Women & Men*:



Matt Dillon in *Tex*

- In Love There Are No Rules* (Bernstein, Figgis, and Zea—for TV) (as Eddie Megeffin)
- 1992 *Singles* (Crowe) (as Cliff Poncier); *Malcolm X* (Spike Lee) (as DJ at the Harlem “Y” Dance)
- 1993 *The Saint of Fort Washington* (Hunter) (as Matthew); *Mr. Wonderful* (Minghella) (as Gus DeMarco)
- 1994 *Golden Gate* (Madden) (as Kevin Walker)
- 1995 *To Die For* (Van Sant) (as Larry Maretto); *Frankie Starlight* (Lindsay-Hogg) (as Terry Klout)
- 1996 *Beautiful Girls* (Ted Demme) (as Tommy “Birdman” Rowland); *Albino Alligator* (Spacey) (as Dova); *Grace of My Heart* (Anders) (as Jay Phillips)
- 1997 *In & Out* (Oz) (as Cameron Drake); *Pitch* (Hotz, Rice) (doc) (as himself)
- 1998 *Wild Things* (McNaughton) (as Sam Lombardo); *There’s Something About Mary* (Peter & Bobby Farrelly) (as Pat Healy)
- 2000 *One Night at McCools* (Zwart) (as Randy)

Other Films:

- 2000 *City of Ghosts* (d, co-sc)

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Early in his career, Matt Dillon came to personify the alienated celluloid teen, adept at conveying adolescent angst (if not outright menace). Sometimes, his characters were thoroughly amoral and antisocial, such as Richie, the nihilistic young punk, in his debut feature, Jonathan Kaplan's much-underrated *Over the Edge*. As a depiction of disarray among suburban (as opposed to urban) teenagers, *Over the Edge* may be linked to the classic of the genre, *Rebel Without a Cause*. Dillon's presence in the film served as a solid launching pad to screen stardom.

From *Over the Edge*, he segued into secondary roles as the stereotypical teen bully in *Little Darlings* and *My Bodyguard*. In what were his most highly publicized early films, *The Outsiders* and *Rumble Fish* (both directed by Francis Coppola, and based on the writings of S. E. Hinton), Dillon played troubled teens who were more complexly drawn. Unfortunately, both films were far from the definitive views of youthful angst intended by the director. Dillon earlier had played a variation of his *Outsiders/Rumble Fish* characters in Tim Hunter's *Tex*, a far more cohesive adaptation of an S. E. Hinton story, in which he effectively conveys his character's insecurity and vulnerability. But easily the most congenial of his early performances came in *The Flamingo Kid*. Here, Dillon winningly plays a young man who is an outsider because of class, and who is anything but surly and antisocial. He is the child of a Brooklyn blue-collar family whose upwardly mobile instincts take root when he hires on as a cabana boy at a country club.

The Flamingo Kid might have been a career breakthrough. But what followed for Dillon was a spate of roles in films that were essentially minor in nature (*Rebel*, *The Big Town*, and *Kansas*), or those with higher pedigrees which were outright misfires (*Target*). During the second half of the 1980s it appeared as if Dillon's career was in the process of self-destructing; furthermore, he already had entered his twenties, and could not forever play troubled or rebellious (or even likable) young antiheroes.

His celluloid salvation came when he was cast as Bob Hughes, the junkie-thief, in Gus Van Sant's *Drugstore Cowboy*. The film is a vivid depiction of life and survival within a drug subculture, and for Dillon

it was a transitional role. Upon its release, many critics expressed surprise at the excellence of his performance. But he always had been a fine actor. This misconception regarding his talent was fostered by the fact that too many of his films had been undistinguished, and were quickly forgotten. His films with Coppola were disappointments; *Over the Edge* was barely seen. So *Tex* and *The Flamingo Kid* seemed to be deviations in a lackluster career. Additionally, Dillon may have suffered, in terms of the critical estimate of his acting ability, from having such a handsome face. He was victimized by the widespread prejudice that if you are beautiful you cannot act, and if you can act you cannot be beautiful.

In *Drugstore Cowboy*, however, Dillon proved that he indeed knew how to act. He followed up by doing nicely as the ill-fated homeless camera buff befriended by Danny Glover in the unfortunately overlooked *The Saint of Fort Washington*; the ex-husband who tries to avoid paying alimony by marrying off former wife Annabella Sciorra in *Mr. Wonderful*; and the ill-fated husband of Nicole Kidman in *To Die For*. The latter role is especially interesting, given the roots of Dillon's screen persona. His Larry Maretto, a loving and well-adjusted nice guy who is satisfied with his small-town American life and only wants to start a family with his wife, is the antithesis of his early roles. Rather than being the cause of (or conduit for) chaos, Larry is the victim, as his murder is instigated by his wife—and he is bumped off by the type of characters he might have played a decade earlier.

By the mid-1990s, the careers of quite a few of the previous decade's young celluloid hopefuls had evaporated. C. Thomas Howell, Jim Metzler, Chris Makepeace, Leif Garrett, Vincent Spano, Ralph Macchio, and even Oscar-winner Tatum O'Neal are among Dillon's early 1980s co-stars who no longer were promising personalities or hot properties; such is the fleeting nature of stardom. Dillon, happily, was an exception. And he insured his industry foothold by offering a nice array of performances in the second half of the decade: a small-town Romeo who cheats on his longtime girlfriend with his old, now-married high school flame (*Beautiful Girls*); a crazed genius rock musician, a character loosely based on the Beach Boys' Brian Wilson (*Grace of My Heart*); an Oscar-winning actor who outs his high school English teacher (*In & Out*); a thief who is a combination charmer-devil (*Albino Alligator*); a high school guidance counselor accused of raping two sexpot students (*Wild Things*); and, most hilariously, an oily private investigator who comes complete with a pencil-thin moustache (*There's Something About Mary*).

Unlike Tom Cruise and Demi Moore, his fellow survivors of the 1980s, Matt Dillon has not become a mega-watt star who commands a multimillion-dollar salary. Instead, he is a working actor and all-purpose performer whose solidly reliable on-screen presence has portended his professional staying power.

—Rob Edelman

DONAT, Robert

Nationality: British. **Born:** Withington, near Manchester, 18 March 1905. **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Ella Annesey Voysey, 1930 (divorced 1948), three children; 2) the actress Renée Asherson. **Career:** Left school at 14; toured with elocution teacher James Barnard giving Bible readings and Shakespearian recitals; 1921—joined Henry Baynton touring company as actor, stage manager,



Robert Donat with Greer Garson in *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*

assistant director; 1924—toured with Sir Frank Benson company as featured actor, directed occasionally; 1928—joined Liverpool Repertory Co. 1930—first West End appearance as Gideon Sarn in *Precious Bane*; 1932—contract with Alexander Korda; continued to perform on stage throughout film career; 1934—starring role in *The Count of Monte Cristo* established film career; ill health due to chronic asthma caused cancellation of several projects during career; 1939—acted with Old Vic company; 1940s—active as stage producer in addition to acting; 1953—last theatrical appearance in *Murder in the Cathedral*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, 1939; Special Citation, D. W. Griffith Awards, for “the valor of his last performance in *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*,” 1958. **Died:** 9 June 1958.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *Men of Tomorrow* (Sagan) (as Julian Angell); *That Night in London (Overnight)* (Lee) (as Dick Warren); *Cash (For Love or Money)* (Zoltan Korda) (as Paul Martin); *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (Alexander Korda) (as Thomas Culpepper)
- 1934 *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Lee) (as Edmond Dantes)
- 1935 *The 39 Steps* (Hitchcock) (as Richard Hannay)
- 1936 *The Ghost Goes West* (Clair) (as Murdoch Glourie/Donald Glourie)
- 1937 *Knight without Armour* (Feyder) (as A. J. Fothergill)
- 1938 *The Citadel* (Vidor) (as Dr. Andrew Manson)

- 1939 *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (Wood) (as Charles Edward Chipping)
- 1942 *Young Mr. Pitt* (Reed) (as William Pitt)
- 1943 *The Adventures of Tartu (Tartu)* (Bucquet) (as Terrance Stevenson)
- 1946 *Perfect Strangers (Vacation from Marriage)* (Korda) (as Robert Wilson)
- 1947 *Captain Boycott (Lauder)* (as Charles Stewart Parnell); *The British—Are They Artistic? (This Modern Age, Number Sixteen)* (pr: Nolbandov—short) (as interviewee)
- 1948 *The Winslow Boy* (Asquith) (as Sir Robert Morton)
- 1951 *The Magic Box* (Boulton) (as William Friesse-Greene)
- 1954 *Lease of Life* (Frend) (as Rev. William Thorne)
- 1956 *The Stained Glass at Fairford* (Wright—doc) (as narrator)
- 1958 *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (Robson) (as Chinese mandarin)

Film as Producer and Director:

- 1949 *The Cure for Love* (+ co-sc, ro as Sgt Jack Hardacre)

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Robert Donat was one of the martyrs of the acting profession, a potentially great actor hampered by ill-health, which he resolutely strove to overcome throughout his career. Though favored with romantic, even dashing good looks and a richly beautiful voice, he had initially to cope in childhood with a serious stutter. Training in elocution gradually controlled this nervous impediment, with the result that, once established as an actor, he became famous alike for his voice and his sensitivity of expression. However, he also suffered from chronic asthma throughout his life.

Before his London debut in 1930, he had had virtually a decade of experience as a youthful actor in repertory and touring companies, performing in a wide range of plays, including those of Shakespeare. He developed a particular gift for reciting verse, which he was later to consolidate through his recordings. After rejecting an offer from Irving Thalberg—he had a particular dread of going to Hollywood—he accepted a contract with Alexander Korda and, like Merle Oberon as Anne Boleyn, achieved stardom in *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, in which he played her ill-fated lover. After that he played Edmond Dantes successfully in an American version of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, but this single experience only confirmed him in his view that

he must remain in England, where until his death in 1958 he was always the much admired star of stage and screen.

He appeared in one of Hitchcock's best, and most romantic, British films, *The 39 Steps*, and brought charm and distinction to René Clair's English film made for Korda, *The Ghost Goes West*. After working with Marlene Dietrich in *Knight without Armour* and playing the doctor in the film version of A. J. Cronin's novel *The Citadel*, he won an Academy Award for his remarkable achievement spanning youth to extreme old age as the beloved schoolmaster in *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*. Later roles included the title role in *The Young Mr. Pitt*, the dedicated lawyer in the film of Rattigan's play *The Winslow Boy*, and the British film pioneer William Friese-Greene in *The Magic Box*.

Donat's health finally gave way during the filming of *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, which he only managed to complete with the help of oxygen. The last line he spoke in the film became famous for its tragic appositeness: "We shall not see each other again, I think. Farewell." He died before the picture was released.

—Roger Manvell

DOUGLAS, Kirk

Nationality: American. **Born:** Issur Danielovitch in Amsterdam, New York, 9 December 1916. **Education:** Attended St. Lawrence University, 1935–39, B.A.; American Academy of Dramatic Art, 1939–41. **Military Service:** 1943–44—served as lieutenant in U.S. Navy. **Family:** Married 1) Diana Dill, 1943 (divorced 1951), sons:



Kirk Douglas (right) with Paul Stewart in *Champion*

Joel and the actor-producer Michael Douglas; 2) Anne Budyens, 1954, sons: Peter and Eric. **Career:** 1939–41—acted in summer stock in New York and Pennsylvania; also served as drama coach for Greenwich House Settlement in New York City; 1941—Broadway acting debut in *Spring Again*; 1942—in Broadway play *Three Sisters* under pseudonym George Spelvin Jr.; 1946—screen acting debut in *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers*; five-year contract with Wallis; 1947—contract with Wallis terminated, began to freelance as actor; 1949—contract with Warner Brothers; 1952—left Warners to form own film production company, Bryna Productions; 1957—TV acting debut; 1960—producer for first time on *Spartacus*; 1962—formed Joel Productions, an offshoot of Bryna; 1973—directed first film *Scalawag*; 1976—in TV mini-series *The Moneychangers*; 1987—in TV mini-series *Queenie*; 1988—published autobiography, *The Ragman's Son*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Lust for Life*, 1956; Cecil B. DeMille Prize, U.S. Golden Globe Awards, 1967; U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1981; elected to the Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1984; Knight, Legion of Honor, France, 1985; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1991; Honorary Academy Award, 1996. **Address:** c/o Bryna Company, 141 El Camino, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers* (Milestone) (as Walter O'Neil)
- 1947 *Mourning Becomes Electra* (Nichols) (as Peter Niles); *Out of the Past* (*Build My Gallows High*) (J. Tourneur) (as Whit); *I Walk Alone* (Haskin) (as Noll Turner)
- 1948 *The Walls of Jericho* (Stahl) (as Tucker Wedge); *My Dear Secretary* (Martin) (as Owen Waterbury); *A Letter to Three Wives* (Mankiewicz) (as George Phipps)
- 1949 *Champion* (Robson) (as Midge Kelly)
- 1950 *Young Man with a Horn* (*Young Man of Music*) (Curtiz) (as Rick Martin); *The Glass Menagerie* (Rapper) (as Jim O'Connor)
- 1951 *Along the Great Divide* (Walsh) (as U.S. Marshal Clint Merrick); *The Big Carnival* (*Ace in the Hole*) (Wilder) (as Charles Tatum); *Detective Story* (Wyler) (as Jim McLeod)
- 1952 *The Big Trees* (Feist) (as Jim Fallon); *The Big Sky* (Hawks) (as Deakins); *The Bad and the Beautiful* (Minnelli) (as Jonathan Shields)
- 1953 "Equilibrium" ep. of *The Story of Three Loves* (G. Reinhardt) (as Pierre Narval); *The Juggler* (Dmytryk) (as Hans Muller); *Act of Love* (*Un Acte d'amour*) (Litvak) (as Robert Teller)
- 1954 *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* (Fleischer) (as Ned Land); *Ulysses* (Camerini) (title role)
- 1955 *The Racers* (*Such Men Are Dangerous*) (Hathaway) (as Gino); *Man without a Star* (King Vidor) (as Dempsey Rae); *The Indian Fighter* (de Toth) (as Johnny Hawks)
- 1956 *Lust for Life* (Minnelli) (as Vincent Van Gogh)
- 1957 *Top Secret Affair* (*Their Secret Affair*) (Potter) (as Major General Melville Goodwin); *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (John Sturges) (as Doc Holliday); *Paths of Glory* (Kubrick) (as Colonel Dax)

- 1958 *The Vikings* (Fleischer) (as Einer)
 1959 *Last Train from Gun Hill* (John Sturges) (as Matt Morgan);
The Devil's Disciple (Hamilton) (as Richard Dudgeon)
 1960 *Strangers When We Meet* (Quine) (as Larry Coe); *Spartacus*
 (Kubrick) (title role, + exec pr)
 1961 *The Last Sunset* (Aldrich) (as Brendan O'Malley); *Town*
without Pity (G. Reinhardt) (as Major Steve Garrett)
 1962 *Lonely Are the Brave* (D. Miller) (as Jack Burns); *Two Weeks*
in Another Town (Minnelli) (as Jack Andrus)
 1963 *The Hook* (Seaton) (as First Sergeant P. J. Briscoe); *For Love*
or Money (Gordon) (as Deke Gentry); *The List of Adrian*
Messenger (Huston) (as George Brougham)
 1964 *Seven Days in May* (Frankenheimer) (as Colonel Martin
 "Jiggs" Casey)
 1965 *In Harm's Way* (Preminger) (as Commander Paul Eddington);
The Heroes of Telemark (Anthony Mann) (as Dr. Rolf
 Pedersen)
 1966 *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson) (as David "Mickey"
 Marcus); *Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)* (Clément)
 (as General George Patton)
 1967 *The Way West* (McLagen) (as Senator William J. Tadlock);
The War Wagon (Kennedy) (as Lomax)
 1968 *A Lovely Way to Die (A Lovely Way to Go)* (Rich) (as Jim
 Schuyler)
 1969 *The Brotherhood* (Ritt) (as Frank Ginetta, + pr); *The Arrange-*
ment (Kazan) (as Eddie Anderson); *French Lunch*
 (Cox—short)
 1970 *There Was a Crooked Man* (Mankiewicz) (as Paris Pitman Jr.)
 1971 *A Gunfight* (Johnson) (as Will Tenneray); *La luz del fin del*
mondo (The Light at the Edge of the World) (Billington) (as
 Denton, + pr); *Catch Me a Spy* (D. Clement) (as Andre)
 1974 *Un uomo da rispettare (The Master Touch; Hearts and Minds;*
A Man to Respect) (Lupo) (as Wallace); *Mousey (Cat and*
Mouse) (Petrie) (as George Anderson)
 1975 *Once Is Not Enough* (Green) (as Mike Wayne)
 1976 *Victory at Entebbe* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Hershel Vilnovsky)
 1978 *The Fury* (De Palma) (as Peter); *The Chosen* (De Martino)
 (as Caine)
 1979 *The Villain* (Needham) (as Cactus Jack)
 1980 *The Final Countdown* (Don Taylor) (as Capt. Matthew Yelland);
Saturn Three (Donen) (as Adam); *Home Movies* (De Palma)
 (as Dr. Tuttle)
 1981 *La Luz del Fin del Mundo* (Billington) (+ pr)
 1982 *Remembrance of Love* (Smight—for TV); *The Man from*
Snowy River (George Miller) (as Spur)
 1983 *Eddie Macon's Run* (Haley and Rauch) (as Marzack)
 1984 *Draw!* (Stern—for TV) (as Harry H. Holland)
 1985 *Amos* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Amos Lacher)
 1986 *Tough Guys* (Kanew) (as Archie Long)
 1988 *Inherit the Wind* (Greene—for TV) (as William Jennings Bryan)
 1990 *Money* (Stern)
 1991 *Oscar* (Landis) (as Snaps's father); *Bienvenido a Veraz (Wel-*
come to Veraz) (Xavier Castano) (as Quentin)
 1992 *The Secret* (Arthur—for TV) (as Mike Dunmore)
 1994 *Greedy* (Lynn) (as Uncle Joe McTeague); *Take Me Home*
Again (for TV) (as Ed Reece)
 1999 *Diamonds* (Asher) (as Harry)

Films as Director:

- 1973 *Scalawag* (+ ro)
 1975 *Posse* (+ ro, pr)

Other Film:

- 1971 *Summertree* (Newley and Record) (pr)

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Now approaching his sixth decade of movie stardom, Kirk Douglas has played lead roles in the vast majority of the 70-odd films he has made. His screen persona has been characterized by resoluteness and ferocity, the typical ingredients of his steadfast, driven heroes, and occasionally the psychological foundation for his formidable and relentless villains. These variations on a theme of perseverance have pleased audiences who have come to know the Douglas face as a movie icon—eyes blazing with anger or resistance, teeth clenched in determination, a distinctive cleft in his firmly planted chin.

Following a brief Broadway career and Navy service during World War II, Douglas made his movie debut in a supporting role as the ineffectual district attorney husband of Barbara Stanwyck in Lewis Milestone's melodrama *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers*. After appearing in another half-dozen features, Douglas earned major stardom as an unscrupulous boxer who punches and claws his way to the top in Mark Robson's *Champion*, a performance which earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor.

The next few years saw him star in a series of exceptional films by front-rank directors, including Michael Curtiz's *Young Man with a Horn*, Raoul Walsh's *Along the Great Divide*, Billy Wilder's *The Big Carnival*, William Wyler's *Detective Story*, Howard Hawks's *The Big Sky*, Vincente Minnelli's *The Bad and the Beautiful*, and King Vidor's *Man without a Star*. This series of memorable, strong-willed protagonists fixed the Douglas image firmly in the public's consciousness.

The actor's intense portrayal of the tormented Vincent van Gogh in Minnelli's *Lust for Life* was followed by that of an idealistic French officer fighting a corrupt military bureaucracy during World War I in Stanley Kubrick's powerful antiwar film *Paths of Glory*. Three years later, he again starred for Kubrick in the historical epic *Spartacus* as a slave who leads an insurrection against the powerful and oppressive leaders of Imperial Rome. In both Kubrick films, Douglas plays a strong-willed, noble leader who suffers an unjust defeat.

Although the 1950s was his most accomplished decade, Douglas continued to star as a rugged individual in respectable, entertaining movies in the 1960s, including David Miller's *Lonely Are the Brave*, Minnelli's *Two Weeks in Another Town*, and John Frankenheimer's *Seven Days in May*. Nevertheless, many of his film projects of that era—including some through the auspices of Bryna Productions, his own production company—were of mediocre quality.

At the end of the 1960s, Douglas starred in what he has referred to as a trilogy: Martin Ritt's *The Brotherhood* (as a Mafia leader), Elia Kazan's *The Arrangement* (as an advertising executive), and Joseph L. Mankiewicz's *There Was a Crooked Man* (as a prison inmate obsessed with escaping). The films were of wildly uneven quality, to be sure, but they served as evidence that Douglas, fast approaching 60, remained a sturdy, effective leading man.

None of his theatrical films since then has made such a strong impact, although as a canny veteran actor Douglas remains a convincing and watchable presence, effortlessly communicating resolve and urgency. Among his better late-career credits are *Tough Guys*, in which he was cast one final time with longtime friend and frequent co-star Burt Lancaster; the television movie *Remembrance of Love*, portraying a concentration camp survivor who has an emotional reunion with a woman he had loved decades earlier, in the Warsaw Ghetto; and another television movie, *Amos*, in which he played an elderly man living against his will in a nursing home.

Finally, in his seventies, Douglas has launched a new career as a writer. In 1988, he published his autobiography, *The Ragman's Son*, and since has written several novels.

—Bill Wine, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

DOUGLAS, Melvyn

Nationality: American. **Born:** Melvyn Edouard Hesselberg in Macon, Georgia, 5 April 1901. **Military Service:** 1918—served in U.S. Army; enlisted in Army as private, rose to rank of major, serving in India-China-Burma theater. **Family:** Married the actress (and later politician) Helen Gahagan, 1931 (died 1980), children: Peter and Mary; son Gregory by previous marriage. **Career:** 1919—joined Owens repertory company, acting debut in Chicago in *The Merchant of Venice*; changed surname to Douglas; 1920s—toured Midwest with Owens and Jessie Bonstelle companies; 1928—in Broadway production of *A Free Soul*; 1931—film debut under contract to Goldwyn in *Tonight or Never*; 1933—requested release from contract and returned to Broadway; 1935—7-year contract with Columbia; late 1930s—with wife became increasingly involved in support of liberal political causes; 1940—delegate to Democratic Convention; signs contract with MGM; 1942—appointed director of the Arts Council of the Office of Civilian Defense; 1946—produced successful musical revue *Call Me Mister*; 1950s—television work, including *Steve Randall* series, 1952–53, and *Blind Date*, 1953; host, *Frontier Justice* series, 1959; 1951—moved to New York, stage acting successes in *Inherit the Wind* (1955), *The Waltz of the Toreadors* (1957), and *The Best Man* (1960); 1962—resumed film acting. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *Hud*, 1963; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award and Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Being There*, 1979. **Died:** 4 August 1981.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *Tonight or Never* (LeRoy) (as Fletcher)
- 1932 *As You Desire Me* (Fitzmaurice) (as Count Bruno Varelli); *Prestige* (Garnett) (as Lieutenant Andre Verlaine); *The Wiser Sex* (Viertel) (as David Rolfe); *The Broken Wing* (Corrigan) (as Philip Marvin); *The Old Dark House* (Whale) (as Roger Penderel)



Melvyn Douglas (center) with Brandon DeWilde and Paul Newman (right) in *Hud*

- 1933 *The Vampire Bat* (Strayer) (as Karl Brettschneider); *Nagana* (Frank) (as Dr. Walt Radnor); *Counsellor-at-Law* (Wylar) (as Roy Darwin)
- 1934 *Dangerous Corner* (Rosen) (as Charles); *Woman in the Dark* (Rosen) (as Robson)
- 1935 *The People's Enemy* (Wilbur) (as Traps); *She Married Her Boss* (La Cava) (as Richard Barclay); *Annie Oakley* (Stevens) (as Jeff Hogarth); *Mary Burns, Fugitive* (Howard) (as Barton Powell); *The Lone Wolf Returns* (Neill) (as Michael Lanyard)
- 1936 *And So They Were Married* (Nugent) (as Stephen Blake); *Theodora Goes Wild* (Boleslawski) (as Michael Grant)
- 1937 *Women of Glamour* (Wiles) (as Richard Stark); *I'll Take Romance* (Griffith) (as James Guthrie); *I Met Him in Paris* (Ruggles) (as George Potter); *Angel* (Lubitsch) (as Anthony Halton); *Captains Courageous* (Fleming)
- 1938 *Arsene Lupin Returns* (Fitzmaurice) (as Arsene Lupin); *Fast Company* (Buzzell) (as Joel Sloane); *The Toy Wife* (Thorpe) (as George Sartoris); *There's Always a Woman* (Hall) (as William Reardon); *The Shining Hour* (Borzage) (as Henry Linden); *That Certain Age* (Ludwig) (as Vincent Bulitt)
- 1939 *There's That Woman Again* (Hall) (as William Reardon); *Tell No Tales* (Fenton) (as Michael Cassidy); *Ninotchka* (Lubitsch) (as Count Leon Dalga); *Good Girls Go to Paris* (Hall) (as Ronald Brooke); *The Amazing Mr. Williams* (Hall) (as Kenny Williams)
- 1940 *Too Many Husbands* (Ruggles) (as Henry Lowndes); *He Stayed for Breakfast* (Hall) (as Paul Boliet); *Third Finger Left Hand* (Leonard) (as Jeff Thompson)
- 1941 *This Thing Called Love* (Hall) (as Tice Collins); *That Uncertain Feeling* (Lubitsch) (as Larry Baker); *A Woman's Face* (Cukor) (as Dr. Gustaf Segert); *Our Wife* (Stahl) (as Jerry Marvin); *Two-Faced Woman* (Cukor) (as Larry Blake)
- 1942 *We Were Dancing* (Leonard) (as Nicki Prax); *They All Kissed the Bride* (Hall) (as Michael Holmes)
- 1943 *Three Hearts for Julia* (Thorpe) (as Jeff Seabrook)
- 1947 *Sea of Grass* (Kazan) (as Bruce Chamberlain); *The Guilt of Janet Ames* (Levin) (as Smithfield Cobb)
- 1948 *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (Potter) (as Bill Cole); *My Own True Love* (Bennett) (as Clive Heath)
- 1949 *A Woman's Secret* (Ray) (as Luke Jordan); *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak) (as Armand de Glasse)
- 1951 *My Forbidden Past* (Stevenson) (as Paul Beaurevel); *On the Loose* (Lederer) (as Frank Bradley)
- 1962 *Billy Budd* (Ustinov) (as The Dansker)
- 1963 *Hud* (Ritt) (as Homer Bannon)
- 1964 *Advance to the Rear* (Marshall) (as Col. Brackenby); *The Americanization of Emily* (Hiller) (as Adm. William Jessup)

- 1965 *Rapture* (Guillerman) (as Larbaud)
 1967 *Hotel* (Quine) (as Warren Trent)
 1968 *Companions in Nightmare* (Lloyd—for TV)
 1970 *I Never Sang for My Father* (Cates) (as Tony Garrison);
Hunters Are for Killing (Girard—for TV)
 1971 *Death Takes a Holiday* (Larkin—for TV)
 1972 *One Is a Lonely Number* (Stuart) (as Joseph Provo); *The Candidate* (Ritchie) (as John J. McCay)
 1974 *The Death Squad* (Falk—for TV); *Murder or Mercy* (Hart—for TV)
 1976 *The Tenant* (Polanski) (as Monsieur Zy)
 1977 *Intimate Strangers* (*Battered!*) (Moxey—for TV); *Twilight's Last Gleaming* (Aldrich) (as Zachariah Guthrie)
 1979 *The Seduction of Joe Tynan* (Schatzberg) (as Senator Birney);
Being There (Ashby) (as Benjamin Rand); *The Changeling* (Medak) (as Senator Joseph Carmichael)
 1980 *Tell Me a Riddle* (Grant) (as David)
 1981 *French Kiss* (*Act of Deceit*) (Vadim) (as Max); *Ghost Story* (Irvin) (as John Kaffrey)

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Melvyn Douglas's career may be divided into two major periods, each of which earned him a considerable reputation as a skillful performer. Although Douglas began as a dramatic actor and played

numerous serious roles during the 1930s, he was most effective in sophisticated comedy. In the latter half of the decade, beginning with *She Married Her Boss*, Douglas appeared in a series of films in which his suaveness functioned as both a source of romantic appeal and the means by which he became, in reaction to humorous circumstances, the heroine's foil.

Theodora Goes Wild, an early screwball comedy, confirmed Douglas's ability, which he shared with Cary Grant, to maintain the credibility of a leading man while having his masculine ego deflated through increasingly foolish behavior. This ability is most fully realized in *Ninotchka* which, in a way, concerns Douglas's persona as much as Garbo's. Lubitsch, in particular, is attuned to the class and gender implications Douglas's presence carries. In *Ninotchka* Lubitsch subtly undermines Douglas's debonair manner through a number of witty verbal exchanges in which Garbo, who, from Douglas's viewpoint, lacks humor and sophistication, gets the upper hand and then crowns this strategy, in the famous moment when "Garbo laughs," by having Douglas take a very undignified pratfall. Although Douglas appeared in other successful comedies in the late 1940s, this film remains the highlight of this period of his career.

In the early 1950s, Douglas abandoned Hollywood to devote himself to the theater; after more than 10 years, he returned to filmmaking as a character actor in *Billy Budd*. In the interim, Douglas had developed into a distinguished dramatic actor and his Academy Award-winning performance in *Hud* was followed by a series of memorable roles. Of his late films, *Tell Me a Riddle*, in addition to being a stunning film, contains one of Douglas's most sensitive, humane, and touching portrayals as an elderly, conservative man, who, on the brink of his wife's death, is compelled to grapple with her feminist and socialist principles.

—Richard Lippe

DOUGLAS, Michael

Nationality: American. **Born:** Michael Kirk Douglas in New Brunswick, New Jersey, 25 September 1944; son of the actor Kirk Douglas. **Education:** Attended Choate preparatory school, Wallingford, Connecticut; University of California at Santa Barbara, graduated in drama, 1968; studied acting with Wynn Handman at the American Place Theatre in New York City. **Family:** Married Diandra Luker, 1977 (divorced), son: Cameron. **Career:** Worked as an assistant director on a film starring his father, *The Heroes of Telemark*, 1965; also acted at the O'Neill Center's Playwrights' Conference during university vacations; made his screen debut in *Hail, Hero!*, 1969; appeared as Inspector Steve Keller in *The Streets of San Francisco* for TV, 1972–76; was co-producer of the Oscar-winning *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 1975; signed a three-year production deal with Columbia Pictures, 1988. **Awards:** Best Picture Academy Award, for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 1975; Best Actor Academy Award, National Board of Review Best Actor, Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama Golden Globe, for *Wall Street*, 1987; Hasty Pudding Theatricals Man of the Year, 1992; San Sebastian International Film Festival Donostia Lifetime Achievement Award, 1997; Karlovy Vary International Film Festival Special Prize for Outstanding Contribution to World Cinema, 1998; Honorary Cesar



Michael Douglas in *The Game*

Award, 1998. **Address:** c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Hail, Hero!* (Miller) (as Carl Dixon)
- 1970 *Adam at 6 A.M.* (Scheerer) (as Adam Gaines)
- 1971 *Summertime* (Newley) (as Jerry McAdams); *When Michael Calls* (*Shattered Silence*) (Leacock—for TV) (as Craig)
- 1972 *Napoleon and Samantha* (McEveety) (as Danny); *The Streets of San Francisco* (Grauman—for TV) (as Steve Keller)
- 1978 *Coma* (Crichton) (as Mark Bellows)
- 1979 *The China Syndrome* (Bridges) (as Richard Adams) (+ pr); *Running* (Steyn) (as Michael Andropolis)
- 1980 *It's My Turn* (Weill) (as Ben Lewin)
- 1983 *The Star Chamber* (Hyams) (as Steven Hardin)
- 1984 *Romancing the Stone* (Zemeckis) (as Jack C. Colton) (+ pr)
- 1985 *A Chorus Line* (Attenborough) (as Zach); *The Jewel of the Nile* (Teague) (as Jack C. Colton) (+ pr)
- 1987 *Fatal Attraction* (Lyne) (as Dan Gallagher); *Wall Street* (Stone) (as Gordon Gekko)
- 1989 *Black Rain* (Scott) (as Nick Conklin); *The War of the Roses* (DeVito) (as Oliver Rose)
- 1992 *Shining Through* (Seltzer) (as Ed Leland); *Basic Instinct* (Verhoeven) (as Detective Nick Curran)
- 1993 *Falling Down* (Schumacher) (as William Foster/D-Fens)
- 1994 *Disclosure* (Levinson) (as Tom Sanders)
- 1995 *The American President* (Reiner) (as President Andrew Shepherd)
- 1996 *The Ghost and the Darkness* (Hopkins) (as Remington) (+ co-exec pr)
- 1997 *The Game* (Fincher) (as Nicholas Van Orton)
- 1998 *A Perfect Murder* (Davis) (as Steven Taylor)
- 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (doc) (as himself)
- 2000 *Wonder Boys* (Hanson) (as Grady Tripp); *One Night at McCool's* (Zwart) (as Mr. Burmcister) (+ pr); *Traffic* (Soderbergh) (as Judge Robert Lewis)

Other Films:

- 1962 *Lonely Are the Brave* (Miller) (asst d)
- 1965 *The Heroes of Telemark* (Anthony Mann) (asst d)
- 1966 *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson) (asst d)
- 1975 *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Forman) (co-pr)
- 1984 *Starman* (John Carpenter's *Starman*) (Carpenter) (exec pr)
- 1990 *Flatliners* (Schumacher) (co-pr)

- 1991 *Eyes of an Angel (The Tender)* (Harmon) (exec pr)
 1992 *Radio Flyer* (Richard Donner) (exec pr)
 1993 *Made in America* (Benjamin) (co-pr)
 1997 *Face/Off* (Woo) (co-exec pr); *The Rainmaker* (John Grisham's
The Rainmaker) (Coppola) (co-exec pr)
 2000 *One Night at McCool's* (Zwart) (pr)

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Son of the equally famous movie icon Kirk Douglas, Michael Douglas has come to personify the contemporary, Caucasian middle-to-upper-class American male who finds himself the brunt of female anger because of real or imagined sexual slights. To this harried representative of his gender, any kind of sexual contact with someone other than his mate and the mother of his children is destined to come at a costly price.

In *Fatal Attraction*, he is an otherwise happily married man whose one-night stand with a seductress-from-Hell (Glenn Close) transforms his—and his family's—existence into a never-ending horror movie. In *Basic Instinct*—a title that purposefully features the same cadence as *Fatal Attraction*—he is a cop whose sense of professionalism evaporates when he becomes involved with a sexy murder suspect (Sharon Stone). *Disclosure* is a drama of sexual harassment in the workplace, only the tables are turned: the boss, the sexually aggressive harasser (Demi Moore), is a woman, while the underling, the happily-married nice-guy harassee (Douglas), is a man. The female characters in *Fatal Attraction*, *Basic Instinct*, and *Disclosure* are cutthroat villainesses, an anti-feminist's fantasy of a man-eating monster. Poor Michael Douglas is the Everyman who must contend with, and be victimized by, these women and their raging, psychotic sexuality.

A fourth film to add to this trio is *The War of the Roses*, only here Douglas's tormentor is his wife (Kathleen Turner), with whom he is in the throes of divorce and cannot agree on a property settlement. *The War of the Roses* extends the Douglas Everyman in that his tormentor does not come from outside the family circle. His character literally digs into the trenches and goes to war with the woman whom he once loved.

Falling Down is a natural extension of *The War of the Roses*. Here, Douglas plays an alienated powder keg who has lost his job and is estranged from his wife. All of his humanity has been stripped away by an uncaring society. One day, he explodes internally while his car is stuck in a traffic jam on a Los Angeles freeway, and he sets off on a violent odyssey across the urban landscape of Southern California.

Conversely, in *Wall Street*, Douglas for once gets to play the victimizer rather than the victim. Gordon Gekko is one of his most fascinating characters: the heaviest of heavy hitters, a stock and real estate speculator whose face adorns the cover of *Fortune* magazine. To Gekko, \$800,000 is just another day's profit. Ambitious young stockbroker Bud Fox (Charlie Sheen) pursues Gekko, and soon becomes the master's protege. With this position comes a price, because involvement with the ruthless, passionless Gekko means twisting the rules, using insider information to trade stocks and artificially manipulate the market. If Gekko is no nice guy lost in a maze of aggressive females, he is another incarnation of the modern American male: the greedy yuppie personification of the Me generation, a white-collar criminal from skin to soul who is convinced that "greed is good," and who is a fitting corporate villain for the Reagan years. He is played by Douglas with just the right touch of menace and swagger.

Upon Douglas's earning major screen stardom in the mid-1980s with his delightful performance as an idealistic soldier of fortune in *Romancing the Stone* and its sequel, *The Jewel of the Nile*, it became easy to forget that he previously had enjoyed a successful career both in front of and behind the camera. In the 1970s, he co-starred with Karl Malden in the long-running television series, *The Streets of San Francisco*. He was the Academy Award-winning co-producer of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. He had a nice supporting role in *The China Syndrome* (which he also produced), a first-rate drama about

the attempted cover-up of a nuclear power plant accident and one of the most intelligent Hollywood films of the late 1970s. In 1983 he had an interesting starring role in *The Star Chamber*, a provocative drama about a judge who has come to regard as inadequate the legal system with which he is such an integral part, and who becomes involved with a diabolical vigilante group. After scoring in *Fatal Attraction* and *Wall Street*, Douglas proved he could play a Stallone-like action hero in his role as a New York cop in *Black Rain*.

During the second half of the 1990s, Douglas still kept playing yuppie victims and victimizers. He was the former in *The Game*, cast as a wealthy investment banker who becomes immersed in paranoia while participating in the title diversion; he was the latter in *A Perfect Murder*, an unnecessary remake of *Dial M For Murder*, playing a merciless commodities trader who schemes to do in his unfaithful wife (Gwyneth Paltrow). Douglas returned to the thriller genre in *The Ghost and the Darkness*, cast as a fabled American game hunter in 1896 East Africa. But in his best roles of the period, he deviates from these personas. First he reinvented himself as a suave, Clintonesque chief executive, a widower who begins dating a feisty environmental lobbyist (Annette Bening), in *The American President*. Then he gave his most acclaimed performance in years in *Wonder Boys*, cast as a disheveled, pot-smoking college English professor/writer who fears that he will be unable to repeat the success of his first novel.

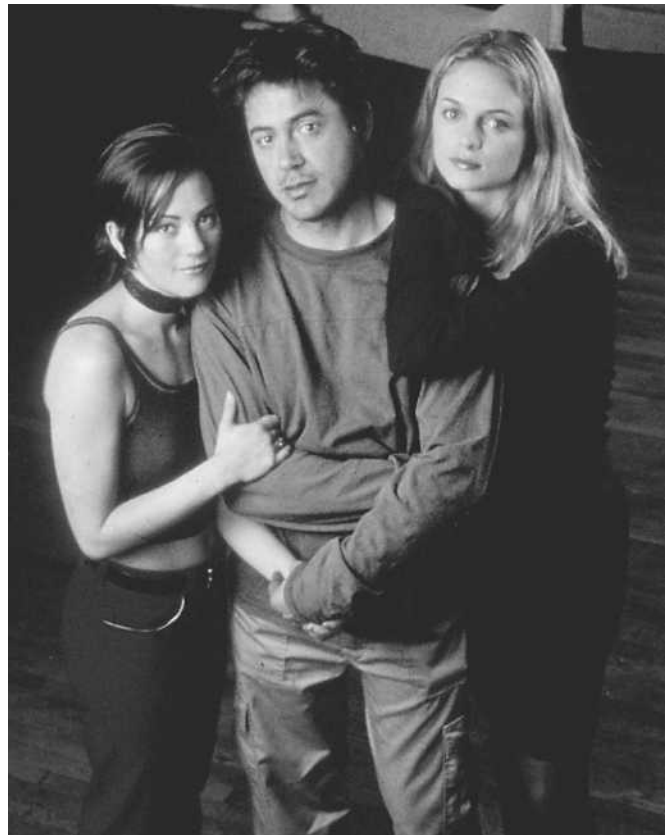
—Rob Edelman

DOWNEY, Robert Jr.

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York, New York, 4 April 1965; son of Robert Downey, film director and producer. **Family:** Married Deborah Falconer (an actress, singer, and songwriter), 1993; children: Indio (son). **Career:** Actor; appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, 1985–86; partner, Herd of Turtles production company. **Awards:** British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Award for Best Actor, for *Chaplin*, 1993; Boston Society of Film Critics Award (Third Place) for Best Supporting Actor, for *One Night Stand*, 1997. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90212–4183, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1970 *Pound* (Downey, Sr.) (as Puppy)
- 1972 *Greaser's Palace* (Downey, Sr.) (uncredited)
- 1980 *Up the Academy* (Downey, Sr.) (uncredited)
- 1983 *Baby, It's You* (Sayles) (as Stewart)
- 1984 *Firstborn* (Apted) (as Lee)
- 1985 *Weird Science* (as Robert Downey) (Hughes) (as Ian); *Tuff Turf* (as Robert Downey) (Kiersch) (as Jimmy Parker); *Mussolini: The Untold Story* (Graham—mini for TV) (as Bruno Mussolini)
- 1986 *Back to School* (Metter) (as Derek); *America* (Moonbeam) (Downey, Sr.)
- 1987 *Less Than Zero* (Kanievsky) (as Julian Wells); *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturié—doc, for TV) (as voice); *The Pick-up Artist* (Toback) (as Jack Jericho)



Robert Downey, Jr. with Natasha Gregson Wagner (left) and Heather Graham in *Two Girls and a Guy*

- 1988 *1969* (Thompson) (as Ralph); *Johnny Be Good* (Bud S. Smith) (as Leo Wiggins); *Rented Lips* (Downey, Sr.) (as Wolf Dangler)
- 1989 *That's Adequate* (Hurwitz) (as Albert Einstein); *Chances Are* (Ardolino) (as Alex Finch); *True Believer* (*Fighting Justice*) (Ruben) (as Roger Baron)
- 1990 *Air America* (Spottiswoode) (as Billy Covington)
- 1991 *Soapdish* (Hoffman) (as David Seton Barnes); *Too Much Sun* (Downey, Sr.) (as Reed Richmond)
- 1992 *Chaplin* (Attenborough) (as Charlie Chaplin)
- 1993 *Short Cuts* (Altman) (as Bill Bush); *Heart and Souls* (Underwood) (as Thomas Reilly); *The Last Party* (doc) (Benjamin and Levin) (as himself, + sc); *Luck, Trust & Ketchup: Robert Altman In Carver Country* (doc) (Dorr and Kaplan) (as Himself/Interviewee)
- 1994 *Natural Born Killers* (Stone) (as Wayne Gale); *A Century of Cinema* (doc) (Thomas) (as Himself); *Only You* (*Him; Just in Time*) (Jewison) (as Peter Wright); *Hail Caesar* (Hall) (as Jerry)
- 1995 *Home for the Holidays* (Foster) (as Thomas 'Tommy' Larson); *Richard III* (Loncraine) (as Rivers); *Restoration* (Hoffman) (as Robert Merivel); *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* (Stone—for TV) (as Mr. Willowby)
- 1996 *Danger Zone* (Eastman) (as Jim)
- 1997 *Hugo Pool* (Downey, Sr.) (as Franz Mazur); *One Night Stand* (Figgis) (as Charlie); *Two Girls and a Guy* (Toback) (as Blake Allen)

- 1998 *U.S. Marshals* (Baird) (as John Royce); *The Gingerbread Man* (Altman) (as Clyde Pell)
- 1999 *Black and White* (Toback) (as Terry); *Bowfinger* (Oz) (as Jerry Renfro); *Friends & Lovers* (Haas) (as Hans); *In Dreams* (Jordan) (as Vivian Thompson)
- 2000 *Wonder Boys* (Hanson) (as Terry Crabtree); *Last Party 2000* (Leitch)

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The versatility of actor Robert Downey Jr. seemed to emerge with each acting assignment. While early works featured his youthful spirit in juvenile roles, he graduated to more eccentric and eclectic roles about the time he spent a year on television as a comedian for *Saturday Night Live* (1985–1986). The range of his acting skills can be illustrated by noting that within a year's time he played a pedophile in *In Dreams*, a closeted gay in *Black and White*, and a German ski instructor in *Friends and Lovers*.

While it appeared in the mid-1980s that Robert Downey Jr. would be best suited to light comedy films, he proved to be an eclectic actor who displayed an imagination that could embrace many genres: fantasy, adventure, crime, historical, and biographical. Of three fantasy works, *Weird Science* (1985), *Chances Are* (1989), and *Heart and Souls* (1993), the latter work became a brilliant exposition of the actor's subtle mimicry and physical comedy. In *Heart and Souls* Downey has four souls who only he can see and react with. They must complete a task to earn their way to the hereafter, and Thomas Reilly (Downey's role) helps them with each assignment. Two men and two women must enter his body to complete the task. With adept body movements and voice changes, he takes on the characters of relatively straight persona: he becomes a middle-aged man and a young woman as they enter his body. On a more comic level he assumes the voices and body movements of a big city hood and an aggressive big city Afro-American woman.

A year earlier, 1992, his voice and physical mastery of one of the great film comedians of the 20th century, Charles Chaplin, provided Downey a best actor Academy Award nomination and a win from the British Academy. Richard Attenborough, the director of *Chaplin*, had the audacity to incorporate clips from several of Chaplin's films, including *The Immigrant* (1917), *The Kid* (1921), *The Gold Rush* (1925), *Modern Times* (1935), and *The Great Dictator* (1940). Nevertheless, Downey enacted a convincing Chaplin with his skilled suggestions of the famous comedian's genius. The term "suggestions" is purposefully used because the Chaplin imitators, like Billy

West, overstated the movements of this comic star. Downey handles a recreation of Chaplin's turn as a pesky drunk watching a musical hall series of variety acts—a routine from the stage the silent screen comedian used for his 1915 film *A Night in the Show*. Downey comes very close to achieving the subtle, even graceful, humorous reeling and staggering employed by the silent screen comedian.

In the best sense of the word Robert Downey Jr. became the chameleon actor. On the one hand he was able to portray the span of Chaplin's years, from his youthful music hall days to his final days when he was awarded an honorary Oscar at the age of 82. In marked contrast was his satirical portrayal of tabloid television host Wayne Gale, who preyed on psychopathic people in interviews for a sensational program called *American Maniacs* in Oliver Stone's controversial *Natural Born Killers* (1994).

Once more the actor used his versatility to change the color and tone of a previous achievement. The chameleon actor became a sympathetic court physician to Charles II in the well-named historical drama *Restoration* (1994). Downey's once-rakish Dr. Robert Merivel eventually receives his own restoration amidst the political intrigues of 17th-century court life. Critics and the general audience applauded his effective British accent and courtly manners.

Restoration had many characteristics of a drama created by playwrights in the past, and Downey made some inroads as an actor who could handle parts in Shakespearean plays. He also executed his role effectively as an earl in the British production of *Richard III* (1996). While this was a small part in the film version of the play, he displayed an effective rendition of Hamlet confronting his mother, Gertrude, in an exhibit of his possible present-day problems with his own mother in writer-director James Toback's *Two Girls and a Guy* (1997).

Toback gave the actor one of his first starring roles in the 1987 film, *The Pick-Up Artist*, a romantic comedy co-starring Molly Ringwald. For the next decade Downey proved he had a wide range of acting abilities when he embraced all genres from light comedy to serious dramas. Toback gave Downey a role as a closeted homosexual in the 1999 psychological drama *Black and White*. The writer director said of Downey: "The same reckless curiosity which has led him to court destruction has also elevated him to the highest level of creation." Ironically, the actor who received praise for his depiction of a cocaine addict in *Less Than Zero* (1989) has had brushes with the law over his use of drugs.

Downey has produced outstanding portraits for a variety of directors. He has become the master of mavericks. For the 1999 *In Dreams* the actor handled the part of a pedophile with a flair for the bizarre. Dramatically convincing, he displays his ability to mimic sexual ambiguity with the facile use of both voice and body. *San Francisco Chronicle* critic Mike LaSalle wrote about the actor's portrayal of book editor Terry Crabtree in *Wonder Boys* (2000): "[He] provides the one consistent point of light for the picture. . . In a movie in which every other character is vague, ambivalent, or drug-addled, Downey plays Crabtree with crispness and invention." This solid performance as a manipulative gay editor of fictional books shows Downey's growing authority as an actor. He becomes so confident with each part that he often transcends the leading actors in the film. In *Wonder Boys* he steals the focus from the older and more experienced Michael Douglas's flawed portrait of a teacher-novelist on the skids—a former "wonder boy."

—Donald McCaffrey

DREYFUSS, Richard

Nationality: American. **Born:** Richard Stephan Dreyfuss in Brooklyn, New York, 29 October 1947. **Education:** Beverly Hills High School; enrolled briefly at San Fernando State College, California. **Military Service:** 1967–69—conscientious objector: alternative service as file clerk at Los Angeles County General Hospital. **Family:** Married Jeramie Rain (Susan Davis) (divorced), two sons, one daughter. **Career:** First stage appearance at age 10 playing Theodor Herzl at West Side Jewish Center; mid-1960s—while high school student acted at Gallery Theatre, Los Angeles; 1964–65—in TV series *Karen*; 1966—joined The Session, an improvisational comedy group working in San Francisco; late 1960s—acted occasionally on TV; 1969—first Broadway appearance in *But Seriously*; 1969–70—with stage company New Theater for Now, Los Angeles; 1971—in several off-Broadway shows, New York; 1972—with Center Theater Group, Los Angeles; toured in national company of *The Time of Your Life* with Henry Fonda; 1973—appearance in *American Graffiti* launched screen career; 1984—in Mark Medoff's play *The Hands of Its Enemy* in Los Angeles; 1992—on Broadway in *Death and the Maiden*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award and Best Actor, British Academy, for *The Goodbye Girl*, 1977. **Address:** c/o Richard Grant and Associates, 8500 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 520, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *The Graduate* (Nichols) (bit role as Berkeley student); *Valley of the Dolls* (Robson) (bit role)
- 1968 *The Young Runaways* (Dreyfuss) (as Terry); *Hello Down There (Sub-A-Dub-Dub)* (Arnold) (as Harold Webster)
- 1972 *Two for the Money* (Kowalski—for TV)
- 1973 *Dillinger* (Milius) (as Baby Face Nelson); *American Graffiti* (Lucas) (as Curt Henderson)
- 1974 *The Second Coming of Suzanne* (Barry) (as Clavius); *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (Kotcheff) (title role)
- 1975 *Jaws* (Spielberg) (as Matt Hooper); *Inserts* (Byrum) (as Boy Wonder, + assoc pr)
- 1976 *Victory at Entebbe* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Col. Netanyahu)
- 1977 *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (Spielberg) (as Roy Neary); *The Goodbye Girl* (Ross) (as Elliott Garfield)
- 1978 *The Big Fix* (Kagan) (as Moses Wine, + co-pr)
- 1980 *The Competition* (Oliansky) (as Paul Dietrich)
- 1981 *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* (Badham) (as Ken Harrison); *Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls (Valley of the Dolls)* (Grauman—for TV)
- 1982 *SPFX 1140* (Balaban)
- 1983 *The Buddy System* (Glenn Jordan) (as Joe)
- 1986 *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* (Mazursky) (as Dave Whiteman); *Stand by Me* (Rob Reiner) (as The Writer)
- 1987 *Stakeout* (Badham) (as Chris Leece); *Tin Men* (Levinson) (as Bill "BB" Babowsky); *Nuts* (Ritt) (as Aaron Levinsky); *Funny, You Don't Look 200* (Michener) (presenter, + sc, pr)
- 1988 *Moon over Parador* (Mazursky) (as Jack Noah)
- 1989 *Let It Ride* (Pytko) (as Jay Trotter); *Always* (Spielberg) (as Pete Sandich)
- 1990 *Postcards from the Edge* (Nichols) (as Dr. Frankenthal)
- 1991 *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* (Stoppard) (as The Player); *Once Around* (Hallstrom) (as Sam Sharpe); *What about Bob?* (Oz) (as Dr. Leo Marvin); *Prisoner of Honor* (Russell—for TV) (as George Piquart, + exec pr)
- 1992 *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—TV doc) (as voice of William T. Sherman)
- 1993 *Lost in Yonkers* (Coolidge) (as Louie); *Another Stakeout* (Badham) (as Chris Leece)
- 1994 *Silent Fall* (Beresford) (as Jake Reiner)
- 1995 *The Last Word* (Spiridakis—for TV) (as Larry); *The American President* (Rob Reiner) (as Sen. Bob Rumson)
- 1996 *Mr. Holland's Opus* (Herek) (as Glenn Holland); *Night Falls on Manhattan*; *James and the Giant Peach* (Selick) (as voice of the Centipede)
- 1998 *Krippendorf's Tribe* (Holland) (as James Krippendorf)
- 1999 *Lansky* (McNaughton—for TV) (as Meyer Lansky)
- 2000 *The Crew* (Dinner) (as Bobby Bartellemeo); *Fail Safe* (Frears—for TV) (as President); *The Old Man who Read Love Stories* (de Heer)
- 2001 *Cletis Tout* (Ver Weil)

Other Film:

- 1994 *Quiz Show* (Redford) (exec pr)

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Richard Dreyfuss in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

Richard Dreyfuss's great success as a film actor can be attributed to a basic and archetypal need he fulfills in society. He is the representative of the little guy, who lives out the fantasies of the everyman for adventure, love, and heroic action. Dreyfuss does not have movie-star good looks—he is short, chunky, and appealing rather than handsome—yet he makes it possible to believe that the dreams of the ordinary person are accessible and even possible.

Dreyfuss began his career in films, apart from bit or insignificant parts, as Baby Face Nelson in John Milius's low-budget version of *Dillinger* (1973), in which he impressively erupted with psychotic energy and rage. But it was his next part, as the thoughtful, nerdy Curt in the surprise hit *American Graffiti*, filmed the same year and directed by George Lucas, that boosted Dreyfuss to international prominence. His affiliation with Lucas also initiated Dreyfuss's association with the "New Hollywood," or "The Movie Brats," most especially with Steven Spielberg, with whom Dreyfuss achieved his most memorable and enduring fame. The year following *Graffiti*, Dreyfuss starred in the Canadian/U.S. co-production of *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, in which he gives an exuberant and desperate portrait of Mordecai Richler's eponymous Montreal hustler. The following year, Dreyfuss consolidated his international

success, starring as ichthyologist Matt Hooper in Spielberg's instant classic, *Jaws*. Much of the fun in *Jaws* is generated by witnessing smart-ass, university-trained, small-statured Dreyfuss more than holds his own against the manly "life-is-my-teacher" Robert Shaw. 1977 is perhaps the apogee of what might roughly be called the first part of Dreyfuss's professional life. In that year he portrayed Roy Neary, the ordinary guy, consumed with trying to articulate his otherworldly experiences in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. This film perfectly captures the qualities Dreyfuss embodied at this stage of his career. When Neary builds and rebuilds the site of his alien encounter first with mashed potatoes, then with dirt and foliage from his landscaped garden—to the astonishment and then distress of his family—Dreyfuss is the personification of obsession, intensity, and concentration. The same year, Dreyfuss won an Academy Award for his role as Elliott, the determined actor in the Neil Simon-scripted *The Goodbye Girl*. Again he gets to play a character who seeks to fulfill his aspirations against all obstacles and naysayers. *The Big Fix* saw Dreyfuss not only starring, but also co-producing the film, his first foray into producing a major industry film. The roles Dreyfuss played in the 1970s—and into the early 1980s, with such films as *The Competition* and *Whose Life Is it Anyway?*—are remarkable for the

actor's almost manic energy, a driven quality leavened by copious quantities of charisma and talent.

The early to mid-1980s saw Dreyfuss sidelined by personal crises, some of which may have accounted for his surplus of energy. After resolving these difficulties, Dreyfuss starred in 1986 in what was considered his comeback role, as coat hanger manufacturer Dave Whitman in *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, a lighthearted, by far less interesting remake of Jean Renoir's classic *Boudu sauvé des eaux*. During this period, in such films as *Stakeout*, *Nuts*, and *Tin Men*, one witnesses a more mature, contemplative actor. Although still vigorous, Dreyfuss had by now lost some of his trademark intensity. While a strong sense of commitment and truth was present in earlier works, it was sometimes masked by a frenetic level of intensity. Dreyfuss is still capable of immense passion, as in his characterization of Pete, the doomed aviator, in Spielberg's unjustly maligned 1989 film *Always*. It is not coincidental that this film was a remake of *A Guy Named Joe*, which starred Dreyfuss's idol, Spencer Tracy. Like Tracy, Dreyfuss displays breezy charm as well as no-nonsense, no frills honesty. In one of the film's key scenes, the dead Pete, returned temporarily to earth as a ghost, watches his beloved and bereaved, Holly Hunter, as she begins to let go of Pete's memory and fall in love again. The emotion Dreyfuss conveys in this scene as he must watch the lovers, but do and say nothing, is deeply touching and sorrowful, in a way perhaps unavailable to Dreyfuss before.

1991 was another exceptional year for Dreyfuss, allowing him to display a full range of talents in such diverse items as *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, where he plays the declaiming Player King; *Once Around*, in his role as the incredibly boorish, but ultimately sympathetic Sam Sharpe (who once again woos Holly Hunter); the beleaguered psychiatrist pestered by patient Bill Murray in *What about Bob?*; and a lawyer in the infamous Dreyfus case, in *Prisoner of Honor*, yet another Ken Russell misfire, executive-produced by the actor. Lately, Dreyfuss has divided his abilities among producing projects (with his own company, Dreyfuss-James), acting in films such as *Silent Fall* and *Mr. Holland's Opus*, and engaging in a host of liberal political causes.

—Carole Zucker

DUNAWAY, Faye

Nationality: American. **Born:** Dorothy Faye Dunaway in Bascom, Florida, 14 January 1941. **Education:** Attended U.S. Army schools in Texas, Arkansas, Utah, and Mannheim, Germany; completed high school at Tallahassee, Florida; Florida State University, University of Florida, and Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts, graduated 1962; studied in training program of Lincoln Center Repertory Theatre. **Family:** Married 1) the rock musician Peter Wolf, 1974; 2) the photographer Terry O'Neill, one son. **Career:** 1962—replaced Olga Bellin as Margaret in Broadway production of *A Man for All Seasons*; 1964—with Lincoln Center company in *After the Fall* and *But for Whom Charlie*; 1966—first film role in *The Happening*; contract with Otto Preminger; 1971—in summer stock production of *Candida* and TV adaptation of *Hogan's Goat*; 1993—in TV series *It Had to Be You*. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, for *Bonnie and Clyde*, 1967; Best Actress, Academy

Award for *Network*, 1976. **Agent:** Sam Cohn, ICM, 40 W. 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1966 *The Happening* (Silverstein) (as Sandy); *Hurry Sundown* (Preminger) (as Lou McDowell)
- 1967 *Bonnie and Clyde* (Penn) (as Bonnie Parker)
- 1968 *The Extraordinary Seaman* (Frankenheimer) (as Jennifer Winslow); *The Thomas Crown Affair* (Jewison) (as Vicky Anderson); *Amanti* (*A Place for Lovers*) (De Sica) (as Julia)
- 1969 *The Arrangement* (Kazan) (as Gwen)
- 1970 *Little Big Man* (Penn) (as Mrs. Pendrake); *Puzzle of a Downfall Child* (Schatzberg) (as Lou Andreas Sand)
- 1971 *Doc* (Perry) (as Kate Elder); *La Maison sous les arbres* (*The Deadly Trap*) (Clément) (as Jill); *The Woman I Love* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Mrs. Wallis Simpson)
- 1973 *Oklahoma Crude* (Kramer) (as Lena Doyle); *The Three Musketeers* (*The Queen's Diamonds*) (Lester) (as Lady de Winter)
- 1974 *After the Fall* (Cates—for TV); *The Four Musketeers* (*The Revenge of Milady*) (Lester) (as Lady de Winter); *Chinatown* (Polanski) (as Evelyn Mulwray); *The Towering Inferno* (Guillermín) (as Susan Franklin)
- 1975 *Three Days of the Condor* (Pollack) (as Kathy Hale)
- 1976 *The Disappearance of Aimée* (Harvey—for TV); *Network* (Lumet) (as Diana Christensen); *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Denise Kreisler)
- 1978 *The Eyes of Laura Mars* (Kershner) (title role)
- 1979 *Arthur Miller—on Home Ground* (Rasky—doc); *The Champ* (Zeffirelli) (as Annie)
- 1980 *The First Deadly Sin* (Hutton) (as Barbara Delaney)
- 1981 *Mommie Dearest* (Perry) (as Joan Crawford); *Evita Peron* (Chomsky—for TV) (title role)
- 1983 *The Wicked Lady* (Winner) (as Lady Barbara Skelton)
- 1984 *Supergirl* (Szwarc) (as Selena); *Ellis Island* (London—for TV)
- 1985 *13 at Dinner* (Antonio—for TV); *Cristoforo Colombo* (Lattuada—for TV)
- 1986 *Beverly Hills Madam* (Hart—for TV); *Cowgirls* (Walker—for TV)
- 1987 *Barfly* (Shroeder) (as Wanda Wilcox); *Casanova* (Langton—for TV); *Midnight Crossing* (Holzberg) (as Helen Barton)
- 1988 *Raspberry Ripple* (Finch—for TV); *Burning Secret* (Birkin) (as Sonya Tuchman)
- 1989 *Wait until Spring, Bandini* (Deruddere) (as Mme. Effie Hildegard); *Up to Date* (Wertmüller); *Cold Sassy Tree* (Tewkesbury—for TV)
- 1990 *The Handmaid's Tale* (Schlöndorff) (as Serena Joy); *The Two Jakes* (Nicholson) (voice of Evelyn Mulwray); *Silhouette* (Schenkel—for TV) (as Samantha Kimball)
- 1992 *Scorchers* (Beaird) (as Thais); *Double Edge* (Kollek) (as Faye Milano); *Arizona Dream* (Kusturica) (as Elaine Stalker)
- 1993 *The Temp* (Holland) (as Charlene Towne); *Columbo: It's All in the Game* (for TV) (as Lauren Black)
- 1995 *Don Juan DeMarco* (Leven) (as Marilyn Mickler); *A Family Divided* (for TV) (as Karen Billingsly)
- 1996 *Dunston Checks In* (Kwapis) (as Mrs. Dubrow); *The Chamber* (Foley) (as Lee Bowen)

- 1997 *Rebecca* (O'Brien—for TV) (as Mrs. Van Hopper); *Drunks* (Cohn) (as Becky); *The Twilight of the Golds* (Ross Kagan Marks—for TV) (as Phyllis Gold)
- 1998 *Fanny Hill* (Getty); *Gia* (Cristofer—for TV) (as Wilhelmina Cooper); *A Will of Their Own* (Arthur—mini for TV) (as Margaret Sanger)
- 1999 *The Thomas Crown Affair* (McTiernan) (as the Psychiatrist); *The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc* (Besson) (as Yolande D'Aragon); *Love Lies Bleeding* (Tannen)
- 2000 *Running Mates* (Lagomarsino—for TV) (Meg Gable); *Stanley's Gig* (Lazard) (as Leila); *The Yards* (Gray I) (as Kitty Olchin)

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From the moment Faye Dunaway suggestively sized up Warren Beatty as a one-way ticket out of Smalltown, U.S.A. in *Bonnie and*

Clyde, she has dominated movie screens with a relentless drive and soigné sex appeal. When she launched a fashion frenzy with *Bonnie and Clyde*'s slick sixties take on thirties clothes for the well-dressed bandit, her stardom was clinched. After a brief period with the fledgling Lincoln Center Repertory Theater and several critically acclaimed off-Broadway appearances, she achieved international recognition in this, her third film. The odd conundrum about Dunaway's career is that this diva has miscast herself as a studio-era movie star. Blessed with a firm director and a role that ignites her trademark turbulent angst, Dunaway is overpowering, a star by virtue of her instinctual talent. Unfortunately, such inspired occasions (*Bonnie and Clyde*, *Chinatown*, *Network*, *Mommie Dearest*, *Barfly*) are outnumbered by clotheshorse vehicles (*Thomas Crown Affair*, *Puzzle of a Downfall Child*), premature camp outings (*Supergirl*, *Wicked Lady*), or indifferent television forays (*Disappearance of Aimée*, *Beverly Hills Madam*).

Whereas stars often make concessions to unrewarding box-office gigs (e.g., Dustin Hoffman in *Outbreak*) to maintain the muscle to acquire dream roles, Dunaway sleepwalks through such compromises (*Towering Inferno*, *Three Days of the Condor*) as though in some low-key artistic rebellion. At times, she lets her cheekbones do her acting for her (*Eyes of Laura Mars*) but, fortunately, the acting triumphs are too impressive to ignore.

In a role earmarked for the totally unsuitable Ali McGraw, Dunaway employed her distancing haughtiness to suggest unfathomable mystery in *Chinatown*. As her carefully rehearsed illusions crumbled, *Chinatown*'s Evelyn Mulwray preserved a front of composure (prefiguring Dunaway's Joan Crawford image-maintenance in *Mommie Dearest*). Subverting this facade, Dunaway subtly conveyed the trauma behind the Evelyn Mulwray mask her character wore to conceal her secrets.

Next, Oscar came calling with a stunning evocation of the soullessness of *Network* TV. In Chayefsky's sour grapes diatribe, Dunaway's barnstorming was in sync with the hyperbolic proselytizing and the actor-dominated mise-en-scène. In all her memorable roles, there is an element of playacting, of sizing up what men want from her and then jockeying for power once she has satisfied the fools. Nowhere was that practiced insincerity more chilling than when used to inhabit Diana Christensen, the ratings-mad media shark, who circles her rivals for the scent of blood.

The touchstone of Dunaway's career, *Mommie Dearest*, a ferocious tribute to fellow warrior-star Joan Crawford, brought Faye celluloid immortality of sorts, a cool reception from Hollywood's old guard, and a persistent case of role reverberation. Like that other victim of identification with one characterization—Tony Perkins/Norman Bates—Dunaway has been handicapped by a diabolically acute impersonation that cemented her screen image: in her case, as a souped-up virago, psychologically shackled to deranged Norman Vincent Pealisms. Dunaway's star-freak emerged as an avatar of hostility. Although the film is alternately silly and searing, Dunaway eyebrow-penciled the greatest caricature in film history since Chaplin's comic-kaze assault on Hitler.

Having played a monster, Dunaway found it difficult to assume the mantle of just plain folks. By the time we spotted her as a conventional mortal in *Don Juan DeMarco*, one felt one was witnessing a tornado consigned to do a breeze's work. After working with directors unable to control her idiosyncrasies, Dunaway re-deemed herself in *Barfly* by self-effacingly portraying a washed-out woman whose prime pleasure derives from the bottle. Unforgettably

tagging Wanda as a loner who is damaged but who will not be messed with, Dunaway conveyed how this dipso was so pathologically fearful of being alone that she would go with any man who had a fifth of whiskey.

Stymied by *Mommie Dearest* identification syndrome, Dunaway survived a sitcom fiasco, *It Had to Be You*, in high style, only to be ignominiously fired from the Los Angeles company of *Sunset Boulevard* for singing deficiencies one would assume Andrew Lloyd Webber might have gauged in advance. Cursed by Joan Crawford and Norma Desmond, lesser stars might have capitulated, but Dunaway has exhibited more caginess than other aging actresses faced with career downtime.

Admittedly, *Dunston Checks In* is a regrettable nod toward family entertainment, but she doesn't disgrace herself in any other late-career disappointments. Those fortunate enough to have basked in the glory of her national stage tour of "The Master Class" witnessed Dunaway's undiminished power; she's in a holding pattern for the next juicy screen role. Taking matters into her own hands, she has purchased screen rights to this Terrence McNally play about Maria Callas, no stranger to star tantrums herself.

In the meantime, she dazzles fans with supporting turns in TV fare like *Gia* (a younger Dunaway could have shown Angelina Jolie a thing or two about playing that title role) and *Twilight of the Gods* (effortlessly moving in a Jewish mother role, one would have thought outside her range). In an ongoing variety of weather-beaten characterizations on the big screen, Dunaway never holds back from persuasive interpretations nor permits herself to look truly awful onscreen. That's a star's prerogative. As the high society alcoholic in *Drunks*, as the secretive barkeep in *Albino Alligator*, as the tragic witness in *The Chamber*, and as the flinty mother of a monarch in *The Messenger; The Story of Joan of Arc*, she feeds off our memories of her youthful glamour to suggest how far these characters have fallen from grace. Finally free of the *Mommie Dearest* stigma, she will probably never be free of that innate hauteur that rules out any chance of blowsy character work. Still smashing looking, Dunaway may have to redefine the way audiences view older women, so often interpreted by male writers as dried-up shrews or addle-pated biddies. Sadly, Hollywood extends opportunities to over-the-hill male icons, while gingerly treating a female legend like Blanche Dubois on a weekend pass from the asylum. Is Dunaway supposed to start looking for *The Whales of August* already? For a measure of her irreplaceable allure, check out the remake of *The Thomas Crown Affair*; the original was no great shakes, but McQueen and Dunaway were larger than life. Dunaway still is. The unapproachable cover girl beauty that made her a star will limit her choices as she grows older, unless male screenwriters start writing up to her seasoned level.

—Robert Pardi

DUNNE, Irene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Irene Marie Dunn in Louisville, Kentucky, 20 December 1898. **Education:** Attended Chicago Musical College, diploma 1919. **Family:** Married Francis J. Griffin, 1928



Irene Dunne with Richard Dix in *Cimarron*

(died 1965). **Career:** 1920—stage debut in touring company of Irene, Chicago; 1922—Broadway debut in *The Clinging Vine*; 1929—as Magnolia in *Show Boat* road show company; last Broadway appearance in *Luckee Girl*; 1930—film debut in *Leathernecking*; 1940–51—re-created various screen roles for Lux Radio Theatre; 1952—retired from films; hostess for *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*, and made TV appearances on *Ford Theatre*, *The Loretta Young Show*, *The June Allyson Show*, and *General Electric Theater*; 1957–58—alternative delegate to the 12th General Assembly of the United Nations; 1965—elected to Board of Directors, Technicolor Inc. **Awards:** Kennedy Center Award, for achievement in the performing arts, 1985. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 4 September 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *Leathernecking (Present Arms)* (Cline) (as Delphine); *Cimarron* (Ruggles) (as Sabra Cravat)
- 1931 *Bachelor Apartment* (Sherman) (as Helene Andrews); *Consolation Marriage (Married in Haste)* (Sloane) (as Mary); *The Great Lover* (Beaumont) (as Diana Page)
- 1932 *The Stolen Jools (The Slippery Pearls)* (McGann and others—short) (as guest); *Symphony of Six Million (Melody of Life)* (La Cava) (as Jessica); *Back Street* (Stahl) (as Ray Schmidt); *Thirteen Women* (Archainbaud) (as Laura Stanhope)
- 1933 *No Other Woman* (Ruben) (as Anna Stanley); *The Secret of Madame Blanche* (Brabin) (as Sally); *The Silver Cord*

- (Cromwell) (as Christina Phelps); *Ann Vickers* (Cromwell) (title role); *If I Were Free (Behold We Live)* (Nugent) (as Sarah Cazenove)
- 1934 *This Man Is Mine* (Cromwell) (as Toni Dunlap); *Stingaree* (Wellman) (as Hilda Bouverie); *The Age of Innocence* (Moeller) (as Countess Ellen Olenska)
- 1935 *Sweet Adeline* (LeRoy) (as Adeline Schmidt); *Roberta* (Seiter) (as Stephanie); *Magnificent Obsession* (Stahl) (as Helen Hudson)
- 1936 *Show Boat* (Whale) (as Magnolia Hawks); *Theodora Goes Wild* (Boleslawski) (as Theodora Lynn)
- 1937 *High, Wide, and Handsome* (Mamoulian) (as Sally Watterson); *The Awful Truth* (McCarey) (as Lucy Warriner)
- 1938 *Joy of Living* (Garnett) (as Margaret "Maggie" Garret)
- 1939 *Love Affair* (McCarey) (as Terry McKay); *Invitation to Happiness* (Ruggles) (as Eleanor Wayne); *When Tomorrow Comes* (Stahl) (as Helen)
- 1940 *My Favorite Wife* (Kanin) (as Ellen Arden)
- 1941 *Penny Serenade* (Stevens) (as Julia Gardiner Adams); *Unfinished Business* (La Cava) (as Nancy Andrews)
- 1942 *Lady in a Jam* (La Cava) (as Jane Palmer)
- 1943 *A Guy Named Joe* (Fleming) (as Dorinda Durston)
- 1944 *The White Cliffs of Dover* (Clarence Brown) (as Susan Dunn Ashwood); *Together Again* (Charles Vidor) (as Anne Crandall)
- 1945 *Over 21* (Charles Vidor) (as Paula Wharton)
- 1946 *Anna and the King of Siam* (Cromwell) (as Anna)
- 1947 *Life with Father* (Curtiz) (as Vinnie Day)
- 1948 *I Remember Mama* (Stevens) (as Mama)
- 1950 *Never a Dull Moment* (George Marshall) (as Kay); *The Mudlark* (Negulesco) (as Queen Victoria)
- 1952 *It Grows on Trees* (Lubin) (as Polly Baxter)

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Irene Dunne is one of the most durable and delightful stars of Hollywood's golden period. Although she is most often associated with a series of excellent screwball comedies she made in the 1930s, she starred with equal success in melodramas and musicals. Her five Oscar nominations indicate her versatility across a range of genres: *Cimarron*, *Theodora Goes Wild*, *The Awful Truth*, *Love Affair*, and *I Remember Mama*.

Dunne originally studied to be an opera singer, but a failed audition at the Metropolitan Opera resulted in her choosing a musical comedy career instead. She toured in *Irene*, played several roles on Broadway (both musical and nonmusical), and joined the Chicago company of *Show Boat* as Magnolia in 1929. Her enormous success in that Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II favorite led to a Hollywood contract with RKO. From her film debut in *Leathernecking* to her retirement following *It Grows on Trees*, she played with equal grace and skill in musicals (the film version of *Show Boat* in 1936, *High, Wide, and Handsome*, *Sweet Adeline*, *Roberta*), comedies (*Joy of Living*, *My Favorite Wife*), and serious drama (*Back Street*, *Magnificent Obsession*, *When Tomorrow Comes*).

Dunne began freelancing early in her career, picking her roles with care, alternating between drama and comedy, and searching for as many chances to sing on film as she could find. Some of her musical performances are indelible: the ethereal "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" from *Roberta* with Dunne in white fur, and the achingly sweet "Make Believe" or crowd-rousing "After the Ball" from *Show Boat* are highlights. Her persona was that of the lady, but always the modern lady, with a sharp wit, imagination, and independence. She could combine and make believable a remarkable range of behavior and seemingly contradictory characteristics. She wore clothes with grace and style, but was never considered an actress who was merely a clotheshorse. She looked fragile and delicate, with a truly feminine beauty, but she was never weak or trivial. She played women with virtue, but she was never a prig and she projected feeling and passion in great love stories; her performances in *Back Street* and *Love Affair* make them the most haunting versions of these oft-filmed stories. She had dignity on screen, yet could be incredibly funny in slapstick sequences, displaying impeccable timing and excellent physical control; her outrageous impersonation of a "vulgar" nightclub performer in *The Awful Truth* is one of screwball comedy's funniest moments. Her screen personality has often been described by the word "captivating," as she charmed male and female viewers alike with her beauty, unusual speaking voice, and personal style.

After Dunne retired from the screen in 1952, she appeared on television, on *Ford Theatre* and the *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*. In 1957, she was appointed by President Eisenhower (Dunne was a lifelong Republican) as an alternate delegate to the United Nations 12th General Assembly, and remained active in Catholic charities, for which she was awarded Notre Dame's Laetare Medal. In retrospect, Irene Dunne may be seen as an example of a type of actress that has almost disappeared from movies—a woman of intelligence and versatility who, no matter what the pressure, be it comic or tragic, keeps going with humor, elegance, and dignity.

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

DURANTE, Jimmy

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Francis Durante in New York City, 10 February 1893. **Education:** Attended Public School 114, New York, dropped out in seventh grade. **Family:** Married 1) Maud Jeanne Olson, 1921 (died 1943); 2) Margie Little, 1960, adopted daughter: Cecilia Alicia, 1961. **Career:** Piano player and singer from c.1908; c.1913–21—organized the Durante Original Jazz Novelty Band and alternated between playing the Alamo in Harlem and the Coney Island College Inn; early 1920s—own nightclub in Manhattan, Club Durante; formed singing and dancing trio with Eddie Jackson and Lou Clayton; 1923—Club Durante closed down for Prohibition



Jimmy Durante with Jumbo the elephant in *Jumbo*

violations; trio worked for several Manhattan clubs managed by organized crime members; vaudeville theaters in New York City, in Florenz Ziegfeld's production of *Show Girl*, 1929, and in film *Roadhouse Nights*; 1930—five-year solo contract with MGM; 1934—on *Chase and Sanborn's Radio Coffee Hour*; 1935—returned to musical comedy theater in Billy Rose's extravaganza *Jumbo*; late 1930s–1940s—in films, musical comedies on Broadway, and nightclubs and on radio; 1944—"rediscovered" by critics and new generation of audiences after record-breaking appearance in New York nightclub; 1950s–1960s—frequent guest-star appearances on television variety programs; 1954–56—host of *The Jimmy Durante Show* on NBC-TV, based on nightclub act from 1920s and featuring former partners Clayton and Jackson. **Awards:** Peabody Award for Entertainment, 1950. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 29 January 1980.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Roadhouse Nights* (Henley) (as Daffy)
- 1931 *The New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford* (*Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford*) (Wood) (as Schnozzle); *The Cuban Love Song* (Van Dyke) (as O. O. Jones)
- 1932 *The Passionate Plumber* (Sedgwick) (as McCracken); *The Wet Parade* (Fleming) (as Abe Schilling); *Speak Easily* (Sedgwick) (as James); *The Phantom President* (Taurog) (as Curly Cooney); *Blondie of the Follies* (Edmund Goulding) (as Jimmy)
- 1933 *What! No Beer?* (Sedgwick) (as Jimmy Potts); *Hell Below* (Conway) (as Ptomaine); *Broadway to Hollywood* (*Ring Up the Curtain*) (Mack) (as Joe McGoo)
- 1934 *Palooka* (*The Great Schnozzle*; *Joe Palooka*) (Stoloff) (as Knobby Walsh); *George White's Scandals* (*George White's Scandals of 1934*) (White) (as Happy McGillicuddy); *Hollywood Party* (Boleslawski, Dwan, and Rowland [uncredited]); *Strictly Dynamite* (Nugent) (as Moxie Slaight); *Student Tour* (Riesner) (as Hank)
- 1935 *Carnival* (Walter Lang) (as Fingers)
- 1936 *Land without Music* (*Forbidden Music*) (Forde) (as Jonah J. Whistler)
- 1938 *Start Cheering* (Rogell) (as Willie Gumbatz); *Sally, Irene and Mary* (Seiter) (as Jefferson Twitchell); *Little Miss Broadway* (Cummings) (as Jimmy Clayton)
- 1940 *Melody Ranch* (Santley and Mackay) (as Cornelius J. Courtney)
- 1941 *You're in the Army Now* (Seiler) (as Jeoper Smith); *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (Keighley) (as Banjo)
- 1944 *Two Girls and a Sailor* (Thorpe) (as Billy Kipp); *Music for Millions* (Koster) (as Andrews)
- 1946 *Two Sisters from Boston* (Koster) (as "Spike")
- 1947 *It Happened in Brooklyn* (Whorf) (as Nick Lombardi); *This Time for Keeps* (Thorpe) (as Ferdi Farro)
- 1948 *On an Island with You* (Thorpe) (as Buckley)
- 1950 *The Great Rupert* (Pichel) (as Mr. Amendola); *The Milkman* (Barton) (as Breezy Albright)
- 1957 *Beau James* (Shavelson) (as guest)
- 1960 *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *Il giudizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (De Sica)
- 1962 *Jumbo* (Billy Rose's *Jumbo*) (Walters) (as Pop Wonder)

- 1963 *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (as Smiler Grogan)
 1966 *Alice through the Looking Glass* (Handley—for TV) (as Humpty-Dumpty)

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One of the most lovable of the eccentric comic actors, Jimmy Durante was paired with Buster Keaton in the early 1930s. This combination would appear to have given Keaton some hope of making a smoother transition to sound pictures; as a team their talents could have been complementary. Durante, however, had a role in *What! No Beer?* that pushed the famous silent screen comedian into the background. Urging Keaton to invest in a brewery just as Prohibition is about to be repealed, this lad with the Cyrano de Bergerac profile played the manic character with gusto, shouting the type of malapropism and mixed metaphor that would become typical of his characters: "A hundred-twenty million cracked lips are straining at the *leach*. Where's your *patronism*? Here's a chance to do something for your country."

Though Durante appeared to be headed for star billings in the early 1930s, he remained a likable eccentric who was more often the second banana. The most durable of old-timers, he provided excellent support for Donald O'Connor in *The Milkman*. When you look at this slight, contrived work today, you realize Durante stole the show from

O'Connor without effort. The young comedian "knocked himself out" while the "Schnozzola," as Durante was nicknamed, sailed through his own part with all the charm of an old pro (he was 60 when he made this film) who knew how to make the best of each comic situation. Appearing in movies, vaudeville, nightclubs, and radio at the time of his greatest popularity in the 1930s, Durante may have spread his talent too thin. Unfortunately, the comedian does not have a single movie to his credit that has the quality to be ranked with the best comedies. As it failed to utilize the comedy skills of Bert Lahr (now known only for his portrait of the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*), Hollywood never exploited Durante's potential.

—Donald McCaffrey

DURBIN, Deanna

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edna Mae Durbin in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 4 December 1921; family moved to southern California in 1923. **Education:** Studied singing with Andres de Seguro. **Family:** Married 1) Vaughn Paul 1941 (divorced 1943); 2) Felix Jackson, 1945 (divorced 1948); 3) the director Charles David, 1950. **Career:** 1936—appeared in *Every Sunday*, musical short for MGM with Judy Garland; upon seeing it, the head of the studio, Louis B. Mayer, decided to keep both youngsters, but through a misunderstanding, Durbin was dropped; she then signed with Universal



Deanna Durbin in *Can't Help Singing*

Studios where she made her first feature film *Three Smart Girls*, and signed a radio contract with Eddie Cantor; 1948—retired from screen acting; 1950—moved to France. **Awards:** Special Academy Award (with Mickey Rooney), “for their significant contribution in bringing to the screen the spirit and personification of youth and as juvenile players setting a high standard of ability and achievement,” 1938.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *Every Sunday (Every Sunday Afternoon)* (Feist—short); *Three Smart Girls* (Koster) (as Penny Craig)
- 1937 *100 Men and a Girl* (Koster) (as Patricia Cardwell)
- 1938 *Mad about Music* (Taurog) (as Gloria Harkinson); *That Certain Age* (Ludwig) (as Alice Fullerton)
- 1939 *Three Smart Girls Grow Up* (Koster) (as Penny “Mouse” Craig); *First Love* (Koster) (as Constance Harding)
- 1940 *It’s a Date* (Seiter) (as Pamela Drake); *Spring Parade* (Koster) (as Ilonka Tolnay)
- 1941 *Nice Girl?* (Seiter) (as Jane Dana); *It Started with Eve* (Koster) (as Anne Terry)
- 1943 *The Amazing Mrs. Holliday* (Manning) (as Ruth); *Hers to Hold* (Ryan) (as Penelope Craig); *His Butler’s Sister* (Borzage) (as Ann Carter); *Show Business at War* (De Rochemont—doc, short) (as herself)
- 1944 *Christmas Holiday* (Siodmak) (as Jackie Lamont/Abigail Martin); *Can’t Help Singing* (Ryan) (as Caroline)
- 1945 *Lady on a Train* (David) (as Nikki Collins)
- 1946 *Because of Him* (Wallace) (as Kim Walker)
- 1947 *I’ll Be Yours* (Seiter) (as Louise Ginglebusher); *Something in the Wind* (Pichel) (as Mary Collins)
- 1948 *Up in Central Park* (Seiter) (as Rosie Moore); *For the Love of Mary* (de Cordova) (as Mary Peppertree)

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Deanna Durbin’s appearance in an MGM short with Judy Garland is a precious document, highlighting two remarkable talents. (Louis B. Mayer was apparently furious when, after putting Garland but not Durbin under contract, Durbin became such a huge success so quickly, for another studio.) Garland went on to become a legend, her films frequently revived; Durbin, who when she grew up suffered from a weight problem, as did Garland, retired from the movies—from performing altogether—in her mid-twenties, and has none of the cult following of her teenage rival. Contemporary viewers are often puzzled to learn that Deanna Durbin is credited with having saved Universal from bankruptcy with her feisty adolescent nature and her sweet voice. In a series of films directed by Henry Koster, she was indeed sensationally popular in the United States and England.

Durbin’s sweet voice and sound musical instincts take on particular value when she is compared to her 1940s counterparts, the “legit” sopranos Jane Powell and Kathryn Grayson. Like Garland, Durbin was also a very talented actress with an individual, recognizable style. That style, related to her musical discipline, is perceived in her fluent, rapid-fire, but utterly clear delivery of dialogue, in a diction with irresistible impetus and energy, in irony that never smacks of brattishness but rather, of real intelligence, and in a warmth of personality that echoes her singing/speaking voice. One of her first “grown-up” roles, in *It Started with Eve*, pits her against the formidable Charles Laughton, and the modulations of their relationship is one of the joys of this romantic comedy. Her dramatic roles in *Christmas Holiday* and *Lady on a Train* suggest that at a different studio—and perhaps with a different level of ambition on her part—Durbin’s career would not have been truncated so abruptly. Her pluckiness remains a significant image of America in the late 1930s.

—Charles Affron

DURYEA, Dan

Nationality: American. **Born:** White Plains, New York, 23 January 1907. **Education:** Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. **Family:** Married Helen (Duryea) (died 1976), sons: Peter and Richard. **Career:** Early 1930s—worked in advertising, quit after heart attack;



Dan Duryea with June Vincent in *The Black Angel*

1935—debut on Broadway in Sidney Kingsley's *Dead End*; 1939—critical acclaim for role of Leo in Lillian Hellman's *The Little Foxes* on Broadway, and in film version, 1941; mid-1940s—contract with Universal; 1952–55—in TV series *China Smith*; 1967–68—in TV series *Peyton Place* as Eddie Jacks. **Died:** Of cancer in Hollywood, 8 June 1968.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1941 <i>The Little Foxes</i> (Wyler) (as Leo Hubbard); <i>Ball of Fire</i> (Hawks)</p> <p>1942 <i>The Pride of the Yankees</i> (Wood); <i>That Other Woman</i> (Ray McCarey)</p> <p>1943 <i>Sahara</i> (Zoltan Korda); <i>Ministry of Fear</i> (Lang)</p> <p>1944 <i>Man from Frisco</i> (Florey); <i>The Woman in the Window</i> (Lang); <i>Mrs. Parkington</i> (Garnett); <i>None but the Lonely Heart</i> (Odets); <i>Main Street after Dark</i> (Cahn)</p> | <p>1945 <i>The Great Flamarion</i> (Mann); <i>The Valley of Decision</i> (Garnett); <i>Along Came Jones</i> (Heisler); <i>Lady on a Train</i> (David); <i>Scarlet Street</i> (Lang)</p> <p>1946 <i>The Black Angel</i> (Neill); <i>White Tie and Tails</i> (Barton)</p> <p>1948 <i>Black Bart</i> (<i>Black Bart, Highwayman</i>) (Sherman); <i>Another Part of the Forest</i> (Gordon); <i>River Lady</i> (Sherman); <i>Larceny</i> (Sherman); <i>Criss Cross</i> (Siodmak)</p> <p>1949 <i>Manhandled</i> (Foster); <i>Too Late for Tears</i> (Haskin); <i>Johnny Stool Pigeon</i> (Castle)</p> <p>1950 <i>One Way Street</i> (Fregonese); <i>Winchester '73</i> (Mann); <i>The Underworld Story</i> (<i>The Whipped</i>) (Endfield)</p> <p>1951 <i>Al Jennings of Oklahoma</i> (Nazzaro); <i>Chicago Calling</i> (Reinhardt)</p> <p>1953 <i>Thunder Bay</i> (Mann); <i>Sky Commando</i> (Sears); <i>Thirty-Six Hours</i> (<i>Terror Street</i>) (Tully); <i>Ride Clear of Diablo</i> (Hibbs)</p> <p>1954 <i>World for Ransom</i> (Aldrich); <i>Rails into Laramie</i> (Hibbs); <i>Silver Lode</i> (Dwan); <i>This Is My Love</i> (Heisler)</p> <p>1955 <i>Foxfire</i> (Pevney); <i>The Marauders</i> (Mayer); <i>Storm Fear</i> (Wilde)</p> <p>1957 <i>The Burglar</i> (Wendkos); <i>Battle Hymn</i> (Sirk); <i>Kathy O'</i> (Sher); <i>Night Passage</i> (Neilson); <i>Slaughter on Tenth Avenue</i> (Laven)</p> |
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- 1959 *Gunfight at Sandoval* (Keller—for TV); *Platinum High School* (Rich, Young, and Deadly) (Haas)
 1961 *Six Black Horses* (Keller)
 1963 *He Rides Tall* (Springsteen); *Do You Know This Voice?* (Nesbitt); *Walk a Tightrope* (Nesbitt)
 1964 *Taggart* (Springsteen)
 1965 *The Bounty Killer* (Bennet); *The Flight of the Phoenix* (Aldrich); *Incident at Phantom Hill* (Bellamy)
 1966 *Un fiume di dollari* (*The Hills Run Red*) (Beaver, i.e. Carlo Lizzani)
 1967 *Winchester '73* (Daugherty—for TV); *Five Golden Dragons* (Summers); *Stranger on the Run* (Siegel—for TV)
 1968 *The Bamboo Saucer* (Telford)

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Dan Duryea's fate as a film actor was sealed with his first role as Leo Hubbard in *The Little Foxes*. The tall, almost emaciated actor with the slicked-back blond hair and the ready smirk became the 1940s' premier louse. Duryea made an art of selfish cynical opportunism. He developed a repertoire of understated shoulder shrugs, slight raisings of the eyebrow, a twitch of the mouth, and an almost imperceptible "suit-yourself, take-it-or-leave-it" movement of the hand. He became a master of the small signs of character that the camera could pick up, and he wielded his reedy, high voice like an irritating, cutting scimitar.

While his best known roles as the petty thief and blackmailer in Fritz Lang's *The Woman in the Window* and *Scarlet Street* allowed him to display his skill, his presence is as memorable in his portrayal of the reporter in *Pride of the Yankees*. As the evil counterpart for the lanky heroes of the 1940s, particularly Gary Cooper in *Along Came Jones*, Duryea brought out the emerging attitude of disillusionment toward the end of World War II and in the years after. In the 1950s Duryea's mocking image became less one to be faced and overcome by the hero than one which had to be accepted as part of the postwar world. As the neurotic, tubercular brother to Cornel Wilde in *Storm Fear*, Duryea was an uncomfortable alternative to the villain. As the tough sergeant in *Battle Hymn*, he portrayed a heroic cynic, and contributed to the character of the 1960s anti-hero. By 1965, Duryea's persona had developed its final twist. In *The Flight of the Phoenix*, he played a bespectacled passenger on a crashed plane who nervously

supports rather than mirrors the lanky hero played by Jimmy Stewart. However, Duryea's mastery of the uncomfortable, deceitful, mocking and cynical villain had pioneered a new type of villainy carried on briefly by Richard Widmark, and finally turned to filmic art by Lee Marvin.

—Stuart Kaminsky

DUVALL, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Robert Selden Duvall in San Diego, California, 5 January 1931. **Education:** Attended Principia College, Illinois. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, in Korea, early 1950s. **Family:** Married 1) Barbara Benjamin, 1964 (divorced); 2) Gail Youngs, 1982; 3) Sharon Brophy, 1991. **Career:** Studied acting with Sanford Meisner at Neighborhood Playhouse in New York; acted in Horton Foote's *The Midnight Caller*; 1957—cast by stage director Ulu Grosbard in studio production of *A View from the Bridge*, beginning long professional relationship; late 1950s—began acting on television; 1962—cast in first film, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, at Horton Foote's insistence; 1965—critical acclaim for role in Grosbard's off-Broadway production of *A View from the Bridge*, and for role in *Wait until Dark* on Broadway; 1977—on Broadway in *American Buffalo* directed by Grosbard; first directorial effort, *We're Not the Jet Set*; 1979—played title role in TV mini-series *Ike*; 1989—in TV mini-series *Lonesome Dove*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *The Godfather*, 1972; Best Supporting Actor, British Academy, for *Apocalypse Now*, 1979; Academy Award for Best Actor, for *Tender Mercies*, 1983. **Agent:** Arnold Rifkin, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1962 *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Mulligan) (as Boo Radley)
 1963 *Nightmare in the Sun* (Lawrence) (as motorcyclist); *Captain Newman, M.D.* (David Miller) (as Capt. Paul Cabot Winston)
 1966 *Fame Is the Name of the Game* (Rosenberg—for TV); *The Chase* (Arthur Penn) (as Edwin Stewart)
 1967 *Costa Nostra: An Arch Enemy of the FBI* (Medford—for TV)
 1968 *Countdown* (*Moonshot*) (Altman) (as Chiz); *The Detective* (Gordon Douglas) (as Nestor); *Bullitt* (Yates) (as Weissberg)
 1969 *True Grit* (Hathaway) (as Ned Pepper); *The Rain People* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Gordon)
 1970 *M*A*S*H* (Altman) (as Major Frank Burns); *The Revolutionary* (Williams) (as Despard)
 1971 *Lawman* (Winner) (as Vernon Adams); *THX-1138* (Lucas) (title role)
 1972 *The Godfather* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Tom Hagen); *The Great Northfield, Minnesota Raid* (Kaufman) (as Jesse



Robert Duvall (left) in *Apocalypse Now*

- James); *Joe Kidd* (John Sturges) (as Frank Harlan); *Tomorrow* (Anthony) (as Jackson Fentry)
- 1973 *Badge 373* (Koch) (as Eddie Ryan); *Lady Ice* (Gries) (as Ford Pierce); *The Outfit* (Flynn) (as Earl Macklin)
- 1974 *The Conversation* (Francis Ford Coppola); ***The Godfather, Part II*** (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Tom Hagen)
- 1975 *Breakout* (Gries) (as Jay Wagner); *The Killer Elite* (Peckinpah) (as George Hansen)
- 1976 *Network* (Lumet) (as Frank Hackett); *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution* (Ross) (as Dr. Watson); *The Eagle Has Landed* (John Sturges) (as Col. Max Radl)
- 1977 *The Greatest* (Gries) (as Bill McDonald)
- 1978 *The Betsy* (Petrie) (as Loren Hardeman III); *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (Kaufman) (as guest)
- 1979 ***Apocalypse Now*** (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore); *The Great Santini* (*The Ace*) (Carlino) (as Bull Meechum)
- 1981 *True Confessions* (Grosbard) (as Tom Spellacy); *The Pursuit of D. B. Cooper* (Spottiswoode) (as Bob Gruen)
- 1983 *Tender Mercies* (Beresford) (as Max Sledge, + co-pr); *The Terry Fox Story* (Thomas—for TV)
- 1984 *The Stone Boy* (Cain) (as Joe Hillerman); *The Natural* (Levin) (as Max Mercy)
- 1986 *Belizaire the Cajun* (Pitre) (as Preacher); *The Lightship* (Skolimowski) (as Caspary)
- 1987 *Hotel Colonial* (Torrini) (as Carrasco); *Let's Get Harry* (Smithee [Stuart Rosenberg]) (as Norman Shrike)
- 1988 *Colors* (Dennis Hopper) (as Bob Hodges); *Convicts* (Masterson); *Roots in a Parched Ground* (Masterson)
- 1990 *The Handmaid's Tale* (Schlöndorff) (as Commander); *A Show of Force* (Barreto) (as Howard Baslin); *Days of Thunder* (Tony Scott) (as Harry Hogge)
- 1991 *Rambling Rose* (Coolidge) (as Daddy Hillyer); *Convicts* (Masterson) (as Soll Gautier)
- 1992 *Newsies* (Ortega) (as Joseph Pulitzer); *The Plague* (*La peste*) (Puenzo) (as Joseph Grand); *Stalin* (Passer—for TV) (title role)
- 1993 *Wrestling Ernest Hemingway* (Haines) (as Walt); *Falling Down* (Schumacher) (as Prendergast); *Geronimo: An American Legend* (Walter Hill) (as Al Sieber); *Cachao . . . como su ritmo no hay dos* (*Like His Rhythm There Is No Other*) (García—doc) (as himself)

- 1994 *The Paper* (Ron Howard) (as Bernie White)
 1995 *The Scarlet Letter* (Joff ) (as Roger Chillingworth); *Something to Talk About* (Hallstrom) (as Wyly King); *The Stars Fell on Henrietta* (Keach) (as Mr. Cox)
 1996 *A Family Thing* (Richard Pearce) (as Earl, + co-pr); *The Man Who Captured Eichmann* (for TV) (as Adolf Eichmann/Ricardo Clement, + co-pr); *Phenomenon* (Turteltaub); *Sling Blade* (Thorton) (as Karl's Father)
 1997 *The Apostle* (Duvall) (as Euliss "Sonny" Dewey)
 1998 *Deep Impact* (Leder) (as Spurgeon "Fish" Tanner); *A Civil Action* (Zaillian) (as Jerome Facher); *The Gingerbread Man* (Altman) (as Dixon Doss)
 2000 *Gone in Sixty Seconds* (Sena) (as Otto Halliwell); *The 6th Day* (Spottiswoods) (as Dr. Graham Weir)
 2001 *John Q* (Cassavetes)

Films as Director:

- 1977 *We're Not the Jet Set* (doc)
 1983 *Angelo, My Love* (+ co-pr, sc)
 1997 *The Apostle* (+sc, ex-pr, ro as Euliss "Sonny" Dewey)

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From his screen debut as silently staring Boo Radley, the antithesis of a childhood bogeyman, the skull-faced Duvall has often acted like the eye of a hurricane, unleashing his power upon spectators when they least expect it. His specialty is submerged violence that overheats and then steams out of simple souls, and he is an expert at playing self-controlled men who should not be pushed too far. Throughout his steady career as a character star on a par with Gene Hackman, Duvall has (until recently) never given a less than multifaceted performance in even the smallest roles.

With just a glance, he sums up Boo Radley's entire solitary life as a child-man cut off from normal human experience in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Psychologically damaged in *Captain Newman, M.D.*, way too sure of himself in *True Grit*, and disastrously clueless about Shirley Knight's needs in *The Rain People*, Duvall never seemed like the same actor in any of these movies, and that invisible adaptability may have prevented him from coming to prominence sooner. Although he is a drolly funny born-again phony in *M*A*S*H*, and touchingly overwhelmed as a futuristic man in *THX-1138*, Duvall's key role is Tom Hagen, the buttoned-down Mafia facilitator in the *Godfather* movies. Always weighing his options and always loyally cleaning up after his colorful masters, Duvall's outsider is a fully realized characterization, the compromised man blinded by forever looking the other way.

Over the years, Duvall continued painting his one-man gallery of regional types—luminous portraits of faceless Americans living lives of quiet desperation. Instead of repeating himself, Duvall broadened his artistry and reworked his stage performance as the hapless Jackson Fentry in a grim *Tomorrow* with an intuitive grasp of how to scale down the performance for the cinema. As vital a presence when gearing up for bombast as he is with harkening attention with an actor's silences, Duvall can be insinuatingly sinister while running a *Network*, appallingly macho while badgering his family with Marine mentality in *The Great Santini* or hilariously psychotic as a lieutenant colonel treating Vietnam like a vacation spot in *Apocalypse Now*. Even in junk such as *The Betsy*, he does not abdicate his responsibility to the audience. Although he beat four acclaimed Brits to win his best actor Oscar for *Tender Mercies*, his redemption-seeking country-western singer does not have the full-bodied richness of his detective eaten up by the acid of departmental corruption in *True Confessions*, or his rock-solid street cop in *Colors* or his loving family man in *Rambling Rose*. Perhaps that is because he is playing a symbolic force in the dry-as-dust *Tender Mercies* and can develop the characters in these other films along less pretentious lines.

Lately, Duvall has been stretching himself with roles outside his safe Yankee territory. Despite his wavering accent, he is touching as a straight-laced Cuban gentleman in the geriatric soap opera, *Wrestling Ernest Hemingway*. If he appears to be home on the world-weary prairies of *Lonesome Dove*, he seems out of place in Russia as *Stalin*. As versatile as he is, his uncluttered directness is more compatible with interpreting such American figureheads as *Ike* than foreign despots.

Floundering in the Harlequin Romancing of Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, Duvall is betrayed by the insipid writing and composition-conscious director into botching a part that he is temperamentally attuned to, the demented Roger Chillingworth, an avenging angel hiding behind a bible. In the comedy *Something to Talk About*, he makes his mint-julep patriarch disarmingly funny without softening the edges of this bullying father role. In the legal eagle thrillers, *A Civil Action* and *The Gingerbread Man*, he breathes fresh histrionic life into stale courtroom theatrics. Although he can be an imposing presence, Duvall can seamlessly ease himself into the gentle framework of domestic dramas like *A Family Thing* (as a white man improbably bonding with Afro-American relatives) and *Stars Fell Over Henrietta* (as a smoothie redeeming himself by making his pie-in-the-sky promises come true). In these films, Duvall manages to embody common folk while denying none of the force of his star personality. Like Thomas Mitchell or Claude Rains, Duvall is a great character actor, who is also a star. Unlike those supporting leads, however, Duvall can carry a movie on his own; when he steps into a tiny role, he usually steals the film from its nominal leads.

Taking time out from acting to direct personal projects (e.g. *Angelo, My Love*), Duvall wrote a juicy role for himself and elicited a great performance for himself in *The Apostle*, which took 13 years for this actor/director to bring to the screen. Although some critics noticed that he had stacked the plot decks too favorably in his character's direction, Duvall is mesmerizing as an evangelist who brooks no questions of faith from his own family. In a shocking indictment of pride going before a fall, the hypnotic preacher flees prosecution for beating his wife's lover, only to find he's locked in a guilt-mode worthy of Raskolnikov.

Even in unmitigated blockbuster rubbish like *Deep Impact*, Duvall remains a tower of strength. When he cares about his material, he's unforgettable. To move with such ease from gem-like cameos (*Slingblade*) to mass entertainments (*Phenomenon*) to star turns (*The Apostle*) is the mark of a singular talent. In the Duvall canon, the part may be that of an ordinary person, but Duvall always gives a face to anonymity. Other actors are in touch with their feelings; Duvall is in synch with the desires of the characters he inhabits.

—Robert Pardi

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EASTWOOD, Clint

Nationality: American. **Born:** Clinton Eastwood Jr. in San Francisco, California, 31 May 1930 (some sources give 30 or 31 May 1931). **Education:** Attended Oakland Technical High School; studied business administration, Los Angeles City College, 1953–54. **Military Service:** 1950—U.S. Army; served as swimming instructor at Fort Ord, California. **Family:** Married 1) Maggie Johnson, 1953 (divorced in mid-1980s), children: Kyle Clinton and Alison; 2) Dina Ruiz, 1996; daughter with Roxanne Tunis: Kimber; daughter with actress Frances Fisher: Francesca Ruth. **Career:** 1954–55—contract with Universal; 1955—screen debut in *Francis in the Navy*; late 1950s—worked sporadically in films, and as lifeguard and for swimming pool contractor; 1959–66—second lead as Rowdy Yates in TV series *Rawhide* (took over lead as trail boss, autumn 1965); 1964—*A Fistful of Dollars* for Sergio Leone, first of series of three, was big hit in Europe and, in 1967, in U.S.; 1967—first starring role in U.S. film, *Hang 'em High*; formed Malpaso production company; 1971—directed first film, *Play Misty for Me*; 1982—first effort at producing,



Clint Eastwood in *High Plains Drifter*

on *Firefox*; 1986–88—mayor of Carmel, California. **Awards:** Chevalier des Lettres, France, 1985; Academy Awards for Best Direction and Best Picture, for *The Unforgiven*, 1992; Fellowship of the British Film Institute, 1993; Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, 1995; American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, 1996; Honorary Cesar Award, 1998. **Address:** c/o Malpaso Productions, 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91522, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Francis in the Navy* (Lubin) (as Jonesy); *Revenge of the Creature* (Arnold) (as technician); *Lady Godiva* (Lubin) (as Saxon); *Tarantula* (Arnold) (as Air Force pilot)
- 1956 *Never Say Goodbye* (Jerry Hopper) (as lab assistant); *The First Traveling Saleslady* (Lubin) (as Jack Rice); *Star in the Dust* (Haas) (bit role)
- 1957 *Escapade in Japan* (Lubin) (as Dumbo); *Ambush at Cimarron Pass* (Copeland) (as Keith Williams); *Lafayette Escadrille (Hell Bent for Glory)* (Wellman) (as George Moseley)
- 1964 *A Fistful of Dollars* (*Per un pugno di dollari*) (Leone) (as The Stranger)
- 1965 *For a Few Dollars More* (*Per qualche dollaro in piu*) (Leone) (as The Stranger); "Civic Sense" ep. of *Le streghe* (*The Witches*) (Visconti, Pasolini, Bolognini, Rossi, and de Sica) (as husband)
- 1966 *Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo* (*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*) (Leone) (as Joe)
- 1967 *Hang 'em High* (Post) (as Jed Cooper)
- 1968 *Coogan's Bluff* (Siegel) (as Walt Coogan)
- 1969 *Paint Your Wagon* (Logan) (as Pardner)
- 1970 *Kelly's Heroes* (Hutton) (as Kelly); *Two Mules for Sister Sara* (Siegel) (as Hogan)
- 1971 *The Beguiled* (Siegel) (as John McBurney); *Dirty Harry* (Siegel) (as Harry Callahan)
- 1972 *Joe Kidd* (John Sturges) (title role)
- 1973 *Magnum Force* (Post) (as Harry Callahan)
- 1974 *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot* (Cimino) (as John "Thunderbolt" Doherty)
- 1976 *The Enforcer* (Fargo) (as Harry Callahan)
- 1977 *Every Which Way but Loose* (Fargo) (as Philo Beddoe)
- 1978 *Escape from Alcatraz* (Siegel) (as Frank Morris)
- 1980 *Any Which Way You Can* (Van Horn) (as Philo Beddoe)
- 1984 *Tightrope* (Tuggle) (as Wes Block, + co-pr); *City Heat* (Benjamin)
- 1988 *The Dead Pool* (Van Horn) (as Harry Callahan)
- 1989 *Pink Cadillac* (Van Horn) (as Tommy Mowak)
- 1993 *In the Line of Fire* (Petersen) (as Frank Horrigan)
- 1994 *Don't Pave Main Street: Carmel's Heritage* (Cartwright and Ludwig—doc) (as narrator)

- 1995 *Casper* (Silberling) (uncredited cameo)
 1996 *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Robinson) (as himself)
 1998 *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries* (uncredited; as John "Thunderbolt" Daugherty)

Films as Director:

- 1971 *Play Misty for Me* (+ ro as Dave Garland)
 1973 *High Plains Drifter* (+ ro as the stranger); *Breezy*
 1975 *The Eiger Sanction* (+ ro as Jonathan Hemlock)
 1976 *The Outlaw Josey Wales* (+ title role)
 1977 *The Gauntlet* (+ ro as Ben Shockley)
 1980 *Bronco Billy* (+ ro as Bronco Billy McCoy)
 1982 *Honkytonk Man* (+ pr, ro as Red); *Firefox* (+ pr, ro as Mitchell Gant)
 1983 *Sudden Impact* (+ pr, ro as Harry Callahan)
 1985 *Pale Rider* (+ pr, ro as Preacher)
 1986 *Heartbreak Ridge* (+ pr, ro as Tom Highway)
 1988 *Bird* (+ pr)
 1990 *White Hunter, Black Heart* (+ pr, ro as John Wilson); *The Rookie* (+ ro as Nick Pulovski)
 1992 *Unforgiven* (+ pr, ro as William Munny)
 1993 *A Perfect World* (+ pr, ro as Red Garnett)
 1995 *The Bridges of Madison County* (+ pr, ro as Robert Kincaid)
 1997 *Absolute Power* (pr, + ro as Luther Whitney); *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (+ pr)
 1999 *True Crime* (+ro as Steve Everett)
 2000 *Space Cowboys* (+ ro as Dr. Frank Corvin)

Other Films:

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It would be difficult to sustain a case for Clint Eastwood as a great actor. Competent, certainly, even polished within a limited range, but hardly a Marlon Brando or even a James Stewart. If comparisons have to be made, the obvious one is with John Wayne, another movie figure whose emblematic significance far outweighed his conventional thespian talents. Both, of course, owed their initial breakthrough to the Western, and both built cleverly on the generic image with which they were furnished.

Eastwood (then taking small parts in Hollywood) first came to public attention in the late 1950s, playing Rowdy Yates in the television Western series *Rawhide*. Lean, weather-beaten, and a man of few words but much integrity, he epitomized one strand in the classic image of the Westerner. It was this tradition which was to be extended almost into parody in the three massively successful Westerns that Eastwood made with director Sergio Leone: *A Fistful of Dollars*, *For a Few Dollars More*, and *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. In all three films he had little to say, and what little there was only just escaped in the wake of the cheroot that he continually rolled from one side of his mouth to the other. The Man with No Name (as the character came to be known) was founded on that mannerism, on Eastwood's distinctive physical appearance, and on his role as the poncho-clad gunfighter who rides into town bringing vengeance and death. Like Leone's films themselves, the Man with No Name was a distillation of a Western myth, and it turned Eastwood into top box-office.

It was a happy conjunction of man and image, and, recognizing that his talents lay here, Eastwood set about constructing a career that made the most of them. Simple variations upon the Man with No Name have served well in the likes of *Hang 'em High*, *Two Mules for Sister Sara*, *Joe Kidd*, *High Plains Drifter*, and *Pale Rider*. A modern urban counterpart turned up in *Coogan's Bluff* in the guise of a policeman from out West blundering none too appealingly through New York, and emerged fully fledged in another film made for Don Siegel, the controversial and highly successful *Dirty Harry*. Its central character, Harry Callahan, an obsessive, ruthless, and violent cop, became even more ruthlessly violent in its immediate sequels, *Magnum Force* and *The Enforcer*, rapidly joining the Man with No Name as a permanent fixture in the modern cinema's chamber of action heroes.

It is on these two interrelated personae that Eastwood's acting style has been built. Only rarely has he had the opportunity to stretch himself beyond these limits (in, for example, *The Beguiled*, *Play Misty for Me*, *Tightrope*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, and *True Crime*) and when he does so he generally produces performances even more understated than those he gives when fully in persona. To put it glibly, he does not so much rise to such parts as allow himself to lapse into them. As an actor, then, Eastwood is a product of his image. His success is based on recognizing that fact and ensuring that every performance uses it in some way. Thus, much of the apparent power of his performance in *In the Line of Fire* is a consequence of the skillfully wrought contrast (mostly achieved in the editing since they do not play scenes together directly) between Malkovich's actorly intensity and Eastwood's laid-back evocation of that familiar screen persona.

That said, it is important to note that the sheer strength of the Eastwood image can be used to create distance as well as to encapsulate characters. Although most of his roles have been fairly straightforward expressions of his established screen personae, on a few occasions he has sought to open up some space between character and myth. Sometimes that edges close to pastiche, as it does in the cause of heightened effects in the two likably overwrought Westerns, *High Plains Drifter* and *Pale Rider*. Sometimes it is more openly humorous, as in the wilder excesses of *The Gauntlet*, the good natured self-mockery of *Bronco Billy*, or the rather knowing evocation of the Harry Callahan cycle in *The Dead Pool*. Just occasionally Eastwood

has found some balance between evoking the image and using it as a kind of comment upon itself. One such film is *The Outlaw Josey Wales* where he plays Josey Wales without the usual superhuman overtones, thus trading on the tension between persona-based expectations and the character's actual behavior. Another case is *Heartbreak Ridge*, where the assertive masculinity of the Eastwood persona (here in a military version) is to some degree rendered insecure. And yet another instance is *Unforgiven* which works by allowing the classic persona to emerge slowly in the course of the film. William Munny, former gunman turned responsible single parent, is to be found at the film's opening covered in mud and struggling with his hogs. By its culminating sequence he has recovered his classic guise as Western avenging angel, in the process turning the movie into a formidable expression of the genre's romantic individualism.

These films, of course, are as much the products of Eastwood the director as Eastwood the actor, which may explain both their ambition and the fact that they do not quite pull it off. As a director Eastwood clearly learned well from both Leone and Siegel, the two filmmakers most responsible for his on-screen persona. It is a pity, therefore, that however well he has learned (and he *is* a good director), the Eastwood image that they conjointly created is now probably too strong to be overcome.

—Andrew Tudor

ELLIOTT, Denholm

Nationality: British. **Born:** Denholm Mitchell Elliott in London, England, 31 May 1922. **Education:** Attended Malvern College; studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, 1939. **Military Service:** Royal Air Force, Bomber Command, 1940–45; held as prisoner of war in Germany, 1940–43. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Virginia McKenna, 1954 (divorced 1957); 2) Susan Robinson, 1962, two children. **Career:** 1946—West End stage debut in *The Guinea-Pig*; 1949—film debut in *Dear Mr. Prohack*; 1950—New York stage debut in *Ring around the Moon*; from 1970s—much work on TV, including mini-series *Marco Polo*, 1982, *Bleak House*, 1985, *Noble House*, 1988, and *Bankok Hilton*, 1992. **Awards:** British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards for Best Supporting Actor, for *Trading Places*, 1983, *A Private Function* and *Defence of the Realm*, 1985; Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1988. **Died:** In Ibiza, Spain, 6 October 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *Dear Mr. Prohack* (Freeland) (as Ozzie Morfrey)
- 1952 *The Sound Barrier* (*Breaking the Sound Barrier*) (Lean) (as Christopher Ridgefield); *The Holly and the Ivy* (O'Ferrall) (as Mick Gregory); *The Ringer* (Hamilton) (as John Lenley)
- 1953 *The Cruel Sea* (Frend) (as Morrell); *The Heart of the Matter* (O'Ferrall) (as Wilson)
- 1954 *They Who Dare* (Milestone) (as Sgt. Corcoran); *Lease of Life* (Frend) (as Martin Blake); *The Man Who Loved the Red-heads* (French) (as Denis)

- 1955 *The Night My Number Came Up* (Norman) (as Flight Lt. McKenzie)
- 1956 *Pacific Destiny* (Rilla) (as Arthur Grimble)
- 1960 *Scent of Mystery* (*Holidays in Spain*) (Cardiff) (as Oliver Larker)
- 1962 *Station Six-Sahara* (Holt) (as Macey)
- 1963 *Nothing but the Best* (Clive Donner) (as Charlie Prince); *The Leather Boys* (Furie)
- 1964 *The High Bright Sun* (*McGuire Go Home!*) (Thomas) (as Baker)
- 1965 *King Rat* (Forbes) (as Lt. Col. Denholm Larkin); *You Must Be Joking!* (Winner) (as Capt. Tabasco)
- 1966 *Alfie* (Lewis Gilbert) (as abortionist); *The Spy with a Cold Nose* (Petrie) (as Pond-Jones)
- 1967 *Maroc 7* (O'Hara) (as Inspector Barrada); *Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush* (Clive Donner) (as Mr. Beauchamp)
- 1968 *The Night They Raided Minsky's* (Friedkin) (as Vance Fowler); *The Sea Gull* (Lumet) (as Dorn)
- 1969 *Too Late the Hero* (*Suicide Run*) (Aldrich) (as Capt. Hornsby)
- 1970 *The Rise and Rise of Michael Rimmer* (Billington) (as Peter Niss); *The House that Dripped Blood* (Duffel) (as Charles)
- 1971 *Percy* (Thomas) (as Emmanuel Whitbread); *Quest for Love* (Thomas) (as Tom Lewis)
- 1972 *Madame Sin* (David Greene)
- 1973 *A Doll's House* (Losey) (as Krogstad); "Drawn and Quartered" ep. of *The Vault of Horror* (Roy Ward Baker) (as Diltant)
- 1974 *Percy's Progress* (*It's Not the Size that Counts*) (Thomas) (as Emmanuel Whitbread); *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (Kotcheff) (as Friar)
- 1975 *Russian Roulette* (Lombardo) (as Commander Petapiece)
- 1976 *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Admiral Canaris); *Robin and Marian* (Lester) (as Will Scarlett); *To the Devil a Daughter* (Sykes) (as Henry Beddows); *Partners* (Don Owen) (as John Grey); *The Signalmans* (Lawrence Gordon Clark—for TV) (title role)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as RAF meteorological officer); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Morrisey) (as Stapleton); *The Strange Case of the End of Civilisation as We Know It* (McGrath—for TV) (as English delegate)
- 1978 *The Sweeney II* (Clegg) (as Jupp); *Watership Down* (Rosen—animation) (as voice of Cowslip); *The Boys from Brazil* (Schaffner) (as Sidney Beynon)
- 1979 *Saint Jack* (Bogdanovich) (as William Leigh); *A Game for Vultures* (Fargo) (as Raglan Thistle); *Cuba* (Lester) (as Skinner); *Zulu Dawn* (Hickox) (as Lt. Col. Pulleine)
- 1980 *Rising Damp* (McGrath) (as Seymour); "An Englishman's Home" ep. of *Sunday Lovers* (*Les Séducteurs*) (Forbes and others) (as Parker); *Bad Timing* (*A Sensual Obsession*) (Roeg) (as Stefan Vognic); *Blade on the Feather* (*Deep Cover*) (Loncraine)
- 1981 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Spielberg) (as Marcus Brody)
- 1982 *The Missionary* (Loncraine) (as the Bishop of London); *Brimstone and Treacle* (Loncraine) (as Thomas Bates)
- 1983 *Trading Places* (Landis) (as Coleman); *The Wicked Lady* (Winner) (as Sir Ralph Skelton); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Hickox) (as Dr. Mortimer)
- 1984 *The Razor's Edge* (Byrum) (as Elliott Templeton); *Camille* (Desmond Davis—for TV) (as Count de Nolly)



Denholm Elliott (right) with Harrison Ford in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

- 1985 *A Private Function* (Mowbray) (as Dr. Swaby); *Defence of the Realm* (Drury) (as Vernon Bayliss); *Past Caring* (Eyre)
- 1986 *A Room with a View* (Ivory) (as Mr. Emerson); *The Whoopie Boys* (Byrum) (as Col. Hugh Phelps); *Underworld (Transmutations)* (Pavlou) (as Dr. Savary); *Hotel du Lac* (Giles Foster—for TV) (as Philip Neville); *Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry* (Schaefer—for TV) (as George Parker)
- 1987 *Maurice* (Ivory) (as Dr. Barry); *September* (Woody Allen) (as Howard); *Overindulgence* (Devenish); *Scoop* (Millar—for TV) (as Mr. Salter)
- 1988 *Hanna's War* (Golan); *Keys to Freedom* (Feke); *Return from the River Kwai* (McLaglen); *The Bourne Identity* (Roger Young—for TV) (as Washburn); *Codename: Kyril* (Ian Sharp—for TV)
- 1989 *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (Spielberg) (as Marcus Brody); *Stealing Heaven* (Clive Donner) (as Fulbert); *Killing Dad* (Austin) (as Monty Berg); *Rude Awakening* (Greenwalt and Russo); *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV)
- 1990 *The Love She Sought (A Green Journey)* (Sargent—for TV) (as James O'Hannon)

- 1991 *Toy Soldiers* (Petrie) (as the Headmaster); *One against the Wind* (Elikann—for TV) (as Father LeBlanc); *Murder of Quality* (Millar—for TV) (as George Smiley)
- 1992 *Scorchers* (Beard) (as Howler); *Noises Off* (Bogdanovich) (as Selsdon Mowbray/the Burglar)

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Denholm Elliott is one of those British supporting/character actors whose presence in a film automatically guarantees that, if not of the highest quality, it at least will be watchable and well-acted. In this regard, Elliott may be categorized with the likes of John Mills, Trevor Howard, and Jack Hawkins as dependable British character players who appeared in both English and American-made films, small-scale dramas which emphasized character development, and occasional glitzy big-budget spectacles.

In his look and demeanor, Elliott had the air of coming from the lower levels of the British gentleman classes; he would fit snugly into the role of a clergyman's son struggling to keep his head above the murky waters of the "shabby genteel." Whatever his character's trappings, he never truly could be classy, but rather would seem a poseur. This is effectively communicated in one of his best early roles: Morrell, the young naval officer/barrister turned barrack-room lawyer, in *The Cruel Sea*. At one point in the film, Morrell (whose wife is a bitchy actress) is on leave, and he answers her telephone only to hear a jovial caller ask if "that clot of a husband" is away.

With his quick nail-biter's grin, Elliott could be corruptible. He was expert at playing the complainer, the clever loser, the resentful schemer, the failed gentleman pulled down by his own inherent pretension, who ends up conniving and clawing his way through shabby schemes and deals. His range also extends, however, to brave, despairing—and, ultimately, ill-fated—victims of duty.

Elliott was cast in some of the finer British films of the 1950s. In addition to *The Cruel Sea*, he was the doomed aviator forced to test-fly airplanes by his heartless airplane factory owner father (Ralph Richardson) in *Breaking the Sound Barrier*; the covetous clerk dogging Trevor Howard in *The Heart of the Matter*; and Michael Redgrave's assistant in *The Night My Number Came Up*. Many of his

earlier films were linked to World War II-related themes of sacrifice, but the increased affluence and social mobility of the 1960s (along with the arrival of John Osborne's *Angry Young Man*) restored to the British cinema a certain cynicism, or worldly wisdom, about snobberies, one-upmanship, the rat race, and unabashed unworthiness. Elliott was suited to such films, and his knowing performance as Charlie Prince, the debased character who teaches manners to an ambitious, social climbing clerk (Alan Bates) in *Nothing but the Best*, closes off the first phase of his career and serves as a prelude to his future. A perfect follow-up was his distasteful, unorthodox abortionist in *Alfie*.

Elliott's highest-profile roles were to come in the 1970s and 1980s. He was never better as Friar, the inebriated, unscrupulous filmmaker who creates the garish bar mitzvah movie, in *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*; and Mr. Emerson, the eccentric up-by-the-bootstraps businessman, in *A Room with a View*. He was a solid addition to the cast of *Robin and Marian*, playing the role of Will Scarlett. All the while, he still gave exemplary performances in lesser-known films: *Defence of the Realm*, playing a veteran journalist whose mysterious death sets a Fleet Street tabloid reporter (Gabriel Byrne) on a quest for truth; and *Bad Timing*, as Theresa Russell's wearily resigned Czech husband.

In his later years, Elliott's international visibility increased as he began appearing in popular American films. In *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, he is Harrison Ford's professional associate. In *Trading Places*, he is Coleman, Dan Aykroyd's valet, who ends up ministering to Eddie Murphy; his presence is a fine counterpose to John Gielgud's waspish loftiness as another gentleman's gentleman in *Arthur*.

Elliott's roots are in middle-class Englishness, and he fashioned his characters with sympathy and without complacency. He may have been deprived of full-length, in-depth celluloid stardom, but this loss only enhances the importance of the gallery of types and attitudes he brought to the films in which he did appear.

—Raymond Durnat, updated by Rob Edelman

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FABRIZI, Aldo

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Rome, 1 November 1905. **Family:** Married Beatrice Rocchi, two children (twins). **Career:** 1931—began stage work as comedian in variety theater; 1930s—dialect comedy on radio and in music halls; 1942—film debut in *Avanti c'è posto*; 1949—directed the film *Emigrantes*. **Died:** In Rome, 2 April 1990.

Films as Actor:

- 1942 *Avanti c'è posto* (Zampa) (as Cesare, + co-story)
- 1943 *Campo dei fiori* (*The Peddler and the Lady*) (Bonnard) (as Peppino); *L'ultima carrozzella* (Mattoli) (as Toto)
- 1944 *Circo equestre* Za-Bum (Mattoli)
- 1945 *Roma, città aperta* (*Rome, Open City*; *Open City*) (Rossellini) (as Don Pietro)
- 1946 *Mio figlio professore* (*Professor My Son*) (Castellani); *Vivere in pace* (*To Live in Peace*) (Zampa) (+ co-sc)
- 1947 *Il delitto di Giovanni Episcopo* (*Flesh Will Surrender*) (Lattuada) (+ co-sc); *Tombola, paradiso nero* (Ferroni)
- 1948 *Natale al campo 119* (*Escape into Dreams*) (Francisci) (+ co-sc)
- 1949 *Antonio di Padova* (*Anthony of Padua*) (Francisci)
- 1950 *Prima comunione* (*Father's Dilemma*) (Blasetti); *Francesco—giullare di Dio* (*Flowers of St. Francis*) (Rossellini) (as Nikolai); *Vita di cani* (*It's a Dog's Life*) (Monicelli and Steno)
- 1951 *Guardie e ladri* (*Cops and Robbers*) (Monicelli and Steno) (+ sc); *Parigi è sempre Parigi* (Emmer); *Signori in carrozzo* (Zampa) (+ sc); *Tre passi a nord* (*Three Steps North*) (W. L. Wilder); *Cameriera bella presenza offresi* (Pastina)
- 1952 “Il carrettino dei libri vecchi,” ep. of *Altri tempi* (*Times Gone By*; *In Olden Days*; *Infidelity*) (Blasetti); *Cinque poveri in automobile* (*The Lucky Five*) (Mattoli); *La voce del silenzio* (Pabst)
- 1953 *L'età dell'amore* (De Felice); *Siamo tutti inquilini* (Mattoli); *Cose da pazzi* (Pabst)
- 1954 “Garibaldina” ep. of *Cento anni d'amore* (De Felice)
- 1955 *Accadde al penitenziario* (Bianchi); *Carosello di varietà*; *I due compari* (Borghesio); *Io piaccio* (Bianchi)
- 1956 *Donatella* (Monicelli); *Guardia, guardia scelta, brigadiere e maresciallo* (Bolognini); *Mi permette, babbo?* (Bonnard); *I pappagalli* (Paolinelli); *Un po' di cielo* (Moser)
- 1957 *Festa di maggio* (*Premier May*) (Saslavsky)
- 1958 *I prepotenti* (Mattoli)
- 1959 *Fernando I, re di Napoli* (Franciolini); *Prepotenti più di prima* (Mattoli); *I tartassati* (*The Overtaxed*) (Steno); *La sposa bella* (*The Angel Wore Red*) (Johnson)
- 1960 *Un militare e mezzo* (Steno); *Totò, Fabrizi e i giovani d'oggi* (Mattoli)

- 1962 *Gerarchi si muore* (Simonelli); *Le meraviglie di Aladino* (*The Wonders of Aladdin*) (Levin) (as Sultan); *Orazi e Curiazi* (*Duel of Champions*) (Young and Baldi); *I quattro monaci*; *Twist, ninfette e vitelloni* (Firolami)
- 1963 *I quattro moschettieri* (Bragaglia); *Totò contro i quattro* (Vanzina)
- 1964 *Fra Manisco cerca quai* (Tamburella); “I quattro tassisti” ep. of *La donna è una cosa meravigliosa* (Bolognini)
- 1965 *Made in Italy* (Loy)
- 1966 *Sette monaci d'oro* (Rossi)
- 1967 *Three Bites of the Apple* (Ganzer) (as Doctor)
- 1971 *Cose di Cosa Nostra* (*The Godson*) (Steno)
- 1973 *La Tosca* (Magni); *Non toccate la donna bianca* (*Touche pas la femme blanche*) (Ferreri)
- 1974 *Permettete che ami vostre figlia?* (*Madam, Permit Me to Love Your Daughter*; *Claretta and Ben*) (Polidoro); *C'eravamo tanti amati* (*We All Loved Each Other So Much*; *Those Were the Years*) (Scola); *I baroni* (Lomi)
- 1977 *Il ginecologo della mutua* (*Ladies Doctor*) (D'Amato)
- 1986 *Giovanni Senzapensieri* (Colli)

Films as Director:

- 1949 *Emigrantes* (+ sc, ro)
- 1950 *Benvenuto reverendo!* (+ sc, ro)
- 1951 *La famiglia Passaguai* (+ sc, ro)
- 1952 *La Famiglia Passaguai fa fortuna* (+ sc, ro); *Papa diventa Mamma* (+ sc, ro)
- 1953 *Una di quelle* (+ sc, ro)
- 1954 “Marsini stretta” ep. of *Questa è la vita* (*Of Life and Love*) (+ sc, ro)
- 1955 *Hanno rubato un tram* (+ sc, ro)
- 1958 *Il maestro* (*The Teacher and the Miracle*) (+ pr, co-sc, ro as Giovanni Merino)

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Aldo Fabrizi started out as a comedian in the variety theater in the 1930s. On radio and in the music hall, he specialized in dialect comedy, and this led to his first film efforts. These films, such as *Avanti c'è posto*, *Campo dei fiori*, and *L'ultima carrozzella*, were all comedies devoted to the everyday life of poor but honest folk. Fabrizi's portrayal of a bus conductor, a market vendor, and a coachman, respectively, brought his sanguine persona and his ability at comic mugging to the attention of the public.

The potential danger of becoming stereotyped by such roles was overcome by his dramatic and heartrending portrayal of Don Pietro in *Open City*. He plays a Catholic priest who fights in the Resistance and who displays unshakable faith, immense courage, and compassion towards both his companions and his torturers even until his execution. Not only was it a brilliant performance, the best of his career, but the film inaugurated the critical success of neorealism around the world, and broke box-office records.

Fabrizi continued to exert an enormous influence over the development of Italian neorealist acting in *Professor My Son* and *To Live in Peace*, another international success. Alessandro Blasetti used him as the harried, inept father in *Father's Dilemma* while, in the same year, Rossellini used Fabrizi's corpulence and grotesque qualities for the tribal chieftain Nikolai in *Flowers of St. Francis*.

In the 1950s, Fabrizi began directing and continued his scriptwriting career although films written or directed by him have not received much critical attention in Italy. Even his acting roles in the 1950s and 1960s were in films that were rarely distributed internationally. More recently, Fabrizi allowed himself to lose control over his delivery and often deteriorated into cheap and vulgar humor. Because of his enormous body, he tended to be cast as exaggeratedly grotesque characters. Ettore Scola paid homage to Fabrizi's contribution to the Italian cinema in *We All Loved Each Other So Much*.

—Elaine Mancini

FAIRBANKS, Douglas

Nationality: American. **Born:** Douglas Elton Ulman in Denver, Colorado, 23 May 1883; mother reassumed the name of her first husband, Fairbanks, after divorcing Douglas's father. **Education:** Attended Colorado School of Mines, until 1900; special student at Harvard University, 5 months. **Family:** Married 1) Anna Beth Sully, 1907 (divorced 1918), son: the actor Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.; 2) the actress Mary Pickford, 1920 (divorced 1936); 3) Sylvia Ashley, 1936. **Career:** Made first stage appearance with Denver theatrical troupe at age 12; 1900—toured with Frederick Warde theatrical company; after traveling company failed, studied briefly at Harvard and worked at various jobs including Wall Street clerk; 1902—Broadway debut in *Her Lord and Master*; 1905—featured stage role in *A Case of Frenzied Finance*; 1906—first stage hit, *The Man of the Hour*; 1907—left stage briefly after marrying Anna Beth Sully to work in her family's soap company; 1913—established as stage star with *He*



Douglas Fairbanks, with Brandon Hurst, in *The Thief of Bagdad*

Comes Up Smiling; 1915—last stage appearance in *The Show Shop*; 3-year contract with D. W. Griffith's Triangle Film Corporation; film debut in *The Lamb*; 1916—first screen success in *His Picture in the Papers*; 1917—formed Douglas Fairbanks Pictures Corp., releasing through Artercraft, a subsidiary of Famous Players-Lasky (later Paramount); 1919—with Mary Pickford, Charles Chaplin, and D. W. Griffith, formed United Artists distribution company; 1927—first president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences; 1929—first sound film, *The Taming of the Shrew*, opposite Mary Pickford; 1936—announced retirement from acting; 1938—formed Fairbanks International production company. **Died:** 12 December 1939.

Films as Actor:

- 1915 *The Lamb* (Cabanne) (as Gerald); *Double Trouble* (Cabanne) (as Mr. Amidon/Mr. Brassfield)
- 1916 *His Picture in the Papers* (Emerson) (as Pete Prindle); *The Habit of Happiness* (*Laugh and the World Laughs*) (Dwan) (as “Sunny” Wiggins); *The Good Bad Man* (*Passing Through*) (Dwan) (as “Passin’ Thru,” + sc); *Reggie Mixes In* (*Mysteries of New York*) (Cabanne) (as Reginald Morton); *Firting with Fate* (Cabanne) (as “Augy” Holliday); *The Mystery of the Leaping Fish* (Emerson—two reels) (as Coke Anneyday); *The Half Breed* (Dwan—rereleased in abridged version as *Flames of ‘49*) (as Lo Dorman); *Manhattan Madness* (Dwan) (as Stever O’Dare); *American Aristocracy* (Ingraham) (as Cassius Lee); *The Matrimaniac*

- (Powell) (as Jimmy Conroy); *The Americano* (Emerson) (title role); *Intolerance* (Griffith) (as extra)
- 1917 *In Again, Out Again* (Emerson) (as Teddy Rutherford); *Wild and Woolly* (Emerson) (as Jeff Hillington); *Down to Earth* (Emerson) (as Bill Gaynor, + story); *The Man from Painted Post* (Henabery) (as Fancy Jim Sherwood, + sc); *Reaching for the Moon* (Emerson) (as Alexis Caesar Napoleon Brown); *War Relief* (short)
- 1918 *A Modern Musketeer* (Dwan) (as Ned Thacker); *Headin' South* (Rosson) (as "Headin' South"); *Mr. Fix-It* (Dwan) (title role); *Say! Young Fellow* (Henabery) (as "Young Fellow"); *Bound in Morocco* (Dwan) (as The Boy); *He Comes Up Smiling* (Dwan) (as Jerry Martin); *Sic 'em Sam!* (Parker—short); *Fire the Kaiser* (Henabery—short)
- 1919 *The Knickerbocker Buckaroo* (Parker) (as Teddy Drake, + sc); *His Majesty, the American (One of the Blood)* (Henabery) (as William Brooks, + co-sc as "Elton Banks"); *When the Clouds Roll By* (Fleming) (as Daniel Boone Brown, + co-sc); *Arizona* (Parker) (as Lt. Danton, + sc)
- 1920 *The Mollycoddle* (Fleming) (as Richard Marshall, + co-sc); *The Mark of Zorro* (Niblo) (as Don Diego/Zorro, + sc as "Elton Thomas")
- 1921 *The Nut* (Reed) (as Charlie Jackson, + co-sc as "Elton Thomas"); *The Three Musketeers* (Niblo) (as D'Artagnan, + co-sc as "Elton Thomas")
- 1922 *Robin Hood* (Dwan) (as The Earl of Huntingdon/Robin Hood, + sc as "Elton Thomas")
- 1924 *The Thief of Bagdad* (Walsh) (as The Thief, + sc as "Elton Thomas")
- 1925 *Don Q, Son of Zorro* (Crisp) (as Don César de Vega/Zorro)
- 1926 *The Black Pirate* (Parker) (as Michel, the Black Pirate)
- 1928 *The Gaucho* (Jones) (title role)
- 1929 *The Iron Mask* (Dwan) (as D'Artagnan, + sc as "Elton Thomas"); *The Taming of the Shrew* (Taylor) (as Petruchio)
- 1931 *Reaching for the Moon* (Goulding) (as Larry Dacy); *Around the World in 80 Minutes (Around the World with Douglas Fairbanks)* (Fleming) (as himself, + sc)
- 1932 *Mr. Robinson Crusoe* (Sutherland) (as Steve Drexel, + story as "Elton Thomas")
- 1934 *The Private Life of Don Juan* (Korda) (title role)

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Birth of a Legend, produced and directed by Matty Kemp, released 1966 to accompany widescreen, rerecorded, and rescored version of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

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The significance of Douglas Fairbanks is linked to the development of early screen comedy and the later development of the star system in the American film industry. His early career parallels Chaplin's—both began as silent comedians at approximately the same time and both succeeded in developing popular and distinctive screen personas. In 1919 they were both celebrities with sufficient autonomy to enter into a partnership with Mary Pickford and D. W. Griffith to form the United Artists Association, a very important precedent for movie stars, since its adjunct operation, the United Artists Corporation, was to give them control over the distribution of their films. No longer would stars of their rank necessarily be salaried employees. Of the "artists" involved, only Fairbanks was not bound by a long-term contract, and he was the first to complete films distributed by the new corporation, *His Majesty, the American* and *When the Clouds Roll By*, both in 1919. The following year would see a major shift in his style and his image, guaranteeing him continued popular success for the following decade.

Fairbanks had held a conventional desk job for a while before turning to Broadway and a serious theatrical career. By 1914 he was a popular success and under contract to make films for the Triangle Film Corporation, which offered him \$2,000 per week for his services. By 1916 he had become one of Triangle's top stars at double his original salary, after having made 13 films in 18 months. When Triangle balked at his demand for a \$15,000 weekly salary, Fairbanks offered to form his own corporation that would produce eight features yearly to be purchased for \$200,000 each. By March of 1917 the

Douglas Fairbanks Pictures Corporation, centered in New York, had been set up, with the movies to be distributed by the Artcraft Corporation.

The first Fairbanks screen persona emerged out of his theatrical roles: a cheerful young man of natural good humor, capable of integrating rural and urban values, often a rich idler wrenched from the city and rejuvenated through being challenged by the American wilderness. His early comedies tapped popular interests—the "social gospel" of Billy Sunday, for example, and the rugged individualism of Teddy Roosevelt. In *The Mollycoddle*, a picture that drew its title from a word Roosevelt had coined, the Fairbanks character is costumed to resemble Roosevelt. Both Fairbanks and Roosevelt were obsessed with physical culture and the "gospel of strenuousness." The typical Fairbanks character of this period attempts to integrate the values of the east and the American west.

The great redefinition of the Fairbanks character came in 1920 with *The Mark of Zorro*, the first of his extremely popular costume films, but here and subsequently Fairbanks remained primarily a comedian in costume, a satirical swashbuckler inclined to laugh in the face of danger. Fairbanks managed to cover his popularity from several angles. He married Mary Pickford in 1920, making a business connection into a family tie, and the matinee idol was to reign over Hollywood with "America's Sweetheart" from the palatial estate of Pickfair for about ten years. Singly, each was tremendously popular; together they were unbeatable, the very embodiment in the popular mind of "Hollywood happiness." Fairbanks certainly knew how to attract and sustain the attention of the American public.

Oddly enough, however, Fairbanks and Pickford did not star in a picture together until 1929, when their marriage was on the verge of breaking up. The picture, Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* (with "additional dialogue by Sam Taylor"), was itself strangely ironic, with Fairbanks as Petruchio playing against Pickford's Kate. By this time, however, Fairbanks had already peaked. No picture made after *The Taming of the Shrew* would match the artistry or popularity of his great costume films—*The Black Pirate*, *The Thief of Bagdad*, *Robin Hood*, or *The Three Musketeers*, though some very interesting work was also done towards the latter end of the decade in *The Gaucho* and *The Iron Mask*. None of the post-Pickford films—*Reaching for the Moon*, *Around the World in 80 Minutes*, *Mr. Robinson Crusoe*, or *The Private Life of Don Juan*—worked well for him. After his divorce from Pickford in 1936 (they had separated, finally, in 1933), and his third marriage to Lady Sylvia Ashley, his film career was in fact over, but he had managed to sustain a youthful and energetic image far longer than most men could have done.

—James M. Welsh

FALK, Peter

Nationality: American. **Born:** Peter Michael Falk in New York City, 16 September 1927. **Education:** Attended Ossining High School, New York, graduated 1945; Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; New School for Social Research, New York, B.A. 1951; Syracuse University, M.A. in public administration, 1953. **Military Service:** Merchant marine, 1945-46: cook. **Family:** Married Alice Mayo, 1960, daughters: Katherine and Jackie. **Career:** At age three, right eye removed during surgery for malignant tumor; 1953-55—management analyst (efficiency expert) with Connecticut State Budget

Bureau, Hartford; began acting with Mark Twain Maskers, Hartford; studied under Eva Le Gallienne, White Barn Theatre, Westport, Connecticut; 1955—moved to New York to pursue theatrical career; 1956—professional stage debut in Molière's *Don Juan*, New York; studied acting with Jack Landau and Sanford Meisner; 1958—film acting debut in *Wind across the Everglades*; considered for Columbia contract but rejected because of glass eye; 1965–66—in TV series *The Trials of O'Brien*; mid-1960s—formed Mayo Productions; 1968—created character of Lieutenant Columbo in made-for-TV movie *Prescription: Murder* and starred in the TV series *Columbo*, 1971–77, also directed some of the episodes; 1970—co-financed and acted in John Cassavetes film *Husbands* (also helped finance *A Woman under the Influence*); late 1980s—Columbo character revived for TV movies. **Awards:** Five Emmy Awards for Outstanding Lead Actor, for *Columbo*; Chevalier of Arts and Letters, 1996. **Address:** 1004 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1958 *Wind across the Everglades* (Nicholas Ray) (as writer)
 1959 *The Bloody Brood* (Roffman) (as Nico)
 1960 *Pretty Boy Floyd* (Leder) (as Shorty Walters); *Murder, Inc.* (Rosenberg and Burt Balaban) (as Abe "Kid Twist" Reles); *The Secret of the Purple Reef* (Witney)
 1961 *Pocketful of Miracles* (Capra) (as Joy Boy)
 1962 *Pressure Point* (Cornfield) (as young psychiatrist)
 1963 *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (as second cab driver); *The Balcony* (Strick) (as police chief)
 1964 *Robin and the Seven Hoods* (Gordon Douglas) (as Guy Gisborne); *Italiani brava gente* (*Italiano brava gente; Attack and Retreat*) (De Santis) (as medic captain)
 1965 *The Great Race* (Edwards) (as Max)
 1966 *Too Many Thieves* (Biberman—for TV, two *Trials of O'Brien* eps.); *Penelope* (Hiller)
 1967 *Luv* (Clive Donner) (as Milt Manville)
 1968 *Lo sbarco di Anzio* (*Anzio; The Battle for Anzio*) (Dmytryk) (as Cpl. Rabinoff); *Gli intoccabili* (*Machine Gun McCain*) (Montaldo) (as Charles Adamo); *Prescription: Murder* (Irving—for TV) (as Columbo)
 1969 *Castle Keep* (Pollack) (as Sgt. Orlando Rossi)
 1970 *Husbands* (Cassavetes) (as Archie); *Operation Snafu* (*Situation Normal All Fouled Up; Rosolino paternò, soldato . . .*) (Loy); *Step Out of Line* (McEveety—for TV)
 1971 *Ransom for a Dead Man* (Irving—for TV) (as Columbo)
 1972 *The Politics Film* (Miller—short) (as narrator)
 1974 *A Woman under the Influence* (Cassavetes) (as Nick Longhetti)
 1976 *Mikey and Nicky* (Elaine May) (as Mikey); *Murder by Death* (Robert Moore) (as Sam Diamond); *Griffin and Phoenix: A Love Story* (*Today Is Forever*) (Duke—for TV) (as Geoffrey Griffin)
 1977 *Opening Night* (Cassavetes) (as guest)
 1978 *The Cheap Detective* (Robert Moore) (as Lou Peckinpauigh); *The Brink's Job* (Friedkin) (as Tony Pino)
 1979 *The In-Laws* (Hiller) (as Vince Ricardo)
 1981 *The Great Muppet Caper* (Henson) (as a tramp); . . . *All the Marbles* (*The California Dolls*) (Aldrich) (as Harry Sears)
 1984 *Sanford Meisner: The Theatre's Best Kept Secret* (Doob—doc)
 1986 *Big Trouble* (Cassavetes) (as Steve Rickey)
 1987 *Happy New Year* (Avildsen) (as Nick); *Duenos del silencio* (Lemos); *Der Himmel über Berlin* (*Wings of Desire*) (Wenders) (as himself); *The Princess Bride* (Rob Reiner) (as the Grandfather)
 1988 *Rattornas Vinter* (Hellberg); *Vibes* (Kwapis) (as Harry Buscafusco)
 1989 *Cookie* (Susan Seidelman) (as Dino Capisco); *Columbo Goes to the Guillotine* (for TV) (title role)
 1990 *In the Spirit* (Seacat) (as Roger Flan); *Motion and Emotion* (Paul Joyce); *Columbo Goes to College* (for TV) (title role); *Columbo: Grand Deception* (for TV) (title role); *Tune in Tomorrow* (*Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*) (Amiel) (as Pedro Carmichael); *Plates* (for TV) (as Columbo)
 1991 *My Dog Stupid* (Berri); *Columbo and the Murder of a Rock Star* (for TV) (title role, + co-exec pr); *Columbo: Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health* (for TV) (title role, + co-exec pr); *Death Hits the Jackpot* (for TV)
 1992 *The Player* (Altman); *No Time to Die* (for TV) (as Columbo, + exec pr); *Columbo: A Bird in the Hand* (for TV) (title role, + exec pr)
 1993 *In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!* (*Faraway, So Close*) (Wenders) (as himself); *Columbo: It's All in the Game* (McEveety—for TV) (title role, + exec pr, sc)
 1994 *Columbo: Undercover* (for TV) (title role, + sc); *Columbo: Butterflies in Shades of Grey* (for TV) (title role, + exec pr)
 1995 *Roommates* (Yates) (as Rocky); *Columbo: Strange Bedfellows* (for TV) (title role, + exec pr)
 1997 *Pronto* (McBride—for TV) (as Harry Arno); *Columbo: A Trace of Murder* (for TV) (title role + exec pr); *Columbia: Ashes to Ashes* (for TV) (title role + exec pr)
 1998 *Vig* (Theakston—for TV) (as Vinnie)
 2000 *A Storm in Summer* (Wise—for TV); *Lakeboat* (Mantegna); *Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes* (for TV) (title role); *Enemies of Laughter* (Joey Travolta) (as Mr. Halpern); *3 Days of Rain* (Meredith) (as Waldo)
 2001 *Made* (Favreau); *Corky Bonono* (Pritts)

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Everything about the on-screen Peter Falk bespeaks lived-in disarray—his raspy voice, slumping posture, ill-fitting clothes, even his squinty, slightly cockeyed look (the result of losing an eye as a child). In combination with an ingratiatingly ironic style of delivery, Falk's physiognomy makes him especially effective in comedies and in dramas with strong comedic undercurrents.

Bored with his career as an efficiency expert, Falk turned to stage acting in the 1950s, gaining valuable experience in several off-Broadway productions, including Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*. Television and film work followed quickly, his feature debut coming in Nicholas Ray's *Wind across the Everglades*. For his fourth film role, that of Abe Reles, the mob assassin who blew the whistle on the Organization's professional hit squad *Murder, Inc.* only to become a victim of it himself before he could take the stand, he deftly combined the two aspects of his acting persona by making the weaselish Reles a confused and slightly comic figure who is nevertheless chilling given the nature of his job. Falk earned an Academy Award nomination as Best Supporting Actor for his standout performance in the otherwise undistinguished gangland docudrama. Years later, he showed similar acting dexterity in Friedkin's gangland comedy-drama *The Brink's Job* as the goofball mastermind behind the "crime of the century" who is done in by a pathetic, losing nature.

Falk's hilarious performance as a Damon Runyon character in Frank Capra's *Pocketful of Miracles* unwrapped his gift for comedy and paved the way for a string of farcical roles, many of which crossed over into slapstick—in Stanley Kramer's *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, as a taxi driver; Gordon Douglas's *Robin and the Seven Hoods*, as another Runyonesque hoodlum; Blake Edwards's *The Great Race*, as the riotously inept assistant to frustrated villain Jack Lemmon; and *The Cheap Detective*, as a bumbling, Bogart-like gumshoe named "Peckinpough."

By the 1970s Falk was elevated to starring or co-starring roles in such dramas as *Husbands* and *A Woman under the Influence*, written and directed by his close friend John Cassavetes, as well as various comedies. But he achieved actual stardom with the popular television series *Columbo*, the vehicle with which he is most closely associated. As the disheveled, dumb-like-a-fox police lieutenant of the title, a character the show's creators Levinson and Link patterned after Charles Vanel's detective in the classic Clouzot chiller *Diabolique*, he brought a sly, rumpled, earthy charm which was chiefly responsible for the series' success and which remains its trademark. Falk continues to play the part in occasional made-for-television *Columbo* movies and shows up on the big screen now and then either in cameos or substantive character parts such as that of the irascible old guy who raises his orphaned grandson in Yates's sentimental *Roommates*.

—Bill Wine, updated by John McCarty

FARMER, Frances

Nationality: American. **Born:** Seattle, Washington, 19 September 1913 (some sources give 1914). **Education:** University of Washington, Seattle, majoring in journalism and then drama, entered 1931. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Leif Erickson, 1936 (divorced 1942); 2) Alfred Lobley, 1953 (divorced 1958); 3) Leland Mikesell, 1958. **Career:** 1935—personal contract with Shepard Traube, then with Paramount; 1936—feature film debut in *Too Many Parents*; 1937—on Lux Radio Theatre with Spencer Tracy in *Men in White* and with Errol Flynn in *British Agent*; 1937—stage appearance in *At Mrs. Beams*, Westchester Playhouse; obtained release from Paramount contract, in Group Theatre production of Clifford Odets' *Golden Boy* in New York and on tour, 1938; 1939—in Irwin Shaw's *Quiet City* on Broadway, and in Group Theatre production of *Thunder Rock*; early 1940s—returned to Hollywood; 1942—alcoholism forced her retirement; spent the next few years in and out of mental institutions; 1957—appeared on Ed Sullivan Show, followed by work in summer stock and on television; 1958—began 6-year run of Indianapolis TV show *Frances Farmer Presents*, nightly movie program; mid 1960s—actress-in-residence at Purdue University; 1972—autobiography published; 1981—film biography *Frances*, starring Jessica Lange. **Died:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, 1 August 1970.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *Too Many Parents* (McGowan); *Border Flight* (Lovering); *Rhythm on the Range* (Taurog); *Come and Get It* (Wyler and Hawks) (as Lotta Bostrom/Lotta's daughter)
- 1937 *Exclusive* (Hall); *The Toast of New York* (Lee) (as Josie Mansfield); *Ebb Tide* (Hogan) (as Faith Wishart)
- 1938 *Ride a Crooked Mile* (Green)
- 1940 *South of Pago-Pago* (Green); *Flowing Gold* (Green)
- 1941 *World Premiere* (Tetzlaff); *Badlands of Dakota* (Green) (as Calamity Jane); *Among the Living* (Heisler)
- 1942 *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Isobel)
- 1958 *The Party Crashers* (Girard)

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Some 50 years after her best work, Frances Farmer remains contemporary. A screen actress whose performances transcend her own time is rare; Farmer had that quality. No one seeing her on-screen will forget her deep voice and lovely eyes and no one learning of her

life can dismiss her tragic story easily. Yet renewed interest in the actress's life has drawn attention from her remarkable talent.

Farmer had a beauty and grace that the camera loved and she quickly gained box-office popularity. Whether costumed in sarongs (*Ebb Tide*, *South of Pago-Pago*), period clothes (*Come and Get It*, *The Toast of New York*, *Son of Fury*), or covered in mud (*Flowing Gold*), she exuded intelligence and honesty. Farmer's talent, however, could not salvage inferior films that appeared designed to punish her for outspokenness and a preference for the stage. In *World Premiere*, for example, Farmer, a long black wig covering her blond hair, plays a loud egotistical actress. In one scene she is called upon to crawl on her knees down a train aisle. The result is unwatchable.

The climax of Frances Farmer's brief career was *Come and Get It* in which she portrayed two characters: Lotta, a husky-voiced saloon singer, and Lotta's daughter, a high-voiced delicate innocent. Though only 22 years old, Farmer is relaxed and confident, changing her voice pitch, the look in her eyes, and modifying her gestures for the two roles. While Lotta is sarcastic, knowing, and slow to reveal emotion or trust, her daughter is polite, with bright eyes that register each emotion without hesitation. The indestructible blood tie between the

past and the present is represented by the song “Aura Lee” which both sing, but in their own individual styles.

Under Howard Hawks’s direction and care, Farmer blossoms and gives her best performance. It was typical of the curious circumstances of Farmer’s career that the one director who was attentive to the actress and her talent was replaced during production. Farmer’s performance, however, will be rediscovered by each successive generation, for it is as true as the day it was recorded on film.

—Alexa L. Foreman

FARROW, Mia

Nationality: American. **Born:** Maria de Lourdes Villiers Farrow in Los Angeles, California, 9 February 1945; daughter of the film director John Farrow and the actress Maureen O’Sullivan. **Education:** Attended convent schools in Madrid, Spain, and in London; Marymount School, Los Angeles; Cygnet School, near London, through 1962. **Family:** Married 1) the singer Frank Sinatra, 1966 (divorced 1968); 2) the conductor André Previn, 1970 (divorced 1979), twin boys; two children with director Woody Allen; also six adopted children. **Career:** 1963—off-Broadway debut as Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*; performed with stock company in Warren, Ohio; 1964–66—in TV series *Peyton Place*; 1968—breakthrough film performance in Roman Polanski’s *Rosemary’s Baby* as the young New Yorker raped by the devil; 1971—on London



Mia Farrow and Robert Redford in *The Great Gatsby*

stage in Arthur Honegger’s *Jeanne d’Arc*, directed by Previn; 1970s—continued theatrical career in London, including appearances in 1975 and 1976 with Royal Shakespeare Company; 1981—began personal and professional relationship (both ended in 1992) with Woody Allen with production of *A Midsummer Night’s Sex Comedy*. **Awards:** Etoile de Cristal (France), for *Secret Ceremony*, 1969; David Di Donatello award (Italy) 1968/69, for *Rosemary’s Baby*; D. W. Griffith Award for Best Actress, for *Alice*, 1990. **Agent:** Lionel Larner Ltd., 130 W. 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1959 *John Paul Jones* (Farrow) (bit role)
- 1963 *The Age of Curiosity* (short)
- 1964 *Guns at Batasi* (Guillermin) (as Karen Ericksson)
- 1967 *Johnny Belinda* (Bogart—for TV) (title role)
- 1968 *A Dandy in Aspic* (Anthony Mann) (as Caroline); *Secret Ceremony* (Losey) (as Cenci); *Rosemary’s Baby* (Polanski) (as Rosemary)
- 1969 *John and Mary* (Yates) (as Mary)
- 1971 *Goodbye Raggedy Ann* (Cook—for TV); *Blind Terror* (*See No Evil*) (Fleischer) (as Sarah); *Follow Me! (The Public Eye)* (Reed) (as Belinda Sidley)
- 1972 *Docteur Popaul (Scoundrel in White; High Heels)* (Chabrol) (as Christine)
- 1974 *The Great Gatsby* (Clayton) (as Daisy)
- 1976 *Peter Pan* (Hemion—for TV); *Full Circle* (Loncraine)
- 1978 *Avalanche* (Corey Allen) (as Caroline Brace); *Death on the Nile* (Guillermin) (as Jacqueline de Bellefort); *A Wedding* (Altman) (as Buffy)
- 1979 *Hurricane* (Troell) (as Charlotte Bruckner)
- 1981 *The Haunting of Julia* (Loncraine) (title role)
- 1982 *A Midsummer Night’s Sex Comedy* (Woody Allen) (as Ariel); *The Last Unicorn* (Rankin Jr. and Bass—animation) (as voice of Last Unicorn/Lady Amalthea)
- 1983 *Zelig* (Woody Allen) (as Dr. Eudora Fletcher)
- 1984 *Broadway Danny Rose* (Woody Allen) (as Tina Vitale); *Sarah and the Squirrel* (part animation); *Supergirl* (Szwarc) (as Alura Zor-El)
- 1985 *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (Woody Allen) (as Cecilia); *Hannah and Her Sisters* (Woody Allen) (as Hannah)
- 1986 *Radio Days* (Woody Allen) (as Sally White)
- 1987 *September* (Woody Allen) (as Lane)
- 1988 *Another Woman* (Woody Allen) (as Hope)
- 1989 “Oedipus Wrecks” ep. of *New York Stories* (Woody Allen) (as Lisa); *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (Woody Allen) (as Halley Reed)
- 1990 *Alice* (Woody Allen) (as Alice)
- 1992 *Shadows and Fog* (Woody Allen) (as Irmay); *Husbands and Wives* (Woody Allen) (as Judy Roth)
- 1994 *Widows’ Peak* (Irvin) (as Catherine O’Hare)
- 1995 *Miami Rhapsody* (Frankel) (as Nina); *Reckless* (René) (as Rachel)
- 1996 *Angela Mooney* (title role)
- 1997 *Redux Riding Hood* (Moore) (as voice of Doris/Mrs. Wolf); *Private Parts* (Thomas) (as herself-uncredited)
- 1998 *Miracle at Midnight* (Ken Cameron—for TV) (as Doris Koster)
- 1999 *Coming Soon* (Burson) (Judy Hodsell); *Forget Me Never* (Yelin, Longstreet) (as Diane McGowin)

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Mia Farrow began her career in the successful television series *Peyton Place* playing Allison Mackenzie, a type of role that would become standard in her repertoire: the virginal and innocent waif—sensitive, vulnerable, and intelligent. Admired for her long, Alice-in-Wonderland hair, Farrow shocked Hollywood one day by cutting it all off, an independent act which, odd as it may seem now, made headlines across the country, and characterized Farrow as not just another pretty face content to follow the instructions of her male Hollywood bosses.

That Farrow’s boyish charm was a significant part of her attractiveness is clear; her slightly enigmatic grin, those fetching and luminous eyes, the short hair that sets off her features, and the thin body, recalling Audrey Hepburn. “Victim” roles followed: in a television adaptation of *Johnny Belinda*, in which she played a deaf mute who is raped; and in *Rosemary’s Baby*, in which she plays a contemporary New York City woman who is raped by the devil and

subsequently gives birth to Satan’s son. Directed by Roman Polanski, *Rosemary’s Baby* was an incredible box-office and critical success. Farrow’s slight physical presence and vulnerability made her a believable victim. It seems ironic that at a time of emerging women’s liberation, an actress should appear whose persona was that of a woman apparently so in need of being taken care of.

Despite the popularity of *Rosemary’s Baby*, Farrow has never been especially admired by the critics or popular at the box office; that she failed to win an Academy Award nomination for this or any other film seems to reflect her lack of general appeal. *John and Mary*, Farrow’s first film after *Rosemary’s Baby*, was widely ridiculed, although today, while still rarely screened, it seems to be among the earliest American films of the 1960s to deal with sexual relationships in a relatively honest way. Another underrated performance was as Daisy in *The Great Gatsby*, a multimillion dollar film which cast her opposite Robert Redford. Here director Jack Clayton revealed Farrow’s innocence and beauty as a corrupt facade in a film that looks increasingly praiseworthy, as does her performance in it. Other Farrow roles seem either to perpetuate the waif/victim persona (such as *See No Evil*, in which she plays a blind woman who is terrorized by a killer, or in her theatrical and television performances as *Peter Pan*), or to manipulate and subvert the waif/victim persona by countering audience expectations (as in the Agatha Christie adaptation *Death on the Nile*, Robert Altman’s *A Wedding*, or Claude Chabrol’s *Docteur Popaul*). Yet if Farrow’s persona is often vulnerable, her offscreen image has about it a considerable element of independence: one thinks of her interest in social issues, her adoption of Vietnamese children, her visits to the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in the 1960s, and her highly publicized relationships with a variety of famous and talented men such as Frank Sinatra, André Previn, and Woody Allen.

Certainly the period of Farrow’s career with the highest profile comprises her numerous performances for director Woody Allen. While generally thought of as an instinctual, if mannered, actress, Farrow reveals herself in Allen’s films to be an actress of substantial technical skill; and before its termination, their collaboration acquired the stature of a Chabrol and Audran, a Fellini and Masina, a Bergman and Ullmann. Farrow played a liberated freethinker in *A Midsummer Night’s Sex Comedy*, a psychiatrist in the pseudodocumentary *Zelig*, and—most surprisingly—a vulgar Italian woman in *Broadway Danny Rose*, a key Allen film in which Farrow played *il brutto* to Allen’s Gelsomina in a contemporary comedy evoking Fellini’s *La Strada*. Her excellent work for Woody Allen has been judged surprising particularly by those critics who had already tended to underrate or dismiss her. Her totally luminous and sensitive performance as the forlorn movie fan in the 1985 *The Purple Rose of Cairo* seems already to be a key performance in the American cinema: the performance and film both extraordinary achievements largely ignored at their release, pushed aside by the Spielberg-inspired, special-effects spectacles of the Reagan era. As the daughter in *September* (based loosely on Lana Turner’s relationship with her daughter in the aftermath of the Johnny Stompanato murder), Farrow shows the ability to eradicate her own charismatic personality within an intimate chamber drama in a way that recalls and rivals Liv Ullmann in *Autumn Sonata*, with which the film bears comparison: Farrow’s sniffing, whiny protagonist is both terrifyingly vulnerable and pitiable, as well as the temperamental opposite to Farrow’s spunky cigarette girl who becomes a star in *Radio Days*, in which Farrow offers a deft, comic turn.

Perhaps unfortunately, one cannot comprehensively discuss Farrow in the mid-1990s without some consideration of the extraordinary

scandal that gripped tabloid America for over a year. The Allen-Farrow breakup, which included dismissed charges against Allen of child sexual abuse and revelations of an acknowledged affair between Allen and Farrow's then-teenaged adopted daughter, Soon-Yi, put the Farrow-Allen collaboration under a microscope. A reevaluation of Allen's use of Farrow reveals, perhaps surprisingly to some, that Farrow's persona in Allen's films (with the exception, perhaps, of *Alice*, which emphasizes the Roman Catholic, giving component of Farrow's identity) was by no means a heroic or valorized one. In *Hannah and Her Sisters*, one of Allen's most sustained works, shot largely in Farrow's Manhattan apartment, Farrow played a role patterned upon her own life, allowing the spectator a kind of voyeuristic entrance into Farrow's life with Allen. And yet, if barely commented upon at the time of the film's release, Farrow's Hannah—only apparently the stable, expressive center in Allen's world—is relatively smug, and it is clear that the filmmaker expends much more narrative time and interest on her sisters, as Allen's surrogate (Hannah's husband, played by Michael Caine) falls in love with a sister-in-law—an incestual precursor to Allen's later disenchantment. In *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (arguably Woody Allen's finest work), Farrow plays an archetype for our time: the amoral smiler—smart, attractive, talented, and sensitive, yet ultimately ambitious and pragmatic in ways which are all too recognizable. In retrospect it is clearer that in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, *September*, and *Another Woman* (in which a very pregnant Farrow spends most of the film in therapy and tears), there is a profound element of masochism implicit in Farrow's suffering, and sadism on the part of the director and/or the narrative.

Husbands and Wives, the Allen masterwork representing the last of their collaboration, in production while the scandal was unfolding, has Farrow and Allen playing a married couple whose marriage traumatically unravels, with Farrow presented as a woman who subtly uses her charm and passivity to manipulate those around her. In this film of vertiginous style and emotion, Farrow's heartrending performance, for many, was so persuasive that the film was greeted (though to disappointing box office) as psychodrama in the Cassavetes style, too painful to watch. Even in the "Oedipus Wrecks" segment of *New York Stories*, the character played by Woody Allen ultimately rejects as his perfect match the fantasy of Mia Farrow in favor of the reality of Julie Kavner. Is any more evidence necessary that Allen has been no Sternberg elevating his Dietrich? As a last curious footnote to the scandal, one notes that even in non-Allen films, major roles in *Rosemary's Baby*, *Death on the Nile*, *Docteur Popaul*, and *The Great Gatsby* (among others) put Farrow in a sexual triangle that ends in tragic sensation.

Since the breakup with Allen, Farrow has managed to acquit herself professionally in some interesting, idiosyncratic work. Returning to Ireland and her roots in *Widows' Peak*, a gentle and surprising comedy, Farrow again played a victim more apparent than real and turned in a luminous, subtle performance, complete with Irish accent. Especially interesting is *Miami Rhapsody*, a comedy directed by David Frankel explicitly in the style of Woody Allen, in which Farrow plays a woman whose daughter is given the opportunity to sleep with her mother's lover, but *refuses* out of moral principle—a sly, cinematic rebuke to Allen, if ever there was one. Unfortunately, too much of Farrow's subsequent work has been less satisfactorily distributed or conceived. *Reckless*, a black comedy made in 1995, was too weird for mainstream audiences. *Angela Mooney Dies Again*, another film made in Ireland, allows Farrow the opportunity to give an intense performance in a flawed film as a woman who repeatedly

threatens suicide. *Coming Soon*, which went straight to video as a result of the MPAA initially giving the film an NC-17 rating, boasted Farrow, Ryan O'Neal, and Spalding Gray in supporting roles in a feminist comedy centered on women's orgasm. More successful for Farrow, certainly, were two movies made directly for TV. In *Miracle at Midnight*, a TV movie produced for *The Wonderful World of Disney*, Farrow plays a heroine from real life: Doris Koster, who together with her husband saved thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Denmark during World War II. *Forget Me Never*, broadcast in 1999, was even more successful—garnering Farrow a Golden Globe nomination for her poignant performance as a married fortysomething attorney who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Despite these recent successes, one suspects that Mia Farrow's continuing performance work will continue to be too fine, subtle, and marginal for significant contemporary acclaim. And unlike other of her acting contemporaries (like Streisand or Nicholson), Mia Farrow—even in the midst of her biggest successes with *Rosemary's Baby* and *Hannah and Her Sisters*—never particularly worked at capitalizing her potential as a movie star or as a Hollywood power player.

Ironically, Farrow's most overwhelming public success has come not through her acting, but through her writing. Her extraordinary memoir, *What Falls Away*, which was published in 1997, joins that very rare company of actress memoirs (including Liv Ullmann's *Changing* and Hildegard Kneff's *The Gift Horse*) that rise to a literary quality. Dealing courageously with her own childhood polio, her complicated relationships, her unusual inter-racial family of fourteen children (many adopted, with multiple handicaps), and of course, the scandal involving Woody Allen, *What Falls Away* became a national best-seller as well as an elegant and poetic self-portrait of one of our most sensitive and unique film artists.

—Charles Derry

FÉLIX, María

Nationality: Mexican. **Born:** María de los Angeles Félix Guereña in Alamos, Sonora, Mexico, 4 May 1914. **Family:** Married 1) the singer Raúl Prado (divorced); 2) Enrique Alvarez (divorced), son: Enrique Alvarez Félix; 3) the composer and singer Agustín Lara (divorced); 4) the actor Jorge Negrete, 1952 (died 1953); 5) Alexander Berger, 1956 (died 1974). **Career:** 1942—film debut in *El peñon de las ánimas*; international reputation enabled her to make films in Argentina, Spain, Italy, and France; 1970—in TV series *La Constitucion*. **Awards:** Ariele Awards for Best Actress, for *A Woman in Love*, 1945; *Hidden River*, 1946–47; and *Doña Diabla*, 1949–50; Ariele Life Achievement Award, 1985; Mexico City Prize, 1985.

Films as Actress:

- 1942 *El peñon de las ánimas* (*The Crag of the Spirits*) (Zacarías) (as María Angela Valdivia); *María Eugenia* (Castillo) (title role)
- 1943 *Doña Barbara* (de Fuentes) (title role); *La mujer sin alma* (*Woman without a Soul*) (de Fuentes); *La china poblana* (Palacios) (as Catarina de San Juan)

- 1944 *Amok* (Momplet) (as Señora Trevis/Señora Belmont); *La monja alférez* (Gómez Muriel) (as Catalina Erauso/Don Alfonso)
- 1945 *El monje blanco* (Bracho) (as Galata Orsina); *Vértigo* (Momplet) (as Mercedes Mallea); *La mujer de todos* (Everybody's Woman) (Bracho) (as Maria Romano)
- 1946 *La devoradora* (The Devourer) (de Fuentes) (as Diana de Arellano); *Enamorada* (A Woman in Love) (Fernández) (as Beatriz Peñafiel)
- 1947 *Rio escondido* (Hidden River) (Fernández) (as Rosaura Salazar); *La diosa arrodillada* (Gavaldón) (as Raquel Serrano); *Que Dios me perdone* (Tito Davison) (as Sofia/Lena Kovach)
- 1948 *Mare Nostrum* (Gil) (as Freya); *Maclovio* (Fernández) (title role)
- 1949 *Doña Diabla* (Tito Davison) (as Angela); *Una mujer cualquiera* (Gil) (as Nieves Blanco)
- 1950 *La noche de sábado* (Gil) (as Imperia); *La corona negra* (Saslavsky) (as Mara)
- 1951 *Messalina* (The Affairs of Messalina) (Gallone) (title role); *Incantesimo tragico* (Hechizo tragico; Oliva) (Segui) (as Oliva)
- 1953 *Camelia* (Gavaldón) (title role); *La pasión desnuda* (Naked Passion) (Amadori) (as Malva Rey); *Reportaje* (Fernández) (as María); *El rapto* (Fernández) (as Aurora Campos y Campos)
- 1954 *La Belle Otéro* (La bella Otéro) (Pottier) (title role); *French Cancan* (Only the French Can) (Renoir) (as Margot "La Belle Abbess")
- 1955 *Les Héros sont fatigués* (Heroes and Sinners; The Heroes Are Tired) (Ciampi) (as Gabriela); *La escondida* (The Hidden Woman) (Gavaldón) (as Gabriela); *Canasta de cuentos mexicanos* (Bracho) (as Luisa Bravo)
- 1956 *Tizoc* (Amor Indio) (Rodríguez) (as Maria); *Faustina* (de Heredia) (title role)
- 1957 *Flor de mayo* (Beyond All Limits) (Gavaldón) (as Magdalena)
- 1958 *Miércoles de ceniza* (Gavaldón) (as Victoria Rivas); *La cucaracha* (The Soldiers of Pancho Villa) (Ismael Rodríguez) (title role); *La estrella vacía* (The Empty Star) (Gómez Muriel) (as Olga Lang); *Café Colón* (Alazraki) (as Mónica); *Razzia sur la chnouf* (Decoin)
- 1959 *Sonatas* (Bardem) (as La Niña Chole); *Juana Gallo* (Zacarías) (as Angela Ramos/Juana Gallo)
- 1960 *La Fièvre monte à El Pao* (Los ambiciosos; Republic of Sin) (Buñuel) (as Inés Rojas)
- 1962 *La bandida* (The Bandit) (Roberto Rodríguez) (as María Mendoza/title role); *Si yo fuera millonario* (Soler) (as herself)
- 1963 *Amor y sexo* (Alcoriza) (as Diana)
- 1965 *La Valentina* (González) (as Valentina Zuñiga)
- 1970 *Le generala* (Ibañez) (as Mariana San Pedro/title role); *La Constitución* (as María Guadalupe—for TV)

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María Félix reportedly remarked, "Don't call me a legend because it sounds to me like the past." Yet, Félix was, in fact, one of the brightest of stars of the Mexican cinema's "Golden Age," appearing in more than 45 Mexican and European films. And despite rumors in the early 1980s of an imminent return to the screen, Félix the "legend" is part of the Mexican cinema's rich past. Her celebrity caused her personal life and physical beauty to be fetishized: she was painted by artists such as Diego Rivera, Leonora Carrington, and Jean Cocteau; Agustín Lara wrote songs for his "María Bonita" (as she came to be known); poems about her beauty were composed by Efraín Huerta and Renato Leduc; Dior designed her gowns; and even a master such as Jean Renoir rendered homage to her pulchritude by filming her differently—in "Matisse's style"—from the other actors in *French Cancan*.

In the title role of *Doña Barbara*, Fernando de Fuentes's screen adaptation of the Rómulo Gallegos novel, Félix won a place as one of the primary figures in Mexican cinema and earned her lifelong nickname, "La Doña." But it was in *La mujer sin alma* that Félix concretized the archetypal woman with whom she would be identified throughout her career—a strong woman, driven by love, whose independence and sexual appetite challenge the code of Mexican *machismo*.

"The most beautiful face in the history of Mexican cinema," said one Mexican critic of Félix; but this star is also an example of the underdevelopment endemic to that nation's films. Despite working with several of Mexico's most renowned directors, Félix never really rose above her role of the vamp. She was a mediocre actress with atrocious diction, whose dramatic range was limited to raising an eyebrow or staring fixedly ahead. These "techniques" drew attention to her large, luminous eyes, while obscuring her thespian shortcomings.

From early in her career, the theme of a María Félix film was Félix herself, and her movies elevated her public image at the expense of story line or acting. The interest of *El rapto*, for example, lay in the recent marriage of its co-stars, Félix and Jorge Negrete, and in the fact that it was completed shortly before Negrete died. The title of other

Félix vehicles bespeak her femme fatale character: *Doña Diabla* (Mrs. Devil), *La mujer de todos* (Everybody's Woman), *La mujer sin alma* (Woman without a Soul), and—in her preeminent characterization—*La devoradora* (The Devourer), promoted with this advertising pitch: “Three men burned in this woman's flame, this devourer of lives.”

Félix's consumption of men, however, must be seen in the context of Mexican *machismo*. Her beauty threatened social convention and stability for, as one of her suitors says in *Doña Diabla*, “A beautiful woman can't be the property of just one man.” Buffeted by the storms unleashed by her smoldering sexuality, the Félix character developed the *image* of a strong woman; for example, as recently as 1980 she argued, “They want to portray the Mexican woman as docile, stupid and obedient. We aren't like that; we're strong and brave and dare to struggle.” As if to prove the force of her character, her later screen appearances were in the roles usually considered to be masculine. Thus, in a series of lavishly produced paeans to the Mexican Revolution—*La cucaracha*, *Juana Gallo*, *La bandida*, *La Valentina*—she represents powerful personifications of that process, culminating in *La generala*. Nonetheless, Félix's cinematic combativeness functions essentially to make more appetizing her eventual subjugation. The role she played time and again was nothing more than that of the “shrew tamed.” In *Enamorada*, *El rapto*, *La tigresa*, and *La Valentina*, Félix begins as a willful and independent woman, sure of herself and of the direction in which she is guiding her life. By the end of these films, Félix trails along after her man, obedient to his wishes and attendant to his needs. Félix's screen rebellions finally served only to prove the futility of such resistance.

—John Mraz, updated by Ilene S. Goldman

FERNANDEL

Nationality: French. **Born:** Fernand Joseph Désiré Contandin in Marseilles, 8 May 1903. **Military Service:** Compulsory military service in the 1920s; French army, 1939–40. **Family:** Married Henriette Manse, 1925, children: Josette, Janine, Franck, and Gérard. **Career:** Stage debut at age five in melodrama, Théâtre Chave; while attending school, appeared at night with father and brother in Marseilles music halls; 1914—left school and worked in various jobs while continuing to perform; 1922—contract by Eldorado Theatre, Nice; contract on Paramount vaudeville circuit; 1930—offered first film role by director Marc Allégret; through 1930s continued to appear on stage in Marseille and Paris; 1934—first substantial film role as Saturnin in Marcel Pagnol's *Angèle*; 1942—directed children's film *Simplet*; 1948—first tour of United States and Canada; 1950—began appearing in serious roles, in Sacha Guitry's *Tu m'as sauvé la vie*; 1967—in TV series *L'Amateur*. **Awards:** Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur. **Died:** In Paris, 26 February 1971.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *La Meilleure Bobonne* (Marc Allégret and Heymann) (as Lucien Pivoine); *J'ai quelque chose à vous dire* (Marc Allégret); *Le Blanc et le noir* (Florey) (as Le Groom)
- 1931 *Attaque nocturne* (Marc Allégret and de Marguenat); *On purge bébé* (Renoir) (as Horace Truchet); *Vive la classe*

(Cammage); *Coeur de Lilas* (Litvak—French version of his *The Mad Genius*) (as le garçon d'honneur); *La Fine combine* (Chotin—short) (as valet); *Pas un mot à ma femme* (Chotin); *Bric a Brac et Cie* (Chotin); *Paris-Beguín* (Génina) (as Ficelle)

- 1932 *Cunegonde* (short—filmed song); *Elle disait non* (short—filmed song); *Le Rosier de Madame Husson* (He) (Deschamps) (as Isidore); *Maruche* (Péguy); *Un Homme sans nom* (*L'Homme sans nom*) (Ucicky—French version of *Mensch ohne Namen*) (as Julot); *Les Gaités de l'escadron* (Maurice Tourneur) (as Venderague); *La Claque* (Péguy—short); *Par habitude* (Cammage—short); *Quand tu nous tiens, amour* (Cammage—short); *Le Jugement de minuit* (Esway and Charlot) (as Sam); *Une Brune piquante* (de Poligny); *Ordonnance malgré lui* (Cammage) (as chauffeur); *Un Beau Jour de nocces* (Cammage—short); *La Terreur de la Pampa* (Cammage); *Comme une carpe* (Heymann—short); *L'Idoire* (Maurice Tourneur—short) (title role)
- 1933 *Ça colle* (Christian-Jaque—short); *Le Coq du regiment* (Cammage); *Le Gros Lot* (*La Veine d'Anatole*) (Cammage); *L'Ordonnance* (*The Orderly*) (Tourjansky); *D'amour et d'eau fraîche* (Gandéra); *Adéma i aviateur* (Tarride) (as Michelet); *La Garnison amoureuse* (de Vaucorbeil); *Restez dîner* (short)
- 1934 *Une Nuit de folies* (Cammage); *Le Cheri de sa concierge* (Glavanti); *Le Train de 8 h 47* (Wulschleger) (as Croquebol); *L'Hôtel du libre échange* (Marc Allégret); *Angèle* (Pagnol) (as Saturnin); *Les Bleus de la marine* (Cammage) (as Lafraise); *Le Cavalier Lafleur* (Ducis) (as Lafleur en activité); *La Porteuse de pain* (Sti)
- 1935 *Ferdinand le noceur* (Sti) (as Ferdinand); *Jim la houlette* (Berthomieu) (as Moluchet); *Les Gaités de la finance* (Forrester)
- 1936 *Un de la Légion* (Christian-Jaque) (as Fernand Espitalion); *Josette* (Christian-Jaque)
- 1937 *François Ier* (*Francis the First*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Honorin); *Les Degourdis de la onzième* (Christian-Jaque); *Ignace* (Colombier) (as Ignace Boitaclou); *Regain* (*Harvest*) (Pagnol) (as Urbain Gédémus); *Le Schpountz* (*Heartbeat*) (Pagnol) (as Irené Fabre); *Les Rois du sport* (Colombier) (as Fernand); *Un Carnet de bal* (*Life Dances on, Christine*) (Duvivier) (as Fabien Coutissol); *Hercule* (*L'Incorruptible*) (Esway) (title role)
- 1938 *Barnabé* (Esway) (title role); *Raphael et Cacolet* (Colombier) (as Modeste Manosque); *Ernest le rebelle* (Christian-Jaque); *Les Cinq sous de Lavarède* (Cammage) (as Armand Lavarède)
- 1939 *Berlingot et Cie* (Rivers) (as François); *Fric-Frac* (Lehmann and Autant-Lara) (as Marcel); *L'Héritier des Mondésir* (Valentin)
- 1940 *L'Acrobate* (Boyer) (as Ernest Sauce); *Monsieur Hector* (Cammage) (as Hector); *Un Chapeau de paille d'Italie* (*The Italian Straw Hat*) (Cammage) (as Fadinard); *La nuit merveilleuse* (Paulin); *La Fille du puisatier* (*The Well-Digger's Daughter*) (Pagnol) (as Felipe Rambert)
- 1941 *Une Vie de chien* (Cammage) (as Gustave Bourdillon); *Les Petits Riens* (Leboursier); *Le Club des soupirants* (Gleize) (as Antoine Valoisir)

- 1942 *La Bonne Étoile* (Boyer) (as Auguste); *Ne le criez pas sur les toits* (Norman) (as Vincent Fleuret)
- 1943 *La Cavalcade des heures* (Noé) (as Antonin); *Guignol, marionnette de France* (short)
- 1945 *La Mystère Saint-Val* (Le Hénaff); *Irma la voyante* (short); *Naïs* (Pagnol) (as Tione); *Les Gueux au paradis* (*Hoboes in Paradise*) (Le Hénaff) (as Pons)
- 1946 *Pétras* (Marc Allégret) (title role); *L'Aventure de Cabassou* (Grangier); *La Caissière du Grand Café* (short); *Comédiens ambulants* (short); *Coeur de coq* (Cloche) (as Tulipe Barbaroux)
- 1947 *Escale au soleil* (Verneuil); *Emile l'africain* (Vernay) (as Emile)
- 1948 *Si ça peut vous faire plaisir* (Norman) (as Martial Gonfaron); *L'Armoire volante* (*The Cupboard Was Bare*) (Rim) (as Alfred Puc)
- 1949 *L'Héroïque Monsieur Boniface* (Labro) (as Boniface); *On demande un assassin* (Neubach) (as Bob Laurent); *Botta e risposta* (*Je suis de la revue*) (Soldati)
- 1950 *Casimir* (Pottier) (title role); *Muertes* (*Three Sinners*) (Pottier) (as Noël Annaquin); *Tu m'as sauvé la vie* (Guitry) (as Fortuné Richard); *Uniformes et grandes manoeuvres* (Le Hénaff) (as Luc); *Topaze* (Pagnol) (title role); *Boniface somnambule* (Labro) (as Boniface)
- 1951 *L'Auberge rouge* (*The Red Inn*) (Autant-Lara) (as Le Capucin); *La Table aux crêves* (Verneuil) (as Urbain Coindet)
- 1952 *Le Petit monde de Don Camillo* (*The Little World of Don Camillo*) (Duvivier) (title role); *Coiffeur pour dames* (*The French Touch*) (Boyer) (as Mario); *Le Fruit défendu* (*Forbidden Fruit*) (Verneuil) (as Charles Pellegrin); *Le Boulanger de Valorgue* (Verneuil) (as Félicien)
- 1953 *Le Retour de Don Camillo* (*The Return of Don Camillo*) (Duvivier) (title role); *L'Ennemi public No. 1* (*The Most Wanted Man*) (Verneuil) (as Joé Calvet); *Carnaval* (*Carnival*) (Verneuil) (as Dardamelle); *Mam'zelle Nitouche* (Yves Allégret) (as Célestin-Floridor); *Le Mouton à cinq pattes* (*The Sheep Has Five Legs*) (Verneuil) (as Saint Forget/Alain/Bernard/Charles/Désiré/Étienne); *Ali Baba et les quarante voleurs* (*Ali Baba*) (Jacques Becker) (as Ali Baba); *Le Printemps, l'automne et l'amour* (Grangier) (as Noël Sarrazin)
- 1955 *Don Camillo e l'onorevole Peppone* (*La Grande Bagarre de Don Camillo*) (Gallone) (title role); *Don Juan* (*Pantaloons*) (Berry) (as Sagnarelle)
- 1956 *Le Couturier de ces dames* (*Fernandel the Dressmaker*) (Boyer) (as Fernand); *Sous le ciel de Provence* (*The Virtuous Bigamist*) (Soldati) (as Paul Verdier); *Le Téléphone* (Régamey—short); *Honoré de Marseilles* (Régamey) (as Honoré); *L'Homme à l'imperméable* (*The Man in the Raincoat*) (Duvivier) (as Albert Constantine); *L'Art d'être Papa* (short—for TV); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Parisian coachman)
- 1957 *Sénéchal le magnifique* (*Senechal the Magnificent*) (Boyer) (as Sénéchal); *Le Chômeur de Clochemerle* (*The Easiest Profession*) (Boyer); *A Paris tous les deux* (Oswald); *La Loi, c'est la loi* (*The Law Is the Law*) (Christian-Jaque)
- 1958 *La Vie à deux* (Duhour); *Les Vignes du seigneur* (Boyer) (as Henri); *Le Grand Chef* (*The Big Chief*) (Verneuil) (as Antoine)
- 1959 *Le Confident de ces dames* (Boyer); *La Vache et le prisonnier* (*The Cow and I*) (Verneuil) (as Charles Bailly)
- 1960 *Cresus* (Giono) (as Jules); *Le Caïd* (Borderie); *Cocagne* (Cloche) (as Marc-Antoine); *Dynamite Jack* (Bastia)
- 1961 *Don Camillo, monsignore . . . ma non troppo* (*Don Camillo Monseigneur*) (Gallone) (as Don Camillo); *L'Assassin est dans l'annuaire* (Joannon); *Il giudizio universale* (De Sica)
- 1962 *Le Diable et les dix commandements* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duvivier) (as God); *En avant la musique* (*Avanti la musica*) (Bianchi); *Le Voyage à Biarritz* (Grangier) (as Guillaume Dodut)
- 1963 *Blague dans le coin* (Labro); *Le Bon Roi Dagobert* (Chevalier) (as Dagobert); *La Cuisine au beurre* (*My Wife's Husband*) (Grangier)
- 1964 *Relaxe-toi, cheri* (Boyer); *L'Age ingrat* (Grangier) (+ co-pr)
- 1965 *Il compagno Don Camillo* (*Don Camillo en Russie*; *Don Camillo à Moscou*) (Comencini) (title role); *La Bourse et la vie* (Mocky) (as Migue)
- 1966 *Le Voyage du père* (de la Patellière) (as Quantin)
- 1967 *L'Homme à la Buick* (Grangier) (as Monsieur Jo)
- 1968 *Palmares des chansons* (Pradines—for TV)
- 1969 *Heureux qui comme Ulysse* (Colpi) (as Antonin)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1942 *Simplet* (title role, co-d with Carlo Rim)
- 1943 *Adrien* (title role)
- 1951 *Adhémair* (*Le Jouet de la fatalité*) (title role)

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Attending so-called art movie theaters during the late 1940s and early 1950s, American audiences discovered the comic genius of Fernandel in such films as *The Well-Digger's Daughter*, *The Little World of Don Camillo*, and *The Sheep Has Five Legs*. His physical features were pure caricature, as if a cartoonist had designed him, with an unusually long, hang-dog face, big eyes and thick lips, and a broad, horse-toothed smile. His head was set on a thick, short frame with arms and legs that moved awkwardly, as if attached to a much taller man.

Despite this nearly grotesque figure he was one of the most captivating international comic personalities. Usually an innocent, a "fall guy" for those much wiser than he, Fernandel projected a childlike warmth and high spirits that would cause a beautiful, young country girl to want him for a husband. Playing a suitor who is easily manipulated by the father of a wronged girl in *The Well-Digger's Daughter*, the comedian achieved critical and popular attention. As a guileless country lad Fernandel was marvelously suited to play opposite the more seasoned Raimu. Fernandel's fame increased in the 1950s when he appeared in the title role of *The Little World of Don Camillo* and its four sequels. The squabbles of a communist mayor and a mild village priest provided a strong comic base for the film as Fernandel blended seriousness with comedy. *The Sheep Has Five Legs* illustrated the comedian's deftness in handling multiple roles, a feat comparable to that of Alec Guinness in *Kind Hearts and Coronets*. The French comedian played six roles, a father and his five sons, providing a study in all the types of characters this talented actor portrayed throughout his long career.

—Donald McCaffrey

FERRER, José

Nationality: American. **Born:** José Vicente Ferrer Otero y Cintron in Santurce, Puerto Rico, 8 January 1912. **Education:** Studied architecture at Princeton University, graduated 1934; postgraduate work in Romance languages, Columbia University, 1934–35. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Uta Hagen, 1938 (divorced 1948), daughter Leticia; 2) Phyllis Hill, 1948 (divorced 1953); 3) the singer Rosemary Clooney, 1953 (divorced 1967), five children; 4) Stella Magee. **Career:** Moved with family to U.S. at age 6; acted with Princeton Triangle Club, with James Stewart and Joshua Logan; 1935—assistant

stage manager for Joshua Logan's stock company in Suffern, New York; Broadway debut in walk-on role in *A Slight Case of Murder*; 1940—engaged to direct summer stock at Westchester Playhouse, New York; played lead in successful Broadway revival of *Charley's Aunt*; 1943—with Hagen as Desdemona, played Iago to Paul Robeson's Othello in long-running Broadway production of *Othello*; 1946—on Broadway in title role of *Cyrano de Bergerac*; 1948—screen debut as Dauphin in *Joan of Arc*; 1955—screen directing debut with *The Shrike*; mid-1950s—made several successful recordings with third wife Rosemary Clooney; from mid-1960s—active in TV; 1983–85—artistic adviser, Coconut Grove Playhouse. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *Cyrano de Bergerac*, 1950. **Died:** In Miami, Florida, 26 January 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *Bolivia* (short) (as narrator)
- 1948 *Joan of Arc* (Fleming) (as Dauphin)
- 1949 *The Sydenham Plan* (short) (as narrator); *Whirlpool* (Preminger)
- 1950 *Crisis* (Brooks); *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Gordon) (title role)
- 1951 *Anything Can Happen* (Seaton)
- 1952 *Moulin Rouge* (Huston) (as Toulouse-Lautrec); *Article Fifty-Five* (Seltzer—short) (as narrator)
- 1953 *Miss Sadie Thompson* (Bernhardt)
- 1954 *The Caine Mutiny* (Dmytryk) (as Barney Greenwald); *Deep in My Heart* (Donen) (as Sigmund Romberg)
- 1961 *Forbid Them Not* (Kimble) (as narrator)
- 1962 *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean); *Nine Hours to Rama* (Robson); *Progress for Freedom* (Seltzer—short) (as narrator)
- 1963 *Verspätung in Marienborn* (*Stop Train 349*) (Haedrich); *Cyrano et d'Artagnan* (Gance)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens); *Ship of Fools* (Kramer)
- 1966 *Enter Laughing* (Reiner)
- 1968 *Le Avventure e gli amori di Miguel Cervantes* (*The Young Rebel; Cervantes*) (Sherman)
- 1969 *The Little Drummer Boy* (short)
- 1970 *The Aquarians* (McDougall—for TV)
- 1971 *Cross Current* (*The Cable Car Murders*) (Thorpe—for TV); *Banyon* (Day—for TV)
- 1973 *El clan de los inmorales* (*Order to Kill*) (Maessa); *The Marcus-Nelson Murders* (*Kojak and the Marcus-Nelson Murders*) (Sargent—for TV)
- 1975 *E' Lollipop* (*Forever Young, Forever Free*) (Lazarus); *Paco* (O'Neill); *The Missing Are Deadly* (McDougall—for TV); *Medical Story* (Nelson—for TV); *The Art of Crime* (Roman Grey) (Irving—for TV)
- 1976 *The Sentinel* (Winner); *The Big Bus* (Frawley); *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg)
- 1977 *Zoltan . . . Hound of Dracula* (*Dracula's Dog*) (Band); *Who Has Seen the Wind?* (King) (as Ben); *Crash* (Band—for TV); *Exo-Man* (Irving—for TV)
- 1978 *The Swarm* (Allen) (as Dr. Andrews); *The Amazing Captain Nemo* (March—for TV); *Fedora* (Wilder) (as Dr. Vando); *The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover* (Cohen) (as Lionel McCoy)
- 1979 *The Fifth Musketeer* (*Behind the Iron Mask*) (Annakin) (as Athos); *Natural Enemies* (Kanew)



José Ferrer (right) in *Cyrano de Bergerac*

- 1980 *The Big Brawl* (Clouse) (as Dominici); *Pleasure Palace* (Grauman—for TV); *The Murder That Wouldn't Die* (Satlof—for TV)
- 1981 *Evita Peron* (Chomsky—for TV); *Berlin Tunnel Twenty-One* (Michaels—for TV)
- 1982 *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy* (Woody Allen) (as Leopold); *Blood Tide* (Jeffries)
- 1983 *The Being* (Kong); *This Girl for Hire* (Jameson—for TV); *To Be or Not to Be* (Mel Brooks) (as Professor Siletski); *Blood Feud* (*Bad Blood*) (Newell)
- 1984 *The Evil That Men Do* (Thompson); *Dune* (Lynch); *George Washington* (Kulik—for TV); *Samson and Delilah* (Philips—for TV)
- 1985 *Seduced* (Freedman—for TV); *Jacques Cousteau—The First 75 Years* (for TV) (as narrator); *Hitler's SS: Portrait in Evil* (for TV)
- 1986 *Bloody Birthday* (Hunt) (as Doctor); *The Violins Came with the Americans* (Conway)
- 1988 *Strange Interlude* (Wise—for TV)
- 1989 *Hired to Kill* (Mastovakis)
- 1990 *Old Explorers* (Pohlad)

Film as Composer:

- 1953 *The Beautiful Stranger* (*Twist of Fate*) (Miller) (music for song "Love Is a Beautiful Stranger")

Films as Director:

- 1955 *The Shrike* (+ ro); *Cockleshell Heroes* (+ ro)
- 1956 *The Great Man* (+ co-sc, ro)
- 1957 *I Accuse* (+ ro as Dreyfus)
- 1958 *The High Cost of Loving* (+ ro)
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It may be said of José Ferrer's career in films that his prestige outweighs his success. While considered a major actor, and associated with many important films, some of them innovative milestones, others "message" films, Ferrer never enjoyed a consistently satisfying or secure career.

Far from denying the decline in his film work since his heyday in the early 1950s, Ferrer later commented, "My entire film career has been dominated by *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Moulin Rouge*. I have learned to live with the situation, but I regret the form my career has taken." In both films the character actor portrayed sensitive souls who had physical deformities. *Cyrano* was a complex interpretation of a hapless, ugly, unrequited lover who was also a brave iconoclast and sensitive poet. As Toulouse Lautrec, the brilliant Parisian painter who was a dwarf, Ferrer literally went on his knees. *Cyrano* earned Ferrer an Academy Award, yet some years later he mused that the honor was no assurance of success. He stated bluntly in 1961, "For three years there has been no call for my services as a film actor."

Ferrer always preferred to have a strong hand in any production with which he was involved, and naturally turned to directing. He cast himself as the lead in films which he also directed, such as *I Accuse*, in which he played the persecuted French Jewish Officer, Dreyfus, and *The Shrike*, starring as the victimized husband. He was always attracted to films with a social message, and objected to the soft-pedaling of the Jewish issue in *The Caine Mutiny*, in which he was cast as naval lawyer Barney Greenwald. In *Ship of Fools* he portrayed the Nazi antagonist.

Ferrer's quality on film has been perceived as serious, even dour, and he was usually typecast as a "heavy." In the 1970s and into the 1980s Ferrer made several TV films. What others might term supporting roles, or at least "cameos," Ferrer sarcastically called "bit parts, to earn a fast buck . . . the roles where I play the villain or I go up in flames in the end."

Ferrer remained active in the theater, acting on and off Broadway and on the road in a broad range of roles; he also did musicals. He directed in New York, in stock and regional theaters, and even returned to work in his native Puerto Rico. Yet, in a 1983 interview he complained that he was reduced to doing TV voice-overs. Ironically, Ferrer's voice and diction were so distinctive and so well known as to render anonymity an impossibility.

—Constance Clark

FEUILLÈRE, Edwige

Nationality: French. **Born:** Edwige Caroline Cunati-Koenig (or Caroline Edwige Cunati) in Vésoul, Haute-Saone, 29 October 1907.

Education: Attended Dijon Lyceum; studied acting with George Le Roy at Paris Conservatory from 1928. **Family:** Married the actor Pierre Feuillère, 1929 (divorced 1933). **Career:** 1930—began acting on stage using name Cora Lynn; 1931–33—member of Comédie Française, debut in *Le Mariage de Figaro*; film debut, also using name Cora Lynn, in short *La Fine combine* opposite Fernandel; from mid-1930s—active on Paris stage; 1947—created role of the Queen in *The Eagle with Two Heads*, written for her by Jean Cocteau; 1951—first London stage appearance with Jean-Louis Barrault company in *Partage de midi*; 1957—London season with own company in *La Dame aux Camélias* and other plays; also performed in TV adaptations of stage plays, and in TV series *Le Chef de famille*. **Awards:** Honorary César award, French Academy, 1984; Commandeur des Arts et Lettres; Grand Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, 1993. **Died:** 13 November 1998, in Paris, of natural causes.

Films as Actress:

- 1931 *La Fine combine* (Chotin—short); *Cordon-bleu* (Anton)
- 1932 *La Perle* (Guissart); *Monsieur Albert* (Anton); *Une Petite Femme dans le train* (Anton); *Maquillage* (Anton)
- 1933 *Topaze* (Gasnier) (as Coco); *Les Aventures du Roi Pausole* (Granowsky); *Toi que j'adore* (von Bolvary and Valentin—French-language version of von Bolvary's *Ich kenn' dich nicht und liebe dich*); *Matricule 33* (Anton); *Ces messieurs de la santé* (Colombier)
- 1934 *Le Miroir aux alouettes* (Steinhoff and Le Bon—French-language version of Steinhoff's *Lockvogel*)
- 1935 *Lucrèce Borgia* (Gance) (title role); *Golgotha* (Duvivier) (as Claudia); *Barcarolle* (Lamprecht and Le Bon—French-language version of Lamprecht's *Barcarole*); *Stradivarius* (von Bolvary and Valentin—French-language version of von Bolvary's *Stradivari*); *Amore* (Bragaglia); *La Route heureuse* (Lacombe—French-language version of *Amore*)
- 1936 *Mister Flow* (*Compliments of Mister Flow*) (Siodmak) (as Lady Helena Scarlett)
- 1937 *Marthe Richard au service de la France* (*Marthe Richard, l'espionne au service de la France*) (Bernard); *Feu!* (de Baroncelli); *La Dame de Malacca* (Marc Allégret)
- 1938 *J'étais une aventurière* (Bernard)
- 1939 *L'Émigrante* (Joannon)
- 1940 *Sans lendemain* (Max Ophüls); *De Mayerling à Sarajevo* (*Mayerling to Sarajevo*) (Max Ophüls) (as Sophie Chotkova)
- 1941 *Mam'zelle Bonaparte* (Maurice Tourneur); *L'Honorable Catherine* (L'Herbier); *La Duchesse de Langeais* (de Baroncelli)
- 1943 *Lucrèce* (Joannon)
- 1945 *La Part de l'ombre* (*Blind Desire*) (Delannoy) (as Agnes Noblet); *Tant que je vivrai* (de Baroncelli)
- 1946 *L'Idiot* (Lampin) (as Nastasia Filipovna); *Il suffit d'une fois* (Feix)
- 1947 *L'Aigle à deux têtes* (*The Eagle with Two Heads*) (Cocteau) (as the Queen)
- 1948 *Woman Hater* (Terence Young) (as Colette Marly)

- 1949 *Julie de Carneilhan* (Manuel)
 1950 “La Statuette” ep. of *Souvenirs perdus* (Christian-Jaque);
Olivia (Audry)
 1951 *Le Cap de l’Espérance* (Bernard)
 1952 *Adorables Créatures* (*Adorable Creatures*) (Christian-Jaque)
 (as Denise)
 1953 *Le Blé en herbe* (*The Game of Love*) (Autant-Lara) (as Mme.
 Dalleray)
 1954 *Les Fruits de l’été* (Bernard)
 1957 *Quand la femme s’en mêle* (*Send a Woman When the Devil
 Fails; When the Woman Gets Confused*) (Yves Allégret);
Le Septième Commandement (Bernard)
 1958 *En cas de malheur* (*Love Is My Profession; In Case of
 Adversity*) (Autant-Lara) (as Viviane Gobillot); *La Vie à
 deux* (*Life as a Couple*) (Duhour)
 1961 “Les Comédiennes” ep. of *Amours célèbres* (Boisrond)
 1962 “Le Masque” (“The Mask”) ep. of *Le Crime ne paie pas*
 (*Crime Does Not Pay; The Gentle Art of Murder*) (Oury) (as
 Dona Lucrezia)
 1964 *Aimez-vous les femmes?* (*A Taste for Women*) (Léon) (as
 Aunt Flo)
 1967 *La Route d’un homme* (Hacquard—short) (as narrator)
 1968 *Scusi, facciamo l’amore* (*Et si on faisait l’amour?*; *Listen,
 Let’s Make Love*) (Caprioli) (as Giuditta Passani)
 1970 *Le Clair de terre* (Gilles)
 1974 *La Chair de l’orchidée* (*Flesh and the Orchid; Flesh of the
 Orchid*) (Chéreau) (as Madame Bastier-Wagener)
 1981 *Chef de famille* (Companeez)
 1984 *Dames de la côte* (Companeez); *La Tueur triste*
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Edwige Feuillère is more famous as a stage actress than as a screen actress, but her many film roles in the 1930s and 1940s almost made her the acknowledged leading lady of French cinema.

Her first film and her acceptance into the Comédie Française in the early 1930s brought her attention from film producers, and Louis Gasnier cast her in the first film version of *Topaze*, based on the play by Marcel Pagnol; her charm and elegance opposite Louis Jouvet were widely appreciated. The role of Lucrezia Borgia in Abel Gance’s 1935 version solidified her popularity. Over the next few years her roles as elegant and often heartless women were displayed in *Marthe Richard au service de la France* (as a charming spy opposite Erich von Stroheim), *J’étais une aventurière*, *La Dame de Malacca*, and *De Mayerling à Sarajevo* (as the young Sophia Chotkova).

Her triumph as Nastasia Filipovna in *L’Idiot* notwithstanding, she tended to make fewer films after the war, though her stage performances made her even more appreciated in films when she made them. She played in both the stage and film versions of *Lucrèce*, and her successful stage role in *The Eagle with Two Heads* (written for her by Cocteau) was also translated to the screen. Her role as the older woman introducing an adolescent to love in *The Game of Love*, based on Colette’s novel, was a scandal, even though Feuillère was brilliant in the role and the writer kept out any suggestion of prurience. She appeared later in the 1950s with Jean Gabin and Brigitte Bardot in *Love Is My Profession*.

—Karel Tabery

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FIELD, Sally

Nationality: American. **Born:** Pasadena, California, 6 November 1946. **Education:** Attended Birmingham High School, California; Actors Studio, New York, 1968 and 1973–75; studied acting with David Craig. **Family:** Married 1) Steve Craig, 1968 (divorced 1973), sons: Peter and Elijah; 2) the producer Alan Greisman, 1984 (divorced 1995), son: Sam. **Career:** 1964—enrolled in Columbia Pictures Workshop, a branch of Columbia Studios; 1965–66—in title role of TV series *Gidget* and *The Flying Nun*, 1967–70; 1971–73—role as Clementine Hale in TV series *Alias Smith and Jones*; 1973–74—in title role of TV series *The Girl with Something Extra*; mid-1970s—studied acting and appeared in summer stock; 1984—formed Fogwood Films Ltd. production company; starred in and co-executive produced TV mini-series *A Woman of Independent Means*. **Awards:** Emmy Award, for *Sybil*, 1976; Academy Award for Best Actress, Best Actress, Cannes Festival, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Norma Rae*, 1979; Academy Award for Best Actress, for *Places in*



Sally Field in *Places in the Heart*

the Heart, 1984. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1967 *The Way West* (McLaglen) (as Mercy McBee)
- 1970 *Marriage: Year One* (Graham—for TV); *Maybe I'll Come Home in the Spring* (*Deadly Desire*) (Sargent—for TV) (as Denise)
- 1971 *Hitched* (*Westward the Wagon*) (Sagal—for TV); *Mongo's Back in Town* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Vikki)
- 1972 *Home for the Holidays* (Moxey—for TV)
- 1976 *Stay Hungry* (Rafelson) (as Mary Tate Farnsworth); *Bridger* (Rich—for TV); *Sybil* (Petrie—for TV) (title role)
- 1977 *Smokey and the Bandit* (Needham) (as Carrie); *Heroes* (Kagan) (as Carol)
- 1978 *Hooper* (Needham) (as Gwen); *The End* (Burt Reynolds) (as Mary Ellen)
- 1979 *Norma Rae* (Ritt) (title role); *Beyond the Poseidon Adventure* (Irwin Allen) (as Celeste Whitman)
- 1980 *Smokey and the Bandit II* (*Smokey and the Bandit Ride Again*) (Needham) (as Carrie)
- 1981 *Back Roads* (Ritt) (as Amy Post); *Absence of Malice* (Pollack) (as Megan)
- 1982 *Kiss Me Goodbye* (Mulligan) (as Kay Villano)
- 1984 *Places in the Heart* (Benton) (as Edna Spalding)

- 1985 *Murphy's Romance* (Ritt) (as Emma Moriarty, + exec pr)
- 1987 *Surrender* (Belson) (as Daisy Morgan, Artist)
- 1988 *Punchline* (Seltzer) (as Lilah Krytsik)
- 1989 *Steel Magnolias* (Ross) (as M'Lynn Eatenton)
- 1990 *Not without My Daughter* (Brian Gilbert) (as Betty Mahmoody)
- 1991 *Soapdish* (Hoffman) (as Celeste Talbert)
- 1993 *Mrs. Doubtfire* (Columbus) (as Miranda Hillard); *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey* (Dunham) (as voice of Sassy the cat)
- 1994 *Forrest Gump* (Zemeckis) (as Forrest's mother)
- 1996 *Eye for an Eye* (Schlesinger) (as Karen McCann); *Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco* (David R. Ellis) (as voice of Sassy the cat)
- 1997 *Merry Christmas*, *George Bailey* (Diamond—for TV) (as Mrs. Bailey/Narrator)
- 1999 *A Cooler Climate* (Seidelman) (as Iris Prue)
- 2000 *Where the Heart Is* (Williams) (as Mama Lil); *David Copperfield* (Medak—for TV) (as Betsey Trotwood)

Films as Director:

- 1996 *The Christmas Tree*
- 1998 *From the Earth to the Moon* (co-d + ro as Trudy Cooper)

Other Films:

- 1991 *Dying Young* (co-pr)
- 1995 *A Woman of Independent Means* (pr + ro as Bess Alcott)

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Gritty, plucky, feisty—and other adjectives that have fallen out of favor—spring to mind when contemplating the essence of Sally Field's appeal. Her limitations (including a regrettably thin voice, a failing that puts her in good company with Elizabeth Taylor and Natalie Wood) are as immediately apparent as her virtues (a translucent honesty which rescues her from the precipice of seeming too actressy). A specialist in regional scrappers, Field has not shown a yen for foreign accents or idiosyncratic filmmakers, but, within her self-prescribed range as the steamrolling American flattening injustices like so much roadkill, she is in a league of her own. What is most remarkable about her stimulating performances is that she willed herself into the position to create them, despite the campy backlash in the wake of *The Flying Nun* and *Gidget*. How many other troupers could have not only survived being a cutie-pie in such fluff as *The Girl with Something Extra* but also have gone on to silence her detractors with two Oscars on her mantelpiece.

Even during her humble starlet origins, there must have been dozens of characters this pop-culture princess yearned to give birth to; in a sense, she unleashed them all with her breakthrough role in *Sybil*. Playing a multiple personality, she gave a knockout performance that has stood the test of time; it was so stunning in its clarity and so terrifying in its chameleon shifts of mood, that even her critics had to clam up. A hard act to follow, *Sybil* did not open any eyes at the film studios, so Field slipped into movies by the rear door of Burt Reynolds's speeding car (*Smokey and the Bandit*). Proving she could breezily peel rubber through America's back roads, Field again amazed the industry with a heartfelt performance as a Southern factory worker whose low self-esteem gets a shot in the arm from her awakened social conscience. Turned down by many big stars, the *Norma Rae* role provided a perfect outlet for Field's native intelligence and fired-up passion. It was a much more creditable and credible glimpse into the blue-collar soul than Meryl Streep's similar but phonily twangy *Silkwood*.

Aside from these high points, Field was believably contentious as a parasitic journalist making amends in *Absence of Malice* and was engaging as an eager-to-please housewife balancing career and home in that stand-up comedy cavalcade, *Punchline*. Often cast in mother roles, she tended to repeat standard renditions of resoluteness in the terminal-illness crowd-pleaser *Steel Magnolias* and that heartland ode *Places in the Heart*, a beloved movie that reduces all its interesting conflicts into tests of cornpone indomitability. Is it any wonder Field was pegged to play a further reduction of a Hallmark Hall of Fame-type mommy in the megagrosser *Forrest Gump* which not only revisits Field's little-people roots but also applauds the dumb luck of the mentally challenged? Nor was she wise to cast herself as an

avenging vigilante-mom battling male prerogatives in *Not without My Daughter* and *Eye for an Eye*. Gussied up as feminist tracts, these thrillers were Charlotte Bronson odysseys which almost parodied Field's spirit of rage. Rather than contribute further to the stupidization of American films, Field could put her grassroots valor to better use in vehicles such as her mini-series, *A Woman of Independent Means*. In one of her classiest roles, Field illuminates a feminist soap opera by making her wife-mother's journey to self-realization painfully moving. Like Norma Rae, and Sybil, this typical Field character digs deep to find a courage that is new to her. A master at revealing how everyday people shock themselves with such discoveries, Field is really the role-model next door.

—Robert Pardi

FIELDS, W. C.

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Claude Dukenfield in Philadelphia, 10 February 1879 or 29 January 1880. **Family:** Married Harriet "Hattie" Hughes, 1900. **Career:** 1893—hired as juggler at Pennsylvania amusement park, then worked as "comic juggler" and "silent humorist" in vaudeville; 1901—toured Europe for first time; top billed at Folies Bergère, Paris, and in London, command performance at Buckingham Palace; 1905—first appearance in Broadway play, *The Ham Tree*; 1906–24—worked consistently on Broadway and in various revues, including, from 1915, Ziegfeld Follies; 1914—on Broadway in Irving Berlin's *Watch Your Step*; 1915—first film, *Pool Sharks*, based on vaudeville act; 1916—began to introduce dialogue into act; 1923—created role of Eustace McGargle in successful Broadway show *Poppy*; 1925—in *Sally of the Sawdust*, film version of *Poppy*, directed by D. W. Griffith; 1930—first sound film, two-reeler *The Golf Specialist*; 1932–33—made series of shorts for Mack Sennett; 1935—only straight dramatic role, Mr. Micawber in *David Copperfield*; from 1937—on radio, often with ventriloquist Edgar Bergen. **Died:** In Pasadena, California, 25 December 1946.

Films as Actor:

- 1915 *Pool Sharks* (Middleton); *His Lordship's Dilemma* (Haddock—short)
- 1924 *Janice Meredith (The Beautiful Rebel)* (E. Mason Hopper) (as British sergeant)
- 1925 *Sally of the Sawdust* (D. W. Griffith) (as Prof. Eustace McGargle); *That Royle Girl* (D. W. Griffith) (as father)
- 1926 *It's the Old Army Game* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Elmer Prettywillie); *So's Your Old Man* (La Cava) (as Samuel Bisbee)
- 1927 *The Potters* (Newmeyer) (as Pa Potter); *Running Wild* (La Cava) (as Elmer Finch); *Two Flaming Youths (The Side Show)* (Waters) (as Gabby Gilfoil)
- 1928 *Tillie's Punctured Romance (Marie's Millions)* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Ringmaster); *Fools for Luck* (Reisner) (as Richard Whitehead)



W. C. Fields with Mae West in *My Little Chickadee*

- 1930 *The Golf Specialist* (Brice—short) (+ story, uncredited)
- 1931 *Her Majesty Love* (Dieterle) (as Lia's father)
- 1932 *Million Dollar Legs* (Cline) (as the President of Klopstokia); *If I Had a Million* (Taurog or Humberstone) (as Rollo); *The Dentist* (Pearce—short) (title role, + story, uncredited)
- 1933 *The Fatal Glass of Beer* (Bruckman—short) (as Mr. Snively, + story, uncredited); *The Pharmacist* (Ripley—short) (+ story); *International House* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Prof. Quail); *The Barber Shop* (Ripley—short) (+ story); *Hip Action* (Marshall—no. 3 of series *How to Break Ninety*); *Tillie and Gus* (Francis Martin) (as Augustus Q. Winterbottom); *Alice in Wonderland* (McLeod) (as Humpty Dumpty)
- 1934 *Six of a Kind* (McCarey) (as Sheriff "Honest John" Hoxley); *You're Telling Me!* (Kenton) (as Sam Bisbee); *The Old-Fashioned Way* (Beaudine) (as the Great McGonigle, + story); *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* (Taurog) (as Mr. C. Ensworth Stubbins); *It's a Gift* (McLeod) (as Harold Bissonette, + story as "Charles Bogle")
- 1935 *David Copperfield* (Cukor) (as Mr. Micawber); *Mississippi* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Commodore Jackson); *The Man on the Flying Trapeze* (*The Memory Expert*) (Bruckman) (as Ambrose Wolfinger, + co-story as "Charles Bogle")
- 1936 *Poppy* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Prof. Eustace McGargle)
- 1938 *The Big Broadcast of 1938* (Leisen) (as T. Frothingill/S. B. Bellows)
- 1939 *You Can't Cheat an Honest Man* (George Marshall; Fields sequences directed by Cline, uncredited) (as Larson E. Whipsnade, + story as "Charles Bogle")
- 1940 *My Little Chickadee* (Cline) (as Cuthbert J. Twillie, + co-story); *The Bank Dick* (*The Bank Detective*) (Cline) (as Egbert Souze, + story as "Mahatma Kane Jeeves")
- 1941 *Never Give a Sucker an Even Break* (*What a Man*) (Cline) (as the Great Man, + story as "Otis Criblecoblis")
- 1943 *Show Business at War* (*March of Time* series) (De Rochemont)
- 1944 *Follow the Boys* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as guest); *Song of the Open Road* (Simon) (as himself); *Sensations of 1945* (*Sensations*) (Andrew L. Stone) (as guest)
- 1949 "The Dentist" ep. of *Down Memory Lane* (Karlson—compilation)

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A successful vaudeville juggler, W. C. Fields underwent a slow metamorphosis to become one of the outstanding comedians of the sound film. He seems a reincarnation of an ancient comic type: there is something of the braggart soldier from Roman comedy, the strutting capitano of the commedia dell’arte, or Shakespeare’s Falstaff. He is also the bungling husband, harassed by his wife—a comic type common to the classical Greek stage, the medieval tale, Restoration and 18th-century comedy, and modern times.

Fields’s introduction to the sound film proved to be a humble one. He had had prominent roles in 11 mediocre silent screen comedies, and a 20-minute two-reeler made in 1930, *The Golf Specialist*, merely lifted material from one of his vaudeville routines, a sketch about giving golf lessons to a beautiful girl. The full potentiality of Fields’s talent was not realized until he made four shorts for Mack Sennett in 1932 and 1933. He scripted them himself, and at least one film, *The Barber Shop*, containing a catalog of Fieldsian humor, paved the way for better things.

Fields began to gain more control of his material in the mid-1930s with such works as *The Old-Fashioned Way*, *It’s a Gift*, and *The Man on the Flying Trapeze*. These last two works featured the comedian as a dominated husband struggling against great odds to achieve peace of mind and modest success in a humble business venture. *The Old-Fashioned Way*, on the other hand, was a portrait of the con man trying his best not to give the sucker an even break. The pompous charlatan who quickly retreated when exposed is sometimes considered to be the most amusing character the comedian created, and is subsequently seen in *Poppy* (a remake of his 1925 silent film, *Sally of the Sawdust*), *You Can’t Cheat an Honest Man*, and *My Little Chickadee*. The bungling, harassed husband would continue to appear in such films as *The Bank Dick*.

The genius of Fields lies in his ability to effectively combine verbal and visual traits in his comic character. His three masterpieces, *It’s a Gift*, *The Bank Dick*, and *The Man on the Flying Trapeze* display this fusion at its best. Along with this he evolved a fully developed comic portrait of a mature man, and this creation proved to be unique not only for the golden age of sound comedy in the 1930s, but also for the great preceding decade of silent comedy. Most prominent in both these periods was the young man with traits of dumbness and naivety. Fields was the only actor to create comic middle-aged characters of enduring greatness.

Critics have long considered Fields the comic king of the 1930s because of his uniqueness, innovation, and many-faceted character. At the core of his personality there is the warmth and charm of a Falstaff even though he snarls and mutters insults. Even in weak films the power of his acting comes through. As with Chaplin, we have begun to associate the man with the character, and when that happens, the artist’s work becomes a permanent creation.

—Donald McCaffrey

FIENNES, Joseph

Nationality: British. **Born:** Joseph Alberic Fiennes, in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England, 27 May 1970; brother of actor Ralph Fiennes. **Education:** Left school at sixteen; Art College, Suffolk, England,



Joseph Fiennes in *Shakespeare in Love*

1987; Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, 1990–1993. **Career:** While at art college worked in a graphic design studio; spent six months in Italy restoring a 12th century villa; joined Young Vic Youth Theatre 1988–1989; two years with Royal Shakespeare Company from 1995. **Awards:** Broadcast Film Critics' Association, Breakthrough Performer for *Elizabeth* and *Shakespeare in Love*, 1999; Chicago Film Critics Association, Most Promising Actor, 1999; Blockbuster Entertainment Awards, Favorite Male Newcomer, 1999. **Agent:** Ken McReddie Ltd., 91 Regent St., W1R 7TB, London.

Films as Actor:

- 1995 *The Vacillations of Poppy Carew* (Jones—for TV) (as Willy)
- 1996 *Stealing Beauty* (*Beauté Voleé* (France), *Io ballo da sola* (Italy)) (Bertolucci) (as Christopher Fox)
- 1998 *Martha, Meet Frank, Daniel and Laurence* (*The Very Thought of You* (USA)) (Hamm) (as Laurence); *Elizabeth* (*Elizabeth: The Virgin Queen*) (Kapur) (as Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester); *Shakespeare in Love* (Madden) (as William Shakespeare)
- 1999 *Forever Mine* (Schrader) (as Manuel Esquema/Alan Riply)
- 2000 *Rancid Aluminium* (Thomas) (as Sean Deeny); *Enemy at the Gates* (Annaud) (as Danilov)

Publications:

By FIENNES: articles—

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- Interview with Ian Freer in *Empire* (London), February 1999.
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Until he shot to fame in 1998 as the young Will Shakespeare in *Shakespeare in Love*, Joseph Fiennes was best known as the younger brother of Ralph, who made his impressive big-screen debut in 1993, in Spielberg's *Schindler's List*. Helped along by Tom Stoppard's clever script, Joseph charmed audiences with his light-hearted and dynamic performance as the love-struck bard, winning nominations for awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and the Screen Actors' Guild.

Born in England, but brought up in West Cork, Ireland, Fiennes left school at sixteen and worked for a while as a graphic designer. It was only after a stint helping to restore a villa in Italy that he returned to London in 1988 to join the Young Vic Youth Theatre, and from there secured a place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. After graduation, success came quickly: he spent two years with the Royal Shakespeare Company, based in Stratford, England, and made his first TV appearance in *The Vacillations of Poppy Carew* in 1995. A supporting role in Bertolucci's stylish *Stealing Beauty* brought Fiennes limited critical success, but in 1998 he struck gold, appearing in three films, two of which were the movie highlights of the year.

Elizabeth is a low-budget production filmed almost exclusively in Durham cathedral, England, a setting of vast open spaces and gloomy chambers. Telling the story of the accession of Elizabeth I to the English throne the film is a dark, moody piece of work, essentially a showcase for Blanchett's intense portrayal of the melancholy but triumphant Queen Bess. Playing a supporting role as her banished lover, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, Fiennes measures up well to Blanchett's remarkable performance, which earned her an Oscar nomination.

If *Elizabeth* allowed Fiennes to show his serious side, *Shakespeare in Love* furnished him with a reputation as a lively comic actor and a teen heartthrob. A tongue-in-cheek reconstruction of the writing of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Shakespeare in Love* opens with Will Shakespeare paralysed by writer's block, unable to come up with a title better than "Romeo and Ethel the Pirate's Daughter." Fiennes plays Shakespeare as an earnest but foolish young man, borrowing ideas from other writers, and struggling to keep his creditors happy. It is an image of the playwright quite unlike the serious figure familiar from school and college English courses. The love story between Shakespeare and the aristocratic Viola, played by Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow, who must impersonate a male actor in order to be allowed on stage, parallels the story of the star-crossed lovers. She provides the inspiration he needs to finish his manuscript, but the unhappy outcome of their affair leads him to discard its happy ending and make the play a tragedy.

Although Fiennes has shown himself to be a versatile actor, *Shakespeare in Love* remains his most successful work to date, with neither the romantic thriller *Forever Mine* or *Rancid Aluminium* making the impact expected of them. Filming of *Enemy at the Gates*, the most expensive film ever made in Europe began in January 2000. The story of the portentous German attack on Stalingrad at the end of World War Two, the film's makers hope it will be a monument to the dead of both sides. For Fiennes, the project is a long way from Elizabethan England, and a long way from the romantic comedy for which he is best known. It remains to be seen whether he will live up to the promise of *Shakespeare in Love*.

—Chris Routledge

FIENNES, Ralph

Nationality: British. **Born:** Suffolk, 22 December 1962; brother of the director Martha Fiennes, the actor Joseph Fiennes, the musician Magnus Fiennes, and the producer Sophie Fiennes. **Family:** Married the actress Alex Kingston, 1993 (divorced 1997). **Education:** Attended Bishop Woodsworth Boys' School; Chelsea College of Art & Design; was graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Career:** Joined the National Theatre, London, 1987; joined the Royal Shakespeare Company, and became a leading actor there, 1989; appeared in the TV mini-series *Prime Suspect*, 1991; earned international acclaim for his role in *Schindler's List*, 1993; made his American stage debut in *Hamlet*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor British Academy Award, National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, Chicago Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor, London Critics Circle British Actor of the Year, Best Supporting Actor Golden Globe, for *Schindler's List*, 1993; Best Actor Tony Award, for *Hamlet*, 1995; Best Actor European Film Awards, for *Sunshine*, 1999. **Agent:** Bryan Lourd, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1991 *A Dangerous Man: Lawrence after Arabia* (Menaul—for TV) (as T. E. Lawrence)
- 1992 *Wuthering Heights* (Kosminsky—for TV) (as Heathcliff)
- 1993 *Schindler's List* (Spielberg) (as Amon Goeth); *The Baby of Macon* (Greenaway) (as the Bishop's son); *The Cormorant* (Markham—for TV) (as John Talbot)
- 1994 *Quiz Show* (Redford) (as Charles Van Doren)
- 1995 *Strange Days* (Bigelow) (as Lenny Nero)
- 1996 *The English Patient* (Minghella) (title role)
- 1997 *Oscar and Lucinda* (Armstrong) (as Oscar Hopkins)
- 1998 *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner) (as Rameses); *The Avengers* (Chechik) (John Steed)
- 1999 *Sunshine* (Szabó) (as Ignatz Sonnenschein/Sors, Adam Sors, Ivan Sors/Sonnenschein); *Onegin* (Martha Fiennes) (as Evgeny Onegin (+ exec pr); *The Miracle Maker* (Hayes, Sokolov—for TV) (as Jesus); *The End of the Affair* (Jordan) (as Maurice Bendrix)

Publications

By FIENNES: articles—

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- "A Fiennes Madness," interview with Leslie Bennetts, in *Vanity Fair* (New York), November 1995.



Ralph Fiennes with Kristin Scott Thomas in *The English Patient*

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In 1993, Ralph Fiennes burst upon the international film scene with his riveting—and almost picture-stealing—performance as SS Commandant Amon Goeth in Steven Spielberg’s Holocaust drama, *Schindler’s List*. Certainly, Goeth was not the first despicably evil Nazi ever depicted on screen—just as *Schindler’s List* was not the first Hollywood film to portray the heroic actions of individuals caught up in the Nazi scourge.

But Fiennes made Goeth far more than the stereotypical stock Nazi villain found in scores of World War II films. His Goeth is a fascinatingly complex personality, a man of subtle, intrinsic evil. At

one point in the story, as he is being driven through the Krakow Jewish ghetto, Goeth complains that he is freezing. He has no comment on the humanity around him. It is as if the Jews are non-human beings, incapable of feeling hunger or pain (let alone of being inconvenienced by inclement weather). In his eyes, they already are a mass of cadavers. As the *Variety* critic so aptly observed, “The extraordinary Fiennes creates an indelible character in Goeth. With paunch hanging out and eyes filled with disgust both for his victims and himself, he’s like a minor-league Roman emperor gone sour with excess, a man in whom too much power and debauchery have crushed anything that might once have been good.”

While unfamiliar to movie audiences at the release of *Schindler’s List*, Fiennes was a known quantity in the acting world. For several years, he had been impressing London audiences in a variety of roles at the National Theatre and with the Royal Shakespeare Company. His performance as T. E. Lawrence in the television movie *A Dangerous Man: Lawrence after Arabia* led to Spielberg’s casting him in *Schindler’s List*.

In order to display his versatility as an actor and avoid typecasting as clones of Goeth, Fiennes chose for his follow-up screen role an altogether different character. In Robert Redford’s *Quiz Show*, he is Charles Van Doren, clean-cut all-American prince and offspring of a wealthy, renowned intellectual family, who compromises his ideals by cheating when he appears on the television quiz show *Twenty-One*. If *Schindler’s List* was overly hyped as a Holocaust film, *Quiz Show*, too, was highly overrated. The film is, in essence, a far-too-obvious exercise in self-righteousness.

But Fiennes’s performance transcends the film’s faults. His Charles Van Doren is an entirely believable character, as contemplative and compromised as Amon Goeth is psychotic and compromised. If Goeth is the victimizer of others, Van Doren is victimized by his own ingenuousness.

For his next screen role, Fiennes selected a part completely different from Goeth and Van Doren. Kathryn Bigelow’s *Strange Days* is an in-your-face combination sci-fi fantasy/mystery/police drama, set in the final days of the year 1999. Fiennes plays Lenny Nero, ex-Los Angeles vice cop who is the dealer of a new and altogether different kind of illegal drug: high-tech, state-of-the-art “virtual reality” tapes, on which are recorded real-life events. Those who “wire-trip” get to re-experience those events. In essence, Lenny—who is described as “the Santa Claus of the subconscious”—peddles pieces of other peoples’ lives, with his customers “using the wire” and “getting off on tape.”

Lenny also is a schemer who in his own way is strung out, as he lives from one score to the next. The core of the story focuses on what happens when he comes into possession of tapes on which are recorded horrible events, including the rape and murder of a prostitute and the murder of a rap artist who is one of the most powerful and controversial black men in America. Fiennes’s performance as Lenny is every bit as impressive as his work in *Schindler’s List* and *Quiz Show*. It is appropriately edgy, with the actor vividly expressing his character’s pain, confusion, and yearning.

Despite his celluloid success, Fiennes remained as much a stage actor as a budding movie star. In 1995, he brought his *Hamlet* from London to Broadway, earning respectful (and in some cases, superlative) reviews. Wrote John Lahr, “Fiennes radiates an elegance of spirit that rivets the audience with its sense of unspoken mystery. His performance is a stylish event.” Added Vincent Canby, “Mr. Fiennes . . . is in command at the Belasco from beginning to end. He’s

a charismatic stage actor. He has a fine strong voice (and complete control of it) that never becomes monotonously distinctive.” Among his other post-*Hamlet* stage roles have been the lead characters in Chekhov’s *Ivanov* and Shakespeare’s *Richard II* and *Coriolanus*, all performed in England. Three of Fiennes’s subsequent screen roles have been variations of the same character: the genteel malcontent who becomes mired in a complex, unsatisfying romantic relationship. In the highly acclaimed *The English Patient*, based on Michael Ondaatje’s novel, he is a Hungarian-born count who works as a linguist/explorer/map maker; in *Onegin*, an adaptation of Pushkin’s *Eugene Onegin*, he plays a St. Petersburg nobleman; in Graham Greene’s *The End of the Affair*, he is a British novelist. *The English Patient* has Fiennes offering a subtle performance as a character who hides as much as he is able to from those around him. However, in *Onegin* and *The End of the Affair*, his performances teeter on listlessness. In *The Avengers*, the ill-advised update of the fabled 1960s British TV series, he is sorely miscast as suave secret agent John Steed. And in Istvan Szabo’s *Sunshine*, an ambitious but overlong and overwrought multi-generational soap opera, Fiennes takes on three characterizations, all members of a Hungarian-Jewish family. Unfortunately, this tale of love, war, interfamily relationships, and Jewish identity and self-loathing plays like an inferior cut-down of a TV mini-series. Fiennes and his fellow actors often look foolish as their characters lack shading, and spout slogans rather than speak dialogue.

At one point in *Sunshine*, one of Fiennes’s characters is incarcerated in a concentration camp, where he is humiliated and tortured. His nemesis in this sequence might well be Amon Goeth—and this irony serves to mirror the difference between a carefully conceived character in a lauded motion picture, who comes alive partly through the complexity of the writing, and a mere presence in a lesser-quality film.

Indeed, as the 1990s came to a close, the Fiennes who was winning the very best screen roles was kid brother Joseph, who earned stardom in *Elizabeth* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

—Rob Edelman

FINCH, Peter

Nationality: British. **Born:** Peter Ingle-Finch in Kensington, London, England, 28 September 1916. **Education:** Attended French primary schools until age ten; North Sydney Inter High School, Australia. **Military Service:** Australian First Army antiaircraft battalion, organized troop entertainments during World War II. **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Tamara Tchinanova, 1943 (divorced 1958), daughter: Anita; 2) the actress Yolande Turner, 1959 (divorced 1966), children: Samantha and Charles; also daughter Diana by Eletha Barrett. **Career:** After leaving high school, reporter-trainee on Sydney *Sun* newspaper, and traveled around Australia as hobo; 1935—toured New South Wales and Queensland in *While Parents Sleep*; began working in Australian radio; 1945—formed stage company, Mercury Players, named after Orson Welles’s Mercury Theater; 1948—under personal contract by Olivier; 1949—London debut;

Peter Finch in *Network*

featured role in first British film, *Train of Events*; early 1950s—active on London stage, including Old Vic: roles include Iago to Orson Welles's Othello in 1951 production of *Othello*; 1954—first starring film role, opposite Elizabeth Taylor, in *Elephant Walk*; 1955—contract with J. Arthur Rank Organisation; 1961—with wife Yolande Turner, wrote, produced, and directed low-budget short *The Day*. **Awards:** Best British Actor, British Academy, for *A Town Like Alice*, 1956; Best British Actor, British Academy, for *The Trials of Oscar Wilde*, 1960; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, and Best Actor, British Academy, for *No Love for Johnnie*, 1961; Best Actor, British Academy, for *Sunday, Blood Sunday*, 1971; Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, British Academy, for *Network*, 1976. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Beverly Hills, California, 14 January 1977.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Magic Shoes* (Fleming—unreleased)
- 1938 *Dad and Dave Come to Town* (*The Rudd Family Goes to Town*) (Hall) (as Bill Ryan)
- 1939 *Mr. Chedworth Steps Out* (Hall); *Ants in His Pants* (Freshman)
- 1941 *The Power and the Glory* (Monkman)
- 1944 *The Rats of Tobruk* (*The Fighting Rats of Tobruk*) (Chauvel) (as Peter Linton); *South West Pacific* (Hall—Finch may appear only in footage taken from *The Rats of Tobruk*); *Jungle Patrol* (Gurr—short) (as narrator)
- 1945 *Red Sky at Morning* (*Escape at Dawn*) (Arthur) (as Michael)
- 1946 *A Son Is Born* (Porter) (as Paul Graham); *Indonesia Calling* (Ivens—short) (as narrator); *Native Earth* (Heyer—short) (as narrator)
- 1949 *Eureka Stockade* (*Massacre Hill*) (Watt) (as John Humffray); “The Actor” ep. of *Train of Events* (Dearden) (as Philip Mason); *Primitive Peoples: Australian Aborigines* (Heath—in three parts) (as narrator, + asst d)
- 1950 *The Wooden Horse* (Jack Lee) (as the Australian); *The Mini-ver Story* (Potter) (as Polish officer)
- 1952 *The Story of Robin Hood and His Merrie Men* (Annakin) (as Sheriff of Nottingham)
- 1953 *The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan* (*Gilbert and Sullivan; The Great Gilbert and Sullivan*) (Gilliat) (as Rupert D'Oyly Carte); *The Heart of the Matter* (O'Ferrall) (as Father Rank)
- 1954 *Elephant Walk* (Dieterle) (as John Wiley); *Father Brown* (*The Detective*) (Hamer) (as Flambeau); *Make Me an Offer!* (Frankel) (as Charlie)
- 1955 *The Dark Avenger* (*The Warriors*) (Levin) (as Count De Ville); *Passage Home* (Baker) (as Captain “Lucky” Ryland); *Josephine and Men* (Boulting, Harvey, and Balchin) (as David Hower); *Simon and Laura* (Box) (as Simon Foster);

- The Queen in Australia* (Hawes—short) (as narrator); *Melbourne—Olympic City* (pr: Hawes) (as narrator)
- 1956 *A Town Like Alice* (*Rape of Malaya*) (Jack Lee) (as Joe Harman); *The Battle of the River Plate* (*Pursuit of the Graf Spee*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Captain Langsdorff); *The Royal Tour of New South Wales* (short) (as narrator)
- 1957 *The Shiralee* (Norman) (as Jim Macauley); *Robbery under Arms* (Jack Lee) (as Captain Starlight); *Windom's Way* (Neame) (as Alec Windom)
- 1959 *The Nun's Story* (Zinnemann) (as Dr. Fortunati); *Operation Amsterdam* (McCarthy) (as Jan Smit); *A Far Cry* (Peet) (as narrator)
- 1960 *Kidnapped* (Stevenson) (as Alan Breck Stewart); *The Sins of Rachel Cade* (*Rachel Cade*) (Gordon Douglas) (as Colonel Henri Derode); *The Trials of Oscar Wilde* (*The Man with the Green Carnation*; *The Green Carnation*) (Hughes) (title role)
- 1961 *No Love for Johnnie* (Thomas) (as Johnnie Byrne)
- 1962 *I Thank a Fool* (Robert Stevens) (as Stephen Dane)
- 1963 *Girl with Green Eyes* (Desmond Davis) (as Eugene Gaillard); *In the Cool of the Day* (Robert Stevens) (as Murray Logan)
- 1964 *First Men in the Moon* (Juran) (as guest); *The Pumpkin Eater* (Clayton) (as Jake Armitage)
- 1965 *Judith* (Daniel Mann) (as Aaron Stein); *The Flight of the Phoenix* (Aldrich) (as Captain Harris)
- 1966 *10:30 P.M. Summer* (Dassin) (as Paul)
- 1967 *Far from the Madding Crowd* (Schlesinger) (as William Boldwood)
- 1968 *The Legend of Lylah Clare* (Aldrich) (as Lewis Zarkan)
- 1969 *La tenda rossa* (*Krasnaya palatka*; *The Red Tent*) (Kalatozov) (as General Umberto Nobile)
- 1971 *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* (Schlesinger) (as Dr. Daniel Hirsch)
- 1972 *Something to Hide* (*Shattered*) (Reid) (as Harry Field)
- 1973 *Lost Horizon* (Jarrott) (as Richard Conway); *A Bequest to the Nation* (*The Nelson Affair*) (James Cellan Jones) (as Lord Horatio Nelson); *England Made Me* (Duffell) (as Erich Krogh)
- 1974 *The Abdication* (Harvey) (as Cardinal Azzolino)
- 1976 *Network* (Lumet) (as Howard Beale)
- 1977 *Raid on Entebbe* (Kirshner—for TV) (as Yitzhak Rabin)
- 1979 *A Look at Liv* (Kaplan—doc) (as himself)

Film as Director:

- 1961 *Antonito* (*The Day*) (short) (+ pr, sc)

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Dead at 61 of a heart attack induced by a life of drink, sex, and hard living, Peter Finch belongs on the roster of stars who were expert at projecting insecurity on screen. A confident Finch is indeed a contradiction: indecision, sexual confusion, the drag of ambition or the demands of good manners undermined his most memorable screen characters. The high, sloping brow would wrinkle and the sensitive eyes would narrow as he contemplated yet another painful choice in which no one would suffer more than himself.

The product of a broken Australian/English marriage, Finch initially was thrown into the desert of the prewar Australian film industry. He alternated featured film roles for Cinesound as scape-grace sons with stage work and radio acting that exploited his distinctive and resonant voice. The independent director Noel Monkman wrote *The Power and the Glory* for the man he called “the finest film actor in Australia,” but the story—about a Nazi saboteur down under—was too clichéd to win overseas interest.

It was Finch's stage work that attracted the attention of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh during their 1948 Australian tour, and Olivier subsequently put him under personal contract. This was the beginning, Olivier was to claim, of the end of his marriage to Leigh, with whom Finch had one of his many calamitous affairs, culminating in her nervous breakdown while on Sri Lankan location with Finch for *Elephant Walk*. The film, however, earned Finch star status. He was an effective aristocratic thief pursued by Alec Guinness's *Father Brown*, a percipient antique dealer in *Make Me an Offer!*, and the captain of the German battleship *Graf Spee* who elects to scuttle the boat in Michael Powell's *The Battle of the River Plate*. British companies' increased use of Australia as an exotic location drew Finch back for *Robbery under Arms*, *A Town Like Alice*, and *The Shiralee*. His respective roles as a period bandit, an Australian soldier tortured by the Japanese for helping refugee Englishwomen, and an itinerant on the Australian roads forced to take along his young daughter like a “shiralee,” or blanket roll, helped Finch to define his screen persona.

It was evident his future lay with the international roles such as that in the Powell film rather than with the then-limping Australian industry. *The Trials of Oscar Wilde* is emblematic of this new stage of his career, with Finch building a vivid portrait of the homosexual playwright destroyed by hubris. His portrayal of a politician in *No Love for Johnnie*, choosing ambition over love, and films such as *The Pumpkin Eater* and *Girl with Green Eyes*, further established him with American studios as a compelling leading man. During this

period, he was dividing his time between Europe and the United States, appearing opposite Audrey Hepburn in *The Nun's Story* as an idealistic doctor, with Sophia Loren in the Israeli drama *Judith*, and for Robert Aldrich in the embarrassing flop *The Legend of Lylah Clare* as a film director reminiscent of Josef von Sternberg. Finch also tackled period dramas, with varying success. As the cuckolded farmer in Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*, he was superbly distraught, the model of wounded British rectitude. He played opposite Liv Ullmann in *The Abdication*, a gloomy account of the Queen Christina story, and was Nelson to Glenda Jackson's Emma Hamilton in *A Bequest to the Nation*.

Sunday, Bloody Sunday and especially *Network* are the two films for which Finch is best-remembered. In the first, he is the model of world-weariness, with his Jewish homosexual doctor in love with a feckless bisexual boy a brilliantly credible portrait of well-mannered urban desperation. In the second, he is the model of outrageous anger. In *Network*, Paddy Chayefsky's caustic satire of television, Finch deservedly won a posthumous Best Actor Oscar for his performance as Howard Beale, the frenzied television anchorman turned "mad prophet of the airwaves." His classic pronunciation—"I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore"—has become a symbolic rallying cry of those exasperated by the inanity of television programming (which serves to mirror the superficiality of contemporary materialist society).

—John Baxter, updated by Rob Edelman

FINNEY, Albert

Nationality: British. **Born:** Salford, Lancashire, England, 9 May 1936. **Education:** Attended Salford Grammar School; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, graduated 1955. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Jane Wenham, 1957 (divorced 1961), son: Simon; 2) the actress Anouk Aimée, 1970 (divorced 1978). **Career:** 1955—joined Birmingham Repertory Theatre: stage debut as Decius Brutus in *Julius Caesar*, 1956; 1958—London debut in *The Party*; 1959—season with Stratford Shakespeare company; 1960—film debut in *The Entertainer*; 1963—opens on Broadway in *Luther*; 1965—joined National Theatre Company; formed stage and television production company Memorial Enterprises Ltd. with Michael Medwin; 1967—directed first film, *Charlie Bubbles*; 1972–75—associate artistic director, Royal Court Theatre; 1976—played Hamlet in opening production of Lyttelton Theatre; 1990—in TV mini-series *The Green Man*. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, for *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, 1960; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Tom Jones*, 1963; Acting Award, UK Film Critics' Circle, for *Under the Volcano*, 1984. **Agent:** International Creative Management, 388–396 Oxford Street, London W1N 9HE, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *The Entertainer* (Richardson) (as Mick Rice); *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* (Reisz) (as Arthur Seaton)
 1963 *Tom Jones* (Richardson) (title role); *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Russian soldier)

- 1964 *Night Must Fall* (Reisz) (as Danny, + co-pr)
 1966 *Two for the Road* (Donen) (as Mark Wallace)
 1970 *The Picasso Summer* (Dallin—unreleased); *Scrooge* (Neame) (title role)
 1971 *Gumshoe* (Frears) (as Eddie Ginley)
 1972 *Alpha Beta* (Page—for TV)
 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Hercule Poirot)
 1975 *The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother* (Gene Wilder) (as guest)
 1977 *The Duellists* (Ridley Scott) (as Fouche)
 1980 *Loophole* (Quested) (as Mike Daniels)
 1981 *Wolfen* (Wadleigh) (as N. York); *Looker* (Crichton) (as Dr. Larry Rogers)
 1982 *Shoot the Moon* (Parker) (as George); *Annie* (Huston) (as Daddy Warbucks)
 1983 *The Dresser* (Yates) (as Sir)
 1984 *Under the Volcano* (Huston) (as Geoffrey Firmin); *Pope John Paul II* (Wise—for TV) (title role)
 1986 *Looker* (Crichton) (Dr. Larry Roberts)
 1987 *Orphans* (Pakula) (as Harold)
 1989 *The Endless Game* (Forbes—for TV) (as Alec Hillsden)
 1990 *Miller's Crossing* (Coen) (as Leo); *The Image* (Werner—for TV) (as Jason Cromwell)
 1991 *The Green Man* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Maurice Allington)
 1992 *The Playboys* (MacKinnon) (as Constable Hegarty)
 1993 *Rich in Love* (Beresford) (as Warren Odom)
 1994 *The Browning Version* (Figgis) (as Andrew Crocker-Harris); *A Man of No Importance* (Krishnamma) (as Alfie Byrne)
 1995 *The Run of the Country* (Yates) (as Father)
 1996 *Nostromo* (Reid—for TV) (as Doctor Monygham); *Karaoke* (Rye—for TV) (as Daniel Feeld); *Cold Lazarus* (Rye—for TV) (as Daniel)
 1997 *Washington Square* (Holland) (as Dr. Austin Sloper)
 1998 *A Rather English Marriage* (Seed—for TV) (as Reggie Cunningham-Jarvis)
 1999 *Simpatico* (Warchus) (as Simms); *Breakfast of Champions* (Rudolph) (as Kilgore Trout)
 2000 *Erin Brockovich* (Soderbergh) (as Ed Masry); *Delivering Milo* (Castle)

Films as Director:

- 1967 *Charlie Bubbles* (+ title role)
 1984 *The Biko Inquest* (co-d with Graham Evans—for TV, + ro as Kentridge)

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 Interview in *Time Out* (London), 4 November 1987.
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In the late 1950s and early 1960s Britain's angry young men began appearing with increasing frequency on stage and screen, and Albert Finney was the perfect actor to embody the soulful working-class loner. He himself was the son of a bookie, and his combination of charm, energy, and roguish good looks enabled him to personify the angry young man and become one of Britain's rising young talents. His first angry young man characterization came on stage in *Billy Liar*. But it was his casting in Karel Reisz's *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* which earned him his first attention among moviegoers. Finney's Arthur Seaton is an alienated Nottingham factory worker who strikes out against his dreary working-class plight. He may defiantly declare, "Don't let the bastards grind you down," but he is destined to make no holes in the invisible wall separating the classes in England. The actor's gritty performance remains as vital and touching today as in 1960.

Finney next peppered the rebellion of the angry young man with a delightful bawdiness in Tony Richardson's *Tom Jones*, based on the Henry Fielding novel about a young man's randy adventures in eighteenth-century England. Released in 1963, the film is more than just an entertaining, Oscar-winner. It is a landmark as a forerunner of the sexual revolution of the late 1960s. Finney's performance is crammed with moxie, and is a major star turn. If *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* had made him a name among more discerning filmgoers, *Tom Jones* secured his reputation as a popular movie star.

But Finney is a serious actor, and he chose not to exploit this fame. For the most part, he has carefully selected his screen projects. More often than not, he has given his most interesting performances as unhappy (if not deeply troubled) men whose lives are in a state of crisis. They may have attained a certain degree of material success, but their marriages have failed and their lives are characterized by boredom and indifference. He directed as well as starred in *Charlie Bubbles*, playing a fabulously successful but otherwise dead-to-the-world writer. In *Shoot the Moon*, he again is a famous writer whose marriage breaks up. In *Two for the Road*, he is one-half of a troubled couple who look back on their 12 years of marriage. In *Under the Volcano*, based on Malcolm Lowry's autobiographical novel, he is especially fine in the complex and demanding role of a self-destructive former British consul, guilt-ridden over his life, who has been abandoned by his wife and is slowly drinking himself into oblivion. Finney also has played character parts: Ebenezer Scrooge in *Scrooge*, Hercule Poirot in *Murder on the Orient Express*, and Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. Other important roles came in *Gumshoe*, in which he gave a cleverly funny performance as a Liverpool bingo caller who finds himself playing detective in a murder case, and *Miller's Crossing*, cast as a mobster and political boss.

In the latter stages of his career, Finney's most poignant performances have come as deluded older men whose inner repressions have not allowed them to fully develop their potential as human beings. He is the entire show in *The Browning Version*, a middling updating of the Terence Rattigan play, which previously had been filmed in 1951 with Michael Redgrave. Finney offers an emotionally rich performance as Andrew Crocker-Harris, professor of languages at a staid British boys school. After almost two decades on the job, he is resigning because of ill health. It quickly becomes apparent, however, that he has been forced out of his job. He is held in disdain by his wife, who has been cheating on him, and he also is unloved by his students. He has never been an inspiring, caring teacher but rather is a stuffy, efficient bureaucrat who has never learned how to communicate his love of Latin and the classics. *The Browning Version* is worth seeing for Finney's beautifully modulated performance, as he brings just the right amount of sadness and eloquence to Crocker-Harris.

Finney is equally superb as Alfie Byrne, a friendly, middle-aged bus conductor in *A Man of No Importance*, set in early 1960s Dublin. Alfie, a bachelor, is obsessed with Oscar Wilde, and is intent upon mounting an amateur theatrical production of *Salome*. The key to the character is that he is a closeted homosexual, and has a crush on the young driver of his bus. Alfie lives in a society in which homosexuality is an "unspeakable sin." For this reason he not only has kept his sexual preference hidden but also has never dared become involved in a sexual or romantic relationship of any kind. Finney is a joy to watch, especially as he confronts his feelings and laments that his "hands are innocent of affection." His Alfie is a gentle, poetic soul who,

unfortunately, was destined to be born at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

With *The Browning Version* and *A Man of No Importance*, Finney has effortlessly segued his career into middle-aged character roles. One senses that some of his best screen work is ahead of him.

—Rob Edelman

FISHBURNE, Laurence (Larry)

Nationality: American. **Born:** Laurence Fishburne III in Augusta, Georgia, 30 July 1961. **Family:** Married Hajna Moss, 1985 (divorced); children: Langston Issa, Montana Isis. **Career:** Acted on the daytime soap opera *One Life to Live* while not yet in his teens, early 1970s; made screen debut in *Cornbread, Earl and Me*, 1975; lied about his age in order to be cast in *Apocalypse Now*, 1976; played the role of Cowboy Curtis on the TV show *Pee-wee's Playhouse*, and made guest appearances on the TV series *M*A*S*H*, *Trapper John, M.D.*, and others, 1980s; altered his billing from Larry to Laurence, and appeared in the TV mini-series *The Wild West*, 1993. **Awards:** Tony Award for *Two Trains Running*, 1992; Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series Emmy Award, for *Tribeca*, 1993; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture Image Award, for *Higher Learning*, 1995; Outstanding Made for Television Movie Emmy Award (earned as co-executive producer), Outstanding Lead Actor in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Drama Special Image Award, for *Miss Evers' Boys*, 1997. **Agent:** Paradigm Talent Agency, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, 25th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

(as Laurence Fishburne III)

- 1975 *Cornbread, Earl and Me* (Manduke) (as Wilford Robinson)
- 1979 *Fast Break* (Smight) (as street kid)

(as Larry Fishburne)

- 1979 *Apocalypse Now* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Clean)
- 1980 *A Rumor of War* (Heffron—for TV) (as Lightbulb); *Willie and Phil* (Mazursky) (as Wilson)
- 1982 *Death Wish II* (Winner) (as Cutter)
- 1983 *I Take These Men* (Pearce—for TV) (as Hank Johnson); *Rumble Fish* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Midget); *For Us, the Living* (Schultz—for TV)
- 1984 *The Cotton Club* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Bumpy Rhodes)
- 1985 *The Color Purple* (Spielberg) (as Swain)
- 1986 *Quicksilver* (Donnelly) (as Voodoo); *Band of the Hand* (Glaser) (as Cream)
- 1987 *A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors* (Chuck Russell) (as Max); *Gardens of Stone* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Cpl. Flanagan)



Laurence Fishburne (left) and Andy Garcia in *Hoodlums*

- 1988 *School Daze* (Spike Lee) (as Vaughn “Dap” Dunlap); *Red Heat* (Walter Hill) (as Lt. Stobbs); *Cherry 2000* (De Jarnatt) (as Glu Glu Lawyer)
- 1989 *Cadence (Stockade)* (Sheen) (as Stokes)
- 1990 *King of New York* (Ferrara) (as Jimmy Jump); *Decoration Day* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Michael Waring)
- 1991 *Class Action* (Apted) (as Nick Holbrook); *Boyz N the Hood* (Singleton) (as Furious Styles); *Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker’s Apocalypse* (Bahr and Hickenlooper—doc) (appearance)
- 1992 *Deep Cover* (Duke) (as Russell Stevens Jr./John Q. Hull)

(as Laurence Fishburne)

- 1993 *What’s Love Got to Do with It?* (Gibson) (as Ike Turner); *Searching for Bobby Fischer* (Innocent Moves) (Zaillian) (as Vinnie)
- 1995 *Higher Learning* (Singleton) (as Professor Maurice Phipps); *Bad Company* (Harris) (as Nelson Crowe); *Just Cause* (Glimcher) (as Tanny Brown); *The Tuskegee Airmen* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Hannibal Lee)
- 1996 *Othello* (Alan Parker) (title role); *Fled* (Kevin Hooks) (as Piper)
- 1997 *Miss Evers’ Boys* (Sargent—for TV) (as Caleb Humphries) (+ co-exec pr); *Event Horizon* (Anderson III) (as Captain

Miller); *Hoodlum* (Duke) (as Ellsworth “Bumpy” Johnson) (+ co-exec pr)

- 1998 *Welcome to Hollywood* (Rifkin) (as Himself); *Always Out-numbered* (Apted—for TV) (as Socrates Fortlow) (+ co-exec pr)
- 1999 *The Matrix* (Andy Wachowski, Larry Wachowski) (as Morpheus)
- 2000 *Michael Jordan to the Max* (Kempf and Stern—doc) (as Narrator)

Films as Director:

- 1999 *Once in the Life* (+ sc, pr, ro as Riff Raff)

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Interview in *Playboy* (Chicago), April 1994.

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- Giles, Jeff, “Searching for Larry Fishburne,” in *Newsweek* (New York), 26 July 1993.
- Edwards, Audrey, “A Man Called Fish,” in *Essence* (New York), November 1994.
- Smith, Chris, “Home Again,” in *New York*, 6 November 1995.
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Laurence Fishburne is a quietly powerful actor with a commanding screen presence who brings an earnestness and deep intensity to his roles. Essentially, he has played two character-types on screen. The first is analogous to a brutally psychotic time bomb ticking down and waiting to explode. Fishburne is an expert in such parts: witness his Oscar-nominated work as the physically and psychologically abusive Ike Turner opposite Angela Bassett’s Tina in *What’s Love Got to Do with It?* Fishburne’s scenes with Bassett are nothing short of electrifying as he controls her like a puppeteer manipulating a puppet, shrewdly exploiting her personality flaws while transforming her into his virtual prisoner.

One example of a variation on this character is in *Just Cause*, in which Fishburne is cast as Tanny Brown, a character who first comes off as a black redneck: a cocksure, chillingly ruthless small-town cop in the New South, where blacks in power can be as corrupt as whites. Brown has brutalized a young black man, accused of raping and murdering a child, into confessing to the crime. As the scenario unfolds, Brown is softened somewhat as he is proven to have been correct in his instincts. Still, this cop’s methods can in no way be condoned, and Fishburne’s performance is far more interesting at the beginning of the film, when he is menacing.

When playing such roles Fishburne beautifully acts out his characters’ intimidating nature, delivering threats in a soft, low voice. The characters he is browbeating—and the viewer—know he is deadly serious, know he is a dangerous man. And given his ability to convincingly portray menace, he was a natural for the title role in *Hoodlum*: Ellsworth “Bumpy” Johnson, the 1930s mobster who tangles with white rivals Lucky Luciano and Dutch Schultz. Here,

Fishburne transcends his often-pedestrian material, creating a solid portrait of an icily merciless thug.

The other Fishburne screen persona is the streetwise good guy, a thoughtful, soulful sort who has seen too much of the ugly side of life (most usually in urban America). His consummate performance in this role has been in *Boyz n the Hood*, the first feature directed by 23-year-old John Singleton. Fishburne plays Furious Styles, a black man desperately attempting to be a positive role model for his son Tre (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) in violence-laden South Central Los Angeles. Furious lectures Tre on living a responsible life, and not allowing himself to be seduced by the seamier aspects of the streets. The actor’s performance in *Boyz n the Hood* is every bit as impressive, and as equally award-worthy, as his Ike Turner.

Fishburne rehashes Furious Styles in Steven Zaillian’s *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, in which he also plays an adult who acts as role model to a boy. His Vinnie is a chess hustler who hangs out in New York’s Washington Square Park and becomes the mentor of a seven-year-old chess genius. Vinnie prefers that the boy play the game using his instinct, his gut, and his heart—exactly the qualities Fishburne brings to his roles. Yet another “good guy” character is the nonsense political science professor in *Higher Learning*, also directed by John Singleton, in which he is thoroughly believable as a teacher who attempts to motivate his students by massaging their minds and getting them to think for themselves. He plays a variation of this character in an altogether different kind of film: *The Matrix*, a science fiction epic in which he is cast as the philosophical leader of a band of cyber-rebels. Fishburne manages to registers strongly amid all the eye-popping, state-of-the-art special effects.

In *Deep Cover*, Fishburne plays variations on both “good” and “bad” characters. He starts out the contemplative good guy: Russell Stevens, Jr., a cop who agrees to go undercover to ferret out some major-league drug dealers. Stevens, who as a child had seen his father shot to death while committing a robbery, has become a cop because of his desire to “make a difference.” Here, too, he plays role model to a boy, a next-door-neighbor whose mother is an irresponsible parent. But as the story develops and Stevens sees he is being lied to by his superiors, he goes over the edge, becoming a renegade—and in essence, becoming the other Fishburne character.

One of Fishburne’s first roles was in Francis Coppola’s *Apocalypse Now*, in which he was cast as Clean, a young GI serving in Vietnam. The actor was not of legal age when hired for the film; reportedly, he lied about his age so that he could win the role and go on location in the Philippines. Additionally, he has won parts that, scant years earlier, a black actor never could have played in Hollywood movies: the lover of a white woman (Ellen Barkin) in *Bad Company*, for example, and the Southern sheriff in *Just Cause*. Also in this category is *Othello*, with Fishburne in the title role opposite a white Desdemona (Irene Jacob). Old Shakespearean hand Kenneth Branagh co-stars as Iago, and he and Fishburne match each other scene-by-scene. The latter’s performance is at once tender and smoldering, and appropriately intense during his character’s more tormented moments.

At the same time, some of Fishburne’s more personal projects spotlight African-American history; they are fact-based stories featuring black characters as victims and heroes. These include the high-prestige made-for-TV movies *Miss Evers’ Boys*, detailing a U.S.

government medical experiment that resulted in the withholding of medicine to black men afflicted with syphilis; and *The Tuskegee Airman*, an ode to the “Fighting 99th,” the initial squadron of black fighter pilots in World War II.

—Rob Edelman

FITZGERALD, Barry

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** William Joseph Shields in Dublin, 10 March 1888; brother of the actor Arthur Shields. **Education:** Attended Merchant Taylor School, Dublin; Skerrys College, Dublin; Civil Service College. **Career:** 1909–29—civil servant in Unemployment Insurance Division, Dublin; began acting at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, 1915; 1929—became professional actor: *The Silver Tassie* written for him by Sean O’Casey; film debut in *Juno and the Paycock* in role he’d played at Abbey Theatre; 1932—visited the United States with the Abbey Theatre; 1936—U.S. film debut in *When Knights Were Bold*; continued to work on stage; 1945—in radio series *His Honor, The Barber*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *Going My Way*, 1944 (also nominated for Best Actor in same film). **Died:** In Dublin, 4 January 1961.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Juno and the Paycock* (Hitchcock) (as Orator)
- 1936 *When Knights Were Bold* (Raymond) (as Barker)
- 1937 *The Plough and the Stars* (Ford); *Ebb Tide* (Rossen)
- 1938 ***Bringing Up Baby*** (Hawks); *Marie Antoinette* (Van Dyke); *Four Men and a Prayer* (Ford); *The Dawn Patrol* (Goulding)
- 1939 *The Saint Strikes Back* (Farrow); *Pacific Liner* (Landers); *Full Confession* (Farrow)
- 1940 *The Long Voyage Home* (Ford)
- 1941 *San Francisco Docks* (Lubin); *The Sea Wolf* (Curtiz); *How Green Was My Valley* (Ford); *Tarzan’s Secret Treasure* (Thorpe)
- 1943 *The Amazing Mrs. Holliday* (Manning); *Two Tickets to London* (Marin); *Corvette K-225* (Rossen)
- 1944 *Going My Way* (McCarey); *I Love a Soldier* (Sandrich); *None but the Lovely Heart* (Odets)
- 1945 *Incendiary Blonde* (Marshall); *Duffy’s Tavern* (Walker); *And Then There Were None* (Clair); *The Stork Club* (Walker)
- 1946 *Two Years before the Mast* (Farrow)
- 1947 *California* (Farrow); *Easy Come, Easy Go* (Farrow); *Welcome Stranger* (Nugent); *Variety Girl* (Marshall)
- 1948 ***The Naked City*** (Dassin) (as Lt. Muldoon); *The Sainted Sisters* (Russell); *Miss Tatlock’s Millions* (Hayden)
- 1949 *Top o’ the Morning* (Miller); *The Story of Seabiscuit* (Butler)

- 1950 *Union Square* (Maté)
- 1951 *Silver City* (Haskin)
- 1952 *The Quiet Man* (Ford); *Il filo d’erba (A da veni . . . Don Calogero)* (Vassarotti)
- 1954 *Happy Ever After (Tonight’s the Night)* (Zampi) (as Thady O’Heggarty)
- 1956 *The Catered Affair* (Brooks)
- 1958 *Rooney* (Pollock) (as Grandfather O’Flynn)
- 1959 *Broth of a Boy* (Pollock) (as Patrick Farrell); *Cradle of Genius* (Rotha—doc)

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If Sara Allgood was the stereotypical Irish stage mother then Barry Fitzgerald was the stereotypical Irishman, a whimsical character with a thick Irish brogue and a succession of quaint expressions that were closer to Hollywood in origin than to Dublin. Fitzgerald was the quintessential Irish character actor whose mere presence was guaranteed to steal any scene from a film’s star; indeed this subtle self-promotion from supporting player to star is best exemplified by Fitzgerald’s being nominated for Oscars for both Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor for his work in *Going My Way*.

When John Ford first brought Barry Fitzgerald over from Dublin’s Abbey Theatre to recreate the role of Fluther Good in Ford’s screen version of O’Casey’s *The Plough and the Stars*, Fitzgerald was still more an actor than a personality. He was quite a good actor, and as late as 1940 and 1941 Fitzgerald gave fine performances, under John Ford’s direction, as the nasty steward in *The Long Voyage Home* and even as a Welshman in *How Green Was My Valley*.

The Irish blarney took over with *Going My Way*, and Fitzgerald was permanently typecast. As he once remarked, “I have always said that no matter what nationality of character I am given to play, he turns out to be an Irishman.” However, Fitzgerald was not always cast as a lovable character; as he had demonstrated in *The Long Voyage Home* there could be a decidedly unpleasant side to his screen personality, a side on display in *And Then There Were None* and *The Naked City* among other films.

—Anthony Slide



Barry Fitzgerald (right) with Bing Crosby in *Going My Way*

FLYNN, Errol

Nationality: American. **Born:** Errol Leslie Thomson Flynn in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 20 June 1909; became U.S. citizen, 1942. **Education:** Attended Sydney Church of England Grammar School; Northshire School, Sydney; South London College at Barnes (expelled). **Family:** Married 1) the actress Lili Damita, 1935 (divorced 1942); 2) Nora Eddington, 1943 (divorced 1949); 3) the actress Patrice Wymore, 1950 (separated 1957), children: Sean, Deirdre, Rory, and Annella Roma. **Career:** 1926—clerk for Sydney shipping company; 1927—government cadet in New Guinea; worked on copra plantation; gold miner in New Guinea, and guide for documentary filmmakers in New Guinea (film released 1932 as *Dr. H. Erben's New Guinea Expedition*); 1930—bought schooner *Sirocco*, wrote articles for *Sydney Bulletin*; 1933—first film role in Australian semi-documentary *In the Wake of the Bounty*; studied acting in England, joined Northampton Repertory Co.; 1934—given contract by Warners, moved to Hollywood; 1935—became star for Warners in *Captain Blood*; 1951—produced *The Bargain*; 1952—broke Warners contract; 1954—formed Errol Flynn Enterprises production company; 1956—TV debut in *Playhouse 90*; 1957–58—host of TV series *The Errol Flynn Theater* (*Goodyear Theater*); 1958—in play *The Master of Thornfield* in Detroit and Cincinnati. **Died:** 14 October 1959.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *In the Wake of the Bounty* (Chauvel) (as Fletcher Christian)
- 1935 *Murder at Monte Carlo* (Ince) (as Dyter, newspaper reporter); *The Case of the Curious Bride* (Curtiz) (as Moxley); *Don't Bet on Blondes* (Florey) (as David Van Dusen); *Captain Blood* (Curtiz) (as Peter Blood)
- 1936 *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Curtiz) (as Maj. Geoffrey Vickers); *Pirate Party on Catalina Island* (short)
- 1937 *The Green Light* (Borzage) (as Dr. Newell Paige); *The Prince and the Pauper* (Keighley) (as Miles Hendon); *Another Dawn* (Dieterle) (as Capt. Denny Roark); *The Perfect Specimen* (Curtiz) (as Gerald Beresford Wicks)
- 1938 *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (Curtiz and Keighley) (title role); *Four's a Crowd* (Curtiz); *The Sisters* (Litvak) (as Frank Medlin); *The Dawn Patrol* (Goulding) (as Courtney)
- 1939 *Dodge City* (Curtiz) (as Wade Hatton); *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (Curtiz) (as Robert Devereaux, Earl of Essex)
- 1940 *Virginia City* (Curtiz) (as Kerry Bradford); *The Sea Hawk* (Curtiz) (as Capt. Geoffrey Thorpe); *Santa Fe Trail* (Curtiz) (as Jeb Stuart)

- 1941 *Footsteps in the Dark* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Francis Warren); *Dive Bomber* (Curtiz) (as Lt. Doug Lee); *They Died with Their Boots On* (Walsh) (as Gen. George Armstrong Custer)
- 1942 *Desperate Journey* (Walsh) (as Flight Lt. Terrence Forbes); *Gentleman Jim* (Walsh) (as James J. Corbett)
- 1943 *Edge of Darkness* (Milestone) (as Gunnar Brogge); *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler); *Northern Pursuit* (Walsh) (as Steve Wagner)
- 1944 *Uncertain Glory* (Walsh) (as Jean Picard)
- 1945 *Objective, Burma!* (Walsh) (as Maj. Nelson); *San Antonio* (David Butler) (as Clay Hardin); *Peeks at Hollywood* (Applebaum—short) (appearance)
- 1946 *Never Say Goodbye* (Kern) (as Phil Gayley)
- 1947 *Cry Wolf* (Godfrey) (as Mark Caldwell); *Escape Me Never* (Godfrey) (as Sebastian Dubrok); *Always Together* (de Cordova) (as guest)
- 1948 *Silver River* (Walsh) (as Capt. Mike McCombs)
- 1949 *The Adventures of Don Juan* (Sherman) (title role); *That Forsyte Woman* (The Forsyte Saga) (Bennett) (as Soames Forsyte); *It's a Great Feeling* (David Butler) (as Jerry Bushfinkle)
- 1950 *Montana* (Enright) (as Morgan Lane); *Rocky Mountain* (Keighley) (as Lafe Barstow); *Kim* (Saville) (as Mahub Ali)
- 1951 *The Adventures of Captain Fabian* (William Marshall) (title role)
- 1952 *Mara Maru* (Gordon Douglas) (as Gregory Mason); *Against All Flags* (Sherman) (as Brian Hawke)
- 1953 *The Master of Ballantrae* (Keighley) (as James Durrissdeer); *Il maestro di Don Giovanni* (*Crossed Swords*) (Krimms) (as Renzo)
- 1955 *Lilacs in the Spring* (*Let's Make Up*) (Wilcox) (as John Beaumont); *The Dark Avenger* (*The Warriors*) (Levin) (as Prince Edward); *King's Rhapsody* (Wilcox) (as King Richard of Laentic)
- 1957 *The Big Boodle* (*Night in Havana*) (Wilson) (as Ned Sherwood); *Istanbul* (Pevney) (as Jim Brennan); *The Sun Also Rises* (Henry King) (as Mike Campbell)
- 1958 *Too Much, Too Soon* (Napoleon) (as John Barrymore); *The Roots of Heaven* (Huston) (as Major Forsythe); *Hello God* (William Marshall—produced in 1951) (as man on Anzio beach)
- 1959 *Cuban Rebel Girls* (*Assault of the Rebel Girls*) (Mahon) (as himself/narrator, + sc, co-pr)

Films as Director:

- 1952 *Cruise of the Zaca* (short) (+ appearance); *Deep Sea Fishing* (short) (+ appearance)

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It has been said of Errol Flynn that, although he played a variety of roles, he ultimately always portrayed himself. Like Douglas Fairbanks before him, he excelled in depictions of swashbuckling, virile heroes which seemed virtual prototypes of the idealized American male. The typical Flynn character as defined by his two favorite directors, Michael Curtiz and Raoul Walsh, embodied such qualities as moral courage, exuberance, and, above all, outstanding athletic ability.

Yet, as exemplified by the fact that he was turned down for service in World War II due to a combination of heart trouble, recurrent malaria, and a degree of tuberculosis, the image that he portrayed on the screen was based more than a little on solid acting ability and a desire to compensate for his physical maladies. His offscreen

personality often seemed to be afflicted by a desire actually to become his larger-than-life persona, and his personal life was marred by excess: brawls, amorous adventures, and other assorted hedonistic activities. Like the author Ernest Hemingway, he seemed to wish to elevate the artistic self to the mythical status of his fictional creations. In the end, his private life was viewed by filmgoers as virtually inseparable from his screen appearances, and added considerable believability to his performances, even when played "tongue in cheek" as in *The Adventures of Don Juan*.

In what many people consider his best performance, *Gentleman Jim*, Flynn delivered a complex performance that relied less upon acting for its great impact than on the subtle nuances of character the actor brought to the role. Projecting both high spirits and charm, Flynn turned James J. Corbett into a charismatic figure with a gift of the gab that, along with a good left jab, carried him to the top of San Francisco society. Although Flynn was purportedly no slouch with his fists, he worked hard to capture exactly Corbett's style in the ring. He even worked out with boxer Mushy Callahan and did his own fighting in the film. The result is an energetic performance that reflects the amount of effort the actor expended to achieve his screen image.

In the late 1940s, the strain on his personal life took its toll on his craft and he became increasingly less careful in preparing for his roles. By the 1950s, he had become tired of swashbuckling, and aspired to more serious parts. But with the exception of *Mara Maru*, which invites comparison with his earlier achievements, he did not find himself much in demand in Hollywood, even for adventure films. He tried to resurrect his career in Europe with little success and lost most of his money on an ill-fated production of *William Tell*.

After his return to Hollywood in 1956, Flynn played in three films of a relatively serious nature: *The Sun Also Rises*, an adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's first novel, *Too Much, Too Soon*, the story of Diana Barrymore in which he played John Barrymore, and *The Roots of Heaven*. Again Flynn's personal adventures detracted from the critical regard accorded these films. Though he had a reputation as a drunk and all three films featured heavy drinking, Flynn's portrayals, particularly that in *The Sun Also Rises*, were finely delineated and deserve to be taken more seriously. His better films are part of an adventure genre that has all but disappeared, and no recent actor has been able to assume his mantle as one of the screen's preeminent swashbuckling heroes.

Flynn still fascinates. His action films and swashbucklers continue to play to large audiences on television and remain top sellers in video stores. But it is his sometimes scandalous private life upon which most biographers have focused in recent years.

Especially scurrilous was Charles Higham's *Errol Flynn: The Untold Story*. In addition to suggesting that the virile Flynn carried on affairs with men as well as women—the kind of shocking, albeit unsubstantiated, revelation which has become such a must in new biographies of deceased, former Hollywood sex symbols that it virtually borders on cliché—Higham posits the theory that the actor who won World War II singlehandedly on-screen was actually a Nazi sympathizer and spy offscreen. Perhaps Higham felt he needed another shocker to sell copies of his book, as rumors of homosexuality were no longer enough. The accusation generated considerable ink—as well as a strong rebuttal to the author's less than weighty "evidence" of Flynn's treasonous activities from film scholar Tony Thomas in a follow-up tome, *Errol Flynn: The Spy Who Never Was*.

—Stephen L. Hanson, updated by John McCarty

FONDA, Henry

Nationality: American. **Born:** Henry Jaynes Fonda in Grand Island, Nebraska, 16 May 1905. **Education:** Attended Omaha Central High School, graduated 1923; studied journalism, University of Minnesota (dropped out after second year). **Military Service:** U.S. Navy, 1942–45: lieutenant; Bronze Star and Presidential citation. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Margaret Sullivan, 1931 (divorced 1933); 2) Frances Seymour Brokaw, 1936 (died 1950); children: the actress Jane and the actor Peter; 3) Susan Blanchard, 1950 (divorced 1956), daughter: Amy (adopted); 4) Countess Afdera Franchetti, 1957 (divorced 1962), 5) Shirlee Adams, 1965. **Career:** 1925–27—performed at Omaha Community Playhouse, and worked at menial jobs; 1927—toured vaudeville with George Billings; assistant director at Omaha Playhouse; 1928—moved to New York; played summer stock at Cape Cod; 1928–32—appeared with University Players Guild, Falmouth, Massachusetts; 1929—Broadway debut in *The Game of Love and Death*; 1929–31—associated with National Junior Theatre, Washington, D.C.; 1934—revue appearance in *New Faces*; film contract with Walter Wanner; created character of Dan Harrow in *The Farmer Takes a Wife* on Broadway, repeated it in film debut; 1939—began association with John Ford on *Young Mr. Lincoln*; to obtain role of Tom Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath*, required to sign seven-year contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1948—returned to Broadway in acclaimed performance as *Mister Roberts*; early 1950s—concentrated on stage appearances, culminating in portrayal of defense lawyer in *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*; 1959–60—in TV series *The Deputy* (also co-producer); 1971–72—in TV series *The Smith Family*; 1974—toured and appeared on Broadway in one-man show *Clarence Darrow*; 1976—in TV mini-series *Captains and the Kings*, and *Roots: The Next Generation*, 1979. **Awards:** Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Twelve Angry Men*, 1957; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1978; Honorary Oscar, “in recognition of his brilliant accomplishments and enduring contribution to the art of motion pictures,” 1980; Best Actor Academy Award, for *On Golden Pond*, 1981. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 12 August 1982.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *The Farmer Takes a Wife* (Fleming) (as Daniel Harrow); *Way Down East* (Henry King) (as David Bartlett); *I Dream Too Much* (Cromwell) (as Jonathan Street)
- 1936 *Trail of the Lonesome Pine* (Hathaway) (as Dave Tolliver); *The Moon's Our Home* (Seiter) (as Anthony Amberton); *Spendthrift* (Walsh) (as Townsend Middleton)
- 1937 *You Only Live Once* (Fritz Lang) (as Eddie Taylor); *Wings of the Morning* (Schuster) (as Kerry); *Slim* (Enright) (title role); *That Certain Woman* (Goulding) (as Jack Merrick)
- 1938 *I Met My Love Again* (Ripley, Logan [uncredited], and Cukor) (as Ives); *Jezebel* (Wyler) (as Preston Dillard); *Blockade* (Dieterle) (as Marco); *Spawn of the North* (Hathaway) (as Jim Kimmerlee); *The Mad Miss Manton* (Jason) (as Peter Ames)
- 1939 *Jesse James* (Henry King) (as Frank James); *Let Us Live* (Brahm) (as “Brick” Tennant); *The Story of Alexander Graham Bell* (The Modern Miracle) (Cummings) (as Tom Watson); *Young Mr. Lincoln* (Ford) (as Abraham Lincoln); *Drums along the Mohawk* (Ford) (as Gil Martin)
- 1940 *The Grapes of Wrath* (Ford) (as Tom Joad); *Lillian Russell* (Cummings) (as Alexander Moore); *The Return of Frank James* (Fritz Lang) (as Frank James/Ben Woodson); *Chad Hanna* (Henry King) (title role)
- 1941 *The Lady Eve* (Preston Sturges) (as Charles Pike); *Wild Geese Calling* (Brahm) (as John); *You Belong to Me* (Good Morning Doctor) (Ruggles) (as Peter Kirk)
- 1942 *The Male Animal* (Nugent) (as Tommy Turner); *Rings on Her Fingers* (Mamoulian) (as John Wheeler); *The Magnificent Dope* (Walter Lang) (as Tad); Sequence B of *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier) (as George); *The Big Street* (Irving Reis) (as Little Pinks); *The Ox-Bow Incident* (Strange Incident) (Wellman) (as Gil Carter)
- 1943 *The Immortal Sergeant* (Stahl) (as Colin)
- 1946 *My Darling Clementine* (Ford) (as Wyatt Earp)
- 1947 *The Long Night* (Litvak) (as Joe Adams); *The Fugitive* (Ford) (title role); *Daisy Kenyon* (Preminger) (as Peter)
- 1948 *On Our Merry Way* (A Miracle Can Happen) (King Vidor and Fenton) (as Hank); *Fort Apache* (Ford) (as Colonel Owen Thursday)
- 1949 *Jigsaw* (Markle) (as nightclub waiter)
- 1950 *Grant Wood* (Sorkin/Kipnis—short: included in compilation film *Pictura*, 1952) (as narrator); *Home of the Hopeless* (short) (as narrator)
- 1951 *The Growing Years* (Resnick—short, for Girl Scouts) (as narrator); *Benjy* (Zinnermann—short) (as narrator)
- 1952 *The Impressionable Years* (Elgar) (as narrator); *Pictura* (Dupont, Emmer, Hessens, and Resnais—doc) (as narrator)
- 1955 *Mister Roberts* (Ford and LeRoy) (as Lieutenant Roberts)
- 1956 *War and Peace* (King Vidor) (as Pierre); *The Wrong Man* (Hitchcock) (as Manny Balestrero)
- 1957 *The Tin Star* (Anthony Mann) (as Morg Hickman); *Twelve Angry Men* (Lumet) (as Juror Number Eight, + co-pr)
- 1958 *Stage Struck* (Lumet) (as Lewis Easton); *Reach for Tomorrow* (Weissman—short) (as narrator)
- 1959 *Warlock* (Dmytryk) (as Clay Blaisdell); *The Man Who Understood Women* (Johnson) (as Willie Bauche)
- 1962 *Advise and Consent* (Preminger) (as Robert Leffingwell); *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.)
- 1963 “The Railroad” ep. of *How the West Was Won* (George Marshall) (as Jethro Stuart); *Spencer's Mountain* (Daves) (as Clay Spencer); *Rangers of Yellowstone* (short) (as narrator)
- 1964 *The Best Man* (Schaffner) (as William Russell); *Fail Safe* (Lumet) (as the President); *Sex and the Single Girl* (Quine) (as Frank)
- 1965 *The Rounders* (Kennedy) (as Howdy Lewis); *In Harm's Way* (Preminger) (as CINCPAC Admiral); *Battle of the Bulge* (Annakin) (as Lieutenant Colonel Kiley)
- 1966 One ep. of *La Guerre secrète* (*La guerra segreta*; *Spione unter sich*; *The Dirty Game*; *The Dirty Agents*) (Terence Young, Christian-Jaque, and Lizzani) (as Kourlov); *A Big Hand for the Little Lady* (*Big Deal at Dodge City*) (Cook) (as Meredith)
- 1967 *Welcome to Hard Times* (*Killer on a Horse*) (Kennedy) (as Will Blue); *Stranger on the Run* (Siegel—for TV) (as Ben Chamberlin); *The Golden Flame* (Brown) (as narrator); *All about People* (for United Jewish Welfare Fund—doc)



Henry Fonda (center) with Jane Darwell and John Carradine in *The Grapes of Wrath*

- 1968 *Firecreek* (McEveety) (as Larkin); *Yours, Mine and Ours* (Shavelson) (as Frank Beardsley); *Madigan* (Siegel) (as Commissioner Anthony X. Russell); *The Boston Strangler* (Fleischer) (as John S. Bottomly); *Born to Buck* (Tibbs) (as narrator); *C'era una volta il West* (*Once upon a Time in the West*) (Sergio Leone) (as Frank)
- 1969 *An Impression of John Steinbeck—Writer* (Wrye—short) (as narrator)
- 1970 *Too Late the Hero* (Aldrich) (as Captain Nolan); *There Was a Crooked Man* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Woodward Lopeman); *The Cheyenne Social Club* (Kelly) (as Harley Sullivan)
- 1971 *Sometimes a Great Notion* (*Never Give an Inch*) (Paul Newman) (as Henry Stamper); *Directed by John Ford* (Bogdanovich—doc) (as interviewee)
- 1973 *The Red Pony* (Totten—for TV) (as Carl Tiffin); *Ash Wednesday* (Peerce) (as Mark Sawyer); *The Alpha Caper* (*Inside Job*) (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV) (as Mark Forbes); *Le Serpent* (*The Serpent*) (Verneuil) (as Allan Davies); *Film Making Techniques: Acting* (Barr—doc) (as interviewee)
- 1974 *Mussolini—ultimo atto* (*The Last Four Days*; *Last Days of Mussolini*) (Lizzani) (as Cardinal Schuster); *Il mio nome e nessuno* (*My Name Is Nobody*) (Valeril) (as Jack Beauregard); *Valley Forge* (as narrator)
- 1975 *Collision Course* (Page—for TV)
- 1976 *Midway* (*Battle of Midway*) (Smight) (as Admiral Chester W. Nimitz); *The Displaced Person* (Glenn Jordan—for TV)
- 1977 *Tentacles* (*Tentacoli*) (Hellman, i.e., Sonia Assonitis); *Rollercoaster* (Goldstone) (as Simon Davenport); *Il grande attacco* (*The Great Battle*; *The Biggest Battle*; *Battle Force*; *La battaglia di Mareth*; *The Battle of Mareth*) (Lenzi) (as “Gen. Foster”); *The World of Andrew Wyeth* (Schwartz and Wallace—for TV) (introductory appearance); *Alcohol Abuse: The Early Warning Signs* (short) (as narrator)
- 1978 *The Great Smokey Roadblock* (*The Last of the Cowboys*; *Elegant John and His Ladies*) (John Leone) (as Elegant John); *Fedora* (Wilder) (as himself); *Big Yellow Schooner to Byzantium* (Stouffer—short) (as narrator); *Home to Stay* (Delbert Mann—for TV); *The Swarm* (Irwin Allen) (as Dr. Krim); *America's Sweetheart: The Mary Pickford Story* (Edwards—for TV) (as narrator)

- 1979 *Meteor* (Neame) (as President of the United States); *Wanda Nevada* (Peter Fonda) (as Prospector); *City on Fire* (Rakoff) (as Fire Chief Albert Risley)
- 1980 *Gideon's Trumpet* (Robert E. Collins—for TV) (as Clarence Earl Gideon); *The Jilting of Granny Weatherall* (Haines—for TV); *The Oldest Living Graduate* (Hofsiss—for TV)
- 1981 *On Golden Pond* (Rydell) (as Norman Thayer Jr.); *Summer Solstice* (Rosenblum—for TV)

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If one actor could be taken as the personification of liberal America, it would have to be Henry Fonda. In contrast to the two-fisted, redneck persona of John Ford’s other favorite protagonist, John Wayne, Fonda stood for a quiet, troubled decency. His was a figure of reasoned integrity, slow to anger, aiming always to overcome his opponents by persuasion rather than force, if humanly possible. Dreamy idealism emanated from his shy, gangling lope. Four years into his film career he played *Young Mr. Lincoln*; his Tom Joad aside, this portrait of Lincoln as a struggling, truth-seeking young lawyer is the definitive early Fonda performance.

Fonda’s acting, like his screen image, was built around an unpretentious honesty, a seemingly artless naturalism which concealed a good deal of hard work. “My goal,” he once remarked, “is that the audience must never see the wheels go round, not see the work that goes into this. It must seem effortless and real.” His achievement was to make goodness appear both likable and credible, even if on occasion a touch priggish. There was a darker side to his character, which rarely appeared on screen, although he was now and again cast in unsympathetic roles and even, late in his career, as villains. Fonda himself was well aware of this less amiable aspect. “I don’t really like myself. Never have. People mix me up with the characters I play.” Perhaps for that reason, he was only really happy while working. “I was damn lucky I became an actor. . . . Acting to me is putting on a mask. The worst torture that can happen to me is not having a mask to get in back of.”

John Ford supplied Fonda with several of his best masks. In addition to his Abe Lincoln, he was a serenely heroic Wyatt Earp in the mythopoetic *My Darling Clementine*, and the emotional power of his Tom Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath*—building skillfully on his own Midwest rural background—lent validity to that film’s populism. Ford also made shrewd use of Fonda’s stuffer side, casting him against type as the stiff-necked martinet to John Wayne’s easygoing subordinate in *Fort Apache*.

With his air of melancholy determination, Fonda was ideally fitted for those films in which a lone individual reluctantly but doggedly resists the consensus: the protestor against a lynching in Wellman’s *The Ox-Bow Incident*, the dissenting conscience in Lumet’s archetypal jury-drama *Twelve Angry Men*. The downbeat, claustrophobic impact

of Hitchcock's *The Wrong Man* derived in great part from the intensity of Fonda's central performance. He could also play comedy, though the roles that came his way were far from his best. Sturges's *The Lady Eve* provided a sparkling exception, Fonda preserving an engaging solemnity in the face of Stanwyck's protean and wily adventuress.

Integrity can become boring, and so at times could Fonda—especially in a bad film, of which he was cast in far too many. Twice in his career he fled from Hollywood entirely: into the Navy during the war, and then from 1948 to 1955 returning to his first and lasting love, the theater. Only Ford's insistence lured him back for the film of his Broadway hit, *Mr. Roberts*. Ironically, the two men then disagreed vehemently over interpretation, eventually coming to blows, and never worked together again.

Parts were never lacking, but the films got duller, with Fonda filling stolid cameos as authority figures. Sergio Leone, though, offered him the blackest role of his career, in *Once upon a Time in the West*. Fonda played it to the hilt, gunning down defenseless nine-year-olds with evident relish. His last feature film, *On Golden Pond*, brought his long-delayed Best Actor Oscar, and his first good role in years. The dignity of his performance, and that of Katharine Hepburn, rescued the movie from gross sentimentality, and turned it into a moving valedictory.

Fonda also is the senior member of one of Hollywood's most celebrated acting families. Daughter Jane became a preeminent (and highly controversial) movie star of the 1960s and 1970s; son Peter's participation in *Easy Rider* alone earns him more than an asterisk in the Hollywood history books; and commencing in the late 1980s, granddaughter Bridget (the daughter of Peter) became a star of Hollywood films. And since his death, Fonda (along with his family) has been the subject of several biographies.

—Philip Kemp, updated by Rob Edelman

FONDA, Jane

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jane Seymour Fonda in New York City, 21 December 1937; daughter of the actor Henry Fonda; sister of the actor Peter Fonda. **Education:** Attended Greenwich Academy, Connecticut; Emma Willard School, Troy, New York; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. **Family:** Married 1) the director Roger Vadim, 1965 (divorced 1970), one daughter; 2) Tom Hayden, 1973 (divorced 1989), one son; 3) Ted Turner, 1991 (separated 2000). **Career:** 1955—stage debut with her father in *The Country Girl* in Omaha; late 1950s—joined the Actors Studio, New York; 1960—Broadway debut in *There Was a Little Girl*; film debut in *Tall Story*; 1965—French film debut in *La Ronde*, directed by Vadim; 1971—toured Southeast Asia with Anti-War Troupe, and visited North Vietnam, 1972; 1976—formed own production company, IPC Films: series of commercial and critical film successes followed; 1981—marketed popular exercise program on record and videotape and in book; 1980s on—has made numerous aerobic and exercise videotapes. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?*, 1969; Oscar for Best Actress, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Klute*, 1971; Oscar for Best Actress, for *Coming Home*, 1978; Best Actress, British Academy, for *Julia*, 1978;



Jon Voight with Jane Fonda in *Coming Home*

Best Actress, British Academy, for *The China Syndrome*, 1979.
Address: c/o Fonda Films, Inc., P.O. Box 491355, Los Angeles, CA 90049-9355, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1960 *Tall Story* (Logan) (as June Ryder)
- 1962 *Walk on the Wild Side* (Dmytryk) (as Kitty Twist); *The Chapman Report* (Cukor) (as Kathleen Barclay); *Period of Adjustment* (Hill) (as Isabel Haverstick)
- 1963 *In the Cool of the Day* (Stevens) (as Christine Bonner); *Sunday in New York* (Tewksbury) (as Eileen Tyler)
- 1964 *Les Félics* (*Joy House*; *The Love Cage*) (Clément) (as Melinda)
- 1965 *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Vadim) (as the married woman); *Cat Ballou* (Silverstein) (title role)
- 1966 *The Chase* (Arthur Penn) (as Anna Reeves); *Any Wednesday* (*Bachelor Girl Apartment*) (as Ellen Gordon); *La Curée* (*The Game Is Over*) (Vadim) (as Renee Saccard)
- 1967 *Hurry Sundown* (Preminger) (as Julie Ann Warren); *Barefoot in the Park* (Saks) (as Corie Bratter)
- 1968 *Barbarella* (Vadim) (title role)
- 1969 "Metzengerstein" ep. of *Histoires extraordinaires* (*Spirits of the Dead*) (Vadim) (as Countess Frederica); *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* (Pollack) (as Gloria)
- 1971 *Klute* (Pakula) (as Bree Daniels)
- 1972 *F.T.A.* (*Foxtrot Tango Alpha*; *Free the Army*; *Fuck the Army*) (Parker) (+ co-pr, co-sc); *Steelyard Blues* (Myerson) (as Iris)

- 1973 *Tout va bien* (Godard and Gorin) (as She); *A Doll's House* (Losey—for TV) (as Nora)
- 1974 *Introduction to the Enemy* (doc) (appearance)
- 1976 *The Bluebird* (Cukor) (as Night)
- 1977 *Julia* (Zinnemann) (as Lillian Hellman); *Fun with Dick and Jane* (Kotcheff) (as Jane)
- 1978 *Coming Home* (Ashby) (as Sally Hyde); *Comes a Horseman* (Pakula) (as Ella Connors); *California Suite* (Ross) (as Hannah)
- 1979 *The China Syndrome* (Bridges) (as Kimberley Wells); *The Electric Horseman* (Pollack) (as Hallie Martin)
- 1980 *Nine to Five* (Higgins) (as Judy Barnly)
- 1981 *On Golden Pond* (Rydell) (as Chelsea Thayer Wayne); *Rollover* (Pakula) (as Lee Winters)
- 1982 *The Dollmaker* (Petrie—for TV) (as Gertie Knells, + co-pr)
- 1985 *Agnes of God* (Jewison) (as Dr. Martha Livingston)
- 1987 *The Morning After* (Lumet) (as Alex Sternbergen); *Leonard Part 6* (Weiland) (as herself)
- 1989 *Old Gringo* (Puenzo) (as Harriet Winslow, + pr)
- 1990 *Stanley and Iris* (Ritt) (as Iris King)
- 1994 *A Century of Cinema* (Thomas) (as herself); *A Century of Women* (Kopple) (as Narrator)
- 1999 *Cinéma Vérité: Defining the Moment* (Wintonick—doc) (as herself)

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Jane Fonda’s career has reflected her personal values and the political turmoil of her times. On the issue of Vietnam she acted in defiance of government constraints, risking surveillance and blacklisting, and at the expense of alienating her public. Years later, in 1984, conservative protesters picketed Marshall Field’s department store in Chicago when she appeared there to promote a new line of exercise clothing. In September 1984, on the other hand, she was honored by earning an Emmy for her role in *The Dollmaker*, an ABC television presentation which she had attempted for 12 years to get on the air. Because of her celebrity and her outspokenness, her life became a public affair, fully documented in the popular press.

Fonda was born to a life of wealth and privilege. Her father, Henry Fonda, was a successful movie star, her mother an heiress of substantial means. After studying art, she had pursued a successful modeling career (twice featured on the cover of *Vogue*), before taking up studies with Lee Strasberg at the Actors Studio. Her first movie contract was with her father’s friend, the director Josh Logan, for *Tall Story* in 1960, followed by *Walk on the Wild Side* and *The Chapman Report*.

On the basis of these early films, the critic Stanley Kauffmann was among the first to acknowledge her talent in “performances that are not only fundamentally different from one another but are conceived without acting cliché and executed with skill.” Ahead, however, were the consequences of her developing a political consciousness that would cause her to be variously described by others as a “late-blooming flower child” and an “all-American antiheroine.” (Notably, her father once commented with disdain on her tendency to champion every social issue imaginable, calling her “Jane of Arc.”)

In the next phase of her acting career the French director Roger Vadim transformed Fonda, after marrying her, into the sex goddess of his cartoonish *Barbarella*. About the same time, during the late 1960s, she became a social and political activist, dedicated to anti-establishment causes. A new seriousness was also reflected in her films, particularly *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* and *Klute*. Her political instincts drew her to the radical French director Jean-Luc Godard, who featured her in *Tout va bien* in 1973. Protesting the Vietnam War she founded in 1971 an antiwar troupe (Entertainment Industry for Truth and Justice) which toured Southeast Asia and went on to produce a film entitled *F.T.A. (Foxtrot Tango Alpha, Free the Army, Fuck the Army)*.

Her well-intentioned opposition to the war characterized her as a radical in the minds of many Americans and alienated her from viewers who were political conservatives, as did her marriage to Tom Hayden, an antiwar militant who had been a highly visible spokesperson for the radical Left. In movies her political commitment continued to surface in *Coming Home* (about the physical and psychological effects of the Vietnam experience), *Julia* (in which she portrayed Lillian Hellman), and *The China Syndrome* (concerning the danger of a meltdown at a nuclear plant, released, by coincidence, just before the near meltdown at the Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania, conservative critics of the film having foolishly judged the plot to be preposterous). Other films in her later career have also shown a continuing and genuine concern for important and timely issues. *Nine to Five*, for example, was a satire on the male-dominated world of business, which, despite its box-office success, was by no means a trivial picture. *On Golden Pond* was also a huge popular success, mainly because it offered nostalgic appeal by casting Henry Fonda (in his last film) opposite Katharine Hepburn; but it provided, at the same time, a thoughtful examination of the problems of old age.

By the mid-1980s the Fonda image had mellowed, though the actress still seemed seriously interested in the problems of women and in liberal causes. “I believe it’s important to make responsible films,” Fonda remarked at the time *The China Syndrome* was released. The marketing success of her exercise program indicated a degree of mainstream acceptance, and the Motion Picture Academy was surely impressed by the achievement of *On Golden Pond*, a film project that involved a substantial personal commitment for her in a production she had instigated. Winning the Emmy Award in 1984 was another demonstration of popular appeal, newly extended to television. In *The Dollmaker* she presented the struggle of a poor woman from the South, attempting to hold her family together through a unique dispute in a northern industrial city where her husband had gone to find work. *The Dollmaker* seemed more sincere than brilliant, but it was certainly superior to the usual television fare.

The later stage of Fonda’s career indicates a kind of withdrawal from the controversy that had marked much of her work. After her

divorce from Hayden, she chose films that addressed social issues, but decidedly safe ones. *The Morning After*, for example, dealt with the issue of substance abuse, as Fonda portrayed an aging alcoholic. In *Stanley and Iris*, she dealt with an illiterate Robert De Niro, helping him learn to read. The issues here were safe and a far cry from Vietnam (who could possibly be in favor of illiteracy or alcoholism?). Many have seen Fonda’s mellowing and her apparent embracing of capitalism (with her fitness empire estimated to be worth tens of millions of dollars and her marriage to media mogul Ted Turner, from whom she is now separated) as a sign of hypocrisy; nevertheless, her melding of a political consciousness with an acting career has been hugely influential.

—James M. Welsh, updated by Matthew Hays

FONDA, Peter

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 23 February 1939; son of Henry Jaynes (an actor) and Frances Sophia (a financier; maiden name, Seymour) Fonda; brother of actress-activist Jane Fonda. **Family:** Married 1) Susan Jane Brewer, October 8, 1961 (divorced, April 1974); 2) Portia Rebecca Crockett McGuane (a writer), 1976; children: Bridget, Justin, Thomas (step-son). **Education:** Attended University of Omaha, 1957–60. **Career:** Film debut as Dr. Mark Cheswick, *Tammy and the Doctor*, Universal, 1963; actor in television specials, including *Carol for Another Christmas*, 1964; *The Return of the Smothers Brothers*, 1970; *Circus of the Stars*, CBS, 1977; *Welcome Home*, HBO, 1987; *Sgt. Pepper: It Was Twenty Years Ago Today*, PBS, 1987; *Unauthorized Biography: Jane Fonda*, syndicated, 1988; *National Basketball Players Association Awards*, 1989; *Dennis Hopper, Crazy about the Movies*, Cinemax, 1991; *Fonda on Fonda*, TNT, 1992; *Blue Water Hunters* (documentary), PBS, 1992; and *Harley-Davidson: The American Motorcycle*, TBS, 1993; narrated *The American Dream* TV series, 1998; actor in several television episodes, 1962—; actor in roles on stage, including (stage debut) lead, *The Golden Fleece*, Omaha Community Playhouse, Omaha, NE, 1960; (New York debut) Private Ogletorpe, *Blood, Sweat, and Stanley Poole*, Morosco Theatre, 1961; and lead, *Under the Yum Yum Tree*, Mineola Playhouse, New York City, 1962. **Awards:** Theatre World award, 1961–62; Golden Globe award, best actor, Independent Spirit Award, best male lead, and New York Film Critics Circle Award, best actor, all 1998, all for *Ulee’s Gold*. **Address:** Indian Hills Ranch, Route 38G, Box 2040, Livingston, MT 59047, U.S.A. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1963 *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Weaver); *Tammy and the Doctor* (Keller) (as Dr. Mark Cheswick)
- 1964 *Lilith* (Rossen) (as Stephen Evshevsky); *The Young Lovers* (Goldwyn Jr.) (as Eddie Slocum)
- 1966 *The Wild Angels* (Corman) (as Heavenly Blues)



Peter Fonda and Vanessa Zima in *Ulee's Gold*

- 1967 *The Trip* (Corman) (as Paul Groves)
- 1968 *Certain Honorable Men* (Segal—for TV) (as Robbie Conroy); *Tre passi nel delirio* (*Spirits of the Dead, Tales of Mystery and Imagination*) (Fellini, Malle, Vadim) (as Baron Wilhelm)
- 1969 *Easy Rider* (Hopper) (as Wyatt (Captain America)) (+ sc, pr)
- 1971 *The Hired Hand* (as Harry Collings) (+ sc, d); *The Last Movie* (*Chincherio*) (Hopper) (as Young Sheriff)
- 1973 *Two People* (Wise) (as Evan Bonner)
- 1974 *Dirty Mary Crazy Larry* (Hough) (as Larry Rayder); *Los Cazadores* (*Open Season*) (Collinson) (as Ken)
- 1975 *Race with the Devil* (Starrett) (as Roger March); *92 in the Shade* (McGuane) (as Skelton); *Killer Force* (Guest) (as Bradley)
- 1976 *Futureworld* (Heffron) (as Chuck Browning); *Fighting Mad* (Demme) (as Tom Hunter)
- 1977 *Circus of the Stars #2* (Bregman—for TV) (as Performer); *Outlaw Blues* (Heffron) (as Bobby Ogden)
- 1978 *High-Ballin'* (Carter) (as Rane)
- 1979 *The Recon Game* (Collinson); *Wanda Nevada* (as Beaudray Demerille) (+ d)
- 1980 *The Hostage Tower* (Guzman—for TV) (as Mike Graham)
- 1981 *The Cannonball Run* (Needham) (as Chief Biker)
- 1982 *Split Image* (Kotcheff) (as Kirklander)
- 1983 *Spasms* (*Death Bite*) (Fruet) (as Dr. Tom Brazilian); *Daijooibu, Mai Furendo* (*All Right, My Friend*) (Murakami) (as Gonzy Traumerai); *Dance of the Dwarfs* (*Dance of the Dwarves, Jungle Heat*) (Trikonis) (as Harry Bediker); *Peppermint-Frieden* (Rosenbaum) (as Mr. Freedom)
- 1985 *Certain Fury* (Gyllenhaal) (as Rodney); *A Reason to Live* (Levin—for TV) (as Gus Stewart)
- 1987 *Hawken's Breed* (Pierce); *Mercenary Fighters* (*Freedom Fighters*) (Nissimoff) (as Virelli)
- 1988 *Indifferenti, Gli* (Bolognini, mini—for TV) (as Leo); *Sonore* (*Sound*) (Proietti—for TV)
- 1989 *The Rose Garden* (*Der Rosengarten*) (Rademakers) (as Herbert Schluter)
- 1990 *Fatal Mission* (Rowe) (+ sc); *Flashing on the Sixties: A Tribal Document* (Law) (as Himself)
- 1991 *Family Express* (as Nick)
- 1992 *South Beach* (Williamson) (as Jake)
- 1993 *Bodies, Rest & Motion* (Steinberg) (as Motorcycle Rider); *Deadfall* (Coppola) (as Pete); *Molly & Gina* (*Burnhill*)

- (Leder) (as Larry Stanton); *Warren Oates: Across the Border* (Thurman) (as Himself)
- 1994 *Nadja* (Almeryda) (as Dracula/Dr. Van Helsing); *Love and a .45* (Talkington) (as Vergil Cheatham)
- 1996 *Grace of My Heart* (Anders) (as Guru Dave); *Escape from L.A.* (Carpenter) (as Pipeline); *Don't Look Back* (Murphy—for TV) (as Mouse); *Painted Hero* (*Shadow of the Past*) (Benedict) (as Ray the Cook)
- 1997 *Ulee's Gold* (Nunez) (as Ulysses "Ulee" Jackson)
- 1998 *The Tempest* (Bender—for TV) (as Guideon Prosper)
- 1999 *The Limey* (Soderbergh) (as Valentine); *The Passion of Ayn Rand* (Menaull) (as Frank); *Keeping Time* (Cain); *Motorcycles: Born to Be Wild* (for TV) (as Host/Narrator)
- 2000 *Thomas and the Magic Railroad* (Allcroft) (as Grandpa Burnett); *Stone South of Heaven, West of Hell* (Yoakam); *Route 66: America's Main Street* (Baker—for TV) (as Host); *Second Skin* (Roodt) (as Merv Gutman)

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Most movie stars are either briefly famous or seem to have been around forever; an acting career with a "second act" is a rarity. But Peter Fonda is definitely an actor's whose career has enjoyed a second act. After becoming internationally famous with his 1969 classic *Easy Rider*, it would be another 28 years before he received his first Academy Award nomination for the 1997 film *Ulee's Gold*—and saw the rebirth of his career.

Peter Fonda is a member of one of film's most formidable Hollywood dynasties—the Fondas—and for much of his career he has had to work in the shadow of father Henry, sister Jane, and even daughter Bridget. Born in 1939, Peter was sent to live with an aunt and uncle in Nebraska following his mother's suicide, and he studied acting at the University of Omaha. He made his Broadway debut in *Blood, Sweat and Stanley Poole*, for which the New York Drama Critics Circle named him the most promising actor of 1961. Following his screen debut in *Tammy and the Doctor* (1963), he made two more big-budget films—*The Victors* and *Lillith* (both 1964)—before a marijuana-influenced lifestyle and appearance change left him virtually unemployable in mainstream films.

Fortunately this was no impediment for his new-found friends at American International Pictures under Roger Corman, then the King of B movies. Fonda's next two films, *The Wild Angels* (1966) and the Jack Nicholson-written *The Trip* (1967), were popular with the youth market, became cult favorites and familiarized Fonda with the basics of 'guerrilla' filmmaking—working extraordinarily cheaply outside the studio system. During a 1967 publicity tour for *The Trip*, after smoking some grass and drinking some beer in his Toronto hotel room filled with publicity photos he was expected to sign, Fonda kept stalling at a publicity still from *The Wild Angels* of himself and Bruce Dern on a motorcycle, and "I understood immediately just what kind of motorcycle, sex, and drug movie I should make next." Instead of a hundred Hells Angels on their way to a funeral, it would be two bikers in search of America—a reverse Western, heading East. He knew how it would end and, after sketching out the beginning and middle, he called his friend Dennis Hopper and proposed that they both write and star in what would eventually become *Easy Rider*, with Fonda to produce and Hooper to direct. Writer Terry Southern also made major contributions to the script. Because Fonda had miscalculated when Mardi Gras started, the filmmakers were suddenly forced to film the Mardi Gras sequence first. While filming the graveyard scene where the two leads and their hooker dates (Karen Black and Toni Basil) drop acid, Hooper asked Fonda to climb up onto a statue and ask his mother why she had abandoned him by committing suicide. Fonda objected to using his personal life so publicly, but Hopper won out, and the final scene is quite effective.

Fonda as Wyatt (Captain America) is definitely the film's central character; he is the one who inevitably realizes that he and Billy "blew it," and according to *The New York Times* he also "embodies an entire culture—its heroes and its myths." *Playboy* said not since

James Dean's *Rebel Without a Cause* or Brando's *The Wild One* "has a movie actor so captured the imagination and admiration of a generation." But Fonda's acting is often overlooked because of the much flashier roles of his two main costars: Hopper as Billy, the ultimate egocentric hippie, and Nicholson as drunken attorney George Hanson, in a performance that would forever establish his film career. In fact, both Hopper (before *Easy Rider* in *Giant*, and after in *Apocalypse Now*, *Blue Velvet*, and *Speed*) and Nicholson (from *Five Easy Pieces* to *As Good As It Gets*) have long had distinguished film careers, while a 1984 *Esquire* article about Fonda was entitled "The Disappearance of Peter Fonda." It concerned how he had directed a couple films and had appeared in dozens of low-budget and foreign flicks, some of which did quite well (*Dirty Mary*, *Crazy Larry* for example), "and twenty-odd films later I haven't been offered a large-budget movie. Why aren't I offered the good scripts, like my sister."

That good script he hoped for in 1984 turned out to be for a no-budget film released in 1997: Victor Nuñez's *Ulee's Gold*, the story of a Florida beekeeper with a son in prison, a vanished daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters living with him with whom he barely connects. The plot begins when his son calls from prison telling Ulee he has to go collect his daughter-in-law, who is being held by two thugs. When Fonda read the script he knew, "This was *the* role for me. I was this man. The part of Ulee—short for Ulysses—demanded the kind of performance only actors like my father give. They must be played with the lightest touch. As a matter of fact, they must be played by being the part." *The New York Times*' Janet Maslin called his performance "quietly astonishing," adding, "It would be accurate but barely adequate to call this the finest work of Mr. Fonda's career. Lionized nearly 30 years ago as the epitome of hip complacency, then dormant for a long while, he emerges here as a figure of unexpected stature." His performance earned him an Oscar nomination and more roles. In Steven Soderbergh's *The Limey* (1999), Maslin said Fonda played his role "with what seems to be a sense memory of every Hollywood-style rich hipster he ever encountered, which is to say he gets right into the spirit of things." And *The New York Times*' Ron Wertheimer claimed that, in the Showtime film *The Passion of Ayn Rand* (1999), "only Peter Fonda, as Rand's pathetic husband, Frank O'Connor, is really worth watching." One gets the feeling Fonda will at last be given the opportunity to play more roles worth watching.

—Bob Sullivan

FONTAINE, Joan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joan de Beauvoir de Havilland in Tokyo, Japan, to English parents, 22 October 1917; sister of the actress Olivia de Havilland; took name of stepfather, Fontaine; grew up in Saratoga, California; became U.S. citizen, 1943. **Education:** Attended Los Gatos High School in California; American School in Kami-Meguro, Japan; Max Reinhardt Drama School. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Brian Aherne, 1939 (divorced 1944); 2) the producer William Dozier, 1946 (divorced 1951), daughter: Deborah Leslie; 3) the film producer Collier Hudson Young, 1952 (divorced 1961); 4) Alfred Wright Jr., 1964 (divorced 1969). **Career:** 1935—stage



Joan Fontaine (right) with Judith Anderson in *Rebecca*

debut in *Kind Lady*; film debut in *No More Ladies*, billed as Joan Burfield; 1936—briefly used name Joan St. John before settling on Joan Fontaine; signed seven-year contract with Jesse Lasky, who soon sold it to RKO; 1938—RKO drops contract; 1939—signed seven-year contract with David O. Selznick; 1947—formed Rampart Productions with husband William Dozier; 1954—on Broadway in *Tea and Sympathy*; 1981—host of syndicated TV talk show *Joan Fontaine*; 1986—in TV mini-series *Crossings*. **Awards:** Canadian Film Critics Award, for *Rebecca*, 1940; Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Suspicion*, 1941.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *No More Ladies* (Edward H. Griffith and Cukor) (as Caroline Rumsey, billed as Joan Burfield)
- 1937 *Quality Street* (Stevens) (as Charlotte Parratt); *The Man Who Found Himself* (Landers) (as Doris King); *You Can't Beat Love* (Cabanne) (as Trudy Olson); *Music for Madame* (Blystone) (as Jean Clemens); *A Damsel in Distress* (Stevens) (as Lady Alyce Marshmorton)
- 1938 *Maid's Night Out* (Holmes) (as Sheila Harrison); *A Million to One* (Shores) (as Joan Stevens); *Blond Cheat* (Santley) (as Julie); *Sky Giant* (Landers) (as Meg); *The Duke of West Point* (Alfred E. Green) (as Ann Porter)
- 1939 *Gunga Din* (Stevens) (as Emmy Stebbins); *Man of Conquest* (Nicholls Jr.) (as Eliza Allen); *The Women* (Cukor) (as Peggy Day)

- 1940 *Rebecca* (Hitchcock) (as Mrs. de Winter)
 1941 *Suspicion* (Hitchcock) (as Lina McLaidlaw)
 1942 *This Above All* (Litvak) (as Prudence Cathaway)
 1943 *The Constant Nymph* (Goulding) (as Teresa "Tessa" Sanger)
 1944 *Jane Eyre* (Stevenson) (title role); *Frenchman's Creek* (Leisen) (as Lady Dona St. Columb)
 1945 *The Affairs of Susan* (Seiter) (as Susan Darell)
 1946 *From This Day Forward* (Berry) (as Susan)
 1947 *Ivy* (Wood) (title role)
 1948 ***Letter from an Unknown Woman*** (Max Ophüls) (as Lisa Berndle); *The Emperor Waltz* (Wilder) (as Johanna Augusta Franziska von Stultzenberg); *Kiss the Blood off My Hands* (*Blood on My Hands*) (Norman Foster) (as Jane Wharton); *You Gotta Stay Happy* (Potter) (as Dee Dee Dillwood)
 1950 *Born to be Bad* (Nicholas Ray) (as Christabel Caine); *September Affair* (Dieterle) (as Manina Stuart)
 1951 *Darling, How Could You!* (*Rendezvous*) (Leisen) (as Alice Grey)
 1952 *Something to Live For* (Stevens) (as Jenny Carey); *Ivanhoe* (Thorpe) (as Rowena); *Othello* (Welles) (as page)
 1953 *Decameron Nights* (Fregonese) (as Fiametta/Bartolomea/Ginevra/Isabella); *Flight to Tangier* (Warren) (as Susan); *The Bigamist* (Lupino) (as Eve Graham)
 1954 *Casanova's Big Night* (McLeod) (as Francesca Bruni)
 1956 *Serenade* (Anthony Mann) (as Kendall Hale); *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt* (Fritz Lang) (as Susan Spencer)
 1957 *Island in the Sun* (Rossen) (as Mavis Norman); *Until They Sail* (Wise) (as Anne Leslie)
 1958 *A Certain Smile* (Negulesco) (as Françoise Ferrand); *South Pacific* (Logan) (cameo)
 1961 *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* (Irwin Allen) (as Dr. Susan Hiller)
 1962 *Tender Is the Night* (Henry King) (as Baby Warren)
 1966 *The Witches* (*The Devil's Own*) (Frankel) (as Gwen Mayfield, + co-pr)
 1978 *The Users* (Hardy—for TV) (as Grace St. George)
 1985 *Hitchcock: il brivido del genio* (*The Thrill of Genius*) (Bortolini and Masenza)
 1986 *Dark Mansions* (London—for TV) (as Margaret Drake)
 1994 *Good King Wenceslas* (*The Good King*) (Tuchner—for TV) (as Queen Ludmilla)

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Joan Fontaine established her screen persona in the early 1940s in Alfred Hitchcock's *Rebecca* and *Suspicion*. In both films, she plays young Englishwomen but, interestingly, while the two characters are from opposite economic and social backgrounds, Fontaine projects a similar "passive" identity in each film—a quality she also brought to her title role in the non-Hitchcock *Jane Eyre*. In these and other films, Fontaine evidenced skill at playing characters who, because of

the restrictions society places on the woman's role, depend on the construction of romantic fantasies which they project onto an "active" male. In our society, since passivity is considered a feminine trait, it is best exemplified through a corresponding demeanor which reflects, as Fontaine's screen persona does, such qualities as patrician beauty, elegance, and refinement. In the Hollywood cinema passivity is particularly associated with European female characters and, not surprisingly, Fontaine has most often appeared in such roles, as she does in Max Ophüls's *Letter from an Unknown Woman*. Arguably, the film contains her finest screen performance and, even more so than *Rebecca*, *Suspicion*, and *Jane Eyre*, the film depends on Fontaine's persona to elaborate its thematic concerns.

Fontaine was best used in the 1940s romance melodramas mentioned above which have directors who are sensitive to the social and sexual tensions these characterizations embody. Undoubtedly Fontaine was conscious of being typecast but her most notable attempt to expand her image by playing an assertive woman, in Mitchell Leisen's *Frenchman's Creek*, was an unfortunate choice. In particular, Leisen's direction lacks the necessary delicacy and nuance that Fontaine's persona demands. Another change of pace film (if not quite role) in the noir thriller *Kiss the Blood off My Hands* opposite producer-star Burt Lancaster failed to expand her image much either.

In the 1950s Fontaine was no longer contemporary in a cinema which distilled the images of woman into either Doris Day or Marilyn Monroe. Increasingly, under the circumstances, Fontaine had no recourse but to exploit her feminine demeanor by playing worldly and, by extension, self-centered women (characters anticipated in Sam Wood's *Ivy*). The "bitch" implications of this persona are most fully realized in Anthony Mann's *Serenade*, but are more interestingly employed in Fritz Lang's *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt* and Henry King's *Tender Is the Night*.

Unlike some of her contemporaries from Hollywood's Golden Age—Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, and even her sister, Olivia de Havilland—Fontaine did not take advantage of her age and latter-day "bitch" persona to fashion a new career for herself by appearing in horror films, although she did make one for England's Hammer Productions—*The Witches*; in it she played, not the harridan villain, but a patrician doctor of elegance and refinement in the vein of her earlier Hollywood roles. She also co-produced the film.

—Richard Lippe, updated by John McCarty

FORD, Glenn

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gwyllyn Samuel Newton Ford in Quebec, Canada, 1 May 1916; grew up in Santa Monica, California. **Education:** Attended Santa Monica High School, graduated 1934. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps, 1942–45; served in marine unit in Vietnam, 1967–68; colonel. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Eleanor Powell, 1943 (divorced 1959), son: the actor Peter Ford; 2) the actress Kathryn Hays, 1966 (divorced 1968); 3) the actress Cynthia Hayward, 1977; 4) Jeanne Baus, 1993. **Career:** Worked with Wilshire Theatre, Los Angeles; 1935—stage debut in *The Children's Hour*; 1939—film debut in *Heaven with a Barbed Wire Fence*; contract with

Columbia; 1971–72—in TV series *Cade's County*, and series *The Family Holvak*, 1975; 1976—in TV mini-series *Once an Eagle*, and *Evening in Byzantium*, 1978. **Agent:** c/o Artists Group, 9200 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 318, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1939 *Heaven with a Barbed Wire Fence* (Cortez) (as Joe); *My Son Is Guilty* (*Crime's End*) (Barton) (as Barney)
- 1940 *Convicted Woman* (Grinde) (as Jim Brent); *Men without Souls* (Grinde) (as Johnny Adams); *Babies for Sale* (Barton) (as Steve Burton); *The Lady in Question* (*It Happened in Paris*) (Charles Vidor) (as Pierre Morestan); *Blondie Plays Cupid* (Strayer) (as Charlie)
- 1941 *So Ends Our Night* (Cromwell) (as Ludwig Kern); *Texas* (George Marshall) (as Tod Ramsey); *Go West, Young Lady* (Strayer) (as Tex Miller)
- 1942 *The Adventures of Martin Eden* (Salkow) (title role); *Flight Lieutenant* (Salkow) (as Danny Doyle)
- 1943 *The Desperadoes* (Charles Vidor) (as Cheyenne Rogers); *Destroyer* (Seiter) (as Mickey Donohue); *Hollywood in Uniform* (appearance)
- 1946 *Gilda* (Charles Vidor) (as Johnny Farrell); *A Stolen Life* (Bernhardt) (as Bill Emerson); *Gallant Journey* (Wellman) (as John Montgomery)
- 1947 *Framed* (Paula) (Wallace) (as Mike Lambert)
- 1948 *The Mating of Millie* (Levin) (as Doug Andrews); *The Man from Colorado* (Levin) (as Col. Owen Devereaux); *The Loves of Carmen* (Charles Vidor) (as Don José); *The Return of October* (*Date with Destiny*) (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Prof. Bassett); *Make It Real* (short for United Jewish Appeal) (as narrator)
- 1949 *Undercover Man* (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Frank Warren); *Lust for Gold* (*For Those Who Dare*) (Simon) (as Jacob Walz); *Mr. Soft Touch* (*House of Settlement*) (Douglas and Levin) (as Joe Miracle); *The Doctor and the Girl* (Bernhardt) (as Dr. Michael Corday); *Hollywood Goes to Church* (Staub—short)
- 1950 *The White Tower* (Tetzlaff) (as Martin Ordway); *Convicted* (*One Way Out*) (Levin) (as Joe Hufford); *The Flying Missile* (Levin) (as Cmdr. Bill Talbot); *The Redhead and the Cowboy* (Fenton) (as Gil Kyle)
- 1951 *Follow the Sun* (Lanfield) (as Ben Hogan); *The Secret of Convict Lake* (Michael Gordon) (as Canfield); *Young Man with Ideas* (Leisen) (as Maxwell Webster); *The Green Glove* (*Le Gantelet vert*) (Maté) (as Michael Blake)
- 1952 *Affair in Trinidad* (Sherman) (as Steve Emery); *Time Bomb* (*Terror on a Train*) (Tetzlaff) (as Peter Lyncourt)
- 1953 *The Man from the Alamo* (Boetticher) (as John Stoud); *Plunder of the Sun* (Farrow) (as Al Colby); *The Big Heat* (Fritz Lang) (as David Bannion); *Appointment in Honduras* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Steve Corbett)
- 1954 *Human Desire* (Fritz Lang) (as Jeff Warren); *The Violent Men* (*Rough Company*) (Maté) (as John Parrish); *City Story* (Beaudine) (as narrator)
- 1955 *The Americano* (Castle) (as Sam Dent); *Blackboard Jungle* (Richard Brooks) (as Richard Dadier); *Interrupted Melody*



Glen Ford (center) and Sidney Poitier (right) in *The Blackboard Jungle*

- (Bernhardt) (as Dr. Thomas King); *Trial* (Robson) (as David Blake)
- 1956 *Ransom!* (Segal) (as David G. Stannard); *Jubal* (Daves) (as Jubal Troop); *The Fastest Gun Alive* (Rouse) (as George Temple); *The Teahouse of the August Moon* (Daniel Mann) (as Capt. Fisby)
- 1957 *3:10 to Yuma* (Daves) (as Ben Wade); *Don't Go Near the Water* (Walters) (as Lt. Max Siegel)
- 1958 *The Sheepman* (George Marshall) (as Jason Sweet); *Cowboy* (Daves) (as Tom Reece); *Imitation General* (George Marshall) (as M/Sgt. Murphy Savage); *Torpedo Run* (Pevney) (as Lt. Cmdr. Barney Doyle)
- 1959 *It Started with a Kiss* (George Marshall) (as Sgt. Joe Fitzpatrick)
- 1960 *Cimarron* (Anthony Mann) (as Yancey Cravet); *The Gazebo* (George Marshall) (as Elliott Nash); *Cry for Happy* (George Marshall) (as Andy Cyphers)
- 1961 *Pocketful of Miracles* (Capra) (as Dave "the Dude" Conway, + co-pr)
- 1962 *Experiment in Terror (The Grip of Fear)* (Edwards) (as John Ripley); *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as Julio Desnoyers)
- 1963 *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* (Minnelli) (as Tom Corbett); *Love Is a Ball (All This and Money Too)* (Swift) (as John Davis)
- 1964 *Advance to the Rear (Company of Cowards?)* (George Marshall) (as Capt. Jared Heath); *Fate Is the Hunter* (Ralph Nelson) (as McBane); *Dear Heart* (Delbert Mann) (as Harry Mork)
- 1965 *The Rounders* (Kennedy) (as Ben Jones); *Seapower* (as narrator)
- 1966 *The Money Trap* (Kennedy) (as Joe Baron); *Rage (El mal)* (Gazcon) (as Reuben); *Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)* (Clément) (as Gen. Omar Bradley)
- 1967 *The Last Challenge (Pistolero of Red River)* (Thorpe) (as Marshal Don Blaine); *A Time for Killing (The Long Ride Home)* (Karlson) (as Maj. Charles Wolcott)
- 1968 *Day of the Evil Gun* (Thorpe) (as Warfield)
- 1969 *Heaven with a Gun* (Katzin) (as Jim Killian); *Smith!* (O'Herlihy) (title role)
- 1970 *The Brotherhood of the Bell* (Wendkos—for TV); *The Gold Diggers* (for TV)
- 1972 *Santee* (Gary Nelson) (title role)
- 1973 *Jarrett* (Shear—for TV)

- 1974 *The Disappearance of Flight 412* (Jud Taylor—for TV); *The Greatest Gift* (Sagal—for TV) (as Rev. Holvak); *Punch and Jody* (Shear—for TV)
- 1976 *Midway (Battle of Midway)* (Smight) (as Rear Adm. Raymond A. Spruance)
- 1977 *The Three Thousand Mile Chase* (Mayberry—for TV) (as Dvorak/Steveck)
- 1978 *Superman* (Richard Donner) (as Jonathan Kent)
- 1979 *The Gift* (Don Taylor—for TV) (as Billy Devlin); *The Sacketts* (Totten—for TV); *Beggarman, Thief* (Doheny—for TV)
- 1980 *Fukkatsu no hi (The Virus)* (Fukasaku) (as Richardson); *Il Visitatore (The Visitor)* (Paradisi) (as Detective)
- 1981 *Happy Birthday to Me* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Dr. David Faraday); *Day of the Assassin* (Trenchard-Smith) (as Christakis)
- 1989 *Casablanca Express* (Martino) (as Sheriff John Danahar)
- 1990 *Border Shootout* (McIntyre)
- 1991 *Raw Nerve* (Prior) (as Captain Gavin); *The Final Verdict* (Fisk—for TV) (as the Reverend Lowell Rogers)
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Glenn Ford’s mouth is a scar of suffering, his eyes dim lights of introspection, and his voice expresses the cool, contemplative restraint of masculinity under control. In effect, he is somewhat drier than the heroes America wanted from the movies, and this may explain his secondary star status behind Gary Cooper, John Wayne, James Stewart, and others. His popularity took off with *Gilda* in the late 1940s, playing opposite Rita Hayworth—although it was George Macready to whom Ford observed, “I was born the night you met

me.” Ford mainly stayed within the melodrama/film noir tradition and did his best work in these genres. His most successful portrayals were in two films by Fritz Lang, *Human Desire* and *The Big Heat*, because it is in these films that Ford came closest to portraying the type of role he was usually denied—the antihero, the tarnished hero, the role so much associated with Humphrey Bogart.

In *Human Desire*, Lang’s remake of Renoir’s *La Bête humaine*, Ford portrayed a man whose lust nearly leads him to commit murder. He steals for Gloria Grahame, and only the unexpected presence of a passerby prevents him from committing the act of murder—there is little moral choice involved. Ford is even more interesting in *The Big Heat*. Using his influence as a police officer and hiding behind the moral camouflage of a husband out to revenge the murder of his wife, Ford is responsible for more corpses than any of the film’s “real” criminals. In a brilliant piece of plotting, Ford persuades Gloria Grahame to kill Jeanette Nolan, neatly sidestepping the act of murder himself.

Unfortunately, after these efforts, Ford generally made what seemed to be bids for broader appeal and acceptance—*The Americano*, *Cowboy*, and *The Gazebo* with Debbie Reynolds. His appearances in a number of 1950s and 1960s Westerns bear some notice, though. In Delmer Daves’s *3:10 to Yuma* Ford is effective as an outlaw playing mind games with captor Van Heflin, while both await the title train. He is also interesting in Richard Brooks’s *The Blackboard Jungle*, as a high school teacher in a tough New York classroom, and as a widower in *The Courtship of Eddie’s Father*, with Vincente Minnelli in charge. Pictures such as these, and the Lang films, make it easier for us to forgive a career otherwise dedicated to an overeagerness to make banal statements on the American situation.

—Don M. Short, updated by Frank Uhle

FORD, Harrison

Nationality: American. **Born:** Chicago, Illinois, 13 July 1942. **Education:** Attended Ripon College, Wisconsin. **Family:** Married 1) Mary (Ford), sons: Willard, Benjamin; 2) the screenwriter Melissa Mathison, 1983, son: Malcolm. **Career:** Actor in summer stock, Wisconsin, and in Laguna Beach Playhouse, 1963; 1964—signed contract with Columbia; 1966—film debut in *Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round*; fired by Columbia; late 1960s—signed contract with Universal; 1970s—worked as carpenter between roles; 1977—role in *Star Wars* brought international fame. **Address:** c/o Pat McQueeney, McQueeney Management, 146 North Almont Drive, Suite 8, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1966 *Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round* (Girard) (as bellboy)
- 1967 *A Time for Killing (The Long Ride Home)* (Karlson) (as Lt. Shaffer); *Luv* (Clive Donner)
- 1968 *Journey to Shiloh* (Hale) (as Willie Bill Beardon)
- 1970 *Getting Straight* (Rush) (as Jake); *Zabriskie Point* (Antonioni) (role edited out of final version); *The Intruders* (Graham—for TV) (as Carl)



Harrison Ford with C3PO in *The Empire Strikes Back*

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| 1973 | <i>American Graffiti</i> (Lucas) (as Bob Falfa) | 1989 | <i>Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade</i> (Spielberg) (title role) |
| 1974 | <i>The Conversation</i> (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Martin Stett) | 1990 | <i>Presumed Innocent</i> (Pakula) (as Rusty Sabich) |
| 1976 | <i>Dynasty</i> (Philips—for TV) (as Mark Blackwood) | 1991 | <i>Regarding Henry</i> (Mike Nichols) (as Henry Turner) |
| 1977 | <i>The Possessed</i> (Thorpe—for TV) (as Paul Winjam); <i>Star Wars</i> (Lucas) (as Han Solo); <i>Heroes</i> (Kagan) (as Kenny Boyd) | 1992 | <i>Patriot Games</i> (Noyce) (as Jack Ryan); <i>L'Envers du Decor: Portrait de Pierre Guffroy</i> (<i>Behind the Scenes: A Portrait of Pierre Guffroy</i>) (Salis—doc) |
| 1978 | <i>Force 10 from Navarone</i> (Hamilton) (as Lt. Col. Mike Barnsby) | 1993 | <i>The Fugitive</i> (Andrew Davis) (as Dr. Richard Kimble); <i>Earth and the American Dream</i> (Couturie—doc) (as voice) |
| 1979 | <i>Hanover Street</i> (Hyams) (as David Halloran); <i>The Frisco Kid</i> (Aldrich) (as Tommy Lillard); <i>Apocalypse Now</i> (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Colonel); <i>More American Graffiti</i> (Norton) (as motorcycle cop, unbilled cameo) | 1994 | <i>Clear and Present Danger</i> (Noyce) (as Jack Ryan); <i>Jimmy Hollywood</i> (Levinson) (as himself); <i>Mustang: The Hidden Kingdom</i> (Tony Miller—doc) (as narrator) |
| 1980 | <i>The Empire Strikes Back</i> (Kershner) (as Han Solo) | 1995 | <i>Les Cent et une nuits</i> (<i>A Hundred and One Nights</i>) (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); <i>Sabrina</i> (Pollack) (as Linus Larrabee) |
| 1981 | <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> (Spielberg) (as Indiana Jones) | 1996 | <i>The Devil's Own</i> (Pakula) (as Tom O'Meara) |
| 1982 | <i>Blade Runner</i> (Ridley Scott) (as Rick Deckard) | 1997 | <i>Air Force One</i> (Petersen) (as President James Marshall) |
| 1983 | <i>Return of the Jedi</i> (Marquand) (as Han Solo) | 1998 | <i>Six Days Seven Nights</i> (Reitman) (as Quinn Harris) |
| 1984 | <i>Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom</i> (Spielberg) (title role) | 1999 | <i>From Star Wars to Star Wars: The Story of Industrial Light and Magic</i> (Kroll) (as himself); <i>Random Hearts</i> (Pollack) (as Dutch Van Den Broeck) |
| 1985 | <i>Witness</i> (Weir) (as John Book) | 2000 | <i>What Lies Beneath</i> (Zemeckis) (as Dr. Norman Spencer) |
| 1986 | <i>The Mosquito Coast</i> (Weir) (as Allie Fox) | | |
| 1988 | <i>Frantic</i> (Polanski) (as Dr. Richard Walker); <i>Working Girl</i> (Mike Nichols) (as Jack Trainer) | | |

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Shying away from the Hollywood limelight has not hurt maverick superstar Harrison Ford's career one iota. For a man who once cut back on making the acting rounds to concentrate on his carpentry sideline, the ever-practical Ford is now one of filmdom's bona fide bankable stars. The same pragmatic bent that encouraged Ford to maintain a backup career informs his work as an actor. Reliable and forthright, Ford is a man's man determined to do a good job and not about to suffer fools or slackers gladly. If a certain solemnity mars his dramatic work, he is a freewheeling force of nature in his rugged adventures and a champagne-class laugh-getter in his comedies.

After uncertain beginnings, Ford hit his stride with the megahit, *Star Wars* as his wise-guy persona blasted into space. Han Solo is a reluctant hero, but, once coerced or tricked into a galactic war, he out-battles the most accustomed saviors in orbit. Armed with a sarcastic wit, as well as space blasters or a bullwhip, Ford's leading men zip beyond the legacy of Flynn and Power as this modern star ridicules the feats of derring-do expected of him, particularly as repackaged by Lucas and Spielberg to the nth power. Nudging his fans in the ribs, Ford seems to be saying, “How am I getting away with this?,” but a task's daunting impossibility never actually stops him from accomplishing it. If Ford's Han Solo and Indiana Jones have a true progenitor, it is not so much the macho myth-makers of yesteryear but Burt Lancaster's tongue-in-cheek daredevil in *The Crimson Pirate*. Taking into account the crushing weight of all the megabudgeted special effects in his movies, Ford's light touch prevents the Lucas and Spielberg oeuvre from collapsing into tiresome, revisionist aging boys' adventures. With jocular Ford at the center of these expensive diversions, the audience cares about how each of the cliffhangers laced through the films will turn out; he is indispensable to their success.

Forever kidding the image of the resolute American redeemer in the *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones* trilogies, Ford also expanded his dramatic range. In the thought-provoking futuristic noir, *Blade Runner*, he brings gravity to the part of an android-hunting Philip Marlowe type in a movie dismissed in its time, but now esteemed as a classic melding of the detective and sci-fi genres. Winning an Oscar nomination as the big city cop in awe of the Amish people he choose to protect (*Witness*), Ford followed this breakthrough performance with the flawed *The Mosquito Coast*, an acting challenge about an antisocial man who subjects his family to his own ramshackle Shangri-La in the jungles of Central America; unfortunately the box-office disappointment of this ambitious film may have caused Ford to retrench artistically. Increasingly, since *Frantic*, Ford has been more and more dramatically clenched in his performances in serious fare. Particularly in *Presumed Innocent*, his face is a mask of pain underlined by one expression of resigned perplexity. At least in the Jack Ryan espionage thrillers and in that update of *Les Misérables*, *The Fugitive*, Ford's histrionic liabilities are camouflaged by a plethora of stunt-men heroics and unceasing physical action. Ford is much better when humor is part of the equation, and he can triumph wittily over his own wavering, save-your-own-skin philosophy. In prestige

dramas, he deliberately holds back as if some refrigerator light in his soul had been turned off.

In comedies, Ford's humanity shines through unabashed, and he is never as sexy in his he-man gambols as he is in effervescent romances. If he could bring just a bit of this casualness to his serious endeavors, he might blast through his rigidity and emerge as the actor he left behind on *The Mosquito Coast*. His ruffled dignity makes him a perfect foil in comedies, and he carries on the bloodline of an elegant tradition by doing his own modification of Gary Cooper in *Working Girl*. Despite the gaffe of remaking a Billy Wilder classic, Ford mined comic nuances untouched by Humphrey Bogart, the one weak link in the original *Sabrina*. If this updated soufflé refused to rise, Ford soared with the box office returns of *Air Force One*, which left audiences cheering for Ford's granite-faced president, not afraid to get his designer suit dirty in the battle to save his family and his official plane. Clearly, however, he was just marking time with a one-dimensional role as a proselytizer of patriotism in an A-budget film with a B-movie mentality.

In the underrated comedy, *6 Days, 7 Nights*, Ford had a blast as a variant of the scruffy, half-tanked rascals played by Cary Grant in *Father Goose* and Bogart in *The African Queen*. Teamed affably with Anne Heche, he proved again that he's no slouch at both physical comedy and romantic badinage.

If fans basked in his oddball chemistry in that film, they must have been mystified by a lack of it in the somber passion play, *Random Hearts*. It ranks as the most frigid boy-meets-girl saga since *Havana* (also directed by Sydney Pollack, who needs a vacation from inflated epic love stories). As imposing as ever, Ford fearlessly tore into the role of a man bent on exploring his late wife's infidelity. Unfortunately, this grim exhumation of a marriage overshadowed the story's main attraction: the hero's affair with the widow of the man who'd been his wife's inamorata. Instead of two lost souls hungering for solace from grief and anger, Ford and Kristin Scott-Thomas nibbled at each other with a politeness fatal to the story's gimmicky concept.

Clearly, Ford needs to take a cue from Bruce Willis and challenge himself in occasional offbeat productions, particularly if his commercial choices are going to be soulless properties (e.g., *The Devil's Own*) designed to open big. Although he's the supplest comedian among today's mega-stars, no one expects Ford to bury himself in the lightweight comedies at which he excels. Where can he find the role to give his fans an action high, while allowing him to expand his maturing sensitivity? Perhaps, it's time to dust off Indiana Jones, a character that plays to all his strengths, instead of compartmentalizing his persona into the separate entities of the humorous Ford and the dour Ford.

—Robert Pardi

FOSTER, Jodie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Alicia Christian Foster in Los Angeles, California, 19 November 1962. **Education:** Attended Lycée Français, Los Angeles; Yale University, B.A. 1985. **Career:** Actress in TV commercials from the age of three, original "Coppertone Girl" character in suntan lotion ads; 1969—acting debut on TV in *Mayberry, R.F.D.*; 1972—film debut in *Napoleon and Samantha* for Disney;

1970s—much work for TV, including TV series *Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice*, 1973, and *Paper Moon*, 1974–75; 1991—directed first film, *Little Man Tate*. **Awards:** U.S. National Film Critics Award, and Los Angeles Film Critics Award, for *Taxi Driver*, 1976; British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards for Best Supporting Actress and Most Promising Newcomer, for *Taxi Driver* and *Bugsy Malone*, 1976; Academy Award for Best Actress, for *The Accused*, 1988; Chevalier dans l'Orde des Arts et de Lettres, 1995; Governors Award, American Society of Cinematographers, 1996. **Agent:** ICM, 8942 Beverly Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1970 *Menace on the Mountain* (McEveety—for TV) (as Suellen McIver)
- 1972 *Napoleon and Samantha* (McEveety) (as Samantha); *Kansas City Bomber* (Freedman) (as Rita)
- 1973 *Tom Sawyer* (Taylor) (as Becky Thatcher); *One Little Indian* (McEveety) (as Martha); *Rookie of the Year* (Elikann—for TV)
- 1974 *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (Scorsese) (as Audrey); *Smile Jenny, You're Dead* (Thorpe—for TV) (as Liberty)
- 1976 *Echoes of a Summer (The Last Castle)* (Taylor) (as Deirdre Striden); *Freaky Friday* (Nelson) (as Annabel Andrews); *Bugsy Malone* (Alan Parker) (as Tallulah); *Taxi Driver* (Scorsese) (as Iris Steensman)
- 1977 *The Little Girl Who Lives down the Lane* (Gessner) (as Rynn Jacobs); *Candlehoe* (Tokar) (as Casey Brown); *Il casotto (The Beach House)* (Citti) (as Teresina)
- 1978 *Moi, Fleur Bleue (Stop Calling Me Baby!)* (as Fleur Bleue)
- 1980 *Foxes* (Lyne) (as Jeanie); *Carny* (Kaylor) (as Donna)
- 1983 *O'Hara's Wife* (Bartman) (as Barbara O'Hara); *Le Sang des autres (The Blood of Others)* (Chabrol) (as Hélène); *Svengali* (Harvey—for TV) (as Zoe Alexander)
- 1984 *The Hotel New Hampshire* (Richardson) (as Franny Berry)
- 1986 *Mesmerized (Shocked)* (Laughlin) (as Victoria, + co-pr)
- 1987 *Siesta* (Lambert) (as Nancy)
- 1988 *Five Corners* (Bill) (as Linda); *The Accused* (Kaplan) (as Sarah Tobias); *Stealing Home* (Kampmann) (as Katie Chandler)
- 1989 *Backtrack (Catchfire)* (Dennis Hopper—released in U.S. in 1991) (as Anne Benton)
- 1991 *The Silence of the Lambs* (Jonathan Demme) (as Clarice Starling)
- 1992 *Shadows and Fog* (Woody Allen) (as prostitute)
- 1993 *Sommersby* (Amiel) (as Laurel); *It Was a Wonderful Life* (Ohayon—doc) (as narrator)
- 1994 *Maverick* (Richard Donner) (as Annabelle Bransford); *Nell* (Apted) (title role, + co-pr)
- 1996 *Contact* (Zemeckis) (as Dr. Eleanor Ann Arroway)
- 1999 *Anna and the King* (Tennant) (as Anna Leonowens)

Films as Director:

- 1991 *Little Man Tate* (+ ro as Dede Tate)
- 1995 *Home for the Holidays* (+ co-pr)



Jodie Foster in *Contact*

Films as Producer:

1998 *The Baby Dance*
1999 *Waking the Dead*

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Chameleon-like Foster was so versatile and invested her star-power into so many different film genres, it was difficult to find a tidy critical pigeonhole for her. Elusive in interviews, the intensely private Foster turned her attention to directing as a natural offshoot of her precise acting; a few years ago, her style-in-progress was pristine and liberal-minded, and non-threateningly offbeat. Now, that style just seems non-threatening.

There was something strikingly quirky about Foster at the start—or at least from her fifth film appearance as the tomboyish Audrey in *Alice Doesn't Live Her Anymore*. Since that cherished feminist road show, Foster has taken acting risks but has steered clear of the androgyny that was so arresting in her early films as a child. Certainly, it was brave of this young actress to explore adult psychosexuality by impersonating a teen streetwalker in *Taxi Driver*. That she succeeded so uncondescendingly in evoking this callow runaway's unblinking acceptance of hooking is a testament to Foster's innate talent. Too original a presence as a youngster, Foster simply did not have it in her to become America's sweetheart, although Disney tried. The subversiveness of her brand of innocence (corrupted in *Taxi Driver*; turned homicidal in *The Little Girl Who Lives down the Lane*), found fuller expression in the teenaged angst of *Foxes*, an underappreciated examination of drifting adolescents turned off by parental hypocrisy and societal pressures. At this point, Foster might have become fossilized as a symbol of teen anomie, but she broadened her horizons by attending Yale and expanded the intelligence that had informed her work since childhood. Surviving the terrifying public ordeal of being stalked by John Hinckley, who shot President Reagan to impress her,

she exhibited grace under fire, graduated with honors from school, and resumed her career with honors, too.

Before her breakout role in *The Accused*, nothing Foster chose was conventional, and, even in such pretentious misfires as *Five Corners* and *Carny* and in bombs such as *Siesta* and *The Hotel New Hampshire*, she infused the roles with keen self-awareness, a quality that stamped her as much too independent a presence to be at home in standard girlfriend roles. If *The Accused* is really a politically correct television movie at heart, Foster was a revelation as the trailer-trash hedonist filing rape charges in order to regain the self-respect stolen in the assault. A female buddy-buddy movie to boot, *The Accused* stands or falls on Foster's performance as a survivor who refused to be further victimized by the courts or by the caveman ideology of her attackers. Winning an Oscar for this and for a second less flashy role in *The Silence of the Lambs*, Foster found her niche as a feminist role model with a specialty in playing against-all-odds heroines. Battling her own psychological demons in *Silence of the Lambs* (a film turned down by several Hollywood names including Michelle Pfeiffer), Foster's Clarice Starling not only proved she was just as good as the FBI's male professionals but also outwitted two men, Buffalo Bill and Hannibal Lechter, who happen to be serial killing monsters. Since starring in a movie that ranks among the scariest of modern times, Foster has bewitchingly acquitted herself in period costumes as the staunch widow in *Sommersby* and played the Hollywood shell game deftly in the big-budgeted *Maverick*, in which she tantalizingly revealed a glib, subtly sexy movie star presence.

Confident enough to breeze through *Maverick* on charm, she won another Oscar nomination as the wild child adjusting to civilization in *Nell*, a film that would have seemed preposterous without her conviction. Sensitively piloting her debut film *Little Man Tate*, she floundered with her helming of the more-frenetic than-funny *Home for the Holidays*.

When one reads about Foster nowadays, however, she's either directing another well-intentioned movie, discussing motherhood, or listing reasons for rejecting the *Silence of the Lambs* sequel. Although one can't blame her for criticizing “Hannibal,” a best-seller that trashed her beloved character, the roles she has chosen showcased a surprisingly reined-in demeanor. Has there ever been a more sanctimonious bore than *Contact*, a cosmos opera that tries to locate Heaven as if it were the Bermuda Triangle of outer space? Although this movie was another box office salvo for Foster, one cannot make nobility one's trademark without sending audiences into the arms of fallen angels elsewhere; just ask Greer Garson or Norma Shearer.

Working sporadically, Foster turned her back on the unconventional roles that once defined her stardom. Foolishly stepping into the hoopskirts memorably tailored to Irene Dunne and Deborah Kerr, Foster remade Anna Leonowens' memoirs, while struggling with an English accent and a porky vis-à-vis. Although never a powerhouse in the sexuality department, she was believably smitten in *Sommersby* and *Maverick*, vehicles that revealed an allure that her latest, disappointing films lack; all she transmitted in her recent work is the primness of a schoolmarm. Although no one would insist she go cannibal for Hannibal, she shouldn't continue performing in a vein that seems more like lecturing than acting. Once an artistic gambler, Foster now seems to be hiding from herself in roles that limit her range. She acts like someone who's already won a lifetime achievement award and doesn't want to choose any films that might mar her record.

—Robert Pardi

FREEMAN, Morgan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Memphis, Tennessee, 1 June 1937; grew up in Greenwood, Mississippi. **Family:** Married 1) Jeanette Adair Bradshaw (divorced), daughter: Morgana, adopted Bradshaw's daughter, Deena; 2) the costume designer Myrna Colley-Lee; has two sons, Alphonso and Saifoulaye, from other relationships. **Education:** Attended Los Angeles City College. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Air Force, 1955–59. **Career:** Took up acting while at college, 1960; had a small role in a touring company of *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* and worked with the Opera Ring, a San Francisco musical-theater troupe, 1960s; worked as dancer at the New York World's Fair, 1964; made his off-Broadway debut in *The Niggerlovers* and his Broadway debut in all-black-cast production of *Hello, Dolly!*, with Pearl Bailey, 1967; made his film debut in small role in *Who Says I Can't Ride a Rainbow?*, 1971; played the role of "Easy Reader" on the PBS TV series *The Electric Company*, 1971–76; continued acting on stage, 1970s; first came to prominence with his stage role in *The Mighty Gents*, 1978; had his first important screen role in *Street Smart*, 1987; returned to the stage as Petruchio opposite Tracey Ullman in *The Taming of the Shrew*, 1991; made his directorial debut with *Bopha!*, 1993. **Awards:** Obie Award for *Coriolanus*, 1979; Obie Award for *Mother Courage and Her Children*, 1980; Obie Award for *The Gospel at Colonus*, 1984; Obie Award for *Driving Miss Daisy*, 1987; Clarence Derwent and Drama Desk Awards, for *The Mighty Gents*, 1978; Best Supporting Male Independent Spirit Award, National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor, for *Street Smart*, 1987; National Board of Review Best Actor, Berlin Film Festival Best Acting Team (with Jessica Tandy), Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Drama Golden Globe, for *Driving Miss Daisy*, 1989; London Critics Circle Actor of the Year, for *Se7en*, 1995; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture Image Award, for *Amistad*, 1997; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture Image Award, for *Deep Impact*, 1998; Brussels International Film Festival Crystal Iris, 1998; Acapulco Black Film Festival Career Achievement Award, 1998. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1965 *The Pawnbroker* (Lumet) (extra)
- 1971 *Who Says I Can't Ride a Rainbow?* (Barney) (Edward Mann) (as Afro)
- 1978 *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Smight—for TV)
- 1979 *Hollow Image* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Sweet Talk)
- 1980 *Brubaker* (Rosenberg) (as Walter); *Attica* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Hap Richards)
- 1981 *Eyewitness (The Janitor)* (Yates) (as Lt. Black); *The Marva Collins Story* (Levin—for TV) (as Clarence Collins); *Death of a Prophet* (King Jr.)
- 1984 *Teachers* (Hiller) (as Lewis); *Harry & Son* (Paul Newman) (as Siemanowski)
- 1985 *Marie* (Donaldson) (as Charles Traugher); *That Was Then . . . This Is Now* (Cain) (as Charlie Woods); *The Atlanta Child Murders* (Erman—for TV) (as Ben Shelter)

- 1986 *Resting Place* (Korty—for TV) (as Luther Johnson)
- 1987 *Street Smart* (Schatzberg) (as Fast Black); *Fight for Life* (Silverstein—for TV) (as Dr. Sherard)
- 1988 *Clean and Sober* (Caron) (as Craig); *Clinton and Nadine (Blood Money)* (Schatzberg—for TV) (as Dorsey Pratt)
- 1989 *Glory* (Zwick) (as John Rawlins); *Lean on Me* (Avildsen) (as Joe Clark); *Driving Miss Daisy* (Beresford) (as Hoke Colburn); *Johnny Handsome* (Walter Hill) (as Lt. A. Z. Drones); *The Execution of Raymond Graham* (Petrie—for TV)
- 1990 *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (DePalma) (as Judge Leonard White)
- 1991 *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (Kevin Reynolds) (as Azeem)
- 1992 *Unforgiven* (Eastwood) (as Ned Logan); *The Power of One* (Avildsen) (as Geel Piet)
- 1994 *The Shawshank Redemption* (Darabont) (as Ellis "Red" Redding)
- 1995 *Outbreak* (Petersen) (as Gen. Billy Ford); *Se7en* (Fincher) (as Detective William Somerset)
- 1996 *Moll Flanders* (Densham) (as Jemmy); *Chain Reaction* (Davis) (as Paul Shannon); *Cosmic Voyage* (Silleck) (doc) (short) (as Narrator)
- 1997 *The Long Way Home* (Harris) (as Narrator); *Kiss the Girls (Fleder)* (as Alex Cross); *Amistad* (Spielberg) (as Theodore Joadson)
- 1998 *Screening* (Cates Jr.) (short) (as himself); *Deep Impact* (Mimi Leder) (as President Tom Beck); *Hard Rain* (Salomon) (as Jim)
- 1999 *Water Damage* (Battle) (as Tom Preedy); *Mutiny* (Hooks—for TV) (ro + co-exec pr)
- 2000 *Along Came a Spider* (Tamahori) (as Alex) (+ exec pr); *Long Way to Freedom* (Kapur) (as Nelson Mandela); *Rendezvous With Rama* (Fincher) (as Commander William T. Norton); *Under Suspicion* (Hopkins) (+ exec pr); *Nurse Betty* (LaBute)

Film as Director:

- 1993 *Bopha!*

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For years, Morgan Freeman was an award-winning stage actor who occasionally would appear in supporting roles in movies. While he may have been a known quantity to discerning theatergoers, he was barely a name (if not a face) to the public at large: His greatest mass exposure had come during the 1970s, when he played “Easy Reader” on the PBS children’s series *The Electric Company*. As late as 1983—even after winning two Obie Awards, Clarence Derwent and Drama Desk awards, and a Tony nomination—he seriously considered abandoning acting and becoming a taxi driver.

Freeman’s career went on the permanent upswing in 1987 when he riveted audiences as Fast Black, a vicious, slyly evil pimp, in the

grade-B urban crime drama *Street Smart*. He was especially effective as his character segued from relaxed cordiality to menacing, frightening evil. Not all moviegoers immediately became aware of Freeman, because *Street Smart* is a genre film that appealed only to a narrow audience. Nevertheless, critics who otherwise might pass by such a film were taken by his memorable acting. Pauline Kael, one of the most influential of all American critics, asked point-blank in her review, “Is Morgan Freeman the greatest American actor?” As a result, Freeman earned a Best Supporting Actor Oscar nomination, a rare feat for a performance in a film like *Street Smart*.

One of Freeman’s most memorable characterizations came in a film that is strikingly dissimilar to *Street Smart*: *Driving Miss Daisy*, set in the pre-integration South, in which he plays Hoke Colburn, a modest, unpretentious black man hired as chauffeur to a petulant white lady (Jessica Tandy). Freeman, who also played the role on stage, makes Hoke likable and deeply sympathetic. His subtle performance also allows the viewer a peek into the soul of a black man who not only had come of age but had grown to maturity in a segregated Southern society. Freeman and Tandy’s performances blend beautifully together, and both actors earned Oscar nominations. She, and not he, won the statuette, but his performance as Hoke nonetheless served as testimony that the actor was no Oscar nominee one-shot.

Freeman is capable of creating a wide range of characters. If he played a bad guy who was tough and satanic in *Street Smart*, he also could play good guys who are tough and dynamic (real-life high school principal Joe Clark in *Lean on Me*); tough and thoughtful (the grave digger who becomes a Civil War infantry recruit in *Glory*, the ex-addict who conducts a therapy group in *Clean and Sober*); and tough and world-weary (the veteran cop on the trail of a serial killer in *Se7en*). In *Deep Impact*, a disaster epic about a comet set to crash into Earth, he is a commanding and reassuring presence as a U.S. President: yet another role that is the direct opposite of the one that earned him celluloid stardom.

In *Driving Miss Daisy*, Freeman shined in a starring role; yet he also has had the sense to accept quality roles in quality films even if those parts are satellites of the scenario’s main character. This was the case in *Unforgiven*, in which Freeman plays Clint Eastwood’s cowboy buddy; and *The Shawshank Redemption*, in which he is cast as the wizened veteran convict who befriends falsely convicted Tim Robbins. For the latter film, Freeman netted his third Oscar nomination. One major film in which he was sorely underused is *Amistad*, Steven Spielberg’s pre-Civil War morality tale, in which Freeman plays a former slave/Boston abolitionist; Anthony Hopkins and Djimon Hounsou have the showy roles, and give the flashy performances. And he has emerged unscathed from his few unwise career choices, most notoriously his casting as the judge in the mega-bomb *The Bonfire of the Vanities*.

In 1993, Freeman made his directorial debut with *Bopha!*, a tense, politically savvy drama about Master Sergeant Micah Mangena (Danny Glover), a black policeman in a South African township. Mangena teaches his class of new recruits that their job is to “uphold the law, and maintain the peace.” To many, in particular South Africa’s political radicals, Mangena is little more than an Uncle Tom, a tool of the white ruling class, a cog in a system in which blacks are oppressed. His world is destined to crumble, and he will undergo a crisis of conscience, when his son, whom he expects to become a police officer, takes part in a rebellion against the discipline and curriculum of the local white-run school. This choice of projects serves as evidence that Freeman is fully aware of his role as an

African-American artist, and that he is concerned with examining black characters in all their flaws and contradictions.

—Rob Edelman

FRESNAY, Pierre

Nationality: French. **Born:** Pierre-Jules Laudénbach in Paris, 4 April 1897. **Education:** Lycée Montaigne and Lycée Henri-IV, Paris; studied with George Berr at Conservatoire National d’Art Dramatique, Paris. **Military Service:** 1916–19—service in army; 2nd lieutenant. **Family:** Married 1) Rachel Berendt (divorced); 2) the actress Berthe Bovy (divorced); 3) the actress Yvonne Printemps, 1934. **Career:** 1912—stage debut at Théâtre Réjane in *L’Aigrette*; 1915—debut with Comédie Française in *Le Jeu de l’amour et du hasard*; film debut in *France d’abord*; 1920—first London stage role, with Comédie Française, in *Le Misanthrope*; 1926—resigned from Comédie Française; 1931–36—co-starred with Raimu in Marcel Pagnol film trilogy *Marius*, *Fanny*, and *César*; 1934—replaced Noël Coward in *Conversation Piece*, came to New York with show; 1937—co-manager with wife Yvonne Printemps, and lead actor of Théâtre de la Michodière, Paris; 1972—last stage play, Roussin’s *La Claque*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Monsieur Vincent*, 1947; Prix Féminin du Cinéma, 1949. **Died:** In Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, 9 January 1975.

Films as Actor:

- 1915 *France d’abord* (Pouctal)
- 1916 *Quand même* (Pouctal)
- 1920 *L’Esson* (Burguet)
- 1922 *Les Mystères de Paris* (Burguet) (as Prince Rodolphe); *Le Diamant noir* (Hugon); *La Baïllonnée* (Burguet); *Les Premières Armes de Rocambole* (Maudru and de Marsan); *Le Petit Jacques*
- 1928 *La Vierge folle* (Morat)
- 1930 *Ça aussi c’est Paris* (Mourne)
- 1931 *Marius* (Korda) (title role)
- 1932 *Fanny* (Allégret) (as Marius)
- 1933 *Ame de clown* (Noé and Didier) (as Jack)
- 1934 *La Dame aux camélias* (*Camille*) (Gance) (as Armand Duvall); *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (Hitchcock) (as Louis Bernard)
- 1935 *Le Roman d’un jeune homme pauvre* (Gance) (as le jeune homme pauvre)
- 1936 *Koenigsmark* (Tourneur) (as Raoul Vignerte); *Sous les yeux d’occident* (*Razumov*) (Allégret) (as Razumov); *César* (Pagnol) (as Marius); *Mademoiselle Docteur* (*Salonique*); *Nid d’espions*; *Street of Shadows* (Pabst) (as Capitaine Carrière)
- 1937 *La Grande Illusion* (*Grand Illusion*) (Renoir) (as Capitaine de Boeldieu); *La Bataille silencieuse* (Billon) (as René Bordier); *Le Puritain* (Musso) (as Le Commissaire de police); *Chéri-Bibi* (Mathot) (title role)
- 1938 *Adrienne Lecouvreur* (L’Herbier) (as Maurice de Saxe); *Alerte en Méditerranée* (*SOS Mediterranean*) (Joannon) (as Le



Pierre Fresnay (left) with Erich von Stroheim in *La Grande Illusion*

- Commandant Lestailleur); *Trois Valses* (*Three Waltzes*) (Berger) (three roles)
- 1939 *La Charrette fantôme* (Duivier) (as David Holm)
- 1941 *Le Dernier des six* (Lacombe) (as L'Inspecteur Wens); *Les Inconnus dans la maison* (Decoin) (as narrator); *Le Briseur de chaînes* (Mamouret) (Norman) (as Le Dompteur)
- 1942 *Le Journal tombe à cinq heures* (Lacombe) (as Le Reporter); *L'Assassin habite au 21* (*The Murderer Lives at Number 21*) (Clouzot) (as Commissaire Wens); *La Main du diable* (*Carnival of Sinners*) (Tourneur) (as Le Peintre)
- 1943 *Le Corbeau* (*The Raven*) (Clouzot) (as Docteur Germain); *Je suis avec toi* (Decoin) (as François); *Le Voyageur sans bagage* (Anouilh) (as Gaston); *L'Escalier sans fin* (Lacombe) (as Le Mauvais Garçon)
- 1945 *La Fille du diable* (*The Devil's Daughter*) (Decoin) (as Ludovic Mercier-Saget)
- 1946 *Le Visiteur* (*Tainted*) (Dréville) (as M. Sauval)
- 1947 *Monsieur Vincent* (Cloche) (title role); *Les Condamnés* (Lacombe) (as Jean Séverac)
- 1948 *Barry* (Pottier) (as Le Moine Théotime); *Combours, visage de pierre* (de Casembroot—short) (as narrator)
- 1949 *Au grand balcon* (Decoin) (as Didier Daurat); *Vient de paraître* (Houssin) (as L'Editor Moscat); *La Valse de Paris* (*The Paris Waltz*) (Achard) (as Offenbach); *Gisants* (Noël—short) (as narrator)
- 1950 *Ce siècle a cinquante ans* (Tual) (as narrator); *Dieu a besoin des hommes* (*God Needs Men*) (Delannoy) (as Thomas Gourvennec); *Justice est faite* (Cayatte) (as voice); *Vezelay* (Zimmer—short) (as narrator); *Le Pèlerin de la beauce* (Chuteau—short) (as narrator)
- 1951 *Un Grand Patron* (*The Perfectionist*) (Ciampi) (as Louis Delage); *Monsieur Fabre* (*The Amazing Monsieur Fabre*) (Diamant-Berger) (as Jean Henri Fabre); *Voyage en Amérique* (*Voyage to America*) (Lavorel) (as Gaston Fournier)
- 1952 *Il est minuit, Docteur Schweitzer* (Haguet)
- 1953 *Le Défroqué* (Joannon) (as Morand); *La Route Napoléon* (Delannoy) (as Édouard Martel)
- 1954 *Les Évadés* (Le Chanois) (as Le Lieutenant Pierre)
- 1955 *Les Aristocrates* (de la Patellière) (as Marquis de Maubrun)
- 1956 *L'Homme aux clefs d'or* (Joannon) (title role); *Fleuve Dieu* (Jallaud—short) (as narrator)
- 1957 *Les Fanatiques* (*A Bomb for a Dictator*) (Joffé) (as Luis); *Les Oeufs de l'autruche* (*The Ostrich Has Two Eggs*) (de la Patellière) (as Hippolyte Barjus)
- 1958 *Et ta soeur?* (Delbez); *Tant d'amour perdu* (Joannon) (as le père faible)

- 1959 *La Millième Fenêtre* (Menegoz) (as Armand Vallin); *Les Affreux* (Allégret) (as César); *Sont morts les bâtisseurs* (Berne—short) (as narrator)
- 1960 *Les Vieux de la vieille* (Grangier) (as Baptiste Talon)
- 1963 *Malmaison* (de Casembroot—short) (as narrator)
- 1966 *La Vallée aux loups* (de Casembroot—short) (as narrator); *Ecce homo* (Saury—short) (as narrator)
- 1968 *Le Neveu de Rameau* (Lucot—for TV); *L'Idée fixe* (Hubert—for TV)
- 1969 *Tête d'horloge* (Sassy—for TV); *Mon Faust* (Georgot—for TV)
- 1971 *Père* (Hubert—for TV)
- 1973 *Le Jardinier* (Léonard—for TV)
- 1974 *Le Savant* (Olivier—for TV); *Le K* (Buzzati—for TV)

Film as Director:

- 1939 *Le Duel* (+ ro as l'abbé Daniel)

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Pierre Fresnay was interested in being an actor from an early age, and was helped in his ambitions by his uncle, the actor Jules Dietz, a member of the Comédie Française (and a film actor under the name of Claude Garry). Fresnay made recitations on family occasions from the age of five, performed in a vaudeville of Jean Cocteau, and made his stage debut at 14 in a small part with the actress Réjane at her own theater. With his uncle's help, and because of the mobilization of several actors during the war, Fresnay was able to make his debut at the Comédie Française at the age of 18, and to keep his position there after the war was over. Though he resigned from the Comédie Française in 1926 over its preferential treatment practices, and was fined for breaching his contract, his years there had confirmed his interest in stage acting. He continued to act on the stage, and from 1937 to co-manage his own company, until the end of his life.

Fresnay's 60-year-long film acting career began with small parts in the 1910s and 1920s. His film "break" came with the arrival of sound, and his being cast in the title role of *Marius*. He had played the role in the stage version, though his co-star, Raimu, and even the author, Maurice Pagnol, had expressed doubts concerning Fresnay's temperament and his over-distinguished theatrical demeanor. Yet the apprehensions proved unfounded, the play was a popular and critical success (reaching a record number of performances), and the film was also highly acclaimed. The sequels, *Fanny* and *César* (directed by Pagnol himself), were equally well-received.

Fresnay's versatility was proved by the different roles he played in *Ame de Clown*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (a French spy), *Sous les yeux d'occident* (the counter-revolutionary Rasputin), and *Chéri-Bibi* (a convict). But what really solidified his film career was his role as a French officer in Renoir's *La Grande Illusion*. He and von Stroheim represent two mutually antagonistic countries at war, yet they find mutual sympathy for one another on the basis of a common social class. In another group of films, Fresnay portrayed detectives: *Puritain*, *Dernier des six*, and *L'Assassin habite au 21* (in the last two of which he played Inspector Wens, created by Georges Simenon). Another group of films, in which he was cast in historical biographies, began with *Monsieur Vincent*, in which he played Saint Vincent de Paul; he played the pioneer flyer Didier Daurat in *Au grand balcon*, the composer Offenbach in *La Valse de Paris*, Schweitzer in *Il est minuit*, *Docteur Schweitzer*, and the scientist Henri Fabre in *Monsieur Fabre*.

His film work in the 1950s and after is generally thought to be outdated, but he made such interesting films as *Le Défroqué* and *Les Évadés*, and continued to work on television until his death.

—Karel Tabery

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GABIN, Jean

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jean-Alexis Moncorgé in Paris, 17 May 1904; some sources give surname as Monçorge and Morcorgé; father a café entertainer who performed using the name Gabin. **Military Service:** Joined Free French, 1943; participated in Normandy invasion, 1944; received Croix de Guerre and Médaille Militaire. **Family:** Married 1) Gaby Basset, 1928 (divorced 1931); 2) Jeanne Susanne Mauchin, 1932 (divorced 1942); 3) Dominique Fournier, 1949, children: Florence, Valerie, and Mathias. **Career:** 1919—apprenticed to construction company, Chapelle; also worked as auto mechanic; 1920—through father's friendship with impresario Fréjol, engaged at Folies Bergère; 1924–25—military service in French navy; 1926—performed in theater, cabaret, and vaudeville; 1930—contract with Pathé-Nathan; majority of earliest films shot in Germany; 1934—began collaboration with director Julien Duvivier on *Maria Chapdelaine*; 1939–40—served in French navy; 1941—moved to U.S., began working for 20th Century-Fox; 1954—career revived with *Touchez pas au grisbi*; in series of films as Inspector Maigret beginning with *Maigret tend un piège*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *La Nuit est mon royaume*, 1951; Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Touchez pas au grisbi* and *The Air of Paris*, 1954; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Archimède le clochard*, 1959; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Le Chat*, 1971. **Died:** Of heart attack at Neuilly, 15 November 1976.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *Chacun sa chance* (*La Chute dans le bonheur*) (Steinhoff and Pujol—French version of Steinhoff's *Kopfüber ins Glück*); *Mephisto* (Debain and Winter—serial); *Paris-béguin* (Genina); *Gloria* (Behrendt and Noé—French version of Behrendt's *Gloria*); *Tout ça ne vaut pas l'amour* (Jacques Tourneur); *Coeur de Lilas* (Litvak); *Coeur joyeux* (Schwartz and de Vaucorbeil)
- 1932 *La Belle Marinière* (Lachman); *Les Gaités de l'Escadron* (Maurice Tourneur); *La Foule hurle* (Daumery and Hawks—French version of Hawks's *The Crowd Roars*)
- 1933 *L'Etoile de Valencia* (de Poligny—French version of Zeisler's *Stern von Valencia*); *Adieu les beaux jours* (Meyer and Beucler—French version of Meyer's *Die schönen Tagen von Aranjuez*); *Le Tunnel* (Bernhardt—French version of *Der Tunnel*); *Du haut en bas* (Pabst); *Au bout du monde* (Ucicky)
- 1934 *Zouzou* (Allégret); *Maria Chapdelaine* (Duvivier)
- 1935 *Golgotha* (Duvivier) (as Pontius Pilate); *La Bandéra* (Duvivier); *Variétés* (Farkas)
- 1936 *La Belle Équipe* (Duvivier) (as Jean); *Les Bas-fonds* (Renoir) (as Pepel); *Pépé le Moko* (Duvivier) (title role)
- 1937 *La Grande Illusion* (*Grand Illusion*) (Renoir) (as Maréchal); *Le Messenger* (Rouleau); *Gueule d'amour* (Grémillon)
- 1938 *Le Quai des brumes* (Carné); *La Bête humaine* (Renoir) (as Lantier)
- 1939 *Le Récif de corail* (Gleize); *Le Jour se lève* (Carné) (as François)
- 1941 *Remorques* (Grémillon)
- 1942 *Moontide* (Mayo)
- 1944 *The Imposter* (*Strange Confession*) (Duvivier)
- 1946 *Martin Roumagnac* (*The Room Upstairs*) (Lacombe) (title role)
- 1947 *Miroir* (Lamy)
- 1949 *Au-delà des grilles* (*Le mura di Malapaga*; *The Walls of Malapaga*) (Clément); *La Marie du port* (Carné)
- 1950 *E più facile che un cammello . . .* (*Pour l'amour du ciel*) (Zampa)
- 1951 *Victor* (Heymann); *La Nuit est mon royaume* (*The Night Is My Kingdom*) (Lacombe); “La Maison Tellier” ep. of *Le Plaisir* (Ophüls); *La Vérité sur Bébé Donge* (Decoin)
- 1952 *La Minute de vérité* (Delannoy); *Bufere* (*Fille dangereuse*) (Brignone); *Echos de plateau* (Knapp and Barrère—short)
- 1953 *Leur Dernière Nuit* (Lacombe); *La Vierge du Rhin* (Grangier); *Touchez pas au grisbi* (Becker) (as Max le menteur)
- 1954 *L'Air de Paris* (Carné); *Napoléon* (Guitry); *Le Port du désir* (Gréville); *French Cancan* (Renoir); *Razzia sur la chnouf* (Decoin)
- 1955 *Chiens perdus sans collier* (Delannoy); *Gas-oil* (Grangier); *Des gens sans importance* (Verneuil); *Voici le temps des assassins* (*Murder à la Carte*) (Duvivier); *Le Sang à la tête* (Grangier)
- 1956 *La Traversée de Paris* (*Four Bags Full*) (Autant-Lara); *Crime et châtiment* (*The Most Dangerous Sin*) (Lampin); *Le Cas du docteur Laurent* (Le Chanois)
- 1957 *Le Rouge est mis* (Grangier); *Maigret tend un piège* (Delannoy) (title role); *Les Misérables* (Le Chanois)
- 1958 *Le Désordre et la nuit* (Grangier); *En cas de malheur* (Autant-Lara); *Les Grandes Familles* (de la Patellière); *Archimède le clochard* (Grangier) (+ story); *Maigret et l'affaire Saint-Fiacre* (Delannoy) (title role)
- 1959 *Rue des prairies* (de la Patellière); *Le Baron de l'écluse* (Delannoy); *Les Vieux de la vieille* (Grangier)
- 1961 *Le Président* (Verneuil); *Le Cave se rebiffe* (Grangier)
- 1962 *Un Singe en hiver* (*Monkey in Winter*) (Verneuil); *Le Gentleman d'Epsom* (*Les Grands Seigneurs*; *Le Roi de tiercé*) (Grangier); *Mélie en sous-sol* (Verneuil)
- 1963 *Maigret voit rouge* (Grangier) (title role)
- 1964 *Monsieur* (Le Chanois); *L'Âge ingrat* (Grangier)
- 1965 *Le Tonnerre de Dieu* (de la Patellière)
- 1966 *Du Rififi à Paname* (*The Upper Hand*; *Rififi in Paris*) (de la Patellière); *Le Jardinier d'Argenteuil* (Le Chanois)
- 1967 *Le Soleil des voyous* (*Action Man*) (Delannoy); *Le Pacha* (Lautner)

- 1968 *Le Tatoué* (de la Patellière); *Le Clan des Siciliens* (Verneuil)
 1969 *Sous le signe du taureau* (Grangier)
 1970 *La Horse* (Granier-Deferre)
 1971 *Le Chat* (Granier-Deferre); *De Drapeau noir flotte sur le marmite* (Audiard)
 1972 *Le Tueur* (de la Patellière); *L’Affaire Dominici* (Bernard-Aubert)
 1973 *Deux Hommes dans la ville* (Giovanni)
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Although rarely an actor of great inspiration or subtlety, Jean Gabin was never less than a dedicated, conscientious performer who brought to his roles a measured but compelling authority. Whether as the doomed romantic figure of his 1930s films or the embodiment of stoic calm and worldly wisdom in his later parts, Gabin possessed an extraordinarily powerful screen presence which successive directors, notably Carné, Duvivier, Grémillon, and Renoir, exploited.

After an invaluable if reluctant apprenticeship, Gabin established himself in films as the engaging, noble, and principled hero of humble origins (*La Bandéra*, *La Belle Équipe*, *La Grande Illusion*) and confirmed his popular image in a succession of darkly fatalistic roles that encapsulated the pessimistic mood prevalent in the France of the late 1930s. In *Pépé le Moko* Gabin played a hunted criminal trapped in the Casbah. Infatuated with a socially superior woman, he is tempted to leave his safe hiding place only to be gunned down as she sails for France. *Quai des brumes* reveals him as a cynical army deserter falling in love with a romantically idealistic young girl who is dominated by her vicious guardian. Impetuously he murders this tyrant before falling victim to violence himself. In *La Bête humaine*, based on Zola’s novel, he assumed the role of the train driver with a flawed heredity who commits suicide after impulsively killing his mistress. In *Le Jour se lève* he again takes his own life after murdering the despicable seducer of an innocent flower seller. Central to these highly commercial and artistically successful roles was Gabin’s cultivated image as the taciturn, uncompromising working-class male who, though well intentioned and possessing clear moral integrity, finds himself on the wrong side of society’s laws. Strong and resilient, yet revealing hidden depths of gentleness and generosity, he remains faithful to his ideals despite the adversity of circumstance. With his simple, honest, direct approach, Gabin embodied values which appealed to contemporary audiences: he was a hero of their stature, unassuming, vulnerable, essentially pure and noble, and facing a dark and menacing world.

In the postwar mood of optimism, Gabin’s image as the doomed proletarian hero was no longer fashionable. Although his performance as a blind tramp in *La Nuit est mon royaume* was well received, it was not until his role in *Touchez pas au grisbi* that he again captured the public imagination. Now cast as a retired gangster lured back to Paris for a final spectacular coup, he evolved a new image as the experienced, assured male firmly in control of his destiny and no longer vulnerable to female charms. In subsequent roles he combined a practical wisdom with the inherent humanity of his screen personality to uphold the notion that virtue and justice are rewarded. The former criminal, social outcast, and working-class hero of the 1930s became the respectable middle-class professional of the 1950s in the guise of doctor (*La Minute de vérité*), powerful industrialist (*Le Sang à la tête*), banker (*Les Grandes Familles*), lawyer (*En cas de malheur*), detective (*Maigret tend un piège*), and judge (*Chiens perdus sans collier*). These roles projected a new set of values and dispositions: pragmatism and intelligence rather than idealism and physical courage; mature reflection rather than impetuous commitment; serenity rather than a tortured soul.

In a period of renewed self-confidence and self-sufficiency Gabin once again reflected national attitudes. Comic roles were added to his repertoire as the anarchistic tramp in *Archimède le clochard*, the wily politician with a wicked sense of fun in *Le Président*, and the disruptive inmate of a retirement home in *Les Vieux de la vieille* (here co-starring with two long established film comedians, Bourvil and Funès). Co-starring became an important feature of Gabin's later screen career, either appearing with his contemporaries, or in association with the younger generation of rising stars such as Brigitte Bardot in *En cas de malheur* and Jean-Paul Belmondo in *Un Singe en hiver*. Such was Gabin's continuing popular appeal that his presence in a film was a virtual guarantee of commercial success and, apart from the temporary eclipse in the late 1940s, he is acknowledged as one of the enduring mainstays of the French film industry over a period of 30 years.

—R. F. Cousins

GABLE, Clark

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Clark Gable in Cadiz, Ohio, 1 February 1901. **Education:** Attended school in Hopedale, Ohio; Akron University in evening classes. **Military Service:** 1942–45—U.S. Army Air Corps: narrated several Air Corps films; discharged as major. **Family:** Married 1) Josephine Dillon, 1924 (divorced 1930); 2) Ria Langham, 1931 (divorced 1939); 3) the actress Carole Lombard, 1939 (died 1942); 4) Lady Sylvia Ashley, 1949 (divorced 1951);



Clark Gable with Vivien Leigh in *Gone with the Wind*

5) Kay Speckles, 1955, son: John Clark. **Career:** Factory worker in Akron; 1919—callboy in Broadway theaters (for John and Lionel Barrymore in *The Jest*); worked in oil fields in Oklahoma for a year; 1920–22—utility man and actor with Jewell Players, a tent show repertory company; then joined theater group in Portland, Oregon; 1924—film debut in bit part in *Forbidden Paradise*; on Los Angeles stage in *Romeo and Juliet* and *What Price Glory*, and with a Texas stock company; 1928—Broadway debut in *Machinal*; then other stage work in New York; 1931—debut in sound films, *The Painted Desert*; 1934—MGM contract; 1945—returned to films with *Adventure*; 1956—co-founder, Russ-Field Gabco production company. **Awards:** Oscar for Best Actor, for *It Happened One Night*, 1934. **Died:** Of heart attack, 16 November 1960.

Films as Actor:

- 1924 *Forbidden Paradise* (Lubitsch) (bit role); *White Man* (Gasnier)
- 1925 *The Merry Widow* (von Stroheim) (bit role); *The Pacemakers* (Ruggles—serial); *Declassée (The Social Exile)* (Vignola) (bit role); *The Plastic Age* (Ruggles) (bit role); *North Star* (Powell)
- 1926 *The Johnstown Flood (The Flood)* (Cummings) (bit role); *The Collegians* (serial)
- 1931 *The Painted Desert* (Higgins) (as Brett); *The Easiest Way* (Conway) (as Nick); *The Secret Six* (Hill) (as Carl); *The Finger Points* (Dillon) (as Louis Blanco); *Laughing Sinners* (Beaumont) (as Carl Loomis); *A Free Soul* (Brown) (as Ace Wilfong); *The Christmas Party (Jackie Cooper's Christmas)* (Reisner—short) (as himself); *Night Nurse* (Wellman) (as Nick); *Sporting Blood* (Brabin) (as Tip Scanlon); *Dance, Fools, Dance* (Beaumont) (as Jake Luva); *Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise (The Rise of Helga)* (Leonard) (as Rodney Spencer); *Possessed* (Brown) (as Mark Whitney); *Hell Divers* (Hill) (as Steve)
- 1932 *Polly of the Circus* (Santell) (as the Reverend John Hartley); *Strange Interlude (Strange Interval)* (Leonard) (as Ned Darrell); *Red Dust* (Fleming) (as Denis Carson); *No Man of Her Own* (Ruggles) (as Babe Stewart)
- 1933 *The White Sister* (Fleming) (as Giovanni Severi); *Hold Your Man* (Wood) (as Eddie Nugent); *Night Flight* (Brown) (as Fabian); *Dancing Lady* (Leonard) (as Patch Gallagher)
- 1934 *It Happened One Night* (Capra) (as Peter Warne); *Men in White* (Boleslawski) (as Dr. George Ferguson); *Manhattan Melodrama* (Van Dyke) (as Blackie Gallagher); *Chained* (Brown) (as Mike Bradley)
- 1935 *Forsaking All Others* (Van Dyke) (as Jeff Williams); *After Office Hours* (Leonard) (as Jim Branch); *The Call of the Wild* (Wellman) (as Jake Thorton); *China Seas* (Garnett) (as Alan Gaskell); *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Lloyd) (as Fletcher Christian)
- 1936 *Wife versus Secretary* (Brown) (as Dan Sanford); *San Francisco* (Van Dyke) (as Blackie Norton); *Cain and Mabel* (Bacon) (as Larry Cain); *Love on the Run* (Van Dyke) (as Michael Anthony); *Parnell* (Stahl) (title role)
- 1937 *Saratoga* (Conway) (as Duke Bradley)
- 1938 *Test Pilot* (Fleming) (as Jim Lane); *Too Hot to Handle* (Conway) (as Chris Hunter)
- 1939 *Idiot's Delight* (Brown) (as Harry Van); *Gone with the Wind* (Fleming) (as Rhett Butler)

- 1940 *Strange Cargo* (Borzage) (as Verne); *Boomtown* (Conway) (as John "Big John" McMasters); *Comrade X* (King Vidor) (as McKinley Thompson)
- 1941 *They Met in Bombay* (Brown) (as Gerald Meldrick); *Honky Tonk* (Conway) (as Candy Johnson)
- 1942 *Somewhere I'll Find You* (Ruggles) (as Johnny Davis); *March of Dimes* (Whitebeck—short)
- 1943 *Hollywood in Uniform* (short) (as himself)
- 1944 *Aerial Gunner* (Air Corp—short) (as narrator); *Be Careful!* (Air Corps—short) (as narrator); *Wings Up* (Air Corps—short) (as narrator); *Combat America* (Air Corps—short) (as narrator)
- 1945 *Adventure* (Fleming) (as Henry Patterson)
- 1947 *The Hucksters* (Conway) (as Vic Norman); *Homecoming* (LeRoy) (as Dr. Ulysses Johnson)
- 1948 *Command Decision* (Wood) (as Brigadier General K. C. Dennis)
- 1949 *Any Number Can Play* (LeRoy) (as Charley King)
- 1950 *Key to the City* (Sidney) (as Steve Fisk); *To Please a Lady* (Brown) (as Mike Brannon)
- 1951 *Across the Wide Missouri* (Wellman) (as Flint Mitchell); *Callaway Went Thataway* (*The Star Said No*) (Panama and Frank) (as himself)
- 1952 *Lone Star* (Sherman) (as Devereaux Burke)
- 1953 *Never Let Me Go* (Daves) (as Philip Sutherland)
- 1954 *Mogambo* (John Ford) (as Victor Marswell); *Betrayed* (Reinhardt) (as Colonel Pieter Deventer)
- 1955 *Soldier of Fortune* (Dmytryk) (as Hank Lee); *The Tall Men* (Walsh) (as Ben Allison)
- 1956 *King and Four Queens* (Walsh) (as Dan Kehoe)
- 1957 *Band of Angels* (Walsh) (as Hamish Bond)
- 1958 *Run Silent, Run Deep* (Wise) (as Commander "Rich" Richardson); *Teacher's Pet* (Seaton) (as James Gannon)
- 1959 *But Not for Me* (Walter Lang) (as Russel Ward)
- 1960 *It Started in Naples* (Shavelson) (as Mike Hamilton)
- 1961 *The Misfits* (Huston) (as Gay Langland)

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Crowned King of Hollywood in 1937, Clark Gable remains unchallenged American royalty. He is remembered as the man who made the pencil mustache de rigueur and crippled the undershirt business when he bared his chest in *It Happened One Night*. For many, Gable still represents the ultimate in American masculinity—a man's man and a woman's ideal. The consummate product of the studio system, Gable's screen image was created by MGM publicity executive Howard Strickling who capitalized on Gable's natural assets and his actual background as a laborer. He was to become a symbol of the uncommon common man.

Gable's impressive size projected an enormous physical strength; he could challenge any man and dominate any woman. The ever present wink in his eye transmitted a roguish charm, a casual self-confidence, and an innate sense of humor. But it was what Joan Crawford described as his "sheer animal magic," his magnetic and overt virility, which separated him from the rest, even offscreen; a recent tell-all by Judy Lewis, the daughter of Loretta Young, revealed the long-kept secret of a Gable/Young love affair that spawned Lewis herself. Gable's only acknowledged child, John Clark Gable, the result of his union with Kay Speckles, was born shortly after Gable died.

Hailed as Valentino with a voice, Clark Gable embodied sex appeal. It was his "you'll take it and like it" attitude towards Norma Shearer in *A Free Soul* that catapulted the 30-year-old actor into stardom and kept him among the top ten box-office stars for the next 12 years (1932–43); by 1939 he was earning \$5,000 per week.

Gable signed the first in a series of long-term contracts with MGM in December 1930 and worked for the studio until he began freelancing in 1954. The vast majority of his Metro assignments were star vehicles (*Chained*, *Saratoga*, *Test Pilot*, and *Honky Tonk*). These were pictures whose commercial success depended almost entirely on

his name and that of the studio's top leading ladies, particularly Joan Crawford, Jean Harlow, Myrna Loy, and Lana Turner. In these films, Gable played the same role time and time again—a roué with a heart of gold.

During the 1930s his occasional opportunities to do something beyond formula material were more often fortuitous than calculated. His casting in a comedy on "Poverty Row" (Columbia's *It Happened One Night*) was designed as a punishment for uncooperative behavior; *Call of the Wild* was another loan-out; *Mutiny on the Bounty* and *San Francisco* were both films Gable himself resisted doing.

The undisputed pinnacle of his career was his role as Rhett Butler in *Gone with the Wind*, another part he initially resisted. Assisted by one of his favorite directors, Victor Fleming, Gable created perhaps the most popular romantic figure of the twentieth century. Offscreen, Gable lived out the myth of the great lover by marrying actress Carole Lombard. Her unexpected death in 1942 drastically changed the actor's attitude towards his life and his work. He turned his back on Hollywood and joined the Army Air Corps. After a two-year absence from the screen, Gable returned with a new seriousness. Personal grief and depression, combined with the onset of middle age, deeply affected his on-screen persona. For many, the motion picture business seemed frivolous after the war; Gable concurred. Even the now-famous slogan for his first postwar film (*Adventure*), "Gable's Back and Garson's Got Him!," struck the actor as frivolous.

Despite the relative infrequency of his screen appearances, Gable reclaimed his top ten box-office status in 1947, 1948, and 1949. His enormous popularity began to wane only in the last decade of his life, although he continued to remain a star, his name well above the title in such pictures as *The Tall Men*, *Band of Angels*, and *The King and Four Queens*, a title obviously geared towards him.

His career culminated with an impressive tour-de-force performance as the mustanger Gay Langland in John Huston's *The Misfits*, which he considered the best of his career, even though he never lived to see the completed film. Three days after the picture wrapped, he died of a heart attack, which, some maintained, was brought on by the strain of doing his own stunt work at Huston's urging during the film's climactic mustang roundup. It was Gable himself who insisted on doing many of his own stunts for the required close-ups. But, contrary to rumor, the real rough-and-tumble action was carried out in long shot by Gable's double, a professional stuntman. This final performance, delivered with remarkable sensitivity and conviction, stands as a tribute, not only to a great star but to the accomplished actor Gable was not always given credit for being.

—Joanne L. Yeck, updated by John McCarty

GANZ, Bruno

Nationality: Swiss. **Born:** Zurich, 22 March 1941. **Military Service:** Served in military. **Family:** Married in 1965; one son. **Career:** After military service, joined the Student Theatre in West Germany; also acted in other theaters in Germany; 1961—film debut in *Chikita*; 1970—co-founder, Schaubühne, Berlin, and acted in productions there for the next six years, and later in title role of Hamlet, 1982; after 1978—lived in Zurich; 1982—co-directed the film *Gedächtnis*. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis for Acting, for *The Marquise of O*, 1976; Official Screening Award, Barcelona Television Festival, for

Richter in Angst, Ein, 1997; Adolf Grimme Award, for *Gegen Ende der Nacht*, 1999.

Films as Actor:

- 1961 *Chikita (Wenn Männer Schlange stehen)* (Suter)
- 1962 *Es Dach überem Chopf* (Früh)
- 1967 *Der sanfte Lauf* (Senft) (as Bernard Kral)
- 1975 *Sommergäste (Summer Guests)* (Stein) (as Yakov Schalimov); *Die Marquise von O (The Marquise of O)* (Rohmer) (as the Russian count)
- 1976 *Lumière (Moreau)* (as Heinrich Grun); *Die Wildente (The Wild Duck)* (Geissendörfer) (as Gregor)
- 1977 ***Der Amerikanische Freund (The American Friend)*** (Wenders) (as Jonathan Zimmermann); *Die linkshändige Frau (The Left-Handed Woman)* (Handke) (as Bruno)
- 1978 *Retour à la bienaimée* (Adam); *Schwarz und Weiss wie Tage und Nächte (Black and White Like Day and Night)* (Petersen) (as Thomas Rosenmund); *Messer im Kopf (Knife in the Head)* (Hauff) (as Berthold Hoffmann); *The Boys from Brazil* (Schaffner) (as Prof. Bruckner)
- 1979 *Nosferatu—Phantom der Nacht (Nosferatu—The Vampire)* (Herzog) (as Jonathan Harker); *5% de risque* (Pourtales); *Oggetti smarriti* (G. Bertolucci)
- 1980 *La Provinciale (The Girl from Lorraine)* (Goretta) (as Remy); *La Dame aux camélias* (Bolognini); *Polenta* (Simon); *Der Erfinder (The Inventor)* (Gloor) (as Jakob Nüssli)
- 1981 *Die Fälschung (Circle of Deceit)* (Schlöndorff) (as Georg Laschen); *Etwas wird sichtbar* (Farocki); *Fermata Etna* (Grüber); *Geschichte einer Liebe* (Damek—for TV)
- 1982 *Logik des Gefühls* (Kratich) (as himself)
- 1983 *Krieg und Frieden (War and Peace)* (Schlöndorff and others—doc); *Dans la Ville Blanche (In the White City)* (Tanner) (as Paul); *System ohne Schatten (Closed Circuit)* (Thome) (as Faber); *Killer aus Florida* (Schaffhauser)
- 1985 *De Ijsallon* (Frank)
- 1986 *El Rio del oro (Golden River)* (Chavarri) (as Peter); *Der Pendler* (Giger) (as Steiner)
- 1987 ***Der Himmel über Berlin (Wings of Desire)*** (Wenders) (as Damiel)
- 1988 *Strapless* (Hare) (as Raymond Forbes); *Vater und Sonhe (Fathers and Sons)* (Sinkel—for TV)
- 1989 *Bankomatt* (Mermann) (as Bruno)
- 1991 *Prague* (Sellars) (as Josef); *The Architecture of Doom (Untergangens Arkitektur)* (Cohen) (as narrator); *Erfolg* (as Jacques Tuerlin); *Born Natturunna* (as Engeler)
- 1992 *Last Days of Chez Nous* (Armstrong) (as J. P.); *Brandnacht* (as Peter Keller)
- 1993 *Especialmente on Sunday (Specialmente la Domenica)* (Tornatore) (as Vittorio); *The Absence* (Handke) (as Gambler); *Faraway, So Close (In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!)* (Wenders) (as Damiel)
- 1994 *Bright Day* (as Georg); *Il Grande Fausto* (as Cavanna)
- 1995 *Lumière et compagnie (Lumière and Company)* (Allouache, Angelopoulos); *Il Grande Fausto* (Sironi—mini for TV) (as Biagio Cavanna)
- 1996 *Tödliches Schweigen* (Böhlich for TV) (Hans Plache); *Ein Richter in Angst* (Rödl) (as Crusius); *Tatort-Schattenwelt* (Rödl) (as Bombadil)



Bruno Ganz in *Die Marquise von O*

- 1997 *Saint-Ex* (Tucker) (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry)
 1998 *Mia aiwniothta kai mia mera* (*Eternity and a Day*)
 (Angelopoulos) (as Alexander); *Gegen Ende der Nacht*
 (Stortz for TV) (as Fehleisen); *You Can't Go Home Again*
 (van Esch) (as Narrator)
 2000 *Panc e tulipani* (Soldini) (as Fernando Girasoli); *WerAngstWolf*
 (Klopfenstein)

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There is a small scene in Wim Wenders's film *The American Friend*, which reveals some of the particular talents of Swiss-German actor, Bruno Ganz. Ganz plays a picture framer; he is seated at a desk in his shop, and absentmindedly takes a sheet of gold leaf and

carefully blows it into the palm of his hand so that it adheres completely to the surface. He then slams his palm onto a telephone receiver and makes a call. That moment—like all great moments in film acting—is a piece of behavior that reveals Ganz's character. The action embraces both the delicacy and meticulous nature of Jonathan, the artisan, as well as his latent violence—by the film's end Jonathan is responsible for the murder of several men. Ganz does not call attention to his activity—it is simple, subtle, and low-key. Ganz's performance style is distinguished by an eloquence and precision of physical expression, as well as a bruised sensitivity that haunts his best work.

Ganz is one of the few actors to come to prominence in the heyday of the New German Cinema in the mid-1960s to late 1970s to make a successful and sustained leap to the international art cinema circuit. Before beginning his film career in earnest, Ganz was a mainstay of the West German stage, and a founding member of the Schaubühne, one of Germany's most celebrated and vital theater companies. While still performing on stage in the mid-1970s, Ganz starred in *Die Marquise von O*, directed by Eric Rohmer, which brought him to prominence among art-house audiences. The following year he acted in the Jeanne Moreau-directed *Lumière*, as well as playing a leading role in Hans Geissendörfer's film of Ibsen's *The Wild Duck*. *The American Friend* featured a trilingual cast (French, German, English), and catapulted both Wim Wenders and Ganz to worldwide recognition. The actor's next crucial role was as the mild-mannered scientist, Berthold Hoffmann, shot in the head by police, who mistake him for a radical activist. The film, *Messer Im Kopf*, was made at the height of left-wing paranoia and police surveillance in post-Baader-Meinhoff Germany. The part required Ganz to play a man who must completely relearn his cognition, speech, and motor skills. This physically and psychologically demanding portrayal is the result of arduous research combined with the observation and execution of myriad small details of behavior; it is a true, astonishing, and moving feat. Through the constraint of severe expressive limitations, the audience must feel the character's growing anger, frustration, and finally, despair. Ganz, with his usual blend of precision and invention, beautifully delineates a life that is broken, and thrown off course forever. Even as the character's capacity for violence develops in tandem with his faculties, Ganz manages to make his rendition of Hoffmann entirely sympathetic.

Ganz's next interesting role was as Jonathan Harker in Werner Herzog's perverse and beautiful version of *Nosferatu—Phantom der Nacht*. Although somewhat eclipsed by the delicious eccentricities of Klaus Kinski's eponymous demon, Ganz brings depth and subtlety to Harker's transformation from steadfast paramour to lunatic incarnation of evil, as he assumes Kinski's role of *über-vampire* at the film's end.

Although he continued to work with such directors as Claude Goretta (*La Provinciale*), Volker Schlöndorff (*Circle of Deceit*), and Alain Tanner (*Dans la Ville Blanche*), the 1980s proved less than exciting for Ganz's career until he reteamed with Wenders for *Wings of Desire* in 1987, playing the angel, Daniel. As Daniel, one senses a quality of grace and peacefulness that tempers Ganz's earlier angst-filled characterizations. Playing Daniel allows Ganz to deal some of his trump cards—vulnerability, tenderness, and an underlying sadness. When Daniel begins to fall in love with the earthbound trapeze artist, played by Solveig Dommartin, he touches the objects in her room that she has touched, and places his hand on her back. She cannot see or feel him, and the sense of longing that resonates from Ganz in this scene is painful, and deeply felt. When Daniel comes to

earth and experiences the pleasures of the material world, the role gives Ganz the opportunity to relish his new physical sensations—drinking hot coffee, feeling cold, hunger, pain—an actor's dream. Ganz returned as Daniel, now a secondary character, in Wenders less successful sequel to *Wings of Desire*, *Faraway, So Close*.

Ganz has remained on the international scene through the mid-1990s, continuing his policy of choosing interesting, if uncommercial projects. In Gillian Armstrong's film, *Last Days of Chez Nous*, Ganz—with German accent intact—plays a homesick Frenchman enmeshed in a failing marriage in Australia. The part gives Ganz a chance to cut loose and display his humor—he has several scenes where he clumsily and delightfully joins in his family's wacky free-form dances. His character is in full midlife crisis, yearning for “more life” in the company of younger women. Ganz's distinctive mix of vulnerability, gentleness, and quiet longing mark this as one of his most fully realized recent performances.

—Carole Zucker

GARBO, Greta

Nationality: American. **Born:** Greta Lovisa Gustafsson in Stockholm, Sweden, 18 September 1905; became U.S. citizen, 1951. **Education:** Attended Catherine Elementary School; Royal Dramatic Theatre School, Stockholm, 1922–24. **Career:** Worked as latherer in barber shop, clerk in Bergstrom's department store, and model;



Greta Garbo

appeared in advertising films for PUB and Cooperative Society of Stockholm; 1921—film debut as extra in *A Fortune Hunter*; 1923—cast by the director Mauritz Stiller in *Gösta Berlings Saga*; appeared in several other films by him, and went with him to Hollywood; 1925–41—contract with MGM, becoming leading Hollywood film actress, first in silent films, then, following *Anna Christie*, 1930, in sound films; 1941—last film, *Two-Faced Woman*. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Anna Karenina*, 1935, for *Camille*, 1937; Honorary Academy Award, “for her unforgettable screen performances,” 1954. **Died:** In New York, 15 April 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1921 *En lyckoriddare* (*A Fortune Hunter*) (Brunius) (as extra); *Herr och fru Stockholm* (*Mr. and Mrs. Stockholm*; *How Not to Dress*) (Ring—short) (bit role); *Our Daily Bread* (Ring—short) (bit role)
- 1922 *Luffar-Petter* (*Peter the Tramp*) (Petschler) (as Greta Nordberg)
- 1924 ***Gösta Berlings Saga*** (*The Atonement of Gösta Berling*) (Stiller) (as Countess Elisabeth Dohna)
- 1925 *Die Freudlose Gasse* (*The Joyless Street*) (Pabst) (as Greta Rumfort)
- 1926 *The Torrent* (*Ibañez' Torrent*) (Bell) (as Leonora); *The Temptress* (Stiller and Niblo) (as Elena); *Flesh and the Devil* (Brown) (as Felicitas von Kletzingk)
- 1927 *Love* (*Anna Karenina*) (Goulding) (as Anna Karenina)
- 1928 *The Divine Woman* (Seastrom) (as Marianne); *The Mysterious Lady* (Niblo) (as Tania); *A Woman of Affairs* (Brown) (as Diana Merrick)
- 1929 *Wild Orchids* (Franklin) (as Lillie Sterling); *A Man's Man* (Cruze) (as guest); *The Single Standard* (Robertson) (as Arden Stuart); *The Kiss* (Feyder) (as Madame Irène Guarry)
- 1930 *Anna Christie* (Brown—German and Swedish versions directed by Jacques Feyder) (title role); *Romance* (Brown) (as Rita Cavallini)
- 1931 *Inspiration* (Brown) (as Yvonne); *Susan Lenox: Her Fall and Rise* (*The Rise of Helga*) (Leonard) (title role)
- 1932 *Mata Hari* (Fitzmaurice) (title role); *Grand Hotel* (Goulding) (as Grusinskaya); *As You Desire Me* (Fitzmaurice) (as Zara)
- 1933 *Queen Christina* (Mamoulian) (title role)
- 1934 *The Painted Veil* (Boleslawski) (as Katrin)
- 1935 *Anna Karenina* (Brown) (title role)
- 1937 ***Camille*** (Cukor) (as Marguerite Gautier); *Conquest* (*Marie Walewska*) (Brown) (as Marie Walewska)
- 1939 ***Ninotchka*** (Lubitsch) (title role)
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Peter Matthews describes, in "Garbo and Phallic Motherhood: A 'Homosexual' Visual Economy," that a photograph reproduced in *Photoplay* in the early 1930s shows "Garbo's face in enormous close-up, a white oval emerging from a field of undifferentiated blackness, disembodied . . . as a kind of iconic mask, an eerily suspended object of desire." Her mystique, her unknowability, prevalent both on screen and in real life, daunts and haunts movie viewers long after her early retirement into absolute seclusion.

George Cukor recalled that Irving Thalberg visited the set of *Camille* during the first days of shooting, glanced around, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the young director's skill in handling MGM's premier star. "How could you know?" Cukor asked, and Thalberg, indicating the actress sitting silent and alone between takes, said "Look at her. She's unguarded."

Garbo unguarded was a rare commodity. For a decade, MGM strip-teased the star that her admirers saw as the epitome of restraint, dignity, and private emotion, selling *Anna Christie* with the slogan "Garbo Talks!" and *Ninotchka* with "Garbo Laughs!" When, years later, a publicist confessed his authorship of the latter slogan to her, she said moodily, "How can you forgive yourself?"

It is debatable as to what extent the Garbo taciturnity was a pose; she may have had nothing to say. She never married, and her relationships were limited and private. That she was, like most stars, a woman to whom sexual appetite was less important than fame, is clear enough. But long before the solipsism of meditation and the "Me Decade," Garbo, a fanatic for health foods and ascetic living, found contentment in restraint.

Her strong following in Europe—always greater than in the United States—encouraged MGM to cast her in period roles. They obscure her standing as the first great modern of the cinema—the emancipated woman, surrendering to passion by choice, but resigned always to repentance at leisure. Her best films are set in this century. *Wild Orchids*, with its silky shadowed textures of a fantasy Asia, is a film of immediate eroticism, a living sculpture in Art Deco, and so successful that MGM tried to repeat the effect in *The Painted Veil* five years later.

Feyder's courtroom melodrama *The Kiss*, and the splintered realism of *Anna Christie*, with Garbo's burred drawl successfully evoking the Strindbergian squalor of O'Neill's original, perfectly express their time. Even seducing Ramon Navarro (in *Mata Hari*) into blowing out the votive candle that will signify his surrender, or prowling the nightclub stage, crop-haired and draped in black, for the travesty of Pirandello's *As You Desire Me*, Garbo is as contemporary as Brando or Streep.

Of the period films, few stand the test of repeated viewing. Under the influence of New York stage directors such as Cukor, and émigrés such as Lubitsch and Garbo's tame writer Salka Viertel, Garbo declined into a parody of the Continental heroine. *Camille* and *Conquest* offer little but elaborate *tableaux morts*, triumphs for decorators and the close-up director who scrutinized each shot for inappropriate indications of modernity or emotion. Garbo among the bibelots of *Camille* is a stranded fish gasping for life. In *Conquest* she faces Boyer's Napoleon with an upper lip no less stiff than Clive Brook's in *Shanghai Express*. Surrounded in these films by wax-works such as Henry Stephenson, an aging Lewis Stone, and the Prussian correctness of Basil Rathbone, the vivid, living Garbo was overshadowed, extinguished. She is better in the least of her modern films: despite being physically unsuited to the role as a ballerina in *Grand Hotel*, she achieves the poignancy of a woman betrayed at her most vulnerable.

Among the great absurdities of Garbo's career is its ending. Allegedly horrified by poor notices for Cukor's *Two-Faced Woman*, she retreated, never to return, not even at the prospect of starring in Proust's *À La Recherche du Temps Perdu*. Ironic, then, that the film from which she retreats is at once her most modern, and, of all her contemporary performances, the least inhibited. To watch this stringy lady in her mid-thirties bluff her way through a nightclub slanging session, then, gaining confidence, lead the floor in a frenzied dance of her own devising, is to see acting no less skilled than that of such stars as Cagney and Davis who persisted into the 1980s with productive work. But if "Garbo Talks!" and "Garbo Laughs!" were unforgivable, "Garbo Dances!" is surely the last straw. As so often with Garbo in the films, one laments the loss but respects the impulse. Nothing so much became her career as the leaving of it.

But, “we love it, the mystery,” exhilarates Robert Horton about his bewilderment of Garbo in an almost cheerfully dazed tone after the screen goddess’s demise in 1990. It is only fitting that she received an honorary Oscar in 1954 for her “unforgettable screen performances.” Coming 13 years after she left the big screen, this recognition served not only as a token of her lasting presence immortalized on film, but also as a prophecy foretelling the ongoing fascination surrounding the hereafter all the more invisible actress. Garbo, an ultimate movie icon, as the disembodied face forever suspended larger than life, epitomizes an unreality that perhaps only exists in the world of cinema.

—John Baxter, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

GARDNER, Ava

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ava Lavinnia Gardner near Smithfield, North Carolina, 24 December 1922. **Education:** Attended Smithfield High School; Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Mickey Rooney, 1942 (divorced 1943); 2) the musician Artie Shaw, 1945 (divorced 1946); 3) the singer/actor Frank Sinatra, 1951 (divorced 1957). **Career:** 1941—contract with MGM; 1946–47—roles in *The Killers* and *The Hucksters* established her as a leading sex symbol; 1958—contract with MGM expired; freelance actress; lived for many years in Spain and, from 1968, in London; 1985—in TV mini-series *The Long Hot*



Ava Gardner and Richard Burton in *Night of the Iguana*

Summer and *A.D.*; in TV series *Knots Landing*. **Died:** In London, England, 25 January 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1941 *Fancy Answers* (Wrangell—short); *H. M. Pulham, Esquire* (King Vidor) (as girl); *Maisie Was a Lady* (Marin)
- 1942 *Joe Smith, American* (*Highway to Freedom*) (Thorpe) (as girl); *We Were Dancing* (Leonard) (as girl); *This Time for Keeps* (Reisner) (as girl in car); *Kid Glove Killer* (Zinnemann) (as carhop); *Sunday Punch* (Miller) (as ringsider); *Calling Dr. Gillespie* (Bucquet) (as girl); *Mighty Lak a Goat* (Glazer—short); *Reunion in France* (*Reunion*; *Mademoiselle France*) (Dassin)
- 1943 *Pilot No. 5* (Sidney) (as girl); *DuBarry Was a Lady* (Del Ruth) (as girl); *Ghosts on the Loose* (*Ghosts in the Night*) (Beaudine) (as Betty); *Hitler's Madman* (Sirk) (as Katy Chotnik); *Young Ideas* (Dassin) (as girl); *Swing Fever* (Whelan) (as girl)
- 1944 *Lost Angel* (Rowland) (as hatcheck girl); *Three Men in White* (Goldbeck) (as Jean Brown); *Two Girls and a Sailor* (Thorpe) (as Rockette girl); *Maisie Goes to Reno* (*You Can't Do That to Me*) (Beaumont) (as Gloria Fullerton); *Music for Millions* (Koster); *Blonde Fever* (Whorf)
- 1945 *She Went to the Races* (Goldbeck) (as Hilda Spotts)
- 1946 *Whistle Stop* (Moguy) (as Mary); *The Killers* (Siodmak) (as Kitty Collins)
- 1947 *The Hucksters* (Conway) (as Jean Ogilvie); *Singapore* (Brahm) (as Linda)
- 1948 *One Touch of Venus* (Seiter) (title role)
- 1949 *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak) (as Pauline Ostrovski); *The Bribe* (Leonard) (as Elizabeth Hinton); *East Side, West Side* (LeRoy) (as Isabel Lorrison)
- 1951 *My Forbidden Past* (Stevenson) (as Barbara Beaurevel); *Pandora and the Flying Dutchman* (Lewin) (as Pandora Reynolds); *Showboat* (Sidney) (as Julie Laverne)
- 1952 *Lone Star* (Sherman) (as Martha Ronda); *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* (Henry King) (as Cynthia)
- 1953 *Ride, Vaquero!* (Farrow) (as Cordelia Cameron); *The Bandwagon* (Minnelli) (as the Movie Star); *Mogambo* (Ford) (as Eloise Kelly); *Knights of the Round Table* (Thorpe) (as Guinevere)
- 1954 *The Barefoot Contessa* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Maria Vargas)
- 1955 *Bhowani Junction* (Cukor) (as Victoria Jones)
- 1956 *The Little Hut* (Robson) (as Lady Susan Ashlow); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as spectator)
- 1957 *The Sun Also Rises* (Henry King) (as Lady Brett Ashley)
- 1958 *La maja desnuda* (*The Naked Maja*) (Koster, Italian version directed by Mario Russo) (as Duchess of Alba)
- 1959 *On the Beach* (Kramer) (as Moira Davidson)
- 1960 *The Angel Wore Red* (*La sposa bella*) (Johnson) (as Soledad)
- 1962 *55 Days in Peking* (Nicholas Ray) (as Baroness Natalie Ivanoff)
- 1964 *Seven Days in May* (Frankenheimer) (as Eleanor Holbrook); *The Night of the Iguana* (Huston) (as Maxine Faulk)
- 1966 *La Bibbia* (*The Bible . . . in the Beginning*; *The Bible*) (Huston) (as Sarah)

- 1968 *Mayerling* (Terence Young) (as Empress Elizabeth)
 1971 *Tam Lin (The Devil's Widow)* (McDowall) (as Michaela)
 1972 *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (Huston) (as Lillie Langtry)
 1974 *Earthquake* (Robson) (as Remy Graff)
 1975 *Permission to Kill* (Frankel) (as Katina Peterson)
 1976 *The Bluebird* (Cukor) (as Luxury)
 1977 *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Nicole); *The Sentinel* (Winner) (as Miss Logan)
 1979 *City on Fire* (Rakoff) (as Maggie Garyson)
 1980 *The Kidnapping of the President* (Mendeluk) (as Beth Richards)
 1981 *Priest of Love* (Miles) (as Mabel Dodge Luhan)
 1982 *Regina (Roma)* (Prate)
 1985 *The Long Hot Summer* (Cooper—for TV) (as Minnie)
 1986 *Harem* (Hale—for TV) (as Kadin); *Maggie* (Hussein—for TV)

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Although Ava Gardner appeared in more than 25 films during the 1940s, her screen identity did not really emerge until the 1950s. A product of the studio system, Gardner was put under long-term contract at MGM in the early 1940s. After playing small roles in mostly minor films, she won acclaim in Robert Siodmak's *The Killers*, emerging (along with Burt Lancaster) as a star, and she is a radiant presence in *The Hucksters*, *Singapore*, *Pandora and the Flying Dutchman*, and *Showboat*, among others. To an extent, the studio succeeded in promoting her as a sex goddess because of her extraordinary beauty and sensuality. Gardner, however, never fulfilled the expectation that she would become a sex symbol.

In fact, during the 1950s, Gardner undermined this status, specifically by not exploiting her physicality or attempting to develop identification with a cinematic stereotype that would make her accessible to the male audience. The feminist critic Marjorie Rosen (*Popcorn Venus*) asserts that Gardner embodied the "ideal fantasy creature" in several films, including Joseph L. Mankiewicz's *The Barefoot Contessa*; but, on the contrary, Gardner refutes this concept of objectification in the film. The film's tensions are produced through her sensitive characterization of a woman who insists in having a right to a subjective identity. She plays a similar "rebel" character in George Cukor's *Bhowani Junction*. Cukor, aware that her potential had been undeveloped because she was treated by the studio as a beautiful object to be featured in mediocre films, encouraged Gardner to explore her emotional range through this challenging assignment. Her other outstanding performance is in John Ford's *Mogambo*, which has the feel of a Hawks film in the construction of the central heterosexual relationship and the sense of ease in the narrative's flow. In the film, Gardner, like the Hawksian heroine, displays "masculine" strength without losing her feminine appeal.

Unfortunately, by the end of the decade, Gardner already was appearing in films that required her to be a star presence projecting an image of ravaged beauty. When given a substantial role, however, she could offer a performance to match her character. Such was the case in *The Night of the Iguana*, in which she played a lusty hotel proprietor opposite Richard Burton's defrocked minister. Her last substantial portrayal came in Roddy McDowall's *Tam Lin (The Devil's Widow)*, an interesting, but unsuccessful, attempt to explore a woman's fear of aging.

As a star of the 1950s, Gardner's screen identity was uncharacteristic of a period that attempted to equate women's sexual desirability with the size of their physical endowments. Still, no more sublimely beautiful woman ever appeared on a movie screen. Like a number of her characters (such as Pandora Reynolds in *Pandora and the Flying Dutchman* and Lady Brett Ashley in *The Sun Also Rises*), Gardner became an American expatriate, living for many years in London. She died there of pneumonia after having completed her autobiography, which was published posthumously.

—Richard Lippe, updated by Rob Edelman

GARFIELD, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jacob Julius Garfinkel in New York City, 4 March 1913; used name Jules Garfield for early stage work. **Education:** Attended Angelo Patri's school, New York; Heckscher Foundation dramatic school; Roosevelt High School; also studied at the American Laboratory School under Maria Ouspenskaya. **Family:** Married the actress Roberta Seidman, 1932, son: David Patton, actor under name John Garfield Jr., daughters: the actress Julia Patton Garfield and Katherine. **Career:** 1932—member of Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory Group; Broadway debut in small part in *Lost Boy*; 1933—film debut in *Footlight Parade*; 1934–37—member of the Group Theater, and acted in *Waiting for Lefty*, 1935, *Awake and Sing*, 1935, and *Golden Boy*, 1937; 1938—first billed film part in *Four Daughters*; contract with Warner Brothers, 1938–46—acted in radio series *Lux Radio Theatre*; entertained troops during World War II; 1946—formed company Enterprise Productions; 1951—unfriendly witness before the House Un-American Committee; 1951—on stage in *King Lear*. **Awards:** D. W. Griffith Award for Acting, for *Four Daughters*, 1938. **Died:** 21 May 1952.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *Footlight Parade* (Lloyd Bacon, Keighley, and Berkeley) (bit role)
- 1938 *Four Daughters* (Curtiz) (as Mickey Borden)
- 1939 *They Made Me a Criminal* (Berkeley) (as Johnnie); *Blackwell's Island* (McGann) (as Tim Hayden); *Juarez* (Dieterle) (as Porfirio Diaz); *Daughters Courageous* (*Family Reunion*) (Curtiz) (as Gabriel Lopez); *Dust Be My Destiny* (Seiler) (as Joe Bell); *Saturday's Children* (Sherman) (as Rims O'Neill); *Flowing Gold* (Alfred E. Green) (as Johnny Blake); *Four Wives* (Curtiz) (as ghost of Mickey Borden)
- 1940 *Castle on the Hudson* (*Years without Days*) (Litvak) (as Tommy Gordon); *East of the River* (Alfred E. Green) (as Joe Lorenzo)
- 1941 *The Sea Wolf* (Curtiz) (as George Leach); *Out of the Fog* (Litvak) (as Harold Goff)
- 1942 *Dangerously They Live* (Florey) (as Dr. Michael Lewis); *Tortilla Flat* (Fleming) (as Danny)
- 1943 *Air Force* (Hawks) (as Sgt. Winocke); *The Fallen Sparrow* (Wallace) (as Kit); *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler) (as himself)
- 1944 *Destination Tokyo* (Daves) (as Wolf); *Between Two Worlds* (Blatt) (as Tom Prior); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as himself)
- 1945 *Pride of the Marines* (*Forever in Love*) (Daves) (as Al Schmid)
- 1946 *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (Garnett) (as Frank Chambers); *Nobody Lives Forever* (Negulesco) (as Nick Blake); *Humoresque* (Negulesco) (as Paul Boray)
- 1947 *Body and Soul* (Rossen) (as Charley Davis); *Gentleman's Agreement* (Kazan) (as Dave); *Daisy Kenyon* (Preminger) (as man in Stork Club)
- 1948 *Force of Evil* (Polonsky) (as Joe Morse)
- 1949 *Jigsaw* (*Gun Moll*) (Markle) (bit role as street loiterer); *We Were Strangers* (Huston) (as Tony Fenner)
- 1950 *Under My Skin* (*La Belle de Paris*) (Negulesco) (as Dan Butler); *The Difficult Years* (Zampa—English-language

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Before Marlon Brando, before James Dean, and before Paul Newman, Robert De Niro, and Al Pacino there was John Garfield, an actor of intensity and sensitivity who embodied the rebel/antihero character. In fact, he was the first actor to consistently play such roles on screen, beginning his career over a decade before Brando. For Garfield the rebel/antihero role was more than a method of acting: he was a New York City street kid who keenly understood his characters' motivation. While no profound political thinker, he was a man of deep emotion and intense loyalty, and his progressive/left-wing contacts made him a target of the Hollywood witch-hunts of the McCarthy era. In his films Garfield represented the socially underprivileged, the common man who clashed with the system. He showed ambition and hard work; he was sensual and strong and exhibited a certain vulnerability. He portrayed a good boy who got all the wrong breaks, but whose rebellious spirit enabled him to battle back against the inequities of his society.

The authenticity of Garfield's alleged initial screen appearance, as an extra in the "Shanghai Lil" sequence of the Warner Brothers



John Garfield (left) in *Air Force*

musical *Footlight Parade*, is debated to this day. More significantly, in the early 1930s, the playwright Clifford Odets recommended him for membership in the newly formed Group Theater, the legendary and influential theater company/collective whose members included Elia Kazan, Lee Strasberg, and Harold Clurman. After losing the lead role in Odets's *Golden Boy*—a part the writer penned with Garfield in mind—to Luther Adler, Garfield left the theater for Hollywood.

He signed a seven-year Warner Brothers contract and his first role, a supporting turn in Michael Curtiz's *Four Daughters*, made him a star. His character, streetwise pianist/composer Mickey Borden, utters such lines as "Talking about my tough luck is the only fun I get" and "I guess when you're used to standing on the outside looking in, you can see things that other people can't." In *Four Daughters*, Garfield offered his definitive portrayal of the sympathetic iconoclast: a role that was to sustain him throughout his career. Another significant aspect of this film was Garfield's unique acting style, with his moody, soulful sexuality standing out among the more conventional actors of the period.

Upon the success of *Four Daughters*, Warner Brothers chose to recast Garfield in inferior films that recycled the Mickey Borden character. And so the actor found himself playing moody poor boys, if

not outright criminals, in such generically titled features as *They Made Me a Criminal*, *Dust Be My Destiny*, and *Nobody Lives Forever*. Garfield's most significant films while under contract were *Pride of the Marines*, a fact-based drama in which he played a soldier blinded while fighting at Guadalcanal; *Humoresque*, cast as a poor but determined violinist; and James M. Cain's *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (made on loan to MGM), in the role of a drifter who falls for a married woman and plots to murder her husband.

After choosing not to renew his studio contract, Garfield formed his own production company. His first independent feature arguably is the best of his career: *Body and Soul*, in which he played an up-from-the-slums prizefighter who is misled by his own ego, forgetting his family and friends for material possessions and a fast lifestyle. Between 1947 and 1950 Garfield did some of his finest screen acting in some of his most interesting films. He had a small but significant part in *Gentleman's Agreement*, a film about anti-Semitism. In the highly regarded film noir *Force of Evil*, the lone film directed by Abraham Polonsky prior to being blacklisted, he played a crooked lawyer. In *We Were Strangers*, he was an American fighting on the side of Cuban revolutionaries. In *The Breaking Point*, based on Hemingway's *To Have and Have Not*, he was a troubled, financially

strapped fishing boat captain. His final feature is *He Ran All the Way*, in which he played a doomed criminal who takes a working-class family hostage.

In 1951 Garfield was subpoenaed by the U.S. Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. He answered all questions, describing himself as a Democratic Party member and political liberal. He told the committee, "I have always hated communism. It is a tyranny which threatens our country and the peace of the world. Of course, then I have never been a member of the Communist party, or a sympathizer with any of its doctrines. I will be pleased to cooperate with the committee." But he would not "name any names," as his street boy's sense of honor would not allow him to rat on his friends. The committee was unhappy with his testimony. An FBI investigation of Garfield was ordered, and the actor found himself blacklisted. In early 1952, Garfield appeared on Broadway in a revival of *Golden Boy*. But he was destroyed by his committee ordeal, and subsequent expulsion from Hollywood. He died of a heart attack that spring, having not reached his 40th birthday.

An actor undoubtedly ahead of his time, Garfield not only played antiheroes but thoroughly immersed himself in his characters. If he was a prizefighter, as in *Body and Soul*, he would train in the ring; for *Tortilla Flat*, he learned how to fish; for *Air Force*, he learned how to operate a machine gun; and for *Humoresque*, he learned how to play the violin. While not as famous as the actors who followed him, Garfield was the prototype of the celluloid antihero. One only can imagine the stage and screen roles he might have created had his life not been cut so tragically short.

—Maryann Oshana, updated by Rob Edelman



Judy Garland, Jack Haley, and Ray Bolger in *The Wizard of Oz*

GARLAND, Judy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 10 June 1922. **Education:** Attended elementary school in Los Angeles; Lawler's Professional School, 1929–31; Bancroft Junior High School and University High School, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married 1) the musician David Rose, 1941 (divorced 1942); 2) the director Vincente Minnelli, 1945 (divorced 1952), daughter: the actress Liza Minnelli; 3) the producer Sid Luft, 1952 (divorced 1965), daughter: the singer Lorna Luft; 4) Mark Herron, 1965 (divorced 1969); 5) Mickey Deans. **Career:** 1929—film debut as a child singer, with her sisters, as The Gumm Sisters, in the *Meglin Kiddie Revue*; also toured with the act, later called The Garland Sisters; 1935—contract with MGM; followed by a series of musical films; 1938—roles in the Andy Hardy series and in *The Wizard of Oz* brought her wide popularity; also acted and sang on radio, and made recordings; 1945—straight dramatic role in *The Clock*; 1950—health problems led to MGM not renewing her contract; 1951—great success in cabaret performances at the London Palladium and the Palace Theatre in New York; later film successes in *A Star Is Born*, 1954, and *Judgment at Nuremberg*, 1961; also continued touring in cabaret and recording; 1963–64—star of *The Judy Garland Show* on television. **Awards:** Special Academy Award, "for her outstanding performance as a screen juvenile during the past year," 1939. **Died:** In London, England, 22 June 1969.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 *The Meglin Kiddie Revue* (one of the Gumm sisters)
- 1930 *A Holiday in Storyland* (one of the Gumm sisters); *The Wedding of Jack and Jill* (one of the Gumm sisters)
- 1936 *La fiesta de Santa Barbara* (one of the Gumm sisters); *Pigskin Parade (The Harmony Parade)* (David Butler) (as Sairy Dodd); *Every Sunday* (Feist—short)
- 1937 *Broadway Melody of 1938* (Del Ruth) (as Betty Clayton); *Thoroughbreds Don't Cry* (Alfred E. Green) (as Cricket West)
- 1938 *Everybody Sing* (Marin) (as Judy Bellaire); *Love Finds Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Betsy Booth); *Listen, Darling* (Marin) (as Pinkie Wingate)
- 1939 *The Wizard of Oz* (Fleming) (as Dorothy Gale); *Babes in Arms* (Berkeley) (as Patsy Barton)
- 1940 *Andy Hardy Meets Debutante* (Seitz) (as Betsy Booth); *Strike Up the Band* (Berkeley) (as Mary Holden); *Little Nellie Kelly* (Taurog) (title role)
- 1941 *Ziegfeld Girl* (Leonard) (as Susan Gallagher); *Life Begins for Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Betsy); *We Must Have Music* (short—unused sequence from Leonard's *Ziegfeld Girl*, part of series *A Romance of Celluloid*); *Babes on Broadway* (Berkeley) (as Penny Morris)
- 1942 *For Me and My Gal* (Berkeley) (as Jo Hayden)
- 1943 *Presenting Lily Mars* (Taurog) (title role); *Girl Crazy* (Taurog) (as Ginger Gray); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as guest)
- 1944 *Meet Me in St. Louis* (Minnelli) (as Esther Smith)

- 1945 *The Clock (Under the Clock)* (Minnelli) (as Alice Mayberry)
 1946 *The Harvey Girls* (Sidney) (as Susan Bradley); *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli); *Till the Clouds Roll By* (Whorf; Garland sequences directed by Minnelli) (as Marilyn Miller)
 1948 *The Pirate* (Minnelli) (as Manuela); *Easter Parade* (Walters) (as Hannah Brown); *Words and Music* (Taurog) (as guest)
 1949 *In the Good Old Summertime* (Leonard) (as Veronica Fisher)
 1950 *Summer Stock (If You Feel Like Singing)* (Walters) (as Jane Falbury)
 1954 *A Star Is Born* (Cukor) (as Esther Blodgett/Vicki Lester)
 1960 *Pepe* (Sidney) (as voice)
 1961 *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Irene Hoffman)
 1962 *Gay Purr-ee* (Levitow—animation) (as voice of Mewsette)
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In his book *Heavenly Bodies: Film Stars and Society*, Richard Dyer offers both an insightful discussion of Judy Garland's star image and an in-depth account of why gay men were so strongly attracted to Garland and particularly her post-1950 image. Yet, as Dyer points out, Garland's image and persona are open to other readings since her appeal was not limited to a subculture and Garland had mass appeal that embraced devoted female fans. Since Garland's death, well-researched books such as *Judy Garland: The Secret Life of an American Legend* have come out of the closet about Garland's bisexuality; how much light these revelations shed on her genius is open to question. Certainly, Garland toyed with sexual ambiguity throughout her career—the tramp number from *Easter Parade*, the newsboy number "Lose that Long Face" and boyish run-through of "Somewhere There's a Someone" in *A Star Is Born*, and the tuxedoed finale of *Summer Stock* which was resurrected for her concert appearances. What revisionist critics cannot lose sight of is that whether Garland was trucking down the Yellow Brick Road or looking for the Man that Got Away, her appeal was universal.

In his discussion of Garland's image, Dyer emphasizes the change that occurs in the perception of her image after 1950, the year in which she was fired by MGM and allegedly attempted suicide. If the MGM studio image celebrating her girl-next-dooriness contrasts strongly with her post-1950s image as androgynous camp avatar, the one constant in Garland's persona is an overwhelming psychological need for affection that audiences always wanted to fill. *Summer Stock*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *The Clock*, and *The Pirate* draw strength from scenes in which vulnerable Judy becomes very emotional, frequently in response to a man's assertion of dominance. In many of her MGM films, Garland is on the brink of womanhood but nevertheless acts in a refreshingly direct and immediate manner; while her outbursts suggest the childlike, it challenges her co-stars to consider a greater equality of the sexes. In a complex manner, Garland plays off aspects of what are deemed feminine characteristics, but contrary to expectations, her transparent honesty does not make her appear helpless nor

does it resort to a masculinizing of her image or a denial of heterosexual desire. Perhaps in the heady intensity of the movie musical, Garland did not have to play games. But unlike other American sweethearts such as Durbin, Allyson, and Powell, Garland grew into a heart-on-her-sleeve star with a persona more complex than the peaches-and-cream MGM image could support.

As Dyer says: “Garland works in an emotional register of great intensity which seems to bespeak equally suffering and survival, vulnerability and strength, theatricality and authenticity, passion and irony.” Although these components emerge most forcefully in *A Star Is Born*, it is arguably Garland’s emotional complexity that always distinguishes her work from that of more conventional musical comedy performers—in a standard backstage musical such as *Summer Stock*, Garland brings a raw dramatic depth to aspects of her characterization which threatens to unbalance the movie and take it in another generic direction, toward melodrama. In the later stages of her career, she blurred the division between personal and professional identity, which led to criticism regarding her willingness to exploit herself and her audience. Yet, Garland’s insistence on being intimately emotional in public had a liberating effect on spectators, as occurs at times with melodramas and the experience they offer. Each Garland concert became a soap opera in song.

What else but the burned-out attitudes of the 1990s could explain why this dynamic entertainer has yet to be rediscovered after her death; in a climate where audiences seem determined to feel nothing but superficial sensation, she has not become an icon like the flashier but infinitely less talented Monroe, Dean, or Presley, three Hollywood legends whose victimhoods are both more accessible and less resonant than Garland’s. Perhaps this greatest talent of the twentieth century will undergo a slow renaissance in the pop culture even as she remains the poster girl of the gay cognoscenti. Enjoying videos of her television show (which CBS foolishly slotted opposite *Bonanza*), one is struck with the notion of Judy as a variety show subversive, way too supercharged and neurotic for the nation’s living rooms unless they contained a therapist’s couch. Moviegoers who bristled at Garland’s wholesomeness at MGM respond to this latter-day show biz martyr who offers the audience the challenge of measuring up to her own life of pain.

It is that tremulous quality of radiant endurance which informs Garland’s last three film appearances. After winning an Oscar nomination as one of the all-star Nazi survivors in *Judgment at Nuremberg*, she gave a full-bodied performance as a fledgling teacher of the mentally retarded in the unfairly ignored *A Child Is Waiting*, which illustrates the delicate balance of internal and external forces in Garland’s persona. Laced with telling dialogue she wrote herself, *I Could Go on Singing* is a proper cinematic swansong in that Garland sings, dances, and acts a fan magazine version of her own trouble-plagued, the show-must-go-on-to-pay-the-bills lifestyle. Socking across paeans to survivability, Garland sings her heart out as if tapping into the frustrated longing of every audience member in thrall to her. Fearfully locking herself in her dressing room, she panicked her way out of *Valley of the Dolls* and a monster role unsuited to her trademark sensitivity. Of course, one wishes there had been one more on-screen comeback before the final disintegration of the Garland rainbow. As Garland entered her last phase of entertaining, the personal and the professional were increasingly conflated in the realm of keeping alive the myth of the Little Girl Lost; she pumped up her concert crowds on a high of snappy-pattered Hollywood horror stories and a frozen repertoire of torch songs functioning as mini-biographies. A performance artist before that term was coined, Garland may have sustained

her career by taking advantage of her audiences’ ongoing desire to fly with her over the rainbow while their own lives seemed mundanely stuck in the mud. No other singer enjoyed this sort of transcendent transference with devotees. Fittingly, she died in the midst of a concert tour—and what other performer can claim to have sung in a voice which millions felt was a dubbed-in expression of their own inner torment.

In recent years, there has been a concentration of critical writing on stars who defiantly challenged gender dictates (Dietrich, Davis, Hepburn, and others), but their accomplishments should not be lionized at the expense of the irreplaceable Garland whose image as star was highly complicated and deserving of recognition as such.

—Richard Lippe, updated by Robert Pardi

GARSON, Greer

Nationality: American. **Born:** County Down, Northern Ireland, 29 September 1903; became U.S. citizen. **Education:** Attended University of London, B.A. with Honors; graduate study at University of Grenoble, France. **Family:** Married 1) Edward Snelson, 1933 (separated 1933, divorced 1941); 2) the actor Richard Ney, 1943 (divorced 1947); 3) Elijah E. “Buddy” Fogelson, 1949 (died 1987). **Career:** Worked in London advertising firm; 1932–34—with Birmingham company for two seasons: debut in *Street Scene*; 1934—London stage debut in *The Tempest*; 1938—seen by Louis B. Meyer in *Old Music*, signed for MGM; 1939—film debut in *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*; appeared



Greer Garson with Laurence Olivier in *Pride and Prejudice*

in very early BBC television production of Shaw's *How He Lied to Her Husband*; 1940s—numerous radio performances; 1954—*Her Twelve Men* last film for MGM; 1955—began appearing in TV dramas, in *Reunion in Vienna* on *Producers' Showcase*; 1958—replaced Rosalind Russell in *Auntie Mame* on Broadway; 1990—completion of Greer Garson Communications Center and Studio, College of Santa Fe, New Mexico, part of her charitable legacy. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *Mrs. Miniver*, 1942; Commander of the Order of the British Empire, 1993; honorary doctorate of arts, Southern Methodist University. **Died:** Of congestive heart failure, in Dallas, 6 April 1996.

Films as Actress:

- 1939 *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (Wood) (as Katherine Ellis); *Remember?* (McLeod) (as Linda Bronson)
- 1940 *Pride and Prejudice* (Leonard) (as Elizabeth Bennet)
- 1941 *Blossoms in the Dust* (LeRoy) (as Mrs. Edna Gladney); *When Ladies Meet* (Leonard) (as Claire Woodruff)
- 1942 *Mrs. Miniver* (Wyler) (title role); *Random Harvest* (LeRoy) (as Paula)
- 1943 *Madame Curie* (LeRoy) (title role); *The Youngest Profession* (Buzzell) (as guest); *A Report from Miss Greer Garson* (Whitebeck—short for March of Dimes)
- 1944 *Mrs. Parkinton* (Garnett) (title role); *The Miracle of Hickory* (short for March of Dimes)
- 1945 *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett) (as Mary Rafferty); *Adventure* (Fleming) (as Emily Sears)
- 1947 *Desire Me* (Cukor and others, all uncredited) (as Marise Aubert)
- 1948 *Julia Misbehaves* (Conway) (as Julia Packett)
- 1949 *That Forsyte Woman* (*The Forsyte Saga*) (Bennett) (as Irene Forsyte)
- 1950 *The Miniver Story* (Potter) (as Mrs. Miniver)
- 1951 *The Law and the Lady* (Knopf) (as Jane Hoskins)
- 1953 *Scandal at Scourie* (Negulesco) (as Mrs. Patrick McChesney); *Julius Caesar* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Calpurnia)
- 1954 *Her Twelve Men* (Leonard) (as Jan Stewart)
- 1955 *Strange Lady in Town* (LeRoy) (as Dr. Julia Winslow Garth)
- 1960 *Pepe* (Sidney) (as guest); *Sunrise at Campobello* (Donehue) (as Eleanor Roosevelt)
- 1963 *The Invincible Mr. Disraeli* (Schaefer—for TV)
- 1966 *The Singing Nun* (Koster) (as Mother Prioress)
- 1967 *The Happiest Millionaire* (Tokar) (as Mrs. Cordelia Biddle)
- 1968 *The Little Drummer Boy* (Nakamura—animation for TV) (as voice)
- 1968 *The Little Drummer Boy Book II* (Bass and Rankin Jr.—animation for TV) (as voice of Our Story Teller)
- 1978 *Little Women* (Rich—for TV) (as Kathryn March)
- 1986 *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (as herself)

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The personification of Louis B. Mayer's ideal of British refinement and beauty, Greer Garson was the queen of MGM during the World War II years. She inherited the mantles of Garbo and Norma Shearer and therefore starred in the most prestigious films produced by the most prestigious studio in Hollywood.

Having had mild success in the English theater, Garson was spotted by Mayer and given an impressive cameo debut in MGM's very popular *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, produced in England. This role established her screen personality of warmth, good sense, and good humor. If these qualities were appropriate to the heroine of *Pride and Prejudice*, they emerged with particular impact to define Garson's ultimate persona, at just the right moment, in the film that brought her the ultimate honor of Hollywood, the Oscar. *Mrs. Miniver* seemed to sum up the bourgeois nobility of the English in the face of the war and the blitz, and that sum was reflected in the unflappable spirit (and luminous complexion) of Garson, a woman able to cope with a Nazi flier in her kitchen, the fears of her children in a bomb shelter, and the death of her daughter-in-law during a raid. Her next great success, *Random Harvest*, made a bit of fun of Garson's dignity by having her perform a music hall number, but for the body of the film, she reverts to her pristine, classy identity.

The importance of Garson at MGM can be seen in the memorable slogan publicizing Clark Gable's first postwar film, *Adventure*—"Gable's Back and Garson's Got Him." A disappointment to everyone, this marks the beginning of the decline of Garson's popularity, which seemed to fade as quickly as it materialized. The title of *Julia Misbehaves* shows the effort to alter her image. In one of her last films, *Sunrise at Campobello*, she portrays Eleanor Roosevelt, and there, her beautiful face deformed by buck teeth, her mellifluous voice distorted into a semblance of Mrs. Roosevelt's speech impediment, Garson sheds her persona with a virtuosity not always apparent during her years of stardom.

—Charles Affron, updated by Kelly Otter

GASSMAN, Vittorio

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Genoa, 1 September 1922. **Education:** Attended law school; then studied acting under Silvio D'Amico at the National Academy of Dramatic Art, Rome. **Family:** Second marriage to the actress Shelley Winters, 1952 (divorced 1954), one daughter. **Career:** 1943—joined the Elsa Mellini Company and made stage



Vittorio Gassman and Carroll Baker in *The Miracle*

debut; 1946—film debut in *Preludio d'amore*; 1952—contract with MGM: made several films in Hollywood; 1956—directed the film *Kean*; 1958–59—in TV series *Il mattatore* (and wrote some episodes); 1960—founded his own theater company Teatro Popolare Italiano; has also acted in his own one-man show; 1982—acted in his own Italian version of *Othello*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Profumo di donna*, 1974; Nastro d'argento Award for Best Actor, for *Lo zio indegno*, 1989; Golden Lion Award, 1996. **Died:** 29 June 2000.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *Preludio d'amore* (Paolucci) (as Davide); *Daniele Cortis* (Soldati) (title role)
- 1947 *La figlia del capitano* (Camerini) (as Svabrin); *Le avventure di Pinocchio* (Guardone); *L'Ebreo errante* (*The Wandering Jew*) (Alessandrini) (as Mathieu Blumenthal)
- 1948 *Il cavaliere misterioso* (Freda) (as Casanova); *Riso amaro* (*Bitter Rice*) (De Santis) (as Walter)
- 1949 *Il lupo della Sila* (Coletti) (as Pietro); *Una voce nel tuo cuore* (*A Voice in Your Heart*) (d'Aversa) (as Paolo Baldini); *I fuorilegge* (Vergano) (as Turi); *Ho sognato il paradiso* (Pastina) (as Giorgio); *Lo sparpiero del Nilo* (Gentilomo) (as Yusef)
- 1950 *Il leone di Amalfi* (Francisci) (as Mauro)
- 1951 *Il tradimento* (Freda) (as Renato Salvi); *Anna* (Lattuada) (as Vittorio); *Il sogno di Zorro* (Soldati) (as Don Antonio)
- 1952 *La corona negra* (*La caronna nera*) (Saslavsky) (as Mauricio); *La tratta delle bianche* (Comencini) (as Michele)
- 1953 *Sombrero* (Norman Foster) (as Alejandro Castillo); *Cry of the Hunted* (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Jory); *The Glass Wall* (Shane) (as Peter)
- 1954 *Rhapsody* (Charles Vidor) (as Paul Bronte); *Mambo* (Rossen) (as Mario Rossi)
- 1955 *La donna più bella del mondo* (*Beautiful but Dangerous*) (Leonard) (as Prince Sergio)
- 1956 *Difendo il mio amore* (*Defend My Love; I'll Defend You My Love*) (Sherman, Italian version directed by Giulio Macchi) (as Giovanni); *Giovanni delle Bande Nere* (Grieco) (as Giovanni d'Medici); *War and Peace* (*Guerra e pace*) (King Vidor) (as Anatole Kuragin)
- 1957 *La ragazza del palio* (*The Love Specialist*) (Zampa) (as Prince Piero)
- 1958 *I soliti ignoti* (*Big Deal on Madonna Street; Persons Unknown*) (Monicelli) (as Peppe); *La tempesta* (*The Tempest*) (Lattuada) (as Pubblico Accusatore)
- 1959 *La grande guerra* (*The Great War*) (Monicelli) (as Giovanni Busacca); *La cambiale* (Mastrocinque) (as Michele); *Audace colpo dei soliti ignoti* (*Fiasco in Milan; Hold-up à la Milanaise*) (Loy) (as Peppe); *Le sorprese dell'amore* (Comencini) (as guest); *The Miracle* (Rapper) (as Guido)
- 1960 *Il mattatore* (*Love and Larceny*) (Risi) (as Gerardo); *Fantasma a Roma* (Pietrangeli) (as Caparra); *Crimen* (. . . *And Suddenly It's Murder; Killing in Monte Carlo*) (Camerini) (as Remo)
- 1961 *I briganti italiani* (Camerini) (as O'Caporale); *Barabba* (*Barabbas*) (Fleischer) (as Sahak); *Il giudizio universale* (de Sica) (as Cimino); *Una vita difficile* (Risi) (as guest)
- 1962 *Anima Nera* (Rossellini) (as Adriano); *La marcia su Roma* (Risi) (as Domenico Rocchetti); "L'avarò" ep. of *L'amore difficile* (Lucignani) (as L'Avvocato); *Il sorpasso* (*The Easy Life*) (Risi) (as Bruno Cortona)
- 1963 *Lo smania addosso* (*Eye of the Needle*) (Andrei) (as Mazzano); *Il successo* (Morassi) (as Giulio Ceriani); *I mostri* (*Opiate '67; 15 from Rome*) (Risi); *Frenesia dell'estate* (Zampa) (as Capt. Nardoni)
- 1964 *Se permettete parliamo di donne* (*Let's Talk about Women*) (Scola) (as Proteiforme Adamo); *Il gaucho* (Risi) (as Mario Ravicchio); *La congiuntura* (*One Million Dollars*) (Scola) (as Don Giuliano)
- 1965 *Slalom* (Salce) (as Luci Ridolfi); *Una vergine per il principe* (*A Maiden for the Prince; A Maiden for a Prince*) (Festa Campanile) (as Prince don Vincenzo Gonzaga)
- 1966 One ep. of *La Guerre secrète* (*La guerra segreta; Spione unter sich; The Dirty Game; The Dirty Agents*) (Lizzani) (as Perego); *L'armata Brancaleone* (Monicelli) (as Brancaleone da Norcia); *Il diavolo innamorato* (*The Devil in Love; L'arcidiavolo*) (Scola) (as Belfager Arcidiavolo); *Le piacevoli notti* (Crispini and Lucignani) (as Bastiano da Sangallo)
- 1967 *Il tigre* (*The Tiger and the Pussycat*) (Risi) (as Francesco Vincenzini); *Lo scatenato* (*Catch as Catch Can*) (Indovina) (as Bob Chiaramonte); *Questi fantasmi* (*Ghosts, Italian Style; Three Ghosts*) (Castellani) (as Pasquale Lojacono); "Linda" and "Two against One" eps. in *Woman Times Seven* (*Sette volta donna; Sept fois femme*) (de Sica) (as Cenci); *Il profeta* (Risi) (as Pietro Breccia)

- 1969 *Dove vai tutta nuda?* (Festa Campanile) (as Rafus); *L'arcangelo* (Capitani) (as Fulvio Bertuccia); *Una su tredici* (*Twelve Plus One*) (Gessner) (as Mario "Mike" Beretti); *La pecora nera* (Salce) (as Filippo/Giulio)
- 1970 "La bomba alla televisione" ep. in *Contestazione generale* (Zampa) (as Riccardo); *Il divorzio* (Guerrieri) (as Leonardo); *Brancaleone alle Crociate* (Monicelli) (title role); *Scipione detto anche l'Africano* (Magni) (title role)
- 1971 *Il nome delle popolo italiano* (Risi) (as Lorenzo Santenocito); *L'udienza* (Ferrerri) (as Prince Donati)
- 1972 *Che c'entriamo noi con la rivoluzione?* (Corbucci) (as Guido Guidi)
- 1973 *La Tosca* (Magni) (as Scarpia)
- 1974 *C'eravamo tanto amati* (Scola) (as Gianni); *Profumo di donna* (*Scent of a Woman*) (Risi) (as Capt. Fausto Censolo)
- 1975 *A mezzanotte va la ronda del piacere* (*The Immortal Bachelor*; *Midnight Pleasures*; *Qui comincia l'avventura*) (Fondato) (as Andrea Sansani)
- 1976 *Telefoni bianchi* (Risi) (as Franco Denza); *Come una rosa al naso* (*Pure as a Rose*) (Risi) (as Antonie Mancuso); "La bomba" ep. of *Signore e signori, buonanotte* (Monicelli) (as Tuttunpezzo); *Le désert des Tartares* (*Il deserto dei Tartari*; *The Desert of the Tartars*) (Zurlini) (as Filimore); *Anima persa* (Risi) (as Fabio Stolz)
- 1977 "Tantum Ergo," "Like a Queen," and "The Inn" eps. of *I nuovi mostri* (*Viva Italia!*; *The New Monsters*) (Monicelli, Risi, and Scola) (several roles)
- 1978 *A Wedding* (Altman) (as Luigi Corelli)
- 1979 *Quintet* (Altman) (as San Cristoforo); *Due pezzi di pane* (Citti) (as Pippo Mifa); *Caro papà* (Risi) (as Albino Millozza); *La terrazza* (Scola) (as Mario)
- 1980 *Camera d'albergo* (Monicelli) (as Achille Mengaroni); *The Nude Bomb* (Clive Donner) (as Nino Salvatore Sebastiani); *Sono fotogenico* (Risi)
- 1981 *Il turno* (Ceroi) (as Ciro Coppa); *Sharkey's Machine* (Burt Reynolds) (as Victor)
- 1982 *Tempest* (Mazursky) (as Alonzo)
- 1983 *Benvenuta* (Delvaux) (as Livio Carpi)
- 1984 *La Vie est un roman* (*Life Is a Bed of Roses*) (Resnais) (as Walter)
- 1985 *Le Pouvoir du mal* (*The Power of Evil*; *Paradigma*) (Zanussi) (as Gotfried); *I soliti ignoti vent'anni dopo* (*Big Deal on Madonna Street—Update*) (Todini) (as Peppe the Panther)
- 1987 *La famiglia* (*The Family*) (Scola) (as Carlo/Carlo's Grandfather); *I picari* (*The Picaros*) (Monicelli) (as Baron)
- 1989 *Lo zio indegno* (*The Sleazy Uncle*) (Brusati) (as Uncle Lucca)
- 1990 *Mille et une nuits* (*Sheherazade*) (de Broca) (as Sinbad); *Tolgo il disturbo* (Risi); *Come un bambino* (Risi)
- 1991 *Dimenticare Palermo* (*The Palermo Connection*) (Rosi) (as Prince)
- 1992 *Quando eravamo repressi* (*When We Were Repressed*) (Quartullo) (as the sexologist); *El Largo Invierno* (*The Long Winter*) (Camino) (as Claudio)
- 1994 *Tutti Gli anni una volta l'anno* (*Once a Year, Every Year*) (Lazotti) (as Giuseppe); *Abraham* (Sargent—for TV)
- 1996 *Sleepers* (Levinson) (King Benny)
- 1997 *Deserto di fuoco* (Castellari—for TV) (as Tarek)
- 1998 *La Cena* (Scola) (as Maestro Pezzullo)
- 1999 *Luchino Visconti* (Lizzani) (as himself); *Astérix et Obélix contre César* (Zidi); *La Bomba* (Base) (Don Vito Bracalone)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1956 *Kean* (title role, + co-sc)
- 1969 *L'alibi* (co-d, role as Vittorio, + co-sc)
- 1972 *Senzo famiglia, nullatenenti, cercano affetto . . .* (as Armando, + co-sc)
- 1982 *Di padre in figlio*
- 1988 *L'Altro enigma* (Gassman/Tuzii)

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Of Austrian and Italian parentage, Vittorio Gassman appeared in dozens of stage plays before making his movie debut in *Preludio d'amore*. Another of his early films, Giuseppe De Santis's *Riso*

amaro, with Gassman opposite Silvana Mangano in what was considered a shockingly erotic work, was a box-office success, focusing on Gassman's considerable international attention. After playing the role of Casanova in *Il cavaliere misterioso*—and while doing intermittent stage roles, many of them classical—he was again teamed with Mangano in Alberto Lattuada's *Anna*, another commercial success.

His handsome looks and casually arrogant manner suggested him as a leading man, and he did eventually become a matinee idol in Italy. After marrying the American actress Shelley Winters, he signed a contract with MGM and made four U.S. films, all at least respectable, though none really caught on. So Gassman returned to Italy, starring in Robert Rossen's *Mambo*, Robert Z. Leonard's *La donna più bella del mondo*, and as Anatole in King Vidor's *War and Peace*.

After acting in and co-directing (with Francesco Rosi) *Kean*, a film about the great English actor, and appearing in Lattuada's *Tempest*, Gassman starred in Mario Monicelli's entertaining caper satire, *I soliti ignoti*, playing a slaphappy ex-boxer and incompetent crook. From that point on, he specialized in comedy, garnering better reviews as a comedian than in roles as a dramatic leading man, for which he had been criticized frequently for overacting.

His favorite director has been Dino Risi, and he has worked in 15 of his films. Other directors he has publicly acknowledged his indebtedness to are Mario Monicelli, who helped Gassman change the direction of his career from strained dramatic lead to deft comedian by offering him his first comic role in *I soliti ignoti*; and Ettore Scola, who cast him in each of the first four feature films he directed. Gassman also acted in two late-1970s films by American director Robert Altman, *A Wedding* and *Quintet*.

Perhaps his most triumphant performance was in Dino Risi's comedy-drama, *Profumo di donna*, which earned Gassman the Best Actor Award at the 1975 Cannes Film Festival for his performance as a blind rogue forced to rely on his other senses. A comeback of sorts for Gassman—critically, that is, for his career had never floundered commercially—*Profumo di donna* was yet another demonstration that Gassman's forte remains comedy, which brings out his joie de vivre and light touch, and short-circuits his occasional tendency to overact.

—Bill Wine

GAYNOR, Janet

Nationality: American. **Born:** Laura Gainor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 6 October 1906. **Education:** Attended public schools in Chicago and elsewhere; San Francisco Polytechnical High School, graduated 1923. **Family:** Married 1) the film producer Lydell Peck, 1929 (divorced 1933); 2) the costume designer Gilbert Adrian, 1939 (died 1959), son: Robin; 3) the producer Paul Gregory, 1964. **Career:** 1924—began acting as extra at Hal Roach Studio; then female leads in Peewee Holmes and Ben Corbin Westerns at Universal; 1926—contract with Fox; 1927—first film with Charles Farrell, *Seventh Heaven* (last film together in 1934); 1928—contract with Fox; 1939—retired following second marriage; 1951—with Charles Farrell, repeated role in *Seventh Heaven* on Lux Radio Theatre; 1950s—occasional TV appearances; 1959—stage debut in *The Midnight Sun*, Boston and Philadelphia. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *Seventh Heaven*, *Street Angel*, and *Sunrise*, 1927/28. **Died:** In Palm Springs, California, 14 September 1984.



Janet Gaynor

Films as Actress:

- 1926 *The Johnstown Flood (The Flood)* (Cummings); *The Shamrock Handicap* (Ford); *The Midnight Kiss* (Cummings); *The Blue Eagle* (Ford); *The Return of Peter Grimm* (Scherzinger)
- 1927 *Seventh Heaven* (Borzage) (as Diane); *Sunrise (Sunrise—A Song of Two Humans)* (Murnau) (as the Wife); *Two Girls Wanted* (Alfred E. Green)
- 1928 *Street Angel* (Borzage) (as Angela); *Four Devils* (Murnau) (as Marion); *Fox Talent Movietone* (short)
- 1929 *Christina* (William K. Howard) (title role); *Lucky Star* (Borzage) (as Mary Tucker); *Sunny Side Up* (David Butler) (as Molly Carr)
- 1930 *Happy Days* (Stoloff) (as guest); *High Society Blues* (David Butler) (as Eleanor Divine); *The Man Who Came Back* (Walsh) (as Angie)
- 1931 *Daddy Long Legs* (Santell) (as Judy Abbott); *Merely Mary Ann* (Henry King) (title role); *Delicious* (David Butler) (as Heather Gordon)
- 1932 *The First Year* (William K. Howard) (as Grace Livingston); *Tess of the Storm Country* (Santell) (as Tess Howland)
- 1933 *State Fair* (Henry King) (as Margy Frake); *Adorable* (Dieterle) (as the Girl); *Paddy, the Next Best Thing* (Lachman) (title role); *La ciudad de carton (Cardboard City)* (King)
- 1934 *Carolina (The House of Connelly)* (Henry King) (as Joanna); *Change of Heart* (Blystone) (as Catherine Furness); *Servants' Entrance* (Lloyd) (as Hedda Nilsson)

- 1935 *One More Spring* (Henry King) (as Elizabeth Cheney); *The Farmer Takes a Wife* (Fleming) (as Molly Larkins)
- 1936 *Small Town Girl* (Wellman) (as Kay Brannan); *Ladies in Love* (Edward W. Griffith) (as Martha Kerenye)
- 1937 *A Star Is Born* (Wellman) (as Esther Victoria Blodgett/Vicki Lester)
- 1938 *Three Loves Has Nancy* (Thorpe) (as Nancy Briggs); *The Young in Heart* (Wallace) (as George-Ann Carleton)
- 1957 *Bernardine* (Levin) (as Mrs. Wilson)

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In *Movies in the Age of Innocence*, Edward Wagenknecht writes, “It would be hard to say whether Janet Gaynor is better remembered for her silent or her sound films, but her spirit was that of the silent years, and nobody could possibly have ended them more pleasantly.” Gaynor did star for slightly longer in talkies than she did in silent features, but her characterizations were quite definitely formed during the earlier period; she was sweet and sentimental as only a silent ingenue could be, and was a perfect type for Depression-era audiences. She embodied cuteness, but it was never cloying or offensive. Perhaps appropriately, her last screen appearance (after many years of

retirement) was in *Bernardine*, which starred the 1950s idea of cuteness in the form of Pat Boone.

Gaynor’s persona suggested the child-woman image which Mary Pickford had created, and, indeed, Janet Gaynor remade two of Pickford’s silent features as talkies: *Daddy Long Legs* and *Tess of the Storm Country*. Yet Gaynor’s characters were a little more sophisticated than Pickford’s, a little more worldly-wise. As the director Victor Schertzinger once commented, “She has the maturity of the ages, and yet is singularly youthful.”

Under Murnau’s direction in *Sunrise*, Gaynor is subdued, very much the German Hausfrau, with a blond wig complementing the harsh makeup she wears. This is perhaps the most untypical Gaynor performance in that Murnau gives the majority of the emotional scenes to her leading man, George O’Brien. The same is not true of Gaynor’s films for Frank Borzage, *Seventh Heaven* and *Street Angel*, in which the actress is given free rein for her emotional outbursts.

In *Seventh Heaven* she reaches the height of happiness in the symbolic wedding sequence with Charles Farrell, and the peak of angry emotion as she takes a whip to Gladys Brockwell, running her out of the home she and Farrell have created for themselves. Both *Seventh Heaven* and *Street Angel* illustrate the range of Gaynor’s acting ability; in both she grows from a weak, frightened, disillusioned girl into a woman who knows love and experiences an inner strength.

Another key Gaynor-Farrell teaming came in the touching and at times profound part-talkie melodrama, *Lucky Star*, which was rediscovered and theatrically rereleased in the early 1990s. She plays a poor drudge who loves Farrell, who has been paralyzed from the waist down during the war. Gaynor brings to the role a freshness, a hopeful quality in the face of adversity.

Gaynor’s first all-talkie, *Sunny Side Up*, is delightful for its songs—“If I Had a Talking Picture of You,” “I’m a Dreamer,” and the title number—but it is also embarrassing because of the babylike voices emanating from its stars, Gaynor and Farrell. That they were featured together in seven more films is extraordinary, but that Gaynor and Farrell managed to remain so overpoweringly popular is even more remarkable. In fact, Janet Gaynor settled into a comfortable niche as a talkie star. Who else, for example, could have played Will Rogers’s daughter in *State Fair*? The actress’s last great screen role was as Esther Blodgett in the first version of *A Star Is Born*, and it is curious that she should portray an actress reaching the pinnacle of her fame just as her own career was reaching its end.

—Anthony Slide, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

GERE, Richard

Nationality: American. **Born:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 31 August 1949. **Education:** Attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, two years. **Family:** Married the model Cindy Crawford, 1991 (divorced). **Career:** Summer season at Provincetown Playhouse, Massachusetts, at age 19; acted with the Seattle Repertory Theatre, one season; musician and composer; actor in New York: in plays off and on Broadway; in Young Vic production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, London; 1975—film debut in *Report to the Commissioner*; 1980s—involved with environmental groups. **Address:** 26 East 10th Street, Penthouse, New York, New York 10003, U.S.A. **Agent:** Andrea Jaffe Inc., 9229 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 414, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.



Richard Gere and Bai Ling in *Red Corner*

Films as Actor:

- 1975 *Report to the Commissioner (Operation Undercover)* (Katselas) (as Billy); *Strike Force* (Shear—for TV)
- 1976 *Baby Blue Marine* (Hancock) (as marine raider)
- 1977 *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* (Richard Brooks) (as Tony Lopanto)
- 1978 *Days of Heaven* (Malick) (as Bill); *Bloodbrothers* (Mulligan) (as Thomas Stony DeCoco)
- 1979 *Yanks* (Schlesinger) (as Matt)
- 1980 *American Gigolo* (Schrader) (as Julian Kaye)
- 1981 *Reporters* (Depardon)
- 1982 *An Officer and a Gentleman* (Hackford) (as Zack Mayo)
- 1983 *Breathless* (McBride) (as Jesse Lujack); *Beyond the Limit* (Mackenzie) (as Dr. Eduardo Plarr)
- 1984 *The Cotton Club* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Dixie Dwyer); *The Honorary Consul* (Mackenzie)
- 1985 *King David* (Beresford) (title role)
- 1986 *Power* (Lumet) (as Pete St. John); *No Mercy* (Pearce) (as Eddie Jillette)
- 1988 *Miles from Home (Farm of the Year)* (Sinese) (as Frank Roberts Jr.)
- 1990 *Internal Affairs* (Figgis) (as Dennis Peck); *Pretty Woman* (Garry Marshall) (as Edward Lewis)
- 1991 *Rhapsody in August* (Kurosawa) (as Clark)
- 1992 *Final Analysis* (Joanou) (as Isaac Barr, + co-exec pr)
- 1993 *Sommersby* (Amiel) (as Jack, + co-exec pr); *Mr. Jones* (Figgis) (title role, + co-exec pr); *And the Band Played On* (Spottiswoode—for TV) (as choreographer)
- 1994 *Intersection* (Rydell) (as Vincent Eastman); *Unzipped* (as himself)
- 1995 *First Knight* (Zucker) (as Lancelot)
- 1996 *Primal Fear* (Hoblit) (as Martin Vail)
- 1997 *Red Corner* (Avnet) (as Jack Moore); *The Jackal* (Caton-Jones) (as Declan Mulqueen)
- 1999 *Runaway Bride* (Marshall) (as Homer Eisenhower 'Ike' Graham); *Autumn in New York* (Chen) (as Will); *Dr. T. and the Women* (Altman) (as Dr. T.)

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Whether raising consciousness about his Buddhist religion or treating an Academy Awards telecast as a political platform for his views, sincere Richard Gere is an adventurous soul open to a wide range of experiences. That is why it is so surprising that many of his screen performances suffer from a certain opaqueness, as if his emotions were something he chose to selectively instill in his work; such rationing does not culminate in memorable screen acting but apparently his followers felt capable of melting the beautiful control freak's reserve. Only since the liberating role of an utter rotter in *Internal Affairs* has Gere begun to flower as film actor rather than superstar.

From the outset, despite his Method Acting fireworks in *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* (where he is clearly outclassed histrionically by the less showy Tom Berenger), Gere became a star because of animal magnetism. Yet, judging from the evidence of his unconventional projects, Gere was never interested in pretty-boy immortality. Whether sublimating his love for Brooke Adams in order to secure a fortune in *Days of Heaven* or abnegating his family's traditions in *Bloodbrothers*, Gere registers as a passionate driving force in offbeat projects, but the audience is never sure exactly what he is driving at. After the dizzying career momentum of *An Officer and a Gentleman* and *American Gigolo*, the rebel continued to thumb his nose at what was expected of him. In *Officer*, he rises above the horrendously dated man's-man

stereotypes and beyond Debra Winger's stridency. Having demonstrated the old-fashioned charisma this military soap hungered for, he then replaced John Travolta in the glistening tribute to eighties narcissism, *American Gigolo*, a preposterously arty film in which Gere's sangfroid complemented the movie's sleek superficial surfaces. He seemed to have found a specialty: arctic-blooded social misfits thawed out by man-hungry dames.

Having lulled his fan club into a false sense of security, however, the matinee idol risked his mainstream status by daring to appear ridiculous in a biblical epic, *King David* (just as he had earlier defied conventional wisdom by starring as a gay concentration camp victim in Broadway's *Bent*). Trashed by critics for his next few outings, Gere seemed to sleepwalk through such movies as *The Cotton Club*; in a way he was David Duchovny before there was a David Duchovny, but the Gere deep-freeze started turning people off. After a flawed but wrenchingly well-acted power-to-the people tract called *Miles from Home*, Gere found his footing again as a crooked boy in blue. Matured somewhat by a pepper-gray hair color in *Internal Affairs*, Gere revealed an icy core of self-interest that not only fit the bastard he was playing but also made the actor more seductive than ever.

After penetrating the shell of law-and-order infected by sociopathy, Gere was easy on the eyes in the blockbuster, *Pretty Woman*—ceding the film to Julia Roberts in a fluffy but retrogressive glamorization of streetwalkers. Risking his neck to reactivate the stalled HBO property *And the Band Played On*, Gere was also willing to lend his box-office clout to a gentle Kurosawa drama, *Rhapsody in August*. An actor with a conscience, Gere remained a force to be reckoned with as a leading man. He shone with undiminished star-power in both the faux-Hitchcock, *Final Analysis*, and the glossy male weepie, *Intersection*, a remake of a French film that lost something in translation. Sadly, while these vehicles benefited from his dashing movie star flair, the clumsy *First Knight* returned him to square one with his ludicrous Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Sometimes, Gere's time-travel could be rewarding, however. In a role that took full advantage of his nineties pliability, a less uptight Gere dazzled in *Sommersby*, the Civil War revamp of *The Return of Martin Guerre*. As a rootless opportunist willing to sacrifice his life to give a false identity credibility, Gere assumed the mantle of the idealized, quixotic lover, a screen image that one hopes to see him specialize in.

After this high-point as a romantic wayfarer, Gere seemed in danger of becoming a dilettante viewing his career as a means to support his political and spiritual causes. In the 90's, a regrettable lack of commitment surfaced in his genre choices. For every stylish *Primal Fear*, in which the Grey Fox matched wits with a sociopath, he would plunge half-heartedly into hawking conventional movie heroics. One can understand his attraction to the convoluted Chinese-baiting thriller *Red Corner*, because it provided a forum for addressing human rights issues. However, this improbable odyssey squeezed an Ugly American protagonist into an expose of Commie corruption. If this movie was well intentioned but compromised, another star vehicle pitted him against Bruce Willis in *The Jackal*, which was as close to sheer summer escapism as Gere has ventured in his career. Uncomfortable in the macho hero spotlight, Gere floundered in this testosterone-drenched remake of Fred Zinneman's cerebral spine-tingler, *Day of the Jackal*. Scrambling to give two stars equal import, this thriller became a house divided against itself.

Fortunately Gere was able to bask in the refracted glory of his *Pretty Woman* co-star in the enchanting *Runaway Bride*. Once again,

Roberts brought out the mischief in him and enabled Gere to relax onscreen. Of all Roberts' romantic comedy co-stars, Gere is the vis-à-vis with whom she generates the most chemistry. Although another re-union would be welcome, in the meantime, this maturing matinee idol needs to find a balance between projects that appeal to his interests and traditional entertainments that could bolster his stardom. Sometimes, Gere's spirituality can register as mere placidity onscreen, and it would behoove him to rediscover the drive that led him to acting in the first place.

—Robert Pardi

GIBSON, Mel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Peekskill, New York, 3 January 1956. **Education:** Attended National Institute of Dramatic Art, 1977. **Family:** Married Robyn Moore, 1980, seven children. **Career:** Moved to Australia in 1968; member of the State Theatre of New South Wales, Sydney; 1977—film debut in *Summer City*; 1983—in stage production of *Death of a Salesman*, Sydney; 1993—directing debut with *The Man without a Face*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Australian Film Award, for *Tim*, 1979, and for *Gallipoli*, 1981; Best Director Academy Award, Best Picture Academy Award (as co-producer), and Golden Globe for Best Director, for *Braveheart*, 1995. **Agent:** Ed Limato, ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *Summer City* (Fraser) (as Scollop)
- 1979 *Tim* (Pate) (title role); *Mad Max* (George Miller) (title role)
- 1980 *Attack Force Z* (Burstall) (as Captain Paul G. Kelly)
- 1981 *Gallipoli* (Weir) (as Frank Dunne)
- 1982 *The Road Warrior* (*Mad Max 2*) (George Miller) (title role); *The Year of Living Dangerously* (Weir) (as Guy Hamilton)
- 1984 *The Bounty* (Donaldson) (as Fletcher Christian); *The River* (Rydell) (as Tom Garvey); *Mrs. Soffel* (*Dear Hearts*) (Gillian Armstrong) (as Ed Biddle)
- 1985 *Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome* (*Mad Max 3*) (George Miller and George Ogilvie) (title role)
- 1987 *Lethal Weapon* (Richard Donner) (as Martin Riggs)
- 1988 *Tequila Sunrise* (Towne) (as Dale McKussic)
- 1989 *Lethal Weapon 2* (Richard Donner) (as Martin Riggs)
- 1990 *Bird on a Wire* (Badham) (as Rick Jarmin); *Hamlet* (Zeffirelli) (title role); *Air America* (Spottiswoode) (as Gene Ryack)
- 1992 *Lethal Weapon 3* (Richard Donner) (as Martin Riggs); *Forever Young* (Miner) (as Daniel)
- 1993 *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice)
- 1994 *Maverick* (Richard Donner) (title role)
- 1995 *Pocahontas* (Gabriel and Goldberg—animation) (as voice of Captain John Smith); *Casper* (Silberling) (cameo)
- 1996 *Ransom* (Ron Howard) (Tom Mullen)
- 1997 *Fairy Tale: A True Story* (Sturridge) (as Frances' Father—uncredited); *Father's Day* (Reitman) (cameo); *Conspiracy Theory* (Donner) (as Jerry Fletcher)

- 1998 *Lethal Weapon 4* (Donner) (as Martin Riggs)
- 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman and McCarthy) (as himself); *Payback* (Helgeland) (as Porter); *The Million Dollar Hotel* (Wenders) (Skinner)
- 2000 *Chicken Run* (Lord I/Park) (as Rocky the Rooster); *The Patriot* (Emmerich) (as Colonel Benjamin "The Ghost" Martin); *What Women Want* (+ pr)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1993 *The Man without a Face* (as Justin McLeod)
- 1995 *Braveheart* (as William Wallace, + co-pr)

Other Films

- 2000 *Ordinary Decent Criminal* (O'Sullivan) (pr); *The Three Stooges* (Franley) (exec. pr—for TV)

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American-born, Australian-raised, Mel Gibson is a throwback to the chiseled-featured cinema gods of Hollywood's Golden Age. Like Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power, and Robert Taylor, he is comfortable time-traveling through any historical period to save the downtrodden, but this hero-for-all-seasons is a more accomplished actor than any of his predecessors.

After crafting an uncluttered performance as a low IQ youth smitten with an older woman in *Tim*, Gibson reversed sensitivity gears in a series of macho Australian adventures that put him on the

international movie public's map (the conventional military rescue mission in *Attack Force Z*, the antiwar soldier boy ode of *Gallipoli*, the apocalyptic survival guide of *Mad Max*). In the *Mad Max* sequel, *The Road Warrior*, Gibson finished construction on the earlier blueprint of his persona: the glowering man-of-action ready with a quip or a fist, as need be. But he savvily broadened his range in *The Year of Living Dangerously* to include a weakness for women and a streak of self-serving practicality. Looking every inch the packaged star whether behind the prow (*The Bounty*) or behind the plow (*The River*), Gibson floundered a bit from trying to fit generic heroic molds until he picked up a *Lethal Weapon*, charged by a newfound affinity for danger which tagged him as not only daring but reckless. When his outlaw restaurateur dreamily wooed Michelle Pfeiffer in atomic-powered charismatic splendor in *Tequila Sunrise*, audiences cheered a rarity who could be accepted as both action maven and matinee idol. Immensely likable, the quick-witted Gibson aimed his own secret weapon, those baby-blue eyes of his, to melt the defenses of Hollywood's reigning female stars, but the *Lethal Weapon* movies revealed something more distinctive than his sex appeal. Out Mad-Maxing Mad Max himself, megastar Gibson sailed past being a dependable righter-of-wrongs and became a rash vigilante who had an intuitive

grasp of criminal minds. There but for the grace of God went his Martin Riggs, and that element of surprise (contemplating suicide is practically a hobby), lent these flicks a cutting black-comedy edge before the formula grew stale. As a maestro of drawing moviegoers into theaters, Gibson only misjudged his fans' tolerance levels with *Air America*, a no-brainer comedy about CIA smugglers.

More felicitously, his other crowd-pleasers mesh the character of the brawling loose cannon with the image of poetic connoisseur of women; it is unlikely any of Gibson's contemporaries could have stopped the frozen-in-time romance of *Forever Young* from becoming cloying. In addition to his smooth-as-velvet turn as a confidence man in *Maverick* in which he has to match wits with cardsharps James Garner and Jodie Foster while severely straining his imperturbability, Gibson offered irrefutable evidence that he was more than an extremely pretty face with a multidimensional *Hamlet* that should have won him an Oscar nomination. More than a case of just silencing dumbfounded critics by not tripping over the iambic pentameter, Gibson grasped the Prince of Denmark's moody intransigence fluctuating with angry impatience; Hamlet and Martin Riggs are soulmates.

Acclaimed also as debuting director for his male weepie, *The Man without a Face*, Gibson demonstrated a shrewdness for adding texture to his established image and a true gift for eliciting performances from his cast—even if the film itself was a case of “Mr. Chips Says Goodbye to the Beauty and the Beast.” Even more worrisome than the thick sentimentality is a streak of homophobia which snaked through *Man without a Face* (and had earlier reared its ugly head in *Bird on a Wire*, in which Mel tosses off a cruel, dated impersonation of a hairdresser). In his incredibly popular *Braveheart*, the antigay rumblings get lost amidst the power-to-the-people sloganizing. Gibson was applauded for starring in and directing this cloddish spectacular because it allegedly revived the Hollywood Epic, but any second-unit director can give you scope and panorama. Tediously surging with self-importance, *Braveheart* lets Mel do his double-dare-you dance in kilts, but as the extras' limbs keep getting lopped off, the film registers less as a historical chronicle than as a medieval slasher film. More noteworthy as an affable player than a moviemaker, Gibson should make certain his movie-star savoir faire is rationed in roles that do not reduce his gallantry to the swelled-headed heroics of a star hogging everything including the camera. And isn't it time to stop legitimizing the vanity of actors-turned-directors such as Gibson and Kevin Costner simply for not getting flustered when confronted with casts of thousands?

—Robert Pardi

GIELGUD, (Sir) John

Nationality: British. **Born:** Arthur John Gielgud in London, England, 14 April 1904; brother of the writer Val Gielgud; grandnephew of the actress Ellen Terry. **Education:** Attended Hillside preparatory school, Godalming; Westminster School, London; studied acting at Lady Benson's School; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, under Claude Rains. **Career:** 1921—super at Old Vic, London; in London production of *The Wheel*; 1922–24—with J. B. Fagan's

company in Shakespeare repertory; 1924—film debut in *Who Is the Man?*; 1928—New York debut in *The Patriot*; 1930—in *Hamlet* at the Old Vic, the first of several celebrated productions of the role: in 1936 on Broadway, his *Hamlet* set a Broadway performance record; 1947—directed *The Importance of Being Earnest* in New York, followed by directing and acting in plays; also actor on television, including the mini-series *QB VII*, 1974, *Edward VII*, 1974, *Brideshead Revisited*, 1981, *War and Remembrance*, 1988–89, *The Strauss Dynasty*, 1991, and *Scarlett*, 1994. **Awards:** Best British Actor, British Academy, for *Julius Caesar*, 1953; Best Supporting Actor, British Academy, for *Murder on the Orient Express*, 1974; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Providence*, 1977; Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *Arthur*, 1981; Best Supporting Actor Award, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, for *Plenty* and *The Shooting Party*, 1985. Knighted, 1953. **Died:** 21 May 2000.

Films as Actor:

- 1924 *Who Is the Man?* (Summers) (as Daniel)
- 1929 *The Clue of the New Pin* (Maude) (as Rex Trasmere)
- 1932 *Insult* (Lachman) (as Henri Dubois)
- 1933 *The Good Companions* (Saville) (as Inigo Jollifant)
- 1934 *Full Fathom Five* (Lye—short) (as voice)
- 1936 *Secret Agent* (Hitchcock) (as Edgar Brodie)
- 1939 *Hamlet* (Boisen—doc) (title role)
- 1941 *The Prime Minister* (Dickinson) (as Disraeli); *An Airman's Letter to His Mother* (Powell—short) (as voice)
- 1943 *Unfinished Journey* (Cekalski—short)
- 1944 *Shakespeare's Country* (Lawrence—short) (as voice)
- 1946 *A Diary for Timothy* (Jennings)
- 1948 *Hamlet* (Olivier) (as voice of Ghost)
- 1953 *Julius Caesar* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Cassius)
- 1954 *Romeo and Juliet* (Giulietta e Romeo) (Castellani) (as narrator of prologue)
- 1955 *Richard III* (Olivier) (as Clarence)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Foster)
- 1957 *Saint Joan* (Preminger) (as Warwick); *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Franklin) (as Mr. Barrett)
- 1958 *The Immortal Land* (Wright—doc) (as narrator)
- 1964 *Becket* (Glennville) (as Louis VII); *Hamlet* (Colleran—for TV, filmed record of Gielgud's New York theater production) (as voice of the ghost)
- 1965 *The Loved One* (Richardson) (as Sir Francis Hinsley)
- 1966 *Campanadas a Medianoche* (*Chimes at Midnight*; *Falstaff*) (Welles) (as Henry IV)
- 1967 *Assignment to Kill* (Sheldon Reynolds) (as Curt Valayan); *To Die in Madrid* (English-language version of *Mourir à Madrid*) (Rossif) (as narrator); *October Revolution* (English-language version of *Revolution d'Octobre*) (Rossif) (as narrator)
- 1968 *Mr. Sebastian* (*Sebastian*) (David Greene) (as Head of British Intelligence); *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Richardson) (as Lord Raglan); *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (Anderson) (as the Elder Pope)
- 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Count Berchtold)
- 1970 *Eagle in a Cage* (Cook) (as Lord Sissal); *Julius Caesar* (Burge) (title role)



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- 1972 *Lost Horizon* (Jarrott) (as Chang); *Probe* (Search) (Mayberry—for TV)
- 1973 *Frankenstein: The True Story* (Smight—for TV)
- 1974 *11 Harrowhouse* (Avakian) (as Meecham); *Gold* (Hunt) (as Farrell); *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Beddoes); *Galileo* (Losey) (as Cardinal)
- 1976 *Aces High* (Gold) (as Headmaster); *Joseph Andrews* (Richardson) (as Doctor)
- 1977 *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (Strick) (as Preacher); *Providence* (Resnais) (as Clive Langham)
- 1978 *Murder by Decree* (Clark) (as Lord Salisbury); *Caligula* (Gore Vidal's *Caligula*) (Brass) (as Nerva); *Les Misérables* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Valjean's father)
- 1979 *The Conductor* (Wajda) (title role); *The Human Factor* (Preminger) (as Brigadier Tomlinson)
- 1980 *The Elephant Man* (Lynch) (as Carr Gomm); *The Formula* (Avildsen) (as Dr. Esau); *Priest of Love* (Miles) (as Herbert G. Muskett)
- 1981 *Arthur* (Gordon) (as Hobson); *Sphinx* (Schaffner) (as Abdu); *Lion of the Desert* (Omar Mukhtar) (Akkad—produced in 1979) (Akkad) (as Sharif el Gariani); *Chariots of Fire* (Hudson) (as Master of Trinity); *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Torturer); *Inside the Third Reich* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Speer's father)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (as Lord Irwin); *The Vatican Pimp* (as Pope Pacelli)
- 1983 *The Wicked Lady* (Winner) (as Hogarth); *Wagner* (Palmer—for TV) (as Pfistermeister); *The Scarlet and the Black* (London—for TV)
- 1984 *Scandalous* (Cohen) (as Uncle Willie); *The Shooting Party* (Bridges) (as Cornelius Cardew); *Buddenbrooks* (Wirth—for TV) (as narrator); *Camille* (Desmond Davis—for TV); *Frankenstein* (Ormerod—for TV); *Ingrid* (Feldman—for TV); *Invitation to the Wedding* (Joseph Brooks) (as the Rev. Clyde Ormiston); *The Far Pavilions* (Duffell—for TV)
- 1985 *Romance on the Orient Express* (Clark—for TV); *Plenty* (Schepisi) (as Sir Leonard Darwin); *Leave All Fair* (Reid) (as John Middleton Murry); *Time after Time* (Hays) (as Jasper Swift)
- 1986 *Theban Plays by Sophocles* (for TV); *The Whistle Blower* (Langton) (as Sir Adrian Chapple); *The Canterville Ghost* (Bogart—for TV)

- 1987 *Quartermaine's Terms* (Hays—for TV); *Barbablu, Barbablu* (Bluebeard, Bluebeard) (Carpi)
- 1988 *Appointment with Death* (Winner) (as Colonel Carbury); *Arthur 2: On the Rocks* (Yorkin) (as Hobson); *A Man for All Seasons* (Charlton Heston—for TV) (as Wolsey)
- 1989 *Getting It Right* (Kleiser) (as Sir Gordon Munday); *Summer's Lease* (Friend—for TV)
- 1990 *A TV Dante* (Greenaway and Phillips); *Strike It Rich* (James Scott) (as Herbert Dreuther)
- 1991 *Prospero's Books* (Greenaway) (as Prospero)
- 1992 *Shining Through* (Seltzer) (as Konrad Friedrichs, "Sunflower"); *The Power of One* (Avildsen) (as Headmaster St. John); *Swan Song* (Branagh—short) (as Svetlovidov)
- 1994 *Lovejoy: The Lost Colony* (for TV) (as Wakering); *Hand in Glove* (for TV) (as Percival Pike Period); *The Best of Friends* (for TV) (as Sydney Cockerell)
- 1995 *First Knight* (Zucker) (as Oswald)
- 1996 *Gulliver's Travels* (Sturridge—for TV); *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Priam); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino); *Shine* (Hicks) (as Cecil Parkes); *The Leopard Son* (Van Lawick) (as Narrator); *The Portrait of a Lady* (Campion) (as Mr. Touchett); *Hamlet* (Branagh) (Priam)
- 1997 *A Dance to the Music of Time* (Morahan, Rakoff—for TV) (as St. John Clarke)
- 1998 *The Tichborne Claimant* (Yates) (as Cockburn); *Elizabeth* (Kapur) (as Pope Paul IV); *Merlin* (Barron) (as King Constant); *Quest for Camelot* (Du Chau) (as Merlin)
- 2000 *Catastrophe* (Mamet—for TV)

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Sir John Gielgud belongs to a dynastic acting family that goes back through the nineteenth century, and included his great-aunt Ellen Terry, whose work with Henry Irving illuminated the later nineteenth-century theater in Britain and America. He was therefore destined by family connections to go on the stage, and he was blessed with romantic good looks and a uniquely beautiful voice. Trained at Britain's leading drama school, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA), he started his stage career in 1921. By the 1930s, he and Laurence Olivier had become the leading Shakespearean actors of their generation. Indeed, Gielgud, Olivier, and Ralph Richardson are considered by many to be the three best English actors, ever. Gielgud never played romantic leads in movies as a youth, as he registered better on stage. Nevertheless, he has always given his all to whatever role he is cast in. Even playing the butler in *Arthur*, Gielgud brought depth to his character.

The theater was always to remain his principal artistic outlet, as his best film appearances have tended to be in Shakespearean adaptations—as an incisive Cassius in Joseph Mankiewicz's *Julius Caesar*, as a benign Clarence in Olivier's *Richard III*, as a coldly formal Henry IV in Orson Welles's *Chimes at Midnight*, and as a proudly imperious Caesar in Stuart Burge's *Julius Caesar*. His work for the screen dates back to the silent film *Who Is the Man?*, but belongs essentially to sound film. He made an effective young lead in the adaptation of J. B. Priestley's *The Good Companions*, appeared in Hitchcock's *Secret Agent*, played the autocratic father in Sidney Franklin's version of *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, and was nominated for an Oscar for his Louis VII of France in *Becket*. He has claimed that he learned the hard way to recast his image from the new generation of theater-film directors, notably Lindsay Anderson. "You need a young public to strip your work of its affectations," he said in 1979. As a whole, his later films have scarcely been distinguished, with the exception of cameo appearances in *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, *Murder on the Orient Express*, and Joseph Strick's *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, but he gave a masterly performance as the elderly and disillusioned writer in Alain Resnais's *Providence*.

In more recent years, Gielgud made appearances on PBS's *Mystery* series. Even in his advancing age, he did not let his acting lapse into "cruise control"—he gave a brilliant, intense performance every time.

—Roger Manvell, updated by Linda J. Stewart

GIRARDOT, Annie

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, 25 October 1931. **Education:** Studied acting with Henry Bosc and Jean Meyer; then studied at the Paris Conservatory under Henri Collan. **Family:** Married the actor Renato Salvatori, 1962, daughter: Julia. **Career:** 1954–57—member of the Comédie Française; 1955—film debut in *Treize à table*; has also acted on radio and television, and in cabaret; stage work includes Visconti's productions of *Two for the Seesaw* and *After the Fall*; 1960—spoken role in ballet *Persephone*, La Scala, Milan; 1992—in TV mini-series *Delitti Privati*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Venice Film Festival, for *Trois chambres à Manhattan*, 1965; César Award, for *Docteur Françoise Gailland*, 1975. **Address:** 25 place des Vosges, 75003 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1955 *Treize à table* (Hunebelle)
- 1956 *Reproduction interdite* (Grangier); *L'Homme aux clefs d'or* (Joannon)
- 1957 *Le Rouge est mis* (Grangier); *L'Amour est en jeu* (*Ma femme, mon gosse, et moi*) (Marc Allégret); *Le Désert de Pigalle* (Joannon); *Maigret tend un piège* (*Maigret Lays a Trap*; *Inspector Maigret*) (Delannoy) (as Yvonne Maurin)
- 1960 *La Corde raide* (*Lovers on a Tightrope*) (Dudremet) (as Cora); *Recours en grâce* (Benedek); "Le Divorce" ep. of *La Française et l'amour* (*Love and the Frenchwoman*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Danielle); *La Proie pour l'ombre* (Astruc) (as Anna); *Rocco e i suoi fratelli* (*Rocco and His Brothers*; *Rocco et ses freres*) (Visconti) (as Nadia)
- 1961 "Les comédiennes" ep. of *Amours célèbres* (Boisrond); *Le Rendez-vous* (Delannoy)
- 1962 *Le Bateau d'Emile* (Rossi) (as Fernande); *Pourquoi Paris?* (de la Patellière); *Le Vice et la vertu* (*Vice and Virtue*) (Vadim) (as Juliette); "L'affaire Fenayrou" ("The Fenayrou Case") ep. of *Le Crime ne paie pas* (*Crime Does Not Pay*; *The Gentle Art of Murder*) (Oury) (as Gabrielle Fenayrou); *Il Giorno più corto* (Corbucci) (as guest); *Smog* (Rossi) (as Gabriella)
- 1963 *La donna scimmia* (*The Ape Woman*) (Ferreri) (as Maria); *I compagni* (*The Organizer*; *The Strikers*; *Les Camarades*) (Monicelli) (as Niobe); *I fuorilegge del matrimonio* (Orsini, Vittorio Taviani, and Paolo Taviani) (as Margherita)
- 1964 *La Bonne Soupe* (*The Good Soup*) (Thomas) (as young Marie-Paule); *L'Autre Femme* (*La Otra Mujer*; *Quella terribile notte*) (Villiers); *Un Monsieur de compagnie* (*Male Companion*) (de Broca) (as Clara); "Il Principe Azzuro" ep. of *Le Belle famiglie* (Gregoretti)
- 1965 *La ragazza in prestito* (*Engagement Italiano*) (Giannetti) (as Clara); *Declic et des claques* (Clair); *Trois chambres à Manhattan* (Carné) (as Kay); *L'Or de Duc* (Baratier) (as guest)
- 1966 "Djibouti" ep. of *La Guerre secrète* (*La guerra segreta*; *Spione unter sich*; *The Dirty Game*; *The Dirty Agents*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Nanette/Monique); *Una voglia da morire* (Tessari); *Zhurnalist* (*Journalist*) (Gerasimov) (as guest)
- 1967 "La strega bruciate viva" ("The Witch Burned Alive") ep. of *Le streghe* (*The Witches*) (Visconti) (as Valeria); *Vivre pour vivre* (*Live for Life*) (Lelouch) (as Catherine Colomb); *Les Anarchistes ou la Bande à Bonnot* (Fourastié)
- 1968 *Erotissimo* (Pirès) (as Annie); *Les Gauloises bleues* (Cournot) (as Mother); *Bice skoro propast sveta* (*It Rains in My Village*) (Petrovic); *La Vie, l'amour, la mort* (*Life Love Death*) (Lelouch) (as woman in film); *Dillinger è morto* (*Dillinger Is Dead*) (Ferreri) (as maid)
- 1969 *Metti, una sera a cena* (*Disons, un soir à dîner*) (Patroni Griffi) (as Giovanna); *Un Homme qui me plaît* (*Love Is a Funny Thing*; *Again a Love Story*; *Un Tipo chi mi piace*) (Lelouch) (as Françoise); *Il seme dell'uomo* (*The Seed of Man*) (Ferreri) (as Anna); *Storia di una donna* (*Story of a Woman*) (Bercovici) (as Liliana Cardini)
- 1970 *Le Clair de terre* (Gilles); *Les Novices* (Casaril) (as Mona Lisa); *Elle boit pas, elle fume pas, elle drague pas . . . mais elle cause* (Audiard); *Mourir d'aimer* (Cayatte)
- 1971 *Les Feux de la chandeleur* (Korber)
- 1972 *La Mandarine* (Molinaro) (as Séverine); *La Vieille Fille* (Blanc) (as Muriel Buchon); *Elle cause plus . . . elle flingue* (Audiard) (as Rosemonde); *Traitement de choc* (*Shock Treatment*) (Jessua) (as Hélène); *Il n'y a pas de fumée sans feu* (Cayatte)
- 1973 *Ursule et Grelu* (Korber) (+ pr); *Juliette et Juliette* (Forlani)
- 1974 *La Gifle* (*The Slap*) (Pinoteau) (as Hélène Doulean)
- 1975 *Il sospetto* (Maselli); *D'amour et d'eau fraîche* (Blanc); *Il faut vivre dangereusement* (Makovski); *Le gitan* (Giovanni) (as Ninie); *Il pleut sur Santiago* (Soto); *Docteur Françoise Gailland* (*No Time for Breakfast*) (Bertucelli) (title role)
- 1976 *Cours après moi que je t'attrape* (Pouret); *A chacun son enfer* (*Autopsie d'un monstre*; *Jedem sein Hölle*) (Cayatte)
- 1977 *Le Dernier Baiser* (Grassian); *Jambon d'Ardenne* (Lamy); *Le Point de mire* (Tramont)
- 1978 *La zizanie* (Zidi); *Vas-y maman* (de Buron); *L'Amour en question* (Cayatte); *La Clé sur la porte* (Boisset); *Le Cavaleur* (*Practice Makes Perfect*; *The Skirt Chaser*) (de Broca) (as Lucienne); *Tendre Poulet* (*Dear Inspector*; *Dear Detective*) (de Broca) (as Lise Tanquerelle)
- 1979 *Cause toujours . . . tu m'intéresses!* (Molinaro); *L'ingorgo* (*Traffic Jam*) (Comencini) (as Irene); *Bobo Jacco* (*Jacko and Lise*) (Bal) (as Magda)
- 1980 *Le Coeur à l'envers* (Apprédérès); *On a volé la cuisse de Jupiter* (*Jupiter's Thigh*) (de Broca) (as Lise Tanquerelle); *Une Robe noire pour un tueur* (Giovanni)
- 1981 *All Night Long* (Tramont) (as French teacher)
- 1982 *La Vie continue* (Mizrahi) (as Jeanne)
- 1983 *Père Noel et fils* (Frederick)
- 1984 *Souvenirs, souvenirs* (Zeitoun)
- 1985 *Adieu Blaieau* (Decout) (as Colette); *Partir, revenir* (*Going and Coming Back*) (Lelouch) (as Hélène Rivière); *Olga e i suoi figli* (Nocita); *Io e il duce* (*Mussolini and I*) (Negrin—for TV); *Liste noire* (*Blacklist*) (Bonnot) (as Jeanne Tufour)
- 1988 *Prisonnières* (Silvera) (as Marthe); *La Tête dans les nuages* (Vecchiali)
- 1989 *Cinq jours en juin* (Legrand) (as Marcelle); *Comédie d'amour* (Rawson) (as Le Fleau)
- 1990 *Il y a des jours . . . et des lunes* (*There Were Days and Moons*) (Lelouch) (as woman alone); *Toujours seuls* (Mordillat) (as Mme. Chevillard)

- 1991 *Merci la vie* (*Thanks for Life*) (Blier) (as the Old Mother)
 1993 *A Cry in the Night* (Spry) (as Reine)
 1994 *Les Braqueuses* (*Girls with Guns; The Hold-up Girls*) (Salome) (as Mere Cecile)
 1995 *Les Misérables* (Lelouch) (as farmer's wife)
 1996 *Shangai 1937* (Patzak); *Les Bidochons* (Serge Korber); *L'Âge de braise* (*When I Will Be Gone*) (Leduc) (as Caroline Bonhomme)
 1997 *Nuda proprietà vendesi* (Oldoini—for TV) (as Costanza)
 1998 *Préférence* (Delacourt) (as Blanche)

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Annie Girardot launched her acting career at the Paris Conservatoire where she studied for stage performance and maintained a successful apprenticeship in the theater for several years. Brought up in the dark days of the German occupation, she won a place in the Comédie Française where Jean Cocteau called her "The finest dramatic temperament of the postwar period." But her inability to contain her need to take risks and experiment within the rigid dictates of the Comédie propelled Girardot toward the cinema. She received immediate attention for her performance in *L'Homme aux clefs d'or*, which earned her the Suzanne Bianchetti prize. It was this role that brought her to the attention of Luchino Visconti who cast her with Alain Delon and her future husband, Renato Salvatori, in *Rocco e i suoi fratelli*.

Though the early part of her career was marked by her comedic performances with the Comédie, her early screen career was circumscribed by darker roles when, in the mid-1950s, she was routinely cast as a woman of dubious morality invariably doomed to a violent end. After her debut in *Treize à table*, she appeared for Joannon in

L'Homme aux clefs d'or as a blackmailing vamp, and in his sentimental *Le Désert de Pigalle* as a hardened prostitute redeemed by love but stabbed to death. She performed the role of the prostitute in routine police dramas *Le Rouge est mis* and *Reproduction interdite*, a deceptive wife in *Maigret tend un piège*, a scheming adulteress in *Le Crime ne paie pas*, and a Gestapo general's mistress in *Le Vice et la vertu*. Although never less than competent in these limited parts, her true potential was revealed as Nadia, the gangland harlot of Visconti's *Rocco e i suoi fratelli*. Her depiction of the reformed but sexually abused prostitute suffering in her humiliation was both poignant and compelling.

In the 1960s and 1970s she continued to work extensively with Italian directors in both serious and comic roles. In France her performances have been associated with the directors Philippe de Broca, André Cayatte, and Claude Lelouch, and the actor Philippe Noiret. With de Broca her talent for comedy flourished. After the early *Un Monsieur de compagnie*, she was Lucienne in the broad sexual farce *Le Cavaleur*, and her success as the female detective Lise Tanquerelle, comically caught between personal and professional roles, in *Tendre Poulet* led to the sequel *On a volé la cuisse de Jupiter*. In the two latter films she was partnered by Philippe Noiret with whom she has also appeared in more dramatic roles: in *Le Rendez-vous* as the female detective; in *La Vieille Fille* as the withdrawn spinster Muriel Buchon falling in love with an equally shy bachelor; and in *La Mandarine* as Séverine deserting her boring husband for an attractive teenager. For Cayatte there were socially, or morally conscious roles, particularly in *Mourir d'aimer* as the middle-aged teacher, ostracized and driven to suicide after an affair with a pupil. Lelouch also drew on her talents for emotionally charged roles. She gave a reserved, dignified performance as the deceived but forgiving wife Catherine Colomb in *Vivre pour vivre*; she was the vivacious Françoise destined to finish unhappily with Belmondo in the sentimental melodrama *Un Homme qui me plaît*; and in *Partir, revenir* she was the jealous mother Hélène Rivière, who commits suicide after denouncing her daughter to the Nazis.

Other more notable roles were as Anna, a career woman torn between her husband and her lover in *La Proie pour l'ombre*; as a vulnerable woman of fading beauty murdering a corrupt, exploitative doctor in *Traitement de choc*; as the neurotic Kay discovering love in *Trois chambres à Manhattan*; as a lonely woman finding companionship with a telephone caller in *Cause toujours . . . tu m'intéresses!*; as Colette the unhappy mistress of a gangster in *Adieu Blaireau*; and again as a desperately lonely woman on the point of breakdown in *Il y a des jours . . . et des lunes*. Maternal roles are found in *Le Coeur à l'envers*, where she struggles with incestuous desires; in *Liste noire*, where she seeks to avenge her daughter's death at the hands of gangsters; and in *Souvenirs, souvenirs*, where she has to cope with a difficult teenage daughter.

It is perhaps in her lighter roles as an exuberant comic actress that Annie Girardot has enjoyed most popular appeal. In *Les Novices* she was Mona Lisa, a kindly but cynical prostitute using an ambulance as a traveling brothel; in *La Bonne Soupe* she was Marie-Paule, the irrepressible orphan who seduces her way to the top; and in *Erotissimo* she portrayed the inventive housewife Annie rekindling her husband's flagging sexual interest. Furthermore, her verve and professionalism have frequently rescued indifferent films.

Girardot has appeared in more than 60 films and has become one of France's few box-office stars on a popularity level with Belmondo, Delon, and Montand, and as critically acclaimed as Moreau or Signoret. Equally adept at strong social drama (as evidenced by her

work with Cayatte and Visconti) and light distinctive comedy (as in her work for de Broca), she is the epitome of a French star.

—R. F. Cousins, updated by Kelly Otter

GISH, Lillian

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lillian Diana Gish in Springfield, Ohio, 14 October 1896 (some sources say 1893). **Education:** Briefly attended Ursuline Academy, East St. Louis, Illinois. **Career:** About 1902—stage debut in Rising Sun, Ohio, in *The Little Red Schoolhouse*; 1903–04—with mother and sister Dorothy, toured in *Her First False Step*; 1905—danced with Sarah Bernhardt production in New York City; 1908–11—lived with aunt in Massillon, Ohio, and with mother in East St. Louis, and briefly with father in Oklahoma; 1912—film debut as featured player, with sister, in *An Unseen Enemy* for D. W. Griffith; 1913—in Belasco production of *A Good Little Devil* starring Mary Pickford; collapsed during run of play with pernicious anemia; 1920—directed Dorothy Gish in *Remodeling Her Husband*; 1921—last film under Griffith's direction, *Orphans of the Storm*; joined Inspiration Films; 1924—\$800,000 contract with MGM; 1930—first talkie, *One Romantic Night*; resumed stage career in *Uncle Vanya*; 1930s—began working in radio; 1948—TV debut in Philco Playhouse production *The Late Christopher Bean*; 1969—began giving film lecture “Lillian Gish and the Movies: The Art of Film, 1900–1928.” **Awards:** Honorary Oscar, “for superlative artistry and for distinguished contribution to the progress of motion pictures,” 1970; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1984; D. W. Griffith Award, for “an outstanding career in motion pictures,” 1987. **Died:** In New York City, 27 February 1993.

Films as Actress:

- 1912 *An Unseen Enemy* (Griffith); *Two Daughters of Eve* (Griffith); *In the Aisles of the Wild* (Griffith); *The One She Loved* (Griffith); *The Musketeers of Pig Alley* (Griffith); *My Baby* (Frank Powell); *Gold and Glitter* (Frank Powell); *The New York Hat* (Griffith); *The Burglar's Dilemma* (Griffith); *A Cry for Help* (Griffith)
- 1913 *Oil and Water* (Griffith); *The Unwelcome Guest* (Griffith); *The Stolen Bride* (O'Sullivan); *A Misunderstood Boy* (Griffith); *The Left-Handed Man* (Griffith); *The Lady and the Mouse* (Griffith); *The House of Darkness* (Griffith); *Just Gold* (Griffith); *A Timely Interception* (Griffith); *Just Kids* (Henderson); *The Mothering Heart* (Griffith); *During the Round Up* (Griffith); *An Indian's Loyalty* (Frank Powell); *A Woman in the Ultimate* (Griffith); *A Modest Hero* (Griffith); *So Runs the Way* (Griffith); *The Madonna of the Storm* (Griffith); *The Blue or the Gray* (Cabanne); *The Conscience of Hassan Bey* (Cabanne); *The Battle at Elderbush Gulch* (Griffith)
- 1914 *The Green-Eyed Devil* (Kirkwood); *The Battle of the Sexes* (Griffith); *The Hunchback* (Cabanne); *The Quicksands* (Cabanne); *Home, Sweet Home* (Griffith); *Judith of Bethulia* (Griffith) (as the young mother); *Silent Sandy* (Kirkwood); *The Escape* (Griffith); *The Rebellion of Kitty Belle* (Cabanne); *Lord Chumley* (Kirkwood); *Man's Enemy* (Frank Powell);

- The Angel of Contention* (O'Brien); *The Wife*; *The Tear that Burned* (O'Brien); *The Folly of Anne* (O'Brien); *The Sisters* (Cabanne); *His Lesson* (Crisp) (as extra)
- 1915 *The Birth of a Nation* (Griffith) (as Elsie Stoneman); *The Lost House* (Cabanne); *Enoch Arden* (As Fate Ordained) (Cabanne); *Captain Macklin* (O'Brien); *Souls Triumphant* (O'Brien); *The Lily and the Rose* (Paul Powell)
- 1916 *Daphne and the Pirate* (Cabanne) (as Daphne); *Sold for Marriage* (Cabanne); *An Innocent Magdalene* (Dwan); *Intolerance* (Griffith); *Diane of the Follies* (Cabanne) (title role); *Pathways of Life*; *Flirting with Fate* (Cabanne); *The Children Pay* (Ingraham)
- 1917 *The House Built upon Sand* (Morrissey)
- 1918 *Hearts of the World* (Griffith) (as the Girl, Marie Stephenson); *The Great Love* (Griffith); *Liberty Bond* short (Griffith); *The Greatest Thing in Life* (Griffith); *The Romance of Happy Valley* (Griffith)
- 1919 *Broken Blossoms* (Griffith) (as Lucy Burrows); *True Heart Susie* (Griffith) (title role); *The Greatest Question* (Griffith)
- 1920 *Way Down East* (Griffith) (as Anna Moore)
- 1921 *Orphans of the Storm* (Griffith) (as Henriette Girard)
- 1923 *The White Sister* (Henry King) (as Angela Chiaromonte)
- 1924 *Romola* (Henry King) (title role)
- 1926 *La Bohème* (King Vidor) (as Mimi); *The Scarlet Letter* (Seastrom) (as Hester Prynne)
- 1927 *Annie Laurie* (Robertson) (title role); *The Enemy* (Niblo)
- 1928 *The Wind* (Seastrom) (as Letty Mason)
- 1930 *One Romantic Night* (Stein) (as Alexandra)
- 1933 *His Double Life* (Hopkins and William B. DeMille) (as Mrs. Alice Hunter)
- 1942 *The Commandos Strike at Dawn* (Farrow) (as Mrs. Bergesen)
- 1943 *Top Man (Man of the Family)* (Lamont) (as Beth Warren)
- 1946 *Miss Susie Slagle's* (Berry) (title role); *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor) (as Mrs. Laura Belle McCanles)
- 1948 *Portrait of Jennie (Jennie)* (Dieterle) (as Mother Mary of Mercy)
- 1955 *The Cobweb* (Minnelli) (as Victoria Inch); *The Night of the Hunter* (Laughton) (as Rachel); *Salute to the Theatres* (supervisor: Loud—short) (appearance)
- 1958 *Orders to Kill* (Asquith) (as Mrs. Summers)
- 1960 *The Unforgiven* (Huston) (as Mattilda Zachary)
- 1963 *The Great Chase* (Killiam—doc)
- 1966 *Follow Me, Boys!* (Tokar) (as Hetty Seiber)
- 1967 *Warning Shot* (Kulik) (as Alice Willows); *The Comedians* (Glenville) (as Mrs. Smith); *The Comedians in Africa* (short) (appearance)
- 1970 *Henri Langlois* (Hershon and Guerra) (as guest)
- 1976 *Twin Detectives* (Day—for TV)
- 1978 *A Wedding* (Altman) (as Nettie Sloan)
- 1981 *Thin Ice* (Aaron—for TV)
- 1983 *Hobson's Choice* (Cates—for TV)
- 1984 *Hambone and Hillie* (Watts) (as Hillie)
- 1986 *Sweet Liberty* (Alda) (as Cecelia Burgess); *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Hunt)
- 1987 *The Whales of August* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Sarah Webber)

Film as Director:

- 1920 *Remodeling Her Husband* (+ co-sc with Dorothy Gish as “Dorothy Elizabeth Carter”)



Lillian Gish and Lars Hanson in *The Scarlet Letter*

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"I was always having bright ideas and suffering for them," Lillian Gish wrote in her memoirs, describing her incredible performance on the ice floes in *Way Down East* (1920). Perhaps the actress who logged more hours of suffering on-screen than any other, Gish brought both dignity and complexity to the genre of silent melodrama. From the very beginning of her 85-year career, Gish dedicated her all to the art of acting, and, as is little-known about her, to writing, editing, and even directing. (Her one directing effort, *Remodeling Her Husband* [1920] is, unfortunately, lost.) The great director, D. W. Griffith, treated Gish as something close to a collaborator in many of their works together; she responded with a loyalty that bordered on devotion. Who else but Gish would write memoirs that are primarily about Griffith rather than herself?

Early in her career Gish demonstrated the restraint and subtlety that adds such depth to her performances. Even before her famous role in *Birth of a Nation* (1915), Gish had developed many of her characteristic poses: in *The Musketeers of Pig Alley* (1912) she cradles her cheek with her hand, a gesture that she later adapts by moving her pinky finger over to her mouth and chewing on her fingernail. Other early poses include the indignant thrust of an elbow as her fist goes to her hip, a head thrown down onto her arms in despair, and the prim pressing of her hands and pursing of her lips as she rebuffs an overzealous lover. Gish, under Griffith's encouragement, often improvised these "details" that came to define her ingenuous style. In *Broken Blossoms* (1919) she created the famous gesture of lifting the corners of her mouth with two fingers when her abusive father berates her for not smiling enough. She also suggested trailing her hair and her hand in the freezing water as she lay collapsed on the ice in *Way Down East*.

Gish studied literature and philosophy, fencing and dancing to prepare her mind and her body for acting. She practiced with the Denishawn Company of Los Angeles, which produced Martha Graham among other famous modern dancers. Similar to Bogart's expressive face, however, Gish's eyes and mouth were her primary instruments of communication. Upon hearing that her lover has been killed, in *The White Sister* (1923), she delivers the gaze that is found in so many of her films: wide-eyed, vulnerable, distant, and tragic. (The intertitle describes her as being in "a trance-like state of dry-eyed despair.") Some of Gish's most powerful moments on film occur when her stoic suffering gives way to an expressive panic. In the climatic scene of *Broken Blossoms*, she flings her body around a tiny room and expresses on her face all of the fear and terror of someone who is about to be beaten brutally. In a similar scene from *The Wind* (1928), Gish is shown clawing at a window pane, eyes wide in horror as she watches the wind uncover the dead body of her rapist.

Too often Gish's acting abilities have been undervalued because they are associated with the stereotype of the "simplistic" moral universe of melodramas. Rarely does Gish express any singular emotion; happiness is tinged with wistfulness, envy with irony, grief with hope. If there is any continuity in her roles it would have to be that her characters are always thoughtful. Gish allows the viewer to watch as her characters progress from one emotion to another, so one can follow as her True Heart Susie first feels disbelief, then horror, then irony touched by hysterical laughter and, finally, a weary acceptance when she discovers her lover plans to wed another; or, again, in *Way Down East*, when Anna baptizes her dying child, the grief, desperation, and loneliness of her character are all discreetly visible in her facial expression and bodily action. Gish's characters are never entirely predictable. Unlike the tableau poses of earlier melodramatic acting, Gish's emotional moments flow together realistically and logically while still retaining an element of surprise.

While Gish's reputation has been established primarily on the basis of her extensive silent film career, she found equal fame on the stage and in sound film and television. After studying voice lessons, her speaking characters appear as natural and as unpretentious as her silent performances. She eased quite gracefully into "older" roles, such as the tough-as-nails, shotgun-toting mother of orphans in *The Night of the Hunter* (1955), or the self-sacrificing sister to a bitter Bette Davis in *The Whales of August* (1987). These final film performances demonstrate Gish's talent for refining and adapting her

craft, even as film technology and trends in film acting styles changed radically during her prodigious career.

—Elizabeth Coffman

GLOVER, Danny

Nationality: American. **Born:** San Francisco, California, 22 July 1947. **Education:** San Francisco State University, degree in economics; studied acting at Black Actors' Workshop, American Conservatory Theatre, beginning in 1975. **Family:** Married Asake Bomani, 1975; children: Mandisa. **Career:** Actor. Began acting in the late 1960s with San Francisco State University's Black Students Union; evaluator of social programs, City of Berkeley, California; researcher, Office of the Mayor, San Francisco, California, 1971–75; recorded books on tape for children and adults, including *Long Walk to Freedom* (reading of Nelson Mandela's autobiography), Time Warner Audio Books, 1996; appeared on TV series *Hollywood Squares*, 1998. **Awards:** NAACP Image Award, for *Mandela*, 1988; Independent Spirit Award for Best Actor, for *To Sleep with Anger*, 1990; inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame, 1990; Phoenix Award, Black American Cinema Society, 1990; honorary D.H.L., Paine College, 1990; Cable Ace Award, for *America's Dream*, 1996; star on the Walk of Fame, 1996; honorary D.F.A., San Francisco State University, 1997; appointed Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Development Program, 1998; NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Motion Picture, for *Beloved*, 1999. **Office:** Carrie Productions, 4444 West Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91505. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Films as Actor:

- 1979 *Escape from Alcatraz* (Siegel) (as Inmate)
- 1981 *Chu Chu and the Philly Flash* (Rich) (as Morgan); *Oscar Micheaux, Film Pioneer* (as Oscar Micheaux)
- 1982 *Out (Deadly Drifter)* (Hollander)
- 1983 *Memorial Day* (Sargent—for TV) (as Willie Monroe); "Chiefs" (London—mini, for TV) (as Marshall Peters); *The Face of Rage* (Wrye—for TV) (as Gary)
- 1984 *Iceman* (Schepisi) (as Loomis); *Places in the Heart* (Benton) (as Moze)
- 1985 *And the Children Shall Lead* (Pressman—for TV); *Silverado* (Kasdan) (as Mal); *The Color Purple* (Spielberg) (as Albert); *Witness* (Weir) (as McFee)
- 1987 *Mandela* (Saville—for TV) (as Nelson Mandela); *Lethal Weapon* (Donner) (as Roger Murtaugh)
- 1988 *Bat*21* (Markle) (as Captain Bartholomew Clark)
- 1989 *Lethal Weapon 2* (Donner) (as Roger Murtaugh); *Dead Man Out (Dead Man Walking)* (Pearce—for TV) (as Alex); *Lonesome Dove* (Wincer—mini, for TV) (as Joshua Deets); *A Raisin in the Sun* (Duke—for TV) (as Walter Lee)
- 1990 *Flight of the Intruder* (Milius) (as CDR Frank "Dooke" Camparelli); *To Sleep with Anger* (Burnett) (as Harry Mention) (+ exec pr); *Predator 2* (Hopkins) (as Lt. Mike Harrigan)

- 1991 *Grand Canyon* (Kasdan) (as Simon); *Pure Luck* (Tass) (as Raymond Campanella); *A Rage in Harlem* (Duke) (as Easy Money)
- 1992 *The Talking Eggs* (Sporn) (as Narrator); *Lethal Weapon 3* (Donner) (as Roger Murtaugh)
- 1993 *Bopha!* (Freeman) (as Micah Mangena); *The Saint of Fort Washington* (Hunter) (as Jerry); *Queen* (Erman—mini, for TV) (as Alec Haley)
- 1994 *Maverick* (Donner) (as Bank Robber [uncredited]); *Angels in the Outfield* (Dear) (as George Knox)
- 1995 *Operation Dumbo Drop* (Wincer) (as Capt. Sam Cahill)
- 1996 *America's Dream* (Barclay, Duke, Sullivan) (as Silas) (+ exec pr)
- 1997 *Can't You Hear the Wind Howl? The Life & Music of Robert Johnson* (doc) (Meyer) (as Narrator); *Buffalo Soldiers* (Haid—for TV) (as Sergeant Wyatt) (+ exec pr); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Judge Tyrone Kipler [uncredited]); *Switchback* (Stuart) (as Bob Goodall); *Wild America* (Dear) (as Mountain Man [uncredited]); *Gone Fishin'* (Cain) (as Gus Green)
- 1998 *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner, Wells) (as voice of Jethro); *Beloved* (Demme) (as Paul D); *Antz* (Darnell, Johnson, Guterman) (as voice of Barbatus); *Lethal Weapon 4* (Donner) (as Roger Murtaugh)
- 1999 *The Monster* (as Henry Johnson); *Our Friend, Martin* (Smiley, Trippetti) (as voice of Train Conductor); *Wings Against the Wind* (Palcy); *Scared Straight! 20 Years Later* (Shapiro—for TV) (as voice of Narrator)
- 2000 *Freedom Song* (Robinson—for TV) (as Will Walker) (+ exec pr); *Boesman and Lena* (John Berry) (as Boesman)

Other Films:

- 1994 *Override* (for TV) (d)
- 1996 *Deadly Voyage* (Mackenzie—for TV) (exec pr)

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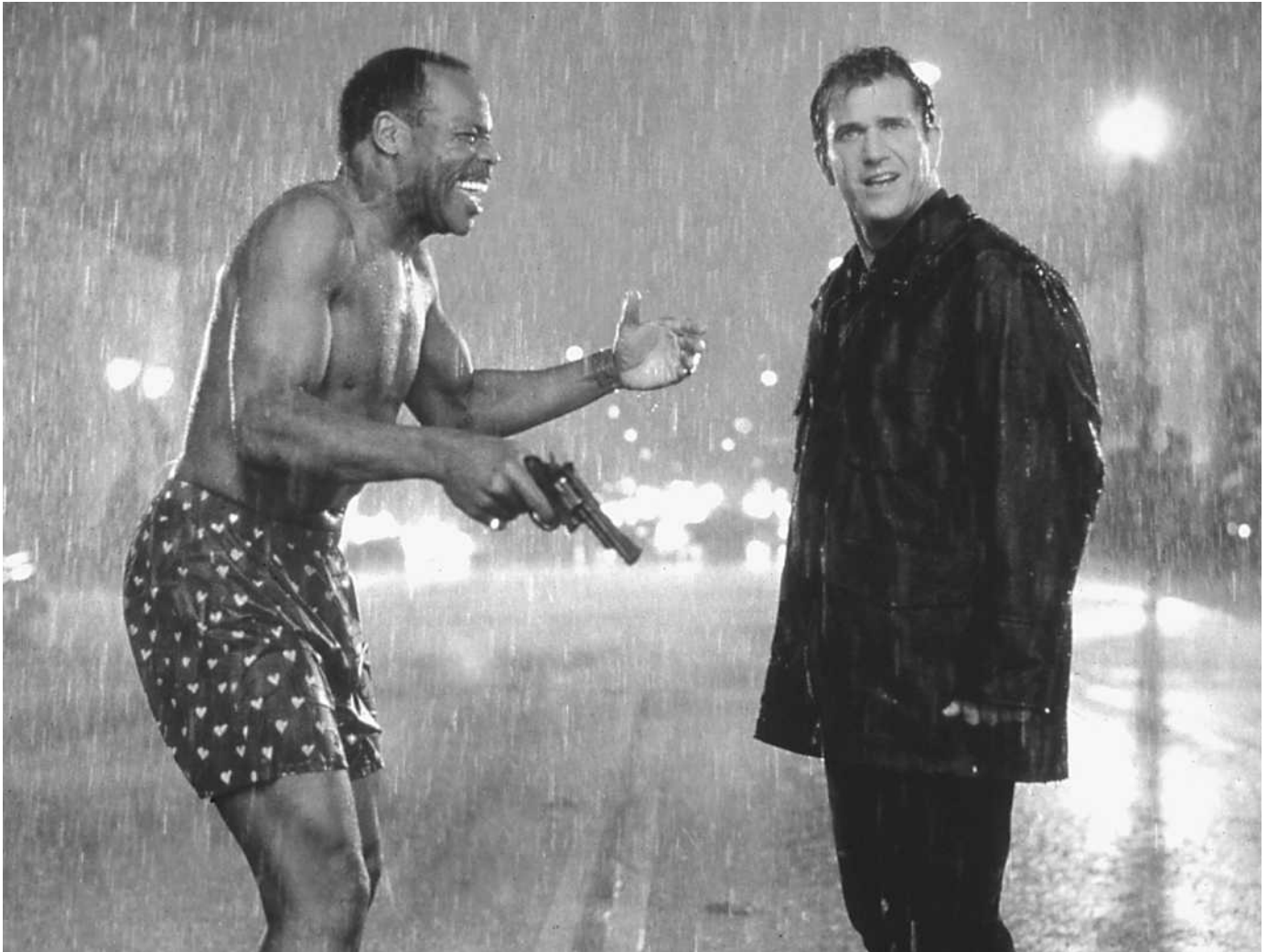
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During the last two decades, American filmgoers have found great amusement in movies that, for humorous effect, contrast conventional



Danny Glover (left) with Mel Gibson in *Lethal Weapon 4*

black and white styles. In the *Beverly Hills Cop* and *48 Hours* series, to take the best known examples, comedian Eddie Murphy runs his numbers on a succession of stolid and humorless ofay types, either middle-class cops and villains from the whitest of white suburbs or a not very classy (or clean) detective with no more wit or style than a can of pork and beans. The most memorable scenes in these films are the ones in which Murphy's ghetto moves and verbal jive help him negotiate what might be difficult, even dangerous moments. Confronted by suspicious smugglers, hassled by a bar full of racist rednecks, or confronted by an uppity hotel clerk, Murphy always slips through with verbal pyrotechnics or guile that would make Odysseus jealous.

The *Lethal Weapon* films offer similar enjoyments provided by the narrative excuse of a meaningless thriller plot, but with a twist. Here it is the white guy, self-destructive, impulsive Mel Gibson, who plays off the unruffled and very professional aplomb of his detective partner, a restrained Danny Glover who is constantly amazed by the zany antics of the unpredictable Gibson. It isn't just that Glover easily incarnates the conventional values of the black middle class—a strong desire for success, unwavering commitment to family, and a deeply felt respect for the ethical code of his profession. Glover also

exudes a gentleness that makes him the perfect victim of such shenanigans. He never gets angry, only exasperated.

It is this gentleness that allows Glover to do well with roles that might seem more suited to Gene Wilder's brand of whimsical, unthreatening masculinity. In *Angels in the Outfield*, Glover plays an apparently hard-bitten baseball manager frustrated with his team's incompetent athletes; an unsuspected heavenly intervention, revealed at first to the children who are these losers' biggest fans, soon makes him a believer in undeserved benevolence, for which he becomes a passionate spokesman. *Operation Dumbo Drop* (a Walt Disney Vietnam film) succeeds because Glover's warmhearted officer, who is concerned for the Montagnard villagers who have lost their elephant, is able to convert career-officer Ray Liotta into an animal lover willing to jump out of an airplane to save an errant pachyderm. In *The Saint of Fort Washington*, he is a lovable derelict (shades of Wilder's *Quakser Fortune has a Cousin Living in the Bronx*) who does an affecting and melodramatic turn with, of all people, Matt Dillon.

As a supporting actor, Glover regularly turns in a competent performance: as an almost sympathetic murdering cop in *Witness*; as a bank robber in *Maverick*; as a southern judge in *The Rainmaker*; as a kind-hearted family man who rescues Kevin Kline in *Grand*

Canyon; as the complex Mr. B, wife-beater and love slave, in *The Color Purple*; as a cowboy in *Lonesome Dove*; and so on. He has proven somewhat inept at both comedy (*Gone Fishin'*) and darker featured roles (playing a serial killer he is chillingly friendly but not scarily charismatic in *Switchback*).

He has been most impressive, however, in roles that enable him to make a statement about race. Dispossessed and rejected, he refuses to surrender to bitterness and comes to life as a cotton farmer in order to save the farm for Sally Field in *Places in the Heart*. His dedicated police officer in *Bopha* must abandon his unthinking cooperation with the system that oppresses his own people. In the Chester Himes adaptation, *A Rage in Harlem*, he is effective as a city slicker, the hustler Easy Money, providing depth and dramatic contrast in a well-directed ensemble cast. The surprisingly unpopular *Beloved* finds him as an ex-slave victimized by a white man, a dramatic foil to Oprah Winfrey's Sethe. He is excellent as Walter Lee in a TV production of *A Raisin in the Sun*, though less intense and more vulnerable than Sidney Poitier's defining interpretation of the character.

Though he has worked steadily and with competence throughout his long career, Danny Glover, however, has not yet found roles that could showcase his not inconsiderable acting talent. It is ironic, and revealing of the racial dynamics of the New Hollywood, that he has had his greatest popular success playing the straight man to Mel Gibson's berserker.

—R. Barton Palmer

GODDARD, Paulette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Pauline Marion Goddard Levee in Whitestone Landing, New York, 3 June 1911. **Education:** Attended Mount Saint Dominic's Academy, Caldwell, New Jersey. **Family:** Married 1) Edgar James, 1927 (divorced 1929); 2) the actor Charlie Chaplin, 1936 (divorced 1941); 3) the actor Burgess Meredith, 1944 (divorced 1949); 4) the writer Erich Maria Remarque, 1958 (died 1970). **Career:** 1925—model from age 14; 1926—stage debut in Ziegfeld's *No Fooling*; 1929–32—short contracts with Roach and Goldwyn; 1933–36—studied with Chaplin prior to starring with him in *Modern Times*; 1938—contract with David O. Selznick under special arrangement with Chaplin; 1939—seven-year contract with Paramount; began acting in radio productions; 1944—five-month USO tour of Far East; Paramount renewed contract for seven years; 1947—in *Winterset* at Abbey Theatre, Dublin; 1950s—occasional TV appearances. **Died:** Near Ronco, Switzerland, 23 April 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 *The Locked Door* (Fitzmaurice); *Berth Marks* (Lewis R. Foster—short) (as train passenger)
- 1931 *City Streets* (Mamoulian); *The Girl Habit* (Cline) (as lingerie salesgirl)
- 1932 *The Mouthpiece* (Flood and Nugent) (as girl at party); *Show Business* (White—short); *Young Ironsides* (Parrott—short); *Pack Up Your Troubles* (George Marshall and McCarey); *Girl Grief* (Parrott—short); *The Kid from Spain* (McCarey) (as “Goldwyn” girl)

- 1933 *Roman Scandals* (Tuttle)
- 1934 *Kid Millions* (Del Ruth)
- 1936 *Modern Times* (Chaplin) (as gamine); *The Bohemian Girl* (Horne and Rogers)
- 1938 *The Young in Heart* (Wallace) (as Leslie Saunders); *Dramatic School* (Sinclair) (as Nana)
- 1939 *The Women* (Cukor) (as Miriam Aarons); *The Cat and the Canary* (Nugent) (as Joyce Norman)
- 1940 *The Ghost Breakers* (George Marshall) (as Mary Carter); *The Great Dictator* (Chaplin) (as Hannah); *Northwest Mounted Police* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Louvette Corbeau); *Second Chorus* (Potter) (as Ellen Miller)
- 1941 *Pot o' Gold (The Golden Hour)* (George Marshall) (as Molly McCorkle); *Hold Back the Dawn* (Leisen) (as Anita Dixon); *Nothing but the Truth* (Nugent) (as Gwen Saunders)
- 1942 *The Lady Has Plans* (Lanfield) (as Sidney Royce); *Reap the Wild Wind* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Loxie Claiborne); *The Forest Rangers* (George Marshall) (as Celia Huston); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (George Marshall)
- 1943 *The Crystal Ball* (Nugent) (as Toni Gerard); *So Proudly We Hail* (Sandrich) (as Lt. Joan O'Doul)
- 1944 *Standing Room Only* (Lanfield) (as Jane Rogers); *I Love a Soldier* (Sandrich) (as Eva Morgan)
- 1945 *Duffy's Tavern* (Walker) (as guest); *Kitty* (Leisen) (title role)
- 1946 *Diary of a Chambermaid (Le Journal d'une femme de chambre)* (Renoir) (as Celestine)
- 1947 *Suddenly It's Spring* (Leisen) (as Mary Morely); *Variety Girl* (George Marshall) (as guest); *Unconquered* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Abigail Martha “Abby” Hale); *An Ideal Husband* (Korda) (as Mrs. Cheveley)
- 1948 *On Our Merry Way (A Miracle Can Happen)* (King Vidor and Fenton) (as Martha Pease); *Hazard* (George Marshall) (as Ellen Crane)
- 1949 *Bride of Vengeance* (Leisen) (as Lucretia Borgia); *Anna Lucasta* (Rapper) (title role)
- 1950 *Del odio nace el amor (The Torch; Bandit General)* (Fernández) (as María Dolores, + assoc pr)
- 1952 *Babes in Bagdad* (Ulmer) (as Kyra)
- 1953 *Vice Squad (The Girl in Room 17)* (Laven) (as Mona); *Paris Model* (Alfred E. Green) (as Betty Barnes); *Charge of the Lancers* (Castle) (as Tanya); *Sins of Jezebel* (Le Borg) (title role)
- 1954 *The Stranger Came Home (The Unholy Four)* (Fisher) (as Angie Vickers)
- 1964 *Gli indifferenti (A Time of Indifference)* (Maselli) (as Maria Grazia Ardengo)
- 1972 *The Snoop Sisters (Female Instinct)* (Leonard Stern—for TV) (as Norma Treet)

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Paulette Goddard (front row, right) with John Littel, Claudette Colbert, Lynn Walker, Lorna Gray, Kitty Kelly, Helen Lynd, Mary Treen, and Dorothy Adams in *So Proudly We Hail*

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Paulette Goddard began her career at age 14 as a Ziegfeld girl billed as "Peaches." Although she retired in her teens to wed a timber magnate, Edgar James, she embarked for Hollywood when her marriage failed and moved from bit parts in the 1930s to become one of Paramount's leading ladies in the 1940s. Goddard never allowed herself to be typecast, and variety best characterizes both her choice of roles and of husbands. Her pictures ranged from comedies to musicals and serious drama, and she played everything from the gamine to the frightened heroine and the siren.

After a series of very minor roles, she met Charles Chaplin (whom she eventually married), who gave her the part of the beautiful waif in his last silent release *Modern Times*. Her performance was fresh, seemingly spontaneous, and was widely praised. Her appearance almost netted her the part of Scarlett O'Hara, and she was under contract to Selznick until she was sold to Paramount. With the latter she had her first starring role in *The Cat and the Canary*, opposite Bob Hope. At Paramount and on loan to other studios she was to appear in a wide range of films, including musicals with Fred Astaire (*Second Chorus*) and James Stewart (*Pot o' Gold*), another Hope film (*Nothing but the Truth*) and, with Ray Milland, a spy film (*The Lady Has Plans*), a comedy (*The Crystal Ball*), and a hit costumer (*Kitty*). She received her only Oscar nomination, as best supporting actress, for her performance in a war drama (*So Proudly We Hail*), with Claudette Colbert and Veronica Lake. Goddard also appeared in Chaplin's *The Great Dictator*, their second and last film together (they later divorced).

Of all her roles, critics usually deem one of her best to have been in *Diary of a Chambermaid*, co-produced by Jean Renoir and Goddard's third husband, Burgess Meredith, and directed by Renoir. Goddard starred as an outspoken maid in a 19th-century French household, in what is often regarded as one of Renoir's best American films. Her career was in decline by the 1950s, however, and she appeared in a number of B pictures such as *Babes in Bagdad*, *The Sins of Jezebel*,

and *The Charge of the Lancers*. With her marriage to Erich Maria Remarque in 1958, she ceased working, appearing only in the Italian *Gli indifferenti* (based on an Alberto Moravia novel) in 1964 and making a rare television appearance in *The Snoop Sisters* in 1972.

—Frances M. Malpezzi, updated by Frank Uhle

GOLDBERG, Whoopi

Nationality: American. **Born:** Caryn Johnson in New York City, 13 November 1949 (some sources say 1955). **Education:** Attended the New York School for Performing Arts. **Family:** Married 1) (divorced 1974), one daughter: Alexandra; 2) David Claessen, 1986 (divorced 1988); 3) Lyle Trachtenberg, 1994 (separated). **Career:** 1974—moved to California; worked as mortuary beautician; worked in repertory theater with Blake Street Hawkeyes, Berkeley; also co-founder, San Diego Repertory Company, and member, Spontaneous Combustion improvisational group; 1983—*The Spook Show*, one-woman show off-Broadway, seen by Mike Nichols, led to Broadway run, 1984, and film debut in *The Color Purple*, 1985; 1990—in TV series *Bagdad Cafe*; 1988–93—occasional appearances in TV series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*; 1992–93—host of TV talk show *The Whoopi Goldberg Show*; profiled on *Inside the Actors Studio* (Bravo), 1994; 1994 and 1996—host of the Academy Awards; appeared as “center square” on *Hollywood Squares*, 1998. **Awards:**



Whoopi Goldberg

Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, for *Ghost*, 1990. **Address:** c/o CAA, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1985 *The Color Purple* (Spielberg) (as Celie)
- 1986 *Jumpin' Jack Flash* (Penny Marshall) (as Terry Doolittle)
- 1987 *Burglar* (Wilson) (as Bernice Rhodenbarr); *The Telephone* (Torn) (as Vashti Blue); *Scared Straight: 10 Years Later* (doc) (as host)
- 1988 *Fatal Beauty* (Holland) (as Rita Rizzoli); *Clara's Heart* (Mulligan) (as Clara Mayfield)
- 1989 *Homer and Eddie* (Konchalovsky) (as Eddie Cervi); *Beverly Hills Brats* (Sotos); *The Long Walk Home* (Pearce) (as Odessa Cotter); *Kiss Shot* (London)
- 1990 *Ghost* (Zucker) (as Oda Mae Brown)
- 1991 *Soapdish* (Hoffman) (as Rose Schwartz); *House Party 2* (Jackson) (as Professor)
- 1992 *Wisecracks* (Singer—doc); *Sister Act* (Ardolino) (as Deloris Van Cartier/Sister Mary Clarence); *Sarafina!* (Roodt) (as Mary Masembuko); *The Player* (Altman) (as Detective Avery); *The Magical World of Chuck Jones* (Daugherty)
- 1993 *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* (Duke) (as Deloris Van Cartier/Sister Mary Clarence); *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1* (Quintano) (as Sergeant York); *Made in America* (Benjamin) (as Sarah Matthews)
- 1994 *The Lion King* (Minkoff) (as voice of Shenzi the Hyena); *Naked in New York* (Algrant) (as Tragedy Mask); *Liberation* (Schwartzman—doc) (as narrator); *The Pagemaster* (Hunt and Johnston) (as Fantasy); *Corrina, Corrina* (Jessie Nelson) (title role); *The Little Rascals* (Spheeris) (as Buckwheat's mom); *The Celluloid Closet* (Epstein and Friedman—doc) (as interviewee); *Star Trek: Generations* (David Carson) (as Guinan)
- 1995 *Moonlight and Valentino* (Anspaugh) (as Sylvie Morrow); *Boys on the Side* (Herbert Ross) (as Jane DeLuca); *T. Rex* (Betuel) (as Kate)
- 1996 *The Associate* (Petrie); *Bogus* (Jewison); *Eddie* (Rash) (as Edwine “Eddie” Franklin)
- 1997 *In & Out* (Oz) (as Herself); *An Alan Smithee Film: Burn Hollywood Burn* (Hiller, Smithee) (as Herself); *In the Gloaming* (Reeve—for TV) (as Myrna); *Destination Anywhere* (Pellington) (as Cabbie); *Cinderella* (Iscoe—for TV) (as Queen Constantina)
- 1998 *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* (Kevin Rodney Sullivan) (as Delilah); *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Movie* (Kowalchuk) (as Stormella); *A Knight in Camelot* (Young—for TV) (as Vivien Morgan); *The Rugrats Movie* (Kovalyov, Virgien) (as Ranger Margaret)
- 1999 *Girl, Interrupted* (Mangold) (as Nurse Valerie); *Get Bruce* (Kuehn) (as herself); *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing—for TV) (Cheshire Cat); *The Deep End of the Ocean* (Grosbard) (as Nurse Candy Bliss); *Jackie's Back* (Townsend) (as Nurse Ethyl Washington Rue Owens); *Leprechauns* (Henderson—for TV) (as The Grand Banshee); *Our Friend Martin* (Smiley and Trippetti) (as Mrs. Peck)

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Whoopi Goldberg is a spunky, likable African-American character actress/comedienne whose many talents have transcended the industry's initially sorely underutilizing her.

Her debut performance in *The Color Purple* was proof of Goldberg's celluloid abilities. Based on Alice Walker's acclaimed novel,

the film is a stirring ode to African-American sisterhood which was controversial for its depiction of black males as inept, womanizing brutes and its many Academy Award nominations (including one for Goldberg, but excluding one for director Steven Spielberg) without earning a single statue. Goldberg offers a sensitive performance as the passive, much-abused Celie, a deceptively simple, multifaceted character who is "black . . . poor . . . ugly . . . (and) a woman (which means that she's) nothing at all." It is a difficult role, which Goldberg pulls off with the aplomb of a screen veteran.

After this promising debut, Goldberg found herself wasted in a series of uniformly dreadful features: *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, *Burglar*, *Fatal Beauty*, *Clara's Heart*, *The Telephone*, and *Homer and Eddie*. In each, her performance borders on self-caricature, with her character either being poorly defined or an overbearing know-it-all.

Goldberg's screen career was headed for oblivion when it was salvaged by her Oscar-winning turn in *Ghost*, the surprise smash of 1990. Nevertheless, her character—Oda Mae Brown, a storefront medium who conveys messages from a recently deceased Manhattanite (Patrick Swayze) to his grieving widow (Demi Moore)—is a throw-back to an ill-informed earlier era. Oda Mae is little more than a slimmed-down Hattie McDaniel: a sassy, bossy contemporary mammy whose role within the scenario is dependent upon those of the hero and heroine. She is an African-American stereotype, an unenlightened picture of a black woman for white moviegoers.

Fortunately for Goldberg, her success in *Ghost* did not lead to her being forever cast as a comical caricature. First she offered a solid performance in *The Long Walk Home* as a domestic in the American South in the 1950s; she later was to play a not-dissimilar role in *Corrina, Corrina*. After a fine turn as a police detective in Robert Altman's *The Player*—she was one of the few stars who appeared in the film playing a character, rather than in a cameo—Goldberg was perfectly cast in the smash-hit comedy *Sister Act* as an on-the-lam lounge singer who hides in a convent after witnessing a murder. The film was so successful that it inspired a sequel, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, and Goldberg has since had her pick of projects. The most impressive of these are: *The Lion King*, in which she is the voice of Shenzi, and the female buddy movies *Boys on the Side* and *Moonlight and Valentino*. The latter films serve in marked contrast to *Ghost* in that her characters—Jane in *Boys on the Side* and Sylvie Morrow in *Moonlight and Valentino*—are central to, rather than satellites of, the dramatic action, equal to, not subordinates of, her co-stars. Furthermore, they have come full circle from Celie in that they are anything but physically and psychologically beaten down by men; Jane and Sylvie are fully independent, modern, and contemporary—and Jane even is a lesbian.

Offscreen, Goldberg has found herself at the center of controversy. Her recipe for "Jewish American Princess Fried Chicken," published in a book titled *Cooking in Litchfield Hills*, offers instructions to "send a chauffeur to your favorite butcher shop for the chicken," "watch your nails" while shaking the chicken in a brown paper bag, and "have cook prepare rest of meal while you touch up your makeup." During her brief romance with Ted Danson, which began when they co-starred in *Made in America*, he showed up at a Friar's Club function in blackface and delivered an epithet-laden monologue intended, as he explained, "to amuse my dear friend Whoopi." Yet, observed an attendee, "Whoopi was the only one laughing."

But Goldberg has emerged unscathed. Furthermore, while a full-fledged movie star, she is not averse to appearing on the small screen.

She has been a regular on the television series *Bagdad Cafe* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, appeared on numerous musical and comedy specials, and even hosted her own syndicated talk show.

—Rob Edelman

GOLDBLUM, Jeff

Nationality: American. **Born:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 22 October 1952. **Education:** Courses in drama at Carnegie Mellon University; student of Sanford Meisner; teacher of acting at Playhouse West in Hollywood, California. **Family:** Married 1) Patricia Gaul, 1980 (divorced 1985); 2) Geena Davis, 1987 (divorced 1990). **Career:** Began acting career in theatre appearing with the New York Shakespeare Festival and Phoenix Theatre Co.; career highlights include voice-over/narration for commercials, documentaries, and animation; jazz pianist. **Awards:** National Association of Theater Owners, Star of Tomorrow Award, 1983; Saturn Award, Best Actor, for *The Fly*, 1987. **Address:** 8033 Sunset Boulevard, #367, Los Angeles, CA 90046, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1974 *Death Wish* (Winner) (as Attacker #1); *California Split* (Altman) (as Lloyd Harris)
 1975 *Nashville* (Altman) (as Tricycle Man)



Jeff Goldblum in *The Fly*

- 1976 *Next Stop, Greenwich Village* (Mazorsky) (as Clyde Baxter); *Special Delivery* (Wendkos) (as Snake); *St. Ives* (Thompson) (as Hood #3)
 1977 *Annie Hall* (Allen) (Party Guest); *Between the Lines* (Silver) (as Max Arloft); *The Sentinel* (Winner) (as Jack)
 1978 *Thank God It's Friday* (Klane) (Tony Di Marco); *Remember My Name* (Rudolph) (as Mr. Nudd); *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (Kaufman) (as Jack Bellicec)
 1980 *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (Schellerup—for TV) (as Ichabod Crane)
 1981 *Threshold* (Pearce) (as Aldo Gehring)
 1983 *The Big Chill* (Kasdan) (as Michael); *The Right Stuff* (Kaufman) (as Recruiter)
 1984 *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension* (Richter) (as New Jersey); *Into the Night* (Landis) (Ed Okin); *Ernie Kovacs: Between the Laughter* (Johnson—for TV) (as Ernie Kovacs)
 1985 *Transylvania 6–5000* (DeLuca) (as Jack Harrison); *Silverado* (Kasdan) (as Slick)
 1986 *The Fly* (Cronenberg) (as Seth Bundle)
 1987 *Beyond Therapy* (Altman) (as Bruce); *Race for the Double Helix* (Jackson—for TV) (as Jim Watson)
 1988 *Vibes* (Kwapis) (as Nick Deezy)
 1989 *Earth Girls Are Easy* (Temple) (as Mac); *The Tall Guy* (Smith) (as Dexter King)
 1990 *Mr. Frost* (Setbon) (as Mr. Frost); *El Sueño del mono loco* (*Twisted Obsession*) (Trueba) (as Dan Gillis); *Framed* (Parisot—for TV) (as Wiley)
 1992 *The Favor, The Watch and The Very Big Fish* (Lewn) (as Pianist); *Shooting Elizabeth* (Taylor) (as Howard Pidgeon); *The Player* (Altman) (as himself); *Father and Sons* (Mones) (as Max); *Deep Cover* (Duke) (as David Jason)
 1993 *Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Ian Malcolm); *Lush Life* (Elias) (as Al Gorky)
 1995 *Nine Months* (Columbus) (Sean Fletcher); *Powder* (Saluka) (as Donald Ripley); *Hideaway* (Leonard) (as Hatch Harrison)
 1996 *Mad Dog Time* (Bishop) (as Mickey Holliday); *Independence Day* (Emmerich) (as David Levinson); *The Great White Hype* (Hudin) (as Mitchell Kane)
 1997 *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Ian Malcolm)
 1998 *Holy Man* (Herek) (Ricky Hayman); *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman/Wells/Hickner) (as voice of Aaron)
 2000 *One of the Hollywood Ten* (Francis—for TV) (as Herbert Biberman); *Chain of Fools* (Taktor) (as Avnet); *Auggie Rose* (Tabak) (as John C. Nolan); *Perfume* (Rymer); *Like Cats & Dogs* (Guterman) (as Brody)

Films as Director:

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To contend that American actor Jeff Goldblum is possibly the hardest working performer in Hollywood might raise an eyebrow or two. However, a quick perusal of his biography reveals a remarkably long and respectable career in stage, television, and motion pictures, and a list of film credits reminiscent of the old-time movie stars of Hollywood's golden age.

Jeffrey Lynn Goldblum is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Goldblum confirms in *Entertainment Weekly* that both his parents "toyed with show business." He was smitten with acting fever in the 1960s when as a starry-eyed young boy, he spent many hours at the neighborhood picture show. These were the days when movie houses were motion picture palaces with balconies were filled with the noise

of unescorted kids; the time of Cinema-Scope epics *Godzilla* and end-of-the-world disaster tales very much like the ones in which Goldblum would eventually earn featured roles. The experience affected him profoundly, he confessed: "All I know is that early on, it was this wild, feverish kind of call for me, I was like, 'I've got to do this.'"

He received training in acting, studying with the legendary Sanford Meisner at New York's Neighborhood Playhouse. He honed his skills in live theatre appearing with the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Phoenix Theatre Company, and others. In 1974, he made his first film appearance as a crazed rapist in the New York vigilante tale *Death Wish*. This role presents quite a contrast for a man who in real life is seen by many and described by Svetky in *Entertainment Weekly* as a charming, "smart, likeable oddball." Indeed, Goldblum has earned a reputation as being an outsider of sorts, a eccentric who prefers to wear black and is known for his scattered speech—quirks that show up in one way or another in many of his film characters, rendering even decidedly small roles more memorable.

Throughout the 1970s Goldblum made creditable appearances in such films as Robert Altman's well-received *Nashville* (1975), Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* (1977), *Thank Good It's Friday* (1978), and the remake of the 1950s horror classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978).

In 1980, Goldblum co-starred in the short-lived television drama, *Tenspeed and Brown Shoe*. The detective drama, as described by Tim Brooks and Earle Marsh, featured entertainer Ben Vereen as Lionel "E. L. Turner" (Tenspeed), a "charming hustler of disguise" and Goldblum as "Lionel Whitney" (Brown Shoe) as Turner's toned and "somewhat naive foil." The two men ran a detective agency in the swank Sunset Boulevard section of Los Angeles. The program garnered praise but not enough ratings points and was cancelled after only a few episodes. Among other film productions of that decade, Goldblum appeared in the made-for-television movie, *Rehearsal for Murder* (1982), *The Right Stuff* (1983) *The Big Chill* (1983), and the 1984 cult classic, *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension*. He earned the leading role as pioneer television comic Ernie Kovacs in the television movie, *Ernie Kovacs: Between the Laughter* (1984).

Goldblum attracted public attention with his portrayal of the "slightly crazed scientist" in the 1986 remake of the 1950s horror film, *The Fly*. He endured five-hour make-up sessions to coordinate his metamorphosis into an insect. . . . Goldblum has created one of the most sympathetic man-monsters ever seen on screen," wrote Jack Matthews of the *Los Angeles Times*, "and the best work under this much latex since John Hurt's Oscar-nominated performance in *The Elephant Man*."

Goldblum played another scientist to much acclaim in 1996 when he was cast as Dr. Ian Malcolm in the Steven Spielberg directed blockbuster hit of the year, *Jurassic Park*. Though Goldblum had portrayed scientists many times, he suffused this role with personal touches. Instead of wearing a white lab coat and khaki trousers, Goldblum donned gold chains, biker boots, wrap-around shades, and a black, leather jacket. Goldblum oozed suavity and coolness as the consummate "anti-hero," noted Francesca Rievere in *Smoke*. The role catapulted him into true stardom.

Goldblum followed this success with another blockbuster hit in 1997. Goldblum, alongside popular actor and rap singer Will Smith, battles aliens who seek control of the Earth in *Independence Day*. The film is replete with a magnificent display of computer-generated special effects but manages to tell an interesting and compelling story. Like *Jurassic Park*, *Independence Day* surpassed box office records

to become one of the highest earning films of all time. Therefore, in the annals of American film history, notes Svetsky, Jeff Goldblum holds the distinction of having starred in two of top-grossing motion pictures of the twentieth century.

As the pages of the calendar open to the second century in the history of filmmaking, one can only surmise what the legacy will be for Goldblum who is young and presumably has many decades of filmmaking ahead. His recent projects include production of a film about the Hollywood Ten, the true story of McCarthy-era blacklisted director, Herbert Biberman. And, there are hints of a third sequel to *Jurassic Park*, a fitting undertaking for a well-established and popular actor seen as perhaps as one of Hollywood's more unique personalities.

—Pamala S. Deane

GONG LI

Nationality: Chinese. **Born:** Shenyang, China, 1965. **Family:** Formerly the constant companion of Zhang Yimou. **Education:** Studied acting at the Central Academy of Drama. **Career:** 1988—discovered by Zhang Yimou while an acting student, and cast in her screen debut, *Red Sorghum*; 1989—remained at the Central Academy of Drama as a teacher after graduation. **Awards:** Best Actress Award, Venice Festival, for *The Story of Qiu Ju*, 1992; Best Supporting Actress, New York Film Critics Circle, for *Farewell, My Concubine*, 1993.

Films as Actress:

- 1987 *Hong gaoliang (Red Sorghum)* (Zhang Yimou) (as Nine, the Grandmother)
- 1989 *The Empress Dowager* (Li Hanhsiang); *Daihao Meizhoubao (Operation Cougar)* (Zhang Yimou); *Qin Yong (A Terra-Cotta Warrior)* (Ching Siutung) (as Hon Tong)
- 1990 *Ju Dou* (Zhang Yimou) (title role)
- 1991 *Dahong Denglong Gaogao Guo (Raise the Red Lantern)* (Zhang Yimou) (as Songlian); *Back to Shanghai; Haomen Yeyan (The Banquet)* (Clifton Ko and Hark Tsui)
- 1992 *Mungding sifan (Mary from Beijing)* (Sylvia Chang) (as Ma Li); *Qiu Ju Da Guansi (The Story of Qiu Ju)* (Zhang Yimou) (as Wan Qiu Ju)
- 1993 *Ba Wang Bie Ji (Farewell My Concubine)* (Chen Kaige) (as Juxian); *The Flirting Scholar* (Richard Lee); *Demi-Gods and Semi-Devils*
- 1994 *To Live* (Zhang Yimou) (as Jiazhen); *Xi chu bawang (The Great Conqueror's Concubine)* (Stephen Shin) (as Lu Zhi); *La Peintre (Hua Hun; Soul of a Painter)* (Huang Shuquin) (as Pan Yuliang)
- 1995 *Yao yao yao dao waipo qiao (Shanghai Triad)* (Zhang Yimou) (as Ziao Jingbao); *Temptress Moon (Shadow of a Flower)* (Chen Kaige)
- 1996 *Feng yue (Temptress Moon)* (Kaige Chen) (as Pang Ruyi)
- 1997 *Chinese Box* (Wang) (as Vivian)
- 1999 *Jing ke ci qin wang (The Assassin)* (Chen) (as Lady Zhao); *Piao liang ma ma (Breaking the Silence)* (Zhou Sun) (as Sun Liying)

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By any standard, Chinese fifth-generation director Zhang Yimou—whose credits include *Ju Dou*, *Raise the Red Lantern*, *The Story of Qiu Ju*, *To Live*, and *Shanghai Triad*—is a world-class filmmaker. And by any standard, Gong Li, his favorite star and leading lady, is a world-class actress. Whether playing simple rural peasants or sophisticated urban temptresses, Gong remains an eminently watchable screen presence. When she is cast in stories set in precommunist China, her roles most often reflect the manner in which women have been treated within traditional Chinese society. When her films are set during or after the 1949 revolution, she plays a woman who suffers, along with her loved ones, at the whims of a callous political state.

Raise the Red Lantern, set in the 1920s, is arguably the best of the actress's “prerevolution” films made with her mentor. Gong plays Songlian, a pretty 19-year-old university student whose father has just died and who is pressured by her stepmother into marrying a rich man. She thus becomes a concubine, the “fourth mistress” in the house of a wealthy feudal nobleman who is addressed by servants and wives alike as “Master.” Zhang's primary interest is not this character, but rather Songlian—how she is affected by this marriage, and her relationships with the other mistresses. Gong offers a subtly revealing performance. From the film's opening shot, the various emotions that register on her face speak volumes about her character.

Gong plays a similar role in *Ju Dou*—a young peasant woman coerced into marrying an aged, embittered, and abusive dye mill owner during the 1920s. In *Red Sorghum*, her screen debut, she also is a peasant who is supposed to wed a much older man, this one



Gong Li

a winemaker, but ends up as the partner of a man who is closer to her in age.

Shanghai Triad, the most recent Zhang-Gong collaboration, is quite a departure for the pair. Set in the 1930s, it tells the story of a 14-year-old boy who is “fresh from the country,” and who is a distant relative of the most powerful gang boss in Shanghai. The teen is brought to the city to work as servant to Ziao Jingbao (Gong), the mobster’s glamorous but crass and ill-fated nightclub singer-mistress. *Shanghai Triad* is not Zhang’s best film, as it lacks the urgency of his better earlier works. Nevertheless, Gong is ever-resplendent as Ziao Jingbao, a woman who despite her surface toughness is revealed to be a sex object and a victim.

Gong’s two “postrevolution” films with Zhang are equally potent. *To Live* is a forceful drama about the fortunes of one Chinese family and how its members become swept up in the events of recent history. Gong plays Jiazhen, wife of the son of a prominent family in a small village. The lives of Jiazhen, her husband, and children undergo much turmoil after the revolution, with the scenario mirroring Zhang’s clear and sobering censure of the hypocrisy of life under Mao. Gong is especially fine as she responds with raw emotion to the crises in Jiazhen’s life, and in the lives of her children. In *The Story of*

Qiu Ju, Gong plays Wang Qiu Ju, an unsophisticated but resolute Chinese farm woman who goes to all lengths to obtain an apology after her husband is brutalized by her village’s stubborn leader. This story of a woman’s quest for fairness is an adroit examination of government hypocrisy, with Gong a tower of strength.

The sole Zhang-Gong collaboration little known in the West is *Operation Cougar*, the saga of an airline hijacking in which the actress has a supporting role as a stewardess. Her one major role in a film not directed by Zhang is Chen Kaige’s *Farewell, My Concubine*, an epic that emphasizes the same political concerns found in Zhang’s work. *Farewell, My Concubine* features a trio of main characters who share a complex bond. The first two are Chinese opera stars, “stage brothers” who were students at the same acting school and who have become famous for playing the king and his concubine in the title opera. The third is the feisty yet vulnerable prostitute (Gong) who marries one of them.

Farewell, My Concubine was released a scant five years after Gong had made her screen debut in *Red Sorghum*. Yet she had already developed into one of the international cinema’s premier actresses.

—Rob Edelman

GRABLE, Betty

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ruth Elizabeth Grable in St. Louis, Missouri, 18 December 1916. **Education:** Attended Mary Institute, St. Louis; Hollywood Professional School; Ernest Belcher Academy; Albertina Rasch School. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Jackie Coogan, 1938 (divorced 1941); 2) the musician Harry James, 1943 (divorced 1965), daughters: Victoria, Jessica. **Career:** Child vaudeville singer and dancer; 1929—her mother arranged for her film debut at age 13, in *Let's Go Places*; Fox contract annulled when her age is discovered; 1930–32—contract with Goldwyn; 1932—member of Ted Fiorita's Band as vocalist; worked for RKO and Paramount during the remainder of the 1930s; 1935—toured with Jackie Coogan in vaudeville show; 1940—in featured role on stage in *Du Barry Was a Lady*; 1940–53—contract with 20th Century-Fox; on television in *Twentieth Century*; 1960s—on stage in various productions, including *Hello, Dolly!*, 1965–67. **Died:** 2 July 1973.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 *Let's Go Places* (Mirth and Melody) (Strayer)
 1930 *Happy Days* (Stoloff); *Fox Movietone Follies of 1930* (*The New Movietone Follies of 1930*) (Stoloff); *Whoopee!* (Freeland) (as chorus girl)
 1931 *Kiki* (Taylor); *Palmy Days* (Sutherland) (as chorus girl); *Ex-Sweeties* (Neilan—short); *Crashing Hollywood* (Arbuckle—short)



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- 1932 *The Greeks Had a Word for Them* (Sherman); *Lady! Please!* (Lord—short); *Hollywood Luck* (Arbuckle—short); *Probation* (*Second Chances*) (Thorpe); *The Flirty Sleepwalker* (Lord—short); *Hollywood Lights* (Arbuckle—short); *Hold 'em Jail* (Taurog); *Over the Counter* (Cummings—short); *The Kid from Spain* (McCarey)
 1933 *Cavalcade* (Lloyd); *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* (*Girl of My Dreams*) (Marin) (as orchestra member); *Melody Cruise* (Sandrich) (as stewardess); *Child of Manhattan* (Buzzell); *What Price Innocence?* (*Shall the Children Pay?*) (Mack); *Air Tonic* (White—short)
 1934 *Hips, Hips, Hooray!* (Sandrich); *Love Detectives* (Gottler—short); *Business Is a Pleasure* (Cline—short); *The Gay Divorcee* (*The Gay Divorce*) (Sandrich); *Student Tour* (Reisner) (as Cayenne); *By Your Leave* (Corrigan)
 1935 *The Spirit of 1976* (Jason—short); *The Nitwits* (Stevens) (as Mary); *A Night at the Biltmore Bowl* (Goulding—short); *Old Man Rhythm* (Ludwig) (as Sylvia); *A Quiet Fourth* (Guiol—short)
 1936 *Collegiate* (*The Charm School*) (Murphy) (as Dorothy); *Follow the Fleet* (Sandrich); *Don't Turn 'em Loose* (Stoloff); *Pigskin Parade* (*The Harmony Parade*) (Butler) (as Laura Watson)
 1937 *This Way Please* (Florey) (as Jane Morrow); *Thrill of a Lifetime* (Archainbaud) (as Gwen)
 1938 *College Swing* (*Swing, Teacher, Swing*) (Walsh) (as Betty); *Give Me a Sailor* (Nugent) (as Nancy Larkin); *Campus Confession* (*Fast Play*) (Archainbaud)
 1939 *Man about Town* (Sandrich) (as Susan); *Million Dollar Legs* (Grinde); *The Day the Bookies Wept* (Goodwins)
 1940 *Down Argentine Way* (Cummings) (as Glenda Crawford); *Tin Pan Alley* (Lang) (as Lily Blane)
 1941 *Moon over Miami* (Lang) (as Kay Latimer); *A Yank in the R.A.F.* (King); *Hot Spot* (*I Wake Up Screaming*) (Humberstone)
 1942 *Song of the Islands* (Lang) (as Eileen O'Brien); *Footlight Serenade* (Ratoff) (as Pat Lambert); *Springtime in the Rockies* (Cummings) (as Vicky)
 1943 *Coney Island* (Lang) (as Kate Farley); *Sweet Rosie O'Grady* (Cummings) (as Madeleine Marlowe)
 1944 *Four Jills in a Jeep* (Seiter) (as guest); *Pin Up Girl* (Humberstone) (as Lorry Jones)
 1945 *The All-Star Bond Rally* (Audley—short); *Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe* (*Diamond Horseshoe*) (Seaton) (as Bonnie Collins); *The Dolly Sisters* (Cummings) (as Jenny Dolly)
 1946 *Do You Love Me?* (Ratoff) (as guest); *The Shocking Miss Pilgrim* (Seaton) (title role); *Hollywood Park* (short) (as guest)
 1947 *Mother Wore Tights* (Lang) (as Myrtle Burt)
 1948 *That Lady in Ermine* (Lubitsch) (as Francesca/Angeline); *When My Baby Smiles at Me* (Lang) (as Bonnie Kane)
 1949 *The Beautiful Blond from Bashful Bend* (Sturges) (as Freddie Jones)
 1950 *Wabash Avenue* (Koster) (as Ruby Summers); *My Blue Heaven* (Koster) (as Molly Moran)
 1951 *Call Me Mister* (Bacon) (as Kay Hudson); *Meet Me after the Show* (Sale) (as Delilah)
 1953 *The Farmer Takes a Wife* (Levin) (as Molly Larkin); *How to Marry a Millionaire* (Negulesco)

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Betty Grable was truly a potent force in 1940s Hollywood. For 11 consecutive years (1941–51), she ranked among the film industry’s top stars. During the 1940s there was no more popular female movie star in the world. Grable’s most successful films were lavish formulaic Technicolor musicals, beginning with *Down Argentine Way* in 1940. In all, she appeared in some 22 of these color spectacles, all for Twentieth Century-Fox, including *Song of the Islands*, *Springtime in the Rockies*, *Coney Island*, *Sweet Rosie O’Grady*, *Diamond Horseshoe*, and *Mother Wore Tights*. All ranked among the most popular films at the box office for their respective years of release.

One cannot overemphasize the economic importance of Betty Grable during the 1940s. Except for Tyrone Power in 1940, and Gregory Peck in 1947, no other Fox player ever made it into the annual poll of the film industry’s top ten stars. Grable’s Technicolor musicals, with their high and consistent revenues, powered Fox from years in the red in the late 1930s to a position just behind Paramount Pictures in the film industry’s race for profits.

More than any film star of the 1940s, Grable was able to move beyond her films to become a universally popular icon. Few, even in this day and age, have not seen her picture in the pose as the attractive blond in a white bathing suit coyly peeking over her shoulder, flashing a million-dollar smile. Hers was the image of a woman sexy enough to satisfy the longings of homesick soldiers, yet wholesome enough not to cause protest by their fathers and mothers. Grable’s face appeared everywhere: on the covers of *Time* and *Life*, spread across the pages of countless movie fan magazines, and adorning the sides of B-22 bombers and PT boats.

Twentieth Century-Fox’s publicity flacks contributed to and created an image of the girl next door, always struggling to make do. She

was viewed as an actress without much natural talent. Fox always took the opportunity to point out her limitations—not a very good dancer, an adequate singer, and even a not-so-classic beauty. But in retrospect, the talent was always there. She could dance well; see, for example, her athletic romp with Gwen Verdon in *Meet Me after the Show*. As a singer, she could sell a song with her small, but clear voice. She generated her share of popular songs, including the classic “I’m Always Chasing Rainbows.” As an actress, she stuck to what she could do well, avoiding roles that clashed with her image.

In 1945 she ranked among the highest salaried individuals in the United States; a decade later she was a has-been. In 1951, Twentieth Century-Fox abandoned her and moved to another sex symbol, Marilyn Monroe. Grable turned to the dinner theater circuit, only emerging again into the national spotlight with a replacement role on Broadway in *Hello Dolly!* during the late 1960s before her tragic death at age 56 of lung cancer.

—Douglas Gomery

GRAHAME, Gloria

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gloria Hallward in Pasadena, California, 28 November 1925. **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Stanley Clements, 1945 (divorced 1948); 2) the director Nicholas Ray, 1948 (divorced 1952); 3) the director Cy Howard, 1954 (divorced 1957); 4) Anthony Ray, 1961. **Career:** 1935—first appeared on stage with Pasadena Community Playhouse; 1943—Broadway debut in *A Highland Fling*; 1944—film contract with MGM, and debut in *Blonde Fever*; 1960s—returned to stage, including tour with *The Time of Your Life*; 1976—in TV mini-series *Rich Man, Poor Man*; 1978—on London stage. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for *The Bad and the Beautiful*, 1952. **Died:** 5 October 1981.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *Blonde Fever* (Whorf)
 1945 *Without Love* (Bucquet)
 1947 *It’s a Wonderful Life* (Capra); *It Happened in Brooklyn* (Whorf); *Merton of the Movies* (Alton); *Crossfire* (Dmytryk); *Song of the Thin Man* (Buzzell)
 1949 *A Woman’s Secret* (Ray); *Roughshod* (Robson)
 1950 *In a Lonely Place* (Ray)
 1952 *The Greatest Show on Earth* (DeMille); *Macao* (von Sternberg); *Sudden Fear* (Miller); *The Bad and the Beautiful* (Minnelli)
 1953 *The Glass Wall* (Shane); *Man on a Tightrope* (Kazan); *The Big Heat* (Lang); *Prisoners of the Casbah* (Bare)
 1954 *The Good Die Young* (Gilbert); *Naked Alibi* (Hopper); *Human Desire* (Lang)
 1955 *The Cobweb* (Minnelli); *Not as a Stranger* (Kramer); *Okla-homa!* (Zinnemann) (as Ado Annie); *The Man Who Never Was* (Neame)
 1957 *Ride Out for Revenge* (Girard)
 1959 *Odds against Tomorrow* (Wise)
 1965 *Ride Beyond Vengeance* (McEveety)

- 1970 *Blood and Lace* (Gilbert); *The Todd Killings* (Shear)
 1971 *Escape* (Moxey—for TV); *Black Noon* (Kowalski—for TV);
Chandler (Magwood) (as guest)
 1972 *The Loners* (Roley); *Tarots* (Angela) (Forqué)
 1974 *Mama's Dirty Girls* (Hayes); *The Girl on the Late Late Show*
 (Nelson—for TV)
 1975 *Mansion of the Doomed* (*The Terror of Dr. Chaney*) (Potaki)
 1979 *Head over Heels* (*Chilly Scenes of Winter*) (Silver) (as Clara)
 1980 *Melvin and Howard* (Demme); *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square* (*The Biggest Bank Robbery*) (Thomas)
 1981 *The Nesting* (Weston) (as Florinda)

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No American actress epitomizes the Hollywood stereotype of the bad girl better than Gloria Grahame. With her pouting lips, inviting eyes, and seductive physical presence, she played every variation on the fallen woman: the unfaithful wife, the bar tramp, the prostitute with mob connections, the femme fatale. It is the intelligence and depth of characterization that Grahame brings to each of these seemingly clichéd roles that enabled her to transcend a one-dimensional sexual stereotype.

Crossfire was the first of several postwar thrillers that established Grahame as the ideal film noir icon. As Ginny, the pathetic cafe hostess who lives in a night world of bars and casual pick-ups, Grahame embodies the disillusionment and cynicism inherent in this genre. More decadent and sexually aggressive versions of the Ginny character would surface later in dark melodramas such as *Sudden Fear*, *Human Desire*, and *Odds against Tomorrow*. In *Sudden Fear* Grahame goads Jack Palance into a murder scheme and at the same time demands that he crush her when they kiss. In *Human Desire* she taunts her cuckolded husband with sordid details of her sexual

exploits until he explodes with murderous rage. In *Odds against Tomorrow*, as a prelude to sex with Robert Ryan, she begs him to describe how it feels to kill someone. In these films, her sexuality is used as a corrupting influence and accents the mood of fatalism.

Possibly her finest work in the film noir cycle is in Fritz Lang's *The Big Heat* and Nicholas Ray's *In a Lonely Place*. In the Lang film, Grahame gives an unforgettable performance as a streetwise prostitute who is disfigured by her hoodlum boyfriend for associating with a policeman. Her transformation from the vain call girl to the horribly scarred mob informer is made all the more moving by her realization that she will never be totally accepted into any social order. Her only salvation is death, thus completing the metamorphosis from whore to martyr and confirming once again the 1950s Hollywood dictum that the only road to respectability for a sexual outlaw is oblivion.

Similar to *The Big Heat* in its harsh, sleazy atmosphere, *In a Lonely Place* also represents a cold and hostile universe where the basic goodness in the main characters is often negated by their destructive impulses. Grahame gives a brilliant performance, alternating between passionate longing and paranoia, as a secretive woman without romantic illusions who finds herself reaching out to a man who may be a murderer (Humphrey Bogart). The unbearable sexual tension that grows between Grahame and Bogart as their romance crumbles into a nightmare of distrust and futility is used to great advantage by director Ray, then her husband. As in most of Ray's films, he was able to find tenderness and love in the midst of alienation and despair but without a victory for the former values.

Apart from Grahame's invaluable contributions to the film noir, she is probably most familiar to filmgoers as the unfaithful wife. Although she played this role to perfection in major films such as *The Greatest Show on Earth* and *Man on a Tightrope*, her best rendition of the married hussy was in Vincente Minnelli's *The Bad and the Beautiful*, for which she won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

Unfortunately, Grahame's sultry looks proved to be a dubious asset for her Hollywood career. Blessed with the makings of a great actress, she was given few opportunities to broaden her range. It is evident that she had the potential to become a great comedienne, judging from her early work in *Without Love*, *Merton of the Movies*, and particularly Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*. In the Capra film Grahame shows delightful comic timing and spunk in her few scenes as a small town flirt. It was not until someone had the inspired idea to cast her as Ado Annie in Fred Zinnemann's *Oklahoma!* that Grahame was able to live up to the promise of those early performances and prove that she had a natural affinity for musical comedy.

After 1959 Grahame went through a disappointing 20-year period of accepting roles in low-budget horror films and thrillers; the nadir of her career may have been *Mama's Dirty Girls* in 1974. It was her appearance on television in *Rich Man, Poor Man* in 1976 that revived her screen career. After 1979, Grahame appeared in two critically acclaimed features, *Melvin and Howard* (in which she has an odd nonspeaking role) and *Chilly Scenes of Winter*. Her witty performance in the latter film veers from black comedy to gentle pathos, Grahame flaunting her blond seductress image and intimating that she was capable of more than she was ever allowed to be. As the neurotic, sexy mother of John Heard, Grahame sits fully clothed in a full bathtub, threatening to commit suicide and muttering, "I'm not dead yet!"

—Jeff Stafford

GRANGER, Farley

Nationality: American. **Born:** Farley Earle II, San Jose, California, 1 July 1925 (one source says 1928). **Military Service:** U.S. Armed Forces, 1944–46. **Career:** Actor. member of Eva La Gallienne's National Repertory Theatre and Circle Repertory Theatre; appeared on episodes of the TV programs *United States Steel Hour*, 1953, *Playhouse 90*, 1956, *Get Smart*, 1965, *Ellery Queen*, 1975, *Love Boat*, 1977, and *Murder, She Wrote*, 1984; appeared on TV series *As the World Turns* as Earl Mitchell and on *One Life to Live* as Dr. Will Vernon, 1976–77. **Awards:** Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Daytime Drama, for *One Life to Live*, 1977; Obie Award, for *Talley & Son*, 1986. **Address:** c/o Jay Julien, 1501 Broadway, New York, NY 10036; 15 W. 72nd Street, no. 25D, New York, NY 10023, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1943 *The North Star* (Milestone) (as Damian)
- 1944 *The Purple Heart* (Milestone) (as Sergeant Howard Clinton)
- 1948 *Rope* (Hitchcock) (as Phillip Morgan); *Enchantment* (Reis) (as Pilot Officer Pax Masterson)
- 1949 *They Live by Night* (Ray) (as Bowie); *Roseanna McCoy* (Reis) (as Johnse Hatfield)
- 1950 *Side Street* (Mann) (as Joe Norson); *Edge of Doom* (Robson, Vidor) (as Martin Lynn); *Our Very Own* (Miller) (as Chuck)
- 1951 *Strangers on a Train* (Hitchcock) (as Guy Haines); *Behave Yourself!* (Beck) (as Bill Denny); *I Want You* (Robson) (as Jack Greer)
- 1952 "The Gift of the Magi" segment of *O. Henry's Full House* (*Full House*) (King) (as Jim); *Hans Christian Andersen* (Vidor) (as Niels)
- 1953 "Mademoiselle" segment of *The Story of Three Loves* (*Equilibrium*) (Minnelli, Reinhardt) (as Thomas Campbell Jr.); *Small Town Girl* (Kardos) (as Rick Belrow Livingston)
- 1954 *Senso* (*The Wanton Countess*) (Visconti) (as Lieut. Franz Mahler)
- 1955 *The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing* (Fleischer) (as Harry K. Thaw); *The Naked Street* (*The Mobster*) (*The Brass Ring*) (Shane) (as Nicky Bradna)
- 1961 *The Heiress* (Daniels—TV)
- 1968 *Rogues' Gallery* (Horn)
- 1970 *Qualcosa striscia nel buio* (*Shadows in the Dark*) (*Something Creeping in the Dark*) (Colucci) (as Spike); *The Challengers* (Martinson—for TV) (as Nealy)
- 1971 *Lo chiamavano Trinità* (*My Name is Trinity*) (Barboni) (as Major Harriman)
- 1972 *Alla ricerca del piacere* (*Maniac Mansion*) (*Leather and Whips*) (Amuck) (Amadio); *Lo chiamavano Mezzogiorno* (*The Man Called Noon*) (Collinson) (as Judge Niland); *Rivelazioni di un maniaco sessuale al capo della squadra mobile* (*The Slasher Is the Sex Maniac*) (*Confessions of a Sex Maniac*) (*So Sweet, So Dead*) (*So Naked, So Dead*) (*Slasher*) (*Bad Girls*) (Montero); *La Rossa dalla pelle che scotta* (*The Red Headed Corpse*) (Russo); *Le Serpent* (*The Serpent*) (Verneuil) (as Computer Programming Director)
- 1973 *Arnold* (Fenady) (as Evan Lyons)

- 1974 *Infamia* (*Moglie giovane, La*) (d'Eramo); *Polizia chiede aiuto, La* (*Coed Murders*) (Dallamano)
- 1975 *The Lives of Jenny Dolan* (Jameson) (as David Ames)
- 1976 *Widow* (Thompson—for TV) (as Martin Caine)
- 1978 *Black Beauty* (Haller—mini, for TV) (as Enos Sutton)
- 1981 *The Prowler* (*Rosemary's Killer*) (*Graduation*) (Zito) (as Sheriff George Fraser)
- 1984 *Deathmask* (Friedman) (as Douglas Andrews)
- 1985 *Hitchcock: il brivido del genio* (*The Thrill of Genius*) (Bortolini, Mazenza—for TV)
- 1986 *The Imagemaker* (Weiner) (as The Ambassador); *The Whoopee Boys* (Byrum) (uncredited); *Very Close Quarters* (Rif) (as Pavel)
- 1995 *The Celluloid Closet* (Epstein and Friedman) (as Interviewee)

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Even before emotive, sexually ambiguous male stars—Marlon Brando and James Dean chief among them—emerged into prominence and surprising popularity during a time of industry crisis in the 1950s, the classic Hollywood cinema of the previous decade often found itself deeply invested in presenting a variety of masculine styles or, perhaps more radically, in problematizing that most conventional of stereotypes, the strong, indisputably heterosexual man of action. Gregory Peck, for example, incredibly handsome if somewhat short on brawn and aggressiveness, often found himself cast successfully in a variety of roles that suited a somewhat feminized display of pathos: as the amnesiac needing the ministrations of a woman psychiatrist in *Spellbound*; as the conscience-stricken colonel enduring battle fatigue in *Twelve O'Clock High*; as the gentile of good faith pained by racial prejudice in *Gentleman's Agreement*. Peck is even riveting as Lewt, the gorgeously reptilian object of Jennifer Jones's excessive desire in *Duel in the Sun*. Similarly endowed with good looks and charisma, Farley Granger began his career in Hollywood much like Peck. Both were introduced to the public in wartime epics about Russia as youthful romantic and Slavic figures, Granger in *North Star* and Peck in *Song of Russia*. Peck, however, could project sufficient strength and resolve to play more conventionally masculine roles in such films as *Pork Chop Hill* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Granger's screen persona suggested neither confidence nor the power to lead, and thus he found himself limited to either subordinate roles as

a romantic presence or, more interestingly, in parts that went beyond narrow masculine and heterosexual formulas.

In *North Star*, Granger's youthful partisan is transformed into an object of pity by the German grenade that blinds him, with the result that he spends the rest of the battle with the women, resupplying the men. *The Purple Heart* offered him another small part that tests his manhood. Part of a bomber crew captured and put on trial by vengeful Japanese, Granger is tortured like the other men, at least ostensibly. He returns from his "interrogation" unable to speak, but bearing no physical signs of mistreatment; surprised, his buddies are led to question whether he cooperated. Though it turns out that he did not, his "hysterical" wound, so unlike those suffered by his maimed comrades, marks him out as different. In *Side Street*, he plays an unsuccessful newly married man who finds himself unable to resist stealing a huge amount of money, which is already stolen property, when the opportunity unexpectedly presents itself; Granger becomes the archetypal noir protagonist, weak, ineffective, a prisoner of circumstance and his own lack of character. *The Naked Street* offered him a similar role as a petty criminal whose ill-planned robbery of an old man puts him on death row, from which he is extricated by a powerful gangster only through his own foolishness to wind up there again, this time to be executed for a crime he did not commit. In Nicholas Ray's *They Live by Night*, Granger's youthful robber is a complex mixture of venality and innocence, the perfect vehicle for Ray's sociocultural analysis of the criminal subculture. Strikingly, in *The Story of Three Loves* he convincingly portrays a young man, who is actually a boy whose "magic wish" brings him to life so that he can romance the woman who was infatuated him. These performances, which are often strikingly original, contrast with Granger's more conventional work as a second male lead in such films as *Our Very Own* and *I Want You*. Eventually, Granger went into television as his film career petered out in the 1950s; other generations became familiar with him in middle and advanced middle age because of a long term part on a famous American soap opera. Before leaving film acting, however, he appeared in several films that exploited the sexual ambiguity or maladjustment his persona suggested. *The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing* offered him the opportunity, of which he took full advantage, to play one of the century's most famous sexual psychopaths, Harry K. Thaw. Granger passionately evokes Thaw's jealousy, perverse attractiveness, and unhealthy maternal attachment, serving as the perfect foil to Ray Milland's more contained but equally overwhelming obsession for a beautiful young girl. Visconti's *Senso* gave Granger the opportunity to play a character similarly driven and destroyed by desire.

Granger's most famous work, however, was done for Alfred Hitchcock, in two films of the late 1940s that, in different ways, probed, without naming it, the nature of homosexual attraction and its connection to vengeful violence. In *Strangers on a Train*, Granger is the cuckolded husband of a predatory woman, but cannot persuade her to grant him a divorce so that he can marry the more normal Ruth Roman. Approached by the somewhat swish Bruno Anthony on a train, Granger finds himself seduced by the plot of exchanged murders he proposes. Though his own wife is murdered as per the agreement that Granger neither accepts nor rejects, he is unwilling to go through with the killing that Bruno insists upon, but it is unclear if this is a decision motivated by a moral imperative or the desire for

self-preservation. Granger's character is exonerated in the end only when the more powerful Anthony proves unable to finish implicating him in his wife's murder. The psycho-sexual developmental failure that characterizes both "strangers" is neatly symbolized by Hitchcock's staging of their final confrontation on an amusement park merry-go-round.

In *Rope*, a fictionalized re-telling of the Leopold/Loeb murder case, Granger plays the weaker partner of the young male pair of college students, influenced by Nietzsche, who plot and then carry out the thrill murder of a friend. The narrative traces the gradual disintegration of their resolve to flaunt the crime. A victim of his own fearfulness and guilty conscience, Granger's character eventually dissolves into a hysteria not unlike that from which his tortured airman suffers in *The Purple Heart*.

—R. Barton Palmer

GRANGER, Stewart

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Leblanche Stewart in London, England, 6 May 1913, became U.S. citizen, 1956. **Education:** Attended Epsom College; Webber-Douglas School of Dramatic Art, London. **Military Service:** Served in the British Army, 1949–42; invalided out. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Elspeth March, 1938 (divorced 1948, two children: Jamie and Lindsay; 2) the actress Jean Simmons, 1950 (divorced 1960), one daughter; 3) Viviane Lecerf, 1964 (divorced 1969). **Career:** 1935—stage debut in *The Cardinal* in Hull; 1936–37—acted with Birmingham Repertory Company; 1938—West End debut in *The Sun Never Sets*; successful film roles in the UK during the 1940s led to MGM contract, 1950–57, and series of leading film roles; 1970–71—in TV series *The Men from Shiloh* (continuation of series *The Virginian*); 1986—in TV mini-series *Crossings*; 1989—on New York stage, in *The Circle*. **Died:** Of cancer, in Los Angeles, 16 August 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *A Southern Maid* (Hughes) (bit role)
- 1934 *Give Her a Ring* (Woods) (as diner)
- 1939 *So This Is London* (Freeland) (as Laurence)
- 1940 *Convoy* (Tennyson) (as Sutton)
- 1942 *Secret Mission* (French) (as Lt. Jackson)
- 1943 *Thursday's Child* (Ackland) (as David Penley); *The Man in Grey* (Arliss) (as Peter Rokeby); *The Lamp Still Burns* (Arliss) (as Larry Rains)
- 1944 *Fanny by Gaslight* (*Man of Evil*) (Asquith) (as Harry Somerford); *Love Story* (*A Lady Surrenders*) (Arliss) (as Kit Firth); *Madonna of the Seven Moons* (Crabtree) (as

- Nino Barucci); *Waterloo Road* (Gilliat) (as Ted Purvis); *Caesar and Cleopatra* (Pascal) (as Apollodorus)
- 1946 *Caravan* (Crabtree) (as Richard Darrel); *The Magic Bow* (Knowles) (as Paganini)
- 1947 *Captain Boycott* (Lauder) (as Hugh Davin); *Blanche Fury* (Marc Allégret) (as Philip Thorn)
- 1948 *Saraband for Dead Lovers* (*Saraband*) (Dearden) (as Count Philip Koenigsmark); *Woman Hater* (Terence Young) (as Lord Terence Datchett)
- 1949 *Adam and Evelyne* (*Adam and Evelyn*) (French) (as Adam Black)
- 1950 *King Solomon's Mines* (Bennett and Marton) (as Allan Quartermain)
- 1951 *Soldiers Three* (Garnett) (as Pvt. Archibald Ackroyd); *The Light Touch* (Richard Brooks) (as Sam Conride); *The Wild North* (Marton) (as Jules Vincent)
- 1952 *Scaramouche* (Sidney) (as Andre Moreau/Scaramouche); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Thorpe) (as Rudolph Rassendyll/King Rudolph V)
- 1953 *Salome* (Dieterle) (as Commander Claudius); *Young Bess* (Sidney) (as Thomas Seymour); *All the Brothers Were Valiant* (Thorpe) (as Mark Shore)
- 1954 *Beau Brummell* (Bernhardt) (title role); *Green Fire* (Marton) (as Rian X. Mitchell)
- 1955 *Moonfleet* (Fritz Lang) (as Jeremy Fox); *Footsteps in the Fog* (Lubin) (as Stephen Lowry); *Bhowani Junction* (Cukor) (as Col. Rodney Savage); *The Last Hunt* (Richard Brooks) (as Sandy McKenzie)
- 1956 *The Little Hut* (Robson) (as Sir Philip Ashlow)
- 1957 *Gun Glory* (Rowland) (as Tom Early)
- 1958 *The Whole Truth* (Guillermín) (as Max Poulton); *Harry Black* (*Harry Black and the Tiger*) (Fregonese) (title role)
- 1960 *North to Alaska* (Hathaway) (as George Pratt); *The Secret Partner* (Dearden) (as John Brent)
- 1963 *Sodom e Gomorra* (*Sodom and Gomorrah*) (Aldrich and Leone) (as Lot); *Marcia o crepa* (*Legion's Last Patrol*; *Commando*) (Wisbar) (as Capt. Le Blanc); *Lo spadaccino di Sienna* (*La congiura dei dieci*; *Swordsman of Siena*) (Périer) (as Thomas Stanswood); *Il giorno più corto* (Corbucci) (as guest)
- 1964 *The Secret Invasion* (Corman) (as Maj. Richard Mace); *The Crooked Road* (Chaffey) (as Duke of Orgagna); *Unter Geiern* (*La dove scenda il sole*; *Among Vultures*; *Frontier Hellcat*) (Vohrer) (as Old Surehand)
- 1965 *Das Geheimnis der drei Dschunken* (*A 009 Mission to Hong Kong*; *Red Dragon*) (Hofbauer) (as Michael Scott); *Der Ölprinz* (*Rampage at Apache Wells*) (Philipp) (as Old Shatterhand); *Flaming Frontier* (Vohrer) (as Old Surehand)
- 1966 *Das Geheimnis der gelben Mönche* (*Wie tötet man eine Dame*; *Tiro a segno per uccidere*; *Target for Killing*) (Köhler); *Spie control il mondo* (*Gern hab' ich die Frau'n gekillt*; *Spy against the World*; *Killer's Carnival*) ("Albert Cardiff," i.e., Cardone, Lynn, and Reynolds); *The Trygon Factor* (Frankell) (as Supt. Cooper-Smith)
- 1967 *Requiem per un agent segreto* (*Consigna: Tanger 67*; *Der Chef schickt seinen besten Mann*; *Requiem for a Secret*

- Agent* (Sollima) (as John "Bingo" Merrill); *The Last Safari* (Hathaway) (as Gilchrist)
- 1969 *Any Second Now* (Levitt—for TV) (as Paul Dennison); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Crane—for TV) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1978 *The Wild Geese* (McLaglen) (as Sir Edward Malherson)
- 1982 *The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana* (Levin—for TV) (as Prince Philip)
- 1987 *A Hazard of Hearts* (Hough—for TV) (as Old Vulcan); *Story of a Recluse* (Reid—for TV); *Code Name Alpha* (Hofbauer)
- 1988 *Hell Hunters* (Von Theumer) (as Martin Hoffmann)
- 1989 *Chameleons* (Glen A. Larson—for TV) (as Jason)
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Stewart Granger's reputation as a motion picture actor rests largely on his swashbuckling roles in a series of sumptuous costume epics made for MGM in the 1950s, the waning days of this once very popular film genre. He was a throwback to the 1930s and 1940s hero roles of Errol Flynn, whose mantel he assumed (on screen at least), matching Flynn's athleticism and romantic derring-do, but adding a wry touch of world-weary self-deprecation and cynicism all his own, most notably in *Scaramouche*, the film for which he remains most famous.

Born James Stewart, he left premed school at the bidding of his friend, actor Michael Wilding, who suggested he try working as a film extra. He decided to accept Wilding's advice, and attended the Webber-Douglas school, then worked with the Hull and the Birmingham repertory companies. He achieved matinee idol status with the Old Vic playing opposite Vivien Leigh in *Serena Blandish* in 1939.

He had a number of small parts in films previously but stardom really came with *So This Is London* in 1940. In the hopes that

Hollywood would beckon, he decided to change his name at this time to Stewart Granger, so as to avoid confusion with the well-known Hollywood actor James Stewart, the star of numerous MGM films, the studio where Granger was eventually placed under contract as well.

After the war Granger signed a seven-year contract with J. Arthur Rank. His 6' 3" physique and resonant voice at once made him romantic lead material, and he reached box-office stardom in a series of romantic leads, most notably opposite Phyllis Calvert in such films as *The Man in Grey*, in which he was a dashing Cavalier, and in *Madonna of the Seven Moons*, in which he villainously menaced Calvert. He was Apollodorus in Gabriel Pascal's *Caesar and Cleopatra*, from the play by George Bernard Shaw, and the draft-dodging profiteer in *Waterloo Road*. His last film for Rank was *Adam and Evelyne* starring Jean Simmons, whom he later married.

MGM finally beckoned in 1950 and he signed with them to play Allan Quartermain in a remake of *King Solomon's Mines*, shot in color on location in Africa. This expensive Technicolor epic was the first of nearly 20 adventure/costume films for which Granger's physique and handsome features were ready-made. He soon became a favorite of American audiences in such films as *Scaramouche*, *The Prisoner of Zenda* (opposite his *King Solomon's Mines* co-star, Deborah Kerr), *Young Bess* (opposite Jean Simmons), *Beau Brummell* (opposite Elizabeth Taylor), *Moonfleet*, *Bhowani Junction*, and *The Little Hut* (the last two opposite Ava Gardner).

Granger's MGM contract expired in 1957 with a dismal Western called *Gun Glory* directed by Roy Rowland. He moved to Twentieth Century-Fox to make *Harry Black and the Tiger* and *North to Alaska* with John Wayne, then headed to Europe where he appeared in a series of mostly forgettable costume epics throughout the 1960s. Two of the better ones were Robert Aldrich's *Sodom and Gomorrah*, in which he played Lot opposite Pier Angeli's pillar of salt, and *Swordsmen of Sienna*, an enjoyable CinemaScope throwback to his halcyon days at MGM.

Granger returned to the United States in Henry Hathaway's *The Last Safari* and, while now white of hair, he was still more physically fit than most of his contemporaries. In 1970 he took the lead in the popular television series, *The Virginian* (renamed *The Men from Shiloh*), but after a one-year stint the series ended. He played a dapper Sherlock Holmes opposite Bernard Fox's Dr. Watson in the television film *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and was Sir Edward Malheron in the worldwide 1978 hit *The Wild Geese*, co-starring Richard Burton, Roger Moore, and Richard Harris. Three years later, he published his autobiography, *Sparks Fly Upwards*, in which he recounted his life up until the year 1960. His memoirs revealed him to be a literate man with a self-deprecating sense of humor much like the romantic heroes he had played on-screen. He maintained that he was not proud of one of his films, always found film acting torture, and if he had been lucky enough to star in just one film like *Inherit the Wind*, he would have immediately retired with pride.

Granger briefly returned to the stage in 1989, making his Broadway debut in a revival of the Somerset Maugham comedy of manners *The Circle* opposite Rex Harrison and Glynis Johns. The play was scheduled to move to London's West End the following year, but closed following its Broadway run when Harrison suffered a stroke and died. Granger followed Harrison in death three years later, never having completed the eagerly awaited volume two of his autobiography.

—Ronald Bowers, updated by John McCarty

GRANT, Cary

Nationality: American. **Born:** Alexander Archibald Leach in Bristol, England, 18 January 1904; early work in vaudeville and on stage as Archie Leach. **Education:** Attended Fairfield Academy, Somerset. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Virginia Cherrill, 1934 (divorced 1935); 2) Barbara Hutton, 1942 (divorced 1945); 3) the actress Betsy Drake, 1949 (divorced 1962); 4) the actress Dyan Cannon, 1965 (divorced 1968), daughter: Jennifer; 5) Barbara Harris, 1981. **Career:** 1919–20—ran away from school to join the Bob Pender Troupe of comedians and acrobats; toured with them to the United States, and decided to stay; then worked as barker on Coney Island, stilt walker at Steeplechase Park, and in vaudeville as straight man; 1927—first role on legitimate stage, *Golden Dawn*; followed by roles in musicals including *Boom, Boom*, 1929, with Jeannette MacDonald, a summer season at the St. Louis Municipal Opera, 1931, and in *Nikki*, 1931, with Fay Wray; 1932–37—contract with Paramount: film debut in *Singapore Sue* (short), 1932; 1937—freelance actor; entertained the armed forces during World War II; 1959—formed his own production company Grantart. **Awards:** Honorary Academy Award, “for his unique mastery of the art of screen acting with the respect and affection of his colleagues,” 1969; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute. **Died:** Of a stroke, in Davenport, Iowa, 29 November 1986.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Singapore Sue* (Robinson—short) (as Archie Leach); *This Is the Night* (Tuttle) (as Stephen); *Sinners in the Sun* (Hall) (as Ridgeway); *Merrily We Go to Hell* (Arzner) (as stage leading man); *Devil and the Deep* (Gering) (as Lt. Jacques); *Blonde Venus* (von Sternberg) (as Nick Townsend); *Hot Saturday* (Seiter) (as Romer Sheffield); *Madame Butterfly* (Gering) (as Lt. Pinkerton)
- 1933 *She Done Him Wrong* (Sherman) (as Capt. Cummings); *The Woman Accused* (Sloane) (as Jeffrey Baxter); *The Eagle and the Hawk* (Walker) (as Henry Crocker); *Gambling Ship* (Gasnier and Marcin) (as Ace Corbin); *I'm No Angel* (Ruggles) (as Jack Clayton); *Alice in Wonderland* (McLeod) (as Mock Turtle)
- 1934 *Thirty-Day Princess* (Gering) (as Porter Madison); *Born to Be Bad* (Sherman) (as Malcolm Trevor); *Kiss and Make Up* (Thompson) (as Dr. Maurice Lamar); *Ladies Should Listen* (Tuttle) (as Julian de Lussac)
- 1935 *Wings in the Dark* (Flood) (as Ken Gordon); *The Last Outpost* (Gasnier and Barton) (as Michael Andrews); *Sylvia Scarlett* (Cukor) (as Jimmy Monkley); *Enter Madame* (Nugent) (as Gerald Fitzgerald)
- 1936 *Pirate Party on Catalina Island* (short); *Big Brown Eyes* (Walsh) (as Danny Bart); *Suzy* (Fitzmaurice) (as Andre); *Wedding Present* (Wallace) (as Charlie); *The Amazing Quest of Ernest Bliss* (Amazing Adventure; Romance and Riches) (Zeisler) (as Ernest Bliss)



Cary Grant (under tanker) in *North by Northwest*

- 1937 *When You're in Love (For You Alone)* (Riskin) (as Jimmy Hudson); *Topper* (McLeod) (as George Kerby); *The Toast of New York* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Nick Boyd); *The Awful Truth* (McCarey) (as Jerry Warriner)
- 1938 ***Bringing Up Baby*** (Hawks) (as David Huxley); *Holiday (Free to Live; Unconventional Linda)* (Cukor) (as Johnny Case)
- 1939 *Gunga Din* (Stevens) (as Sgt. Archibald Cutter); *Only Angels Have Wings* (Hawks) (as Geoff Carter); *In Name Only* (Cromwell) (as Alec Walker); *His Girl Friday* (Hawks) (as Walter Burns)
- 1940 *My Favorite Wife* (Kanin) (as Nick Arden); *The Howards of Virginia (The Tree of Liberty)* (Lloyd) (as Matt Howard); ***The Philadelphia Story*** (Cukor) (as C. K. Dexter Haven)
- 1941 *Penny Serenade* (Stevens) (as Roger Adams); *Suspicion* (Hitchcock) (as Johnnie Aysgarth)
- 1942 *The Talk of the Town* (Stevens) (as Leopold Dilg); *Once upon a Honeymoon* (McCarey) (as Pat O'Toole)
- 1943 *Mr. Lucky* (Potter) (as Joe Adams)
- 1944 *Destination Tokyo* (Daves) (as Capt. Cassidy); *Once upon a Time* (Hall) (as Jerry Flynn); *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Capra) (as Mortimer Brewster); *None but the Lonely Heart* (Odets) (as Ernie Mott); *The Road to Victory* (short); *The Shining Future* (Prinz—short)
- 1946 *Without Reservations* (LeRoy) (as guest); *Night and Day* (Curtiz) (as Cole Porter); ***Notorious*** (Hitchcock) (as Devlin)
- 1947 *The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer (Bachelor Knight)* (Reis) (as Dick Nugent); *The Bishop's Wife* (Koster) (as Dudley)
- 1948 *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (Potter) (title role); *Every Girl Should Be Married* (Hartman) (as Dr. Madison Brown)
- 1949 *I Was a Male War Bride (You Can't Sleep Here)* (Hawks) (as Capt. Henri Rochard); *Polio and Communicable Diseases Hospital Trailer* (Hoffman—short)
- 1950 *Crisis* (Richard Brooks) (as Dr. Eugene Ferguson)
- 1951 *People Will Talk* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Dr. Noah Praetorius); *Room for One More (The Easy Way)* (Taurog) (as George "Poppy" Rose)
- 1952 *Monkey Business* (Hawks) (as Barnaby Fulton)
- 1953 *Dream Wife* (Sheldon) (as Clemson Reade)
- 1954 *To Catch a Thief* (Hitchcock) (as John Robie)

- 1957 *The Pride and the Passion* (Kramer) (as Anthony Trumbull);
An Affair to Remember (McCarey) (as Nickie Ferrante);
Kiss Them for Me (Donen) (as Andy Crewson)
- 1958 *Indiscreet* (Donen) (as Philip Adams); *Houseboat* (Shavelson)
(as Tom Winston)
- 1959 *North by Northwest* (Hitchcock) (as Roger Thornhill); *Operation Petticoat* (Edwards) (as Matt Sherman)
- 1960 *The Grass Is Greener* (Donen) (as Victor Rhyall)
- 1962 *That Touch of Mink* (Delbert Mann) (as Philip Shayne)
- 1963 *Charade* (Donen) (as Peter Joshua/Alexander Dyle/Adam Canfield/Brian Cruickshank)
- 1964 *Father Goose* (Nelson) (as Walter Eckland)
- 1965 *Ken Murray's Hollywood* (Murray)
- 1966 *Walk Don't Run* (Walters) (as William Rutland)
- 1970 *Elvis: That's the Way It Was* (Sanders—doc)
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Cary Grant is one of a handful of actors whose personalities so captivate the moviegoing public that their names become synonymous with the qualities they embody on the screen. Just as John Wayne has come to represent a certain brand of rugged masculinity, or Marilyn Monroe a blend of sexuality and childlike innocence, so Cary Grant has become the enduring cinematic personification of elegance, wit, and sophistication. A master of light comic acting, his much-imitated style is the yardstick by which others who attempt this difficult technique are measured, yet Grant's seemingly effortless performances remained unequaled. His talent, grace, and good looks have earned him a place among Hollywood's most popular male stars.

Grant's polished persona seems the antithesis of his working-class background, yet his unmistakable style was already much in evidence

in his earliest film roles. His credentials as a traditional leading man were established with his appearances opposite Marlene Dietrich in *Blonde Venus* and Mae West in *She Done Him Wrong* and *I'm No Angel*, but it was his work with the directors George Cukor, Howard Hawks, and Leo McCarey which revealed the full measure of his abilities.

The fast-paced screwball comedies of the 1930s proved to be the perfect format for displaying Grant's verbal and physical agility. His romantic sparring with Irene Dunne in McCarey's *The Awful Truth*, Rosalind Russell in Hawks's *His Girl Friday*, and Katharine Hepburn in Cukor's *Holiday* and Hawks's *Bringing Up Baby* displayed Grant's deft comic touch in films that served to define the genre. His role as the daredevil flyer in *Only Angels Have Wings*, and his Oscar-nominated performances in *Penny Serenade* and *None but the Lonely Heart* showed him to be a capable dramatic actor as well, but it was in sophisticated comedy that his real strength lay. Grant continued to mine the successful image he had created in these early films throughout his career, and his performance in Stanley Donen's *Charade*—one of his final films—demonstrates the undiminished appeal of his debonair charm.

Although Grant's comedies represent the majority of his best remembered roles, his work with Alfred Hitchcock in several classic films offers a departure from his usual image. As he does with James Stewart in *Rear Window* and *Vertigo*, Hitchcock plays against Grant's familiar persona by incorporating into his characters psychological twists that are in startling contrast to the actor's smooth surface elegance. *To Catch a Thief* is perhaps closest to his characteristic style, with Grant portraying an infamous jewel thief, while *Suspicion* finds him cast as a seemingly loving husband who may or may not be plotting to murder his wife. In *North by Northwest* Grant's wisecracking character is subtly shown to be a man whose charm hides a basically selfish nature and whose only lasting relationship with a woman is his amusing but obsessive bond with his mother.

It is in *Notorious*, however, that Hitchcock fully utilizes this conflict between Grant's image and his character's personality. As Devlin, a misogynistic, emotionally repressed American agent, he sends the woman he has unwillingly come to love (Ingrid Bergman) into the arms of a Nazi collaborator (Claude Rains). Devlin's struggle against his attraction to the high-living Bergman nearly causes her death when he blindly ignores signs that she may be in danger. The bizarre love triangle in the film hinges on Bergman's attraction to Grant in spite of his consistently callous behavior, and his performance is both fascinating and disturbing.

In David Thomson's essay, "Charms and the Man," he discusses at length the *Notorious* kiss between Grant and his co-star, Ingrid Bergman. The engineered intimacy and the "links between universal voyeurism and filmmaking" are perhaps best expressed by the director in an interview conducted by Truffaut. Hitchcock confesses, "I felt [the kiss] was indispensable that they should not separate, and I also felt that the public, represented by the camera, was the third party to this embrace. The public was given the great privilege of embracing Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman together. It was a kind of temporary menage à trois" (quoted by Thomson). One sees in this an ultimate working of the Hollywood star system and the ideology manipulated by the machine: if only in illusion do we embrace the unattainable glamour of the stars, so be it *only* in illusion.

Grant's charms and wits may linger larger than life on screen, but it is also his spirit of camp that transcends beyond and steps outside of the frame. If we feel his speech is fast, we are experiencing the thrill of a possibility that his speech is going to be *too* fast to be restrained on film. In his handsome smiles that also hint at a touch of coyness and conceit and the physical as well as mental agility and quickness when "suddenly gone gay," it is tempting to look at Grant not only as a star but also as a star *looking back* at us and, perhaps, at filmmaking itself.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

GRANT, Hugh

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, England, 9 September 1960. **Education:** Attended Oxford University, BA in English Literature with honors, 1982. **Career:** Appeared with the Oxford University Dramatic Society; 1982—film debut in *Privileged*, student film produced by the Oxford Film Foundation; 1982–85—wrote ad copy for radio commercials; 1985—stage debut at Nottingham Playhouse (repertory work); co-founded comedy troupe Jockeys of Norfolk; in TV mini-series *The Last Place on Earth*; 1986—acted in British TV series *The Demon Lover* and *Ladies in Charge*; 1987—first role in major film, *Maurice*; formed production company, Simian Films. **Awards:** Volpi Cup for Best Actor, Venice Film Festival, for *Maurice*, 1987; Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, British Academy Award for Best Actor, for *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, 1995; Golden Slate for Best Actor in a Leading Role, Csapnivalo Awards (Budapest), 2000. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Privileged* (Hoffman—not released) (as Lord Adrian, billed as Hughie Grant)
- 1985 *Jenny's War* (Gethers—for TV) (as Peter Baines)
- 1987 *Maurice* (Ivory) (as Clive Durham); *Lord Elgin and Some Stones of No Value* (for TV) (as William Hamilton); *White Mischief* (Radford) (as Hugh Dickinson)
- 1988 *The Dawning* (Knights—released in U.S. in 1993) (as Harry); *Nuit Bengali (Bengali Night)* (as Allan); *The Lair of the White Worm* (Russell) (as Lord James D'Ampton); *Remando al Viento (Rowing with the Wind)* (Suarez) (as Lord Byron)
- 1989 *Till We Meet Again* (Jarrott—for TV) (as Bruno de Lancel); *The Lady and the Highwayman* (Hough—for TV) (as Lord Lucius Vyne); *Champagne Charlie* (Eastman—for TV) (as Charlie Heidseick)
- 1990 *Impromptu* (Lapine) (as Frederic Chopin)



Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*

- 1991 *The Big Man (Crossing the Line)* (Leland) (as Gordon); *Our Sons (Too Little, Too Late)* (Erman—for TV) (as James)
- 1992 *Lunes de Fiel (Bitter Moon)* (Polanski—released in U.S. in 1994) (as Nigel)
- 1993 *The Remains of the Day* (Ivory) (as Cardinal); *Night Train to Venice* (Quinterio) (as Martin)
- 1994 *Sirens* (Duigan) (as the Rev. Anthony Campion); *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (Newell) (as Charles); *The Changeling* (Simon Curtis—for TV) (as Alsemero)
- 1995 *An Awfully Big Adventure* (Newell) (as Meredith Potter); *The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down a Mountain* (Monger) (title role); *Nine Months* (Columbus) (as Samuel Faulkner); *Sense and Sensibility* (Ang Lee) (as Edward Ferrars)
- 1996 *Restoration* (Michael Hoffman) (cameo as a painter, Elias Finn); *Extreme Measures* (Apted) (as Dr. Guy Luthan)
- 1999 *Notting Hill* (Michell) (as William Thacker); *Mickey Blue Eyes* (Makin) (as Michael Felgate); *Comic Relief: Doctor Who and the Curse of the Fatal Death* (Henderson) (as The Handsome 12th Doctor)

- 2000 *Small Time Crooks* (Allen) (as David)
- 2001 *Bridget Jones Diary* (Maguire) (as Daniel Cleaver)

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In the wake of his big international success with the romantic comedy *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the press began evoking comparisons between this young British actor and another cinema Grant, the immortal Cary. Like the latter, Hugh Grant’s screen persona is that of the intelligent, but somewhat tongue-tied and befuddled nice guy masquerading as a charming, striving-to-be-in-charge sophisticate. And like Cary Grant, Hugh Grant has attracted a large, mostly female following—although Hugh’s fans are more apt to describe him as “cute and cuddly” rather than “elegantly handsome.”

Stuck (so far) with playing mostly one-note roles as polished but sexually repressed Brits or effete, often homosexual, aristocrats (sometimes both at once), Hugh Grant has yet to demonstrate the dramatic or comic range of Cary Grant, however. He is more akin to Roger Moore—a resemblance the producers of the James Bond series took note of as well when they considered him for the 007 role before settling on the suave but enervating Pierce Brosnan. Another Moore role, that of Simon Templar in a big screen version of *The Saint*, had at one time also been offered to Hugh Grant, but went to Val Kilmer instead.

Hugh Grant made his screen debut in the student film *Privileged* (1982) filmed at Oxford, where he attended school and was referred to by friends as Hughie Grant, the cute and cuddly name under which he is billed in the unreleased movie. After graduation, he worked in advertising, writing comic radio commercials for which he occasionally supplied the voices as well. He joined the Nottingham Playhouse in 1985 for a season in repertory, but grew dissatisfied with the nondescript roles he was assigned and formed his own comedy troupe shortly thereafter.

Grant left the troupe in 1987 when he won his first role in a major film, the Merchant-Ivory production of E. M. Forster’s once-sandalous novel of homosexual awakening among the student upper crust at Cambridge, *Maurice*. As the aristocratic Clive Durham who forsakes his homosexuality for the straight life in order to pursue a career in politics, Grant earned critical raves and a best actor award at the Venice Film Festival (which he shared with actor James Whilby, who played Maurice).

A slew of roles followed in British television and barely released, independently-made movies—the most memorable of which was Ken Russell’s horror spoof *The Lair of the White Worm*, based on the last published novel of *Dracula* author Bram Stoker, who was dying of “brain disease” when he wrote the feverish piece. Grant again played a somewhat tongue-tied aristocrat: Lord James D’Ampton, whose ancestor dispatched the legendary D’Ampton Worm, a snake god worshiped by the once-pagan Brits of the shire. History repeats itself when the Worm returns thanks to snake goddess Amanda Donohoe, whose beguiling charms Grant almost succumbs to before dispatching both her and the Worm at the film’s high-camp conclusion.

Grant segued from the Russell scream and laugh fest to the more serious *Rowing with the Wind*, an Italian-made biopic about the tempestuous relationship between Lord Byron (Grant), Percy and Mary Shelley, and Dr. John Polidori that led to Mary’s writing *Frankenstein*. Ironically, the same subject was dealt with by director Ken Russell in the 1986 film *Gothic* with Gabriel Byrne as Byron. Subsequently Grant played in several more biopics and docudramas, including *White Mischief*, a true tale of murder among the British upper crust in Kenya during World War II; the PBS mini-series *The Last Place on Earth* about the ill-fated Scott expedition to beat Amundsen to the Pole; and *Impromptu*, James Lapine’s Ken Russell-like chronicle of the love affair between writer George Sand (Judy Davis) and the consumptive composer Chopin (Grant).

The turning point year for Grant was 1994. Three of his films were released concurrently in the United States: *Bitter Moon*, *Sirens*, and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The most potent, but least well received commercially and critically, of the trio was Polanski’s *Bitter Moon*, which had actually been made in 1992 but did not make its way to U.S. shores until two years later. Grant again played a tongue-tied, sexually repressed Brit, Nigel, whose shipboard encounter with a kinky couple (Peter Coyote and Emmanuelle Seigner) spells trouble for his own marriage. Duigan’s erotically charged *Sirens* (with Grant as tongue-tied, sexually repressed cleric) fell in between in terms of popular success, though the critics liked it. But Newell’s *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (with Grant as cynical, upscale bachelor turned tongue-tied bumbler when he falls for Andie MacDowell) was an unexpected smash hit with everyone. It catapulted Grant to stardom; he had two other small British films virtually in the can to take advantage of his newfound fame—including a follow-up with Newell, *An Awfully Big Adventure* (Grant as manipulative, gay stage manager) and the lengthily titled *The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down a Mountain* (Grant as tongue-tied, befuddled, sexually repressed Brit). The big time beckoned and Grant made his major Hollywood film debut in the Chris Columbus comedy *Nine Months*, playing a befuddled, soon-to-be-parent, his most Cary Grant-like role (and performance) to date.

Then scandal struck. Grant was pinched in a compromising position with a Sunset Strip hooker by the Los Angeles cops. Many

believed the tabloid controversy that ensued would finish him with female fans and destroy *Nine Months*, then on the eve of release, at the box office. The embarrassed Grant countered by making the rounds of the late night television talk shows in public apology, and succeeded in defusing the situation with his ingratiatingly self-deprecating humor. *Nine Months* gained from this and was a minor hit, something studio executives no doubt appreciated and will likely remember. Once the “Hugh-and-cry” simmered down, Grant was back on the screen in the kind of small British film that made him, actress Emma Thompson’s adaptation of Jane Austen’s comedy of sexual manners, *Sense and Sensibility* (Grant as shy, sexually repressed aristocrat).

Notting Hill reunited Grant with the writer (now turned writer-director) of the surprise hit *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The film was an obvious attempt to make box office lightning strike twice. It did, although *Notting Hill* is by no means the charmer the earlier film was. Grant plays a London book store owner who “cute-meets” a Hollywood superstar played by Julia Roberts when she drops into his shop one day while in town shooting a movie. The duo clicks, but because of a host of emotional and other differences (“I’m from Notting Hill, and you’re from Beverly Hills,” he tells her), the film takes 90-plus minutes of boy-meets-girl-boy-loses-girl-boy-gets-girl plot complications for them to finally get together. Grant uses his persona as the befuddled, tongue-tied, can’t-seem-to-commit Lothario to welcome effect in order to make this romantic comedy work—since Roberts’ character is (for much of the film anyway) quite off-putting, even obnoxious. Grant followed it up with another romantic comedy, *Mickey Blue Eyes*, which uses his screen persona as the foundation for its one-joke premise: A reserved Englishman falls for the daughter of an American mobster; in order to be accepted by her Family, he must undergo a crash course in how to act like a hood by, among other things, losing his (tongue-tied) British accent.

—John McCarty

GREENSTREET, Sydney

Nationality: American. **Born:** Sydney Hughes Greenstreet in Sandwich, Kent, England, 27 December 1879. **Education:** Attended Dane Hill Preparatory School, Margate, Kent. **Family:** Married Dorothy Marie Ogden, 1918, son: John Ogden. **Career:** 1899–1901—worked as tea planter in Ceylon; 1901–02—agency manager, Watneys Coombes and Reed’s Brewery, Harrow, Middlesex; 1902—joined Ben Greet School of Acting: debut in *Sherlock Holmes* in Ramsgate, Kent; 1904—toured with the Ben Greet company in the United States, and stayed; then acted in Shakespeare for five years; subsequently acted for several groups, including the Harry Davis Stock Company, Pittsburgh, the Henry W. Savage company, the Margaret Anglin company; 1941—film debut in *The Maltese Falcon*. **Died:** 18 January 1954.

Films as Actor:

- 1941 *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston) (as Kasper Gutman); *They Died with Their Boots On* (Walsh) (as General Scott)
- 1942 *Across the Pacific* (Huston) (as Dr. H. F. C. Lorenz); *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Ferrari)

- 1943 *Background to Danger* (Walsh); *Conflict* (Bernhardt) (as Dr. Mark Hamilton)
- 1944 *Passage to Marseille* (Curtiz) (as Commandant Duval); *Between Two Worlds* (Blatt) (as Thompson); *The Mask of Dimitrios* (Negulesco) (as Mr. Peters); *The Conspirators* (Negulesco) (as Riccardo Quintanilla); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as guest)
- 1945 *Pillow to Post* (Sherman) (as Col. Otley); *Christmas in Connecticut* (Indiscretion) (Godfrey)
- 1946 *Three Strangers* (Negulesco) (as Jerome K. Arbutney); *Devotion* (Bernhardt) (as W. M. Thackeray); *The Verdict* (Siegel)
- 1947 *That Way with Women* (de Cordova) (as James P. Alden); *The Hucksters* (Conway)
- 1948 *Ruthless* (Ulmer); *The Woman in White* (Godfrey) (as Count Fosco); *The Velvet Touch* (Gage) (as Capt. Danbury)
- 1949 *Flamingo Road* (Curtiz) (as Titus Semple); *It’s a Great Feeling* (Butler) (as guest); *Malaya (East of the Rising Sun)* (Thorpe)

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Sydney Greenstreet’s merrily monstrous screen persona sprang belatedly forth in the actor’s 61st year with his first film role as Kasper Gutman in *The Maltese Falcon*. His decade as a screen villain (1941–49) stood in contrast to a 40-year stage career in England and America which nurtured his outlandish presence in Warner Brothers films.

His 285-pound bulk filled the frame, often in low angle shots (such as those in *The Maltese Falcon*) that magnified the impression he gave of looming menace. Clever as well as corrupt, charmingly dandified when sybaritic, Greenstreet’s typical villain mocked his victims with throaty laughter that seemed to detach him from the awful deeds he plotted to commit. He took obvious pleasure in playing cat-and-mouse, and satisfaction in his own greedy amorality. Concerned only with financial gain, he remained unflinchingly objective, able to appreciate his adversaries (Sam Spade in *The Maltese*



Sydney Greenstreet (left) with Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor in *Across the Pacific*

Falcon and Rick in *Casablanca*, for example) and to acknowledge it when outfoxed in the end.

Such physical distortion in a film character reassures the viewer of his own comparative inadequacy, and may elicit revulsion or mirth. Greenstreet at his best elicited both responses simultaneously. But his villains never became buffoons, remaining sinister by contrast with the weasels played by Peter Lorre, Greenstreet's foil in eight Warners films, even as he exploited the comic possibilities of his dialogue with a knowing delivery. "As leader of all illegal activities in Casablanca, I am an influential and respected man," boasts his fly-swatting black marketeer Ferrari. Moments later, moved by the plight of Ilsa Lund and her freedom-fighter husband, Ferrari suggests a possible way for them to escape, and seems as surprised by his grand gesture as they are, since, he almost apologetically declares, "it cannot possibly profit" him.

Greenstreet vainly sought to display on film the acting range he had earlier demonstrated in the theater, where he performed a variety of classic and contemporary roles (including, triumphantly, numerous Shakespearean clowns), toured America with the Lunts for the Theatre Guild, and even played a feature part in Jerome Kern's

Broadway musical *Roberta*. Among his few permitted forays into screen comedy, only *Christmas in Connecticut* (where he's cast as a circulation-crazy magazine publisher) reveals the Greenstreet talent for mischief. He played detectives (*The Verdict*, *The Velvet Touch*), the novelist Thackeray (*Devotion*), a celestial interrogator (*Between Two Worlds*), and General Winfield Scott in a Western (*They Died with Their Boots On*), but Greenstreet's fame rests on his gallery of desperate schemers which made him one of the great movie villains.

—Mark W. Estrin

GREENWOOD, Joan

Nationality: British. **Born:** Chelsea, London, 4 March 1921. **Education:** Attended St. Catherine's School, Bramley, Surrey; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married André Morell, 1960

(died 1978), one son. **Career:** 1938—stage debut in *Le Malade imaginaire* in London; 1940—film debut in *John Smith Wakes Up*; 1944—played Ophelia in *Hamlet*; later stage work includes roles in *The Confidential Clerk* in New York, 1957, *Hedda Gabler*, 1960 and 1964, *The Chalk Garden*, 1971, and *The Understanding*, 1982; 1983—in TV series *Girls on Top*. **Died:** In London, 28 February 1987.

Films as Actress:

- 1940 *John Smith Wakes Up* (Weiss—short) (as herself)
- 1941 *My Wife's Family* (Mycroft) (as Irma Bagshott); *He Found a Star* (Carstairs) (as Babe Cavour)
- 1943 *The Gentle Sex* (Howard) (as Betty)
- 1945 *They Knew Mr. Knight* (Walker) (as Ruth Blake); *Latin Quarter* (Sewell) (as Christine Minetti)
- 1946 *A Girl in a Million* (Searle) (as Gay)
- 1947 *The Man Within (The Smugglers)* (Knowles) (as Elizabeth); *The October Man* (Baker) (as Jennie Carden); *The White Unicorn (Bad Sister)* (Knowles) (as Lottie Smith)
- 1948 *Saraband for Dead Lovers (Saraband)* (Dearden) (as Sophie/Dorothea)
- 1949 *The Bad Lord Byron* (Macdonald) (as Lady Caroline Lamb); *Whisky Galore! (Tight Little Island)* (Mackendrick) (as Peggy Maccroon); *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (Hamer) (as Sibella)
- 1950 *Garou-Garou, le passe-muraille (Le Passe-Muraille; Mr. Peek-a-boo)* (Boyer)
- 1951 *Flesh and Blood* (Kimmins) (as Wilhelmina Cameron); *Young Wives' Tale* (Cass) (as Sabina Pennant); *The Man in the White Suit* (Mackendrick) (as Daphne Birnley); *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Asquith) (as Gwendolen Fairfax)
- 1954 *Knave of Hearts (Monsieur Ripois; Lovers, Happy Lovers; Lover Boy)* (Clément) (as Norah); *Father Brown (The Detective)* (Hamer) (as Lady Warren)
- 1955 *Moonfleet* (Lang)
- 1958 *Stage Struck* (Lumet)
- 1959 *Horse on Holiday* (English-language version of Danish film *Hest på sommerferie*) (Henning-Jensen) (as voice)
- 1962 *Mysterious Island* (Endfield) (as Lady Mary Fairchild); *The Amorous Prawn (Playgirl and the War Minister; The Amorous Mr. Prawn)* (Kimmins) (as Lady Fitzadam)
- 1963 *Tom Jones* (Richardson) (as Lady Bellaston)
- 1964 *The Moon-Spinners* (Neilson) (as Frances Ferris)
- 1971 *Girl Stroke Boy* (Kellett)
- 1977 “‘London, 1912’” ep. of *The Uncanny* (Héroux); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Morrissey)
- 1978 *The Water Babies* (Jeffries)
- 1983 *Country* (Eyre)
- 1984 *Ellis Island* (London—for TV)
- 1985 *Wagner* (Palmer)
- 1987 *Little Dorrit: Part I, Nobody's Fault and Little Dorrit: Part II, Little Dorrit's Story* (Edzard) (as Mrs. Clennam)
- 1988 *Melba* (Fisher)

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And how, Dennis Price inquires of Joan Greenwood on her return from abroad, did she enjoy her honeymoon? “Not at all.” “Not at all?” “Not—at all.” By means of the briefest possible pause, Greenwood invests the line with an infinite wealth of sexual innuendo.

Being at once sexy and witty was Greenwood’s forte. Petite and graceful, she moved with a delicate feline sensuality; her breathily husky voice, accentuating unexpected vowels, hovered always on the verge of self-parody. She countered questionable situations with an exquisitely inquiring stare, poised somewhere between amusement and mock outrage. When she was given the chance—which happened nowhere near often enough—she brought to her roles a quality of playful eroticism all too rare in British cinema.

Kind Hearts and Coronets (in which the above dialogue occurs) provided one of her finest opportunities. As the hero’s mistress, Sibella, her stylish playing was perfectly attuned to the ironic elegance of Hamer’s wit. She was well used by Mackendrick, too, in *Whisky Galore!* and *The Man in the White Suit*—displaying in the latter a delectable subtlety of inflexion when attempting, half-reluctantly and half-willingly, to seduce Alec Guinness. Near-mandatory casting for Gwendolen in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, she almost rivaled Edith Evans for Wildean hauteur, and was equally well chosen as Lady Caroline Lamb in *The Bad Lord Byron*; unfortunately, the film was abysmal.

Hollywood seemed even less capable than Britain of knowing what to do with an actress of Greenwood’s style and individuality. Perhaps the French might have given her the films she deserved. In *Monsieur Ripois* her performance as one of Gérard Philipe’s victims revealed unexpected depths of pathos, though her only other French film, *Le Passe-Muraille*, proved disappointing. After the mid-1950s, perhaps discouraged, she devoted herself largely to the stage, and to married life, only occasionally turning up in small cameo roles to suggest what we had been missing.

—Philip Kemp

GRIFFITH, Melanie

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 9 August 1957; daughter of the actress Tippi Hedren. **Education:** Attended Hollywood Professional School, California; studied acting with Stella



Melanie Griffith

Adler in 1975, 1981. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Don Johnson, 1976 (divorced 1977; remarried 1989, divorced 1995), daughter: Dakota Mayi; 2) the actor Steven Bauer (aka Steven Echevarria), 1982 (divorced), son: Alexander; 3) the actor Antonio Banderas. **Career:** 1970s—model; 1975—feature film acting debut; 1976—TV movie debut in mini-series, *Once an Eagle*; 1977—debut as TV series regular in *Carter Country* (1978–79); 1981—starred with mother, Tippi Hedren, in *Roar* (produced by stepfather, Noel Marshall); 1981—took a year's sabbatical to study acting with Stella Adler; 1984—returned to feature films as the female lead in Brian DePalma's *Body Double*; 1987—guest starred in an episode of TV's *Miami Vice*, directed by Don Johnson, her once-and-future husband; 1995—role as Dora in TV mini-series *Buffalo Girls*. **Awards:** Best Actress Golden Globe, for *Working Girl*, 1988.

Films as Actress:

- 1973 *The Harrad Experiment* (Ted Post) (as extra, uncredited)
- 1975 *Night Moves* (Arthur Penn) (as Delly Grastner); *The Drowning Pool* (Stuart Rosenberg) (as Schuyler Devereaux); *Smile* (Ritchie) (as Karen Love/'Miss Simi Valley')
- 1977 *Joyride* (Joseph Ruben) (as Susie); *One on One* (Lamont Johnson) (as hitchhiker)
- 1978 *Daddy, I Don't Like It Like This* (Adell Aldrich—for TV) (as girl in hotel room); *Steel Cowboy* (Laidman—for TV) (as Johnnie)
- 1980 *Underground Aces* (Robert Butler)
- 1981 *Roar* (Noel Marshall) (as Melanie); *The Star Maker* (Antonio—for TV) (as Dawn Bennett); *She's in the Army Now* (Averback) (as Sylvie Knoll); *Golden Gate* (Wendkos—for TV)
- 1984 *Body Double* (DePalma) (as Holly); *Fear City* (Abel Ferrara) (as Loretta)
- 1985 *Cherry 2000* (DeJarnatt) (as E. Johnson)
- 1986 *Something Wild* (Jonathan Demme) (as Audrey "Lulu" Hankel)
- 1988 *The Milagro Beanfield War* (Redford) (as Flossie Devine); *Stormy Monday* (Figgis) (as Kate); *Working Girl* (Mike Nichols) (as Tess McGill)
- 1990 *Pacific Heights* (Schlesinger) (as Patty Palmer); *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (DePalma) (as Maria Ruskin); *In the Spirit* (Seacat) (as Lureen); *Women and Men: Stories of Seduction* (Raphael, Richardson, and Russell—for TV) (as Hadley)
- 1991 *Paradise* (Donoghue) (as Lily Reed)
- 1992 *Shining Through* (Seltzer) (as Linda Voss); *A Stranger among Us* (Lumet) (as Emily Eden)

- 1993 *Born Yesterday* (Mandoki) (as Billie Dawn)
 1994 *Milk Money* (Richard Benjamin) (as V); *Nobody's Fool* (Benton) (as Toby Roebuck)
 1995 *Now and Then* (Glatter) (as Tina)
 1996 *Mulholland Falls* (Tamahori); *Lolita* (Lyne) (as Mother); *Two Much* (Trueba) (as Betty Ferner)
 1998 *Celebrity* (Allen) (as Nicole Oliver); *Another Day in Paradise* (Clark) (as Sid); *Shadow of Doubt* (Kleiser) (as Kitt Devereux)
 1999 *Crazy in Alabama* (Banderas) (as Lucille); *RKO 281* (Ross—for TV) (as Marion Davies)
 2000 *Ljuset håller mig sällskap* (*Light Keeps Me Company*) (Carl-Gustav Nykvist—doc) (as herself); *Cecil B. De Mented* (Waters) (as Honey Whitlock); *Forever Lulu* (John Kaye) (as Lulu McAfee); *Tart* (Christina Wayne)

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By the turn into the 21st century, Melanie Griffith had been called the reincarnation of Jean Harlow, Judy Holliday, and Marilyn Monroe, but seems to have been none of these re-incarnations. More than

anything else, Melanie Griffith is a late twentieth-century Hollywood original. Mike Nichols, her director on her most successful performance, *Working Girl* (1988), alone seemed able to harness her considerable talents, and temporarily make her a major movie star. Yet within any of her performances, throughout her 20 year career, Griffith's face, and eyes, always seem transparent; you can see right into her feelings, yet the audience never knows what her character is thinking. She is able to harness an intense power yet not seem to be acting, but just being “herself”: profane and virginal, street-smart and gossamer, completely spontaneous while totally in control.

Sadly, the Hollywood system seemed unable to utilize her skills. To the public she remained more famous for her frequent appearances in gossip columns, as the daughter of a 1960s star, the child companion of television star Don Johnson at age 14 (he was 22), with a life filled with drugs, automobile accidents, and alcohol. Her latest exploits to be captured by tabloids involved her public marriage to another star, Antonio Banderas.

Melanie Griffith's career has been built on roles that call upon her to encompass contradictions. Not quite a child actress, she made her feature film debut before she would have been graduated from high school, as the promiscuous neglected daughter of an actress in Arthur Penn's *Night Moves* (1975). That same year, she played Miss Simi Valley in Michael Ritchie's *Smile* before proceeding to specialize in playing precocious teens who were less innocent than they appeared. But then her personal problems overwhelmed her and she did not return to important roles until Brian DePalma's *Body Double* (1984). Impressed by her work, director Jonathan Demme cast Griffith as the adventurous lead of *Something Wild* (1986). The crest of this period of accomplishment came with *Working Girl* (1988), which earned her not only stardom, but praise as an actress.

But follow-up proved difficult. Through the early 1990s Melanie Griffith was surely busy, but none too successful in such films as *Paradise* (1991), and *Bonfire of the Vanities* (1990). In 1992 Griffith began the unsuccessful process of attempting to expand her screen image. She endured two back-to-back failures with her performances as a legal secretary turned World War II spy in *Shining Through*, and a tough New York City cop in love with a Hassidic Jewish man in Sidney Lumet's *A Stranger Among Us*. Later came re-makes with *Lolita*, and *Shadow of a Doubt*. By 1999 she was making movies with her new husband in *Crazy in Alabama*, and for cable television with *RKO 281*. Like other actresses and actors of the late twentieth century, she began to be seen more frequently on television than on the theatrical screen. Her television appearances include a score of television movies, both network and HBO, one modestly successful series, and more failed pilots than she surely would like to remember.

Only occasionally during the 1990s did one glimpse Griffith's considerable talents. For example, the remake of a classic screwball comedy *Born Yesterday* (1993) should have been her hit, but while her performance as ex-show girl Billie Dawn was highly praised, the public was lukewarm. *Born Yesterday* was the vehicle that made Judy Holliday a household name in 1950; Griffith redid Billie in her own fashion, sassy but hip, never as dumb as one might think. But in the end, *Born Yesterday* seemed more a sequel to *Working Girl* than any faithful recreation of a role Judy Holliday made famous before Melanie Griffith was born. *Born Yesterday* has at the core the comedic mocking of the ways and woes of Washington, D.C. Perhaps in the cynical final decade of the twentieth century, the remake of

Born Yesterday represented too much a tale of optimism, a celebration of the people over corrupt powers of money and influence.

Yet in *Born Yesterday*, Melanie Griffith did a wonderful send-up of Washington pretension. In a delightful scene Cynthia Schreiber (played by Nora Dunn), ace reporter for National Public Radio, interviews the guileless Billie as a representative of everything that is hick outside the beltway. But the joke turns out to be on Schreiber, for Billie has actually read *Democracy in America* while the National Public Radio host only knows it is important. Here is a use of her brilliant comedic ability.

In retrospect, audiences can only hope that before Griffith retires she can find another *Working Girl*. In this classic genre tale, Griffith played a classic rags to riches climber with a feminist twist. Her Tess McGill from the wrong side of New York City, working class, gains access to a top job on Wall Street through smarts and some luck. With all the contradictions of the fabled work of Frank Capra and Jimmy Stewart two generations earlier, *Working Girl* tapped into the myths of upward mobility in the United States, with a rare power. One can not help liking Tess McGill, even if one can see the cracks and contradictions in the story logic. One sees those breaks only after the film is over and Tess is in her Manhattan high-rise, seeming to start her climb to the top of making money. *Working Girl* is a formula film, but Melanie Griffith proved a great actress in this great conventional movie.

—Douglas Gomery

GUINNESS, (Sir) Alec

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, England, 2 April 1914. **Education:** Attended Pembroke Lodge, Southbourne; Roborough, Eastbourne; studied acting at the Fay Compton Studio of Dramatic Art, London. **Military Service:** Royal Navy, 1941–46. **Family:** Married the actress Merula Salaman, 1938, son: Matthew. **Career:** Copywriter for Arks Publicity; 1934—stage debut in *Libel*, Hammersmith, London; film debut in *Evensong*; 1942—on leave from Royal Navy to appear in British play on Broadway, *Flare Path*; 1946—debut in featured role in film *Great Expectations*; 1948—directed the stage play *Twelfth Night*; 1948—roles in films *Oliver Twist* and *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, 1949, brought international popularity; followed by a series of Ealing comedies; continued to act and direct on stage: directed and acted in *The Cocktail Party*, London, 1968, and co-devised and acted in *Yahoo*, London, 1976; 1982—in TV mini-series *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* and *Smiley's People*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best British Actor, British Academy, for *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, 1957; Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *The Horse's Mouth*, 1958; Special Academy Award, “for advancing the art of screen acting through a host of memorable and distinguished performances,” 1979; Fellow of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 1989, and of the British Film Institute, 1991; UK Film Critics' Circle Special Prize “for the brilliance of his career over more than forty years,” 1989; Hon. D. Litt. (Oxon); Hon. Litt. D. (Cantab); Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1955; Knighted, 1959; made Companion of Honour, 1994. **Died:** In Midhurst, England, 5 August 2000.



Alec Guinness

Films as Actor:

- 1934 *Evensong* (Saville) (as extra)
- 1946 *Great Expectations* (Lean) (as Herbert Pocket)
- 1948 *Oliver Twist* (Lean) (as Fagin)
- 1949 *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (Hamer) (as eight members of the d'Ascoyne family); *A Run for Your Money* (Frend) (as Whimple)
- 1950 *Last Holiday* (Cass) (as George Bird); *The Mudlark* (Negulesco) (as Disraeli)
- 1951 *The Lavender Hill Mob* (Charles Crichton) (as Henry Holland); *The Man in the White Suit* (Mackendrick) (as Sidney Stratton)
- 1952 *The Card (The Promoter)* (Neame) (as Edward Henry “Denry” Machin)
- 1953 *The Captain's Paradise (Paradise)* (Kimmins) (as Capt. Henry St. James); *Malta Story* (Hurst) (as Flight Lt. Peter Ross); *The Square Mile* (Pine—short) (as narrator)
- 1954 *Father Brown (The Detective)* (Hamer) (title role); *To Paris with Love* (Hamer) (as Col. Sir Edgar Fraser); *Stratford Adventure* (Parker—short) (as guest)
- 1955 *The Prisoner* (Glenville) (as the Cardinal); *The Ladykillers* (Mackendrick) (as Prof. Marcus); *Rowlandson's England* (Hawkesworth—short) (as narrator)
- 1956 *The Swan* (Charles Vidor) (as Prince Albert)
- 1957 *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (Lean) (as Col. Nicholson); *Barnacle Bill (All at Sea)* (Frend) (as William Horatio Ambrose)

- 1958 *The Horse's Mouth* (Neame) (as Gulley Jimson, + sc); *The Scapagoat* (Hamer) (as John Barrett/Jacques de Gue)
- 1959 *Our Man in Havana* (Reed) (as Jim Wormold)
- 1960 *Tunes of Glory* (Neame) (as Lt. Col. Jock Sinclair)
- 1961 *A Majority of One* (LeRoy) (as Koichi Asano)
- 1962 *H.M.S. Defiant* (*Damn the Defiant!*) (Lewis Gilbert) (as Capt. Crawford); ***Lawrence of Arabia*** (Lean) (as Prince Feisal)
- 1964 *The Fall of the Roman Empire* (Anthony Mann) (as Marcus Aurelius)
- 1965 *Situation Hopeless—But Not Serious* (Reinhardt) (as Herr Wilhelm Frick); *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (as Gen. Yevgraf Zhivago)
- 1966 *Hotel Paradiso* (Glennville) (as Boniface); *The Quiller Memorandum* (Anderson) (as Pol)
- 1967 *The Comedians* (Glennville) (as Major Jones); *The Comedians in Africa* (short on the making of *The Comedians*)
- 1970 *Cromwell* (Hughes) (as Charles I); *Scrooge* (Neame) (as Marley's Ghost)
- 1972 *Fratello Sole, Sorella Luna* (*Brother Sun, Sister Moon*) (Zeffirelli) (as Pope Innocent III)
- 1973 *Hitler: The Last Ten Days* (De Concini) (title role)
- 1976 *Murder by Death* (Moore) (as Jamessir Bensonmum, the butler)
- 1977 ***Star Wars*** (Lucas) (as Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi); *To See Such Fun* (Scofield—compilation)
- 1980 ***The Empire Strikes Back*** (Kershner) (as Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi); *Raise the Titanic* (Jameson) (as John Bigalow); *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (Gold—for TV) (as Earl de Dorincourt)
- 1983 *Lovesick* (Brickman) (as Freud); ***Return of the Jedi*** (Marquand) (as Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi)
- 1984 *A Passage to India* (Lean) (as Prof. Godbole); *Future Schlock* (Kiely and Peak) (as man in the white suit); *Edwin* (Rodney Bennett—for TV) (as Sir Fennimore Truscott)
- 1985 *Monsignor Quixote* (Rodney Bennett—for TV) (title role)
- 1987 *Little Dorrit* (Part I: *Nobody's Fault*, and Part II: *Little Dorrit's Story*) (Edzard) (as William Dorrit)
- 1988 *A Handful of Dust* (Sturridge) (as Mr. Todd)
- 1991 *Kafka* (Soderbergh) (as the Chief Clerk)
- 1992 *Tales from Hollywood* (Howard Davies—for TV) (as Heinrich Mann)
- 1993 *A Foreign Field* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Amos)
- 1995 *Mute Witness* (Waller) (as the Reaper)
- 1996 *Eskimo Day* (Haggard—for TV) (as James)

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The consummate chameleon, Alec Guinness successfully portrayed a timid but larcenous bank clerk, a brashly eccentric artist, a tortured Cardinal, the villainous Fagin, a fiery Scottish braggart, and a sad-eyed Arab prince of great cunning. According to Harlan Kennedy: “Almost alone among film actors, Guinness can assume the paraphernalia of makeup and funny voices and eccentric walks without losing a molecule of credibility. He never allows the weight of disguise to panic him into a matching hyperbole of voice and gesture.” Guinness once admitted: “I try to get inside a character and project him—one of my own private rules of thumb is that I have not got a character unless I have mastered exactly how he walks . . . It's not sufficient to concentrate on his looks. You have got to know his mind—to find out what he thinks, how he feels, his background, his mannerisms.”

Throughout his long career, Guinness rarely succumbed to excess. This probably had more to do with his naturally withdrawn and reflective character, his passion for anonymity. One cannot imagine Olivier stating, for example, that he became an actor to escape himself, which is precisely the reason Guinness has given. Guinness's artistic goals ("learning to pare down one's performance: learning to cut the flourishes") reflected that personal reserve.

It is to another great British actor, John Gielgud, that Guinness owed his beginnings. Gielgud recommended him as a student to actress-teacher Martita Hunt (with whom Guinness would later co-star in *Great Expectations*) who, after several lessons, gave Guinness back his money: "I'm afraid you're wasting your time. You'll never be an actor." Luckily, Guinness persevered, winning a two-year scholarship to the Fay Compton Studio of Dramatic Art, where he was awarded (by Gielgud) the school's annual prize at graduation. Later, Gielgud offered him the part of Osrice in his production of *Hamlet*. It was the turning point in Guinness's career. He worked for Gielgud and at the Old Vic until the outbreak of World War II, registering most strongly as a modern-day Hamlet at the Old Vic.

Guinness's film career began after he returned from the war, when he played Herbert Pocket in David Lean's *Great Expectations*, a role he had played in his own stage version of the Dickens novel. Guinness then pestered Lean into allowing him to play Fagin in *Oliver Twist*. Despite the elaborate makeup, he made the role completely credible—a full-blooded, pathetic Victorian monster. In the United States, critics deemed the performance anti-Semitic, and the film was heavily cut.

But it was his fourth film, *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, that made him a star. Beginning a long association with Ealing Studios, he appeared as eight characters, ranging from a doddering parson to a militant suffragette, whom the ninth in line to a duchy (Dennis Price) has to prune from the family tree. He received an Oscar nomination for *The Lavender Hill Mob* (as an obsequious bank clerk who succumbs to temptation). His reputation as a serious actor came

with *The Prisoner*, a harrowing drama in which he played a persecuted cardinal behind the iron curtain.

Guinness's next important role was as the arrogant Colonel Nicholson, obsessed with his own code of rules and conventions in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, a performance that garnered him several major awards. Ironically, it was a role director David Lean had to persuade him to take on because Guinness had a difficult time getting a grip on the character. Although memorable in *The Horse's Mouth* (his screenplay for the film was nominated for the Oscar), his next great role was in *Tunes of Glory*. Eschewing the more familiar role of a rigid martinet outsider (effectively portrayed by John Mills), he opted for the role of Jock Sinclair, an insensitive, hotheaded braggart whose outrageously clannish behavior brings about Mills's suicide and his own character's ultimate downfall.

His next leading role was the first one for which Guinness received unfavorable reviews. As the widowed Japanese diplomat Koichi Asano in *A Majority of One*, his only possible consolation was that Rosalind Russell, as the Yiddish widow Erma Jacoby, was as badly miscast as he. In the years that followed, Guinness played a number of supporting roles, the most significant of which were Prince Feisal in *Lawrence of Arabia*, Charles I in *Cromwell*, Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi in *Star Wars*, and Professor Godbole in *A Passage to India*, David Lean's comeback film after almost 16 years of directorial inactivity.

Over the years, Guinness has also turned in some outstanding performances on television—most notably in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* and *Smiley's People*, based on the espionage novels of John Le Carré; *Little Lord Fauntleroy*; and *Monsignor Quixote*, from the novel by Graham Greene. Guinness returned to the big screen, and to Dickens country, in the epic length *Little Dorrit* in 1987. He also had a small role in *Kafka*, released in 1991.

—Catherine Henry, updated by John McCarty

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HACKMAN, Gene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Eugene Alden Hackman in San Bernardino, California, 30 January 1931. **Education:** Studied journalism, University of Illinois, Urbana, for six months; studied at a New York school for radio; studied acting at the Pasadena Playhouse. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1947–50; disc jockey and newscaster for unit's radio station. **Family:** Married 1) Fay Maltese, 1956 (divorced 1985), children: Christopher, Elizabeth, Leslie; 2) Betsy Arakawa. **Career:** Worked briefly for civilian radio and TV stations, 1953; made his off-Broadway debut in *Chaparral*, 1958; made his television debut, 1959; made his film debut in *Mad Dog Coll*, 1961; made his Broadway debut in *Children from Their Games*, 1963; formed a production company, Chelly Ltd., 1970. **Awards:** National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, for *Bonnie and Clyde*, 1967; Best Actor Academy Award, National Board of Review Best Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, Best Motion Picture Actor-Drama Golden Globe, for *The French Connection*, 1971; Best Actor British Academy Award, for *The French Connection* and *The Poseidon Adventure*, 1972; National Board of Review Best Actor, for *The Conversation*, 1974; National Board of Review Best Actor, Berlin Film Festival Best Actor, for *Mississippi Burning*, 1988; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, Best Actor in a Supporting Role British Academy Award, National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe, for *Unforgiven*, 1992. **Address:** c/o Guttman, 118 South Beverly Drive, #201, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1961 *Mad Dog Coll* (Balaban) (as cop)
- 1964 *Lilith* (Rossen) (as Norman)
- 1966 *Hawaii* (Hill) (as the Rev. John Whipple)
- 1967 *A Covenant with Death* (Johnson) (as Harmsworth); *First to Fight* (Nyby) (as Sgt. Tweed); *Bonnie and Clyde* (Arthur Penn) (as Buck Barrow); *Banning* (Winston) (as Tommy Del Gaddo)
- 1968 *Shadow on the Land* (Sarafian—for TV); *The Split* (Fleming) (as Lt. Walter Brill); *Riot* (Kulik) (as Red Fletcher)
- 1969 *The Gypsy Moths* (Frankenheimer) (as Joe Browdy); *Downhill Racer* (Ritchie) (as coach); *Marooned* (John Sturges) (as Buzz Lloyd); *I Never Sang for My Father* (Cates) (as Gene Garrison)
- 1970 *Doctors' Wives* (Schaefer) (as Dr. Dave Randolph); *Confrontation* (Hiller—short)
- 1971 *The Hunting Party* (Medford); *The French Connection* (Friedkin) (as Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle)
- 1972 *Prime Cut* (Ritchie) (as "Mary Ann"); *Cisco Pike* (Norton) (as Holland); *The Poseidon Adventure* (Neame) (as the Rev. Frank Scott)
- 1973 *Scarecrow* (Schatzberg) (as Max)
- 1974 *The Conversation* (Coppola) (as Harry Caul); *Zandy's Bride* (Troell) (as Zandy); *Young Frankenstein* (Mel Brooks) (as guest)
- 1975 *Night Moves* (Arthur Penn) (as Harry Moseby); *Bite the Bullet* (Richard Brooks) (as Sam Clayton); *French Connection II* (Frankenheimer) (as Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle); *Lucky Lady* (Donen) (as Kibby)
- 1976 *The Domino Principle* (*The Domino Killings*) (Kramer) (as Roy Tucker)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Maj. Gen. Sosabowski); *March or Die* (Richards) (as Maj. William Sherman Foster); *A Look at Liv* (*Liv Ullmann's Norway*) (Kaplan) (appearance)
- 1978 *Formula I, febbre della velocità* (*Speed Fever*) (Orefici and Morra) (as interviewee); *Superman* (Donner) (as Lex Luthor)
- 1980 *Superman II* (Lester) (as Lex Luthor); *The Making of Superman: The Movie* (Johnstone—doc) (appearance)
- 1981 *All Night Long* (Tramont) (as George Dupler); *Reds* (Beatty) (as Pete Van Wherry)
- 1983 *Under Fire* (Spottiswoode) (as Alex); *Superman III* (Lester) (as Lex Luthor); *Uncommon Valor* (Kotcheff) (as Col. Rhodes)
- 1984 *Misunderstood* (Schatzberg) (as Ned); *Eureka* (Roeg—produced in 1982) (as Jack McCann)
- 1985 *Twice in a Lifetime* (Yorkin) (as Harry Mackenzie); *Target* (Arthur Penn) (as Walter Lloyd)
- 1986 *Hoosiers* (*Best Shot*) (Anspaugh) (as Coach Norman Dale); *Power* (Lumet) (as Wilfred Buckley)
- 1987 *No Way Out* (Donaldson) (as David Brice, Secretary of Defense); *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (Furie) (as Lex Luthor)
- 1988 *Another Woman* (Woody Allen) (as Larry); *Bat 21* (Markle) (as Lt. Col. Iceal Hambleton); *Full Moon in Blue Water* (Masterson) (as Floyd); *Split Decisions* (*Kid Gloves*) (Drury) (as Dan McGuinn); *Mississippi Burning* (Parker) (as Anderson)
- 1989 *The Package* (Davis) (as Johnny Gallagher); *Loose Cannons* (Clarke) (as Mac)
- 1990 *Narrow Margin* (Hyams) (as Robert Caulfield); *Postcards from the Edge* (Nichols) (as Lowell); *Class Action* (Apted) (Jedediah Tucker Ward)
- 1991 *Company Business* (Meyer) (as Sam Boyd); *Class Action* (Apted) (as Jedediah Tucker Ward)



Gene Hackman (left) with Marcel Bozzuffi in *The French Connection*

- 1992 *Unforgiven* (Eastwood) (as Sheriff "Little Bill" Daggett)
- 1993 *Geronimo: An American Legend* (Walter Hill) (as Brig.Gen. George Crook); *The Firm* (Pollack) (as Avery Tolar); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (voice only)
- 1994 *Wyatt Earp* (Kasdan) (as Nicholas Earp)
- 1995 *Crimson Tide* (Scott) (as Captain Frank Ramsey); *The Quick and the Dead* (Raimi) (as Herod); *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (as Harry Zimm)
- 1996 *The Birdcage* (Mike Nichols) (as Senator Kevin Keeley); *The Chamber* (Foley) (as Sam Cayhall); *Extreme Measures* (Apted) (as Dr. Lawrence Myruick)
- 1997 *Absolute Power* (Eastwood) (as President Richmond)
- 1998 *Enemy of the State* (Scott) (as Brill); *Antz* (Darnell, Guterman) (as voice of General Mandible); *Twilight* (Benton) (as Jack Ames)
- 1999 *Hitchcock, Selznick and the End of Hollywood* (Epstein) (as Narrator)
- 2000 *The Replacements* (Deutch) (as McGinty); *Breakers* (Mirkin); *Under Suspicion* (Hopkins)
- 2001 *Pearl Harbor* (Bay)

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Gene Hackman is one of that rare breed of actor whose star status has been built on talent alone. He may not be the handsomest or sexiest performer in the picture; his romantic roles have been infrequent, and mostly marginal to the plot. But you cannot stop watching him whenever he is on screen, even when the film in which he is appearing is run-of-the-mill. Hackman is an instinctive, intensely physical actor, as much at home playing loud-mouthed bullies and cunningly manipulative bad guys as stalwart or brooding heroes. He is especially adept at expressing himself by modulating his voice and subtly altering his expression, both of which communicate more to the audience than any dialogue. Few actors are more expert at giving ordinary people shadings of psychological complexity, and making larger-than-life characters seem more vulnerable and believable.

The first phase of Hackman's career commenced in the late 1960s. He had made his screen debut in a bit part as a cop in *Mad Dog Coll*, when he already had turned 30; six years were to pass before his appearance in *Bonnie and Clyde*, the first film in which he earned critical and audience attention. His performance as the genial but dimwitted older brother of Clyde Barrow won him an Oscar nomination, and instant stardom. He cemented his fame four years later with an Academy Award-winning star turn as "Popeye" Doyle, the bellicose, bigoted narcotics cop, in *The French Connection*. In between, he was splendid as the dutiful son unable to connect with his elderly parent in *I Never Sang for My Father*. Afterwards, he was equally fine as the obsessive surveillance expert in *The Conversation*; the itinerant bum lurching toward fellowship with another drifter in *Scarecrow*; and the dogged but emotionally torn-apart detective in *Night Moves*. His versatility may be exemplified by contrasting his performances in *The French Connection* and *Night Moves*. In each, he plays a good guy in search of bad guys, yet in *The French Connection* his performance befits his role in that it is outward and in-your-face; "Popeye" Doyle is a character whose actions affect others in the story. Conversely, in *Night Moves*, his outward toughness masks an inner vulnerability as he plays a character who not so much acts as is acted upon.

Hackman's career continued in a similar vein into the 1980s, at which point he offered equally fine performances as the television journalist who is intent upon becoming an anchorman in *Under Fire*;

the tough, unorthodox basketball coach in *Hoosiers*; and the veteran FBI agent in *Mississippi Burning*. His way of getting inside a character is best summed up by critic Roger Ebert, writing about *Under Fire*: "Hackman never really convinced me that he could be an anchorman, but he did a better thing. He convinced me that he thought he could be one."

Not all of Hackman's films, however, have been of the highest caliber. His career has been littered with appearances in films ranging from the awful to the merely forgettable. This list begins with *The Split*, *Riot*, *Doctors' Wives*, *The Hunting Party*, *Prime Cut*, *Cisco Pike*, *Zandy's Bride*, *The Domino Principle*, and *March or Die*; and continues with *Bat 21*, *Full Moon in Blue Water*, *Split Decisions*, *The Package*, *Loose Cannons*, *Narrow Margin*, *Company Business*, and *The Quick and the Dead*. Mixed in were prestige roles in high-profile, big-budget Hollywood spectacles which required little more than his imposing presence. In *Superman* and its various sequels, he is the comically oily villain Lex Luthor. He is top-billed above an all-star cast in *The Poseidon Adventure*, one of the 1970s best disaster films, playing a heroic minister who coolly takes control after the capsizing of an ocean liner. Perhaps it was his coming to stardom at such a relatively advanced age—he was past 40 when he made *The French Connection*—that compelled him to be less selective in his choice of roles.

The second phase of Hackman's career started in the mid-1980s, when he began accepting juicy co-starring and supporting roles as corrupted authority figures. Some have been downright villainous: the scheming Secretary of Defense, who tries to cover up his murder of his mistress and in so doing makes an imposing foil for hero Kevin Costner, in *No Way Out*; a strikingly similar role in *Absolute Power*, only here he is a duplicitous U.S. President and his nemesis is Clint Eastwood; and, most memorable of all, the ruthless outlaw-turned-sheriff, who hides his viciousness beneath a folksy demeanor, in Eastwood's *Unforgiven* (for which he earned a second Oscar). Other, similar characters have been more complexly twisted and deluded: the high-powered attorney who becomes mentor to hero Tom Cruise, and proves to be anguished and regretful, in *The Firm*; and the crusty, set-in-his-ways nuclear submarine commander, whose faulty judgment is challenged by hero Denzel Washington, in *Crimson Tide*. He also is excellent at playing understated drama, working smoothly with Paul Newman and Susan Sarandon as a terminally ill actor who manipulates Newman's retired private detective in *Twilight*. But you always can expect a curve ball from Hackman. Once viewers became used to seeing him as foils for the hero, he offered an equally impressive performance in *Get Shorty* as a schlock movie producer who becomes comically involved with gangsters while attempting to finance his next project. In *Get Shorty*, actors other than Hackman—John Travolta, Delroy Lindo, Dennis Farina—get to be the tough guy. In *The Birdcage*, he proved adept at playing farce in his role as a moralistic, ultra-conservative U.S. Senator. And on occasion, he even was a good guy: in *Enemy of the State*, he is a hermit-like renegade surveillance expert who offers key assistance to hero Will Smith.

Despite his frequent lapses in judgment in selecting his film projects, Hackman has over the course of four decades appeared in an impressive list of exceptional films. In each, he has proved time and again to be a rock-solid actor, and a master of his craft.

—Fiona Valentine, updated by Rob Edelman

HANKS, Tom

Nationality: American. **Born:** Concord, California, 9 July 1956. **Education:** Attended California State University, Sacramento. **Family:** Married 1) Samantha Lewes, 1978 (divorced 1985), two children; 2) the actress Rita Wilson, 1988, sons: Chester, Truman Theodore. **Career:** Intern with the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival, Cleveland, Ohio, and actor with the Riverside Shakespeare Company, New York City; 1980—film debut in *He Knows You're Alone*; TV work includes *Bosom Buddies*, 1980–82, *Happy Days*, 1982, and *Family Ties*, 1983–84. **Awards:** Best Actor Award, Los Angeles Film Critics, for *Big* and *Punchline*, 1988; Best Actor Academy Awards, for *Philadelphia*, 1993, and *Forrest Gump*, 1994. **Agent:** c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *He Knows You're Alone* (Mastroianni) (as Elliot)
- 1982 *Mazes and Monsters* (Stern—for TV)
- 1984 *Splash* (Ron Howard) (as Allan Bauer); *Bachelor Party* (Israel) (as Rick Gasko); *The Dollmaker* (Petrie—for TV)
- 1985 *The Man with One Red Shoe* (Dragoti) (as Richard); *Volunteers* (Meyer) (as Lawrence Bourne III)
- 1986 *The Money Pit* (Benjamin) (as Walter Fielding); *Nothing in Common* (Garry Marshall) (as David Basner); *Everytime We Say Goodbye* (Mizrahi) (as David)
- 1987 *Dragnet* (Mankiewicz) (as Pep Streebek)
- 1988 *Big* (Penny Marshall) (as Josh Baskin); *Punchline* (Seltzer) (as Steven Gold)
- 1989 *The 'Burbs* (Dante) (as Ray Peterson); *Turner and Hooch* (Spottiswoode) (as Scott Turner)
- 1990 *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (De Palma) (as Sherman McCoy); *Joe versus the Volcano* (Shanley) (as Joe Banks)
- 1992 *Radio Flyer* (Donner) (as narrator); *A League of Their Own* (Penny Marshall) (as Jimmy Dugan)
- 1993 *Sleepless in Seattle* (Ephron) (as Sam Baldwin); *Philadelphia* (Jonathan Demme) (as Andrew Beckett)
- 1994 *Forrest Gump* (Zemeckis) (title role)
- 1995 *Apollo 13* (Ron Howard) (as Jim Lovell); *Toy Story* (Lasseter) (as voice of Woody); *The Celluoid Closet* (Epstein and Friedman—doc) (as interviewee)
- 1997 *I Am Your Child* (doc) (Reiner—for TV)
- 1998 *From the Earth to the Moon* (Carson, Field—mini) (as Jean-Luc Despont); *Saving Private Ryan* (Spielberg) (as Captain John Miller); *You've Got Mail* (Ephron) (as Joe Fox III)
- 1999 *Toy Story 2* (Brannon, Lasseter) (as voice of Woody); *The Green Mile* (Darabont) (as Paul Edgecomb)

Film as Director:

- 1989 *Tales from the Crypt*
- 1993 *A League of Their Own: "The Monkey's Curse"* (for TV); *Fallen Angels: "I'll Be Waiting"* (for TV)

- 1996 *That Thing You Do* (+ ro, sc)
- 1998 *From the Earth to the Moon*, Part 1 (for TV + pr +sc on parts 6,7,11,12)

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Tom Hanks in *Saving Private Ryan*

It is a cliché of press-agentry that comedians are always looking for a “stretch,” seeking to redefine themselves as serious actors. Much rarer is the remarkable transformation of Tom Hanks from moderately successful television sitcom co-star to one of America’s most beloved actors, matching only Spencer Tracy in winning two consecutive Oscars for Best Actor. Having firmly established his own comic persona, Hanks went on to roles that seemed to play deliberately against his type, or used it as a subtext, while in certain recent roles, notably his kindly country prison guard in *The Green Mile*, he seems to have abandoned it altogether. Less a comedian with acting ability than an actor with a wry sensibility that lends itself to comic roles, Hanks managed better than any comic actor of his generation to make a transition to dramatic leads.

Looking back on the 1984 *Splash*, which gave the young actor his first leading role and immediate stardom, one finds that he does not give an “apprentice” performance, one that affords mere glimpses of his future screen persona, but rather a fullblown Tom Hanks performance. Already in evidence is the distinctive combination of shyness and a cool knowingness. He makes full use of his slightly pudgy boyish face with its crooked, impish smile; in particular he has mastered a great variety of facial reactions to others’ bizarre or

obnoxious behavior (a brother’s outrageous schemes, a scientist’s rudeness, a mermaid eating a lobster, shell and all), as if he were engaged in an inner dialogue with himself. In the scene where the mermaid rejects the youth’s marriage proposal, one sees a glimpse too of the petulant sarcastic anger that he will display more prominently in dramatic roles in *Nothing in Common* and *Punchline*. He is often funniest when his character is unhappiest, as in the wedding scene, where the guests’ queries about his absent fiancée (who has just rejected him) provoke increasingly exasperated reactions.

Splash also establishes a favorite situation for a Tom Hanks comedy: a relatively normal, reasonably sophisticated person reacting with surprisingly little hysteria to the most preposterous situations: here a mermaid, later a collapsing house, spooky neighbors, an insufferable dog, a human sacrifice to a volcano, or the vicissitudes of the Peace Corps. With the special exception of *Big*, the light comedies do not develop the Hanks persona so much as reprise it; indeed, they offer only a pale reflection of the original when the writing and direction are weak, as in *The ‘Burbs*.

Hanks’s boyish looks and, sometimes, air of mischief suited him for roles in which an immature youth, not so much callow as heedless or self-centered, must grow up. In *Volunteers* the involuntary Peace

Corps hero must (however perfunctorily) shape up; in *Nothing in Common* a self-characterized “childish, selfish” advertising executive has not yet become a “bona fide adult” because his estrangement from his parents has left him emotionally arrested; and in *Punchline*, a would-be comedian is (again) estranged from his father and capable only of an Oedipal crush upon an older woman. Even in *Sleepless in Seattle*, where the older Hanks is a widower with a small son and none of the impishness, the role calls for him to replay those anxious boyish days of having to learn the “rules” for dating all over again.

The maturity issue is treated most interestingly in *Big*, which critiques the perennial appeal of the American child-man to American women and to popular film audiences (while capitalizing upon that appeal at the same time). To portray a 13-year-old inside a man’s body Hanks must eliminate the hip side of his persona altogether, but a surprising amount of the Hanks manner remains: the shyness, the wary alertness, the moments of exuberance and playfulness. Perhaps the really new dimension in this role is the occasional moment of naked vulnerability, notably in the moving scene of the man-child’s first night in a sinister hotel.

Released the same year as *Big*, *Punchline* features one of Hanks’s most complex dramatic performances. Here, besides successfully handling several virtuoso scenes, such as the on-stage emotional breakdown and the comic-pathetic “Singin’ in the Rain” number, Hanks is able to make something consistent, scene by scene, of an extremely mercurial character, not to mention creating some sympathy for a frequently rude egotist. Of his performance as a gay lawyer with AIDS in the didactic *Philadelphia*, the cynical could argue that much of his physical decline is accomplished with makeup, and that much of the power of his “Maria Callas” monologue, virtually an aria in itself, comes from the diva’s own voice and the director’s near-expressionistic lighting and high camera angles. But certainly the actor must be credited for conveying the character’s moments of overwhelming terror, determination to achieve justice, sardonic bitterness, and, with a touch of the Hanks boyish smile in the scene on the witness stand, an idealistic love for the law. Of his other pre-*Gump* dramatic roles, only in *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, valiantly sporting an upper-crust accent but sabotaged by an ill-conceived script (and incidentally by his own nonpatrician looks), does Hanks fail to create a coherent character, although he at least gets to do a splendid display of outrage in the scene where he drives away the party guests.

As for his incarnation of the “simpleton” Forrest Gump, it must suffice to say that behind the American-Gothic frown and near-monotone delivery, Hanks finds a remarkably subtle range of voice tones and glances to suggest an inner life for a fantasy character—one who is already “old” in suffering but never crushed by sorrow, an Ancient Mariner with a story to tell America but no guilt to expiate. The weight behind each reiteration of “That’s all I have to say about that”; the merest hint of knowing disapproval in references to Richard Nixon; the rare outbursts of glee in reunions with Lieutenant Dan: these and countless other details add shadings to what could have been a stiffly allegorical figure.

It is indicative of Hanks’ post-*Gump* status as an all-American icon that his decent, solid performance as a decent, solid astronaut in *Apollo 13* was widely touted as deserving yet another Oscar, and he did receive a nomination for what might be called a study in heroic decency, in *Saving Private Ryan*. It is instructive to compare his performance with that of, say, Lee Marvin in Samuel Fuller’s *The Big Red One* (1980), another WWII story of a man leading a small group of soldiers through combat. Marvin’s grizzled veteran, equally decent

but the essence of the tough Sarge, is worlds (but really just a generation) away from Hanks’ and the screenwriters’ dryly ironic but close-to-cracking Captain Miller. Firm enough to be plausibly in command, sensitive enough to break down weeping when the other soldiers can’t see him, capable of outrage when one of his men disobeys orders to “rescue” a little girl, and also of ironic banter with his men, Miller is one of Hanks’ richer roles. It allows him big speeches, as when he tries to justify the number of men he has lost under his command, and subtle moments, as when—in quite different ways, with different inflections—he tells two different Pvt. Ryans (the first the wrong man) that all of his brothers have been lost in action. When the first Ryan realizes that a mistake has been made, and tearfully says, “Well, does that mean that my brothers are OK?” Miller’s reply, “Yeah, I’m sure they’re fine,” is pure Hanks, without breaking character, in its irony verging upon sarcasm and disgust over the whole situation.

Hanks’ only altogether “light” roles in recent films have been the voice of Woody in the *Toy Story* films. Of course, *You’ve Got Mail* is a romantic comedy, but rather than replay the character in *Sleepless in Seattle*, his previous outing with Meg Ryan, he is refreshingly (in the character’s own words) an arrogant, spiteful and condescending “Mr. Nasty,” a megabookstore entrepreneur who relishes the opportunity to drive Ryan’s genteel neighborhood shop out of business. The plot calls for the character’s underlying decency to surface in the anonymous e-mail friendship he shares with Ryan, and for a change of heart after his initial outrage that his electronic penpal is his insufferable business foe; but fortunately Hanks never turns smarmy, and never calls upon his old boyish cuteness, when his character becomes a pursuing lover. (He also never reminds us of James Stewart, another all-American icon, who played the original role in *The Shop Around the Corner* in 1940.) Indeed, he remains a little snotty even to the end.

While convincingly saintly and low-key American heroes are always in short supply on the screen, one can hope that Hanks doesn’t choose too many such roles. He remains most memorable when he takes a risk in parts with curious mixtures of comedy and drama, like his comedian in *Punchline*, his Gump, or—a true character role—his drunken baseball coach in *A League of Their Own*.

—Joseph Milicia

HARA, Setsuko

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Masae Aida in Yokohama, 17 June 1920. **Career:** 1935—introduced to Nikkatsu studio by brother-in-law, the director Hisatora Kumagai; 1936—chosen by Dr. Arnold Franck for Japanese-German co-production *New Earth*; 1949—first of series of films with director Ozu, *Late Spring*; 1963—retired from films upon death of Ozu.

Films as Actress:

- 1937 *Atarashiki tsuchi* (*Die Tochter des Samurai; Die Liebe der Mitzu; The New Earth*) (Franck and Itami)
- 1938 *Denen Kokyogaku* (*Pastoral Symphony*) (Yamamoto)
- 1942 *Boro no kesshitai* (*Suicide Troops of the Watchtower*) (Imai)
- 1943 *Kessen no ozura e* (*Toward the Decisive Battle in the Sky*) (Watanabe); *Neppu* (*Hot Wind*) (Yamamoto)

- 1946 *Hikaritokage (Light and Shadow)*; *Waga koieshi otome (The Girl I Loved)* (Kinoshita); *Waga seishun ni kui nashi (No Regrets for My Youth; No Regrets for Our Youth)* (Kurosawa) (as Yukie); *Midorino furusato (Green Native Country)*; *Reijin (A Beauty)*
- 1947 *Anjoke no butokai (A Ball at the Anjo House; The Ball of the Anjo Family)* (Yoshimura); *Onna dake no yuro (Ladies of the Night)*
- 1948 *Katug nogenkai; Yuwaku (Temptation)* (Yoshimura)
- 1949 ***Banshun (Late Spring)*** (Ozu) (as Noriko, the daughter); *Ojosan kampai (Here's to the Girls)* (Kinoshita); *Aoi sanmyaku (Blue Mountains)* (Imai)
- 1951 *Hakuchi (The Idiot)* (Kurosawa) (as Taeko Nasu); *Bakushu (Early Summer)* (Ozu) (as Noriko); *Meshi (Repast)* (Naruse) (as Michiyo Okamoto)
- 1953 ***Tokyo monogatari (Tokyo Story)*** (Ozu) (as Noriko); *Hakugy*
- 1954 *Yama no oto (Sounds from the Mountains)* (Naruse)
- 1956 *Shuu (Shower)* (Naruse)
- 1957 *Chieko-sho (The Chieko Story)* (Kumagai); *Tokyo boshoku (Tokyo Twilight)* (Ozu) (as Takako Numata); *Joshu to tomoni (Women in Prison)* (Hisamatsu)
- 1958 *Onnade arukoto (Women Unveiled)* (Kawashima); *Tokyo no kyujitsu (Holiday in Tokyo)* (Yamamoto)
- 1959 *Onna-gokoru (Woman's Heart)* (Maruyama); *Fujinkai no himitsu (A Woman's Secret)* (Yoshimura)
- 1960 *Robo no ishi (The Wayside Pebble)* (Hisamatsu) (as Oren Aikawa); *Kibo no aozora (Hope of Blue Sky)* (Kurata); *Musume tsuma haha (Daughters, Wives, and a Mother)* (Naruse); *Akibiyori (Late Autumn)* (Ozu) (as Akiko Miwa, the mother); *Fundoshi isha (The Country Doctor; Life of a Country Doctor)* (Inagaki) (as Iku, his wife)
- 1961 *Bojo no hito (Love and Fascination)* (Maruyama); *Kohayagawake no aki (The End of Summer; Early Autumn; Last of Summer)* (Ozu) (as Akiko)
- 1962 *Chushingura (Loyal 47 Ronin; 47 Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as Riku); *Musume to watashi (My Daughter and I)* (Horikawa) (as Mari's mother)

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Although her career was prolific and her roles diverse, Setsuko Hara is known in the West primarily as a self-effacing character in six films of Yasujiro Ozu. Her range was far broader than the films made with Ozu would imply; her changes in behavior and appearance just within Kurosawa's *No Regrets for Our Youth*, for example, are astonishing. Nevertheless, Ozu captured the essence of her roles; feminine but strong, often traditional in dress but attracted to modern ways; part of a family unit but independent in spirit. For Ozu, Hara effectively embodies the complex position of modern Japan between its rich cultural heritage and its central role in the post-World War II global economy.

In *Currents in Japanese Cinema* Tadao Sato wrote, “Setsuko Hara had the image of a modern and intelligent woman, qualities that endeared her to Japanese audiences.” (Comparisons to American stars such as Katharine Hepburn and Joan Crawford were common.) Perhaps her most representative role apart from her work with Ozu was as the persecuted widow in *No Regrets for Our Youth*, where, through her perseverance, she shows herself to be stalwart and indomitable. In many films she played characters who had careers or who were able to retain their own identities—and often to assert themselves—within the male-dominated society.

For Ozu, Setsuko Hara played a considerably more subtle version of the independent woman. In each of the six films she is without a husband, and her relationship with the family is predicated to a degree on their desire for her not to remain single. In *Late Spring* she is reluctant to marry and leave her widowed father; a decade later in *Late Autumn* Ozu cast her in the widowed role, as a mother whose daughter is similarly reluctant to leave home. In *The End of Summer*, Hara, again a widow, remains unmarried despite her family's concern. Choosing essentially to do what she wishes, she also advises her younger sister to marry for love rather than by arrangement. The independence never alienates her from her relatives. Indeed, Hara's characters are often the core of loving care within the family structure; in *Tokyo Story*, for example, Hara plays Noriko, a widowed daughter-in-law (again with no desire to remarry) whose affection for her husband's parents is greater than that of their own children. Hara's portrayal of Noriko (her role in three Ozu films, which critic Robin Wood has identified as a loose trilogy built around her) finally stands as one of the great portraits of human generosity and selflessness in world cinema.

Ozu captured Setsuko Hara in certain recurrent images. Most familiar is the enigmatic smile, often as she looks straight into the camera, in response to another character's solicitousness: in *Tokyo Story*, after a character asks her “Isn't life disappointing?,” Hara's reply, “Yes, it is,” is followed by just that smile, deepening the moment immeasurably. Ozu also contrasted her, particularly as she grew older, in formal, traditional kimono with another character wearing a dress (the younger sister in *The End of Summer*, the daughter in *Late Autumn*). That contrast is especially pointed during one scene in *The End of Summer* as the two sisters kneel by the water while discussing the differences in their lives. Although Ozu's films

are commonly considered restrained, in the special moments when Hara's characters cry, after otherwise accepting all of life's misfortunes, the effect of emotional release for the audience can be devastating. For Ozu, Setsuko Hara must have been the perfect actress to play the genuinely loving daughter; it was only fitting that she chose to retire when he died, apparently also retiring her stage name to live in seclusion in Kamakura.

—Jerome Delamater, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

HARDY, Oliver

See LAUREL, Stan and Oliver HARDY

HARLOW, Jean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Harlean Carpenter in Kansas City, Missouri, 3 March 1911. **Education:** Attended Hollywood School for Girls. **Family:** Married 1) Charles Fremont McGrew 1927 (divorced 1929); 2) the producer Paul Bern 1932 (he committed suicide 1932); 3) Harold Rosson 1933 (divorced 1935). **Career:** Entered films as extra and bit player; 1930—contract with Howard Hughes, and played lead in *Hell's Angels*; 1932—contract with MGM; 1937—died during filming of *Saratoga*. **Died:** Of kidney failure, 7 June 1937.

Films as Actress:

- 1928 *Moran of the Marines* (Strayer); *Liberty* (McCarey—short)
- 1929 *Fugitives* (Beaudine); *Close Harmony* (Cromwell and Sutherland); *Double Whoopee* (Foster—short); *The Unkissed Man* (Roach—short); *Bacon Grabbers* (Foster—short); *This Thing Called Love* (Stein); *New York Nights* (Milestone); *The Saturday Night Kid* (Sutherland) (as Hazel)
- 1930 *Hell's Angels* (Hughes) (as Helen); *The Love Parade* (Lubitsch)
- 1931 *City Lights* (Chaplin) (as extra); *The Public Enemy* (*Enemy of the People*) (Wellman) (as Gwen Allen); *The Iron Man* (Browning) (as Rose); *The Secret Six* (Hill) (as Anne); *Goldie* (Stoloff) (title role); *Platinum Blonde* (Capra) (as Anne); *Three Wise Girls* (Beaudine) (as Cassie Barnes)
- 1932 *The Beast of the City* (Brabin) (as Daisy); *Red-Headed Woman* (Conway) (as Lil Andrews); *Red Dust* (Fleming) (as Vantine)
- 1933 *Hold Your Man* (Wood) (as Ruby Adams); *Dinner at Eight* (Cukor) (as Kitty); *What the Scotch Started* (short); *Bombshell* (*Blonde Bombshell*) (Fleming) (as Lola Burns)
- 1934 *The Girl from Missouri* (*100% Pure*) (Conway) (as Eadie)
- 1935 *Reckless* (Fleming) (as Mona Leslie); *China Seas* (Garnett) (as China Doll); *Riffraff* (Ruben) (as Hattie)
- 1936 *Wife vs. Secretary* (Brown) (as Whitey Wilson); *Suzy* (Fitzmaurice) (title role); *Libeled Lady* (Conway) (as Gladys Benton)
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Jean Harlow remains one of the more tragic instances of a talented star whose career was cut short by intense personal problems and ill health. Like Marilyn Monroe (in many respects both her psychological and artistic successor), Harlow died prematurely, in her case from kidney failure at the age of 26, after three failed marriages and a bittersweet affair with co-star William Powell.

The scandalous rumors surrounding both Harlow's death (could her Christian Scientist mother have intervened sooner to save her life?) and her second husband Paul Bern's suicide (did he kill himself to be free of his unhinged common-law wife Dorothy Milette?) resurface periodically in well-researched books such as *Platinum Girl* (1991). Although these regurgitated tragedies keep Harlow's name



Jean Harlow (left) with Anita Loos

alive, they do little to shed light on her contradictory screen image of joyous sexuality.

Her entrance into films was an uncertain one, as an extra in such movies as *Love Parade* and Chaplin's *City Lights*, and in supporting roles in shorts appearing, for example, with Laurel and Hardy in *Double Whoopee*. After she secured a part in the 1929 feature film, *The Saturday Night Kid*, the maverick producer-director Howard Hughes put a nineteen-year-old Harlow under contract when he was converting his silent World War I aviation movie, *Hell's Angels*, into sound. Hughes, in effect, exploited her and her initial, more notorious image of the sluttish peroxided siren in loan-outs such as *Public Enemy*.

The next stage in Harlow's career came in 1932 when, parallel with her brief marriage to Paul Bern, MGM took over her contract, and permitted her to extend her image in the direction of satirical comedy. Harlow at last revealed herself to be a good actress with a subtle sense of humor, giving her public at once the glamorous image to which they were accustomed while developing a burlesque "send-up" of platinum blondes and their ways.

In Jack Conway's *Red-Headed Woman*, Harlow put her own irrepressible spin on the good-time girl image popularized by Clara

Bow, the "It" Girl of the 1920s. This film, as well as Victor Fleming's *Red Dust*, with Harlow seductive and funny opposite Gable, and his saucy screwball farce *Blonde Bombshell* were made before the censorship code of the Hays office came into force. In the highly entertaining all-star comedy *Dinner at Eight*, Harlow outshone the veteran players.

In congenial vehicles (*Libeled Lady*, *Girl from Missouri*), lovable Harlow registers as a tomboy sidetracked by her own curves. Despite the persona of a boudoir goddess, Harlow seemed ill at ease as a maraboued mantrap in her early talkies. Allowed to reveal a bubbly sense of humor about her own voluptuousness, she hit her stride as a star. And even then, it is not oomph that lands her a dreamboat such as Clark Gable (*China Seas*) or Robert Taylor (*Personal Property*) or Spencer Tracy (*Riff-Raff*), but tenacity. Surprisingly touching in dramatic fare (ripping off Libby Holman's life in *Reckless* and playing seriocomic con games in *Hold Your Man*), Harlow displays a defensive vulnerability that illuminates all her memorable performances. The platinum hair, penciled eyebrows, and slinky wardrobe are just female drag Harlow donned as bait; what her co-stars and adoring fans discover is that she is sexiest when she reveals the soft allure under the Max Factor war paint. What gives the Harlow oeuvre

a contemporary kick is her self-awareness, the sense that playing this role of shimmering vamp is a hoot for her and that she is forever trick-or-treating us in the costume of a seductress. Harlow was proud of her evident sex appeal, boasting that she never wore a bra even under her most revealing costumes. Her virtue as an actress lay in her innate sense of comedy, seeing through the artificial glamour by means of which she had originally gained her stardom, while at the same time fully appreciating its value.

—Roger Manvell, updated by Robert Pardi

HARRIS, Ed

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edward Allen Harris in Englewood, New Jersey, 28 November 1950. **Education:** Attended California Institute of the Arts, B.F.A., 1975; also attended Columbia University and the University of Oklahoma. **Family:** Married the actress Amy Madigan, 1983, daughter: Lily Dolores. **Career:** 1981—stage appearance in *True West*, at South Coast Repertory, Costa Mesa, California; 1983—made off-Broadway debut in *Fool for Love*, Circle Repertory Theatre; 1985—appointed trustee, California Institute of the Arts; 1986—Broadway debut in *Precious Sons*, Longacre Theatre; 1994—in TV mini-series *The Stand*, and as one of the voices in *Baseball*. **Agent:** Contemporary Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.



Ed Harris in *Apollo 13*

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *The Amazing Howard Hughes* (William A. Graham—for TV) (as Russ)
- 1978 *Coma* (Michael Crichton) (bit role)
- 1979 *The Seekers* (Hayers—for TV) (as Lt. William Clark)
- 1980 *Borderline* (Freedman) (as Hotchkiss); *The Aliens Are Coming* (Harvey Hart—for TV) (as Chuck Polchek)
- 1981 *Knightriders* (George Romero) (as Billy); *Dream On* (Harker)
- 1982 *Creepshow* (George Romero) (as Hank)
- 1983 *The Right Stuff* (Philip Kaufman) (as John Glenn); *Under Fire* (Spottiswoode) (as Oates)
- 1984 *Places in the Heart* (Benton) (as Wayne Lomax); *A Flash of Green* (Nuñez) (as Jimmy Wing); *Swing Shift* (Jonathan Demme) (as Jack Walsh)
- 1985 *Alamo Bay* (Malle) (as Shang); *Code Name: Emerald* (Sanger) (as Gus Lang); *Sweet Dreams* (Reisz) (as Charlie Dick)
- 1987 *Walker* (Alex Cox) (title role); *The Last Innocent Man* (Spottiswoode—for TV) (as Harry Nash)
- 1989 *To Kill a Priest* (Agnieszka Holland) (as Stefan); *Jacknife* (David Jones) (as Dave); *The Abyss* (James Cameron) (as Bud Brigman)
- 1990 *State of Grace* (Joanou) (as Frankie Flannery)
- 1991 *Paris Trout* (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (as Harry Seagraves)
- 1992 *Glengarry Glen Ross* (Foley) (as Dave Moss); *Running Mates* (*Dirty Tricks*) (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Hugh Hathaway)
- 1993 *Needful Things* (Fraser C. Heston) (as Sheriff Alan Pangborn); *The Firm* (Sydney Pollack) (as Wayne Tarrance)
- 1994 *China Moon* (John Bailey) (as Kyle Bodine); *Milk Money* (Richard Benjamin) (as Tom Wheeler)
- 1995 *Apollo 13* (Ron Howard) (as Gene Kranz); *Just Cause* (Glimcher) (as Blair Sullivan); *Nixon* (Oliver Stone) (as E. Howard Hunt)
- 1996 *Eye for an Eye* (Schlesinger) (as Mack McCann); *The Rock* (Bay) (General Francis X Hummel); *Riders of the Purple Sage* (Haid—for TV) (as Jim Lassiter + pr)
- 1997 *Absolute Power* (Eastwood) (as Seth Frank); *Big Guns Talk: The Story of the Western* (Morris—for TV) (as Interviewee)
- 1998 *Stepmom* (Columbus) (Luke Harrison); *The Truman Show* (Weir) (as Christof)
- 1999 *The Third Miracle* (Holland) (as Frank Shore)
- 2000 *Waking the Dead* (Gordon) (as Jerry Carmichael); *Enemy at the Gates* (Annaud) (as Major Konig)

Films as Director

- 2000 *Pollock* (+ title role)

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As the twentieth century ended, Ed Harris’s more than two decade acting career could best be seen as falling into three distinctive parts. First, he started on stage, beginning in 1975. After studying acting at the California Institute of the Arts, for a half dozen years his life became an almost nonstop whirl of theater activity in California (both Los Angeles and San Francisco), culminating in an acclaimed performance in Sam Shepard’s *Fool for Love*. This staging was subsequently transferred to New York’s Circle Repertory Company, signaling Harris’s off-Broadway debut. In this intense period his stage appearances also include roles in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Sweet Bird of Youth*, *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, *Camelot*, *The Time of Your Life*, and *The Grapes of Wrath*. But then—to begin his second career unit—Hollywood called and Harris answered. His casting as astronaut John Glenn in *The Right Stuff* (1983) changed his whole life. With this blockbuster, Harris became a movie star. In a mid-1980s poll, Harris was named, with Jack Nicholson, as one of the sexiest balding men in America. Certainly this was just another silly testing of public opinion, but it was praise bequeathed only on true movie stars, and by 1985 Harris was—temporarily, it turned out—ranked among them. On the screen, his powerful magnetism made him a lock for top roles in seemingly hot movies such as *Places in the Heart* (1984), *Swing Shift* (1984), and *Sweet Dreams* (1985). Yet lost in the fine film work of this middle period—with which Harris remains proudest of in rare interviews—is the virtually unseen *A Flash of Green*, a PBS American Playhouse project which had a limited theatrical release.

Then, stardom ended, almost as quickly as it had come. Harris’s third period had him settle in as a Hollywood reliable. During the late 1980s, one after another of Harris’s films bombed, or, if they made money, as with *The Abyss*, the take came in well below expectations. It was not that Harris could not select moneymaking filmmakers with whom to work. His agent, CAA, tops in Hollywood at the time, helped him find roles in *Glengarry Glen Ross* (1992), *The Firm* (1993), *Apollo 13* (1995), *Nixon* (1995), *The Rock* (1996), and *The Truman Show* (1998). All did well with either the public, the critics, or both. Yet Harris was never a star again, only a reliable character actor.

By nature a quietly intense man, Ed Harris worked best as a Hollywood journeyman, playing the role of a baffled Middle American working stiff trying to liberate himself from the chains of stoic masculinity. But by 1990, Ed Harris began to rethink his career, setting aside a desire to become famous or make a lot of money, and seeking to do projects he cared about. Indeed at times through the 1990s Harris placed his film career on hold and returned to the theater. In 1992 he starred in Murray Mednick’s play *Scar*, marking Harris’s return to Los Angeles stages where he started. He also appeared regularly in television movies.

Dedicated to his craft, be it on stage or in front of the camera, he is nonetheless often wasted. For example in *Milk Money*, he did a fine job in a small role as a pro-environmentalist, bashful widower. His work is tops, but minor in the blockbuster *The Firm*, in which Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman star while Harris did his usual first-rate job as an FBI investigator. His range as a supporting performer has rarely been surpassed and so Ed Harris seems forever stuck in this rut as a character actor.

Historians will look back to the middle 1980s when Harris was a star. In central roles in Hollywood narratives, he could shine and occasionally glow. As abusive husband Charlie Dick in *Sweet Dreams*, the story of the life of country music legend Patsy Cline, Ed Harris is chilling, loving, and dangerous all at the same time. Only time and perspective will allow us to appreciate such contributions to Hollywood’s history.

—Douglas Gomery

HARRIS, Richard

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Limerick, 1 October 1933. **Education:** Studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. **Family:** Married 1) Elizabeth Rees-Williams, 1957 (divorced 1969), four children, including the director Damian, and the actors Jared and Jamie; 2) Ann Turkel, 1975 (divorced 1982). **Career:** Mid-1950s—member of Joan Littlewood’s Theatre Workshop Company; 1956—West End debut; 1958—film debut in *Alive and Kicking*; 1968—signed three-picture contract with Paramount; success as a recording artist; 1990—returned to London stage in *Henry IV*. **Awards:** Best Actor Award, Cannes Festival, for *This Sporting Life*, 1963.

Films as Actor:

- 1958 *Alive and Kicking* (Frankel) (as lover)
- 1959 *Shake Hands with the Devil* (Michael Anderson) (as Terence O’Brien); *The Wreck of the Mary Deare* (Michael Anderson) (as Higgins)
- 1960 *A Terrible Beauty (Night Fighters)* (Garnett) (as Sean Reilly)
- 1961 *The Long and the Short and the Tall (Jungle Fighters)* (Norman) (as Cpl. Johnstone); *The Guns of Navarone* (Thompson) (as Barnsby); *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Milestone) (as John Mills)
- 1963 *This Sporting Life* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Frank Machin); *Major Dundee* (Peckinpah) (as Capt. Benjamin Tyreen)
- 1964 *Il deserto rosso (The Red Desert)* (Antonioni) (as Corrado Zeller)
- 1965 *I tre volti* (Antonioni and Bolognini); *The Heroes of Telemark* (Anthony Mann) (as Knut Straud)
- 1966 *Hawaii* (George Roy Hill) (as Rafer Hoxworth); *The Bible . . . in the Beginning (The Bible)* (Huston) (as Cain)
- 1967 *Caprice* (Tashlin) (as Christopher White); *Camelot* (Logan) (as King Arthur)



Richard Harris with Vanessa Redgrave in *Camelot*

- 1968 *The Molly Maguires* (Ritt) (as James McParlan/McKenna)
- 1970 *A Man Called Horse* (Silverstein) (title role); *Cromwell* (Hughes) (title role)
- 1971 *Man in the Wilderness* (Sarafian) (as Zachary Bass); *The Snow Goose* (for TV)
- 1973 *The Deadly Trackers* (Shear) (as Kilpatrick)
- 1974 *99 and 44/100 Per Cent Dead* (Call Harry Crown) (Frankenheimer) (as Harry Crown); *Juggernaut* (Lester) (as Fallon)
- 1976 *Echoes of a Summer* (Taylor) (as Eugene Striden, + exec pr, mus); *Robin and Marian* (Lester) (as King Richard)
- 1977 *Gulliver's Travels* (Hunt) (title role); *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Chamberlain); *Orca* (Michael Anderson) (as Capt. Nolan); *Golden Rendezvous* (Lazarus) (as John Carter)
- 1979 *The Wild Geese* (McLaglen) (as Rafer Janders); *The Ravagers* (Compton) (as Falk); *The Last Word* (Boulting) (as Danny Travis)
- 1980 *A Game for Vultures* (Fargo) (as David Swansey)
- 1981 *Your Ticket Is No Longer Valid* (Kaczender); *Tarzan, the Ape Man* (Derek) (as Parker)
- 1982 *Triumphs of a Man Called Horse* (Hough) (title role)
- 1984 *Highpoint* (Carter) (as Louis Kinney)
- 1985 *Martin's Day* (Gibson) (as Martin Steckert)
- 1988 *Maigret* (Paul Lynch—for TV)
- 1989 *Mack the Knife* (*The Threepenny Opera*) (Golan) (as Mr. Peachum); *King of the Wind* (Duffell) (as King George II)
- 1990 *The Field* (Sheridan) (as "Bull" McCabe)
- 1992 *Unforgiven* (Eastwood) (as English Bob); *Patriot Games* (Noyce) (as Paddy O'Neil); *Silent Tongue* (Shepard) (as Prescott Roe)
- 1993 *Wrestling Ernest Hemingway* (Haines) (as Frank)
- 1994 *Abraham* (Sargent—for TV) (title role); *This Is the Sea* (McGuckian)
- 1995 *Cry, the Beloved Country* (Roodt) (as James Jarvis); *Savage Hearts* (Ezra) (as Sir Roger Foxley); *The Great Kankinsky* (Winsor—for TV) (title role)
- 1996 *Trojan Eddie* (MacKinnon) (as John Power)
- 1997 *Smilla's Sense of Snow* (August) (as Tork Hviid); *The Hunchback* (Medak—for TV) (as Dom Frolo)
- 1998 *Sibirskij tsiryulnik* (*The Barber of Siberia*) (Mikhalkov) (as Douglas McCracken); *This is the Sea* (McGuckian) (as Old

- Man Jacobs); *To Walk with Lions* (Schultz) (as George Adamson)
 1999 *To Walk With Lions* (Schultz) (as George Adamson); *Grizzly Falls* (Raffill) (as Old Harry)
 2000 *Gladiator* (Scott) (as Marcus Aurelius)

Film as Director:

- 1969 *Bloomfield* (+ ro as Eitan)

Film as Producer:

- 1976 *The Return of a Man Called Horse* (Kershner) (title role + pr)
 1997 *That Darn Cat* (Spiers)

Other Film:

- 1970 *La Dame dans l'auto avec des lunettes et un fusil* (*The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*) (Litvak) (co-sc)

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Richard Harris's career is linked to a pair of his contemporaries: Peter O'Toole (who, like Harris, is an Irishman), and South Wales-born Richard Burton. All three were outstanding actors who burst onto the international film scene in a flash and were heralded for their ability to command movie screens. And similarly, all three dissipated themselves by carousing and dallying with spirits, in the process dulling their talents and losing their looks. But of the three, Harris's career has never quite equalled that of Burton or O'Toole.

After acting on stage during the 1950s as a member of Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop Company, Harris appeared in supporting roles in various, mostly British-made features. More often than not he is the macho Irishman, representing the lower ranks against effete officers and higher-billed movie stars in the likes of *Shake Hands with the Devil* and *A Terrible Beauty* (in which he serves in the Irish Republican Army), *The Guns of Navarone* and *The Long and the Short and the Tall* (in which he grunts through World War II), and *The Wreck of the Mary Deare* and *Mutiny on the Bounty* (in which he is a mutinous scoundrel). His key early career performance came in a starring role, as one of the classic angry young men of early 1960s British cinema. In Lindsay Anderson's *This Sporting Life*, Harris offers a soul-rattling performance as a rugged, discontented Yorkshire coal miner who becomes a fiercely brutal professional rugby player. The actor perfectly conveys his character's masochistic tendencies as he takes his physical and emotional knocks on and off the playing field.

As the years passed, however, Harris became known more for his headline-grabbing bouts of public drunkenness than for his work on screen. He had become established as a name actor, and he traded in on his fame to earn paychecks by appearing in a variety of international productions. Several were action and historical dramas, including *The Heroes of Telemark*, *The Bible*, and *Cromwell*; his performances became ever more hammy, as evidenced by his work in *Major Dundee* and *The Molly McGuires*. On rare occasion, he fully succeeded in a role: he had his best part since *This Sporting Life* in the violent back-to-nature cult hit *A Man Called Horse*, playing a nineteenth-century English aristocrat who is seized by the Sioux and suffers through torture to demonstrate his worth. But this success did not propel him upward. Rather, he repeated himself in two shabby sequels, *The Return of a Man Called Horse* and *Triumphs of a Man Called Horse*, and covered similar terrain in *Man in the Wilderness* and *The Deadly Trackers*. Unlike *Little Big Man* and *Dances with Wolves*, there is no attempt at liberal political correctness in any of these films; their chief ingredient is suffering, for the sake of suffering.

Harris did enjoy several offscreen successes. His song "MacArthur's Park" was a freak hit, and he played King Arthur on stage in the musical *Camelot* (earlier, he had appeared in the role in the ill-conceived screen version). But Harris mostly bounced around the movies. He co-wrote the screenplay of a dull thriller with a colorful title, *The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*. He executive produced and wrote a song for *Echoes of a Summer*, in which Jodie Foster has a fatal illness. He even turned to direction with *Bloomfield*, a drama about a battered soccer player which harkens desperately back to *This Sporting Life*. He appeared in a pair of wry potboilers, *99 and 44/100 Per Cent Dead* and *Juggernaut* (in which he is reduced to self-parody). Ultimately, he was content to accept any old role in any old action picture he was offered, wearily plodding without commitment through the hijacks, escapes, shootouts, and travelogue locations in *The Cassandra Crossing*, *Golden Rendezvous*, *The Wild Geese*, and *Highpoint*. Perhaps his low points were appearances in

a couple of standing-joke movies with Bo Derek, *Orca* (in which he snaps at Charlotte Rampling, “I resent it when a pretty and intelligent woman tells me I’m dumber than a fish”) and *Tarzan, the Ape Man* (playing Jane’s put-upon explorer father). Had his stature been greater, he might have been cast opposite Audrey Hepburn in *Robin and Marian*; instead, Sean Connery got the role, with Harris reduced to a cameo as Richard the Lion-Hearted. In the early 1980s, with his career languishing, he semiretired to Paradise Island in the Bahamas, where he rid himself of his drinking and embraced a more simple lifestyle.

In the 1990s, well into middle age, Harris enjoyed a celluloid renaissance. This was sparked by his Academy Award-nominated performance in *The Field*, in which he has his best role in years: “Bull” McCabe, a charismatic Irish tenant farmer who has spent his life toiling his land. Conflict arises when the acreage is made available for auction, and it appears that the highest bidder will be a rich American planning to pave it and make it into an access road. Harris gives a resounding, commanding performance as the self-respecting farmer, a relic of a more uncomplicated era, who perceives that divinity and nature are one in the same.

He later made a brief but colorful appearance in *Unforgiven* as the insolent railroad gunman English Bob. Most recently, he has been paired in star turns with equally powerful actors whose characters outwardly have virtually nothing in common but who come to bond in the course of the story. In *Wrestling Ernest Hemingway*, he is an Irish ex-sea captain—a character he was born to play—whose need for camaraderie links him with Robert Duvall’s Cuban barber. *Cry, the Beloved Country*, a remake of the 1951 film of Alan Paton’s esteemed novel of South Africa, is the story of two fathers, one black and the other white, who know each other only by sight but become united in tragedy. Harris is quietly effective as a conservative South African farmer who becomes embittered upon the murder of his social reformer son, whose killer so happens to be the son of an elderly Zulu priest (James Earl Jones). Despite these recent successes, Harris’s career will forever be characterized not by what was, but by what might have been.

—Kim Newman, updated by Rob Edelman

HARRISON, (Sir) Rex

Nationality: British. **Born:** Reginald Carey Harrison in Huyton, Lancashire, 5 March 1908. **Education:** Attended Birkdale Preparatory School; Liverpool College. **Military Service:** Royal Air Force, 1942–45: flight lieutenant. **Family:** Married 1) Marjorie Noel Collette Thomas, 1934 (divorced 1942), son: the actor Noel; 2) the actress Lilli Palmer, 1942 (divorced 1957), son: Carey; 3) the actress Kay Kendall, 1957 (died 1959); 4) the actress Rachel Roberts, 1962 (divorced 1971); 5) Elizabeth Harris, 1971 (divorced); 6) Mercia Mildred Tinker, 1978. **Career:** 1924–27—member of Liverpool Playhouse; 1927—toured in *Charley’s Aunt*; 1931—West End debut in *Getting George Married*; 1931–35—alternated touring with London stage appearances; 1936—Broadway debut in *Sweet Aloes*; contract with Alexander Korda, began making films for Denham Studios; 1945—seven-year contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1950s—worked principally in theater; 1956–58—in *My Fair Lady* on Broadway; continued stage work through 1980s. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *My Fair Lady*, 1964; Order of



Rex Harrison with Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*

Merit (Italy), for *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, 1965; knighted, June 1989. **Died:** Of pancreatic cancer, in New York City, 2 June 1990.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *The School for Scandal* (Elvey) (bit role); *The Great Game* (Raymond) (as George)
- 1934 *Get Your Man* (George King) (as Tom Jakes); *Leave It to Blanche* (Harold Young) (as Ronnie)
- 1935 *All at Sea* (Kimmins) (as Aubrey Bellingham)
- 1936 *Men Are Not Gods* (Reisch) (as Tommy Stapleton)
- 1937 *Storm in a Teacup* (Saville and Dalrymple) (as Frank Burdon); *School for Husbands* (Marton) (as Leonard Drummond); *Over the Moon* (Freeland and William K. Howard) (as Dr. Freddie Jarvis)
- 1938 *St. Martin’s Lane* (*Sidewalks of London*) (Whelan) (as Harley Prentiss); *The Citadel* (King Vidor) (as Dr. Lawford)
- 1939 *The Silent Battle* (*Continental Express*) (Herbert Mason) (as Jacques Sauvin); *Ten Days in Paris* (*Missing Ten Days*; *Spy in the Pantry*) (Whelan) (as Bob Stevens)
- 1940 *Night Train to Munich* (*Night Train*) (Reed) (as Gus Bennett)
- 1941 *Major Barbara* (Pascal) (as Adolphus Cusins)
- 1945 *Journey Together* (John Boulting) (bit role); *I Live in Grosvenor Square* (*A Yank in London*) (Wilcox) (as Major David Bruce); *Blithe Spirit* (Lean) (as Charles Condomine); *The Rake’s Progress* (*Notorious Gentleman*) (Gilliat) (as Vivian Kenway)

- 1946 *Anna and the King of Siam* (Cromwell) (as King Mongkut)
 1947 *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as the Ghost of Capt. Daniel Gregg); *The Foxes of Harrow* (Stahl) (as Steven Fox)
 1948 *Escape* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Matt Denant); *Unfaithfully Yours* (Preston Sturges) (as Sir Alfred de Carter)
 1951 *The Long Dark Hall* (Bushell and Beck) (as Arthur Groome)
 1952 *The Four Poster* (Reis) (as John)
 1953 *The Charm of Life* (Grémillon and Kast—short, English-language version of *Les Charmes de l'existence*) (as narrator); *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as guest)
 1954 *King Richard and the Crusaders* (David Butler) (as Emir Ilderim/Saladin); *The Constant Husband* (Gilliat) (as Charles Hathaway)
 1956 *This Is London* (Jago—short) (as narrator)
 1958 *The Reluctant Debutante* (Minnelli) (as Jimmy Broadbent)
 1960 *Midnight Lace* (David Miller) (as Tony Preston)
 1962 *The Happy Thieves (Once a Thief)* (George Marshall) (as Jimmy Bourne)
 1963 *Cleopatra* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Julius Caesar)
 1964 *My Fair Lady* (Cukor) (as Professor Henry Higgins); “England” ep. of *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Marquess of Frinton)
 1965 *The Agony and the Ecstasy* (Reed) (as Pope Julius II); *Flashes Festivals* (Gérard—short)
 1967 *The Honey Pot (It Comes Up Murder)* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Cecil Fox); *Dr. Doolittle* (Fleischer) (title role)
 1968 *A Flea in Her Ear* (Charon) (as Victor Chandebisse/Poche)
 1969 *Staircase* (Donen) (as Charlie Dyer)
 1973 *The Adventures of Don Quixote* (Rakoff—for TV) (title role)
 1975 *The Gentleman Tramp* (Patterson)
 1977 *Behind the Iron Mask (The Fifth Musketeer)* (Annakin) (as Colbert)
 1978 *Shalimar (Deadly Thief)* (Shah); *Crossed Swords (The Prince and the Pauper)* (Fleischer) (as Duke of Norfolk)
 1979 *Ashanti* (Fleischer) (as Brian Walker)
 1983 *The Kingfisher* (James Cellan Jones—for TV); *A Time to Die (Seven Graves for Rogan)* (Cimber) (as Von Osten)
 1986 *Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Grand Duke Cyril Romanov); *Heartbreak House* (Page—for TV)

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Although Rex Harrison was such a commanding presence on screen, and seemed to have been a star for an incalculable number of years, in reality he did not make his mark until the 1940s. Given co-starring or featured roles in British films of the 1930s, Harrison always appeared to be overshadowed or out-acted by his colleagues, particularly Vivien Leigh in *Storm in a Teacup* and *St. Martin's Lane*, two films that should have helped the actor's career. As the King in *Anna and the King of Siam*, and as the jealous symphony conductor in *Unfaithfully Yours*, Harrison at last gained a substantial audience, but gossip concerning the suicide of Carole Landis, with whom he had had an affair, effectively ended his first Hollywood career.

This tragedy, rather than hurting Harrison, helped in the long run, for it allowed him to refine his acting on stage, and to recreate the image of the suave, urbane Englishman suggested by some of the actor's early films, such as *Blithe Spirit* and *The Rake's Progress*, but never fully developed. Harrison's portrayal of Professor Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, of course, epitomized the new characterization, and it was further developed in *The Yellow Rolls-Royce*. Nevertheless, one should not categorize Harrison. *Cleopatra* gave him, out of everyone in the cast, an opportunity to dominate the scene as Caesar, and to rise above the banal script and production (and his first Oscar nomination). Yet again, in *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, as Pope Julius II, he was able to overcome the poor production, while *Staircase* presented him with a rare opportunity for “camp” comedy.

Following *Staircase* until his death in 1990, Harrison appearing only infrequently in films and only in supporting roles, including two swashbuckling failures, *Behind the Iron Mask* and *Crossed Swords*. He found more success on the stage in this period, however, including another go at Caesar in George Bernard Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra*, touring revivals of *My Fair Lady*, and up to a month before his death a lead role on Broadway in W. Somerset Maugham's *The Circle*. Over a 65-year career, Harrison had established himself as a top-notch performer of sophisticated roles on stage and on screen, and had secured a permanent place in the film pantheon as Professor Henry Higgins.

—Anthony Slide, updated by David E. Salamie

HARVEY, Laurence

Nationality: British. **Born:** Larushka Mischa Skikne in Joniskis, Lithuania, 1 October 1928; emigrated to South Africa, 1934; became British citizen, 1947. **Education:** Meyerton College and Earl of Atherton High School, Johannesburg, South Africa. **Military Service:** 1943–1946—served in entertainment unit with South African Army in North African and Italian campaigns. **Family:** Married 1) Margaret Leighton, 1957 (divorced 1961); 2) Joan Perry Cohn, 1968 (divorced 1972); 3) Pauline Stone, 1972. **Career:** Stage debut with Johannesburg Repertory Theater in *Cottage To Let*, 1943; 1946—attended Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London; performed in repertory theater, Manchester; 1948—film debut in *Man on the Run*; 1951—West End stage debut in *Hassan*; 1955—Broadway stage debut in *The Island of Goats*; 1958—stage directorial debut, *Simply Heavenly*; 1963—film directorial debut, *The Ceremony*. **Died:** 25 November 1973 of cancer.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Man on the Run* (Huntington) (as Detective Sergeant Lawson); *House of Darkness* (Mitchell) (as Francis Merryman); *The Dancing Years* (uncredited) (bit part)
- 1949 *The Man From Yesterday* (Mitchell) (as John Matthews); *Landfall* (Annakin) (as P/O Hooper)
- 1950 *Othello* (Sheldon—for TV) (as Cassio); *Cairo Road* (MacDonald) (as Lieutenant Mourad); *The Black Rose* (Hathaway) (as Edmond)
- 1951 *There Is Another Sun* (Gilbert) (as Mag Maguire); *The Scarlet Thread* (Gilbert) (as Freddie)
- 1952 *A Killer Walks* (Drake) (as Ned); *Innocents in Paris* (Parry) (as Francois); *I Believe in You* (Dearden) (as Jordie)
- 1953 *Women of Twilight* (Parry) (as Jerry Nolan); *Knights of the Round Table* (Thorpe) (bit part); *As You Like It* (Ebert—for TV) (as Orlando)
- 1954 *The Good Die Young* (Gilbert) (as Miles Ravenscourt); *King Richard and the Crusaders* (Butler) (as Sir Kenneth); *Romeo and Juliet* (Castellani) (as Romeo)
- 1955 *I Am a Camera* (Cornelius) (as Christopher Isherwood); *Storm Over the Nile* (Young) (as John Durrance)
- 1956 *Three Men in a Boat* (Annakin) (as George)
- 1957 *After the Ball* (Bennett) (as Walter de Frece)
- 1958 *The Truth About Women* (Box) (as Sir Humphrey Tavistock); *The Silent Enemy* (Fairchild) (as Lt. Lionel Crabbe)
- 1959 *Room at the Top* (Clayton) (as Joe Lampton)
- 1960 *Power Among Men* (Polidoro, Hammid, and Sarma) (as Narrator); *The Long and the Short and the Tall* (Jungle Fighters) (Norman) (as Private Bamforth); *Espresso Bongo* (Guest) (as Johnny Jackson); *The Alamo* (Wayne) (as Colonel William Travis); *Bitterfeld 8* (Mann) (as Weston Lagged)
- 1961 *Two Loves (Spinster)* (Walters) (as Paul Latrobe); *Summer and Smoke* (Goldenville) (as John Buchanan Jr.)
- 1962 *A Girl Named Tamiko* (Sturges) (as Ivan Kalin); *Walk on the Wild Side* (Dmytryk) (as Dove Linkhorn); *The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm* (Pal) (as Wilhelm Grimm); *The Manchurian Candidate* (Frankenheimer) (as Raymond Shaw)

- 1963 *The Ceremony* (as Sean McKenna, + d); *The Running Man* (Reed) (as Rex Black)
- 1964 *The Outrage* (Ritt) (as The Husband); *Or Human Bondage* (Hughes) (as Philip Carey)
- 1965 *Life at the Top* (Kotcheff) (as Joe Lampton); *Darling* (Schlesinger) (as Miles Brand); *The Love Goddesses* (Turell) (as Narrator)
- 1966 *The Spy with a Cold Nose* (Petrie) (as Dr. Francis Trevelyan); *The Winter's Tale* (Dunlop) (as Leontes)
- 1968 *Rebus* (Zanchin) (as Jeff Miller); *A Dandy in Aspic* (Mann) (as Alexander Eberlin, + co-d uncredited); *Fight for Rome* (Siodmak) (as Cathegus)
- 1969 *Fight for Rome II* (Siodmak) (as Cathegus); *He and She* (Bolognini) (as He, + pr); *The Magic Christian* (McGrath) (as Hamlet)
- 1970 *WUSA* (Rosenberg) (as Farley); *The Deep* (Welles) (as Hughie Warriner); *Tchaikovsky* (Talankin) (as Narrator)
- 1972 *Escape to the Sun* (Golan) (as Major Kirsanov)
- 1973 *Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match* (Abroms—for TV) (as Emmett Clayton); *Night Watch* (Hutton) (as John Wheeler)
- 1974 *Welcome to Arrow Beach (Tender Flesh)* (as Jason Henry, + d)
- 1975 *For for Fake* (Welles) (cameo as Himself)

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Effete, unscrupulous, coldly unemotional, hedonistic, and cad are the words most frequently used to describe the screen persona of this Lithuanian-born, South African-raised British actor who achieved international stardom as the ambitious working class “hero” in *Room at the Top*, the provocative 1959 film that heralded a bold new direction in the British cinema of the 1950s and 1960s.

Harvey’s heartless heartthrob in the film, Joe Lampton, who woos and wins an industrialist’s daughter he doesn’t love in order to get ahead (and by doing so destroys the woman of his own class he realizes too late that he does love), personified the cautionary “be



Laurence Harvey in *The Alamo*

careful what you wish for, you may get it” message of this daringly frank (for its time), adult-oriented film.

Room at the Top paved the way for a host of even grittier “kitchen sink dramas” about British class and sexual warfare such as *A Kind of Loving*, *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner*, and *This Sporting Life*. And Harvey’s performance as the upstart Lothario from the other side of the tracks in it was the standard bearer for all the working class rebels with a cause played by Alan Bates, Albert Finney, Tom Courtney, and Richard Harris who followed in Harvey’s footsteps.

Harvey repeated the role of Joe Lampton in an equally frank sequel, *Life at the Top*. The film was less successful than its forbear, however, because it covered no new ground; it just confirmed the details of the empty life in store for Harvey’s character at the end of the first film.

Life at the Top was released in 1965, by which time Harvey was already a fixture of many high-profile films made on both sides of the Atlantic such as *Butterfield 8*, *Summer and Smoke* (from a Tennessee Williams play), *Walk On the Wild Side*, *The Outrage* (Kurosawa’s *Rashomon* remade as a western), and *Darling*, director John Schlesinger and writer Frederic Raphael’s acid portrait of the London scene in the

“swinging Sixties.” In each, Harvey played variations on his destructive but appealing heel persona—a persona that made him an unsuitable choice, however, for *Of Human Bondage*. Harvey was clearly miscast in the part of Somerset Maugham’s vulnerable hero Philip Carey, just as he had been early on in his career (and for the same reasons) as Romeo in Castellani’s *Romeo and Juliet* (1954). On the flip side, Harvey’s upper class air of almost posturing snobbishness made him an ideal Colonel William Travis, the effete defender of American freedom he played in John Wayne’s interminable epic *The Alamo*, a film where most of the fun (aside from the spectacular final battle) derived from watching Harvey and co-star Richard Widmark go head to head chewing the scenery.

Harvey had his two best roles (apart from *Room At the Top*) and gave his two best performances in Val Guest’s underrated satire *Expresso Bongo*, where he played a hilariously smarmy music promoter who maneuvers singer Cliff Richards into the big leagues, and John Frankenheimer’s classic *The Manchurian Candidate*. It is the latter film for which Harvey is today best remembered. He is perfectly cast as the cold fish Raymond Shaw, a Korean War POW brainwashed by the communist Chinese into being a remote-controlled assassin. In many ways, Shaw is the definitive Harvey hero—a

character we never actually *like* but whom we do come to *feel* for. Ironically, Harvey almost didn't get the part. Producer-star Frank Sinatra's first choice for Shaw was Tony Curtis, but director Frankheimer insisted on Harvey and fortunately got his way.

Shortly before his premature death of cancer, Harvey may have had another good part as a killer, in this case a psychopathic one, in *Dead Reckoning (The Deep)*, a thriller based on Charles William's 1965 novel *Dead Calm* filmed by Orson Welles in the early 1970s as Harvey's star power was waning. Regrettably, we'll probably never know as the film is reportedly locked up in a vault somewhere, its ownership and its rights tied up in litigation like so many other of Welles's works that remained either unfinished or unreleased at the time of Welles's death in 1985.

—John McCarty

HASEGAWA, Kazuo

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Kyoto, 27 February 1908. **Education:** Attended Fushimi No. 3 Elementary School to 1921. **Military Service:** Served three-months basic training for Japanese Army, and spent the remainder of the war touring with theater groups, 1944–45. **Family:** Married 1) Tami Nakamura 1930 (divorced 1942); 2) Shige Iijima 1942, children: actor Narutoshi Hayashi and actresses Toshiko and Kiyo Hasegawa. **Career:** 1913—first role in his uncle's Kabuki theater; over the next few years used the stage names Kazuo Nakamura, Kazuo Arashi, and Chomaru Hayashi; underwent training as Kabuki actor; 1927—joined Shochiku Studio and made film debut (using name Chojiro Hayashi) in *Chigo no kempo*; made about 120 films in the next ten years for this studio; 1937—joined Toho Studio; his popularity was enhanced after being attacked by a thug, allegedly hired by rival studio; from this point began using his real name, Kazuo Hasegawa; 1942—established the Shin Engi-za theater group; 1946–47—engaged by Shin-Toho Studio; 1948–52—the Shin Engi-za company began producing films as well as plays; 1949–63—member of Daiei Studio and executive officer, 1957–63; 1964—first TV appearance; 1960s—concentrated on stage work. **Awards:** Japanese Government Shiju-hosho, 1965; Minister of Education Award, 1978. **Died:** From cerebral tumor, 6 April 1984.

Films as Actor:

(as Chojiro Hayashi)

- 1927 *Chigo no kenpo* (Inuzuka); *Ojo Kissa* (Kinugasa); *Rangun* (Inuzuka); *Doku azami* (Kinugasa); *Kinno jidai* (Kinugasa); *Itawari Asataro* (Inuzuka); *Jofusei* (Fuyushima); *Goyosen* (Kinugasa); *Yabure amigasa* (Inuzuka); *Akatsuki no yushi* (Kinugawa); *Korui* (Yamazaki); *Komori zoshi* (Yamazaki); *Gekka no kyoba* (Kinugasa); *Tempo hiken-roku* (Yamazaki)
- 1928 *Benten-kozo* (Kinugasa) (title role); *Kyoraku hicho* (Kinugasa); *Kaikoku-ki* (Kinugasa); *Fuunjo-shi* (Yamazaki) (as Shinpachi Aizawa); *Chokon yasha* (Kinugasa); *Hookibi* (Hoshi); *Shirai Gonpachi* (Yamazaki); *Ose Hangoro* (Hoshi); *Kaito Sayamaro* (Koishi); *Tsurugi no ketsuen* (Koishi); *Jinpinin* (Tomonari); *Edo sodachi* (Tomonari); *Kirare Yosa* (Kioishi);

- Shigure-gasa* (Koishi); *Ningyo bushi* (Koishi); *Toribeyama shinju* (Fuyushima)
- 1929 *Kurode-gumi Sukeroku* (Furuno); *Jigoku kaido* (Ishiyama); *Obo Kissa* (Fuyushima); *Fubuki-toge* (Fuyushima); *Omokage* (Hattori); *Yari no Gonzo* (Furuno); *Tsukigata Hanpeita* (Fuyushima) (title role); *Ise ondo* (Takeuchi); *Sanza shigure* (Hoshi); *Chi ni somuku mono* (Tomonari); *Kuruheru meikun* (Inoue)
- 1930 *Nogitsune Sanji* (Koishi); *Jisei wa utsuru* (Fuyushima); *Jikizamurai* (Inoue); *Fuyuki shinju* (Fuyushima); *Matsudaira Choshichiro* (Hoshi); *Seki no Yatappe* (Hoshi); *Naniwa hina* (Inoue); *Satsunan sodoin* (Fuyushima); *Chiyoda no ninjo* (Hoshi); *Shochiku biggu paredo* (Shimazu)
- 1931 *Fubuki ni sakebu ookami* (Fuyushima); *Bijobu Sakyo* (Hoshi); *Monzaburo no Hide* (Watanabe); *Reimei izen* (Kinugasa); *Jurokuya seishin* (Inuzuka); *Bato no zeni: Kesho-bosatsu no maki* (Inoue); *Kagoya Dainagon* (Futakawa); *Bata no zeni: Ogon oni ranbu no maki* (Inoue); *Jonan no Yoemon* (Inuzuka); *Nagebushi Yasuke: Michinoku no maki* (Futakawa); *Nagebushi Yasuke: Edo no maki* (Futakawa); *Hiren hikui-zuka* (Inuzuka)
- 1932 *Yaji Kita bijin sodo* (Futakawa); *Konjiki-yasha* (Nomura) (as Kanichi); *Tabigaeru kokyo no uta* (Inuzuka); *Nezumi-kozo Jirokichi* (Kinugasa) (as Jirokichi); *Matsuri-uta Mitokichi goroshi* (Inuzuka); *Rikigun daikoshin* (Shimizu); *Edo gonomi Ryogoku-zoshi* (Inoue); *Kamiyui Shinza* (Inuzuka); *Dogo no kishi* (Inoue); *Hototogisu* (Gosho); *Nezumi-kozo Kirokichi: Kaiketsu-hen* (Akiyama) (as Jirokichi); *Kikugoro goshi* (Inuzuka); *Chushingura* (Kinugasa) (as Asano Takuminokami and Yoshida Sawaemon)
- 1933 *Adauchi kyodai kagami* (Futakawa); *Kikugoro goshi* (Fuyushima); *Ten-ichibo to Iganosuke* (Kinugasa); *Kyokaku harusame-gasa* (Fuyushima); *Irezumi hangan* (Fuyushima); *Futatsu dore* (Kinugasa); *Irezumi hangan: Hyaku-san kiki no maki* (Fuyushima); *Irezumi hangan: Kanketsu-hen* (Fuyushima); *Koina no Ginpei* (Kinugasa); *Uijin* (Fuyushima); *Yaji Kita* (Inoue)
- 1934 *Kutsukake Tokijiro* (Kinugasa) (as Tokijiro); *Yashu Honnoji* (Fuyushima); *Ishii Tsuneemon* (Oosone); *Myoreki meikenshi* (Inoue); *Tsukigata Hanpeita* (Fuyushima) (title role); *Yakko Kagami-san* (Oosone); *Ippon-gatana dohyo-iri* (Kinugasa); *Rinzo shusse-tabi* (Futakawa); *Edo wa utsuru* (Fuyushima); *Genzaburo ihen: Hissatsuken oni no maki* (Kimura); *Genzaburo ihen: Shokuran renbo no maki* (Fuyushima); *Watashi no niisan* (Shimazu) (as Fumio); *Kyokaku Soga* (Inoue)
- 1935 *Hanayome no negoto* (Gosho) (as Yasuo); *Haha no ai* (Ikeda); *Kurayami no Ushimatsu* (Kinugasa); *Ronintabi sassho bosatsu* (Kondo); *Yokino-jo henge* Parts I and II (Kinugasa) (as Yokino-jo, Yamitaro, and Yukino-jo's mother); *Kagoya hangan* (Fuyushima) (as Ooka Echizen ni kami); *Tempo Yasubei* (Inuzuka); *Megumi ni kenka* (Fuyushima)
- 1936 *Yokino-jo henge: Kaiketsu-hen* (Kinugasa) (as Yokino-jo, Yamitaro, and Yokino-jo's mother); *Onatsu Seijuro* (Inuzuka) (as Seijuro); *Arakawa no Sakichi* (Oosone); *Oduro Meikun* (Inoue); *Toribeyama shinju: Osome Hankuro*

- (Fuyushima) (as Hankuro); *Harusugata gonin-otoko* (Fuyushima)
- 1937 *Oosaka natsu-no-jin* (Kinugasa) (as Sakazaki Izumo no kami); *Tabi no kagero* (Inuzuka); *Tsuchiya Chikara: Rakka no make* (as Tsuchiya Chikara and Sugino Jubeita); *Sekkai no maki* (Fuyushima); *Suzukamori* (Inoue); *Moko raishu: Tekikoku Kofuku; Shishi-hen* (Akiyama); *Bancho sarayashiki* (Fuyushima)
- (as Kazuo Hasegawa)
- 1938 *Tojuro no koi* (Yamamoto) (as Sakata Tojuro); *Mabuta no haha* (Kondo); *Tsuruhachi Tsurujiro* (Naruse) (as Tsurujiro); *Gekka no wakamusha* (Nakagawa)
- 1939 *Ronin fubuki* (Kondo); *Chushingura* Parts I and II (Takizawa and Yamamoto); *Kenka-tobi* Parts I and II (Ishida) (released as short 1951); *Echigo-jishi matsuri* (Watanabe); *Byakuran no uta* (Watanabe) (as Kokichi Matsumura); *Gozonji asumaotoko* (Takizawa)
- 1940 *Adauchi goyomi* (Kondo); *Hebihime-sama* (Kinugasa) (as Hinokiya Sentaro); *Shina no yoru* Parts I and II (Hase) (released as *Soshu yakyoku* 1952—short) (as Tetsuo Hase); *Zoku Hebihime-sama* (Kinugasa) (as Hinokiya Sentaro); *Moyuru daichi* (Abe) (as Lt. Ohashi); *Nessa no chikai* Parts I and II (Watanabe) (as Kenji Sugiyama)
- 1941 *Sakujitsu kieta otoko* (Makino) (as Bunkichi); *Hasegawa Roppa no Iemitsu to Hikosa* (Makino) (as Tokugawa Iemitsu and Kawamura Keibu); *Orizushichi nana-henge* Parts I and II (Ishida); *Awa no odoriko* (Makino) (released as *Kenun Naruto shibuki* 1960—short); *Kawanakajima gassen* (Kinugasa) (as Hyakuzo); *Otoko no hanamichi* (Makino) (as Utaemon III)
- 1942 *Matteita otoko* (Makino); *Fukei-zu* (Makino) (as Hayase Chikara); *Zoku Fukei-zu* (Makino) (as Hayase Chikara); *Omokage no machi* (Hagiwara)
- 1943 *Ina no Kantaro* (Takizawa) (released as *Ina-bushi jinji* 1953—short) (title role); *Ongaku dai-shingun* (Watanabe); *Meijin Choji-bori* (Hagiwara) (as Choji); *Susume dokuritsu-ki* (Kinugasa and Imai); *Himataru kakugo* (Takizawa)
- 1944 *Idaten kaido* (Hagiwara); *Shibai-do* (Naruse); *Inochi no minato* (Watanabe)
- 1945 *Ato ni tsuzuku o shinzu* (Watanabe); *Sanju-san-gen-do toshiya monogatari* (Naruse)
- 1946 *Hinok butai* (Toyoda); *Aru yo no tonosama* (Kinugasa) (as Kiichiro Taira); *Kiri no yobanashi* (Hagiwara)
- 1947 *Toho Sen-ichi-ya* (Ichikawa); *Sakura-ondo: Kyo wa odotte* (Watanabe); *Oedo no oni* (Hagiwara); *Bonbon* (Saeki)
- 1948 *Yurei akatsuki ni shisu* (Makino); *Yukyo no mure* (Oosone); *Koban-zame: Dogo-hen* (Kinugasa)
- 1949 *Koban-zame: Aizo-hen* (Kinugasa); *Heiji happy-aku-ya-cho* (Saeki); *Ashi o arrata otoko* (Fuyushima); *Koga-yashiki* (Kinugasa); *Hebihime dochu* (Kimura); *Zoku Hebihime dochu* (Kimura); *Fukei-zu* (Makino) (short version of *Fukei-zu* and *Zoku Fukei-zu*, 1942)
- 1950 *Kizudarake no otoko* (Makino); *Otomi to Yosaburo* Parts I and II (Fuyushima) (as Yosaburo); *Jogashima no ame* (Tanaka); *Senryo-hada* (Fuyushima); *Hi no tori* (Tanaka); *Oni azami* (Fuyushima); *Beni-komori* (Kinugasa)
- 1951 *Ashura hangan* (Mori); *Tsuki no wataridori* (Kinugasa); *Zenigata Heiji* (Mori) (title role); *Meigetsu somato* (Kinugasa); *Orizuru-gasa* (Fuyushima); *Genji monogatari* (*Tale of Genji*) (Yoshimura) (as Hikari Genji); *Tsuki kara kita otoko* (Saeki); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Koibumi dochu* (Fuyushima) (title role); *Hebihime-sama* (Kinugasa) (short version of *Hebihime-sama* and *Zoku Hebihime-sama*, 1940)
- 1952 *Jirokichi goshi* (Ito) (as Jirokichi); *Shura-jo hibun: Soryu no maki* (as Momotaro and Shin-nosuke); *Hiun no maki* (Kinugasa); *Zenigata Heiji torimon-hikae: Jigoku no mon* (Mori) (title role); *Furisode kyojo* (Yasuda); *Kantaro tsukiyo-uta* (Tasaka) (as Kantaro); *Daibutsu kaigen* (Kinugasa) (as Kunihito); *Fuun senryo-bune* (Inagaki)
- 1953 *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Karakuri yashiki* (Mori) (title role); *Asama no mozu* (Kinugasa); *Hana no Kodo-kan* (Mori); *Shishi no za* (Ito) (as Hoshio Yagoro); *Hana no kenka-jo* (Inuzuka); *Jigokumon* (*Gate of Hell*) (Kinugasa) (as Morito); *Omatsuri Hanjiro* (Inagaki) (as Hanjiro); *Zenigata Heiji torimon-hikae: Konjiki no ookami* (Mori) (title role)
- 1954 *Hanano sandogasa* (Inuzuka); *Okiku to Harima* (Ito) (as Aoyama Harima); *Yoidore nito-ryu* (Mori); *Hana no nagawakizashi* (Kinugasa); *Shirazu no Yataro* (Makita); *Tekka bugyo* (Kinugasa); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Yurei daimyo* (Hirozu) (title role); *Chikamatsu monogatari* (*A Story from Chikamatsu; The Tale of the Crucified Lovers*) (as Mohei)
- 1955 *Itaro jishi* (Tasaka); *Nanatsu no kao no Ginji* (Misumi); *Jako yashiki* (Tasaka); *Bara wa ikutabika* (Kinugasa); *Tsubakuro-gasa* (Tasaka); *Tojuro no koi* (Mori) (as Sakata Tojuro); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Doguro-kago* (Tasaka) (title role); *Nagasaki no yuro* (Mori); *Ore was Tokichiro* (Mori)
- 1956 *Hana no wataridori* (Tasaka); *Yoshinaka o meguru san-nin no onna* (Kinugasa) (as Kiso Jiro Yoshinaka); *Zangiku monogatari* (Shima) (as Kikunosuke); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Shibijin-buro* (Kado) (title role); *Nezumi-kozo shinobikomi-hikae* (Kado) (as Nazumi-kozo); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Hitohada-gumo* (Mori) (title role); *Aizome-gasa* (Kato); *Tsukigata Hanpeita* (Kinugasa) (title role)
- 1957 *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Madara-hebi* (Kado) (title role); *Nezumi-kozo shinobikomi-hikae: Ne-no-koku sanjo* (Tasaka) (as Nezumi-kozo); *Genji monogatari: Ukifune* (Kinugasa) (as Kaeru no kimi); *Ninjo misui* (Kato); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Megitsune yashiki* (Kato) (title role); *Naruto hicho* (Kinugasa); *Yuki no wataridori* (Kato)
- 1958 *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Hachi-nin no hanayome* (Makita) (title role); *Yukyo gonin otoko* (Kato); *Edokko matsuri* (Shima); *Chushingura* (Watanabe) (as Oishi Kuranosuke and Tamura); *Inochi o kakeru otoko* (Kato); *Kuchibue o fuku wataridori* (Tasaka); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Onibi doro* (Kato) (title role); *Hana no yukyo-den* (Yasuda); *Nicherin to Moko daishurai* (Watanabe) (as Nichiren); *Igano minatsuki*; *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Yuki-onna no ashiato* (Kato) (title role)
- 1959 *Kagero-gasa* (Misumi); *Onna tokaizoku* (Ito); *Yamada Nagamasa Oja no tsurugi* (Kato) (title role); *Jirocho Fuji* (Mori) (as Jirocho); *Yotsuya kaidan* (Misumi); *Oyashiki-zame* (Kato); *Utamaro o meguru gonin no onna* (Kimura) (as Utamaro); *Furai monogatari: Ninkyo-hen* (Watanabe); *Seki no Yatappe* (Kato) (title role)

- 1960 *Futari no Musashi*; *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Bijin-gumo* (Misumi) (title role); *Oeyama Shuten-doji* (Tanaka); *Zoku jirocho Fuji* (Mori) (as Jirocho); *San-nin no kaoyaku* (Inoue); *Hi-sen-ryo* (Tanaka); *Furai monogatari: Abare Hisha*; *Ippon-gatana dohyo-iri* (Yasuda); *Kyokaku harusame-gasa* (Watanabe); *San-kyodai no ketto* (Tanaka)
- 1961 *Hare-kosode* (Yasuda); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Yoru no emmachi* (Watanabe) (title role); *Sakurada-mon* (Nishiyama); *Mito Komon umi o wataru* (Watanabe); *Kuroi sando-gasa* (Nishiyama); *Zenigata Heiji torimono-hikae: Bijin-zame* (Misumi) (title role)
- 1962 *Sabakareru Echizen no kami* (Tanaka); *Nakayoshi ondo Nippon ichi dayo* (Inoue); *Aoba-jo no oni* (Misumi); *Shin no shikotei (The Great Wall)* (Tanaka)
- 1963 *Yokino-jo henge (An Actor's Revenge)* (Ichikawa) (as Yokino-jo and Yamitaro); *Edo mujo* (Nishiyama)

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Obituary, in *Revue du Cinéma* (Paris), July/August 1984.

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Kazuo Hasegawa, a handsome Kabuki star known as Chojiro Hayashi until 1938, attracted an enormous following as soon as he joined the Shochiku Studio. His romantic features and soft movements, which he learned from his training as an *onnagata* (female impersonator), thoroughly enchanted his fans. He studied with the director Teinosuke Kinugasa who had also been an *onnagata*. Kinugasa understood this actor's quality well, and continued to collaborate with him for several decades. Hasegawa also made countless swordplay films for the directors Fuyushima, Inuzuka, Inoue, Koishi, Hoshi, and Futakawa. Not content to rely on his Kabuki background, Hasegawa meticulously studied camera positions and lighting to understand how to present his attractive features most effectively in the film medium. For example, he consciously favored his left profile which was believed to be the better.

Among his 301 films, Hasegawa played period heroes such as samurais and lords, as well as detectives, actors, burglars, and gamblers. He most often played the familiar romantic type with high moral standards, struggling against injustice with the power of his sword. His acting style is elegant, with well-paced movement and delivery of dialogue. One of his most successful roles was in Kinugasa's *Yokino-jo-henge* in 1935–36, which Hasegawa remade for Kon Ichikawa in 1963. Drawn from the Kabuki theater are such elements as the complicated plot, the actor playing multiple roles

(Hasegawa plays the vengeful Kabuki actor Yukino-jo, his mother, and the Robin Hood-like burglar who assists the actor in obtaining vengeance), as well as the concept of a play-within-a-play. The critical and popular success of this film led to the production of several sequels, all using Hasegawa.

Hasegawa's contemporary roles include romantic lovers in the Shochiku Studio's light-comic *shomingeki* (ordinary people's life) film genre and in the Toho Studio's wartime romances set in China, in which he played a Japanese man loved by a Chinese girl. His other successful roles include those of a doomed lover in Mizoguchi's *Chikamatsu monogatari*, which brought him international recognition, and his role as a brave warrior in Kinugasa's *Jigoku-mon*. These films were energetically exported under the auspices of the Daiei Studio, for which Hasegawa was the main star of the 1950s.

—Kyoko Hirano

HAWKE, Ethan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Austin, Texas, 6 November 1970. **Education:** Attended New York University; studied acting at McCarter Theatre, Princeton, New Jersey; Carnegie Mellon University. **Family:** Married the actress Uma Thurman, 1 May 1998; one daughter. **Career:** Co-founder and artistic director, Malaparte Theatre Co., New York, 1993—; directed Lisa Loeb music video, *Stay*, 1994; published first novel, 1996. **Address:** Creative Artists Agency Inc, 9830 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA, 90212–1825; PMK, 1776 Broadway, Eighth Floor, New York, NY 10019–2002, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1985 *Explorers* (Dante) (as Ben Crandall)
- 1989 *Dad* (Goldberg) (as Billy); *Dead Poets Society* (Weir) (as Todd Anderson)
- 1991 *Mystery Date* (Wacks) (as Tom McHugh); *A Midnight Clear* (Gordon) (as Will Knott); *White Fang* (Kleiser) (as Jack); *Rich in Love* (Beresford) (as Wayne Frobiness)
- 1992 *Waterland* (Gyllenhaal) (as Mathew Price)
- 1993 *Alive (Alive: The Miracle of the Andes)* (Marshall) (as Nando Parrado)
- 1994 *Reality Bites* (Stiller) (as Troy Dyer); *Quiz Show* (Redford) (as Don Quixote Student [uncredited]); *Floundering* (McCarthy) (as Jimmy); *White Fang II: Myth of the White Wolf* (Olin) (as Jack Conroy [uncredited])
- 1995 *Before Sunrise* (Linklater) (as Jesse); *Search and Destroy* (Niccol) (as Roger)
- 1997 *Gattaca* (Salle) (as Vincent Freeman/Jerome Morrow)
- 1998 *Great Expectations* (Cuarón) (as Finnegan Bell); *Newton Boys, The* (Linklater) (as Jess Newton); *The Velocity of Gary* (Ireland) (as Nat)
- 1999 *Joe the King* (Whaley) (as Len Coles); *Snow Falling on Cedars* (Hicks) (as Ishmael Chambers)
- 2000 *Hamlet* (Almeryda) (as Hamlet)



Ethan Hawke in *Gattaca*

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Ethan Hawke and River Phoenix were born the same year and made their debuts in the same film, *Explorers*, at the age of fifteen. Given the latter's meteoric rise to fame, it is perhaps surprising that Hawke (admittedly in the lead role) makes by far the stronger impression—this under a director not noted for his sensitivity to actors (or indeed for much else). Immediately, the film establishes the basic rudiments of his persona/personality (his honesty as an actor makes it impossible to distinguish the two): idealism, accompanied by a bright and eager intelligence; sensitivity; something of the “dreamer” (literally, in this first film); vulnerability; and a certain defensiveness and desire to please. The permutations of these attributes will be the defining factors of Hawke's career to date.

If his subsequent work invites one to add a further component, it is reticence. Hawke never seems to be forcing himself on the spectator's attention, he never seems to be saying “Look at me, I'm *acting*,” he never seeks to grab the limelight from his fellow players or steal a scene. But if we respond to such courtesy with an attentive courtesy

of our own, we shall notice all kinds of things going on, subtleties of response, of inflection, of expression. He is not conventionally handsome but he has a most expressive and interesting face; from early in his career he seems to have wanted to distinguish himself from the seemingly endless parade of “teen idols” who come and go in modern Hollywood cinema with such monotonous and predictable regularity.

Three further teenage roles deserve mention. In *Dad* he makes the most of an underdeveloped supporting role, as businessman Ted Danson’s estranged son, about to drop out of school and live on a five-person mixed-gender commune in Mexico. Without much help from the script he manages to communicate the character’s gentle strength, pleasure in being alive, and determination to live as he chooses, so that his share in helping his father rediscover his full humanity is convincing. *Dead Poet’s Society* gave him the opportunity to project idealism and integrity at whatever personal cost. The generally overlooked *Mystery Date* is an unexpectedly enjoyable light entertainment somewhat reminiscent of those Bob Hope comedy-thrillers of the 1940s in which, through mistaken identity, an innocent, naïve, and seemingly somewhat helpless young man becomes sucked into a chain of crazy, comic, and violent misadventures, comes out on top, and gets the girl. In place of Hope’s smartass wisecracks, we have Hawke’s vulnerability and panic balanced by his spontaneous inventiveness and resilience. The film enables him to demonstrate a real gift for comedy. He was twenty when he made *Mystery Date*, but playing seventeen. His adult career really begins the same year with the complex and intelligent *A Midnight Clear*, as the leader of a group of young GIs in France during World War II.

Hawke is clearly a serious and intelligent actor who, from the point in his career where choice became possible, has chosen offbeat projects that must have looked very interesting on paper but do not necessarily result in interesting films. *Alive*, the “true” story of the South American rugby team whose plane crashed in the Andes, must have appeared irresistible, but Frank Marshall’s film is populated by a set of walking clichés mouthing more of the same. Hawke’s role is of some interest: he is unconscious through most of the early part of the film, hence virtually unnoticeable, and only gradually rises to prominence; he becomes the first to propose cannibalism as the only means of survival. If there is some improvement in the film’s last twenty minutes (despite its shamelessly opportunistic use of religion), this is partly because the basic material cannot but be affecting, but more because Hawke takes over the leadership and the film. *Gattaca* takes us into a sub-Orwellian Brave New World in which people are necessarily inexpressive, but the film itself is pretentious and flat. *Snow Falling on Cedars*, about the persecution of Japanese Americans during World War II, looks very beautiful, but the actors and the subject drown amidst the flood of lovely images. Of these three films it is the most self-conscious about “Art.” All one can salvage are the last few minutes, where Hawke contributes one great and unforgettable moment of emotional authenticity and “Art” suddenly becomes art. For aspiring and ambitious actors the “Big Subject” has always been the “Big Temptation,” often with disastrous results. The moral: forget the Big Subject and choose the director you can really work with.

It happens, however, that one of Hawke’s finest films would seem, superficially, to qualify as a Big Subject: Cuarón’s *Great Expectations*. Yet, if one forgets Dickens (which the film effectively helps one

to do), is the subject in fact so big? David Lean thought it was, and made one of the most overrated films in the history of cinema. Cuarón makes a *film*, rather than an “adaptation,” conceiving the whole in Minnellian terms of “camera choreography” but at the same time getting splendid performances from his players. The protagonist (no longer “Pip”) is beautifully realized by Hawke in a characteristically thoughtful and disciplined assumption.

Yet *Great Expectations* remains above all a director’s film. Hawke’s finest personal achievements to date are, significantly, in ensemble movies in which performance is crucial but interaction even more so. *Alive* was of course, on paper at least, an ensemble film, but there is no interaction among the actors whatever: each speaks his line and you pass on to the next. *Reality Bites* is far too treasurable to be allowed to slip into oblivion just because its concern with Generation X is currently considered dated. No Big Subject here: just five characters trying to react honestly to a culture they feel has failed them, or just five admirable actors playing with or against or off each other with a quite magical aliveness and energy. Hawke is superb as the group’s “drop-out” a role that allows expression of a side of his persona seldom visible, a bitterness and cruelty revealed as a defence against pain and extreme vulnerability.

Before Sunrise came out in 1995, and a year later Hawke published his novel *The Hottest State*. Placed side by side they complement each other perfectly: both are studies of a single man/woman relationship, tentatively successful in the film, disastrous in the novel; both are centrally concerned with the problems of gender, the problems, today, for young men and women trying to meet, understand, and accept each other. One senses that Hawke is himself closely involved with each male protagonist, and it is therefore most commendable that the novel, written in the first person, is essentially a self-critique of its narrator. *Before Sunrise* is one of the cinema’s perfect films. Hawke and his costar Julie Delpy collaborated on the script with Richard Linklater and his screenwriter Kim Krizan, supplying some of their own dialogue; the film belongs to the four of them, carrying the concept of ensemble to its ultimate. Here everything jells, and the result is one of the touchstones of screen acting, every interchange seeming as much *lived* as acted. Hawke also shines, in a more comedic role, in *The Newton Boys*, but the film offers fewer opportunities for intimacy.

Two cameo appearances should be noted, as extensions of his range. His five-minute turn in *Floundering* offers a devastatingly intense and painful rendering of hopeless drug addiction. His slightly larger role as a children’s counsellor in *Joe the King* was shot in a single day, with the character substantially reconceived and rewritten (in conjunction with his long-time friend director Frank Whaley), intelligently transformed from a somewhat clichéd “caring liberal” to a tired and jaded man incapable of offering the title kid much help. In 2000, Hawke began work on his first film as director.

Hamlet provides the perfect climax to this celebration of Hawke’s abilities. Opinions will vary on the success of Almereyda’s audacious modern-dress adaptation (it seems to me brilliant and consistently riveting), but surely few will wish to dispute the success of Hawke’s performance. His Hamlet—painfully sensitive and vulnerable, deeply disturbed, the borderline between feigned and real insanity increasingly blurred—is the best on film to date, Shakespeare’s dialogue (what a wonderful screenwriter he has proved to be!) made to seem completely natural without harm to its poetic strength, a Hamlet

equally free of Olivier's narcissism or Branagh's alienating self-consciousness. The centuries of encrustation that have produced what we know (and dread) as "Shakespearean" acting disintegrate before him; he plays the role as if born for it.

—Robin Wood

HAWKINS, Jack

Nationality: British. **Born:** John Edward Hawkins in Wood Green, London, 14 September 1910. **Education:** Trinity County School, and Italia Conti School of Acting. **Military Service:** Served in Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 1940–45; later in charge of entertainment units in India and South East Asia Command: Colonel. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Jessica Tandy 1932 (divorced 1942), daughter: Susan; 2) the actress Doreen Lawrence, 1947; three children. **Career:** 1923—London stage debut as child actor in *Where the Rainbow Ends*; 1929—adult debut in *Young Woodley*; New York debut in *Journey's End*; 1930—film debut in *Birds of Prey*; 1951—last stage appearance; 1956—TV debut in *Caesar and Cleopatra*; 1958—formed Allied Film Makers distribution company with Bryan Forbes and others; 1963—co-founder, Tricastle Productions; 1966—after throat operation, unable to use his own voice in films (voice dubbed in subsequent performances); 1968—co-founder, Keep Films; 1974—in TV mini-series *QB VII*. **Awards:** Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1958. **Died:** Of throat cancer, 18 July 1973.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Birds of Prey* (*The Perfect Alibi*) (Dean) (as Alfred)
 1932 *The Lodger* (*The Phantom Fiend*) (Elvey) (as Joe Martin)
 1933 *The Good Companions* (Saville) (as Albert); *The Lost Chord* (Elvey) (as Dr. Jim Selby); *I Lived without You* (Elvey) (as Mort); *The Jewel* (Denham) (as Peter Roberts); *A Shot in the Dark* (Pearson) (as Normal Paul)
 1934 *Autumn Crocus* (Dean) (as Alaric Craven); *Death at Broadcasting House* (Denham) (as Herbert Evans)
 1935 *Peg of Old Drury* (Wilcox) (as Michael O'Taffe)
 1937 *Beauty and the Barge* (Edwards) (as Lt. Seton Boyne); *The Frog* (Raymond) (as Capt. Gordon)
 1938 *Who Goes Next?* (Elvey) (as Capt. Beck); *A Royal Divorce* (Raymond) (as Capt. Charles)
 1939 *Murder Will Out* (Neill) (as Stamp); *Hamlet* (Boisen) (documentary on Kronborg production of play)
 1940 *The Flying Squad* (Brenon) (as Mark McGill)
 1942 *The Next of Kin* (Dickinson) (as Major)
 1948 *The Fallen Idol* (Reed) (as Detective Ames); *Bonnie Prince Charlie* (Kimmins) (as Lord George Murray); *The Small Back Room* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Waring)
 1950 *State Secret* (*The Great Manhunt*) (Gilliat) (as Col. Galcon); *The Black Rose* (Hathaway) (as Tristram Griffen); *The Elusive Pimpernel* (*The Fighting Pimpernel*) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Prince of Wales); *The Adventurers* (*The Great Adventure*) (MacDonald) (as Pieter Brandt)
 1951 *No Highway* (*No Highway in the Sky*) (Koster) (as Denis Scott); *Angels One Five* (O'Ferrall) (as Tiger Small)
 1952 *Home at Seven* (*Murder on Monday*) (Richardson) (as Dr. Sparling); *Mandy* (*Crash of Silence*) (Mackendrick) (as Richard Searle); *The Planter's Wife* (*Outpost in Malaya*) (Annakin) (as Jim Frazer); *The Cruel Sea* (Frend) (as Lt. Commander Ericson)
 1953 *Twice upon a Time* (Pressburger) (as Dr. Matthews); *Malta Story* (Hurst) (as Air Officer Commanding); *The Intruder* (Hamilton) (as Wolf Merton); *Front Page Story* (Parry) (as John Grant); *Prince Philip* (Thomas—short) (as narrator)
 1954 *The Seekers* (*Land of Fury*) (Annakin) (as Philip Wayne)
 1955 *The Prisoner* (Glenville) (as Interrogator); *Land of the Pharaohs* (Hawks) (as Pharaoh); *Touch and Go* (*The Light Touch*) (Truman) (as Jim Fletcher)
 1956 *The Long Arm* (*The Third Key*) (Frend) (as Supt. Tom Halliday); *The Man in the Sky* (*Decision against Time*) (Crichton) (as John Mitchell)
 1957 *Fortune Is a Woman* (*She Played with Fire*) (Gilliat) (as Oliver Branwell); *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (Lean) (as Major Warden); *Battle for Britain* (Ashwood and Lloyd—short) (as narrator)
 1958 *Gideon's Day* (*Gideon of Scotland Yard*) (Ford) (as Inspector George Gideon); *The Two-Headed Spy* (de Toth) (as General Alex Scotland)
 1959 *Ben-Hur* (Wyler) (as Quintus Arrius); *The League of Gentlemen* (Dearden) (as Norman Hyde)
 1961 *Two Loves* (*Spinster*) (Walters) (as W. W. J. Abercrombie); *La Fayette* (Dréville) (as General Cornwallis)
 1962 *Five Finger Exercise* (Mann) (as Stanley Harrington); *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean) (as General Allenby); *Rampage* (Karlson) (as Otto Abbot)
 1963 *Zulu* (Enfield) (as the Rev. Otto Witt)
 1964 *The Third Secret* (Crichton) (as Sir Frederick Belline); *Guns at Batasi* (Guillermin) (as Lt. Col. John Deal); *Masquerade* (Dearden) (as Col. Drexel); *Lord Jim* (Brooks) (as Marlow)
 1965 *Victory at Yorktown* (Dréville—short; reedited version of *La Fayette* battle sequence, 1961) (as General Cornwallis); *Judith* (Mann) (as Major Lawton)
 1966 *Danger Grows Wild* (*The Poppy Is Also a Flower*) (Young) (as General Behar); *The Party's Over* (Hamilton) (+ exec co-pr)
 1967 *Great Catherine* (Flemyng) (as Sir George Gorse)
 1968 *Shalako* (Dmytryk) (as Sir Charles Daggett)
 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Emperor Franz Josef); *Monte Carlo or Bust!* (*Those Daring Young Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies*) (Annakin) (as Count Levinovitch); *Twinky* (*Lola*) (Donner) (as Judge Millington Draper)
 1970 *The Adventures of Gerard* (Skolimowski) (as Millefleurs); *Waterloo* (Bondarchuk)
 1971 *Jane Eyre* (Mann—for TV) (as Brocklehurst); *When Eight Bells Toll* (Périer); *Nicholas and Alexandra* (Schaffner); *Kidnapped* (Mann) (as Captain Hoseason); *The Beloved* (*The Sin*; *Restless*) (Cosmatos)



Jack Hawkins (left) in *Bridge on the River Kwai*

1972 *Young Winston* (Attenborough); *Habrichka el hashemersh* (Niet!; *Escape to the Sun*) (Golan)

1973 *The Last Lion* (de Witt); *Theatre of Blood* (Hickox); *Tales That Witness Madness* (Francis)

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Jack Hawkin's rise to stardom in the late 1940s and early 1950s, after more than a decade in unimportant supporting roles, is explained largely by his ability to embody a cultural myth that, in postwar Britain, was fast becoming outmoded and could be presented only as the object of nostalgic longing. With his self-effacing restraint and yet obvious confidence, Hawkins easily suggested that public school pluck which British war documentaries and films had presented as the Empire's salvation during World War II.

By the 1950s, of course, that stiff upper-lipped and upper-class figure clearly belonged to the past. Hence Hawkins evoked him in films that celebrated national moments of triumph. As the long-suffering corvette captain in *The Cruel Sea*, Hawkins endures the dullness and horrors of war, and rises to its challenges with a determination to do the job right. In David Lean's *The Bridge on the River*

Kwai, Hawkins's gentleman officer interrupts his scholarly career to do his bit in Burma, only momentarily losing his control when faced with the destructive paradoxes of war.

Since the character he created did belong to the past, it was perhaps inevitable that Hawkins remained uninvolved with the movement of British film toward "kitchen sink" realism in the late 1950s. Hawkins's policeman in *Gideon of Scotland Yard* is a romanticized image of the kindly bobby, a lower-middle-class figure who does his appointed job without complaint. Instead, Hawkins found work in those costume or historical epics produced in such great numbers during the 1960s on both sides of the Atlantic. He played character roles in films such as *Ben-Hur* (as a ramrod-stiff Roman admiral) and *Nicholas and Alexandra* as well as different incarnations of the upper-crust Englishman in *Waterloo*, *Jane Eyre*, and *Young Winston*, films whose mythic quality was certainly enhanced by his presence.

The most memorable of these always competent and sometimes distinguished performances is his role (once again for David Lean) as General Allenby in *Lawrence of Arabia*, a film that attacks the notion of English reserve. Here Hawkins provides ironic contrast for the spectacularly successful self-actualization of Lawrence's megalomania; Hawkins's Allenby is an empire builder who must resign himself, somewhat bitterly, to the anonymity of his role, to obeying rules both written and unwritten.

—R. Barton Palmer

HAWN, Goldie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Goldie Jeanne Hawn in Washington, D.C., 21 November 1945. **Education:** Attended Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland; American University, Washington, D.C. **Family:** Married 1) the director Gus Trikonis, 1969 (divorced 1976); 2) the musician-comedian Bill Hudson in 1976 (divorced 1980), son: Oliver, daughter: Kate Garry; also son Wyatt with longtime partner the actor Kurt Russell. **Career:** 1965—toured as dancer in *Kiss Me Kate*; danced at The Desert Inn, Las Vegas; 1967—TV debut as dancer on Andy Griffith special; 1967–68—regular on TV show *Good Morning World*; 1968–70—regular on *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*; 1968—film debut in *The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band*; 1980—co-founder of Hawn-Mayers-Shyer-Miller Productions, subsequently active as producer. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, Academy Award for *Cactus Flower*, 1969.

Films as Actress:

- 1968 *The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band* (O'Herlihy) (as giggly girl)
- 1969 *Cactus Flower* (Saks) (as Toni Simmons)
- 1970 *There's a Girl in My Soup* (Boulting) (as Marion)
- 1971 *\$ (Dollars; The Heist)* (Richard Brooks) (as Dawn Divine)

- 1972 *Butterflies Are Free* (Katselas) (as Jill)
- 1974 *The Sugarland Express* (Spielberg) (as Lou Jean Poplin); *The Girl from Petrovka* (Miller) (as Oktyabrina)
- 1975 *Shampoo* (Ashby) (as Jill)
- 1976 *The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox* (Frank) (as Amanda Quaid)
- 1978 *Foul Play* (Higgins) (as Gloria)
- 1979 *Viaggio con Anita (Travels with Anita; Lovers and Liars)* (Monicelli) (as Anita)
- 1980 *Private Benjamin* (Zieff) (title role, + exec pr); *Seems Like Old Times* (Jay Sandrich) (as Glenda)
- 1982 *Best Friends* (Jewison) (as Paula McCullen)
- 1984 *Swing Shift* (Jonathan Demme) (as Kay Walsh, + pr); *Protocol* (Ross) (as Sunny Davis, + exec pr)
- 1986 *Wildcats* (Ritchie) (as Molly McGrath)
- 1987 *Overboard* (Garry Marshall) (as Joanna Stayton/"Annie Proffitt")
- 1990 *Bird on a Wire* (Badham) (as Marianne Graves)
- 1991 *Deceived* (Harris) (as Adrienne Saunders); *Here's Looking at You, Warner Brothers* (Guenette—for TV) (as herself)
- 1992 *Housesitter* (Oz) (as Gwen); *Death Becomes Her* (Zemeckis) (as Helen Sharp); *Crisscross* (Menges) (as Tracy Cross)
- 1996 *The First Wives Club* (P. J. Hogan)
- 1998 *In My Life* (Benson) (as herself)
- 1999 *The Out-of-Towners* (Weisman) (as Nancy Clark); *A Salute to Dustin Hoffman* (Gowers) (as guest)
- 2000 *Town and Country* (Chelsom)

Films as Director:

- 1997 *Hope* (+ pr)

Films as Executive Producer:

- 1990 *My Blue Heaven* (Ross) (co-exec pr)
- 1995 *Something to Talk About* (Hallström)

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It is the rare film fan who does not know that Goldie Hawn began her career playing the dumb, forgetful blond on television's *Laugh-In*.

But few, save industry insiders, realize that during the 1980s Goldie Hawn had become one of the most powerful producers in Hollywood, occupying a rung of power below only the likes of a Steven Spielberg or a George Lucas. *Private Benjamin* proved her mettle; *Swing Shift* and *Protocol*, while fascinating films, failed at the box office.

The remarkable fact is that Hawn, with her image as the "dizzy blond," was able to acquire so much clout in the first place. In the 1960s few women were able to make their way from television fame to stardom on the silver screen. Goldie Hawn's Emmy-winning work on the hit *Laugh-In* changed that, launching her movie career, as well as introducing the world to the considerable talents of Lily Tomlin.

Goldie Hawn made her first major motion picture count. She won an Oscar, as best supporting actress, for *Cactus Flower* in 1969. By the early 1970s she was considered a rising young star. Her performance in Steven Spielberg's *The Sugarland Express* brought her notice among the rising young talents behind the camera; her fame spread because of the millions paid to see Hal Ashby's *Shampoo*. But Goldie Hawn aspired to gain control of her projects.

After a disappointment producing *The Girl from Petrovka*, her break came with *Private Benjamin* for which she served as executive producer and star. *Private Benjamin* is the tale of a bubbleheaded,

spoiled Jewish American Princess who enlists in the army and changes into a strong, mature woman. This was tailor-made for Hawn by Hawn, made a lot of money, and was eventually turned into an short-lived television series in which she did not star.

But being a producer was fraught with peril. *Wildcats*, directed by Michael Ritchie, has Hawn as a divorced mother of two who asks to become the football coach and with grit takes on the job for an inner-city Chicago high school. Eventually she earns the team's respect and in the end coaches the team to a win in the big game (over the high school she worked at) and "proves" that women can coach football as well as men. Hawn the producer seems to be satisfied with obvious comic situations; it was hard to locate fresh "Goldie Hawn" vehicles.

Yet there were major exceptions. Her best work proved very, very good. For example, as the creative force behind *Swing Shift*, released in 1984 through Warner Brothers, producer Hawn and director Jonathan Demme crafted a complex tale of the female workers in a defense plant during World War II. The reaction of a Los Angeles, emerging into a mature city, and the sexual tension of the war—women doing traditionally men's roles—was contrast with the difficulties of maintaining relationships near and far away. This is a rare Hollywood film told from a woman's point of view. But therein comes the contradiction. *Swing Shift* was not what the public thought of a typical "Goldie Hawn" film and the movie quietly disappeared into the world of home video.

The contradiction can be fully appreciated by contrasting *Swing Shift* with a more typical Hawn-produced farce, *Protocol*. With a more conventional director, Herbert Ross, and a promising screenplay by Buck Henry, we have a scatterbrained "Goldie" (here named Sunny) who gets caught up in the world of politics in our nation's capitol. Critics called it, appropriately, "Goldie Goes to Washington." The pace was rapid fire, the jokes sometimes offensive (in particular to Arabs), but the laughs were genuine. In the end the critics found the film contrived. The film also made not as much money as expected and so the star of Goldie Hawn, the perpetual scatterbrained, blond smarter than she seemed at first glance, was giving way to a 45-year-old woman with few available roles.

The 1990s have not been good to Hawn, with little success associated with *Deceived*, *Crisscross*, or *Housesitter*. Her work as co-executive producer of *My Blue Heaven* also did not change the downward direction of her acting career. The 1990s were better on television with *An Evening with Bette*, *Cher*, *Goldie*, *Meryl*, *Olivia*, *Lily and Robin*, for ABC, and regular appearances on the annual Academy Awards shows. One wishes her luck as she begins to transform her career as a motion picture director.

—Douglas Gomery

HAYDEN, Sterling

Nationality: American. **Born:** Sterling Relyea Walter in Montclair, New Jersey, 26 March 1916. **Education:** Attended Brown-Nichols School, Wassookeag School, and others before dropping out at age 17. **Military Service:** Joined the Marine Corps, and later with Office

of Strategic Services serving in Greece and Yugoslavia, 1943–45; served under name John Hamilton. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Madeleine Carroll, 1942 (divorced 1945); 2) Betty Ann DeNoon, 1947 (divorced 1955), four children; 3) Catherine McConnell, 1960, two children. **Career:** 1930s—left school and became ordinary seaman on schooner *Puritan*, and served as first mate on *Yankee* on round-the-world voyage, 1935–36; then captain of brig *Florence C. Robinson*, 1938, and owner of schooner *Aldebaran*, 1939; 1940—contract with Paramount: film debut in *Virginia*, 1941; 1946—member of Communist Party for 6 months; 1950–51—after being blacklisted, voluntarily submitted to questioning by House Un-American Committee; 1959—voyage with his children aboard his schooner *The Wanderer* became subject of his autobiographical work *Wanderer*; 1973—stage appearance in *Are You Now or Have You Ever Been*; 1976—published the novel *Voyage*; 1982—in TV mini-series *The Blue and the Gray*. **Died:** In California, 23 May 1986.

Films as Actor:

- 1941 *Virginia* (Griffith); *Bahama Passage* (Griffith)
- 1947 *Blaze of Noon* (Farrow); *Variety Girl* (Marshall)
- 1949 *El Paso* (Foster); *Manhandled* (Foster)
- 1950 ***The Asphalt Jungle*** (Huston) (as Dix Handley)
- 1951 *Journey into Light* (Heisler); *Flaming Feather* (Enright); *Denver and Rio Grande* (Haskin)
- 1952 *The Golden Hawk* (Salkow); *Hellgate* (Warren); *Flat Top (Eagles of the Fleet)* (Selander); *The Star* (Heisler); *Kansas Pacific* (Nazarro)
- 1953 *Take Me to Town* (Sirk); *Fighter Attack* (Selander)
- 1954 *Crime Wave (The City Is Dark)* (De Toth); ***Johnny Guitar*** (Ray) (title role); *Prince Valiant* (Hathaway); *Arrow in the Dust* (Selander); *Naked Alibi* (Hopper); *Suddenly* (Allen); *So Big* (Wise); *Timberjack* (Kane); *Battle Taxi* (Strock)
- 1955 *The Eternal Sea* (Auer); *Shotgun* (Selander); *The Last Command* (Lloyd); *Top Gun* (Nazarro)
- 1956 *The Come-On* (Birdwell); *The Killing* (Kubrick); *Crime of Passion* (Oswald); *Five Steps to Danger* (Kesler)
- 1957 *The Iron Sheriff* (Salkow); *Valerie* (Oswald); *Gun Battle at Monterrey* (Hittleman and Franklin); *Zero Hour* (Bartlett)
- 1958 *Terror in a Texas Town* (Lewis); *Ten Days to Tulara* (Sherman)
- 1963 ***Dr. Strangelove, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*** (Kubrick) (as Gen. Jack D. Ripper)
- 1964 *A Carol for Another Christmas* (Mankiewicz—for TV)
- 1969 *Sweet Hunters* (Guerra); *Hard Contract* (Pogostin) (as Michael Carlson)
- 1970 *Loving* (Kershner) (as Lepridon)
- 1971 *Le Saut de l'ange* (Cobra) (Boisset); *Le Grand Départ* (Taysse)
- 1972 ***The Godfather*** (Coppola) (as McCluskey)
- 1973 *The Long Goodbye* (Altman); *The Final Program (The Last Days of Man on Earth)* (Fuest)
- 1974 *Deadly Strangers* (Hayers)
- 1975 *Cipola Colt (Cry Onion)* (Castellari); *Bertolucci secondo il cinema (Il cinema secondo Bertolucci)* (Giuseppe Bertolucci—doc)
- 1976 ***1900 (Novecento)*** (Bernardo Bertolucci) (as Leo Dalco)



Sterling Hayden in *The Killing*

- 1978 *King of the Gypsies* (Pierson) (as King Zharko Stepanovicz)
- 1979 *Winter Kills* (Richert); *The Outsider* (Luraschi)
- 1980 *Nine to Five* (Higgins)
- 1981 *Venom* (Haggard); *Gas* (Rose); *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* (Donner)
- 1983 *La dolce cinema* (Masenza); *Leuchtturm des Chaos* (Buhler)

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Throughout his career, Sterling Hayden maintained that acting in film was only a means to an end, getting together enough money to buy a boat and go to sea. The claim has not been mere studio hype:

from 1941 until the early 1980s Hayden worked only enough to finance his ocean voyages which he chronicled in his best-selling autobiography *Wanderer*, a book that says much about life and ships and little about movies.

Though he repeatedly denied his talent as an actor, he made several screen appearances that display his rare capacity for erasing the line between acting and being. Playing such roles as the hired gunman who dies trying to get back to his horses in Kentucky in *The Asphalt Jungle*, the hardboiled leader of a doomed gang of race track thieves in *The Killing*, and the mad General Ripper who destroys the world in *Dr. Strangelove*, Hayden has become fixed in the public mind as the doomed man of conviction, the man who lives and dies by a bizarre and somewhat perverted moral code.

His portrayals in those three films highlight a career that saw Hayden move from quiet, handsome leading man to weathered character actor. In his later films, most notably *The Long Goodbye*, *Loving*, and *Hard Contract*, he is a bearded, self-confident, and possibly mad Ahab who has forgotten that the meaning in his life came from searching for the whale.

Hayden, who in later years lived in a barge on the Seine, was always the uneasy hero in a series of Westerns and crime films, most at Republic. Hayden's early screen characters might hold a grudge or have a goal, but they just didn't want to talk about it. His more recent characters want to do nothing else but talk about their lost goals and dreams.

Perhaps it was his unconventional lifestyle that led directors to seek him out for the slightly neurotic heroes of films in the 1950s. *The Asphalt Jungle* and *The Killing* are good examples, but even more striking is his appearance in eccentric B pictures such as *Terror in a Texas Town* directed by Joseph Lewis. In this film Hayden plays a seaman who finds himself in a shootout with a gunman. The twist is that instead of a gun Hayden carries a harpoon. In *Valerie*, directed by Gerd Oswald, who directed Marlon Brando in *The Wild One*, Hayden played a Westerner who is viewed in radically different ways by the witnesses at a trial for murder. In this variation on *Rashomon*, Hayden's character proves to be as much of an enigma as the actor himself.

It is somewhat ironic that Hayden's most visible performance was in *The Godfather* as the corrupt policeman who is shot by Michael Corleone (Al Pacino). In the film Hayden's character is neither mad nor misunderstood. He is coolly and cruelly corrupt, a chilling facet of the Hayden persona that was seldom explored.

—Stuart Kaminsky

HAYWARD, Susan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edythe Marrener in Brooklyn, New York, 30 June 1919. **Education:** Attended Girls' Commercial High School, Brooklyn. **Family:** Married the actor Jess Barker, 1944 (divorced 1954), twin sons Timothy and Gregory. **Career:** 1937—photographer's model in New York; option from David Selznick led to film debut, then a short Warner Brothers contract; 1939—contract with Paramount, and films by Paramount and other studios during the next few years; 1945—signed with independent producer Walter Wanger; 1949—contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1959—formed own production company, Carrollton, Inc.; 1969—stage role in *Mame*; 1970s—worked in TV. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Film Festival,

for *I'll Cry Tomorrow*, 1955; Best Actress, Academy Award and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *I Want to Live*, 1958. **Died:** Of a brain tumor, 14 March 1975.

Films as Actress:

- 1937 *Hollywood Hotel* (Berkeley) (as starlet at table)
- 1938 *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak); *The Sisters* (Litvak) (as telephone operator); *Comet over Broadway* (Berkeley) (as amateur actor); *Campus Cinderella* (Smith) (as coed); *Girls on Probation* (McGann) (as Gloria Adams)
- 1939 *Beau Geste* (Wellman) (as Isobel Rivers); *Our Leading Citizen* (Santell) (as Judith Schofield); *One Thousand Dollars a Touchdown* (Hogan) (as Betty McGlen)
- 1941 *Among the Living* (Heisler) (as Millie Pickens); *Sis Hopkins* (Santley) (as Carol Hopkins); *Adam Had Four Sons* (Ratoff) (as Hester Stoddard)
- 1942 *Reap the Wild Wind* (C. B. DeMille) (as Drusilla Alston); *The Forest Rangers* (Marshall) (as Tana Mason); *I Married a Witch* (Clair) (as Estelle Masterson); *A Letter from Bataan* (Pine—short); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall) (as Genevieve)
- 1943 *Hit Parade of 1943* (Rogell) (as Jill Wright); *Young and Willing* (E. Griffith) (as Kate Benson); *Jack London* (Santell) (as Charmain Kittredge)
- 1944 *Skirmish on the Home Front* (short); *And Now Tomorrow* (Pichel) (as Janice Blair); *The Fighting Seabees* (Ludwig) (as Constance Chesley); *The Hairy Ape* (Santell) (as Mildred Douglas)
- 1946 *Deadline at Dawn* (Clurman) (as June Goff); *Canyon Passage* (Tourneur) (as Lucy Overmire)
- 1947 *Smash-Up: The Story of a Woman* (Heisler) (as Angie Evans); *They Won't Believe Me* (Pichel) (as Verna Carlson); *The Lost Moment* (Gabel) (as Tina Bordereau)
- 1948 *Tap Roots* (Marshall) (as Morna Dabney); *The Saxon Charm* (Binyon) (as Janet Busch)
- 1949 *Tulsa* (Heisler) (as Cherokee Lansing); *House of Strangers* (Mankiewicz) (as Irene Bennett); *My Foolish Heart* (Robson) (as Eloise Winters)
- 1951 *I'd Climb the Highest Mountain* (King) (as Mary Elizabeth Eden Thompson); *Rawhide* (Hathaway) (as Vinnie Holt); *David and Bathsheba* (King) (as Bathsheba); *I Can Get It for You Wholesale* (Gordon) (as Harriet Boyd)
- 1952 *With a Song in My Heart* (Lang) (as Jane Froman); *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* (King) (as Helen); *The Lusty Men* (Ray) (as Louise Merritt)
- 1953 *The President's Lady* (Levin) (as Rachel Donalson Robards); *White Witch Doctor* (Hathaway) (as Ellen Burton)
- 1954 *Demetrius and the Gladiators* (Daves) (as Messalina); *Garden of Evil* (Hathaway) (as Leah Fuller)
- 1955 *Untamed* (King) (as Katie O'Neill); *Soldier of Fortune* (Dmytryk) (as Jane Hoyt); *I'll Cry Tomorrow* (Mann) (as Lillian Roth)
- 1956 *The Conqueror* (Powell) (as Borta)
- 1957 *Top Secret Affair* (Potter) (as Dottie Peale)
- 1958 *I Want to Live* (Wise) (as Barbara Graham)
- 1959 *Woman Obsessed* (Hathaway) (as Mary Sharron); *Thunder in the Sun* (Rouse) (as Gabrielle Dauphin)



Susan Hayward (third from right) in *The Hairy Ape*

- 1960 *The Marriage-Go-Round* (W. Lang) (as Content Delville)
 1961 *Ada* (Mann) (title role); *Back Street* (Miller) (as Rae Smith)
 1962 *I Thank a Fool* (Stevens) (as Christine Allison)
 1963 *Stolen Hours* (Petrie) (as Laura Dember)
 1964 *Where Love Has Gone* (Dmytryk) (as Valerie Hayden)
 1967 *The Honey Pot* (Mankiewicz) (as Mrs. "Lone Star" Crockett Sheridan); *Think Twentieth* (Fleischer—short); *Valley of the Dolls* (Robson) (as Helen Lawson)
 1972 *Heat of Anger* (D. Taylor—for TV) (as Jessie Fitzgerald); *The Revengers* (Daniel Mann) (as Elizabeth Reilly); *Say Good-bye, Maggie Cole* (J. Taylor—for TV) (title role)

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Susan Hayward's career was in certain respects quite curious. Few stars of her stature have appeared in so few interesting films or

worked so seldom with distinguished directors (*Canyon Passage*, *The Lusty Men* . . . except from the viewpoint of Hayward's intrinsic interest there is really not much else to salvage). Considering the conditions within which female stars functioned in the classical period, the personality itself presents difficulties: abrasive, aggressive, intractable, it is not surprising that she took so long to become established, for years playing "other woman" roles (*Forest Rangers*, *I Married a Witch*) or being relegated to insipid or underdeveloped minor characters (*Reap the Wild Wind*); nor is it surprising that her major star roles tended to the solo tour de force rather than to the romantic love story (*I'll Cry Tomorrow*, *I Want to Live*).

Untamed is perhaps the ideal Hayward title: her personality at all points resists the "taming" represented by the traditional Hollywood happy ending, the subordination of female desire to male desire, the woman's surrender of her autonomy. Her two finest films make interesting and contrasted use of her intractability. The "happy ending" of *Canyon Passage* (one of the most underestimated of all Westerns) teams her with a "wanderer hero" (Dana Andrews) who equally refuses the confines of domesticity. Nicholas Ray's use of her in *The Lusty Men* is, on the contrary, fascinating in its perversity: her aggressiveness is allowed its full expression (including rage and physical violence) but exclusively in the interests of home and settling.

It is again not surprising that the "taming" of Hayward took, in her most celebrated roles, extreme and drastic forms. The punishments that characterize her career begin early: already in *The Forest Rangers* the "happy ending" (the union of Fred MacMurray and Paulette Goddard at Hayward's expense) requires that she be brutally assaulted with a fire hose. Most striking is the recurrent burden of alcoholism imposed on the Hayward characters (*Smash Up, My Foolish Heart*, *I'll Cry Tomorrow*); but she is also crippled in *With a Song in My Heart* and (most extremely) executed in the electric chair in *I Want to Live*.

—Robin Wood

HAYWORTH, Rita

Nationality: American. **Born:** Margarita Carmen Cansino in New York City, 17 October 1918. **Education:** Attended Hamilton High School, and Carthay School, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married 1) Edward C. Judson, 1936 (divorced 1942); 2) the director and actor Orson Welles, 1943 (divorced 1948), daughter: Rebecca; 3) Prince Ali Khan, 1949 (divorced 1953), daughter: Princess Yasmin; 4) the singer Dick Haymes, 1953 (divorced 1955); 5) the producer James Hill, 1958 (divorced 1961). **Career:** 1926—film debut with her family group The Dancing Cansinos in *La Fiesta*; 1932—professional stage debut in Los Angeles; 1934–35—dancer with her father at Foreign Club, Tijuana, Mexico, and on California gambling boat; 1935—adult film debut in *Dante's Inferno*, then one-year contract with Fox; 1937—contract with Columbia; 1958—freelance acting career began with *Separate Tables*, and continued into 1970s. **Died:** In New York City, 14 May 1987.



Rita Hayworth

Films as Actress:

(as Rita Cansino)

- 1926 *La Fiesta* (short) (as Anna Case)
- 1934 *Cruz diablo* (*The Devil's Cross*) (De Fuentes)
- 1935 *Under the Pampas Moon* (Tinling) (as Carmen); *Charlie Chan in Egypt* (King) (as Nayda); *Dante's Inferno* (Lachman) (as speciality dancer); *Paddy O'Day* (Seiler) (as Tamara Petrovich); *Piernas de seda* (*Silk Legs*) (Boland)
- 1936 *Human Cargo* (Dwan) (as Carmen Zorro); *Meet Nero Wolfe* (Biberman) (as Maria Maningula); *Rebellion* (*Lady from Frisco*) (Shores) (as Paula Castillo); *A Message to Garcia* (Marshall)
- 1937 *Trouble in Texas* (Bradbury) (as Carmen); *Old Louisiana* (*Treason*) (Willat) (as Angela Gonzales); *Hit the Saddle* (Wright) (as Rita)

(as Rita Hayworth)

- 1937 *Criminals of the Air* (Coleman) (as Rita); *Girls Can Play* (Hillyer) (as Sue Collins); *The Shadow* (*The Circus Shadow*) (Coleman) (as Mary Gillespie); *The Game That Kills* (Lederman) (as Betty Holland); *Paid to Dance* (Coleman) (as Betty Morom)
- 1938 *Who Killed Gail Preston?* (Barsha) (title role); *There's Always a Woman* (Hall) (as Mary); *Convicted* (Barsha) (as Jerry Wheelen); *Juvenile Court* (Lederman) (as Marcia Adams);

- The Renegade Ranger* (Howard) (as Judith Alvarez); *Homicide Bureau* (Coleman) (as J. G. Bliss)
- 1939 *The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt* (*The Lone Wolf's Daughter*) (Godfrey) (as Karen); *Special Inspector* (*Across the Border*) (Barsha) (as Patricia Lane); *Only Angels Have Wings* (Hawks) (as Judy MacPherson); *Music in My Heart* (Santley) (as Patricia O'Malley)
- 1940 *Blondie on a Budget* (Strayer) (as Jean Forrester); *Susan and God* (*The Gay Mrs. Trexel*) (Cukor) (as Leonora Stubbs); *The Lady in Question* (C. Vidor) (as Natalie Rougin); *Angels over Broadway* (Hecht and Garmes) (as Nina Barona)
- 1941 *The Strawberry Blonde* (Walsh) (as Virginia Bush); *Affectionately Yours* (Bacon) (as Irene Malcolm); *Blood and Sand* (Mamoulian) (as Doña Sol); *You'll Never Get Rich* (Lanfield) (as Sheila Winthrop)
- 1942 *My Gal Sal* (Cummings) (as Sally Elliot); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvioler) (as Ethel Hallaway); *You Were Never Lovelier* (Seiter) (as Marina Aluna)
- 1943 *Show Business at War*
- 1944 *Cover Girl* (C. Vidor) (as Rusty Parka/Maribelle Hicks)
- 1945 *Tonight and Every Night* (Saville) (as Rosalind Bruce)
- 1946 *Gilda* (C. Vidor) (title role)
- 1947 *Down to Earth* (Hall) (as Terpsichore/Kitty Pendleton)
- 1948 *The Lady from Shanghai* (Welles) (as Elsa Barrister); *The Loves of Carmen* (C. Vidor) (title role)
- 1951 *Champagne Safari* (Leigher—documentary of Hayworth and Khan wedding trip)
- 1952 *Affair in Trinidad* (Sherman) (as Chris Emery)
- 1953 *Salome* (Dieterle) (title role); *Miss Sadie Thompson* (Bernhardt) (title role)
- 1957 *Fire Down Below* (Parrish) (as Irena); *Pal Joey* (Sidney) (as Vera Simpson)
- 1958 *Separate Tables* (Mann) (as Ann Shankland)
- 1959 *They Came to Cordura* (Rossen) (as Adelaide Gears)
- 1960 *The Story on Page One* (Odets) (as Jo Morris)
- 1962 *The Happy Thieves* (Marshall) (as Eve Lewis)
- 1964 *Circus World* (*The Magnificent Showman*) (Hathaway) (as Lila Alfredo)
- 1966 *The Money Trap* (Kennedy) (as Rosalie Kenny); *The Poppy Is Also a Flower* (*Danger Grows Wild*) (Young) (as Monique)
- 1967 *The Rover* (*L'Avventuriero*) (Young) (as Caterina)
- 1971 *Sons of Satan* (*I Bastardi, I gatti; The Cats*) (Tessari) (as Martha); *Road to Salina* (*La Route de Salina*) (Lautner) (as Mara); *The Naked Zoo* (*The Naked Lovers; The Hallucinators*) (Grefé)
- 1972 *The Wrath of God* (Nelson) (as Semona de la Plata)
- 1976 *Circle* (Seidelman)

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Rita Hayworth's life might serve as the prototype for that of the glamorous movie queen, the classic story of the beautiful young woman trapped in a profession that took over her life in ways she found difficult to understand, much less control. Born into a show-business family, Hayworth went to work early as a dancing partner for her father, Eduardo Cansino of The Dancing Cansinos. Her grace and beauty soon attracted Hollywood, and, after a lackluster beginning playing bit parts as a Latin type in B pictures, she was remade from an ethnic beauty into an all-American glamour girl through new makeup, hair color, and an electrolysis treatment that lifted her hairline. The careful exploitation of her as the ultimate in Hollywood 1940s desirability brought her fame and wealth, but little happiness.

The Hayworth image was always sexy and alluring, but she didn't play in only one type of film. She was the dancing star of 1940s escapist musicals, and at the same time she played femmes fatales in a series of films noir. Her first real success as a leading lady came in 1941, and her films that year reflect these differences: Rouben Mamoulian's *Blood and Sand*, in which she was the temptress Doña Sol, and *You'll Never Get Rich*, in which she was Fred Astaire's

dancing partner. She made another film with Astaire, *You Were Never Lovelier*, and many felt that Hayworth, a natural dancer with great stamina and rhythm, was Astaire's best on-screen partner. Although her singing had to be dubbed, she found great success in the musicals of the 1940s.

Two of the most financially successful and best remembered films of the war years starred Hayworth: the musical *Cover Girl*, in which she co-starred with Gene Kelly, and the sexually suggestive *Gilda*, opposite Glenn Ford. *Cover Girl* presented Hayworth in a Technicolor version of her own story. An ordinary dancer is transformed before the audience's eyes via clothing and makeup into a dazzling face on a magazine cover. She becomes a famous model as well as a successful musical comedy star, descending, as it seems, from the very heavens as she dances down a gigantic ramp in flowing chiffon. (Needless to say, none of it brings her happiness.) In *Gilda* she is used and abused by more than one man, and her apparent passivity allows her to be victimized and degraded, culminating in her famous striptease "Put the Blame on Mame, Boys." Hayworth's image as a destructive but pliable woman seemed to stick with her after *Gilda*. "Every man I've known has fallen in love with Gilda and wakened with me," she allegedly told a friend. One of her ex-husbands, Orson Welles, used Hayworth's image as a passive yet destructive temptress in his film *The Lady from Shanghai*. Whether Hayworth played in musicals or dramas, she was always the ultimate in desirability. When in 1948 *Life* magazine dubbed her "The Love Goddess," she was officially marked with the tagline that would plague her the rest of her life. The issue coincided with the release of her film *Down to Earth*, in which she played the Greek goddess of dance, Terpsichore. Her image as a woman men could not resist was further enhanced by her five unhappy marriages, in particular her wedding to Prince Ali Khan in 1949. This publicity bonanza, fully exploited by the tabloids, made Hayworth into an international celebrity. She soon returned to Hollywood, however, and resumed her career, although she would never regain the fame she had in the 1940s.

Hayworth continued to perform during the 1960s and 1970s, occasionally trying her hand at television or a serious drama, such as her role in Rattigan's *Separate Tables*, for which she received good reviews. Hayworth's most famous and successful films, musical or dramatic, tend to deal with her as a woman whose image does not truthfully reflect her personality, and for whom success, riches, and beauty bring no real and lasting personal satisfaction. Sadly enough, it seemed to be the story of her own life.

—Jeanine Basinger

HELM, Brigitte

Nationality: German. **Born:** Brigitte Eva Gisela Schittenhelm, in Berlin, 17 March 1906; daughter of a Prussian Army officer. **Family:** Married Hugo von Kumheim, 1935; two sons and two daughters. **Career:** Chosen by Fritz Lang to star in *Metropolis*, after the director saw her photograph and then screen test, 1925; subsequently worked under contract for Ufa, the national German film industry; abruptly retired in 1935, reportedly in reaction to Nazi takeover of the German film industry; moved with husband to Italy, 1942, and to Switzerland

in the 1960s. **Award:** Deutscher Filmpreis (German Film Awards) Honorary Award "for continued outstanding individual contributions to German film over the years," 1968. **Died:** Ascona, Switzerland, 11 June 1996.

Films as Actress:

- 1927 *Metropolis* (Lang) (as Maria/The Robot); *Die Liebe der Jeanne Ney* (*The Love of Jeanne Ney*) (Pabst) (as Gabrielle); *Am Rande der Welt* (*At the Edge of the World*) (Grune) (as Magda)
- 1928 *Die Jacht der sieben Sünden* (*Yacht of the Seven Sins*) (J. and L. Fleck); *Abwege* (*Crisis*; also known as *Begierde* and *Desire*) (Pabst) (as Irene); *Alraune* (*Mandrake*; *Unholy Love*) (Galeen) (title role)
- 1929 *Die Wunderbare Lüge der Nina Petrowna* (*The Wonderful Lies of Nina Petrovna*) (Schwarz); *Skandal in Baden-Baden* (Waschneck); *Manolescu, Der König der Hochstapler* (Tourjansky); *L'Argent* (*Money*) (L'Herbier) (as Baronin Sandorf)
- 1930 *Die Singende Stadt* (*The Singing City*) (Gallone) (as Claire Landshoff); *Alraune* (*Daughter of Evil*) (Oswald) (title role)
- 1931 *Im Geheimdienst* (*In the Employ of the Secret Service*) (Ucicky); *Gloria* (German and French versions) (Behrendt) (as Vera Latour)
- 1932 *Hochzeitreise zu dritt* (French version: *Voyage de nocces; Jacqueline et l'amour*) (Fried, May, Schmidt) (as Anita Paglione); *Die Herrin von Atlantis* (English-language version: *Mistress of Atlantis*; French version: *L'Atlantide*) (Pabst) (as Altinea); *Eine von uns* (Meyer); *The Blue Danube* (Wilcox) (as Countess Gabrielle); *Die Gräfin von Monte-Cristo* (*The Countess of Monte Cristo*) (Hartl) (as Jeanette)
- 1933 *Der Stern von Valencia* (French version: *L'Etoile de Valencia*) (de Poligny); *Spione am Werk* (*Spies at Work*) (Lamprecht); *Die Schönen Tage von Aranjuez* (French version: *Adieu les beaux jours*) (Meyer) (as Olga); *Der Laufer von Marathon* (*The Marathon Runner*) (Dupont); *Inge und die Millionen* (Engel)
- 1934 *Die Insel* (French version: *Vers l'abime*) (Steinhoff); *Furst Woronzeff* (French version: *Le Secret des Woronzeff*) (Beucler) (as Diane); *Gold* (French version: *L'Or*) (Hartl, de Poligny) (as Florence Wills)
- 1935 *Ein Idealer Gatte* (*An Ideal Husband*) (Selpin) (as Lady Gertrud Chiltern)

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Though her fame rests almost entirely with one film, and her name is hardly a familiar one even to many avid moviegoers, images of Brigitte Helm are among the most haunting and famous of any in the first century of film history. Even those who have never seen *Metropolis* are familiar with the pale lovely face as it is seen imprisoned in a glass coffin, eyes closed, like some science-fiction Snow White, or Brunnhilde in a silver helmet, or virgin saint. Or perhaps they recall the nearly nude shimmy dancer rising from an Art Deco clamshell bed, a robot turned Babylonian love goddess. In reality Helm had quite a successful film career following *Metropolis*, until the Nazification of the German film industry caused her to retire by the time she was 30.

Helm was only 19 when Fritz Lang cast her in his science fiction extravaganza *Metropolis*. A sensation in its own day and a classic ever since, *Metropolis* has been celebrated as the first major science fiction portrayal of the future, with long unrivaled and still unforgettable special effects, not to mention delirious melodrama careening into both Expressionistic stylization and Hollywood-style chase and rescue scenes. Scholars have traced the film's influence upon later films (e.g., 1984's *Blade Runner*) and written a great deal about its relations to politics of the Left and Right, its splitting of the female image into virgin and robot-whore, and its sexualization of machinery, among many other matters. But studies of the figure of Maria and her robot double have seldom had much to say about Helm's performance in itself, one of the most remarkable of the silent era.

Metropolis features a great range of acting styles, from the imperious restraint and minimal gestures of Jon Frederson, Master of Metropolis, to the comic realism of the burly Foreman, and to the Expressionistic contortions of Rotwang, the mad scientist who wants to give his robot the human form of the saintly Maria to satisfy his own strange lust and to thwart her spiritual leadership of the proletariat. Helm's performance in both roles certainly leans toward Expressionism, as when Maria recoils in fear as Rotwang pursues her, or the false Maria gestures in insane ecstasy, one hand reaching crookedly to the sky, when she leads the workers on their rampage.

As the robot, Helm may be rather campily seductive when she first greets the Master of Metropolis, but when the double stands at Maria's underground altar and incites the workers to riot, and later leads them in their attack upon the machinery, she seems genuinely to be working herself into a hysterical frenzy. Unforgettable too is the swaggering smirk she gives young Freder as the crowd seizes him, her hand stretching out the collar of her dress. Her convulsive laughter as the robot is dragged to the stake may be inexplicable, but it is chilling. As for the saintly Maria (who does not have that name for nothing), Lang brings out the slightly strange beauty of Helm's face, with its large eyes and small mouth, most notably during her first scene, when she enters the pleasure palace with the poor children, and later when she steps down from her pulpit to give a chaste, tender kiss to Freder, with her hunching of the shoulders only adding to the intensity.

Helm's second film role, as the blind cousin of the title character in G.W. Pabst's *The Love of Jeanne Ney*, was a supporting part, but one for which she received excellent notices, with particular praise for portraying blindness convincingly. Pabst (who reported her so absorbed by the role that she was nearly struck by a car during a street scene) places great ironic emphasis upon those huge eyes, as when the villain who plans to marry and murder her for her father's money stares at them as if repelled, before kissing her on the forehead. Particularly memorable is the subtle way she recoils at the first touch of the villain, though her tour de force scene is later, when she brushes against him and then discovers the body of her just-murdered father.

Helm worked twice again with Pabst, first with the silent domestic drama *Abwege* (*Crisis*), one of the director's—and the actress's—most neglected major works. As a woman stifled in a marriage to a wealthy lawyer who scorns her friends, neglects her in favor of his work, and curtly foils her plan to run off with a less affluent artist, Helm is called upon to display a very large range of emotions—perhaps a few too many in rapid succession. Loving her husband but deluding herself that she can escape her misery and hurt him via a love affair or wild partying—even drug use—with her decadent friends in the Fast Set, Irene is alternately seductive and guilt-ridden, timid and bold, despairing and passionately hopeful. Pabst's camera seems hypnotized by Helm's strange beauty, especially her profile and what Paul Rotha, in a paean to her performance, called “her slender, supple figure”; the character Walter, the artist and would-be lover who obsessively draws portraits of Irene that are prominently displayed in several scenes, seems a stand-in for the director, or perhaps the audience. One of Helm's most splendid dramatic moments comes just after another would-be lover, a boxing champ, sexually attacks Irene in Walter's apartment. When Walter enters just in time, and the boxer leaves, Irene is shamefacedly about to part forever from her friend when she hears her husband pounding on the studio door: she flings off her dress, stands in her slip with a look of defiance and erotic excitement, and cries to the astonished Walter, “Open the door!”

Her other Pabst film is a very different matter. As the title character of *Mistress of Atlantis*, she has rather little screen time and little to say, though in the English-language version her voice is pleasant and not heavily accented. (In the days before dubbing became a regular practice, Helm frequently starred in both German and French, and sometimes English, versions of the same film, with different supporting casts and occasionally directors.) The film is an Orientalist fantasy set in the Saharan desert, telling a story similar to the oft-filmed *She*. It is not clear whether or not Antinea has powers beyond sheer seductive beauty, but she does madden her captive worshippers. Though Pabst's treatment of this material is quite unconventional in a number of respects, he does objectify his star in typical ways. A huge stone carving of her face is shown almost as often as she is; in one shot she stands beside it, both faces strikingly in profile. In another shot, in which she poses with a pet cheetah, her makeup and hairstyle may be Grecian, but here they seem eerily feline, as if she were the animal's twin.

A contract player for Ufa who reportedly turned down the leading role in *The Blue Angel* (it went to Marlene Dietrich), Helm did make a successful transition from silent to talking film. She appeared in both the silent *Alraune* and its talkie remake two years later, playing a mad biologist's “experiment” in genetic and social engineering. But whether playing murderous vamps, as in *Alraune*, or noble

women, like her Lady Gertrude in her last film, a version of Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*, Helm never found a role with the sensational impact that *Metropolis* had provided.

—Joseph Milicia

HENREID, Paul

Nationality: American. **Born:** Paul George Julius von Hernreid in Trieste, Austria (now Italy), 10 January 1908; became U.S. citizen, 1946. **Education:** Attended Maria Theresianische Akademie, Vienna; Graphische Akademie, Vienna. **Family:** Married Elizabeth Camilla Julia Gluck, daughter: Monica. **Career:** 1929—joined book publishers A. G. Strobl, and attended the New Vienna Conservatory Dramatic Academy at night; 1932—film debut in *Baroud*; 1933—given contract by Max Reinhardt, and made stage debut in *Faust*; 1938—left Vienna after Nazi takeover of Austria; 1939—first British film, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*; 1940—emigrated to America; played in *Victoria and Albert* in New York; 1941—joined the cast of radio serial *Joyce Jordan, Girl Interne*; contract with RKO; 1950s—much work as TV actor and director (he estimated he had directed 300 TV segments or plays); 1962—directed the play *Everyman*; 1972—appeared in *Don Juan in Hell* on stage. **Died:** Of pneumonia, in Santa Monica, California, 29 March 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Baroud (Love in Morocco)* (Ingram)
- 1934 *Hohe Schule (Das Geheimnis des Carlo Cavelli)* (Engels)
- 1935 *Eva* (Riemann); . . . *nur ein Komödiant* (Engel)
- 1937 *Victoria the Great* (Wilcox) (bit role)
- 1939 *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (Wood) (as Max Staefel); *An Englishman's Home (Madmen of Europe)* (de Courville) (as Victor Brandt)
- 1940 *Night Train to Munich (Night Train)* (Reed) (as Karl Marsen); *Under Your Hat* (Elvey)
- 1942 *Joan of Paris* (Stevenson) (as Paul Lavallier); *Now, Voyager* (Rapper) (as Jerry Durrance); *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Victor Laszlo)
- 1944 *In Our Time* (Sherman) (as Count Stephen Orvid); *Between Two Worlds* (Blatt) (as Henry); *The Conspirators* (Negulesco) (as Vincent); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as guest)
- 1945 *The Spanish Main* (Borzage) (as Laurent Van Horn)
- 1946 *Devotion* (Bernhardt) (as Nichols); *Of Human Bondage* (Goulding) (as Philip Carey)
- 1947 *Deception* (Rapper) (as Karel Novak); *Song of Love* (Brown) (as Robert Schumann)
- 1948 *Hollow Triumph (The Scar)* (Sekely) (as John Muller/Dr. Bartok, + pr)
- 1949 *Rope of Sand* (Dieterle) (as Commandant Paul Vogel)
- 1950 *So Young, So Bad* (Vorhaus) (as Dr. Jason); *Last of the Buccaneers* (Landers) (as Jean Lafitte); *Dans la vie tout*

s'arrange (Cravenne); *Pardon My French (The Lady from Boston)* (Vorhaus—English version of *Dans la vie tout s'arrange*) (as Paul Rencourt)

- 1952 *Thief of Damascus* (Jason) (as Abu Andar); *Stolen Face* (Fisher) (as Dr. Philip Ritter); *There Is No Escape* (Fisher)
- 1953 *Mantrap (Man in Hiding; Woman in Hiding)* (Fisher) (as Hugo Bishop); *Siren of Bagdad* (Quine) (as Kazah)
- 1954 *Kabarett (Dieses Leid bleibt bei dir)* (Forst); *Deep in My Heart* (Donen) (as Florenz Ziegfeld); *Pirates of Tripoli* (Feist) (as Edri-Al-Gadrian)
- 1956 *Meet Me in Las Vegas (Viva Las Vegas!)* (Rowland) (as Maria's manager)
- 1957 *Ten Thousand Bedrooms* (Thorpe) (as Anton)
- 1959 *Holiday for Lovers* (Levin) (as Eduardo Barroso); *Never So Few* (John Sturges) (as Nikko Regas)
- 1961 *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as Etienne Laurier)
- 1965 *Operation Crossbow* (Anderson) (as General Zeimann)
- 1966 *Peking Remembered* (Butler) (as narrator)
- 1969 *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes) (as the General)
- 1971 *The Failing of Raymond* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1975 *Death among Friends (Mrs. R.—Death among Friends)* (Wendkos—for TV)
- 1977 *Exorcist II: The Heretic* (Boorman) (as the Cardinal)
- 1987 *Hollow Triumph* (Sekely—for TV)

Films as Director:

- 1951 *For Men Only (The Tall Lie)* (+ pr, ro as Dr. Stephen Brice)
- 1956 *A Woman's Devotion (War Shock; Battleshock)* (+ ro as Capt. Henrique Monteros)
- 1958 *Girls on the Loose; Live Fast, Die Young*
- 1964 *Dead Ringer (Dead Image); Ballad in Blue (Blues for Lovers)* (+ co-story)

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Paul Henreid knew how to play the continental gentleman, a debonair character who could display bravery and patriotism with quiet



Paul Henreid (left) with Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, and Humphrey Bogart in *Casablanca*

grace. He played that type of role in two Hollywood classics which are so solidly etched in the minds of film enthusiasts that the remainder of this actor's full screen career dims against their bright lights. The first of these films, *Now, Voyager*, probably would have been remembered mainly as a tear-filled Bette Davis vehicle, in which the actress plays Charlotte Vance, a dowdy old maid headed for a nervous breakdown as the film begins. But Henreid, as Jerry Durrance, the unattainable love of Charlotte's life, created an indelible image when, in a recurring motif, he lit two cigarettes simultaneously and then handed one to Davis, one of the great romantic gestures in silver screen history.

A few months later *Casablanca* was released. In it he plays Victor Laszlo, archetypal freedom-fighting Resistance leader/political refugee whose brave efforts against Nazi tyranny, and the subsequent tortures he suffered during a year in a German concentration camp, have left him just a couple steps below sainthood. His finest moment, in a film made up of memorable moments, is the scene at Rick's Place in which he leads French citizens, demoralized under Nazi occupation, in a stirring rendition of the Marseillaise, drowning out the voices of German soldiers raised in a Nazi war song.

While Henreid's characters never flirted or gave a heavy come-on toward female co-stars, the actor exuded an air of romance which most women—on-screen and in the audience—could not resist. Even when he vied for the woman he loved with actors who had more zip

and flash (Bogart in *Casablanca*, Claude Rains in *Deception*), his reserved elegance won out. As the powers at Warner Brothers came to recognize the appeal of their continental gentleman, they took a giant step in imaginative casting by starring him in the swashbuckler adventure *The Spanish Main*, in which he plays a bold pirate who rescues Maureen O'Hara from the villainous Walter Slezak. In the Technicolor entertainment *Last of the Buccaneers*, he plays dashing Jean Lafitte most effectively, and he went on to star in a string of swashbucklers in the 1950s.

Henreid's career dates to 1933, when he was discovered in Vienna by Otto Preminger. Shortly after that, he was given prominent stage roles in Max Reinhardt's Viennese theater. In addition to honing his acting craft, he learned enough about directing from Reinhardt and later from an array of Warner Brothers's filmmakers to begin directing in the 1950s. He pursued directing motion pictures, television shows (mainly for Alfred Hitchcock), and subsequently, television films until his death in 1992. Henreid's autobiography *Ladies Man* appeared in 1984. In it he discussed aspects of his life practically unknown to many, including his prestigious acting career in Europe, his own real-life flight from the Nazis, his liberal politics, and the infamous blacklisting period in Hollywood which he claimed had a detrimental effect on his movie career.

—James D. Wilson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

HEPBURN, Audrey

Nationality: British. **Born:** Edda van Heemstra Hepburn-Ruston in Brussels, Belgium, 4 May 1929, to a British father and Dutch mother.

Education: Studied ballet at Arnhem Conservatory of Music, Amsterdam, and in Marie Rambert's ballet school, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Mel Ferrer, 1954 (divorced 1968), son: Sean; 2) Andrea Dotti, 1969 (divorced), son Luca. **Career:** 1949—stage debut in chorus of *High Button Shoes*, London; studied acting with Felix Aylmer; 1951—film debut in Britain in small parts in several films; chosen by Colette to play title role in Broadway production of *Gigi*; 1953—American film debut in *Roman Holiday*; 1954—on Broadway stage in title role of *Ondine*; 1976—returned to films after long absence, in *Robin and Marian*; 1988—Special Ambassador for UNICEF. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, New York Film Critics, and Best British Actress, British Academy, for *Roman Holiday*, 1953; Best British Actress, British Academy, for *The Nun's Story*, 1959; Best British Actress, British Academy, for *Charade*, 1964; Commander, Order of Arts and Letters, France, 1987; Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, 1993. **Died:** Of cancer, in Tolochenaz, Switzerland, 20 January 1993.

Films as Actress:

(as Edda Hepburn)

1948 *Nederland in 7 Lessen (Dutch at the Double)* (Linden and Josephson)

(as Audrey Hepburn)

- 1951 *One Wild Oat* (Saunders) (as extra); *Laughter in Paradise* (Zampi) (as cigarette girl); *Young Wives' Tale* (Cass) (as Eve Lester); *The Lavender Hill Mob* (Charles Crichton) (as Chiquita); *Nous irons à Monte Carlo* (Jean Boyer) (as Melissa Walter); *Monte Carlo Baby* (Jean Boyer and Fuller) (English version of *Nous irons à Monte Carlo*) (as Linda Farrell); *Secret People* (Dickinson) (as Nora Brent)
- 1953 *Introducing Audrey Hepburn* (Dickinson—short); *Roman Holiday* (Wyler) (as Princess Anne)
- 1954 *Sabrina (Sabrina Fair)* (Wilder) (title role)
- 1956 *War and Peace* (King Vidor) (as Natasha Rostov)
- 1957 *Funny Face* (Donen) (as Jo Stockton); *Love in the Afternoon* (Wilder) (as Ariane Chevasse); *Mayerling* (Anatole Litvak—for TV)
- 1959 *The Nun's Story* (Zinnemann) (as Sister Luke); *Green Mansions* (Ferrer) (as Rima); *The Unforgiven* (Huston) (as Rachel Zachary)
- 1961 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (Edwards) (as Holly Golightly); *The Children's Hour (The Loudest Whisper)* (Wyler) (as Karen Wright)
- 1963 *Charade* (Donen) (as Reggie Lambert)
- 1964 *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine) (as Gabrielle Simpson); *My Fair Lady* (Cukor) (as Eliza Doolittle)

- 1966 *How to Steal a Million* (Wyler) (as Nicole Bonnet); *Two for the Road* (Donen) (as Joanna Wallace)
- 1967 *Wait until Dark* (Terence Young) (as Susy Hendrix)
- 1976 *Robin and Marian* (Lester) (as Marian)
- 1979 *Bloodline (Sidney Sheldon's Bloodline)* (Terence Young) (as Elizabeth Roffe)
- 1981 *They All Laughed* (Bogdanovich) (as Angela Nieves)
- 1986 *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (as herself)
- 1987 *Love among Thieves* (Roger Young—for TV) (as Baroness Caroline DuLac)
- 1989 *Always* (Spielberg) (as Hap)
- 1990 *A Chance to Live* (Barnes—for TV) (as presenter)

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When Audrey Hepburn died in 1993 at the age of 63, the world mourned a film star who on-screen and off embodied grace, elegance, and strength. At the pinnacle of her screen career, Hepburn gave her audience the perfect postwar combination of tomboy and sophisticate. After her semiretirement from film in the late 1960s, Hepburn held an honorary place among the Hollywood royalty. In 1988 she began her second career as a tireless special ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Holly Golightly—whether dressed in a black Givenchy, enormous hat, and oval sunglasses hailing a taxi with a shrill whistle or in pigtails, sitting on the fire escape strumming "Moon River" on her

guitar—epitomizes for many fans the essence of Audrey Hepburn's film career. Marked by the internal contradictions of big city sophistication and rural, childlike innocence, Holly appears fragile, yet by the end of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* the audience discovers her inner strength.

Like Holly Golightly, Hepburn's past contributed greatly to the complexity and richness of her public persona. Hepburn was born in Belgium in 1929 to a Dutch baroness and an English banker who left when Hepburn was six years old. Trapped in Nazi-occupied Holland with her mother throughout World War II, Hepburn was reduced to eating tulip bulbs. She survived the war, but suffered many problems associated with malnutrition. The waiflike fragility which so many have admired and emulated was one result of wartime hardship.

After the war, Hepburn moved to London where she studied ballet and worked as a dancer and model. Her film career began unnoticeably with several small parts in English movies. A chance meeting with the writer Colette landed Hepburn on Broadway in the title role of the hit show *Gigi*. She received critical acclaim, but was not chosen to recreate the role on-screen. (The role went to Leslie Caron who has similar physical attributes.) Two years later, in her first major U.S. film role as Princess Anne in William Wyler's *Roman Holiday*, Hepburn captured her audience's heart and won an Academy Award.

Part of Hollywood's royalty, Hepburn played opposite the realm's most handsome charming princes—Gregory Peck, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, Gary Cooper, Burt Lancaster, Henry Fonda, and Fred

Astaire. That most of her leading men were older than her added to her gamine elegance and mystique.

As Sabrina Fairchild, a chauffeur's daughter, Hepburn was torn between the smooth, handsome bachelor played by William Holden and his serious, businesslike older brother (Humphrey Bogart). Following her heart, Sabrina makes the right choice. Audrey Hepburn's characters would continue to make the heart's choice in all her best-loved movies. Her audiences loved and trusted her because she played characters whose hearts, if occasionally misguided, in the end were true and kind.

Sabrina also marked the beginning of Hepburn's lifelong intimate friendship with the French fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy. She considered Givenchy one of her best friends and he has referred to her as a sister. He designed most of her screen clothes and she wore his designs offscreen as well. The clothes he designed for her almost always accentuated her long neck and showed off her strong shoulders. The Hepburn/Givenchy look countered the torpedo-breasted voluptuousness of the 1950s ideal woman. Hepburn gave women the possibility of a dignified, comfortable look in which intelligence and wit matter as much as physical beauty.

Princess Anne, Sabrina, and Holly Golightly share qualities with all of Audrey Hepburn's roles: as the daughter of a private detective in *Love in the Afternoon*, an empathicist bookseller turned photographer's muse in *Funny Face*, a typist in *Paris When It Sizzles*, and the daughter of an eccentric art forger in *How to Steal a Million*, Hepburn charmed with her gamine elegance, her chic wardrobe, her indistinctly European accent, her intelligent, simple beauty, and her wide, expressive eyes. With *The Nun's Story*, *The Children's Hour*, and *Two for the Road*, she successfully attempted grittier roles. Her 1967 portrayal of Suzie Hendrix, a blind woman trapped by a killer in *Wait until Dark*, proved Hepburn capable of an edgy, tensile performance. During her semiretirement following *Wait until Dark*, Hepburn returned to the big screen a few times, most notably perhaps in her critically acclaimed role opposite Sean Connery in *Robin and Marion*. Hepburn's two-decade reign as one of Hollywood's most extraordinary stars seems almost a fairy-tale interlude in a life ravaged by war and then spent serving others similarly ravaged. A former recipient of UNICEF relief aid, she considered her role as UNICEF special ambassador one of the most important in her life. Her final film appearance as Hap, the romantic angel in Steven Spielberg's *Always*, left us with a screen image of what Hepburn always was—a serene, radiant presence with force of spirit whose effortless elegance and sovereignty inspires us all.

—Ilene S. Goldman

HEPBURN, Katharine

Nationality: American. **Born:** Katharine Houghton Hepburn in Hartford, Connecticut, 9 November 1907 (or 1909). **Education:** Attended West Middle School; Oxford School for Girls, Hartford; Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, 1924–28. **Family:** Married Ludlow Ogden Smith, 1928 (divorced 1934). **Career:** 1928—professional stage debut with Edwin H. Knopf's stock company, Baltimore, in *The Czarina*; New York debut in September under name Katharine Burns in *Night Hostess*; appearance on Broadway in November under own

name in *These Days*; 1932—appearance in *The Warrior's Husband* led to Hollywood offers; contract with RKO; film debut in George Cukor's *A Bill of Divorcement*; 1934—returned to Broadway to star in *The Lake*; 1936–37—toured in *Jane Eyre* for the Theatre Guild; 1938—bought out of RKO contract rather than star in *Mother Cary's Chickens*; 1938—on Broadway in *The Philadelphia Story* (written for her by Philip Barry); 1941—teamed with Spencer Tracy for first time in *Woman of the Year*; 1950—on Broadway as Rosalind in *As You Like It*; continued through 1950s to tour in Shakespeare productions; later stage roles through the early 1980s. **Awards:** Best Actress, Academy Award for *Morning Glory*, 1932–33; Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Little Women*, 1934; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Philadelphia Story*, 1940; Best Acting (collectively awarded), Cannes Festival, for *Long Day's Journey into Night*, 1962; Best Actress, Academy Awards, for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*, 1967, and *The Lion in Winter*, 1968; Best Actress, British Academy, for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* and *The Lion in Winter*, 1968; Best Actress, Academy Award, for *On Golden Pond*, 1981.

Films as Actress:

- 1932 *A Bill of Divorcement* (Cukor) (as Sydney Fairfield)
- 1933 *Christopher Strong* (Arzner) (as Lady Cynthia Darrington); *Morning Glory* (Sherman) (as Ada Love/"Eva Lovelace"); *Little Women* (Cukor) (as Jo)
- 1934 *Spitfire* (Cromwell) (as Trigger Hicks); *The Little Minister* (Wallace) (as Lady Babbie)
- 1935 *Break of Hearts* (Moeller) (as Constance Dane); *Alice Adams* (Stevens) (title role)
- 1936 *Sylvia Scarlett* (Cukor) (title role); *Mary of Scotland* (Ford) (title role); *A Woman Rebels* (Sandrich) (as Pamela Thistlewaite)
- 1937 *Quality Street* (Stevens) (as Phoebe Throssel); *Stage Door* (La Cava) (as Terry Randall)
- 1938 *Bringing Up Baby* (Hawks) (as Susan Vance); *Holiday* (Cukor) (as Linda Seton)
- 1940 *The Philadelphia Story* (Cukor) (as Tracy Lord)
- 1942 *Woman of the Year* (Stevens) (as Tess Harding)
- 1943 *Keeper of the Flame* (Cukor) (as Christine Forrest); *Stage Door Canteen* (Borzage) (as herself)
- 1944 *Dragon Seed* (Bucquet) (as Jade)
- 1945 *Without Love* (Bucquet) (as Jamie Rowan)
- 1946 *Undercurrent* (Minnelli) (as Ann Hamilton)
- 1947 *The Sea of Grass* (Kazan) (as Lutie Cameron); *Song of Love* (Brown) (as Clara Schumann)
- 1948 *State of the Union* (Capra) (as Mary Matthews)
- 1949 *Adam's Rib* (Cukor) (as Amanda Bonner)
- 1951 *The African Queen* (Huston) (as Rose Sayer)
- 1952 *Pat and Mike* (Cukor) (as Pat Pemberton)
- 1955 *Summertime* (Lean) (as Jane Hudson)
- 1956 *The Rainmaker* (Anthony) (as Lizzie)
- 1957 *The Iron Petticoat* (Thomas) (as Vinka Kovelenco); *Desk Set* (Walter Lang) (as Bunny Watson)
- 1959 *Suddenly, Last Summer* (Mankiewicz) (as Mrs. Violet Venable)
- 1962 *Long Day's Journey into Night* (Lumet) (as Mary Tyrone)



Katharine Hepburn with Paul Scofield in *A Delicate Balance*

- 1967 *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* (Kramer) (as Christina Drayton)
 1968 *The Lion in Winter* (Anthony Harvey) (as Eleanor of Aquitaine)
 1969 *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes) (as Countess Aurelia)
 1971 *The Trojan Women* (Cacoyannis) (as Hecuba)
 1973 *A Delicate Balance* (Richardson) (as Agnes); *The Glass Menagerie* (Anthony Harvey—for TV) (as Amanda Wingfield)
 1975 *Rooster Cogburn* (Millar) (as Eula Goodnight); *Love among the Ruins* (Cukor—for TV) (as Jessica Medlicott)
 1977 *Olly, Olly, Oxen Free (The Great Balloon Adventure)* (Colla) (as Miss Pudd)
 1978 *The Corn Is Green* (Cukor—for TV) (as Lilly C. Moffat)
 1981 *On Golden Pond* (Rydell) (as Ethel Thayer)
 1983 *The Ultimate Solution of Grace Quigley* (Grace Quigley) (Anthony Harvey) (title role)
 1984 *George Stevens: A Filmmaker's Journey* (Stevens, Jr.)
 1986 *Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry* (Schaefer—for TV) (title role); *Spencer Tracy Legacy: A Tribute by Katharine Hepburn* (Heeley—for TV)
 1988 *Laura Lansing Slept Here* (Schaefer—for TV) (title role)

- 1993 *The Man Upstairs* (Schaefer—for TV) (as Victoria Brown)
 1994 *Love Affair* (Caron) (as Ginny); *This Can't Be Love* (Anthony Harvey—for TV) (as Marion Bennett); *One Christmas* (Tony Bill—for TV) (as Cornelia Beaumont)

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Any account of Katharine Hepburn must necessarily be indebted to Andrew Britton's book on her, which (together with Richard Dyer's *Stars*) represents a significant breakthrough in attempts to deal with the star phenomenon that transcends the gossip column and career outline.

Hepburn has represented, on a number of levels, a problem that Hollywood never quite managed to solve, although it proposed a number of partial solutions. Aspects of the problem were how to publicize her; how to deal with her intransigent demands for better or different types of roles; which leading man, or *type* of male lead, to cast with or against her; and what sort of star vehicles to construct around her. Central to the problem is her famous rebelliousness. It is fitting that one of her 1930s films should be titled *A Woman Rebels*, since this characteristic was consistently expressed both by the characters she played and in her offscreen image. The rebelliousness could be used, up to a point, to construct her as an attractive identification-figure for the female viewer; but it threatened continuously to become too subversive, too radical, too incontainable. The problem Hollywood faced with Hepburn was, precisely, that of containment. This gives her career, of course, a very special interest in relation to feminism: both on and off screen, Hepburn repeatedly challenged a male-dominated social order and the male-dominated industry that is at once a part of that order and represents its structures to the general public.

Britton argues convincingly that, from a feminist viewpoint, Hepburn's most progressive work is located in the 1930s rather than in her more popular and famous later films such as *The Philadelphia Story* or the movies in which she was teamed with Spencer Tracy. Many of the films of this early period were explicitly concerned with a woman's rebellion against male determination; some (*Little Women*, *Stage Door*) add to this strong connotations of lesbianism, in the wider sense in which that term is now commonly used in feminist discourse: female bonding for mutual support and solidarity. This in turn merges with strong overtones of androgyny, developed most fully in *Sylvia Scarlett*, in which for much of the film she is disguised as a boy. Gender, in fact, becomes a central issue when considering the Hepburn persona during this period, as the films frequently deal with (and undermine) the socially constructed norms of masculinity and femininity. It is interesting that in her first film (*A Bill of Divorcement*) and at all periods of her career Hepburn worked with George Cukor, producing much of her best, most responsive and vivid work in collaboration with a gay (and woman-oriented) director. She also in this period found her ideal co-star, Cary Grant. Her 1930s work culminates in two masterpieces in which they were teamed, Cukor's *Holiday* and Hawks's *Bringing Up Baby*. The Grant and Hepburn personas lent themselves with special aptness and felicity to Hawks's comedy of sexual role reversal.

The Philadelphia Story marks a watershed: it contains some of Hepburn's most brilliant and radiant moments, but ascribes her rebelliousness to the egocentricity of a spoiled socialite, the film's project being essentially her chastisement and conversion into what patriarchal culture defines as a "real woman." The teaming with Tracy is a logical next step: the rebellion, the struggle for independence, are still thematically present (*Adam's Rib* is perhaps the most explicitly feminist of all Hepburn's movies), but the continued expression of those drives is made more acceptable by the presence of a male co-star who represents an entirely unambiguous and irreducible "masculinity."

Of Hepburn's transition into old age, one might say that she at least retained her dignity, without the descent into exploitation horror movies suffered by Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, and Tallulah Bankhead. The alternative has proved, however, to be a move into the sort of "class" productions deemed respectable in middle-of-the-road bourgeois culture, and one may question whether it is really any happier a fate to spend one's old age appearing in *The Lion in Winter* and *The Madwoman of Chaillot* than in *Straitjacket* or *Die, Die, My Darling*. Hepburn's best work in this period has been, again, with George Cukor: the television movies *Love among the Ruins* and *The Corn Is Green*. *On Golden Pond*, a central movie of the Reagan era, finally subordinates her to the patriarchal order; yet her extraordinary vitality movingly survives.

In recent years, two biographical works have shed further light on Hepburn's background and motivation. One is an autobiography, called *Me*, in which she reveals her relationships with family and friends, and her need to be in control both personally and professionally. The second is Barbara Leaming's controversial tome, *Katharine Hepburn*, which serves to draw a very different and often unpleasant portrait of the Tracy-Hepburn relationship, and also her alleged romance with John Ford. In her late seventies and eighties, she continued acting in made-for-television movies (*Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry*, *Laura Lansing Slept Here*, *The Man Upstairs*, *This Can't Be Love*) which are rare in story content in that each focuses on an elderly woman. But she did not altogether abandon the big screen, appearing as Warren Beatty's brittle but vigorous, wise aunt in *Love Affair*.

—Robin Wood, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

HERSHEY, Barbara

Nationality: American. **Born:** Barbara Herzstein in Hollywood, California, 5 February 1948. **Family:** Lived with the actor David Carradine, 1969–75, one son (Free, who changed his name to Tom at age nine); married Stephen Douglas, 1992 (divorced 1993). **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School. **Career:** 1966–67—regular on TV series *The Monroes*; 1968—made screen debut in *With Six You Get Eggroll*; 1973—changed name to Barbara Seagull, a name she kept for two years; 1979—in TV mini-series *A Man Called Intrepid* and *From Here to Eternity*; 1993—in TV mini-series *Return to Lonesome Dove*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Shy People*, 1987; Co-Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *A World Apart*, 1988; Emmy Award, Best Dramatic Actress, for *A Killing in a Small Town*, 1990. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

(as Barbara Hershey)

- 1968 *With Six You Get Eggroll* (Morris) (as Stacey Iverson); *Yours, Mine and Ours* (Shavelson)
- 1969 *Heaven with a Gun* (Katzin) (as Leloopa); *Last Summer* (Perry) (as Sandy)

- 1970 *The Liberation of L. B. Jones* (Wyler) (as Nella Mundine); *The Baby Maker* (Bridges) (as Tish Gray)
- 1971 *The Pursuit of Happiness* (Mulligan) (as Jane Kauffman)
- 1972 *Dealing: Or the Berkeley-to-Boston Forty-Brick Lost-Bag Blues* (Williams) (as Susan); *Boxcar Bertha* (Scorsese) (title role)
- 1973 *Time to Run* (Adamson)
- (as Barbara Seagull)
- 1974 *The Crazy World of Julius Vrooder* (Vrooder's Hooch) (Hiller) (as Zanni)
- 1975 *Love Comes Quietly* (Angela) (van der Heyde) (as Angela); *You and Me* (Carradine); *Diamonds* (Golan) (as Sally)
- (as Barbara Hershey)
- 1976 *Dirty Knight's Work* (Trial by Combat; Choice of Weapons) (Connor) (as Marion); *The Last Hard Men* (McLaglen) (as Susan Burgade); *Flood!* (Bellamy—for TV) (as Mary Cutler)
- 1977 *In the Glitter Palace* (Butler—for TV) (as Ellen Lange); *Just a Little Inconvenience* (Flicker—for TV) (as Nikki Klausung); *Sunshine Christmas* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Cody)
- 1980 *The Stunt Man* (Rush) (as Nina Franklin); *Angel on My Shoulder* (Berry—for TV) (as Julie)
- 1981 *Take This Job and Shove It* (Triconis) (as J. M. Halstead); *Americana* (Carradine—produced in 1973) (as Jess's daughter)
- 1983 *The Entity* (Furie) (as Carla Moran); *The Right Stuff* (Kaufman) (as Glennis Yeager)
- 1984 *The Natural* (Levinson) (as Harriet Bird)
- 1985 *My Wicked, Wicked Ways . . . The Legend of Errol Flynn* (Taylor—for TV) (as Lili Damita); *Passion Flower* (Sargent—for TV) (as Julia Maitland)
- 1986 *Hannah and Her Sisters* (Woody Allen) (as Lee); *Hoosiers* (Best Shot) (Ansbaugh) (as Myra Fleener)
- 1987 *Tin Men* (Levinson) (as Nora); *Shy People* (Konchalovsky) (as Ruth Sullivan)
- 1988 *A World Apart* (Menges) (as Diana Roth); *The Last Temptation of Christ* (Scorsese) (as Mary Magdalene); *Beaches* (Garry Marshall) (as Hillary Whitney Essex)
- 1990 *Tune in Tomorrow* (Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter) (Amiel) (as Aunt Julia); *A Killing in a Small Town* (Evidence of Love) (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (as Candy Morrison)
- 1991 *Paris Trout* (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (as Hanna Trout); *Defenseless* (Campbell) (as T. K. Katwuller); *Julia Has Two Lovers* (Shbib)
- 1992 *The Public Eye* (Franklin) (as Kay Levitz); *Stay the Night* (Winer—for TV) (as Jimmie Sue Finger)
- 1993 *Swing Kids* (Carter) (as Frau Muller); *Falling Down* (Schumacher) (as Beth); *Splitting Heirs* (Robert Young) (as Duchess Lucinda); *A Dangerous Woman* (Gyllenhaal) (as Aunt Frances)
- 1994 *Abraham* (Sargent—for TV) (as Sarah)
- 1995 *Last of the Dogmen* (Murphy) (as Lillian Sloan)
- 1996 *The Pallbearer* (Reeves); *Portrait of a Lady* (Campion) (Madame Serena Merle)



Barbara Hershey (center) with Dianne Wiest and Mia Farrow (right) in *Hannah and Her Sisters*

- 1998 *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries* (Ivory) (as Marcella Willis); *Frogs for Snakes* (Poe) (as Eva); *The Staircase* (Arthur) (as Mother Madalyn)
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Barbara Hershey is a generally fine actress who, too often, has been wasted in films not worthy of her talents. Her critical reputation was resuscitated in the late 1980s when she accomplished the feat of winning back-to-back Best Actress prizes at the Cannes Film Festival.

Hershey was a gifted drama student at Hollywood High School when she obtained a talent agent through a teacher. The good-looking 17-year-old brunette quickly found regular work on the television series *The Monroes*, and later in other small-screen shows before making her big-screen debut as Brian Keith's possessive daughter in the Doris Day comedy *With Six You Get Eggroll*.

In 1969, Hershey played the first important lead of her career as Sandy in *Last Summer*, Frank Perry's artful and controversial study of four upper-class teenagers idling away a summer in a beach community. Here, Hershey was cast as a vivacious, willful beauty who manipulates her two male friends and taunts a plain-looking, less sexually experienced female. Observed the *Variety* critic, "Barbara Hershey has the sexual provocativeness and hoydenishness that is not calmed by any perceptive maturity."

Another significant early role for Hershey came in Martin Scorsese's first studio production, *Boxcar Bertha*. In this low-budget drama about the Great Depression, shot in 24 days in Arkansas, she appears in the title role, an orphaned vagrant who hops one freight train after another with her derelict lover, an embittered ex-labor agitator (David Carradine) and his band of train robbers. In retrospect, given the director with whom she was working, Hershey's presence becomes notable and even historic, but at the time of its release the movie was criticized as being excessively violent and was not a success.

In the 1970s, when Hershey was an attractive young actress who should have been peaking in popularity, her marketability was limited. This was partly because she had acquired a reputation as a hippie, which, in the eyes of many industry powers and moviegoers, meant she was flaky. Hershey was a flower-child, living out-of-wedlock with David Carradine and naming their baby boy "Free." She had changed her own name to Barbara Seagull sometime after the making of *Last Summer*, during which she accidentally was involved in the killing of a seagull. Furthermore, she put off audiences by taking roles considered outrageous. For instance, in *The Baby Maker*, Hershey played a nonconformist hired to be impregnated by a man whose wife was sterile. And so, for the rest of the decade, she appeared mainly in minor and forgettable projects.

Then in 1980, director Richard Rush chose her for the outstanding black comedy *The Stunt Man*. This bit of casting took Hershey out of the second-rate ingenue roles to which she had been relegated, and placed her in her first womanly part. She played a quirky motion picture actress who appears to give her heart to a fugitive Vietnam veteran hiding on a set, when she actually is having an affair with the film's egomaniacal director (Peter O'Toole). *The Stunt Man* received critical accolades, and has become something of a cult film. Hershey's performance may have been passed over or panned by the reviewers, but it nonetheless pulled her out of a casting rut.

Two years later began a string of interesting roles in significant films by leading directors. In *The Right Stuff*, she is the wife of astronaut Chuck Yeager; in *The Natural*, she is the personification of evil, an erotic mystery woman who comes on to baseball phenom Roy Hobbs, then shoots him and commits suicide. Her dark sexual appeal was exploited further in *Hannah and Her Sisters*, in which she plays the pivotal part of Lee, the girlfriend of a moody artist, who becomes the love object of her brother-in-law; and again in the black comedy *Tin Men*, where she appears as the wife of an aluminum siding salesman who is seduced by her husband's arch enemy. During the

making of *Boxcar Bertha*, Hershey gave Martin Scorsese the idea of filming Nikos Kazantzakis's controversial novel *The Last Temptation of Christ*. When he made the film 16 years later, the filmmaker handed her the coveted role of Mary Magdalene. But for many fans of three-handkerchief weepies, Hershey's most dynamic role came playing opposite Bette Midler in the quintessential woman's film *Beaches*.

The apex of three decades of filmic output came for Hershey when she was awarded the Best Actress Prize at Cannes two consecutive years. In 1987 she earned the award for *Shy People*, playing the head of a backwoods bayou clan. The following year, she was recognized for a riveting performance as a political zealot dedicated to the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa in *A World Apart*.

Hershey's more notable recent roles have been as characters who are secondary to the film's primary focus: Michael Douglas's estranged wife in *Falling Down*; a mystery woman opposite Joe Pesci in *The Public Eye*; and Debra Winger's sister in *A Dangerous Woman*.

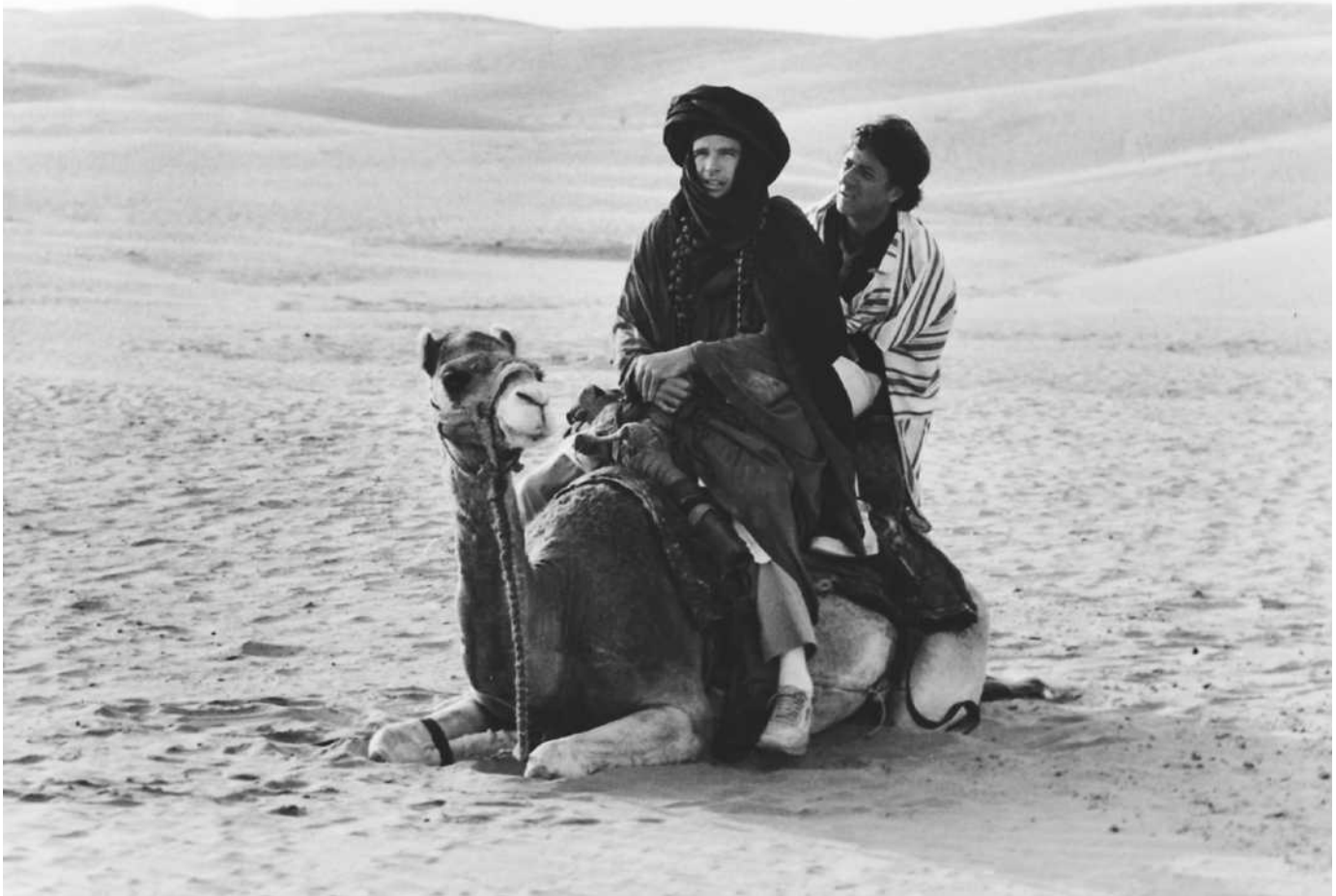
—Audrey E. Kupferberg

HOFFMAN, Dustin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Los Angeles, California, 8 August 1937. **Education:** Attended Los Angeles High School; Santa Monica City College for one year; acting classes at Pasadena Playhouse, 1956–58; also studied music at the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music. **Family:** Married 1) Anne Byrne, 1969 (divorced), two daughters; 2) Lisa Gottsegen, 1980, two sons, two daughters. **Career:** 1958—in New York as aspiring actor; 1961—Broadway debut in *A Cook for Mr. General*; 1967—film debut in *The Tiger Makes Out*; 1976—member of First Artists Productions; 1982—producer of his film *Tootsie*; 1984—starring role in New York stage version of *Death of a Salesman*; 1989—as Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*, London. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, Golden Globe Award, for *The Graduate*, 1968; Best Actor, British Academy, for *Midnight Cowboy* and *John and Mary*, 1969; National Society of Film Critics Award, for *Agatha*, 1979; Best Actor Academy Award, Golden Globe Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award, National Society of Film Critics Award, for *Kramer vs. Kramer*, 1979; National Society of Film Critics Award, and Golden Globe Award, for *Tootsie*, 1983; British Academy Award, for *Tootsie*, 1984; Emmy Award, for Outstanding Lead Actor in miniseries or special, for *Death of a Salesman*, and Golden Globe Award, 1986; Best Actor Academy Award, and Golden Bear, Berlin Festival, for *Rain Man*, 1988; Golden Globe Award, for *Rain Man*, 1989; Career Golden Lion Award, Venice Film Festival, 1996; Cecil B. DeMille Award, 1997; Lifetime Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1999. **Address:** c/o Punch Productions, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *The Tiger Makes Out* (Hiller) (as Hap); *The Graduate* (Mike Nichols) (as Benjamin Braddock)
- 1969 *Midnight Cowboy* (Schlesinger) (as Ratso Rizzo); *John and Mary* (Yates) (as John)



Dustin Hoffman (right) with Warren Beatty in *Ishtar*

- 1970 *Un dollaro per 7 vigliacchi* (*El millón de Madigan*; *Madigan's Millions*) (Ash, Gentili, and Praeger—produced in 1967) (as Jason Fisher); *Little Big Man* (Arthur Penn) (as Jack Crabb); *Arthur Penn Films "Little Big Man"* (Erwitt—doc); *Arthur Penn 1922—: Themes and Variants* (Hughes—doc)
- 1971 *Who Is Harry Kellerman and Why Is He Saying Those Terrible Things about Me?* (Grosbard) (as George Sacourey); *Straw Dogs* (Peckinpah) (as David Sumner)
- 1972 *Alfredo Alfredo* (Germi) (title role)
- 1973 *Papillon* (Schaffner) (as Louis Dega); *Sunday Father* (Leaf—short)
- 1974 *Lenny* (Fosse) (as Lenny Bruce)
- 1975 *Lost in the Garden of the World* (Williams) (as interviewee)
- 1976 *All the President's Men* (Pakula) (as Carl Bernstein); *Marathon Man* (Schlesinger) (as Babe Levy)
- 1978 *Straight Time* (Grosbard) (as Max Dembo, + initial d)
- 1979 *Agatha* (Apted) (as Wally Stanton); *Kramer vs. Kramer* (Benton) (as Ted Kramer)
- 1982 *Tootsie* (Pollack) (as Michael Dorsey/Dorothy Michaels, + co-pr)
- 1983 *The Best of Everything* (Johnson)
- 1985 *Death of a Salesman* (Schlöndorff—for TV) (as Willie Loman); *Private Conversations* (Blackwood—doc)
- 1987 *Ishtar* (Elaine May) (as Chuck Clarke)
- 1988 *Rain Man* (Levinson) (as Raymond Babbitt)
- 1989 *Family Business* (Lumet) (as Vito McMullen); *Common Threads* (Epstein and Friedman—doc) (as narrator)
- 1990 *Dick Tracy* (Beatty) (as Mumbles)
- 1991 *Billy Bathgate* (Benton) (as Dutch Schultz); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Captain Hook)
- 1993 *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice)
- 1992 *Hero* (*Accidental Hero*) (Frears) (as Bernie LaPlante)
- 1995 *Outbreak* (Petersen) (as Colonel Sam Daniels M.D.)
- 1996 *American Buffalo* (Corrente) (as Teach); *Sleepers* (Levinson) (Danny Snyder)
- 1997 *Mad City* (as Max Brackett); *Wag the Dog* (Levinson) (as Stanley Motss)
- 1998 *Sphere* (Levinson) (as Norman Johnson); *Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc* (Besson) (as The Conscience)
- 1999 *Cosm* (de Bont); *A Salute to Dustin Hoffman* (Honoree)

Films as Producer:

1999 *A Walk on the Moon; The Furies; The Devil's Arithmetic*
(for TV —ex pr)

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Dustin Hoffman was the first American movie star to apply the intensity of Method acting to the kind of sex-struck nebbishes Robert Morse played in commercial comedies and Woody Allen played in his stand-up/slapstick comedies. Hoffman's best scenes as Benjamin in *The Graduate*, the movie that catapulted this diminutive, ungla-morous actor to unlikely and major stardom, are the comic seductions with Anne Bancroft. Benjamin's adenoidal dimness is a great joke on innocence. We like him because he seems unworthy of this sophisticated catch. The basic deliberateness of Hoffman's craft is clearer in his next picture, *Midnight Cowboy*, in which he gets into the crawly skin of Ratso Rizzo, a seedy New York drifter who befriends Jon Voight's Joe Buck, a newcomer trying to make it as a hustler. Hoffman as Ratso practically plots the coordinates of corruption and unworldliness on graph paper—but expertly. Usually, catching the actor acting lessens the viewer's enjoyment; Hoffman makes it work. This is not to say that his most intently acted performances lack depth. One of his finest performances is as Max Dembo in Ulu Grosbard's too little seen *Straight Time*, a study of criminal psychology which eschews a co-star, instead displaying Hoffman in relation to a whole slate of superb supporting players, with every interaction revealing another layer of Dembo's locked-in mentality. Here Hoffman merges his focus as an actor with Dembo's bone-dry focus on burglary. The scene in which Dembo stays too long while robbing a jewelry store, and a consequent one in which he punishes the junkie getaway driver who panicked, are awesome in their daring.

In *Tootsie*, Sydney Pollack's deserved smash-hit comedy, Hoffman parodied his own reputation as a “difficult” actor. His Michael Dorsey cannot even get hired in commercials because, dressed up as a vegetable, he argued with a director about its motivation. He can only land a role in a soap opera by reading for it in drag as “Dorothy Michaels.” Hoffman's vanity lies mainly in his reputation as a fine actor, and he does not hesitate to make Dorothy womanly in an appropriately ungainly way. His scrupulous self-satire combined with Pollack's satirical insider's view of an actor's lot, enabled the star to give the most entertaining as well as the most thoroughly thought-out male drag performance in movie history. Watching him try to reach the challenging blond beauty (Jessica Lange) who is his soap co-star while masquerading as the woman she has come to confide in like a mother, gives the wild transvestite comedy the added dimension of an unusually textured and poignant romantic comedy.

Hoffman's Dorothy yields more depth than the honed pyrotechnics of his autistic savant Raymond in Barry Levinson's *Rain Man* which, despite the plaudits and prizes, is in reality, a very wet commercial picture about redemption through sacrifice. You *have* to watch Hoffman because Raymond's affliction means he cannot integrate himself into the scenes—you cannot take him for granted. With the incentive of showing up his much younger, “hot” co-star, Tom Cruise, Hoffman's performance is at once meticulously crafted and totally shameless. He is better in 1989's *Family Business*, as Vito, a hard-working merchant caught between Sean Connery as his elementally attractive criminal father and Matthew Broderick as his own self-righteous son who is infatuated with Connery. Perhaps Hoffman's performance did not get the attention it deserved for the very reason that it is realistic and uncharacteristically unassuming in its demonstration of how Vito's rage and frustration are inextricable from his love for his son. We believe that he would do anything for him, and feel affronted by the son's contempt.

As the journalist on the trail of Agatha Christie in the ill-received *Agatha*, the mechanics of his technique allow Hoffman to rise to the challenge of Vanessa Redgrave's emotionally overwrought novelist,

but he seemed less suited to his big action hits, *Papillon*, *Marathon Man*, *Outbreak*, and *Sphere*. Furthermore, when he is too openly ingratiating, as in *Kramer vs. Kramer*, his effort can all be waste, though we are happy to watch him go through ancient shtick—single father unable to cook a meal—that we would hesitate to endure in the hands of another actor. Then, too, Hoffman lacks the expansiveness of personality that can overcome fundamental miscasting, leaving him reliant on technique and hard work in a film such as *Lenny*. His attempt to portray Lenny Bruce, the foul-mouthed junkie who shone like the white underbelly of show biz, was something of a *tour de force*, rewarded with an Oscar nomination but ill-received by many who felt his impersonation a failure to get under Bruce's skin. The actor's delight in disguise has seduced him into frivolous, villainous grotesques such as Mumbles in *Dick Tracy* and the flamboyant Captain Hook, while his occasional latter-day tendency to style himself, unnecessarily, as an elder statesman, unbalanced the three-man character study of *American Buffalo*, and his over-the-top courtroom cameo for Barry Levinson in *Sleepers*. So much for the caveats. The less dynamic and obtrusive he wills himself to appear, the more concrete and absorbing is his performance. His expertly serio-comic, unexaggerated ne'er-do-well, Bernie LaPlante in *Hero* suggested an older, more robust and slightly cleaner Ratso Rizzo, while one of his least remarked but most authentic performances surfaced in *Mad City*. His has-been TV reporter, carelessly exploiting the desperation of John Travolta's hostage-taking loser, exemplifies that Hoffman is now at his best as shrewdly observed, ignoble and self-absorbed men under explicitly contemporary pressures, characters he nails with his dogged and dispassionate performances. Undertaken as an inexpensive, quickly-filmed wheeze with Levinson, back-to-back with their labors on the bloated sci-fi thriller *Sphere*, the actor's mischievous impersonation of an arrogant, self-glorifying Hollywood hack producer in *Wag the Dog*, staging a phony war for his own ends but blind to the bigger picture and his own ultimate expendability, offered the unique pleasure of a toe-to-toe with Robert de Niro, another giant whose indifference to appearing charming made their teaming irresistibly funny and interesting.

Dustin Hoffman has remained a star of substance and weight for 33 years in the face of changing trends and it is not difficult to see why. His command of himself is absolute, his presence comfortingly familiar (cf. Robert Redford, Harrison Ford, the advantage of whose glamour he never had), his skills and intelligence married to the right role make him an *actor* rather than a movie star. Whatever his identifiable shortcomings, he always works hard in the attempt to deliver a considered performance and, best of all, while he might sometimes be predictable, he is never boring.

—Alan Dale, updated by Robyn Karney

HOLDEN, William

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Franklin Beedle Jr. in O'Fallon, Illinois, 17 April 1918. **Education:** Attended South Pasadena High School and Pasadena Junior College, California. **Family:** Married the actress Brenda Marshall, 1941 (divorced 1971), sons: Peter and Scott.

Career: 1938—stage debut in *Manya* at Pasadena Playhouse workshop theater; short Paramount contract and film debut in *Prison Farm*; 1942–45—served in U.S. Army: lieutenant; 1945—reentered films with Columbia; 1950s—TV actor and narrator in documentaries. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *Stalag 17*, 1953; co-recipient, Special Jury Prize for Ensemble Acting, Venice Festival, for *Executive Suite*, 1954. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 12 November 1981.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *Prison Farm* (Louis King) (as an inmate)
- 1939 *Million Dollar Legs* (Dmytryk) (as a graduate); *Golden Boy* (Mamoulian) (as Joe Bonaparte)
- 1940 *Each Dawn I Die* (Keighley) (bit role); *Invisible Stripes* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Tim Taylor); *Our Town* (Sam Wood) (as George Gibbs); *Those Were the Days* (J. T. Reed) (as P. J. "Petey" Simmons); *Arizona* (Ruggles) (as Peter Muncie)
- 1941 *I Wanted Wings* (Leisen) (as Jeff Young); *Texas* (George Marshall) (as Dan Thomas)
- 1942 *The Remarkable Andrew* (Heisler) (as Andrew Long); *The Fleet's In* (Schertzing) (as Casey Kirby); *Meet the Stewarts* (Alfred E. Green) (as Michael Stewart)
- 1943 *Young and Willing* (E. H. Griffith) (as Norman Reese)
- 1947 *Blaze of Noon* (Farrow) (as Colin McDonald); *Dear Ruth* (William Russell) (as Lt. William Seacroft); *Variety Girl* (George Marshall) (appearance)
- 1948 *Rachel and the Stranger* (Norman Foster) (as Big Davey); *Apartment for Peggy* (Seaton) (as Jason); *The Man from Colorado* (Levin) (as Captain Del Stewart)
- 1949 *The Dark Past* (Maté) (as Al Walker); *Streets of Laredo* (Fenton) (as Jim Dawkins); *Miss Grant Takes Richmond* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Dick Richmond); *Dear Wife* (Haydn) (as Bill Seacroft)
- 1950 *Father Is a Bachelor* (Norman Foster and Berlin) (as Johnny Rutledge); *Sunset Boulevard* (Wilder) (as Joe Gillis); *Union Station* (Maté) (as Lt. William Calhoun); *Born Yesterday* (Cukor) (as Paul Verall)
- 1951 *Force of Arms* (Curtiz) (as Peterson); *Submarine Command* (Farrow) (as Commander White)
- 1952 *Boots Malone* (Dieterle) (title role); *The Turning Point* (Dieterle) (as Jerry McKibbin)
- 1953 *Stalag 17* (Wilder) (as Sefton); *The Moon Is Blue* (Preminger) (as Donald Gresham); *Forever Female* (Rapper) (as Stanley Krown); *Escape from Fort Bravo* (John Sturges) (as Capt. Roper)
- 1954 *Executive Suite* (Wise) (as McDonald Walling); *Sabrina* (Wilder) (as David Larrabee); *The Country Girl* (Seaton) (as Bernie Dodd); *Miyamoto Musashi (Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as narrator)
- 1955 *The Bridges at Toko-Ri* (Robson) (as Lt. Harry Brubaker); *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing* (Henry King) (as Mark Elliott); *Picnic* (Logan) (as Hal Carter)
- 1956 *The Proud and the Profane* (Seaton) (as Lt. Col. Colin Black); *Toward the Unknown* (LeRoy) (as Maj. Lincoln Bond)
- 1957 *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (Lean) (as Shears)



William Holden (left) with Sig Ruman in *Stalag 17*

- 1958 *The Key* (Reed) (as David Ross)
 1959 *The Horse Soldiers* (Ford) (as Maj. Henry Kendall)
 1960 *The World of Suzie Wong* (Quine) (as Robert Lomax)
 1962 *Satan Never Sleeps* (McCarey) (as Father O'Banion); *The Counterfeit Traitor* (Seaton) (as Eric Erickson); *The Lion* (Cardiff) (as Robert Hayward)
 1964 *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine) (as Richard Benson); *The Seventh Dawn* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Ferris)
 1966 *Alvarez Kelly* (Dmytryk) (title role)
 1967 *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as Ransome)
 1968 *The Devil's Brigade* (McLaglen) (as Lt. Col. Robert T. Frederick)
 1969 ***The Wild Bunch*** (Peckinpah) (as Pike Bishop); *The Christmas Tree* (Terence Young) (as Laurent)
 1971 *Wild Rovers* (Edwards) (as Ross Bodine)
 1972 *The Revengers* (Daniel Mann) (as John Benedict)
 1973 *The Blue Knight* (Robert Butler—for TV) (as Bumper Morgan); *Breezy* (Eastwood) (as Frank Harmon)
 1974 *Open Season* (Collinson) (as Wolkowski); *The Towering Inferno* (Irwin Allen and Guillermin) (as Jim Duncan)
 1976 *Network* (Lumet) (as Max Schumacher); *21 Hours at Munich* (William A. Graham—for TV) (as Manfred Schreiber)
 1978 *Damien—Omen II* (Taylor) (as Richard Thorn); *Fedora* (Wilder) (as Barry Detweiler)

- 1979 *Ashanti* (Fleischer) (as Jim Sandell)
 1980 *The Earthling* (Collinson) (as Patrick Foley); *When Time Ran Out* (Goldstone) (as Shelby Gilmore)
 1981 *S.O.B.* (Edwards) (as Tim Culley)

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In the truest sense of a misused phrase, it was impossible to dislike William Holden. Enshrining the philosophy of "Never apologize, never explain," his screen character epitomized the engagingly unreliable drinking pal or feckless nephew to whom one lends money, confident the loan will be neither repaid nor—more importantly—resented. A Holden character seldom descended to self-pity, or flinched from the worst results of rapacity, superficiality, or cowardice. Paradoxically, audiences were convinced by this cordial venality that under the chromium shell hid a good man awaiting rescue, a hero who only needed the right stimulus to make his mother proud.

In 1939, when he slipped into *Golden Boy* by the back door, after Warner Brothers's refusal to lend Columbia the play's original star, John Garfield, Hollywood had few roles for the uncultured and weak-willed wise guys Holden was later to play with such ease. A flop as Odets's Italian working-class hero, torn between boxing and the violin, Holden marked time in unmemorable Westerns and comedies until Montgomery Clift's last-minute defection from Billy Wilder's *Sunset Boulevard* gave Holden the sleazy screenwriter role.

His Joe Gillis, an amalgam of Pat Hobby and Sammy Glick, is the faultlessly realized portrait of a Hollywood loser whose ambitions have shrunk to a second-hand Oldsmobile and half a feature credit. But even shot dead and floating in Gloria Swanson's pool, he can still, in a sardonic commentary, view his fate with unconceited irony.

Since writing a part with Holden in mind must have been a scenarist's nightmare, many of his best roles came, like that in *Sunset Boulevard*, on the rebound. Wilder wanted Charlton Heston for the prison camp profiteer Sefton in *Stalag 17*, and favored someone younger for *Sabrina* until Cary Grant's replacement by Humphrey Bogart dictated an older man for his playboy brother. Yet for both roles he seems the natural choice. Our belief in Holden's unflinching opportunism convinces us that Sefton should be more able than his fellow prisoners to spot the spy in their midst, and as David Larrabee, a thoroughbred stallion permanently at stud among the organdied daughters of Long Island, Holden catches the exact balance of tarnished golden boy and calculating seducer.

Holden was seldom convincing as a man who gave orders. No army would follow an officer so patently protective of his own skin. Nevertheless, he often played such roles: a cavalry captain in *Escape*

from *Fort Bravo*, a jet pilot in *The Bridges at Toko-Ri*, an infantry officer in *The Devil's Brigade* and *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, and a cop who coped efficiently, if skeptically, with his duty in *The Blue Knight*. Only John Ford saw more in this character and made him, in *The Horse Soldiers*, a pacifist military doctor grappling with John Wayne's hard-nosed Civil War raider, a minor milestone in Holden's career.

One of the handsomest men ever to grace a movie screen, the Adonis-like Holden seemed ill-at-ease with his physical perfection, as if it were an impediment to being taken seriously as an actor. As with Robert Taylor and Montgomery Clift, two other stars whose personas were linked to their exquisiteness, Holden seemed less persuasive with the passage of time. With a few graceful exceptions, Holden's work as a character-star from the sixties onward seems curiously uncommitted and unfocused. As a leading man, Holden's key role as Hal, the aging charm boy of *Picnic*, in which Holden is unforgettable as a self-conscious drifter unable to recapture his college athletics halcyon days. After this overheated Americana in which Holden's sensuous body language underscored by "Moonglow" ignited the libidos of an entire Kansas town, and after that soggy valentine to miscegenation, *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*, this star's charisma flickered on the back burner until he reemerged as a noticeably aged, somewhat burned-out leading man.

Still billed above the title, Holden stopped coasting long enough to unleash some staggering achievements in his twilight years. Amidst the raging violence of *The Wild Bunch*, and the hyperbolic fever of *Network*, Holden functions as a voice of reason and grounds both of these classic exercises in hysteria in a discernible reality. Ineffably sad-looking, Holden reaches out to the audience in *Fedora*, *The Blue Knight*, and *Wild Rovers* with intimations of his own mortality. In his final film, Blake Edwards's nihilistic black comedy *S.O.B.*, he could play a one-bottle and two-women-a-day man with complete credibility, but by now the residue of his cocky swagger from *Stalag 17* could be viewed as a defense mechanism against loneliness. We could see more clearly that his trademark cynicism was always a pose. In his late career knock-outs, Holden seems to be saying that he was a man who had everything but for whom *everything* was somehow not enough. Whatever psychological emptiness Holden carried around inside himself, neither a distinguished movie career nor alcoholic marathons could fill the void. On-screen, at least, this tarnished hero could redeem himself by fadeout. His legacy is an unusual one for a major star—an antiheroic presence embraced by filmgoers despite an angles-playing pragmatism that takes a circuitous route from the self-serving to the grudgingly altruistic.

—John Baxter, updated by Robert Pardi

HOLLIDAY, Judy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Judith Tuvim in Manhattan, New York, 21 June 1921. **Education:** Julia Richman High School, New York, graduated 1938. **Family:** Married David Oppenheim, 1948 (divorced 1957), son: Jonathan. **Career:** 1938—switchboard operator for Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre; 1939–44—formed sketch troupe The Revuers with Betty Comden, Adolph Green, John Frank,



Judy Holliday

and Alvin Hammer; group appeared in New York clubs including Village Vanguard and on radio and television; about 1944—contract with Fox; 1945—New York stage debut in *Kiss Them for Me*; 1946—replaced ailing Jean Arthur in *Born Yesterday*: 3-year run of play established reputation; 1950—contract with Columbia; 1952—called to testify before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee because of activity in liberal organizations later labeled “communist”; 1954–55—TV appearances in 3 episodes of *Max Liebman Presents*; 1956—in stage play *Bells Are Ringing* in role written for her by Comden and Green, and in film version, 1960. **Awards:** Best Actress, Academy Award for *Born Yesterday*, 1950. **Died:** Of cancer, 7 June 1965.

Films as Actress:

- 1938 *Too Much Johnson* (Welles) (as extra)
- 1944 *Greenwich Village* (Walter Lang) (as one of The Revuers); *Something for the Boys* (Seiler) (as welder); *Winged Victory* (Cukor)
- 1949 *Adam's Rib* (Cukor) (as Doris Attinger)
- 1950 *Born Yesterday* (Cukor) (as Billie Dawn)
- 1952 *The Marrying Kind* (Cukor) (as Florence Keefer)
- 1954 *It Should Happen to You* (Cukor) (as Gladys Glover); *Phffft!* (Robson) (as Nina Tracy); *Extra Dollars* (Quine—short for U.S. Treasury Dept.)
- 1956 *The Solid Gold Cadillac* (Quine) (as Laura Partridge); *Full of Life* (Quine) (as Emily Rocco)
- 1960 *Bells Are Ringing* (Minnelli) (as Ella Peterson)

Other Film:

- 1965 *A Thousand Clowns* (Coe) (title song)

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Judy Holliday did not star in many films—only seven. In her short career, however, she won an Academy Award for her first starring role in *Born Yesterday*. The first indication that Judy had a unique quality was evidenced in her part in *Adam's Rib*. She practically stole the show from Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. It was on Katharine Hepburn's insistence that Holliday got the part in *Adam's Rib* as a ploy to ensure that she got the part of Billie Dawn in *Born Yesterday*, a part she made famous on Broadway. *Born Yesterday* cast Holliday as a dumb blonde, but that is really an unfair description. Billie Dawn is not dumb, merely uneducated. As the film progresses we see through Holliday's fine acting a growth of character that an education can provide.

Holliday was a stunning success as Billie Dawn and a successful career seemed eminent. But it was short-lived. Her fame brought her to the attention of the U.S. Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. In addition to Holliday's sympathy for certain left-wing or liberal causes, *Born Yesterday* was being criticized in certain right-wing circles as communist propaganda. A lot of background maneuvering relieved some of the pressure on Holliday's career, and she filmed *The Marrying Kind*, a comedy/drama that was a social commentary on the pressures of the working class. Once again Holliday gave a stunning performance in a part quite different from that in *Born Yesterday*. Holliday displayed a wide acting range and proved that she was able to handle drama as well as comedy. Judy's unofficial blacklisting ended with *It Should Happen to You*, her fourth film with the director George Cukor. Holliday was cast as Gladys Glover, a woman striving to become famous. Gladys wasn't a dumb blonde exactly: she was more of an oddball. Judy took a mediocre script and turned her character into a dazzling kook.

It is discouraging, however, that Hollywood was so shallow that an actress like Judy Holliday succeeds as one character and is forever cast in that mold. In *Adam's Rib*, *Born Yesterday*, and *The Marrying Kind*, Holliday demonstrated that she was an accomplished actress who could display a wide range of emotion and a naive, womanly innocence. It was unfortunate that her death was so untimely. It would

have been interesting to see Holliday in films that she chose for herself.

—Maryann Oshana

HOMOLKA, Oscar

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Vienna, Austria, 12 August 1898 (some sources give 1901 and 1903). **Education:** Attended the Royal Dramatic Academy, Vienna. **Military Service:** Served in the Austrian Army during World War I. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Grete Mosheim (divorced); 2) the actress Vally Hatvany, 1937 (died 1938); 3) Florence Meyer (divorced), sons: Vincent, Laurence; 4) the actress Joan Tetzl, 1949 (died 1977). **Career:** On stage in *Edward II* (also co-director with Brecht) in Munich, then member for ten years of Max Reinhardt's troupe in Berlin; 1926—film debut in *Die Abenteuer eines Zehnmarkscheines*; 1932—directed stage play *Pygmalion*; 1933—left Germany with rise of the Nazis, and worked in the United Kingdom; 1935—West End debut in *Close Quarters*; 1936–66—lived and worked in the United States; 1940—Broadway debut in *Grey Farm*; later acted on stage in *I Remember Mama*, 1944 and in film version, 1948, and *Rashomon*, 1959; lived in England after 1966. **Died:** In Sussex, England, 27 January 1978.

Films as Actor:

- 1926 *Die Abenteuer eines Zehnmarkscheines* (*K13 513*) (Viertel); *Brennende Grenze* (Waschneck); *Das Mädchen ohne Heimat* (*Vom Freudenhaus in die Ehe*; *Aftermath*) (David)
- 1927 *Dirnentragödie* (*Women without Men*; *The Tragedy of the Street*) (Rahn); *Fürst oder Clown* (Rasumny); *Die heilige Lüge* (Holger-Madsen); *Der Kampf des Donald Westhof* (Wendhausen); *Die Leibeigenen* (Eichberg); *Petronella* (Schwartz); *Regine, die Tragödie einer Frau* (Waschneck); *Schinderhannes* (*The Prince of Rogues*) (Bernhardt)
- 1928 *Die Rothausgasse* (Oswald)
- 1929 *Masken* (Meinert); *Revolte im Erziehungshaus* (Asagaroff)
- 1930 *Hokuspokus* (*Der Prozess der Kitty Kellermann*; *Hocuspocus*) (Ucicky); *Dreyfus* (*The Dreyfus Case*) (Oswald) (as Esterhazy)
- 1931 *1914, die letzten Tage vor dem Weltbrand* (Oswald); *Der Wege nach Rio* (Oswald); *Zwischen Nacht und Morgen* (*Dirnentragödie*) (Lamprecht); *Im Geheimdienst* (*In the Employ of the Secret Service*) (Ucicky); *Nachtkolonne* (Bauer); *Die Nächte von Port Said* (Mittler)
- 1932 *Spione am Werk* (*Spies at Work*) (Lamprecht)
- 1933 *Moral und Liebe* (Jacoby); *Unsichtbare Gegner* (Katscher)
- 1936 *Rhodes* (*Rhodes of Africa*) (Viertel) (as Paul Kruger); *Sabotage* (*The Woman Alone*) (Hitchcock) (as Carl Verloc); *Everything Is Thunder* (Rosmer)
- 1937 *Ebb Tide* (Hogan)
- 1940 *Seven Sinners* (Garnett); *Comrade X* (King Vidor)
- 1941 *The Invisible Woman* (Sutherland); *Rage in Heaven* (Van Dyke); *Ball of Fire* (Hawks) (as Prof. Gurkakoff)
- 1943 *Mission to Moscow* (Sutherland) (as Litvinoff); *Hostages* (Tuttle)

- 1946 *The Shop at Sly Corner* (*The Code of Scotland Yard*) (King)
- 1948 *I Remember Mama* (Stevens) (as Uncle Chris)
- 1949 *Anna Lucasta* (Rapper)
- 1950 *The White Tower* (Tetzlaff)
- 1951 *Der schweigende Mund* (Hartl)
- 1952 *Top Secret* (*Mr. Potts Goes to Moscow*) (Zampi)
- 1953 *The House of the Arrow* (Anderson)
- 1954 *Prisoner of War* (Marton)
- 1955 *The Seven Year Itch* (Wilder)
- 1956 *War and Peace* (King Vidor) (as Gen. Kutuzov)
- 1957 *A Farewell to Arms* (Charles Vidor)
- 1958 *The Key* (Reed) (as Van Dam)
- 1959 *La tempesta* (*The Tempest*) (Lattuada) (as Savelic)
- 1961 *Mr. Sardonicus* (Castle) (as Krull)
- 1962 *Boys' Night Out* (Gordon) (as Dr. Prokosch); *The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm* (Levin) (as the Duke); *The Mooncussers* (Neilson—for TV)
- 1964 *The Long Ships* (Cardiff) (as Krok); *Ambassador at Large* (Schaffner—for TV)
- 1965 *Joy in the Morning* (Segal) (as Stan Pulaski)
- 1966 *Funeral in Berlin* (Hamilton) (as Col. Stok)
- 1967 *The Happening* (Silverstein) (as Sam); *Billion Dollar Brain* (Russell) (as Col. Stok)
- 1968 *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Jarrott—for TV)
- 1969 *Assignment to Kill* (Reynolds) (as Inspector Ruff); *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes) (as The Commissar)
- 1970 *Song of Norway* (Stone) (as Engstrand); *The Executioner* (Wanamaker) (as Racovsky)
- 1974 *The Tamarind Seed* (Edwards) (as Gen. Golitsyn)
- 1975 *One of Our Own* (Sarafian—for TV)

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Arriving in Germany from Vienna in 1918, Oscar Homolka soon achieved success on the stage, where for ten years he was a leading man in Max Reinhardt's famous theatrical troupe. In 1926 Homolka began his long film career, one that became international when, in 1933, Hitler assumed power. Homolka fled to Paris, then London where his career soon resumed on the stage and in film.

Soon thereafter he was invited to the United States where he spent most of the next 14 years as a character actor, generally playing a cruel or bumbling European whose thick accent and thicker eyebrows were the key defining attributes. Predictably, Hollywood loved him most as the blustering Uncle Chris in *I Remember Mama*. In a 1944 *New Yorker* profile Homolka is quoted thus, "In Europe I played Othello, but in American pictures. . . I am just the mean fellow who leers at the little heroine and dies hideously in the end." Howard Hawks, thankfully, showed us another side of Homolka when he cast him in *Ball of Fire* as the pipe-sucking Professor

Gurkakoff, one of eight hermetic encyclopedia writers childishly lovestruck by Barbara Stanwyck's nightclub singer, Sugarpuss O'Shea.

Beginning in 1951, Homolka began working outside the United States. In the mid-1960s he settled in England where once again he specialized in playing the heavy foreign adversary. In both *Funeral in Berlin* and *Billion Dollar Brain* he played the Russian intelligence officer Stok, adversary to Michael Caine's Harry Palmer. In Blake Edwards's *The Tamarind Seed* he was the nasty Russian General Golitsyn. His most famous Russian characterization, however, was as Tolstoy's General Kutuzov in King Vidor's version of *War and Peace*. His gravel-voiced Russian commandant brought him excellent notices; in retrospect, the performance seems as gratuitous in its showiness as the film itself.

Such, however, cannot be said of his best screen role, that of Verloc in Alfred Hitchcock's *Sabotage*. Rather than cast him as a stereotypical German heavy, Hitchcock, while never excusing Verloc's guilt, perversely endowed this character with a sympathetic edge. Verloc is guilty of sabotage, but is also clearly a man trapped between loyalties. Homolka's tense and frightened performance heightens this complex conception. He literally seems to shrink with guilt over his role in the death of his young brother-in-law, Stevie. Verloc's death, visualized in Hitchcock's famous dinner-table montage, seems an act of mercy. In these last moments, Homolka effectively releases the tensions built up across the narrative and greets death with a peculiar calm.

—Doug Tomlinson

HOPKINS, (Sir) Anthony

Nationality: British. **Born:** Port Talbot, South Wales, 31 December 1937. **Education:** Attended Cowbridge Grammar School, Glamorgan; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, 1961–63; Cardiff College of Drama. **Family:** Married 1) Petronella Barker, 1967 (divorced 1972), daughter: Abigail; 2) Jennifer Lynton, 1973. **Career:** 1960—stage debut in *The Quare Fellow*, followed by repertory work; 1964—London stage debut in *Julius Caesar*; 1966–73—member of the National Theatre, London; 1967—film debut in *The White Bus*; 1974—appeared in *Equus* on Broadway, and directed the Los Angeles production, 1977; 1980s—theater work includes *Pravda*, *King Lear*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, and *M. Butterfly*; TV mini-series include *War and Peace*, 1973, *QB VII*, 1974, *Hollywood Wives*, 1985, and *Great Expectations*, 1989. **Awards:** Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1987; Best Actor, Academy Award, for *The Silence of the Lambs*, 1991; knighted, 1 January 1993. **Agent:** c/o CAA, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *The White Bus* (Anderson) (as Brechtian)
 1968 *The Lion in Winter* (Harvey) (as Richard the Lion-Hearted)
 1969 *Hamlet* (Richardson) (as Claudius); *The Looking Glass War* (Pierson) (as John Avery)
 1971 *When Eight Bells Toll* (Périer) (as Philip Calvert)
 1972 *Young Winston* (Attenborough) (as David Lloyd George)

- 1973 *A Doll's House* (Garland) (as Torvald Helmer)
 1974 *The Girl from Petrovka* (Miller) (as Kostya); *Juggernaut* (Lester) (as Supt. John McCleod); *All Creatures Great and Small* (Whatham) (as Siegfried Farnon)
 1976 *Dark Victory* (Butler—for TV) (as Michael); *Victory at Entebbe* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Yitzhak Rabin); *The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case* (Kulik—for TV) (as Bruno Hauptmann)
 1977 *Audrey Rose* (Wise) (as Elliot Hoover); *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Lt. Col. John Frost)
 1978 *Magic* (Attenborough) (as Corky/Fats); *International Velvet* (Forbes) (as Capt. Johnson); *Kean* (Jones—for TV) (title role)
 1979 *Mayflower: The Pilgrim's Adventure* (Schaefer—for TV) (as Capt. Jones)
 1980 *The Elephant Man* (Lynch) (as Frederick Treves); *A Change of Seasons* (Richard Lang) (as Adam Evans)
 1981 *The Bunker* (Schaefer—for TV) (as Adolf Hitler); *Othello* (Miller—for TV) (title role); *Peter and Paul* (Day—for TV) (as St. Peter)
 1983 *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Quasimodo)
 1984 *The Bounty* (Donaldson) (as Captain Bligh); *Io e il duce (Mussolini and I)* (Negrin—for TV) (as Count Ciano); *A Married Man* (Davies and Jarrott—for TV) (as John Strickland)
 1985 *Arch of Triumph* (Hussein—for TV) (as Dr. Ravic); *Guilty Conscience* (Greene—for TV) (as Arthur Jamison); *Heartland* (Billington—for TV)
 1986 *Blunt* (Glenister—for TV) (as Guy Burgess); *84 Charing Cross Road* (Jones) (as Frank Doel); *The Good Father* (Newell) (as Bill Hooper)
 1988 *The Dawning* (Knights—released in U.S. 1993) (as Major Angus Barry/Cassius); *The Tenth Man* (Gold—for TV) (as Chavel); *Across the Lake* (Maylam—for TV) (as Donald Campbell)
 1989 *A Chorus of Disapproval* (Winner) (as Dafydd Ap Llewellyn)
 1990 *Desperate Hours* (Cimino) (as Tim Cornell); *One Man's War* (Toledo—for TV) (as Joel Filartiga)
 1991 *The Silence of the Lambs* (Jonathan Demme) (as Dr. Hannibal "Cannibal" Lecter)
 1992 *Howards End* (Ivory) (as Henry Wilcox); *Freejack* (Murphy) (as McCandless); *The Efficiency Expert* (Spotswood) (Joffe) (as Wallace); *Chaplin* (Attenborough) (as George Hayden); *Bram Stoker's Dracula* (Coppola) (as Prof. Abraham Van Helsing); *To Be the Best* (Wharmby—for TV) (as Jack Figg)
 1993 *The Remains of the Day* (Ivory) (as Stevens); *The Trial* (David Jones) (as the priest); *Shadowlands* (Attenborough) (as Jack Lewis); . . . *und der Himmel steht still (The Innocent)* (Schlesinger) (as Bob Glass); *Selected Exits* (Tristram Powell—for TV) (as Gwyn Thomas); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (voice only)
 1994 *The Road to Wellville* (Parker) (as Dr. John Harvey Kellogg); *Legends of the Fall* (Zwick) (as Colonel William Ludlow)
 1995 *Nixon* (Stone) (title role)
 1996 *Marlon Brando: The Wild One* (Joyce—for TV) (as himself); *Surviving Picasso* (Ivory) (as Pablo Picasso)
 1997 *The Edge* (Tamahori) (as Charles Morse); *Amistad* (Spielberg) (as John Quincy Adams)



Anthony Hopkins (left) and Alec Baldwin in *The Edge*

- 1998 *Meet Joe Black* (Brest, Smithee) (as William Parrish); *The Mask of Zorro* (Campbell) (as Don Diego de la Vega/Zorro)
- 1999 *Siegfried & Roy: The Magic Box* (Leonard) (as Narrator); *Instinct* (Turtletaub) (as Ethan Powell); *Titus* (Taymor) (as Titus)
- 2000 *Mission Impossible 2* (Woo) (as IMF chief); *Hannibal* (Scott) (as Dr. Hannibal Lecter)

Films as Director:

- 1990 *Dylan Thomas: Return Journey*
- 1995 *August* (+ ro as Ieuan Davies)

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Anthony Hopkins appeared in films for two decades without advancing to screen stardom. His performances, many of them in smaller-budget films, were lauded by critics, but audiences did not eagerly await his next movie appearance or place his name on lists of screen favorites. Perhaps his problem was that he lacked an identifiable persona and never developed into a Hollywood "type"; he seemed always to be hiding in period costumes or thick makeup. All the years of relative anonymity ended with his Oscar-winning performance in the most abhorrent role of his career, that of Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*, one of the most popular and well-publicized pictures of 1991.

Now, in middle age, Hopkins's rugged looks and extraordinarily appealing voice (which often have led critics and fans to comparisons with fellow Welshman Richard Burton) are adding zest to an array of projects with which he has been associated, whether they be television movies, prestige art films, or extravagant Hollywood productions. His authoritative presence and incomparable acting ability are the elements which make him a standout performer, but it is his screen magnetism, displayed finally in choice star roles, which made him an international movie star.

Like his mentor Laurence Olivier, who often acted while camouflaged in thick makeup, Hopkins acquired a remarkable chameleon quality in his acting quite early in his career and kept with it for years. This has suited him particularly when taking on a series of biographical roles—Lloyd George, Adolf Hitler, Bruno Hauptmann, Donald Campbell, Captain Bligh, Yitzhak Rabin, Richard the Lion-Hearted, and even Richard Nixon—as well as with outrageous fictional grotesques such as Quasimodo, Lambert Le Roux, and Hannibal Lecter.

Besides the historical pieces in which he appeared, his pre-1990s performances do include a few unbalanced characters who may have laid a foundation for him to become celluloid's most credible cannibal killer. For instance, in *Magic* he played a demented ventriloquist, and in *Audrey Rose* he was a menacing stranger who claims a 12-year-old girl is his dead daughter reincarnated.

The international celebrity that he had sought since his humble, lower-middle-class boyhood in South Wales finally arrived with his chilling performance as a psychotic serial killer in *The Silence of the*

Lambs. Hopkins's definitive interpretation of the warped, nightmarish criminal who not only murders but also dines on his prey flabbergasted audiences. His odd facial expressions, and the wiggling of his tongue in an eel-like manner, heavily contributed to the film's well-earned status as a classic of the horror genre.

Hopkins's two follow-up pictures were James Ivory's *Howards End* and *The Remains of the Day*. These two cinematic gems (both of which co-starred Emma Thompson) made him a darling of the art-house crowd. In the first film, which is based on a novel of Edwardian England by E. M. Forster, he plays a widower with a mahogany veneer that hides a chip-board heart. The subtle bearing of Hopkins's character underscores the snobbery among Britain's classes of that time, and the repression of emotion that was called for by the existing social conventions. In the second film, Hopkins plays a tradition-bound head butler who sacrifices his personal emotions and desires in the line of duty. Both of these characters are quiet beings who internalize their feelings. As such, their on-screen depictions could well have been stiff, blank signposts in the hands of a lesser actor, but Hopkins made both into three-dimensional and exciting individuals.

Shadowlands brought Hopkins the opportunity to play a full-fledged romantic gentleman in the character of real-life British writer C. S. Lewis. For this film, Hopkins began as a rather stiff, cloistered middle-aged Oxford educator who flowers as he becomes infused with love for a forthright American poet (Debra Winger). Hopkins's development from bookworm to enthusiastic lover showed audiences a most welcomed romantic quality. This role was, in a way, a graduated version or expansion of the character of the kindly bookstore salesman he played in *84 Charing Cross Road*.

Hopkins is an actor who can take on most any role. His presence can even make an otherwise mundane film mandatory viewing. Such is the case in *The Road to Wellville*, a disappointing adaptation of T. Coraghessan Boyle's comic novel, in which he transcends the poor script to give a delightfully animated, over-the-top performance—complete with silly, bucktoothed grin—as John H. Kellogg, the real-life inventor of corn flakes. In *Legends of the Fall*, the more sobering saga of early twentieth-century life in Montana, he is seen as the independent, feisty, and humanistic patriarch who has sired a trio of sons. In the latter part of this film, he is called upon to portray an elderly, partially paralyzed stroke victim who is left with marred speech. Under heavy makeup (again), he drags his disfigured body without ever losing his character's sense of eminence and dignity. It is the sort of specialty role Olivier himself would have fancied.

One suspects that Olivier, a fine Titus Andronicus in Peter Brook's memorable 1950s UK theatre production, would have approved heartily of Hopkins' extraordinary turn-of-the-millennium performance as the increasingly deranged old Roman warrior in *Titus*, the bloodily vivid feature directing debut of Julie Taymor, who staged the musical *The Lion King* on both sides of the Atlantic. It marked Hopkins' first encounter with Shakespeare for more than a decade when he had appeared in *King Lear* and *Antony and Cleopatra* back-to-back at the National Theatre. Before he completed filming *Titus* in Rome, Hopkins suddenly announced he was going to quit acting because he was disillusioned with his career. Later he claimed he'd been misquoted, and merely felt burned out and just needed a rest.

After averaging at least two films a year throughout most of the 1990s the workaholic Hopkins, who has moved full-time to Los Angeles, stopped taking major roles for 18 months. His movie comeback smacks of Hollywood opportunism and a very substantial payday, reprising the role of Dr. Lecter in the new film version of author Thomas Harris's long-awaited *Silence of the Lambs* sequel,

Hannibal. Neither original director Jonathan Demme nor co-star Jodie Foster decided to join him for the ride this time around.

—Quentin Falk

HOPKINS, Miriam

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ellen Miriam Hopkins in Bainbridge, Georgia, 1902. **Education:** Attended Goddard Seminary, Vermont, and Syracuse University, New York. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Brandon Peters, 1926 (divorced 1931); 2) Austin Parker, 1931 (divorced 1932), one adopted son; 3) the director Anatole Litvak, 1937 (divorced 1939); 4) Raymond D. Brock, 1945 (divorced 1951). **Career:** 1921—stage debut as chorus girl in *The Music Box Revue*, followed by vaudeville tours and dramatic roles on Broadway; 1928—film debut in short *The Home Girl*; 1931—contract with Paramount; later contracts with Goldwyn, 1935, and Warner Brothers, 1938; 1940s—as leading parts declined, returned to stage, and appeared in summer stock and touring companies; 1949—TV debut; 1953—directed and starred in *Hay Fever*. **Died:** 9 October 1972.

Films as Actress:

- 1928 *The Home Girl* (Lawrence—short)
1930 *Fast and Loose* (Newmeyer) (as Marion Lenox)



Miriam Hopkins

- 1931 *The Smiling Lieutenant* (*Le Lieutenant souriant*) (Lubitsch) (as Princess Anna); *Twenty-Four Hours* (*The Hours Between*) (Gering) (as Rosie Duggan)
1932 *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Mamoulian) (as Ivy Pearson); *Two Kinds of Women* (DeMille) (as Emma Krull); *Dancers in the Dark* (Burton) (as Gloria Bishop); *The World and the Flesh* (Cromwell) (as Maria Yaskaya); *Trouble in Paradise* (Lubitsch) (as Lily Vantier)
1933 *The Story of Temple Drake* (Roberts) (title role); *The Stranger's Return* (King Vidor) (as Louise Storr); *Design for Living* (Lubitsch) (as Gilda Farrell)
1934 *All of Me* (Flood) (as Lydia Darrow); *She Loves Me Not* (Nugent) (as Curly Flagg); *The Richest Girl in the World* (Seiter) (as Dorothy Hunter)
1935 *Becky Sharp* (Mamoulian) (title role); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as Mary Rutledge “Swan”); *Splendor* (Nugent) (as Phyllis)
1936 *These Three* (Wyler) (as Martha Dobie); *Men Are Not Gods* (Reisch) (as Ann Williams)
1937 *The Woman I Love* (*The Woman Between*) (Litvak) (as Helene Maury); *Woman Chases Man* (Blystone) (as Virginia Travis); *Wise Girl* (Jason) (as Susan Fletcher)
1939 *The Old Maid* (Goulding) (as Delia Lovell)
1940 *Virginia City* (Curtiz) (as Julia Haynes); *The Lady with Red Hair* (Bernhardt) (as Mrs. Leslie Carter)
1942 *A Gentleman after Dark* (Marin) (as Flo Melton)
1943 *Old Acquaintance* (Sherman) (as Millie)
1944 *Skirmish on the Home Front* (short)
1949 *The Heiress* (Wyler) (as Lavinia Penniman)
1950 *The Mating Season* (Leisen) (as Fran Carleton)
1951 *Carrie* (Wyler) (as Julia Hartwood)
1952 *The Outcasts of Poker Flat* (Newman) (as Duchess)
1961 *The Children's Hour* (*The Loudest Whisper*) (Wyler) (as Mrs. Lily Mortar)
1964 *Fanny Hill* (*Fanny Hill: Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure*) (Meyer) (as Maude Brown)
1965 *The Chase* (Penn) (as Mrs. Reeves)
1970 *Comeback* (*Hollywood Horror House*) (Wolfe)

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Petite Miriam Hopkins commanded attention on-screen. Her Hollywood vogue lasted less than a decade, but Southern breeding and accent gave her work a no-nonsense graciousness which (particularly in her early films) proved attractively diverting.

Hopkins's work in musical and, later, dramatic theater led to Paramount's signing her in 1931. After a slow start, she essayed a succession of well-received portrayals and earned a top star position. She was Maurice Chevalier's partner in *The Smiling Lieutenant*, the trollop in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, a charming jewel thief in *Trouble in Paradise*: apparent versatility served to her advantage.

Actually, the same ladylike bitchiness characterized most of her screen work. By the mid-1930s, fewer scripts met with her approval, and she switched to Goldwyn Studios and later to Warners. She played *Becky Sharp*, patterned on Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*, competing with the novelty of the first three-color process Technicolor feature. But *These Three*—Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour* reconstructed as a conventional triangle drama—displayed Hopkins at her best: likably crisp and energetic, capable of connecting with the emotional demands of the part.

She rivaled Bette Davis off and twice on-screen (in *Old Acquaintance* and *The Old Maid*) but Davis won the audience sympathy and critical praise, since Hopkins tended to overdramatize. Increasingly, Hopkins abandoned Hollywood for the stage; she had picked up a reputation for feuding with co-stars.

Her own temperament and bad judgment of material, as much as the decreasing demand for her brand of histrionics, virtually ended her film career by the 1940s. She returned later in occasional character parts as shrewish, meddlesome relatives in *The Heiress*, *Carrie*, and, oddly, the remake of *The Children's Hour*.

—Richard Sater

HOPPER, Dennis

Nationality: American. **Born:** Dodge City, Kansas, 17 May 1936. **Education:** Attended high school in San Diego, California. **Family:** Married 1) Brooke Hayward, 1961 (divorced 1969), daughter: Marin; 2) Michelle Phillips, 1970 (divorced 1970); 3) Daria Halprin, 1972 (divorced 1976), daughter: Ruthana; 4) Katherine LaNasa, 1989 (divorced 1992), son: Henry Lee; 5) Victoria Duffy, 1996. **Career:** Mid-1950s—appeared in repertory at Pasadena Playhouse, and studied acting with Dorothy McGuire and John Swope at Old Globe Theatre, San Diego; 1955—film debut in *Rebel without a Cause*; contract with Warner Brothers; sculptor and still photographer—several one-man shows of photographs; 1969—directed first film *Easy Rider*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor, National Society of Film Critics, and LA Film Critics, for *Blue Velvet*, 1986. **Address:** Box 1889, Taos, NM 87571, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1954 *Johnny Guitar* (Nicholas Ray) (bit as posse member)
- 1955 *Rebel without a Cause* (Nicholas Ray) (as Groon); *I Died a Thousand Times* (Heisler)
- 1956 *Giant* (Stevens) (as Jordan Benedict III); *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (John Sturges) (as Billy Clanton)
- 1957 *No Man's Road* (Martinson—for TV); *A Question of Loyalty* (Doniger—for TV); *The Story of Mankind* (Irwin Allen) (as Napoleon); *Sayonara* (Logan) (as voice); *The Young Land* (Teztlaff) (as Hatfield Carnes)
- 1958 *From Hell to Texas* (*Manhunt*) (Hathaway) (as Tom Boyd); *Key Witness* (Karlson) (as “Cowboy”)
- 1961 *Night Tide* (Harrington) (as Johnny Drake)
- 1963 *Tarzan and Jane Regained . . . Sort of* (Warhol)
- 1965 *The Sons of Katie Elder* (Hathaway) (as Dave Hastings)
- 1966 *Queen of Blood* (*Planet of Blood*) (Harrington) (as Paul)
- 1967 *Cool Hand Luke* (Roseberg) (as Babalugats); *The Trip* (Corman) (as Max); *The Glory Stompers* (Lanza) (as Chino); *Panic in the City* (Davis) (as Goff)
- 1968 *Hang ‘em High* (Post) (as the Prophet); *Head* (Rafelson)
- 1969 *True Grit* (Hathaway) (as Moon); *The Festival Game* (Klinger and Lytton) (as interviewee)
- 1971 *Crush Proof* (Ménil)
- 1973 *Kid Blue* (Frawley) (as Bickford Waner)
- 1975 *James Dean, the First American Teenager* (Connolly—doc) (as interviewee)
- 1976 *Mad Dog Morgan* (*Mad Dog*) (Mora) (as Daniel Morgan); *Tracks* (Jaglom) (as Jack Falen)
- 1977 *Der Amerikanische Freund* (*The American Friend*) (Wenders) (as Tom Ripley); *Les Apprentis sorciers* (Cozarinsky)
- 1978 *Couleur chair* (Weyergans); *L'ordre et la sécurité du monde* (d'Anna)
- 1979 *Apocalypse Now* (Coppola) (as freelance photographer)
- 1980 *Wild Times* (Compton—for TV)
- 1981 *Renacida* (*Reborn*) (Luna); *King of the Mountain* (Nosseck) (as Cal)
- 1982 *Human Highway* (Shakey) (as Cracker); *The Osterman Weekend* (Peckinpah) (as Richard Tremayne)
- 1983 *Rumblefish* (Coppola) (as Father)
- 1984 *The Inside Man* (Clegg) (as Miller)
- 1985 *White Star* (Klick); *My Science Project* (Betuel) (as Bob Roberts); *Stark* (Holcomb—for TV); *O. C. and Stiggs* (Altman) (as Sponson)
- 1986 *Running Out of Luck* (Temple) (as video director); *The American Way* (*Riders of the Storm*) (Phillips) (as Captain); *Blue Velvet* (Lynch) (as Frank Booth); *Hoosiers* (*Best Shot*) (Anspaugh) (as Shooter); *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre Part II* (Hooper) (as Lt. “Lefty” Enright)
- 1987 *River's Edge* (Hunter) (as Feck); *Black Widow* (Rafelson) (as Ben Dumers); *Straight to Hell* (Cox) (as I. G. Farben); *The Pick-Up Artist* (Toback) (as Flash Jensen)
- 1988 *Blood Red* (Masterson) (as William Bradford Berrigan)
- 1989 *Chattahoochee* (Jackson) (as Walker Benson); *Flashback* (Amurri)
- 1990 *Superstar: The Life and Times of Andy Warhol* (Workman—doc); *Black Leather Jacket* (Mead) (as narrator); *Motion and Emotion* (as himself); *Hollywood Mavericks* (as himself)
- 1991 *Paris Trout* (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (title role); *Indian Runner* (Sean Penn) (as Caesar); *A Hero of Our Time*; *Eye of the Storm* (Zeltser) (as Marvin Gladstone); *Doublecrossed* (Young—for TV) (as Barry Seal)
- 1992 *Sunset Heat* (for TV); *Nails* (Flynn—for TV) (as Harry “Nails” Niles)
- 1993 *Boiling Point* (Harris) (as Red Diamond); *Red Rock West* (Dahl) (as Lyle); *Super Mario Bros.* (Morton and Jankel) (as King Koopa); *True Romance* (Scott) (as Clifford Worley); *The Heart of Justice* (Baretto—for TV) (as Austin Blair)
- 1994 *Speed* (de Bont) (as Howard Payne); *Witch Hunt* (Schrader—for TV) (as H. Phillip Lovecraft)



Dennis Hopper with Amy Irving in *Carried Away*

- 1995 *Search and Destroy* (Salle) (as Dr. Luther Waxling); *Waterworld* (Kevin Reynolds) (as Deacon); *Basquiat* (*Build a Fort, Set It on Fire*) (Schnabel)
- 1996 *James Dean: A Portrait* (Legon—doc) (as himself); *Carried Away* (Barreto) (as Joseph); *Basquiat* (Schnabel) (as Bruno Bischofberger); *Samson and Delilah* (Roeg—for TV) (as Generale Tariq)
- 1997 *U2: A Year in Pop* (Linnane) (as Narrator); *Top of the World* (*Cold Cash, Showdown—for TV*) (Furie) (as Charles Atlas); *Road Ends* (King) (as Gilchrist); *Happy Birthday Elizabeth: A Celebration of Life* (Margolis—for TV) (as himself); *The Good Life* (Harrison); *Space Truckers* (*Star Truckers*) (Gordon) (as John Canyon); *The Blackout* (Ferrara) (as Mickey Wayne)
- 1998 *Wie man die Leute von ihrem Geld trennt* (Vaske—for TV); *Tycus* (Putch) (as Peter Crawford); *Black Dahlia* (Laspina, Trow) (as Walter Pensky); *Meet the Deedles* (*The Deedles*) (Boyum) (as Frank Slater)
- 1999 *The Venice Project* (Dornhelm) (as Roland/Salvatore); *The Source* (Workman) (as William S. Burroughs); *The Prophet's Game* (Worth) (as Vincent Swan); *Lured Innocence*

- (Kawasaki) (as Rick Chambers); *Jesus' Son* (Maclean) (as Bill); *Bad City Blues* (Stevens) (as Cleveland Carter); *Edtv* (Howard) (as Hank); *Straight Shooter* (Bohn) (as Frank Hector)
- 2000 *Luck of the Draw* (Bercovici) (as Giani Ponti); *Jason and the Argonauts* (Willing—for TV) (as Pelias); *Tycus* (Putch) (as Peter Crawford); *The Spreading Ground* (Vanlint) (as Det. Ed Delongpre); *Listen with Your Eyes* (Benedikt—doc) (as himself); *Knockaround Guys* (Koppelman and Levien) (as Benny 'Chains' Demaret); *Held for Ransom* (Stanley) (as JD)
- 2001 *Ticker* (Pyun); *LAPD: To Protect and to Serve* (Anders)

Films as Director:

- 1969 *Easy Rider* (+ co-sc, ro as Billy)
- 1971 *The Last Movie* (+ co-sc, ro)
- 1980 *Out of the Blue* (+ ro as Don)
- 1988 *Colors*
- 1989 *Backtrack* (*Catchfire*) (d as "Allen Smithee" + ro as Milo)

1990 *The Hot Spot*
 1994 *Chasers* (+ ro as Doggie)

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Perhaps no other persona better signifies the lost idealism of the 1960s than that of Dennis Hopper. From his beginnings in *Rebel without a Cause*, *Giant*, and *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral*, to such surrealist epics as *Apocalypse Now* and *Blue Velvet*, the sight of Hopper’s face alone now conjures up a menacing, violent, drug-ridden character.

As with many actors with such potent personas, Hopper’s has stemmed in large part from his offscreen behavior. His violent nature, as well as a long ordeal of substance abuse (both alcohol and cocaine), has led to a typecasting that generally results in Hopper playing a psychotic villain. A significant turning point came with Hopper’s 1969 directorial debut *Easy Rider*, in which he played a cynical biker in contrast to Peter Fonda’s idealistic biker. The film left an indelible impression on American popular culture, as an indictment of American conformity and a celebration of the drug counterculture permeating the nation at the time. Another standout performance came with Coppola’s *Apocalypse Now*, in which Hopper played a mad photographer—again, apparently his on-screen performance here (boisterous, drug-starved, and generally crazy) is very similar to that of his offscreen behavior during the shoot.

Another landmark and perhaps Hopper’s greatest “comeback” came with David Lynch’s *Blue Velvet*, in which he played a sadistic kidnapper who, among other things, inhales an unspecified gas and screams “Mommy” at Isabella Rossellini during bizarre sex scenes. A star was reborn, and Hopper’s performance became as much a conversation piece as the film itself. This led to similarly offbeat performances in *River’s Edge*, *Paris Trout*, and *Search and Destroy*.

In the action thriller *Speed*, Hopper seemed to perfect the psychotic villain, and sharpened his black-humor edge. The film was a massive box-office success, and thus ensured further typecasting, this time in the most expensive movie ever made, *Waterworld*. Hopper managed to be surprisingly fresh in his role as a postapocalyptic psychotic villain, and proved the only decent element in an otherwise mediocre film. Not to be overlooked are the less widely seen but nonetheless fine performances delivered in *The American Friend* and *Out of the Blue*, among others. Ever since *Easy Rider*, virtually all of Hopper’s films suggest an overwhelming loss, the loss of faith, hope, and idealism so closely identified culturally with the 1960s.

—Matthew Hays

HOSKINS, Bob

Nationality: British. **Born:** Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 26 October 1942. **Education:** Attended Stroud Green School, Finsbury Park, London. **Family:** Married 1) Jane Livesey (divorced), two children; 2) Linda, two children. **Career:** Worked in a variety of jobs, then became actor with the Unity Theatre, London; later theater work for the Royal Court Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company, 1976, and the National Theatre, including *Guys and Dolls*, 1982; 1972—film debut in *Up the Front*; 1974—in TV mini-series *Shoulder to Shoulder*, *Pennies from Heaven*, 1978, *Flickers*, 1981; 1987—directed first film, *The Raggedy Rawney* (released 1990). **Awards:** Best Actor Awards from Cannes Festival, New York Film Critics and Los Angeles Film Critics, and British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Actor, for *Mona Lisa*, 1986. **Agent:** Hutton Management Ltd., 200 Fulham Road, London SW10 9PN, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1972 *Up the Front* (Kellet) (as recruiting sergeant)
- 1973 *The National Health* (Gold) (as Foster)
- 1975 *Inserts* (Byrum) (as Big Mac)
- 1976 *Royal Flash* (Lester)
- 1979 *Zulu Dawn* (Hickox) (as Sgt. Maj. Williams)
- 1980 *The Long Good Friday* (Mackenzie) (as Harold Shand)
- 1981 *Othello* (Jonathan Miller—for TV) (as Iago)
- 1982 *Pink Floyd—The Wall* (Alan Parker) (as rock 'n' roll manager)
- 1983 *The Honorary Consul (Beyond the Limit)* (Mackenzie) (as Colonel Perez)
- 1984 *The Cotton Club* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Owney Madden); *Lassiter* (Roger Young) (as Becker)
- 1985 *Brazil* (Gilliam) (as Spoor); *The Dunera Boys* (Lewin); *Io e il duce (Mussolini and I)* (Negrin—for TV) (as Mussolini)
- 1986 *Mona Lisa* (Neil Jordan) (as George); *Sweet Liberty* (Alda) (as Stanley Gould)
- 1987 *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* (Clayton) (as James Madden); *A Prayer for the Dying* (Hodges) (as Father Da Costa)
- 1988 *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* (Zemeckis) (as Eddie Valiant)
- 1990 *Heart Condition* (Parriott) (as Jack Mooney); *Mermaids* (Benjamin) (as Lou Landsky)
- 1991 *Shattered* (Petersen) (as Gus Klein); *The Favor, the Watch, and the Very Big Fish* (Lewin) (as Louis Aubinard); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Smee); *The Inner Circle* (Konchalovsky) (as Beria)
- 1992 *Passed Away* (Peters) (as Johnny Scanlan); *Blue Ice* (Mulcahy) (as Sam García)
- 1993 *Super Mario Bros.* (Morton and Jankel) (as Mario Mario)
- 1994 *World War II: When Lions Roared* (Sargent—for TV) (as Winston Churchill); *The Changeling* (Simon Curtis—for TV) (as De Flores)
- 1995 *Nixon* (Oliver Stone) (as J. Edgar Hoover); *Balto* (Wells—animation) (as voice of Boris); *Ding Dong* (Todd Hughes) (as himself)
- 1996 *The Secret Agent* (Hampton) (as Mr. Verloc, +co-pr); *Michael* (Ephron) (as Vartan Malt)
- 1997 *Spice World* (Spiers) (as himself); *24 7: Twenty Four Seven (TwentyFourSeven)* (Meadows) (as Alan Darcy)

- 1998 *Parting Shot* (Winner) (as Gerd Layton); *Captain Jack* (Young) (as Jack); *The Forgotten Toys* (Ralph—for TV) (as Teddy); *Cousin Bette* (McAnuff) (as Cesar Crevel)
- 1999 *A Room for Romeo Brass* (Meadows) (as Home Tutor); *Live Virgin* (Marois) (as Joey Quinn); *Let the Good Times Roll* (Ibelhauptaite); *Felicia's Journey* (Egoyan) (as Joseph Ambrose Hilditch); *David Copperfield* (Curtis) (as Mr. Micawber—for TV); *From Star Wars to Star Wars: The Story of Industrial Light and Magic* (Kroll) (as himself); *The White River Kid* (Glimcher) (as Brother Edgar)
- 2000 *Don Quixote* (Yates) (as Sancho Panza —for TV); *Noriega: God's Favorite* (Spottiswoode) (role—for TV); *American Virgin (Live Virgin)* (Marois) (as Joey); *Enemy at the Gates* (Annaud) (as Kruschev)

Films as Director:

- 1990 *The Raggedy Rawney* (produced in 1987) (+ ro as Darcy, co-sc)
- 1995 *Rainbow* (+ro as Frank Bailey)
- 1999 *Tube Tales* (with Gaby Dellal—for TV)

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Britain can boast precious few contemporary film stars with the screen presence to bring off that extraordinary, seemingly endless



Bob Hoskins with Jessica in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*

final shot in *The Long Good Friday* in which London gang boss Harold Shand is captured at the doors of the Savoy by the very IRA gang he believes he has just liquidated, and driven through the streets of the West End to an uncertain, but undoubtedly unpleasant, fate. If ever there was an illustration of Hoskins's remark that "the camera can see you think" then this is it. Indeed his whole incarnation of Shand in *The Long Good Friday* amply justifies director John Mackenzie's description of Hoskins as "the most exciting, explosive natural film acting talent that [Britain] has produced in years."

Hoskins's roles, and especially that of Shand, are often memorable for their Cagneyesque sense of barely suppressed violence, their sense of seething passions simmering just beneath the surface of working class resentment. But what is sometimes overlooked is his ability to incarnate ordinary, everyday people and, more to the point, to do so in a way that makes them compulsively interesting, watchable, and endearing. This was one of the reasons which made the television mini-series *Flickers*, about the early days of British cinema, and *Pennies from Heaven* (infinitely preferable in every way to the feature film version) such memorable experiences and, doubtless, such milestones in Hoskins's acting career. As Kenith Trodd, the producer of the latter, put it, "because [Hoskins's character] Arthur Parker was an Everyman figure he had to be both very squalid and very identifiable. He had to be loved, despised and pitied, and Bob had the quality to get that over." The novelist and screenwriter William Boyd has

also picked up on this quality in the actor; remarking on his "gritty ordinariness" and "potent banality" he notes that he has "an ability to play the ordinary man with a kind of tender veracity which is unrivaled."

It should also be pointed out that Hoskins has by no means confined himself to roles such as these (although he brings many of the same qualities to them)—one has only to think of his gruff but fatherly doomed sergeant major in *Zulu Dawn* (writer-producer Cy Endfield's "prequel" to Endfield's smash hit *Zulu*); his portrayal of real-life gangster Owney Madden in *The Cotton Club* (a supporting performance that stole the film out from under its more famous star, Richard Gere); his Irish priest in *A Prayer for the Dying*; the neurotic Jewish screenwriter in *Sweet Liberty*; the fruity, power-mad J. Edgar Hoover in Stone's *Nixon*; the low-key but villainous spy in *The Secret Agent* (a more faithful rendering of the Joseph Conrad novel on which Hitchcock's classic *Sabotage* was also based); and especially the vulnerable, suffering character playing opposite Maggie Smith in *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* to realize just how versatile and adaptable an actor Hoskins actually is. And even if, in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, Hollywood presented us with a rather different Hoskins to the inimitable Arthur Parker of *Pennies* or the lovable Cockney rogue who falls for a London streetwalker of *Mona Lisa*, both films are a remarkable testimony to Hoskins's tremendous screen presence. Many other actors would have disappeared beneath

the elaborate special effects of a *Roger Rabbit*, whereas Hoskins not only remains triumphantly visible, he shines.

The same is true of Hoskins's performance as the cartoonish pirate Smee, aide to Dustin Hoffman's insufferably mugging title character, in Spielberg's *Hook*. All but Hoskins seem swallowed up in this gargantuanly bloated—and remarkably tedious—variation on the J. M. Barrie fable *Peter Pan*. Even Hoskins's performance in *Super Mario Bros.*, a feature film based on—of all things—a video game, has much to recommend it, although apart from the obvious money factor, why an actor of Hoskins's gifts would consent to appear in like this and *Spice World* (the cinematic debut and swan song of the flash-in-the-pan British all-girl rock band The Spice Girls) is a mystery.

Only Hoskins's turn in the television docudrama *World War II: When Lions Roared* evidenced the possibility that occasionally a role may indeed be beyond his versatile grasp. His performance as Churchill, especially when contrasted with Michael Caine's remarkably well-realized Stalin, was more caricature of the man than realistic portrait.

Despite such lapses of taste in choosing projects such as the aforementioned *Hook*, *Super Mario Bros.* and *Spice World*, Hoskins' star power has not been diminished, and he's used it off and on to help resurrect the moribund British film industry by producing and/or writing and directing home grown productions of his own — such as *The Raggedy Rawney*, a labor of love for Hoskins that took several years to find a distributor, but was, unfortunately, not a financial success outside of its native land. He has also used his stature in the industry as a versatile character actor capable of carrying a film on his shoulders to help get works with seemingly limited commercial potential of other filmmakers off the ground, as with Canadian director Atom Egoyan's *Felicity's Journey*. Hoskins' star turn here as an Everyman on the outside and serial killer on the inside involved in a subdued but tense game of cat-and-mouse game with the young runaway he's targeted as his next victim earned the unorthodox superstar his best notices since the halcyon days of *The Long Good Friday* and *Mona Lisa*.

—Julian Petley, updated by John McCarty

HOWARD, Leslie

Nationality: British. **Born:** Leslie Howard Stainer (some sources say Laszlo Horvath) in London, 3 April 1893. **Education:** Dulwich College, London. **Military Service:** Discharged from service in World War I suffering from shell shock. **Family:** Married Ruth Evelyn Martin, son: Ronald; daughter: Leslie Ruth. **Career:** After working in a bank, became stage actor; 1914—film debut in short *The Heroine of Mons*; 1917—stage debut in *Peg o' My Heart* on tour; 1919—co-founded Minerva Productions; 1920—American stage debut in *Just Suppose*; 1930—American film debut in version of his stage success *Outward Bound*, then a series of films in the United States for Warner Brothers, MGM, and Selznick; 1938—returned to England to direct, produce, and act in his own films; co-directorial debut with *Pygmalion*; 1940—began series of broadcast talks *Britain Speaks*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Pygmalion*, 1938. **Died:** Plane shot down by Nazis, 1 June 1943.

Films as Actor:

- 1914 *The Heroine of Mons* (Noy—short)
- 1917 *The Happy Warrior* (Thornton) (as Rollo)
- 1919 *The Lackey and the Lady* (Bentley) (as Tony Dunciman)
- 1920 *Five Pound Reward* (Brunel—short) (as Tony Marchmont); *Bookworms* (Brunel—short) (as Richard)
- 1930 *Outward Bound* (Milton) (as Tom Prior)
- 1931 *Five and Ten (Daughter of Luxury)* (Leonard) (as Berry); *Never the Twain Shall Meet* (Van Dyke) (as Dan Pritchard); *Devotion* (Milton) (as David Trent); *A Free Soul* (Brown) (as Dwight Winthrop)
- 1932 *Service for the Ladies (Reserved for Ladies)* (Korda) (as Max Tracey); *Smilin' Through* (Franklin) (as John Carteret); *The Animal Kingdom (The Woman in His House)* (Griffith) (as Tom Collier)
- 1933 *Secrets* (Borzage) (as John Carlton); *Captured!* (Del Ruth) (as Captain Fred Allison); *Berkeley Square* (Lloyd) (as Peter Standish)
- 1934 *The Lady Is Willing* (Miller) (as Albert Latour); *Of Human Bondage* (Cromwell) (as Philip Carey); *British Agent* (Curtiz) (as Stephen Locke)
- 1935 *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Young) (as Sir Percy Blakeney); *The Petrified Forest* (Mayo) (as Alan Squier)
- 1936 *Romeo and Juliet* (Cukor) (as Romeo); *Master Will Shakespeare* (Tourneur—short) (includes footage from *Romeo and Juliet*)
- 1937 *It's Love I'm After* (Mayo) (as Basil Underwood); *Stand-In* (Garnett) (as Atterbury Dodd)
- 1939 *Intermezzo: A Love Story (Escape to Happiness)* (Ratoff) (as Holger Brand); *Gone with the Wind* (Fleming) (as Ashley Wilkes)
- 1940 *Common Heritage* (Hanau—short) (as narrator)
- 1941 *From the Four Corners* (Havelock-Allen—short); *The White Eagle* (Cekalski—short) (as narrator); *49th Parallel (The Invaders)* (Powell) (as Philip Armstrong Scott)
- 1942 *In Which We Serve* (Coward and Lean) (as voice)
- 1943 *War in the Mediterranean* (Hanau—short) (as narrator)

Films as Producer:

- 1920 *The Bump* (Brunel—short); *Twice Two* (Brunel—short); *Too Many Cooks* (Brunel—short); *The Temporary Lady* (Brunel—short)
- 1943 *The Lamp Still Burns* (Elvey)

Films as Director:

- 1938 *Pygmalion* (co-d with Asquith, + ro as Professor Higgins)
- 1941 *Pimpernel Smith (Mister V)* (pr, + title role); publicity film for the Royal Institute for the Blind, title unknown
- 1942 *The First of the Few (Spitfire)* (pr, + ro as R. J. Mitchell)
- 1943 *The Gentle Sex* (narrator, + ro as silhouette)



Leslie Howard with Olivia de Havilland in *Gone with the Wind*

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In an article he wrote for the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1930, Leslie Howard asserted that “what the actor is in private life, he is to

a large extent on the stage, because he cannot conceal himself and his true personality from his audience.” Indeed in his films, as well as in plays, Leslie Howard was Leslie Howard—an idealistic, dreamy, upright Englishman. His “natural” approach to acting created a new style in the late 1920s when he became established on Broadway. Rather than adopt the modish and overwrought declamatory style of, say, a John Barrymore, he spoke conversationally, underplaying and relaxing into his roles.

His approach was tailor-made for the screen. He became very popular in the 1930s, a time when Hollywood was a haven for “aristocratic” English actors—Herbert Marshall, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and Charles Laughton, to name a few. While American actors such as James Cagney and John Garfield slugged their way out of predicaments, the British actors demonstrated the supremacy of brains over brawn. As the Scarlet Pimpernel, for example, Howard fought the French with trickery and daring disguises rather than fisticuffs and swordplay. Whether or not his characters were brave, Howard usually played men of superior intellect—Henry Higgins in Shaw’s *Pygmalion*, a writer in *The Petrified Forest*, a violinist in *Intermezzo*, a professor in *Pimpernel Smith*, a well-read humanist in *The 49th Parallel*, and an aeronautical engineer in *Spitfire*. Unlike Marshall, Hardwicke, and Laughton, Howard was never a villain and frequently played characters who were unrelentingly noble. The effete Ashley Wilkes in *Gone with the Wind* notwithstanding, his nobility usually shone through acts of singular courage—sacrificing his life for Bette Davis in *The Petrified Forest*, risking his life to save others in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *Pimpernel Smith*, and fighting the Nazis (in a brains over brawn sort of way) in the aforementioned film and *The 49th Parallel*. Although he was popular with women, the basis of his appeal was asexual. His characters were charming, witty, honorable, and intelligent; they liked and seemed to understand women. They did not pose the threat of a domineeringly masculine Rhett Butler. According to Molly Haskell, “women’s preference for the English gentleman—witty, under-refined, unsexual or apparently misogynous, paternal—is rooted in an instinct for self-preservation. . . . A woman wants a hero who will look into her eyes and embrace her soul and demand nothing sexually,” thereby allowing her to retain her strength and selfhood. Howard’s characters liked and respected women (as Howard did in real life) and, with the exception of Professor Higgins, let them be.

Howard appeared in 25 films in 13 years, giving his most acclaimed performances in *Berkeley Square* (nominated for the 1933 Academy Award), *Of Human Bondage*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *Pygmalion* (nominated for the 1938 Academy Award). Yet he viewed acting principally as a financial means for engaging in other pursuits—writing plays, directing plays and films (*Pygmalion*, *Pimpernel Smith*, and *Spitfire*), and producing (*Intermezzo*, *Pimpernel Smith*). He intended, after the war, to give up acting and to produce and direct both plays and films. But on 1 June 1943, returning from a trip to Lisbon (to lecture on the theater and indirectly on the war), he was shot down by the Nazis, who believed Churchill was on board his commercial airliner. Britain had lost a fine actor and a great patriot. According to David Shipman, “it is no exaggeration to say that no figure in British show business was so deeply mourned, or missed, during this century.”

—Catherine Henry

HOWARD, Trevor

Nationality: British. **Born:** Cliftonville, Kent, 29 September 1916. **Education:** Attended Clifton College, Bristol; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Military Service:** Served in the Royal Artillery in Norway and Sicily, 1940–43; invalided out. **Family:** Married the actress Helen Cherry, 1944. **Career:** 1934—stage debut in *Revolt in a Reformatory*; then played in repertory; 1938—in West End production of *French without Tears*; 1944—film debut in *The Way Ahead*; 1960—began series of plays and movies for TV. **Awards:** Best British Actor, British Academy, for *The Key*, 1958. **Died:** In Bushey, Hertfordshire, 7 January 1988.

Films as Actor:

- 1944 *The Way Ahead* (Reed)
- 1945 *The Way to the Stars* (*Johnny in the Clouds*) (Asquith) (as S/L Carter); **Brief Encounter** (Lean) (as Dr. Alec Harvey)
- 1946 *I See a Dark Stranger* (*The Adventuress*) (Lauder) (as Lt. David Bayne); *Green for Danger* (Gilliat) (as Dr. Barney Barnes)
- 1947 *They Made Me a Fugitive* (*I Became a Criminal*) (Cavalcanti) (as Clem Morgan); *So Well Remembered* (Dmytryk) (as Dr. Whiteside)
- 1949 *The Passionate Friends* (*One Woman’s Story*) (Lean) (as Steve Stratton); **The Third Man** (Reed) (as Major Galloway); *Golden Salamander* (Neame) (as David Redfern)
- 1950 *Odette* (Wilcox) (as Captain Peter Churchill); *The Clouded Yellow* (Thomas) (as David Somers)
- 1951 *Lady Godiva Rides Again* (Lauder) (as guest); *Outcast of the Island* (Reed) (as Peter Willems); *The Gift Horse* (*Glory At Sea*) (Bennett) (as Lt. Col. Hugh Fraser)
- 1953 *The Heart of the Matter* (O’Ferrall) (as Harry Scobie); *La Mano dello straniero* (*The Stranger’s Hand*) (Soldati) (as Major Court)
- 1954 *April in Portugal* (as narrator)
- 1955 *Les Amants du Tage* (*The Lovers of Lisbon*) (Verneuil); *Cockleshell Heroes* (Ferrer) (as Captain Thompson)
- 1956 *Run for the Sun* (Boulting); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson); *Deception* (Bricken)
- 1957 *Interpol* (*Pickup Alley*) (Gilling) (as Frank McNally); *Manuela* (*Stowaway Girl*) (Hamilton) (as James Prothero)
- 1958 *The Key* (Reed) (as Chris Ford); *The Roots of Heaven* (Huston)
- 1960 *Moment of Danger* (*Malaga*) (Benedek) (as John Bain); *Sons and Lovers* (Cardiff) (as Walter Morel)
- 1962 *The Lion* (Cardiff) (as John Bullitt); *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Milestone) (as Captain Bligh)
- 1963 *Man in the Middle* (Hamilton) (as Major Kennsington)
- 1964 *Father Goose* (Nelson) (as Commander Frank Houghton)
- 1965 *Operation Crossbow* (Anderson) (as Professor Lindemann); *Von Ryan’s Express* (Robson) (as Major Frank Finchman); *Morituri* (*The Saboteur Code Name “Morituri”*) (Wicki) (as Col. Statter); *The Liquidators* (Cardiff) (as Col. Mostyn)
- 1966 *Danger Grows Wild* (*The Poppy Is Also a Flower*) (Young—for TV) (as Lincoln); *Triple Cross* (Young) (as a civilian)



Trevor Howard (left) with Marlon Brando, Richard Harris, and Percy Herbert in *Mutiny on the Bounty*

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| 1967 | <i>The Long Duel</i> (Annakin) (as Freddy Young); <i>Pretty Polly</i> (A Matter of Innocence) (Green) (as Robert Hook) | 1977 | <i>Slavers</i> (Goslår); <i>The Last Remake of Beau Geste</i> (Feldman); <i>Babel Yemen</i> (Gane) (as narrator) |
| 1968 | <i>The Charge of the Light Brigade</i> (Richardson) (as Lord Cardigan) | 1978 | <i>Superman</i> (Donner) (as First Elder); <i>Stevie</i> (Enders) (as The Man); <i>How to Score a Movie</i> (Enders) (as narrator); <i>One, Take Two</i> (Die Rebellen) (Megahy); <i>Vol de nuit</i> (Night Flight) (Davis—for TV) |
| 1969 | <i>Battle of Britain</i> (Hamilton) (as Air Vice Marshal Keith Park); <i>Twinky</i> (Lola) (Donner) | 1979 | <i>Hurricane</i> (Troell) (as Father Malone); <i>Meteor</i> (Neame) |
| 1970 | <i>Ryan's Daughter</i> (Lean) (as Father Collins); <i>The Night Visitor</i> (Benedek) | 1980 | <i>The Sea Wolves</i> (McLaglen) (as Jack Cartwright); <i>Sir Henry at Rawlinson End</i> (Roberts); <i>Staying on</i> (Narizzano—for TV) |
| 1971 | <i>Catch Me a Spy</i> (Clement); <i>Mary, Queen of Scots</i> (Jarrott); <i>Kidnapped</i> (Mann) | 1981 | <i>Windwalker</i> (Merrill) (title role); <i>Light Years Away</i> (Les Années lumières) (Tanner) |
| 1972 | <i>Pope Joan</i> (Anderson) (as Pope Leo); <i>The Offence</i> (Lumet); <i>Ludwig</i> (Visconti) | 1982 | <i>Gandhi</i> (Attenborough) (as Judge Broomfield); <i>The Missionary</i> (Loncraine) (as Lord Ames); <i>The Deadly Game</i> (Shaefer—for TV) |
| 1973 | <i>A Doll's House</i> (Losey); <i>Catholics</i> (Gold—for TV); <i>Craze</i> (Francis) | 1983 | <i>Sword of the Valiant: The Legend of Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (Weeks) |
| 1974 | <i>Eleven Harrowhouse</i> (Avakian); <i>Persecution</i> (The Terror of Sheba) (Chaffey); <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> (Greene); <i>Who?</i> (Gold); <i>Cause for Concern</i> (Benson) (as narrator) | 1984 | <i>George Washington</i> (Kulik—for TV) |
| 1975 | <i>Hennessy</i> (Sharp); <i>Conduct Unbecoming</i> (Anderson); <i>The Bawdy Adventures of Tom Jones</i> (Owen); <i>Der flüsternde Tod</i> (Death in the Sun; Night of the Askari; Whispering Death; Blind Spot) (Goslår) | 1985 | <i>Dust</i> (Hansel) (as the Father); <i>Time after Time</i> (Hays—for TV); <i>God Rot Tunbridge Wells</i> (Palmer—for TV) |
| 1976 | <i>Eliza Fraser</i> (A Faithful Narrative of the Capture, Sufferings, and Miraculous Escape of Eliza Fraser; The Rollicking Adventures of Eliza Fraser) (Burstall); <i>Aces High</i> (Gold) | 1986 | <i>Foreign Body</i> (Neame) (as Dr. Stirrup); <i>Christmas Eve</i> (Oper—for TV); <i>Peter the Great</i> (Chomsky—for TV); <i>Shaka Zulu</i> (Faure) |
| | | 1987 | <i>White Mischief</i> (Radford) (as Jack Soames) |
| | | 1988 | <i>The Unholy</i> (Vila) (as Father Silva); <i>The Dawning</i> (Knights) |

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Trevor Howard has the clearly enunciated speech of the English gentleman, and in his youth possessed the modest good looks and unassuming manners that qualified him for stage training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. When World War II started he was still in his early twenties, and had had little time to make a mark. After service in the Royal Artillery, he was invalided out, and began to show his high qualities as an actor in repertory at the Arts Theatre in London, while at the same time appearing in uniform in such excellent war films as Carol Reed's *The Way Ahead* and Anthony Asquith's *The Way to the Stars*.

His lengthy roster of British film appearances (usually in starring or top supporting roles) began after his outstanding success as the quiet, sincere small-town doctor, a married man, who falls in love with Celia Johnson's guilt-stricken housewife and mother in Noël Coward's and David Lean's *Brief Encounter*, a film that attracted exceptional critical attention and made a lasting reputation for its authenticity in the wake of the key British war films of 1944–45 that had consolidated the realist style. It matched exactly the quieter, more unassuming characteristics of the middle-class English lifestyle, which could nonetheless be revealed through the intimacy of film to be fraught with hidden emotional disturbances. Moving beyond the efficient, somewhat withdrawn but selflessly loyal English army officer—seen, for example in *The Third Man*, *Odette*, and *Cockleshell Heroes*—Howard gradually enlarged his screen image to embrace the civilian, quietly romantic hero typical of the kind of man many Englishwomen (and others) hoped to meet and marry, the hero of such films as Lean's *The Passionate Friends* and George More O'Ferrall's *The Heart of the Matter*.

To some audiences, this image of the sincere, good-looking, unassuming but often deeply emotional Englishman could appear to lack dash, even to be dull and unenterprising, except that Howard's intuitive control over the nuances of feeling made these performances dramatically powerful. At the same time, with gathering age and experience, he began even as early as Reed's *Outcast of the Islands* to enlarge his range still further and establish a reputation as a character actor. By the time of *Sons and Lovers* he was playing the miner Walter Morel, morose and difficult in his impoverished, working-class

home, to such good effect that he was nominated for an Oscar. He also began to appear in American and Continental as well as British films.

By the 1960s and 1970s, his character range included such fine performances as the corseted, lecherous Lord Cardigan in *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, the toughly independent priest in Lean's *Ryan's Daughter*, Pope Leo in *Pope Joan*, Richard Wagner in the Italian production of *Ludwig*, and his effectively moving Dr. Rank in Joseph Losey's version of *A Doll's House*. He was ceaselessly employed in films for over 40 years, and remained a very favorite actor, especially in the eyes of the British public.

—Roger Manvell

HUDSON, Rock

Nationality: American. **Born:** Roy Harold Scherer, Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois, 17 November 1925. **Education:** Attended New Trier High School, Winnetka. **Military Service:** Served in U.S. Navy in Philippines, 1944–46. **Family:** Married Phyllis Gates 1955 (divorced 1958). **Career:** 1948—personal contract with Raoul Walsh, and film debut in *Fighter Squadron*; 1949—contract with Universal; studied acting with Sophie Rosenstein; 1956—founded first production company 7 Pictures; 1971—series pilot film *Once Upon a Dead Man* led to long-running TV series *McMillan and Wife*, 1971–76, and *McMillan*, 1976–77; 1973—stage debut in *I Do! I Do!*; 1976—toured with *John Brown's Body*; 1978—in TV mini-series *Wheels*, and *The Martian*



Rock Hudson with Elizabeth Taylor in *Giant*

Chronicles, in TV series *The Devlin Connection*, 1982, and *Dynasty*, 1984–85; 1985—announcement of his having AIDS focused national attention on the disease. **Died:** Of AIDS, in Beverly Hills, California, 2 October 1985.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Fighter Squadron* (Walsh) (as lieutenant)
 1949 *Undertow* (Castle) (as detective)
 1950 *I Was a Shoplifter* (Lamont) (as store detective); *One Way Street* (Fregonese) (as truck driver); *Winchester '73* (Anthony Mann) (as Young Bull); *Peggy* (de Cordova) (as Johnny Higgins); *The Desert Hawk* (de Cordova) (as Captain Ras)
 1951 *Tomahawk* (Sherman) (as Burt Hanna); *Air Cadet* (Pevney) (as upper classman); *The Fat Man* (Castle) (as Roy Clark); *Iron Man* (Pevney) (as Speed O'Keefe); *Bright Victory* (Robson) (as Corporal John Flagg)
 1952 *Here Come the Nelsons* (*Meet the Nelsons*) (de Cordova) (as Charles Jones); *Bend of the River* (Anthony Mann) (as Trey Wilson); *Scarlet Angel* (Salkow) (as Frank Truscott); *Has Anybody Seen My Gal?* (Sirk) (as Dan); *Horizons West* (Boetticher) (as Neal Hammond); *The Lawless Breed* (Walsh) (as John Wesley Hardin)
 1953 *Seminole* (Boetticher) (as Lance Caldwell); *Sea Devils* (Walsh) (as Gilliat); *The Golden Blade* (Juran) (as Harun); *Back to God's Country* (Pevney) (as Peter Keith)
 1954 *Taza, Son of Cochise* (Sirk) (title role); *Magnificent Obsession* (Sirk) (as Bob Merrick); *Bengal Brigade* (Benedek) (as Captain Jeffrey Claybourne)
 1955 *Captain Lightfoot* (Sirk) (as Michael Martin); *One Desire* (Hopper) (as Clint Saunders); *All That Heaven Allows* (Sirk) (as Ron Kirby)
 1956 *Never Say Goodbye* (Hopper) (as Dr. Michael Parker); *Written on the Wind* (Sirk) (as Mitch Wayne); *Giant* (Stevens) (as Bick Benedict); *Four Girls in Town* (Sher)
 1957 *Battle Hymn* (Sirk) (as Col. Dean Hess); *Something of Value* (Richard Brooks) (as Peter McKenzie); *The Tarnished Angels* (Sirk) (as Burke Devlin); *A Farewell to Arms* (Charles Vidor) (as Lt. Frederick Henry)
 1958 *Twilight for the Gods* (Pevney) (as David Bell)
 1959 *This Earth Is Mine* (Henry King) (as John Rambeau); *Pillow Talk* (Gordon) (as Brad Allen)
 1961 *The Last Sunset* (Aldrich) (as Dana Stripling); *Come September* (Mulligan) (as Robert Talbot); *Lover Come Back* (Delbert Mann) (as Jerry Webster)
 1962 *The Spiral Road* (Mulligan) (as Dr. Anton Drager)
 1963 *A Gathering of Eagles* (Delbert Mann) (as Jim Caldwell); *Marilyn* (Henry Koster—doc) (as narrator)
 1964 *Man's Favorite Sport?* (Hawks) (as Roger Willoughby); *Send Me No Flowers* (Jewison) (as George Kimball); *Strange Bedfellows* (Frank) (as Carter Harrison)
 1965 *A Very Special Favor* (Gordon) (as Paul Chadwick)
 1966 *Blindfold* (Dunne) (as Dr. Bartholomew Snow); *Seconds* (Frankenheimer) (as Antiochus Wilson); *Tobruk* (Hiller) (as Major Donald Craig)
 1968 *Ice Station Zebra* (John Sturges) (as Commander James Farraday)

- 1969 *Ruba al prossimo tuo* (*A Fine Pair*) (Maselli) (as Captain Mike Harmon); *The Undeclared* (McLaglen) (as Col. John Henry Thomas)
 1970 *Darling Lili* (Edwards) (as Major William Larrabee); *Hornet's Nest* (Karlson) (as Captain Turner)
 1971 *Pretty Maids All in a Row* (Vadim) (as Michael "Tiger" McDrew); *Once Upon a Dead Man* (Stern—for TV) (as Stewart McMillan)
 1973 *Showdown* (Seaton) (as Chuck Jarvis)
 1976 *Embryo* (*Created to Kill*) (Nelson) (as Dr. Paul Holliston)
 1978 *Avalanche* (Corey Allen) (as David Shelby)
 1980 *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Jason Rudd)
 1981 *The Star Maker* (Antonio—for TV)
 1982 *World War III* (Greene—for TV)
 1984 *The Ambassador* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Frank Stevenson); *The Vegas Strip War* (Englund—for TV) (as Neil Chaine)

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Rock Hudson was an actor who never quite found his niche in Hollywood. Basically a competent performer, and quite a fine one when directed well, Hudson appeared in more than his share of bad movies. He began his film career with almost no training when he appeared in Raoul Walsh's *Fighter Squadron*. Legend has it that 38 takes were required for him to deliver his one line adequately. Hudson literally learned his craft on the job, a luxury not afforded to actors since the demise of the studio system. Although he started at Warner Brothers he moved to Paramount for his next film, William Castle's *Undertow*. Then he appeared in Anthony Mann's *Winchester '73*, Frederick de Cordova's *The Desert Hawk*, Joseph Pevney's *Air Cadet*, and Mark Robson's *Bright Victory*.

Hudson's parts grew longer in a series of adventure films made during Hollywood's last great production splurge: Mann's *Bend of the River*, Sidney Salkow's *Scarlet Angel*, Douglas Sirk's *Has Anybody Seen My Gal?*, Budd Boetticher's *Horizons West* and *Seminole*, and Walsh's *Sea Devils* and *Gun Fury*. In the mid-1950s Sirk, the most influential director in Hudson's career, used him perceptively in a number of better-than-average films: *Taza*, *Son of Chochise*, *Captain Lightfoot*, *Magnificent Obsession*, and *All That Heaven Allows*. The last two movies established him as a leading actor in "women's" films. After a fine performance in George Stevens's *Giant*, he made three additional films for Sirk, two of which, *Written on the Wind* and *The Tarnished Angels*, revealed a depth of character not previously evident in his films.

Hudson's third shift in career came when he was cast in a series of light comedies, several opposite Doris Day. Although the films vary greatly in quality, they afforded Hudson an opportunity to explore his comedic talents. Michael Gordon's *Pillow Talk*, Robert Mulligan's *Come September*, Delbert Mann's *Lover Come Back*, Norman Jewison's *Send Me No Flowers*, Melvin Frank's *Strange Bedfellows*, and Gordon's *A Very Special Favor* culminated with Hudson's comic tour de force in Howard Hawks's slapstick farce, *Man's Favorite Sport?*, in which Hudson gave a performance worthy of Cary Grant at his best.

From the mid-1960s Hudson appeared in a series of mediocre films including Roger Vadim's *Pretty Maids All in a Row*, in which he played an aging lothario who degenerates from a life of sex to violent crime among a bevy of nubile high school girls. He reunited with his *Giant* co-star Elizabeth Taylor for *The Mirror Crack'd*, a big-budget adaptation of an Agatha Christie Miss Marple novel (Angela Lansbury played Miss Marple), an engaging murder mystery that hinted at a career upswing. He also had a major role in the compelling, critically acclaimed 1982 telefilm *World War III*.

Hudson made his last screen appearance in the 1984 telefilm *The Las Vegas Strip Wars*. A year later, while on a trip to Paris seeking medical treatment for an "unstated" illness, Hudson collapsed and the story broke that the actor had been diagnosed with AIDS. And the secret was finally out: the longtime romantic idol of the silver screen was gay. Hudson, his managers, and the studios for which he worked had successfully skirted the rumors of Hudson's homosexuality for years. Hudson believed his career as a leading man would be finished if the truth ever got out. The revelation he had sought to avoid for years made headlines everywhere after his diagnosis, but it resulted in an outpouring of sympathy and good wishes, rather than scorn, from his many fans in virtually every corner of the globe. His last public appearance at a benefit hosted by former leading lady Doris Day revealed the awful truth of AIDS to the world in vivid and uncompromising terms, Hudson's once strapping figure and handsome face now ravaged almost beyond recognition by the insidious virus. Five years after Hudson's death of AIDS, his secret life and public career became the subject of an inevitable television docudrama, with Thomas Ian Griffith starring as Hudson.

—Charles L. P. Silet, updated by John McCarty

HUNTER, Holly

Nationality: American. **Born:** Conyers, Georgia, 20 March (or 2 February) 1958. **Education:** Attended Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, B.F.A., 1980. **Family:** Married the cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, 1995. **Career:** Moved to New York immediately after graduating, worked as waitress and temporary secretary to support herself while acting part-time; 1981—Harvey Weinstein gave her her first film role in *The Burning*; appeared in off-Broadway play *Battery*; 1982—auditioned for Beth Henley's *The Wake of Jamey Foster*, and the playwright was suitably impressed with Hunter's reading, which led to a lead role in *Crimes of the Heart*. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York and Los Angeles Film Critics, Berlin Film Festival, and best actress honors from National Board of Review, for *Broadcast News*, 1987; Best Actress in a made-for-TV movie Emmy Award, for *Roe vs. Wade*, 1989; Best Actress in a made-for-TV movie Emmy Award, for *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom*, 1993; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress Golden Globe Award, and Best Actress, Cannes Film Festival, for *The Piano*, 1993. **Agent:** Steven Dontanville, ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1981 *The Burning* (Maylam) (bit role as Sophie)
- 1983 *Svengali* (Harvey—for TV) (as Leslie); *An Uncommon Love* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Karen)
- 1984 *With Intent to Kill (Urge to Kill)* (Robe—for TV) (as Wynn Nolen); *Swing Shift* (Jonathan Demme) (as Jeannie Sherman)
- 1987 *Raising Arizona* (Coen) (as Edwina); *A Gathering of Old Men (Murder on the Bayou)* (Schlöndorff—for TV) (as Candy Marshall); *Broadcast News* (James L. Brooks) (as Jane Craig)
- 1988 *End of the Line* (Russell) (as Charlotte Haney)



Holly Hunter (right) with Anna Paquin in *The Piano*

- 1989 *Miss Firecracker* (Schlamme) (as Carnelle Scott); *Animal Behavior* (Jenny Bowen) (as Coral Grable); *Roe vs. Wade* (Hoblitt—for TV) (as Ellen Russell/“Roe”); *Always* (Spielberg) (as Dorinda Durston)
- 1991 *Once Around* (Hallström) (as Renata Bella)
- 1992 *Crazy in Love* (Coolidge—for TV) (as Georgie Symonds)
- 1993 *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom* (Ritchie—for TV) (as Wanda Holloway); *The Firm* (Pollack) (as Tammy Hemphill); *The Piano* (Campion) (as Ada McGrath)
- 1995 *Copycat* (Amiel) (as Detective M. J. Monahan); *Home for the Holidays* (Jodie Foster) (as Claudia Larson)
- 1996 *Crash* (Cronenberg) (Helen Remington)
- 1997 *A Life Less Ordinary* (Boyle) (as O’Reilly)
- 1998 *Living Out Loud* (LaGravenese) (as Judith Mohr)
- 1999 *Woman Wanted* (Kiefer Sutherland) (as Emma Riley); *Jesus’ Son* (Maclean) (as Mira)
- 2000 *Things You Can Tell Just by Looking at Her* (Garcia) (as Rebecca); *Timecode* (Figgis) (a Executive); *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Coen) (as Penny); *Harlan County War* (Bill—for TV) (as Ruby Kincaid)

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Despite appearing in a mere 20-odd films (both made-for-television and features), Holly Hunter has proven herself as one of the most versatile actors working today. Her penchant for screwy characterizations, from the beauty queen wannabe in *The Miss Firecracker Contest* to an overly neurotic workaholic in *Broadcast News* to a mute pianist in *The Piano*, has allowed Hunter to leave an indelible mark on the cinema of the past two decades.

Hunter's acting began on the stage, where, after moving to New York City in 1980, she landed work with noted playwright Beth Henley in such plays as *Crimes of the Heart* and *The Miss Firecracker Contest*. Her break into film came when director Jonathan Demme saw her perform and cast her in *Swing Shift* in 1983. Sadly, the film suffered a bad edit job, but Hunter's turn as a war-widow was spirited, and rightly attracted critical attention.

Several appearances in feature and made-for-television movies later, Hunter starred in *Raising Arizona*, which remains one of her finest moments and one of the defining of her career. The film was made by the maverick filmmaking team of Joel and Ethan Coen, and their decidedly offbeat, obtuse style is a perfect match for the wildly eccentric characterizations Hunter does best. Hunter played a cop who marries a convict on parole (Nicolas Cage), a man she had booked many times for robbing convenience stores. What is intriguing about watching Hunter in *Arizona* is her keen ability to take this weird, rather grating character—one which most actors would play flat—and flesh her out to full dimension.

In 1986, Hunter was cast at the last minute as an overly neurotic news program producer in *Broadcast News*, James L. Brooks's acerbic take on television infotainment. If the character was not quite as eccentric as the one in *Raising Arizona*, it did not matter; Hunter brought such boundless energy to the role as to virtually steal the film from its considerable remaining cast, copping several awards as well as an Oscar nomination. Adding to what could be called an Eccentricity Portfolio was her surprise supporting role in *The Firm*, in which she played a rather tarty secretary, picking up another Oscar nomination.

But the biggest and most delightful surprise in Hunter's career came with the 1993 film *The Piano*, directed by New Zealand filmmaker Jane Campion. As with *Broadcast News*, Hunter was not initially seen as a logical choice for the film's lead (at first glance, *The Piano* would more easily be associated with the oeuvre of Meryl Streep). But Hunter exhibits a graceful, elegant power in the film. Playing a mute woman who expresses herself through her piano playing, Hunter was apparently drawn to the role in part because of the film's challenging gender dynamic. Contrary to typical cinematic female roles, Hunter's character is driven primarily by sexual interests, while the two men in the film (Harvey Keitel and Sam Neill) desperately want commitment. Hunter's strengths here are inarguable;

she gives the lead in *The Piano* a captivating depth which perfectly matches the profoundly moving tone of the film.

While working on a wide range of feature film characterizations, also of note is Hunter's formal versatility. In addition to her considerable stage work, she has done several made-for-television movies. Hunter won an Emmy Award for *Roe vs. Wade* (1989), in which she played the woman best known as Jane Roe, who with the aid of feminist lawyers, challenged state law on abortion rights and won the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision guaranteeing a woman's right to abortion. Echoing some of the career choices of Jane Fonda, Hunter cited her conviction in the role as married to her offscreen activist work (Hunter sits on the board of directors of the California Abortion Rights Action League). Another Emmy came with *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom* (1993), in which Hunter plays (with relish) a grotesque southern maternal figure, eager to help her cheerleader daughter claw her way to the top at any cost. Again, Hunter's instinct here appears perfect; the film itself, made for cable television, is a hilarious satire of the based-on-a-true-story made-for-television movie.

While Hunter has a penchant for the offbeat, her talents are not as well served by more conventional films. Her weakest performances have come in her efforts at more normal characterizations, in such films as *Always*, *Once Around*, and *Home for the Holidays*. In *Always*, Hunter seems constrained by the film's simplistic, romantic premise. In *Once Around* and *Home for the Holidays*, the audience's offscreen knowledge of Hunter, and the baggage she carries with her from previous films, makes her portrayal of a woman in dire need of a man ring false. Hunter is clearly best suited to highly unusual, quirky characters.

—Matthew Hays

HUPPERT, Isabelle

Nationality: French. **Born:** Isabelle Anne Huppert in Paris, 16 March 1955. **Education:** Attended Lycée de St. Cloud; Versailles Conservatory; studied Russian at Faculté de Clichy; studied with Antoine Vitez, Conservatoire National d'Art Dramatique. **Family:** Daughter: Lolita, and son: Lorenzo. **Career:** 1971—TV debut in *Proust*; film debut in *Faustine et le bel été*; 1973—stage debut in *Viendra-t-il un autre été?*; 1980—first American film, *Heaven's Gate*. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer, British Academy, for *La Dentellière*, 1977; Best Actress, Cannes Festival, and César Award, for *Violette Nozière*, 1978; Best Actress, Venice Film Festival, for *Une Affaire des femmes*, 1989; Best Actress, Berlin Film Festival for *Malina*, 1990; Best Actress Moscow Film Festival for *Madame Bovary*, 1990; Best Actress, Venice Film Festival, and César Award, for *La Cérémonie*, 1995. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 av George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1971 *Faustine et le bel été* (*Faustine and the Beautiful Summer; Growing Up*) (Companeez)
- 1972 *Le Bar de la Fourche* (Levent) (as Annie); *César et Rosalie* (*César and Rosalie*) (Sautet) (as Marite)
- 1973 *L'Ampélopède* (Weinberg)



Isabelle Huppert with Kris Kristofferson in *Heaven's Gate*

- 1974 *Glissements progressifs du plaisir* (Robbe-Grillet); *Les Valseuses* (*Going Places*) (Blier) (as Jacqueline); *Sérieux comme le plaisir* (*As Serious as Pleasure*) (Benayoun); *Dupont Lajoie* (Boisset); *Le Grand Délire* (*The Big Delirium*) (Berry); *Aloïse* (de Kermadec) (title role)
- 1975 *Rosebud* (*Rape of Innocence*) (Preminger) (as Hélène); *Docteur Françoise Gailland* (*No Time for Breakfast*) (Bertuccelli) (as Elisabeth Gailland); *Je suis Pierre Rivière* (*I Am Pierre Rivière*) (Lipinksa); *Le Petit Marcel* (*Little Marcel*) (Fansten) (as Yvette); *Flash Back* (Coggio)
- 1976 *Le Juge et l'assassin* (*The Judge and the Assassin*) (Tavernier) (as Rose)
- 1977 ***La Dentellière*** (*The Lacemaker*) (Goretti) (as Beatrice, "Pomme"); *Des Enfants gâtés* (Tavernier); *Les Indiens sont encore loin* (*The Indians Are Still Far Away*) (Moraz) (as Jenny Kern)
- 1978 *Violette Nozière* (*Violette*) (Chabrol) (title role); *Retour à la bien aimée* (*Return to the Beloved*) (Adam) (as Jeanne)
- 1979 *Les Soeurs Brontë* (*The Brontë Sisters*) (Téchiné) (as Anne)
- 1980 *Sauve qui peut (la vie)* (*Slow Motion; Every Man for Himself*) (Godard) (as Isabelle Rivière); *Öröksej* (*Les Héritières; The Heiresses*) (Mészáros); *Loulou* (Pialat) (as Nelly); *Heaven's Gate* (Cimino) (as Ella Watson); *La Dame aux Camélias* (*The True Story of Camille; La vera storia della signora delle camelie; Die Kameliendame*) (Bolognini and Festa Campanile) (as Alphonsine Plessis)
- 1981 *Coup de torchon* (*Clean Slate*) (Tavernier) (as Rose); *Les Ailes de la colombe* (*Wings of a Dove*) (Jacquot); *Eaux profondes* (*Deep Water*) (Deville) (as Melanie)
- 1982 *La Femme de mon pote* (*My Best Friend's Girl*) (Blier) (as Viviane Arthaud); *Passion* (*Passion, travail et amour*) (Godard) (as Isabelle); *La Truite* (*The Trout*) (Losey) (as Frédérique)
- 1983 *Coup de foudre* (*Entre Nous; At First Sight*) (Kurys) (as Lena); *Storia di Piera* (Ferreri) (as Piera)
- 1985 *Signé Charlotte* (*Signed Charlotte; Sincerely Charlotte*) (Caroline Huppert) (as Charlotte); *Sac de noeuds* (*All Mixed Up*) (Balasko) (as Rose Marie); *Le Plus Grand Musée* (Lander—for TV)
- 1986 *Cactus* (Cox) (as Colo)
- 1987 *Les Possédés* (*The Possessed*) (Wajda) (as Maria Shatov); *The Bedroom Window* (Hanson) (as Sylvia Wentworth)

- 1989 *Une Affaire des femmes* (Story of Women) (Chabrol) (as Marie Latour); *La Guerre la plus glorieuse* (Petrovic); *Milan noir* (Black Milan) (Chammah) (as Sarah); *La Garce* (The Bitch) (Pascal) (as Aline Kaminker/Edith Weber)
- 1990 *La Vengeance d'une femme* (A Woman's Revenge) (Doillon) (as Cecile); *Malina* (Schroeter) (as the Woman)
- 1991 *Madame Bovary* (Chabrol) (title role); *Becoming Colette* (Danny Huston)
- 1992 *Après l'Amour* (Love after Love) (Kurys) (as Lola); *Contre l'oubli* (Against Oblivion) (Akerman and others) (as herself)
- 1993 *L'Inondation* (The Flood) (Minaev) (as Sofia)
- 1994 *Amateur* (Hartley) (as Isabelle); *La Séparation* (The Separation) (Vincent) (as Anne)
- 1995 *La Cérémonie* (A Judgment in Stone) (Chabrol) (as Jeanne)
- 1996 *Le Affinità elettive* (The Elective Affinities) (Paolo and Vittorio Taviani) (as Carlotta)
- 1997 *Les Palmes de M. Schutz* (Pinoteau) (as Marie Curie); *Rien ne va plus* (The Swindle) (Chabrol) (as Betty)
- 1998 *L'École de la chair* (School of Flesh) (Jacquot) (as Dominique)
- 1999 *Saint-Cyr* (Mazuy) (as Maintenon); *Pas de scandale* (Jacquot) (as Agnès Jeancourt)
- 2000 *La Vie moderne* (Ferreira-Barbosa) (as Claire); *La Fausse Suivante* (False Servant) (Jacquot) (as La Comtesse); *Les Destinées sentimentales* (Assayas) (as Nathalie); *Merci pour le Chocolat* (Chabrol) (as Mika)

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Isabelle Huppert's graduation from brief appearances to substantial roles came quickly. Within five years of making her debut she had achieved prominence as the rebellious middle-class teenager happily losing her virginity in *Les Valseuses* and had earned critical recognition for her exquisitely judged performance as the culturally alienated and sexually exploited “Pomme” of *La Dentellière*. As an unassuming hairdresser thrown into a pressurized student milieu by her immature lover, she copes bravely until, abandoned by him, she has a nervous breakdown. Huppert's understated rendering of internalized emotions, through minimal gestures imbued with tragic poignancy, was outstanding.

Further portrayals of the emotionally repressed or unfulfilled character, often at odds with her sexual or social situation, were to follow. In *Les Indiens sont encore loin* she conveyed the secret anguish of a reserved and emotionally confused schoolgirl choosing death; in *Les Soeurs Brontë* she was a convincing Anne, the most self-absorbed of the frustrated literary sisters; in *Loulou*, a bored middle-class wife falling for a plausible working-class rogue (Depardieu), and suffering the lacerating tensions of class differences; in *Eaux*

profondes, a pathetic wife shackled to a perverse husband; in *La vera storia della signora delle camelie*, a demythologizing account of Marguerite Gauthier's life, she was the lonely, unloved heroine; and in *Cactus*, an unhappily married woman who builds a new life with a sightless partner, after losing an eye herself in an accident.

Huppert's performance as the enigmatic murderess in *Violette Nozière* was both an extension of previous roles and a platform for others. A complex figure seeming to dutifully comply with the stuffy constraints of her cramped family life, Violette not only spends her nights as a good-time girl working the hotels but also seeks the death of her parents. Huppert brilliantly projects this disturbing duality: the self-effacing homely girl of earlier films is now dovetailed with the sexual woman of others.

In subsequent roles the image of the sexual Huppert was developed. In *La Garce* and *The Bedroom Window* she was a ruthless femme fatale; in the romantic thriller *Milan noir* she held sway over three men; in *Coup de torchon* she provided temptation for the lubricious Philippe Noiret; as Frédérique in *The Trout* she ensnared men for her self-advancement; while in *Retour à la bien aimée* she is a murderous fetishist's obsession. For Cimino she was the charismatic whorehouse madame in *Heaven's Gate*, while for Godard, in *Sauve qui peut (la vie)*, her role as the jaded prostitute illustrated the vacuity of commercialized sex. Huppert has also exploited her sexual image for comic purposes. In *La Femme de mon pote* she humorously fails, despite all her guile, to seduce an uninterested disc-jockey played by the comedian Coluche, while in Hartley's *Amateur* she gave a witty and playfully erotic performance as an unfulfilled nymphomaniac nun whose gift for pornography takes her from the convent to the unlikely world of the sex industry.

Since the pivotal *Violette Nozière* Huppert has made four further films for Chabrol, each revealing a different facet of her wide-ranging talent. In *Une Affaire des femmes*, she became his wartime back-street abortionist and, with a performance of considerable depth and subtlety, conveyed the woman's unconscious rationalization of her actions. For her award-winning performance in *La Cérémonie* she transformed herself into Jeanne, a brash, exuberant, leather-clad postmistress who manipulates her more reserved friend Sophie (Sandrine Bonnaire) into murdering her bourgeois employers and trashing their home. The comedy thriller *Rien ne va plus* brought yet another incarnation as the delightfully seductive vamp adopting a variety of disguises to dupe her gullible victims out of their money. Less convincing, however, was her restrained, overly passive performance as Flaubert's fantasizing provincial adulteress Emma in *Madame Bovary*, where Chabrol, in his pictorially exquisite heritage version, appeared to privilege period recreation over characterization.

Huppert's roles as disappointed or frustrated women often invite consideration of feminist issues and, in the hands of women directors, the female perspective may imply an exploration of feminist narrative strategies. In *Orökseg*, Márta Mészáros tackles the issue of surrogate motherhood with Huppert as the child-bearer for a sterile friend and embroiled in subsequent jealousies and rivalries; in Josiane Balasko's challenging comedy *Sac de noeuds*, reminiscent of *Les Valseuses* in its forceful dialogue, she played an assertive suburban platinum-blond having a good time with a virile criminal, while for her own sister Caroline Huppert in *Signé Charlotte* she was transformed into a fun-loving punk singer determined to take her chances. In two films for Diane Kurys, the feminist positions and narrative perspectives are explored: in *Coup de foudre*, she challenges traditional attitudes by abandoning her oafish husband to start a new life with a similarly unfulfilled female friend while in *Après l'amour* her viewpoint is

again adopted as a successful, financially independent female who leaves her dull, career-orientated husband to take up with a pop star, though with painfully unhappy consequences. Most recently in Laurence Ferreira-Barbosa's account of female constraints and corrosive boredom, *La Vie moderne*, Huppert plays a middle-aged, childless provincial housewife filling her time with music.

Roles for male directors in the last decade have also reflected contemporary attitudes about woman's sexual and social roles. For Doillon in *La Vengeance d'une femme* she gave a brilliant performance as a cruel yet vulnerable wife sharing the news of her husband's death with his former mistress and making every barbed word count; for Jacquot in *Ecole de la chair*, she gave a commanding performance as a raunchy divorcee and successful fashion executive who falls heavily for a young bisexual stud, only to suffer violence and emotional distress at his hands; in *Malina*, torn between two lovers, she again rejected her traditional style of understatement to reveal her joys and suffering in a remarkably physical performance; in her excursion into Russian cinema, *Inondation*, which raises questions of female self-image around issues of maternity and sterility, she plays a middle-aged wife desperate for a child and driven to murdering the younger woman her husband has taken as a mistress. Decidedly less dramatic was her elegiac performance in *La Séparation* as Anne, who calmly confesses to her husband (Daniel Auteuil) that she is having an affair. This is the Huppert of old, the uncommunicative, suffering female trapped in a marriage which is slowly and painfully disintegrating.

More conventional roles complete Huppert's recent repertoire; as the aristocratic Madame de Maintenon of *Saint-Cyr*; the socially-conscious upper-class house-wife of a criminal executive (*Pas de scandale*); the unhappy Baroness Carlotta who discovers love after her marriage (*Le Affinita elettive*); and as the committed research worker Marie Curie harassed by her director (Philippe Noiret) in *Les Palmes de Monsieur Schutz*. With more than sixty successful film and stage roles to her credit, Isabelle Huppert can rightfully claim recognition as a talented, questioning actress who enjoys the respect of her fellow professionals. As a comic performer she has been engaging and disarming; as a seductress she has projected a potent sensuality; as an iconoclastic, questioning rebel she has been disturbing; as a sensitive exponent of the feelings of the inarticulate she is unmatched. Her major roles have constantly reflected her awareness of the sexual and/or social conditioning which shapes women's lives. A gifted linguist, she has enjoyed rewarding associations with directors, including several female directors, throughout Europe. The quality and range of her recent performances suggest there is still a great deal to be expected of this gifted actress.

—R. F. Cousins

HURT, John

Nationality: British. **Born:** Chesterfield, Derbyshire, 22 January 1940. **Education:** Attended Lincoln School; St. Martin's School of Art, London; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Annette Robertson (divorced 1964); 2) Marie-Lise Volpelière-Pierrot (died 1983); 3) Donna Peacock, 1984 (divorced 1990); 4) Jo Dalton, 1990, one son: Alexander John Vincent.



John Hurt in *The Elephant Man*

Career: 1962—stage debut in *Infanticide in the House of Fred Ginger*; film debut in *The Wild and the Willing*; 1966–67—in repertory with the Royal Shakespeare Company; from 1970s—in TV plays, including *The Naked Civil Servant*, 1975, and *I, Claudius*, 1976; 1979—in TV mini-series *Crime and Punishment*, and *Red Fox*, 1991. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Award, British Academy, for *Midnight Express*, 1978; Best Actor Award, British Academy, for *The Elephant Man*, 1980.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1962 <i>The Wild and the Willing</i> (Young and Willing) (Thomas) (as Phil)</p> <p>1963 <i>This Is My Street</i> (Hayes) (as Charlie)</p> <p>1966 <i>A Man for All Seasons</i> (Zinnemann) (as Richard Rich)</p> <p>1967 <i>The Sailor from Gibraltar</i> (Richardson) (as John)</p> <p>1968 <i>Before Winter Comes</i> (J. Lee Thompson) (as Lt. Francis Pilkington)</p> <p>1969 <i>Sinful Davey</i> (Huston) (as Davey Haggart)</p> | <p>1970 <i>In Search of Gregory</i> (Wood) (as Daniel)</p> <p>1971 <i>10 Rillington Place</i> (Fleischer) (as Timothy John Evans); <i>Mr. Forbush and the Penguins</i> (<i>Cry of the Penguins</i>) (Viola) (title role); <i>The Pied Piper</i> (Demy) (as Franz, Baron's son)</p> <p>1974 <i>Little Malcolm and His Struggle against the Eunuchs</i> (Cooper) (as Malcolm Scrawdyke)</p> <p>1975 <i>Do Yourself Some Good</i> (Marquand—short) (as narrator); <i>The Ghoul</i> (Francis) (as Tom)</p> <p>1976 <i>East of Elephant Rock</i> (Boyd); <i>La linea del fiume</i> (<i>Stream Line</i>) (Scavarda); <i>Shadows of Doubt</i> (Bolt); <i>The Island</i> (Fuest—for TV)</p> <p>1977 <i>The Disappearance</i> (Cooper) (as Atkinson); <i>Spectre</i> (Clive Donner—for TV)</p> <p>1978 <i>Watership Down</i> (Rosen—animation) (as voice of Hazel); <i>Midnight Express</i> (Alan Parker) (as Max); <i>The Shout</i> (Skolimowski) (as Anthony); <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> (Bakshi—animation) (as voice of Aragorn)</p> <p>1979 <i>Alien</i> (Ridley Scott) (as Kane)</p> <p>1980 <i>The Elephant Man</i> (Lynch) (as John Merrick); <i>Heaven's Gate</i> (Cimino) (as Billy Irvine)</p> <p>1981 <i>History of the World, Part I</i> (Mel Brooks) (as Jesus)</p> |
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- 1982 *Partners* (Burrows) (as Kerwin); *Night Crossing* (Delbert Mann) (as Peter Strelzyk); *The Plague Dogs* (Rosen—animation) (as voice of Snitter)
- 1983 *King Lear* (Elliott—for TV) (as the Fool); *The Osterman Weekend* (Peckinpah) (as Lawrence Fassett); *Champions* (Irvin) (as Bob Champion)
- 1984 *1984* (Radford) (as Winston Smith); *The Hit* (Frears) (as Braddock); *Success Is the Best Revenge* (Skolimowski) (as Dino Montecurva)
- 1985 *The Black Cauldron* (Berman and Rich—animation) (as voice of horned king); *After Darkness* (Othenin-Gerard) (as Peter Huninger); *Free at Last* (Lewis) (as narrator)
- 1986 *Jake Speed* (Lane) (as Sid); *Rocinante* (Guedes) (as Bill)
- 1987 “Segment X” of *Aria* (Bryden) (as Garuso); *From the Hip* (Clark) (as Douglas Benoit); *Macheath* (Higgs); *Vincent—The Life and Death of Vincent van Gogh* (Vincent) (Cox—doc) (as voice of Vincent); *Spaceballs* (Mel Brooks) (as himself)
- 1988 *White Mischief* (Radford) (as Gilbert Colville); *Nuit Bengali* (Bengali Night) (Klotz) (as Lucien Metz); *Deadline* (Stroud); *Little Sweetheart* (Poison Candy) (Simmons—for TV)
- 1989 *Scandal* (Caton-Jones) (as Stephen Ward); *Windprints* (Wicht) (as Charles Rutherford)
- 1990 *Romeo-Juliet* (Acosta); *Frankenstein Unbound* (Corman) (as Dr. Joseph Buchanan); *The Field* (Sheridan) (as “Bird” O’Donnell); *Who Bombed Birmingham?* (*The Investigation: Inside a Terrorist Bombing*) (Beckham—for TV) (as Chris Mullin)
- 1991 *King Ralph* (Ward) (as Lord Percival Graves); *I Dreamt I Woke Up* (Boorman) (as Boorman’s Alter Ego); *Resident Alien* (Nossiter—doc)
- 1992 *L’Oeil qui ment* (*Dark at Noon, or Eyes and Lies*) (Raul Ruiz) (as Anthony/the Marquis); *Mémoire tranquée* (*Lapse of Memory*) (DeWolf) (as Conrad Farmer)
- 1993 *Monolith* (Eyres) (as Villano); *Great Moments in Aviation* (Kidron) (as Rex Goodyear)
- 1994 *Foerraederi* (*Betrayal*) (Von Krasenstjerna—doc) (as narrator); *Hans Christian Andersen’s Thumbelina* (Bluth and Goldman—animation) (as voice of Mr. Mole); *Second Best* (Menges) (as Uncle Turpin); *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (Van Sant) (as the Countess)
- 1995 *Two Nudes Bathing* (Boorman) (as Marquis de Prey); *Rob Roy* (Caton-Jones) (as Marquis of Montrose); *Saigon Baby* (Attwood—for TV) (as Jack Lee); *Dead Man* (Jarmusch) (as John Scholfield); *Wild Bill* (Hill) (as Charley Prince)
- 1996 *Privateer 2: The Darkening* (Hilliker, Robert) (as Joe the Bartender)
- 1997 *Tender Loving Care* (Wheeler) (as Dr. Turner); *Love and Death on Long Island* (Kwietniowski) (as Giles De’Ath); *The Climb* (Swaim) (as Chuck Langer); *Bandyta* (Dejzer) (as Babits); *Contact* (Zemeckis) (as S.R. Hadden)
- 1998 *You’re Dead* (Hurst) (as Maitland); *Night Train* (Lynch) (as Michael Poole); *Magic* (Garfein) (as Magician); *The Commissioner* (Sluizer) (as James Morton); *All the Little Animals* (Thomas) (as Mr. Summers)
- 1999 *New Blood* (Hurst) (as Alan White); *If . . . Dog . . . Rabbit* (Modine) (as Sean Cooper); *Watership Down* (Sullivan—for TV) (as General Woundwort—voice)
- 2000 *Lost Souls* (Kaminski) (role); *The Tigger Movie* (Falkenstein) (as Narrator)

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John Hurt is the least macho of any serious (as opposed to comic) actor who has ever risen to a kind of stardom, however sporadic and precarious. The basis of John Hurt’s image has always been weakness (physical, but most frequently also psychological) and unhealth (that thin, anxious, pasty face, and that frail body). It is not surprising that the cinema has consistently associated him with affliction. The first film in which he made a really strong impression (playing, typically, a very weak man) was *10 Rillington Place*. His unforgettable Timothy Evans—hapless, nervous, unstable, marginally retarded, eventually executed for a murder he did not commit and constitutionally unable effectively to defend himself—stole the movie from a distinguished cast that included Richard Attenborough as the actual guilty party, notorious British mass murderer John Reginald Christie. Interestingly, Hurt almost did not get the part. He was the last of dozens of British actors to be considered and got the role only when he arrived for his audition and the producers, who had previously dismissed him as a possibility, were stunned by his remarkable resemblance to the real Evans.

Since then, the array of afflictions from which Hurt has suffered on-screen has been formidable indeed, and the enormous weight of makeup under which he played the incomparably afflicted eponymous protagonist of the grim David Lynch film *The Elephant Man*—produced by, of all people, Mel Brooks! And for which Hurt received

his first Oscar nomination—might be taken as symbolic. Hunted by the law (*Sinful Davey*); homosexuality (*The Naked Civil Servant*, *Partners*, *Love and Death on Long Island*); alcoholism (*Heaven's Gate*); cancer (*Champions*), slimy space creatures erupting out of his chest (*Alien*); transvestism (*Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*); official persecution (*Scandal*); religious persecution (*Jesus*); time warps (*Frankenstein Unbound*); brutal treatment in a foreign land (*Midnight Express*) and even more protracted torture (*1984*) are among the many other crosses he has had to bear on film.

Through all these ordeals Hurt has maintained a remarkable dignity and integrity. If the image constructed by the totality of the roles has become something of a joke (what will they find for him to suffer from next?), the actor has never given a bad performance, and can hardly be blamed for the fact that, in the commercial cinema, if you do not look like Sylvester Stallone you do not get to play *Rambo* (one assumes in any case that Hurt would not wish to). Nevertheless, this has not stopped Hurt from getting high-profile roles in a number of action-genre films such as Sam Peckinpah's *The Osterman Weekend*, and Stephen Frears' *The Hit*. The latter cast Hurt very much against type by assigning him the role of one of the cold-blooded killers hired to pull off the title rub-out (the execution of a stool pigeon) rather than, as one might expect, the suffering target of assassination.

Hurt's performances in gay roles, while the persona falls well within a certain cultural stereotyping, go some way in fact towards challenging the conventional view of homosexuality as an affliction; his much-maligned Billy Irvine in the much-maligned *Heaven's Gate*, the extravagantly excessive Cimino film which sank United Artists, actually constitutes a brilliantly realized component in that film's extraordinary total architecture.

Hurt's recent roles have offered him contrasting opportunities: a rare chance to play a conventional "leading man" (one might even say a "romantic" lead as he gets to sleep with Mary Shelley) as the time-traveling scientist in cult director Roger Corman's return to the megaphone after a twenty-year absence, *Frankenstein Unbound*, and a particularly colorful and excessive character-role in the Irish drama *The Field*. There is no question of Hurt's ability to "carry" a film as its star, but only when his character is anything but a conventional lead and has the advantage of eccentric makeup (*The Naked Civil Servant*, *The Elephant Man*). It is not his fault that he makes very little impression in *Frankenstein Unbound*, as the character (in a highly unconventional situation, but very conventionally conceived) could have been played by almost anyone, and the film, although apparently an instant "cult classic," is really quite bad.

The Field is another matter. Mistaken by some for a quasi-neorealist "slice of life," it is in fact an all-stops-out melodrama with many of the strengths of that genre: vividly realized characters built upon the solid foundation of strong and enduring stereotypes, a relishing of "excess" in performance and direction, and the dramatization of impossible tensions and contradictions within the society. In this context, Hurt's grotesque portrayal of a grotesque character, combining near-imbecility with a disturbingly malicious craftiness, is something of a tour de force, demonstrating once again his versatility and formidable technical control.

—Robin Wood

His performance as an effete, difficult-to-like (but ultimately sympathetic, largely due to Hurt), European writer past his prime

becomes fixated on a younger man in *Love and Death On Long Island* demonstrated these qualities yet again. The performance earned him critical accolades—in fact, his best notices, particularly in America, since *The Elephant Man*—but, alas, not another Oscar nomination, despite the fact that many admirers of the low-profile film believed he'd be a shoo-in.

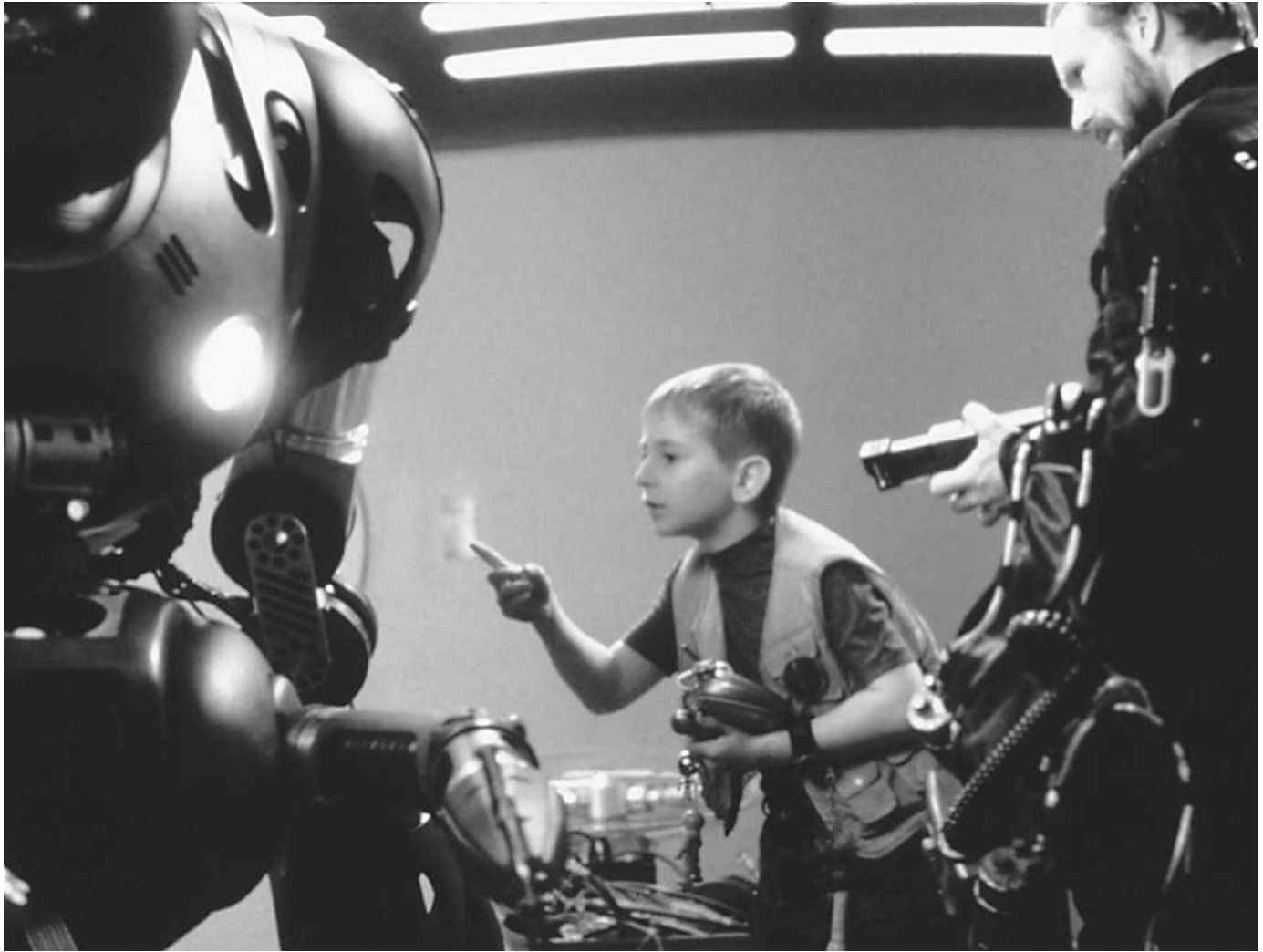
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HURT, William

Nationality: American. **Born:** Washington, D.C., 20 March 1950. **Education:** Graduated from Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; attended the Juilliard School, New York. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Mary Beth Hurt, 1971 (divorced 1982); 2) Heidi Henderson, 1989 (divorced 1993), sons: Sam and William; son with the ballet dancer Sandra Jennings: Alex; daughter with the actress Sandrine Bonnaire: Jeanne. **Career:** Acted with the New York Civic Repertory Company, 1976; made his theatrical film debut in *Altered States*, 1979. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor British Academy Award, National Board of Review Best Actor (tied with Raul Julia), Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actor, for *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, 1985. **Address:** 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1978 *Verna—USO Girl* (Maxwell—for TV) (as Walter)
- 1979 *Altered States* (Ken Russell) (as Eddie Jessup)
- 1980 *Eyewitness (The Janitor)* (Yates) (as Daryll Deever)
- 1981 *Body Heat* (Kasdan) (as Ned Racine)
- 1983 *Gorky Park* (Apted) (as Arkady Renko); *The Big Chill* (Kasdan) (as Nick)
- 1985 *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (Babenco) (as Luis Molina)
- 1986 *Children of a Lesser God* (Haines) (as James Leeds)
- 1987 *Broadcast News* (James L. Brooks) (as Tom Grunick)
- 1988 *A Time of Destiny* (Nava) (as Martin Lawrence); *The Accidental Tourist* (Kasdan) (as Macon Leary)
- 1990 *I Love You to Death* (Kasdan) (as Harlan James); *Alice* (Woody Allen) (as Doug Tate)
- 1991 *Bis ans Ende der Welt (Until the End of the World)* (Wenders) (as Trevor McPhee/Sam Farber); *The Doctor* (Haines) (as Jack McKee)
- 1993 *The Plague (La Peste)* (Puenzo) (as Dr. Bernard Rieux); *Mr. Wonderful* (Minghella) (as Tom)
- 1994 *Trial by Jury* (Gould) (as Tommy Vesey); *Second Best* (Menges) (as Graham Holt)
- 1995 *Smoke* (Wang) (as Paul Benjamin); *Confidences a un inconnu (Secrets Shared with a Stranger)* (Bardawil)
- 1996 *Jane Eyre* (Zeffirelli) (as Edward Rochester); *Michael* (Nora Ephron) (as reporter); *Loved* (Dignam); *Un Divan a New York (A Couch in New York)* (Akerman) (as Henry Harriston)
- 1997 *Loved* (Dignam) (as K.D. Dietrickson)



William Hurt (right) and Jack Johnson in *Lost in Space*

- 1998 *Dark City* (Proyas) (as Inspector Frank Bumstead); *The Proposition* (Lesli Linka Glatter) (as Arthur Barret); *Lost in Space* (Hopkins) (as Professor John Robinson); *One True Thing* (Franklin) (as George Gulden)
- 1999 *Sunshine* (Szabó) (as Andor Knorr); *The Miracle Maker* (Hayes, Sokolov—for TV) (voice); *Big Brass Ring* (Hickenlooper) (as Blake Pellarin); *Do Not Disturb* (Maas) (as Walter); *The 4th Floor* (Klausner) (as Greg Harrison)
- 2000 *The Simian Lane* (Yellen) (as Edward); *The Contaminated Man* (Hickox); *The Miracle Maker* (Hayes and Sokolov—for TV) (as voice of Jairus); *Dune* (Harrison—for TV) (as Duke Leto Atreides)

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After compiling a solid résumé of stage credits, blond-haired William Hurt found celluloid stardom in the early 1980s, at which point he was touted as his generation's Robert Redford. In fact, he was nominated by *Time* magazine as "the WASP movie idol of the 80s." Beyond the hype, however, Hurt acquired a reputation for being a steadfastly dedicated actor, committed to giving intelligent performances, as witnessed by his impressive work in three early films: *Altered States*, his screen debut, playing a scientist who uses himself as a guinea pig in his research experiments; *Eyewitness*, as a janitor enamored of an attractive television reporter; and *Body Heat*, as a lawyer manipulated by a femme fatale.

As he might have been the first to acknowledge, Hurt had no movie idol aspirations. He wanted to be an actor first, with versatility and a commitment to craft being his prominent concerns. His ability to thoroughly transform himself into his characters is best exemplified by his performances in two disparate roles. In *Broadcast News*, he plays Tom Grunick, the cardboard-handsome bubblehead whose looks alone allow him to become Washington correspondent of a major network news division, and who is being groomed to anchor the evening news; in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, he is Luis Molina, the effeminate homosexual prisoner obsessed with the high camp of old Hollywood movies. Tom Grunick is all facade, a pretty boy who has mastered the art of looking good. An original thought has never entered his head, and he must be spoon-fed questions, words, and ideas. Conversely, Luis Molina is all feeling, all emotion. He is coquettish, flamboyant, amusing—and as extroverted as so many of Hurt's other characters are restrained. In both roles, the actor offers knowing performances, inhabiting each character and making him thoroughly believable within the framework of the story.

Quite a few of Hurt's other characters also have been cerebral: the enigmatic Edward Rochester, in *Jane Eyre*; Nick, the rootless, impotent drug-dealing Vietnam veteran who lives out of his beat-up sports car, in *The Big Chill*; James Leeds, the teacher of deaf pupils, in *Children of a Lesser God*; George Gulden, the detached, intellectually pompous college professor-writer, in *One True Thing*; and Macon Leary in *The Accidental Tourist* and Paul Benjamin in *Smoke*, both of whom have been shattered by the premature demise of loved ones. Hurt's ability to project quietude might serve as a mask for his character's sensitivity (as in *The Accidental Tourist* and *Smoke*), or might be plain thickheadedness (as in *Broadcast News* and *Body Heat*). Indeed, as Kathleen Turner's bitch-goddess so properly observes in *Body Heat*, "You're not very bright, are you? I like that in a man."

In the early 1980s, Hurt was considered a hot actor and premier leading man; by the 1990s, he had been stricken from the Hollywood A-list. His inability to maintain a movie star profile was the result of

his proclivity for selecting idiosyncratic screen roles. *The Plague* (in which he plays a doctor) is an ambitious but ultimately unwatchable adaptation of the Albert Camus novel, and never even earned a U.S. theatrical release. *Second Best*, in which he offers a sensitive performance as an aging Welsh bachelor who decides to adopt a troubled ten-year-old boy, is not the kind of film to have audiences lining up at movie theaters. During the decade, Hurt's highest profile films have included *Smoke*, *Jane Eyre*, and *One True Thing*. In *Smoke*, he is part of an ensemble; in *Jane Eyre*, Rochester is subordinate to the title character; in *One True Thing*, his presence and performance are obscured by the characters and star turns of Meryl Streep and Renee Zellweger. In some of his other films, *Sunshine* being a perfect example, he barely is noticeable. Late in the decade, he accepted the role of the scientist-father who leads his family on a space mission in *Lost in Space*, the clunky, special effects-dominated screen version of the 1960s TV series. His involvement in this project indicated that Hurt seemed to be rejecting his own value system and acknowledging the reality that in order to survive as a celluloid commodity you must play the Hollywood game. Only in his case, this acceptance may have come too late. Furthermore, he seemed way out of his element uttering such by-the-numbers lines as "You violated a direct order" and "We have to get that door open." Additionally, Hurt's career situation was exacerbated by his arduous legal scuffles and stormy romantic relationships (most notoriously, a 1989 palimony case brought on by his ex-lover, ballet dancer Sandra Jennings)—a predicament which resulted in his seeming to be more often mentioned in tabloid headlines than film reviews.

—Rob Edelman

HUSTON, Anjelica

Nationality: American. **Born:** Los Angeles, California, 8 July 1951; daughter of the director John Huston. **Education:** Attended schools in England; trained for the stage at the Loft Studio and with Peggy Furey, David Craig, and Martin Landau. **Family:** Married the sculptor Robert Graham, 1992. **Career:** Film debut in *A Walk with Love and Death*, 1967; worked as photographic model, New York City, 1970s, then moved to California with partner Jack Nicholson and took acting lessons; in TV mini-series *Lonesome Dove*, 1989, *Family Pictures*, 1993, and *Buffalo Girls*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, Academy Award, and Best Supporting Actress Awards, New York Film Critics, National Society of Film Critics, and Los Angeles Film Critics, for *Prizzi's Honor*, 1985; Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *The Dead*, 1987; National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actress Award, for *Enemies: A Love Story*, 1989; ShoWest Female Star of the Year Award, 1990; Los Angeles Film Critics Award for Best Actress, National Society of Film Critics Best Actress Award, and Independent Spirit Award for Best Female Lead, for *The Grifters*, 1991; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1996; Golden Apple Award for Female Star of the Year,



Anjelica Huston in *The Witches*

1998; Youth Jury Award and Donostia Lifetime Achievement Award, San Sebastian International Film Festival, for *Agnes Brown*, 1999.
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Films as Actress:

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| <p>1967 <i>A Walk with Love and Death</i> (John Huston) (as Lady Claudia)</p> <p>1969 <i>Sinful Davey</i> (John Huston); <i>Hamlet</i> (Richardson) (as Court Lady)</p> <p>1976 <i>The Last Tycoon</i> (Kazan) (as Edna); <i>Swashbuckler (The Scarlet Buccaneer)</i> (Goldstone) (as woman of dark visage)</p> <p>1981 <i>The Postman Always Rings Twice</i> (Rafelson) (as Madge)</p> <p>1982 <i>Frances</i> (Clifford)</p> <p>1984 <i>This Is Spinal Tap</i> (Rob Reiner) (as Polly Deutsch); <i>The Ice Pirates</i> (Raffill) (as Maida); <i>The Cowboy and the Ballerina</i> (Jerry Jameson—for TV)</p> <p>1985 <i>Prizzi's Honor</i> (John Huston) (as Maerose Prizzi)</p> <p>1986 <i>Captain Eo</i> (Coppola—short); <i>Good to Go (Short Fuse)</i> (Novak)</p> | <p>1987 <i>Gardens of Stone</i> (Coppola) (as Samantha Davis); <i>The Dead</i> (John Huston) (as Gretta Conroy)</p> <p>1988 <i>Mr. North</i> (Danny Huston) (as Persis Bosworth-Tennyson); <i>A Handful of Dust</i> (Sturridge) (as Mrs. Rattery)</p> <p>1989 <i>Enemies, a Love Story</i> (Mazursky) (as Tamara); <i>Crimes and Misdemeanors</i> (Woody Allen) (as Dolores Paley)</p> <p>1990 <i>The Grifters</i> (Frears) (as Lilly Dillon); <i>The Witches</i> (Roeg) (as Miss Ernst/Grand High Witch)</p> <p>1991 <i>The Addams Family</i> (Sonnenfeld) (as Morticia Addams)</p> <p>1992 <i>The Player</i> (Altman) (as herself)</p> <p>1993 <i>Addams Family Values</i> (Sonnenfeld) (as Morticia Addams); <i>Manhattan Murder Mystery</i> (Woody Allen) (as Marcia Fox); <i>And the Band Played On</i> (Spottiswoode—for TV) (as Dr. Betsy Reisz); <i>Family Pictures</i> (Saville—for TV) (as Lainey Eberlin)</p> <p>1995 <i>The Perez Family</i> (Nair) (as Carmela Perez); <i>The Crossing Guard</i> (Sean Penn) (as Mary); <i>Buffalo Girls</i> (Hardy—for TV) (as Calamity Jane)</p> <p>1998 <i>Phoenix</i> (Cannon) (as Leila); <i>Ever After</i> (Tennant) (as Baroness Rodmilla De Ghent); <i>Buffalo '66</i> (Gallo) (as Janet Brown)</p> |
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- 1999 *Agnes Browne* (title role, + d); *Cleopatra: The First Woman of Power* (doc) (narrator)
 2000 *The Golden Bowl* (*La coupe d'or*) (Ivory) (as Fanny); *Time of Our Lives* (Donoghue)

Films as Director:

- 1996 *Bastard Out of Carolina*

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 Interview with Joan Juliet Buck, in *Interview* (New York), December 1987.
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In the movie world, nepotism has probably blighted as many careers as it has advanced. In the case of Anjelica Huston it did both. Luckily the damage came first, and early, giving her the chance to recover. By the time opportunity presented itself again she was ready to succeed on her own evident merits.

The daughter of John Huston and his fourth wife, the late Ricky Soma (to whom she bears a remarkable resemblance), Huston found

herself at age 16 pushed into the female lead in her father's medieval romance, *A Walk with Love and Death*. Her co-star was the equally unskilled Assaf (son of Moshe) Dayan. Unhappy about her inexperience and her own looks, she found the whole film “uncomfortable.” Like most of her father's films of this period, the movie was trashed by the critics—although, again like most of his films of this period, its esteem has improved over the years. Nevertheless, the debacle effectively put her off acting for the next 15 years.

Further unsettled by the death of her mother in a car crash (“It drove me a little mad for five years”) she took up fashion modeling, her oblique, elegant features attracting the attention of Richard Avedon and Helmut Newton. At a Hollywood party, an encounter with Jack Nicholson led to a relationship that was to last, on and off, for 17 years.

For most of the 1970s Huston was relegated to being her father's daughter and Nicholson's partner—a status that occasional small screen parts (*Swashbuckler*, *The Last Tycoon*) did little to change. But in 1981 a serious car accident inspired “the need not to waste my life.” Ironically, during his own early years in Hollywood, her father had also been involved in a car crash, which claimed a life; the trauma prompted him to turn his life around. With Nicholson's encouragement she took up acting classes and started building a career. Her striking looks and imperious presence gained her strong-women roles in some worthwhile films (Rafelson's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, as a lion tamer) and some cheerful rubbish (a pirate queen in *Ice Pirates*).

It was John Huston, making amends for her teenage debacle, who offered his daughter her breakthrough role. In his Mafioso black comedy, *Prizzi's Honor*, she played the vengeful Maerose Prizzi, a Brooklyn Lucrezia Borgia, in a lethally funny performance that stole the film from its stars, Nicholson and Kathleen Turner. She herself ascribed her success to the script (“a part so solid that it protected me—one could wear the part like a coat”) and to her father's direction. She won a Best Supporting Oscar nomination. Her father was also nominated for his direction, mirroring the 1948 ceremonies when he and his own father, Walter Huston, were nominated (and won) in the same categories for *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*. History failed to repeat itself, however, and this time, only one Huston, Anjelica, took home the prize.

Huston's elegiac side was superbly drawn out in her father's valedictory masterpiece, *The Dead*, adapted from the James Joyce short story by her brother, Tony. A film of flawless ensemble playing, it found its still center in the moment when Gretta Conroy, about to depart, halts on the stairway transfixed by the memory evoked by an old ballad. Huston played the scene with heart-stopping simplicity, her eyes and whole posture suggesting a grief held inside her for years, like an unborn child.

Huston rounded off the 1980s with four startlingly contrasted performances. Her concentration-camp survivor in Paul Mazursky's *Enemies: A Love Story* was wryly down-to-earth, recognizing with sardonic compassion that time and suffering have matured her far beyond her husband's inept reach. As chief of Roeg's *The Witches* she played the comic-strip villainy to the hilt, pulverizing recalcitrant underlings and changing small boys into mice with mocking relish. For Woody Allen's *Crimes and Misdemeanors* Huston turned her strength into neurotic tenacity, endowing Martin Landau's possessive mistress with an edge of desperation that was painful to watch. And she dominated Stephen Frears's bleak thriller, *The Grifters*, as Lilly Dillon, a predatory survivor driven by her own greed and terror into a downward spiral of destruction.

“I certainly grew up being doubtful about my looks, but now I guess I’ve grown into them.” Huston’s appearance is highly distinctive—poised, stylish, often beautiful, but never pretty. There is, underlying her tall, angular physique, a hint of fragility, of a capacity for hurt; naturally suited to tough roles, she can also appear touchingly warm and vulnerable. The one thing she can’t play is ordinary, as evidenced by her anti-war journalist in Coppola’s drab *Gardens of Stone*. But she was ideal casting for Morticia in *The Addams Family* and its sequel, *Addams Family Values*, based on Charles Addams’ macabre cartoons. Her relishably witty performance, and that of the late Raul Julia as her husband Gomez, redeemed the weakness of the scripts.

The Addams movies, though, may have done her a disservice, making her the automatic choice whenever a high-Gothic villainess is called for. Huston can carry off these roles, such as the wicked stepmother in the latter-day Cinderella tale, *Ever After*, with effortless style. But she’s capable of far more varied, nuanced work, and can turn minor supporting parts to impressive account: witness her scene-stealing leather-clad author in *Manhattan Murder Mystery*, or teamed with Ben Gazzara as Vincent Gallo’s terminally disaffected parents in *Buffalo ‘66*. Her striking presence has been woefully underused, as if (as one recent critic put it) the Louvre “had been utilising the Winged Victory of Samothrace to keep the back door wedged open.” Huston may well agree, since she’s now turned director, so far with only limited success. But as with her late-flowering acting career, it would be unwise to write her off too soon.

—Philip Kemp

HUSTON, John

Nationality: Irish/American. **Born:** John Marcellus Huston in Nevada, Missouri, 5 August 1906; son of the actor Walter Huston; became Irish citizen, 1964. **Family:** Married 1) Dorothy Jeanne Harvey, 1926 (divorced 1933); 2) Leslie Black, 1937 (divorced 1944); 3) Evelyn Keyes, 1946 (divorced 1950), one adopted son; 4) Ricki Soma, 1950 (died 1969), one son, two daughters including the actress Anjelica; 5) Celeste Shane, 1972 (divorced 1977); also son Daniel by Zoë Sallis. **Education:** Attended boarding school in Los Angeles and at Lincoln High School, Los Angeles, 1923–24. **Career:** 1916—taken to California for cure after doctors in St. Paul, Minnesota, diagnose enlarged heart and kidney disease; 1920s—boxer in California; 1924—actor in New York; 1927—competition horseman, Mexico; 1928–30—journalist in New York; 1930—scriptwriter and actor in Hollywood; 1932—worked for Gaumont-British, London; 1933—moved to Paris, intending to study painting; 1934—returned to New York, editor *Midweek Pictorial*, and stage actor; 1936—writer for Warner Brothers, Hollywood; 1941—directed first film, *The Maltese Falcon*; 1942–45—served in Signal Corps, Army Pictorial Service, discharged as major; 1947—with William Wyler and Philip Dunne, formed Committee for the 1st Amendment to counteract HUAC investigation; 1948—formed Horizon pictures with Sam Spiegel; 1952—formed John Huston Productions for unrealized project *Mata-dor*; 1955—moved to Ireland; from mid-1960s—narrator for TV; 1972—moved to Mexico. **Awards:** Legion of Merit, U.S. Armed Services, 1944; Oscar for Best Direction, for *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, 1947. **Died:** Of pneumonia, in Newport, Rhode Island, 28 August 1987.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *The Shakedown* (William Wyler) (unbilled); *Two Americans* (short)
- 1930 *Hell’s Heroes* (William Wyler) (unbilled); *The Storm* (William Wyler) (unbilled)
- 1963 *The Cardinal* (Preminger) (as Cardinal Glennon); *The Directors* (pr: Greenblatt) (appearance)
- 1968 *Candy* (Marquand) (as Dr. Dunlap); *The Rocky Road to Dublin* (Lennon—doc) (appearance)
- 1970 *Myra Breckenridge* (Sarne) (as Buck Loner); *The Other Side of the Wind* (Welles) (uncompleted)
- 1971 *The Bridge in the Jungle* (Kohner) (as Sleigh); *Man in the Wilderness* (Sarafian) (as Captain Filmore Henry); *The Deserter* (Kennedy) (as General Miles)
- 1973 *Battle for the Planet of the Apes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Lawgiver)
- 1974 *Chinatown* (Polanski) (as Noah Cross)
- 1975 *Breakout* (Gries) (as Harris Wagner); *The Wind and the Lion* (Milius) (as John Hay)
- 1976 *Sherlock Holmes in New York* (Sagal—for TV) (as Professor James Moriarty)
- 1977 *The Rhinemann Exchange* (Kennedy—for TV) (as Ambassador Henderson Granville); *Tentacles* (Hellman) (as Ned Turner); *Il Grande Attacco* (*The Biggest Battle*; *The Great Battle*; *Battle Force*; *The Battle of Mareth*) (Lenzi); *Angela* (Sagal) (as Hogan); *Hollywood on Trial* (Helpm Jr.—doc) (appearance)
- 1978 *The Word* (Richard Long—for TV) (as Nathan Randall); *El Triangulo diabolico de la Bermudas* (*The Bermuda Triangle*) (Cardona)
- 1979 *Jaguar Lives!* (Pintoff) (as Ralph Richards); *Winter Kills* (Richert) (as Pa Kegan)
- 1980 *Il Visitatore* (*The Visitor*) (Paradisi) (as Jersey Colsowitz); *Head On* (*Fatal Attraction*) (Grant) (as Clarke Hill); *Agee* (Spears—doc) (appearance); *John Huston’s Dublin* (McGreevy—doc) (appearance)
- 1981 *To the Western World* (Kinmonth) (as narrator); *John Huston: A War Remembered* (Washburn—doc) (appearance)
- 1982 *Cannery Row* (Ward) (as narrator); *Lights! Camera! Annie!* (Kuehn—doc) (appearance)
- 1983 *Lovesick* (Brickman) (as Larry Geller, M.D.); *A Minor Miracle* (*Young Giants*) (Tannen)
- 1985 *The Black Cauldron* (Berman and Rich—animation) (as narrator); *George Stevens: A Filmmaker’s Journey* (Stevens Jr.—doc) (appearance)
- 1986 *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (appearance)

Films as Director:

- 1941 *The Maltese Falcon* (+ sc)
- 1942 *In This Our Life* (+ co-sc, uncredited); *Across the Pacific* (co-d)
- 1943 *Report from the Aleutians* (doc) (+ ro as narrator, sc); *Tunisian Victory* (Capra and Boulting; directed some replacement scenes when footage lost, + co-commentary)
- 1944 *The Battle of San Pietro* (doc) (+ ro as narrator, sc)

- 1946 *Let There Be Light* (doc) (+ ro as narrator, co-sc, co-ph); *A Miracle Can Happen (On Our Merry Way)* (King Vidor and Fenton; directed some Henry Fonda/James Stewart sequences, uncredited)
- 1948 *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (+ ro as American tourist, sc); *Key Largo* (+ co-sc)
- 1949 *We Were Strangers* (+ bit role as bank clerk, co-sc)
- 1950 *The Asphalt Jungle* (+ pr, co-sc)
- 1951 *The Red Badge of Courage* (+ sc); *The African Queen* (+ co-sc)
- 1952 *Moulin Rouge* (+ pr, co-sc)
- 1953 *Beat the Devil* (+ co-pr, co-sc)
- 1956 *Moby Dick* (+ pr, co-sc)
- 1957 *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison* (+ co-sc); *A Farewell to Arms* (Charles Vidor; direction begun by Huston)
- 1958 *The Barbarian and the Geisha*; *The Roots of Heaven*
- 1960 *The Unforgiven*
- 1961 *The Misfits*
- 1962 *Freud (Freud: The Secret Passion)* (+ ro as narrator)
- 1963 *The List of Adrian Messenger* (+ bit role as Lord Asthon)
- 1964 *The Night of the Iguana* (+ co-pr, co-sc)
- 1966 *La Bibbia (The Bible . . . in the Beginning; The Bible)* (+ ro as Noah/narrator)
- 1967 *Casino Royale* (co-d, + ro as McTarry); *Refelections in a Golden Eye* (+ voice heard at film's beginning)
- 1969 *Sinful Davey; A Walk with Love and Death* (+ ro as Robert the Elder); *De Sade* (Enfield; d uncredited) (+ ro as the Abbe)
- 1970 *The Kremlin Letter* (+ ro as Admiral, co-sc)
- 1971 *The Last Run* (Fleischer; d begun by Huston)
- 1972 *Fat City* (+ co-pr); *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (+ ro as Grizzly Adams)
- 1973 *The Mackintosh Man*
- 1975 *The Man Who Would Be King* (+ co-sc)
- 1976 *Independence* (short)
- 1979 *Wise Blood* (+ ro as Grandfather, billed as "Jhon" Huston)
- 1980 *Phobia*
- 1981 *Victory (Escape to Victory)*
- 1982 *Annie*
- 1984 *Under the Volcano*
- 1985 *Prizzi's Honor*
- 1987 *The Dead*

Other Films:

- 1931 *A House Divided* (William Wyler) (dialogue, sc); *Law and Order* (co-sc)
- 1932 *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (Florey) (dialogue, sc)
- 1935 *It Happened in Paris* (Robert Wyler and Carol Reed) (co-adapt, sc); *Death Drives Through* (Cahn) (co-sc)
- 1938 *Jezebel* (William Wyler) (co-sc); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak) (co-sc)
- 1939 *Juarez* (Dieterle) (co-sc)
- 1940 *The Story of Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet (Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet)* (Dieterle) (co-sc)
- 1941 *High Sierra* (Walsh) (co-sc); *Sergeant York* (Hawks) (co-sc)
- 1946 *The Killers* (Siodmak) (sc, uncredited); *The Stranger* (Welles) (co-sc, uncredited); *Three Strangers* (Negulesco) (co-sc)
- 1988 *Mr. North* (Danny Huston) (co-sc, exec pr)

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Directors from John Cassavetes to Quentin Tarantino, Vittorio De Sica to Rainer Werner Fassbinder, have regularly worked in front of the camera. Even casual movie fans know that Alfred Hitchcock made celebrated cameo appearances in his films, and Orson Welles not only directed but starred in *Citizen Kane*.

But one of the most prolific of all actor-directors is John Huston. Certainly, performing was in Huston's genes. His father was the fine actor Walter Huston; his daughter is the equally fine actress Anjelica

Huston. In fact, he is the only filmmaker ever to direct a father (for *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*) and a daughter (for *Prizzi's Honor*) to Academy Awards.

Huston himself was graced with a deep, full, instantly recognizable voice. On occasion he narrated films; he is very much a faceless presence in his three World War II-era documentaries (*Report from the Aleutians*, *The Battle of San Pietro*, and *Let There Be Light*), which he directed while a member of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. His voice adds a certain stature to each film, as he describes the war's various military campaigns over some sobering, graphically realistic footage or illustrates the plight of deeply troubled returning veterans.

But Huston also had a photogenic face and a commanding screen presence, and he could work magic with a solid, juicy role. Had he not been such an outstanding director, he could have carved out a stellar career as a character actor, perhaps one to rival his illustrious father. He gave notable performances in Otto Preminger's *The Cardinal* (as the brusque but benevolent Boston Cardinal); William Richert's *Winter Kills* (as a patriarch whose son, a U.S. president, had been assassinated years earlier); and most especially Roman Polanski's *Chinatown* (as the insidiously evil powerbroker Noah Cross). He effectively directed himself in *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (as a properly grizzled Grizzly Adams) and *Wise Blood* (as a fire-and-brimstone preacher). While at his very best playing corrupted, hell-bent authority figures, Huston also could play farce, as he did in Marshall Brickman's romantic comedy *Lovesick*, cast as Dudley Moore's psychiatrist (who is predisposed to dropping off into slumberland during their sessions).

Nevertheless, Huston—like Orson Welles—far too often chose to slum on screen, accepting throwaway roles in schlocky films far beneath his stature. His filmography is littered with undistinguished parts in one-too-many potboilers, along with trashy Hollywood fare (most specifically, Christian Marquand's *Candy*, Cy Endfield's *De Sade*, and Mike Sarne's *Myra Breckenridge*). By accepting such work, Huston simply traded in on his name. He phoned in his performance in the minimum amount of time, and with the minimum effort. His reward: a paycheck, no more, no less. Had he been so inclined, Huston might have left us with just as many memorable film roles as films he directed.

—Rob Edelman

HUSTON, Walter

Nationality: American. **Born:** Walter Houghston in Toronto, Canada, 6 April 1884. **Education:** Attended Lansdowne School, Toronto; dramatic classes at Toronto College of Music. **Family:** Married 1) Rhea Gore, 1905 (divorced 1913), son: the director John Huston; 2) Bayonne Whipple, 1914; 3) Nanette Eugenia Sunderland, 1931. **Career:** 1902–05—unsuccessful attempt at acting with road company and vaudeville; 1905–09—engineer in electric light and water plants in Montana, Texas, and Missouri; 1909—returned to vaudeville after forming a team with Bayonne Whipple, whom he later married; 1924—Broadway debut in *Mr. Pitt*; also appeared the same year in *Desire under the Elms*; 1929—film debut in short *The Carnival Man*; 1934—returned to Broadway for successful role in *Dodsworth*, later in film version; **Awards:** Best Actor, New York

Film Critics, for *Dodsworth*, 1936; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, 1948. **Died:** 7 April 1950.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *The Carnival Man* (Abbott—short); *The Bishop's Candlesticks* (Abbott—short); *Gentlemen of the Press* (Webb) (as Wickland Snell); *Two Americans* (Meehan or Santley); *The Lady Lies* (Henley) (as Robert Rossiter); *The Virginian* (Fleming) (as Trampas); *Abraham Lincoln* (Griffith) (title role); *The Bad Man* (Badger) (as Pancho López); *The Virtuous Sin* (Cast Iron) (Gasnier and Cukor) (as General Gregori Platoff); *The Criminal Code* (Hawks)
- 1931 *The Star Witness* (Wellman); *The Ruling Voice* (Lee)
- 1932 *A House Divided* (Wyler); *The Woman from Monte Carlo* (Curtiz); *Law and Order* (Cahn); *The Beast of the City* (Brabin); *American Madness* (Capra); *Night Court* (Justice for Sale) (Van Dyke); *The Wet Parade* (Fleming); *Rain* (Milestone); *Kongo* (Cowen)
- 1933 *Gabriel over the White House* (La Cava) (as President); *Hell Below* (Conway); *Storm at Daybreak* (Boleslawsky); *Ann Vickers* (Cromwell); *The Prizefighter and the Lady* (Every Woman's Man) (Van Dyke); *How I Play Golf No. 7: The Spoon* (Marshall—short)
- 1934 *Keep 'em Rolling* (Archainbaud)
- 1935 *The Tunnel* (Transatlantic Tunnel) (Elvey)
- 1936 *Rhodes of Africa* (Rhodes) (Viertel); *Dodsworth* (Wyler)
- 1938 *Of Human Hearts* (Brown)
- 1939 *The Light That Failed* (Wellman)
- 1941 *The Outlaw* (Hughes); *All That Money Can Buy* (*The Devil and Daniel Webster*; *Here Is a Man*; *Daniel and the Devil*) (Dieterle); *Safeguarding Military Information* (short) (as narrator); ***The Maltese Falcon*** (John Huston) (as Captain Jacoby); *Swamp Water* (*The Man Who Came Back*) (Renoir); *The Shanghai Gesture* (von Sternberg); *Our Russian Front* (Milestone and Ivens) (as narrator)
- 1942 *Always in My Heart* (Graham); *In This Our Life* (John Huston) (as barman); *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (Curtiz) (as Jerry Cohan); ***Prelude to War*** (Capra) (as narrator); *America Can Give It* (as narrator)
- 1943 *Edge of Darkness* (Milestone); *Mission to Moscow* (Curtiz); *The North Star* (Milestone); *The Battle of Britain* (Vieller) (as narrator); *December 7th* (Toland and Ford); *For God and Country* (Cahn—short) (as narrator); *Know Your Enemy: Japan* (Capra and Ivens) (as narrator)
- 1944 *Dragon Seed* (Conway and Bucquet) (as Ling Tau); *Pacific Northwest* (*Northwest U.S.A.*) (Van Dyke—short) (as narrator); *Suicide Battalion* (training film) (as narrator); *Knickerbocker Holiday* (Brown) (as Pieter Stuyvesant)
- 1945 *And Then There Were None* (*Ten Little Niggers*) (Clair); *The American People* (Litvak—short) (as narrator); *War Comes to America* (Litvak—short) (as narrator)
- 1946 *Let There Be Light* (John Huston) (as narrator); *Dragonwyck* (Mankiewicz); *Duel in the Sun* (Vidor) (as “The Sinkiller”)
- 1947 *Summer Holiday* (Mamoulian)
- 1948 ***The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*** (John Huston) (as Howard)



Walter Huston (right) with (from left) Louis Hayward, June Duprez, Barry Fitzgerald, and Roland Young in *And Then There Were None*

1949 *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak)

1950 *The Furies* (Anthony Mann)

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For most of his screen career Walter Huston was typecast as the pillar of American respectability; he was a bank manager in *American Madness*, a successful businessman in *Dodsworth*, a prison warden in *The Criminal Code*, a fictitious American president in *Gabriel over the White House*. In historical roles, Huston was very much a patriarchal figure: President Lincoln in *Abraham Lincoln* and Pieter Stuyvesant in *Knickerbocker Holiday*. Even in *Yankee Doodle Dandy* he is typecast as the father of that ultimate figure of American patriotism, George M. Cohan.

Playing non-Americans Huston was cast in equally conservative roles. He was suitably imperial as Cecil Rhodes in *Rhodes of Africa*. He was kind yet commanding as the doctor/commune head of a Soviet village in that curiously middle-American study of rural Russian life under German attack, *The North Star*.

Huston’s performance in *Dodsworth* is masterly and quietly understated, with his eyes and body movements indicating the hurt that he feels at his wife’s leaving him. Yet, on the whole, it is thanks to

his less typical roles that Huston can be considered as great a screen performer as stage actor. He is tyrannical as the circuit preacher in *Of Human Hearts* and magnificently hypocritical as the “Sin Killer” bent on saving Jennifer Jones’s soul in *Duel in the Sun*. Above all he demonstrated a surprising impish quality as the devil in the guise of Mr. Scratch in *The Devil and Daniel Webster*, and as the old prospector (with that wickedly gleeful dance on discovering the gold) in his son John’s *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*.

—Anthony Slide

INFANTE, Pedro

Nationality: Mexican. **Born:** Pedro Infante Cruz in Mazatlán, November-December 1917. **Family:** Married María Luisa León (divorced—but divorce not recognized in Mexican courts); had two children with Lupita Torrentera; lived with Irma Dorantes. **Career:** Left school after fourth grade and worked as errand boy and carpenter; 1939—singer of *rancheras* on Radio Station XEB in Mexico City; 1942—film debut as extra; 1947—role in *Nosotros los pobres* made him a celebrity. **Awards:** Mexican Ariele Awards, 1955 and 1956; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Tizoc*, 1957. **Died:** In plane crash in Mérida, 15 April 1956.

Films as Actor:

- 1942 *La feria de las flores* (Benavides); *Jesuita en Chihuahua* (Cardona) (as Valentin Terraza); *La razón de la culpa* (Ortega) (as Roberto)
- 1943 *Arriba las mujeres* (Orellana) (as Chuy); *Cuando habla el corazón* (Segura); *El Ametralladora* (Castillo) (as Salvador Pérez Gómez “El Ametralladora”); *Mexicanos al grito de guerra* (Gálvez Fuentes) (as Luis Sandoval); *Viva mi desgracia* (Rodríguez) (as Ramón Pineda)
- 1944 *Escándalo de estrellas* (Rodríguez) (as Ricardo del Valle y Rosales)
- 1945 *Cuandolloran los valientes* (Rodríguez) (as Agapito Treviño “Caballo Blanco”)
- 1946 *Si me han de matar mañana* (Zacarías) (as Ramiro); *Los tres García* and *Vuelen los García* (Rodríguez) (as Luis Antonio García)
- 1947 *La barca de oro* (Paradavé) (as Lorenzo); *Soy charro de Rancho Grande* (Paradavé) (as Paco Aldama); *Nosotros los pobres* (Rodríguez) (as Pepe “El Toro”); *Cartas marcadas* (Cardona) (as Manuel)
- 1948 *Los tres huastecos* (Rodríguez) (as Lorenzo, Victor, and Juan de Dios Andrade); *Angelitos negros* (Rodríguez) (as José Carlos); *Ustedes los ricos* (Rodríguez) (as Pepe “El Toro”); *Dicen que soy mujeriego* (Rodríguez) (as Pedro)
- 1949 *El seminarista* (Rodríguez) (as Miguel Morales); *La mujer que yo perdí* (Rodríguez) (as Pedro Montañón); *La oveja negra* and *No desearás la mujer de tu hijo* (Rodríguez) (as Silvano)
- 1950 *Sobre las olas* (Rodríguez) (as Juventino Rosas); *También de dolor se canta* (Cardona) (as Braulio Peláez); *Islas Marias* (Fernandez) (as Felipe); *El gavilán pollero* (González) (as José Inocencio Meléndez “El Gavilán”); *Las mujeres de mi general* (Rodríguez) (as General Juan Zepeda)
- 1951 *Necesito dinero* (Zacarías) (as Manuel); *A toda máquina* and *¿Qué te ha dado esa mujer?* (Rodríguez) (as Pedro Chávez);

Ahi viene Martin Corona and *El enamorado* (Zacarías) (as Martin Corona)

- 1952 *Un rincón cerca del cielo* and *Ahora soy rico* (González) (as Pedro González); *Por ellas aunque mal paguen* (Oro) (as himself); *Los hijos de Maria Morales* (de Fuentes) (as Pepe Morales); *Dos tipos de cuidado* (Rodríguez) (as Pedro Malo); *Ansiedad* (Zacarías) (as Rafael—father and son); *Pepe El Toro* (Rodríguez) (title role)
- 1953 *Reportaje* (Fernández) (as Damian); *Gitana tenias que ser* (Baledón) (as Pablo Mendoza)
- 1954 *Cuidado con el ser* (Baledón) (as Salvador Allende); *Cuidado con el amor* (Zacarías) (as Salvador Allende); *El mil amores* (González) (as Bibiano Villarreal); *Escuela de vagabundos* (González) (as Alberto Medina); *La vida no vale nada* (González) (as Pablo Galván); *Pueblo, canto, y esperanza* (González) (as Lencho Jiménez); *Los Gavilanes* (Oroná) (as Juan Menchaca)
- 1955 *Escuela de música* (Zacarías) (as Javier Prado); *La tercera palabra* (Soler) (as Pablo Saldaña); *El inocente* (González) (as Cutberto Gaudázar “Cruci”); *Pablo y Carolina* (de la Serna) (as Pablo Garza)
- 1956 *Tizoc* (Rodríguez) (title role); *Escuela de rateros* (González) (as Raúl Cuesta Hernández and Victor Valdés)

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Some 30 years after his death, Pedro Infante, the unrivaled idol of Mexican film, remains alive in the culture of Latin America. More a personality than an actor, it could be said that Infante essentially played himself on the screen: an open, uncomplicated, and sincere representative of the people. His most memorable roles cast him as an

urban worker or a rural charro, the Mexican cowboy. In contrast to the icy distance of similar male actors such as Jorge Negrete or Pedro Armendáriz, Infante recognized and reveled in the audience's presence, often looking directly into the camera, winking and laughing, while singing his *rancheras*. He charmed everyone but the bad guys as he sang and acted his way through screen vehicles usually constructed around him. Directors, co-stars, and scriptwriters were of secondary importance; everyone from Tierra del Fuego to the Rio Grande went to see Pedro.

Although he demonstrated his acting skills by playing multiple roles in several films, he was at his best in the male-bonding movies such as *Dos tipos de cuidado* ("Two wild and crazy guys") *A toda máquina* ("Full speed ahead"), and *¿Qué te ha dado esa mujer?* ("What did that woman give you?"). In *Dos tipos* Infante pointed to the primacy of the male-male relationship in machismo when he compared treachery by a woman and a man: "When a woman betrays us, well, we forgive her—because finally she's a woman. But, when we're betrayed by the man we think is our best friend—ay, Chihuahua—that really hurts." In *Dicen que soy mujeriego* ("They say I'm a womanizer"—a reference to Infante's off-screen exploits), Infante undercuts the expectation created by the film's title that a typically macho attitude towards women would be displayed. Instead he suggested that it is more virile to suffer than to cause suffering, dolefully complaining, "They say I'm a womanizer who plays around, but I feel lonely."

A folk hero who could be tender or sentimental without compromising his masculine image, Infante met his end in the flamboyant manner that gives meaning to such a character. He felt that although his first wife had made him an actor, God had made him a pilot. Other flyers demurred, describing him as "loco"—a judgment confirmed by several near-fatal crashes prior to the final one. His funeral was a tumultuous event, complete with thousands of mourners, the leading stars of Mexican cinema, and mariachi bands. He is still the idol of the popular classes: his films are shown weekly on Mexican television, his records sell widely, and some 10,000 people attended an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of his death. The vitality of Pedro Infante—his style, grace, and charm—has not lost its allure.

—John Mraz

IRONS, Jeremy

Nationality: British. **Born:** Jeremy John Irons in Cowes, the Isle of Wight, Hampshire, 19 September 1948. **Education:** Studied at Sherborne School and the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. **Family:** Married 1) Julie Hallam; 2) the actress Sinead Cusack, 1978, sons: Samuel and Maximilian. **Career:** 1971—actor for Bristol Old Vic repertory company; subsequent stage work includes *Godspell*, 1972–73, *Wild Oats* for the Royal Shakespeare Company, 1976, *The Real Thing* on Broadway, 1983, and *The Rover*, *The Winter's Tale*, and *Richard II* for the RSC, late 1980s; 1974—in TV mini-series *Notorious Woman*; 1979—in TV mini-series *Love for Lydia*; 1980—film debut in *Nijinsky*; 1981—role as Charles Ryder in *Brideshead Revisited* mini-series for TV; 1985—directed video promo for Carly Simon; 1990—narrator for TV mini-series *The Civil War*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Award, New York Film Critics, for *Dead Ringers*, 1988; Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor Award, Los Angeles Film Critics,

for *Reversal of Fortune*, 1990. **Address:** 194 Old Brompton Street, London SW5, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *Nijinsky* (Ross) (as Mikhail Fokine)
- 1981 *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (Reisz) (as Charles Smithson/Mike)
- 1982 *Moonlighting* (Skolimowski) (as Nowak)
- 1983 *Betrayal* (David Jones) (as Jerry); *The Wild Duck* (Safran) (as Harold Ackland)
- 1984 *Swann in Love* (*Un Amour de Swann*) (Schlöndorff) (as Charles Swann)
- 1986 *The Mission* (Joffé) (as Father Gabriel); *The Statue of Liberty* (Ken Burns—doc) (as voice)
- 1988 *Dead Ringers* (Cronenberg) (as Beverly and Elliot Mantle)
- 1989 *A Chorus of Disapproval* (Winner) (as Guy Jones); *Danny, the Champion of the World* (Millar—for TV) (as William Smith); *Australia* (Andrien) (as Edouard Pierson)
- 1990 *Reversal of Fortune* (Schroeder) (as Claus von Bulow)
- 1991 *Operation Zebracka* (*Zebracka Opera*) (Golan and Menzel) (as prisoner); *Kafka* (Soderbergh) (as Franz Kafka)
- 1992 *Waterland* (Gyllenhaal) (as Tom Crick); *Damage* (Malle) (as Dr. Stephen Fleming); *Tales from Hollywood* (Davies—for TV) (as Odon Von Horvath); *From Time to Time* (Blyth) (as H. G. Wells)
- 1993 *M. Butterfly* (Cronenberg) (as Rene Gallimard); *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Esteban Trueba); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice)
- 1994 *The Lion King* (Minkoff—animation) (as voice of Scar)
- 1995 *Die Hard with a Vengeance* (McTiernan) (as Simon Peter Gruber)
- 1996 *Lolita* (Lyne) (as Humbert Humbert); *Stealing Beauty* (Bertolucci) (Alex Parrish)
- 1997 *Chinese Box* (Wang) (as John)
- 1998 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Wallace) (as Aramis)

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- "Humbert's Humbert: Lolita," interview with Mick James, in *Sight & Sound*, May 1998.



Jeremy Irons (right) with Robert De Niro in *The Mission*

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With his first major role in *The French Lieutenant's Woman* starring opposite Meryl Streep, Jeremy Irons's screen presence as an up-and-coming dramatic actor attracted an enormous amount of

attention. Beginning his career on stage, Irons worked with the Bristol Old Vic repertory company and the Royal Shakespeare Company in the 1970s. Throughout his stardom, he has remained devoted to stage performances, with a major Broadway performance, *The Real Thing* by Tom Stoppard, and a few productions with the Royal Shakespeare Company in the late 1980s. In that Irons is a relatively young actor, whose film career has spanned just over two decades, it is far too early to come to any conclusive view of his accomplishment.

Irons's striking matinee idol looks and melodious voice, his classical training and devotion to the theater, have resulted in gratuitous and premature comparisons to the young Laurence Olivier. Although potentially capable of Olivier's range, Irons gives the appearance of being a much more consciously restrained actor than Olivier, one less given to the bravura turn, more concerned with the *repressed* elements in the characters he plays than with their tempestuous external behavior. Even his most flamboyant roles—including his tours de force in *Reversal of Fortune* and *Dead Ringers*—convey the notion that Irons defers instinctively to the subtle nuance and unarticulated silence more readily associated with his parts in works such as Pinter's *Betrayal*, in which characters reveal as little as possible by speaking in ellipses. ("I'm very interested in what one

conveys without words because I think it's one of the ways we communicate best in films or plays," he said in 1984. "I hate *acting* acting, seeing the wheels turn," he once told an interviewer. "I dislike the vulgarity of excessive effort.")

The dual roles Irons plays in *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (a screen adaptation of John Fowles's novel by Pinter), complemented by Streep's equally powerful performance, trace the shocking similarities between the Victorian era and its modern counterpart. As Damian Cannon puts it: "A classical tale of passion, betrayal and loss is related using a mixture of Victorian costume drama and contemporary fiction." In the film and the film within the film, Irons successfully portrays two men swamped by the mysterious power of love, or, more accurately, that of obsession and descending into the spiral of ultimate despair. Marked by his looks of confused desires and an increasingly warped physique and psyche, the two characters, in different time zones, mesh into one perpetual image of loss. Irons's next major role came as the Jesuit priest in Roland Joffé's award-winning film, *The Mission*. Despite the highly problematic, revisionist treatment of eighteenth-century colonialism in South America, Irons and Robert De Niro (playing Father Mendoza, a former slaver) render convincing portrayals of two sides of religious faith. While De Niro relentlessly emits powerhouse forcefulness out of repentance and a hope for redemption, Irons quietly yet unblinkingly sustains an iron will for sainthood through martyrdom.

Irons's acting, however, did not get official recognition until another dual role performance in David Cronenberg's 1988 *Dead Ringers*. Hailed as the best actor of the year by the New York Film Critics, Irons plays Elliot and Beverly Mantle, twin doctors, both gynecologists, both sexually deviant, obsessed men. One is a dashing playboy, the other inhibited and private. One becomes addicted to drugs, the other, in attempting to cure him, becomes hooked as well. One woos women, the other impersonates him in order to sleep with the women his twin has wooed and won. Both die a mutually macabre death. The ingredients of a Cronenberg horror film are present, a fact excessively trumpeted in the film's inappropriate marketing, but the

literary screenplay and Irons's dazzling, contrasting performance as the twins properly emphasized the film's true focus on filial obsession and descent into madness.

The most important role for Irons to date, however, came two years later as the mysterious Dutch socialite, Claus von Bulow, in Schroeder's *Reversal of Fortune* in 1990. In this Oscar-winning role, Irons plays a "cold, emotionless, and calculating" (Mark R. Leeper) European aristocrat who has been found guilty of the attempted murder of his wife (played brilliantly by Glenn Close). Hiring a trial lawyer and professor of law Alan Dershowitz to defend him, von Bulow enigmatizes his entire defense team by his immaculately articulate power of speech and cultured yet ominous demeanor demonstrating absolute self-control. With or without words, Irons's performance balances the detached charm and wit of the sophisticated rake of Restoration comedy (who never takes himself too seriously) with an antithetical air of menace calculated to invite speculation that von Bulow may indeed be a man capable of unspeakable acts. It is a difficult role that requires succinctly enunciated words and gesture, speech and the "unspeakable." It is also in a role like this that one sees most clearly Irons's ability to interlace the precision of stage acting and the minute yet significant details that filmic language is best at revealing.

For many, Irons's performances in both Louis Malle's 1992 *Damage* and Cronenberg's 1993 *M. Butterfly* came as a double disappointment. The mediocrity of both films, however, seems less a shock than the cardboard villain he plays in McTiernan's 1995 *Die Hard with a Vengeance*. Simon—brother of the terrorist, Hans, in the first *Die Hard*—is played with an embarrassing combination of Hopperish delirium and Travoltarian pretentious unwitting. His performance in the remake of the classic *Lolita* represented a great improvement, capturing with skill and subtlety the melancholy of Nabokov's tortured Humbert Humbert.

—Mark W. Estrin, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

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JACKSON, Glenda

Nationality: British. **Born:** Hoylake, Merseyside, 9 May 1936. **Education:** Attended West Kirby County Grammar School for Girls; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married Roy Hodges (divorced), son: Daniel. **Career:** 1957—London debut in *All Kinds of Men*; 1963—film debut in *This Sporting Life*; 1964—critically acclaimed role in *Marat/Sade* for Royal Shakespeare Company, London; also made Broadway debut in this role, and played it in film; 1971—in TV mini-series *Elizabeth R*; 1974—on stage as *Hedda Gabler*; from 1970s—continues to work in films and on stage; 1983—joined United British Artists production group; 1985—on stage in *Strange Interlude*; 1988—on stage in *Macbeth* as Lady Macbeth; 1990—selected as parliamentary candidate for the Labour Party, lost election; 1992—elected to House of Commons for the Labour Party, representing Hampstead and Highgate; 1997–1999—Transportation Minister in the British Government; announced her retirement from acting. **Awards:** Best Actress, Academy Award, National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Actress, Best Actress award, from the New York Film Critics, and D. W. Griffith Award from the National Board of Review, for *Women in Love*, 1970; two Emmy awards for performances in *Elizabeth R*, 1971; Etoile de Cristal, 1972; Best Actress, British Academy, and David Di Donatello award (Italy), for *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*, 1971; Best Actress, Academy Award, for *A Touch of Class*, 1973; Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1978; D. W. Griffith Award from National Board of Review for Best Actress, and Best Actress Award, New York Film Critics, for *Stevie*, 1981. **Agent:** Crouch Associates, 59 Frith Street, London W1, England.

Films as Actresses:

- 1963 *This Sporting Life* (Anderson) (bit role)
- 1965 *Benefit of the Doubt* (Whitehead) (documentary appearance in on-stage role)
- 1967 *Marat/Sade* (Brook) (as Charlotte Corday)
- 1968 *Tell Me Lies* (Brook); *Negatives* (Medak) (as Vivien)
- 1970 *Women in Love* (Russell) (as Gudrun Brangwen)
- 1971 *The Music Lovers* (Russell) (as Nina Milyukova); *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* (Schlesinger) (as Alex Greville); *Mary, Queen of Scots* (Jarrott) (as Elizabeth I); *The Boy Friend* (Russell) (as Rita)
- 1973 *Triple Echo* (Apted) (as Alice); *A Bequest to the Nation (The Nelson Affair)* (Jones) (as Emma Hamilton); *A Touch of Class* (Frank) (as Vicki Alleccio); *Il sorriso del grande tentatore (The Tempter; The Devil Is a Woman)* (Damiani) (as Sister Geraldine)

- 1974 *The Maids* (Miles) (as Solange)
- 1975 *The Romantic Englishwoman* (Losey) (as Elizabeth Fielding); *Hedda* (Nunn) (title role)
- 1976 *The Incredible Sarah* (Fleischer) (as Sarah Bernhardt); *Nasty Habits* (Lindsay-Hogg) (as Alexandra)
- 1978 *House Calls* (Zieff) (as Ann Atkinson); *Stevie* (Enders) (title role)
- 1979 *Lost and Found* (Frank) (as Tricia); *The Class of Miss MacMichael* (Narizzano) (as Conor MacMichael); *Build Me a World* (Gane—doc) (as narrator)
- 1980 *Hopscotch* (Neame) (as Isobel von Schmidt); *Health* (Altman)
- 1981 *Stop Polio* (Keefe—doc) (as narrator); *The Patricia Neal Story* (Page and Harvey—for TV) (title role)
- 1982 *The Return of the Soldier* (Bridges) (as Margaret); *Giro City* (Karl Francis—for TV) (as Sophie)
- 1984 *And Nothing but the Truth* (Francis); *Sakharov* (Gold—for TV) (as Elena Bonner)
- 1985 *Turtle Diary* (Irvin) (as Nearer)
- 1986 *Man-Made Famine* (Sauvageot)
- 1987 *Beyond Therapy* (Altman) (as Charlotte); *Business as Usual* (Barrett) (as Babs Flynn)
- 1988 *Salome's Last Dance* (Russell) (as Herodias/Lady Alice); *Strange Interlude* (Wise)
- 1989 *The Rainbow* (Russell) (as Anna Brangwen); *King of the Wind* (Duffell) (as Queen Caroline)
- 1990 *Doombeach* (Finbow) (as Miss); *Open Space: Death on Delivery* (TV doc)
- 1991 *The Castle* (Foreman); *A Murder of Quality* (Millar); *The House of Bernarda Alba* (for TV)
- 1992 *Secret Life of Sir Arnold Bax* (Russell—for TV) (as Harriet Cohen)
- 1999 *Jerry Springer on Sunday* (as herself—for TV)

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Radio Times (London), 18 July 1992.

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A stage-trained British actress, Glenda Jackson worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company and for Peter Brook before entering films. Her first important film performance was the re-creation of her stage role in Brook's filming of his own stage production of the Peter Weiss play *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as*

Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade (Marat/Sade). Though not comprehensively distributed, the film excited critics in part because of Jackson's bold performance as the narcoleptic inmate. Critical acclaim and an Academy Award came to her in 1970 for her performance as Gudrun in Ken Russell's adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's *Women in Love*. In a cold and often repellent interpretation, Jackson created a Gudrun who is sexually driven, intelligent, lyrical, and aloof.

Jackson is noted for her full and expressive voice, her theatrical diction, and performances based less on naturalistic precepts than a declamatory theatrical tradition. Her face, though sometimes charged with eroticism, is by no means conventionally attractive, nor is her body, often bared in her films. Her dark, probing eyes are vaguely unsettling, and her mannerisms of touching her tongue to her teeth and curling her lips are both erotic and unpleasant. Her presence, which is considerable, demands attention and attracts the eye; her assured self-consciousness about her technique helps her to create a variety of characterizations. She followed her performance in *Women in Love* by starring in another Russell film, *The Music Lovers*, playing Tchaikovsky's nymphomaniac wife. It was a powerful, all-out performance in a film of such visual and sexual excess that many

critics recoiled. Jackson subsequently made a small industry of playing Queen Elizabeth, first in *Elizabeth R*, a series for British television which was more responsible than anything else for gaining Jackson her American stardom, and then in the film *Mary, Queen of Scots*, opposite Vanessa Redgrave as Mary. The two women gave extraordinary and completely different kinds of performances: Jackson's stylized and mannered, Redgrave's more naturalistic and lyrical—a contrast that perfectly expressed the differences between the characters.

The remainder of Jackson's film roles are noteworthy for their variety: as a woman who begins an affair with a married man in an American screwball comedy, *A Touch of Class*, in which Jackson proved surprisingly adept at repartee and slapstick, and for which she won her second Academy Award; as Hedda Gabler in the virtually undistributed *Hedda*, for which Jackson adapted her controversial stage performance and was given an Academy Award nomination; as poet Stevie Smith in *Stevie*, also based on a stage role, which presented a wry and much warmer Jackson than had heretofore been seen; as the contemporary heroine of John Schelsinger's *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*, an examination of a love triangle with a bisexual apex, for which Jackson received another Academy Award nomination; as a conniving and conspiratorial nun patterned after Richard Nixon in the Watergate-inspired comedy, *Nasty Habits*; as Sarah Bernhardt in the underrated *The Incredible Sarah*, in which Jackson was also given the opportunity to portray Bernhardt acting in her most famous roles, including Joan of Arc and Camille; as an Adlai-Stevenson-inspired, health faddist and possible transsexual, in Robert Altman's comedy *Health*; and as the repressed heroine in the odd, Harold Pinter-written love story, *Turtle Diary*.

Jackson's reputation as a film actress has declined somewhat in recent years, with the critical judgment that her screen persona remains unusually cold, whatever the role, and that her technique, from film to film, tends to be too unvarying. Unlike, say, Meryl Streep, who is the master of accents, Jackson has been unwilling, for example, to adjust her declamatory vocal technique—even in otherwise powerful, biographical performances in *The Patricia Neal Story* and *Sakharov* (both for television), playing well-known women (from Kentucky and Russia) who sound not even vaguely like Jackson. And yet it must be noted that Jackson has garnered extraordinary notice for her stage work in this period, including raves for the 1985 *Strange Interlude* (which has been preserved on video for television) and fascination for her controversial 1988 stage performance as Lady Macbeth. Perhaps the truth is that Jackson has a strong understanding of her own strengths and weaknesses and therefore sees no need to push beyond them; if she has lost some of her passion for acting, she has found her passion for politics and social commitment growing ever greater. Certainly, this political passion has been present as far back as her earliest, professional theatrical experiences (such as Peter Brook's anti-Vietnam play and film, *Tell Me Lies*). Clearly, *Sakharov* interested Jackson because playing Elena Bonner allowed her to make a statement about human rights; similarly, *Business as Usual* was a pro-labor, didactic drama that allowed Jackson to comment upon sexual harassment in Margaret Thatcher's England. Although Jackson made up with director Ken Russell, with whom she had had a falling out, to appear in *Salome's Last Dance* and, more notably, to appear in *The Rainbow* in the role of Anna Brangwen (the mother of Gudrun, the character she played in *Women in Love*), Jackson has

virtually retired from acting, since her election to a seat in the British House of Commons, representing a working-class neighborhood for the Labour Party.

—Charles Derry

JACKSON, Samuel L.

Nationality: American. **Born:** Atlanta, Georgia, 21 December 1948. **Family:** Married the actress LaTanya Richardson (1980); child: Zoe. **Education:** Attended Morehouse College, major in theater arts. **Career:** Worked in the theater, 1970s-80s; made his screen debut in *Together for Days*, 1972; originated the roles of Willie Boy and Wolf on stage in August Wilson's *The Piano Lesson* and *Two Trains Running* at the Yale Rep, late 1980s; co-founder of the Just Us Theater Company, Atlanta, Georgia. **Awards:** Cannes Film Festival Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, for *Jungle Fever*, 1991; Best Supporting Actor British Academy Award, Best Male Lead Independent Spirit Award for *Pulp Fiction*, 1994; Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture Image Award, for *A Time to Kill*, 1996; Best First Feature (as co-executive producer) Independent Spirit Award, for *Eve's Bayou*, 1997; Berlin Film Festival Best Actor, for *Jackie Brown*, 1997. **Agent:** ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.



Samuel L. Jackson and Lynn Whitfield in *Eve's Bayou*

Films as Actor:

- 1972 *Together for Days* (Schultz) (as Stan)
 1976 *The Displaced Person* (Jordan—for TV)
 1981 *Ragtime* (Forman) (as gang member no. 2)
 1987 *Eddie Murphy Raw* (Townsend) (as Eddie's Uncle); *Magic Sticks* (Keglevic) (as Bum); *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (Lathan—for TV) (as George)
 1988 *Coming to America* (Landis) (as hold-up man); *School Daze* (Spike Lee) (as Leeds)
 1989 *Sea of Love* (Becker) (as black guy); *Do the Right Thing* (Spike Lee) (as Senor Love Daddy); *Dead Man Out* (Pearce—for TV) (as Calvin Fredricks)
 1990 *GoodFellas* (Scorsese) (as Stack Edwards); *Mo' Better Blues* (Spike Lee) (as Madlock); *Def by Temptation* (Bond III) (as Minister Garth); *A Shock to the System* (Egleson) (as Ulysses); *Betsy's Wedding* (Alda) (as taxi dispatcher); *The Exorcist III (The Exorcist III: Legion)* (Blatty) (as Dream Blind Man); *The Return of Superfly* (Shore) (as Nate); *Common Ground* (Newell—for TV) (as the Reverend Bob McClain)
 1991 *Jungle Fever* (Spike Lee) (as Gator Purify); *Strictly Business* (Hooks) (as Monroe); *Dead and Alive: The Race for Gus Farace (Mob Justice)* (Markle—for TV)
 1992 *Patriot Games* (Noyce) (as Robby); *White Sands* (Donaldson) (as Greg Meeker); *Jumpin' at the Boneyard* (Stanzler) (as Mr. Simpson); *Juice* (Dickerson) (as Trip); *Johnny Suede* (DiCillo) (as B-Bop); *Fathers and Sons* (Paul Mones) (as Marshall)
 1993 *Amos & Andrew* (Frye) (as Andrew Sterling); *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1* (Quintano) (as Wes Luger); *Menace II Society* (Allen Hughes and Albert Hughes) (as Tat Lawson); *Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Arnold); *True Romance* (Tony Scott) (as Big Don); *The Meteor Man* (Robert Townsend) (as Dre); *Simple Justice* (Helaine Head—for TV) (as the Steward)
 1994 *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Jules Winnfield); *The New Age* (Tolkin) (as Dale Deveau); *Fresh* (Yakin) (as Sam); *Hail Caesar* (Anthony Michael Hall) (as mailman); *Assault at West Point: The Court-Martial of Johnson Whittaker* (Moses—for TV) (as Richard Greener); *Against the Wall* (Frankenheimer—for TV) (as Jamaal); *Quentin Tarantino: Hollywood's Boy Wonder* (Thompson—for TV) (doc) (as himself)
 1995 *Losing Isaiah* (Gyllenhaal) (as Kadar Lewis); *Kiss of Death* (Schroeder) (as Calvin); *Die Hard with a Vengeance* (McTiernan) (as Zeus); *Fluke* (Carlei) (as voice of Rumbo)
 1996 *The Great White Hype* (Hudlin) (as the Rev. Fred Sultan); *A Time to Kill* (Joel Schumacher) (as Carl Lee Hailey); *The Long Kiss Goodnight* (Harlin) (as Mitch Hennessey)
 1997 *Eve's Bayou* (Lemmons) (as Louis Batiste) (+ co-exec pr); *One Eight Seven (187)* (Reynolds) (as Trevor Garfield); *Jackie Brown* (Tarantino) (as Ordell Robbie)
 1998 *Le rouge violon (The Red Violin)* (Girard) (as Charles Morritz); *All Saints: The First Video* (as himself-uncredited); *Sphere* (Levinson) (as Harry Adams); *Out of Sight* (Soderbergh) (as Hejira-uncredited); *The Negotiator* (Gray) (as Danny Roman)
 1999 *Deep Blue Sea* (Harlin) (as Russell Franklin); *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace* (Lucas) (as Mace Windu);

From Star Wars to Star Wars: The Story of Industrial Light and Magic (Kroll) (as host)

- 2000 *Rules of Engagement* (Friedkin) (as Colonel Terry L. Childers); *Shaft Returns* (Singleton) (as John Shaft); *Caveman's Valentine* (Lemmons) (as Romulus Ledbetter) (+ co-exec pr); *The 51st State* (Yu) (as Elmo McElroy) (+ pr); *Mefisto in Onyx* (Widen) (+ pr)

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The early career of Samuel L. Jackson closely parallels that of another exemplary African-American character actor, Morgan Freeman. Both worked for years on stage and had unimportant movie roles before cementing their reputations in searing, eye-opening, award-caliber supporting performances.

In *Street Smart*, Freeman played a vicious pimp; in *Jungle Fever*, Jackson is brilliant as the pitiful, crack-addicted brother of the film's main character (Wesley Snipes). Jackson's Gator Purify constantly hits on brother Flipper for money and favors, endlessly and pathetically promising to clean up his life. He is a burden not only to Flipper but to his righteous parents. Nevertheless, Gator is not just another stereotypical African-American street hustler, a black villain in a story whose heroes all are white. *Jungle Fever* is directed by an African American, Spike Lee; while the character serves to mirror a certain very real segment of the urban black population, in the context of the story it is clear that he represents just one of many

aspects of that community. Jackson's riveting performance did not go unnoticed by critics. The actor may have failed to earn a well-deserved Oscar nomination, but he was cited with the first-ever Best Supporting Performance award at the Cannes Film Festival.

After establishing themselves in their breakthrough roles, the careers of Jackson and Morgan Freeman veer in different directions. On more than one occasion, Freeman has played characters who are sweetly sympathetic and gentle, or quietly commanding, while Jackson's roles—even when cast as a hero—mostly remain hard-edged and frenetic. He is most fun to watch when playing such characters, whether they are the baddest of the bad or the best of the best.

In the 1990s, Jackson has been one of our most prolific movie actors, consistently bringing a raw, kinetic energy to his work. He appeared in roles of varying lengths in mega-budget epics whose scenarios are driven not by character exploration but by stunts and special effects (*Jurassic Park*, *Die Hard with a Vengeance*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace*); less splashier, more character-driven Hollywood fare (*Losing Isaiah*, *Kiss of Death*); made-for-television movies (*Against the Wall*, *Assault at West Point: The Court-Martial of Johnson Whittaker*); and high-profile releases of the New Wave of African-American filmmakers (the Hughes brothers' *Menace II Society*, Ernest Dickerson's *Juice*, and Kasi Lemmons's *Eve's Bayou*, in addition to *Jungle Fever*). Earlier, the actor also had roles in Lee's *Do the Right Thing* and *Mo' Better Blues*.

Four Jackson performances—each in a very different role—serve to exemplify the actor's unflinching excellence and electrifying screen presence. In Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, he has the showy role of Jules Winnfield, the bible-spouting hitman who is companion to John Travolta's Vincent Vega. (Jackson plays a not-dissimilar character, an epithet-spewing creep, in *Jackie Brown*, Tarantino's follow-up feature.) In William Friedkin's *Rules of Engagement*, he is Colonel Terry Childers, a fiercely proud, ultra-patriotic career marine who is set up by a Washington bureaucrat and subjected to an unjust court-martial for doing his duty during a tough assignment in Yemen. In Michael Tolkin's *The New Age*, he plays Dale Deveau, a "New Age" psychological motivator who shows up in the film's final section to inspire the main character (Peter Weller). And in Stephen Gyllenhaal's *Losing Isaiah*, he is Kadar Lewis, an attorney who encourages a former crack addict (Halle Berry) to reclaim her young son, who has been adopted by a white family.

In each film, Jackson is surrounded by outstanding actors. Yet whenever he is spouting dialogue—whether confronting and confounding "those who are about to die" in *Pulp Fiction*, soldiering heroically and later being assaulted in a courtroom in *Rules of Engagement*, doing his high-pressure sermonizing in *The New Age*, or declaring that black babies belong with black mothers in *Losing Isaiah*—all other performers and all other action around him cease to exist.

—Rob Edelman

JANNINGS, Emil

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Theodor Friedrich Emil Janenz in Rohrschach, Switzerland, 23 July 1884, of American father and German mother; naturalized Austrian citizen, 1947. **Family:** Married 1) Hanna Ralph; 2) Lucie Höflich; 3) the actress Gussy Holl. **Career:**

After a short stint as a cook on a cargo boat, joined Gardelegen theater company at age 18; 1906—joined Max Reinhardt's Berlin theater as established actor; 1914—film debut in *Im Schützengraben*; 1927–29—made several films in Hollywood; early 1930s—formed the Deutsches Theater in Berlin; 1934—supervisor of State Theater; 1938—chairman of Tobis Film Company, which produced his films; 1941—became Artist of the State; 1944—last film *Wo ist Herr Belling?* not completed; blacklisted after the war, and made no more films though he was officially "de-Nazified." **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *The Last Command* and *The Way of All Flesh*, 1927–28; Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Der Herrscher*, 1937. **Died:** In Stroblhof, Austria, 2 January 1950.

Films as Actor:

- 1914 *Im Schützengraben* (Schmidthässler)
- 1916 *Frau Eva* (Wiene); *Im Angesicht des Toten*; *Aus Mangel an Beweisen* (Edel); *Passionels Tagebuch* (Ralph); *Stein unter Steinen* (Basch); *Nächte des Grauens* (Robison); *Der Zehnte Pavillon der Zitadelle* (Kaden); *Die Bettlerin von St. Marien* (Halm); *Unheilbar* (Hanus)
- 1917 *Die Ehe der Luise Rohrbach* (Biebrach); *Das Geschäft* (Reicher); *Lulu* (von Antalfy); *Wenn vier dasselbe tun* (Lubitsch); *Das Fidele Gefängnis* (Lubitsch); *Der Ring der Giuditta Foscari* (Halm)
- 1918 *Nach zwanzig Jahren* (Zeyn); *Die Augen der Mumie Ma* (*The Eyes of the Mummy*) (Lubitsch) (as Radu)
- 1918–19 *Keimendes Leben* (2 parts) (Jacoby)
- 1919 *Der Mann der Tat* (Janson); *Vendetta* (Jacoby); *Die Tochter des Mehemed* (Halm); *Madame DuBarry* (*Passion*) (Lubitsch) (as Louis XV)
- 1920 *Kohlhiesels Töchter* (Lubitsch) (as Peer Xavero); *Die Brüder Karamasoff* (*The Brothers Karamazov*) (Froelich) (as Mitya); *Das grosse Licht* (Henning); *Algol* (Werckmeister); *Colombine* (Hartwig); *Der Schädel der Pharaonentochter* (Tollen); *Anna Boleyn* (Lubitsch) (as Henry VIII)
- 1921 *Der Stier von Olivera* (Schönfelder); *Der Schwur des Peter Hergatz* (Halm); *Danton* (Buchowetzki) (title role); *Die Ratten* (Kobe); *Das Weib des Pharao* (*Loves of Pharaoh*) (Lubitsch) (as Amenos)
- 1922 *Othello* (Buchowetzki) (title role); *Peter der Grosse* (Buchowetzki) (title role)
- 1923 *Tragödie der Liebe* (May) (as Ombrade); *Alles für Geld* (*Fortune's Fool*) (Schünzel); *Das Wachsfingerkabinett* (*Waxworks*) (Leni) (as Haroun-al-Rachid); *Quo Vadis* (Jacoby and d'Annunzio) (as Nero)
- 1924 *Nju* (*Husbands or Lovers*) (Czinner); *Der letzte Mann* (*The Last Laugh*) (Murnau) (as Doorman)
- 1925 *Liebe macht blind* (Mendes); *Variété* (Dupont) (as Boss); *Tartuff* (*Herr Tartuff*) (Murnau) (title role)
- 1926 *Faust: Eine deutsche Volkssage* (Murnau) (as Mephisto)
- 1927 *The Way of All Flesh* (Fleming) (as August Schillings)
- 1928 *The Last Command* (von Sternberg); *The Street of Sin* (*King of Soho*) (Stiller); *The Patriot* (Lubitsch) (as Paul I); *Sins of the Father* (Berger)
- 1929 *Betrayal* (Milestone)
- 1930 *Der blaue Engel* (*The Blue Angel*) (von Sternberg) (as Prof. Unrath); *Liebling der Götter* (*Darling of the Gods*) (Schwartz)

- 1931 *Stürme der Leidenschaft (Storms of Passion)* (Siodmak)
 1933 *Die Abenteuer des Königs Pausole (König Pausole; The Merry Monarch)* (Granowsky) (title role)
 1934 *Der schwarze Walfisch* (Wendhausen) (as César)
 1935 *Der alte und der junge König* (Steinhoff)
 1936 *Traumulus* (Froelich)
 1937 *Der Herrscher* (Harlan); *Der zerbrochene Krug* (Ucicky)
 1939 *Robert Koch* (Steinhoff) (title role)
 1941 *Ohm Krüger* (Steinhoff) (as Krüger)
 1942 *Die Entlassung* (Liebeneiner) (as Bismarck, + pr)
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One of the great pleasures of film-going in the mid-1920s was to see the latest film starring the well-known German actor Emil Jannings. Of all the theater people who lent their talents to the new medium, he was arguably the greatest. In the 1920s he created a gallery of historical characters as well as people of his own time. Just after World War I, German films were not welcomed in the Allied countries, a fact advertised by numerous distribution companies. One of the first films to break this embargo was Ernst Lubitsch's *Madame DuBarry*. Made in 1919 by an industry remarkable for its technical skills and the high artistic quality of its product, it was not released in the United States and western Europe until years later. Jannings portrayed Louis XV of France, making an impact that was to continue through his career.

Born of an American father and a German mother, the young Theodor Friedrich Emil Janenz took his first job as an assistant cook on a small cargo boat bound for London. Returning home, he toured Central Europe for a number of years as a member of the Gardelegen troupe of stage players. Eventually he joined the company of theatrical genius Max Reinhardt where his colleagues included Conrad Veidt, Werner Kraus, Paul Wegener, Lucie Hoflich, and Ernst Lubitsch. In 1914 he worked in some minor films and the following year he played in *Nächte des Grauens*, a typical horror film of its time. He then appeared in his first starring role in *Frau Eva*. Next Jannings was directed in three films by his old friend Lubitsch, of which the most important was *Die Augen der Mumie Ma*, before appearing in Lubitsch's spectacular *Madame DuBarry*.

Jannings furthered his popularity and status by making a number of films with the actress Henny Porten and the director Dmitri Buchowetzki. By 1924 he had established a worldwide reputation as a great actor. He starred with Conrad Veidt and Elisabeth Bergner in Paul Czinner's *Nju* and as the jealous trapeze artist in E. A. Dupont's *Variété*. His association with F. W. Murnau led to the three masterpieces which will be his monument: *Der letzte Mann*, *Tartuffe*, and *Faust*. In *Der letzte Mann* he gave what most consider his greatest performance as an old hotel porter too weak for his job, who is reduced to working in the basement lavatories. His smug *Tartuffe* was full of subtle nuance, while his Mephistopheles was played with a slightly humorous cynicism that still suggested the blazing anarchy underneath. Even with an ego as great as his talent, Jannings subordinated himself to the disciplines of his art.

Jannings now sought a larger field for his activities and accepted an invitation from Paramount to play in the United States. Many of his old colleagues had already travelled west. He moved to Hollywood where he lived like a prince with his wife, Gussy. His first two films for Paramount, *The Way of All Flesh* and *The Last Command*, exploited his amazing capacity for the portrayal of suffering, and secured for Jannings the first Academy Award for best actor of 1927–28.

With the emergence of sound, Jannings returned to Germany, beginning a new career with the film best known to the present generation—*Der blaue Engel*. Jannings portrayed an old professor dragged to his destruction by an amoral cabaret singer played by Marlene Dietrich. Throughout the 1930s he continued to play large roles in film adaptations of Pierre Louys and Marcel Pagnol as well as more Germanic subjects such as Hauptmann's *Vor Sonnenuntergang* (*Der Herrscher*) and von Kleist's *Der zerbrochene Krug*.

With Hitler's rise to power, Jannings took full advantage of the opportunities the regime offered, playing in films that expressed the new morality and gave him good parts. His last film, *Wo ist Herr Belling?*, was never completed due to his suffering from intense

neurasthenia. At the end of the war he retired to his estate on the Saltzkammergut in Austria. Much derogatory criticism has been written about Jannings's role within the Nazi regime. One writer would even remark, "Jannings was a miserable human being . . . uncultured and semi-illiterate." This seems to be little more than name calling, yet his participation in Nazism needs to be addressed.

No finer tribute could be paid him than that from his old director, Josef von Sternberg: "Jannings had every right to the universal praise that was his for many years, and his position in the history of the motion picture is secure, not only as a superlative performer but also as a source of inspiration for the writers and directors of his time. This in my opinion is the highest compliment within the scope of an actor to earn."

—Liam O'Leary

JOHNSON, Celia

Nationality: British. **Born:** Richmond, Surrey, 18 December 1908. **Education:** St. Paul's Girls' School, London; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married the writer Peter Fleming, 1935 (died 1971), one son and two daughters. **Career:** 1928—stage debut in *Major Barbara*, Huddersfield; 1934—film debut in *Dirty Work*; 1945—role in *Brief Encounter* gave her an international reputation; 1964–65—played in *The Master Builder* and *Hay Fever* in National Theatre season; 1971—played Gertrude in *Hamlet*, London. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Brief Encounter*, 1946; Best Supporting Actress, British Academy, for *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, 1969. Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1958; Dame Commander, 1981. **Died:** 25 April 1982.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Dirty Work* (Walls)
- 1941 *We Serve* (short); *A Letter from Home* (short)
- 1942 *In Which We Serve* (Coward) (as Alix Kinross)
- 1943 *Dear Octopus (The Randolph Family)* (French) (as Cynthia)
- 1944 *This Happy Breed* (Lean) (as Ethel Gibbons)
- 1945 ***Brief Encounter*** (Lean) (as Laura Jesson)
- 1950 *The Astonished Heart* (Darnborough and Fisher) (as Barbara Faber)
- 1952 *I Believe in You* (Dearden) (as Matty); *The Holly and the Ivy* (O'Ferrall) (as Jenny Gregory)
- 1953 *The Captain's Paradise* (Kimmins) (as Maud St. James)
- 1955 *A Kid for Two Farthings* (Reed) (as Joanna)
- 1957 *The Good Companions* (Lee Thompson) (as Miss Trant)
- 1969 *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (Neame) (as Miss Mackay)
- 1978 *Les Misérables* (Glenn Jordan—for TV)
- 1980 *The Hostage Tower* (Guzman—for TV); *Staying On* (Narizzano—for TV)

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Night. A suburban English railway station. As a train approaches at speed, a neatly dressed woman, bleak despair in her eyes, steps to the edge of the platform—and, at the last second, hesitates. Rachmaninov thunders on the soundtrack; the lights of the rushing train slap across the woman's face as she stands horrified by the nearness of death.

The dramatic climax of *Brief Encounter* also proved to be the climax of Celia Johnson's screen career. No matter what other roles she played, the near-adulterous, near-suicidal, suburban wife of David Lean's film was the part she was remembered for. Not without reason: the film's classic status rests on the intelligence, subtlety, and emotional honesty of her performance.

Not that Johnson made many films—less than a dozen features in all, and few of them particularly distinguished. The best were probably the three she made for Lean, all scripted by Noël Coward. *In Which We Serve* offered her little more than a cameo role, though beautifully executed; and she was clearly less than comfortable with a working-class part in *This Happy Breed*. Her range was a narrow one; within it she could be superb, but outside it her subtlety looked merely overcautious.

She also possessed a notable talent for sophisticated comedy, often displayed on stage but all too rarely on screen. As one of Alec Guinness's bigamous wives in *The Captain's Paradise*, she made the material seem better than it deserved; but her finest comic performance on film was in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, where her delicately acidulous Scots headmistress nearly stole the picture from Maggie Smith—no small achievement.

That was her last film, though *Staying On*, made for TV, reunited her with her co-star of *Brief Encounter*, Trevor Howard, and demonstrated that in the intervening years her playing had lost nothing of its warmth and quiet skill.

—Philip Kemp

JONES, James Earl

Nationality: American. **Born:** Arkabutla, Mississippi, 17 January 1931; son of the actor Robert Earl Jones. **Education:** Attended Norman Dickson High School, Brethren, Michigan; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, B.A. in drama 1953. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, 1953–55: lieutenant. **Family:** Married 1) Julianne Marie, 1967; 2) Cecilia Hart, 1982. **Career:** 1955–57—studied acting at American Theatre Wing, and with Lee Strasberg and Tad Danielewski, New York; 1955–59—performed in summer stock at Manistee Summer Theatre, Michigan; 1957—New York role in *Wedding in Japan*; 1961—breakthrough role in *The Blacks*, New York; 1964—title role in *Othello*, New York; also made film debut in *Dr. Strangelove*; 1965—continuing role in TV series *As the World Turns*; 1968—role in Broadway hit *The Great White Hope*, repeated in film version,



James Earl Jones (right) with Richard Harris in *Cry, the Beloved Country*

1970; in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, 1977, *Roots: The Next Generation*, 1979, and *Signs and Wonders*, 1996; in TV series *Paris*, 1979–80, *Me and Mom*, 1985, *Gabriel's Fire*, 1990–92, and *Under One Roof*, 1995. **Awards:** Emmy Awards, for *Gabriel's Fire*, and *Heat Wave*, 1990; National Medal of Arts, 1992. **Agent:** Bauman/Hiller, 5750 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 512, Los Angeles, CA 90036, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1964 *Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (Kubrick) (as Lt. Lothar Zagg)
- 1967 *The Comedians* (Glenville) (as Dr. Magiot)
- 1970 *King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis* (Lumet and Joseph L. Mankiewicz—doc) (as Dr. D); *The Great White Hope* (Ritt) (as Jack Jefferson)
- 1972 *Malcolm X* (Worth and Perc—doc) (as narrator); *The Man* (Sargent—for TV but released theatrically) (as President Douglass Dilman)
- 1974 *Claudine* (Berry) (as Roop)
- 1975 *The UFO Incident* (Colla—for TV)
- 1976 *Deadly Hero* (Nagy) (as Rabbit); *The River Niger* (Shah) (as Johnny Williams); *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings* (Badham) (as Leon); *Swashbuckler* (*The Scarlet Buccaneer*) (Goldstone) (as Nick Debrett)
- 1977 *Star Wars* (Lucas) (as voice of Darth Vader); *The Greatest* (Gries) (as Malcolm X); *Exorcist II: The Heretic* (Boorman) (as older Kokumo); *The Last Remake of Beau Geste* (Feldman) (as Sheikh Abdul); *A Piece of the Action* (Poitier) (as Joshua Burke); *The Greatest Thing That Almost Happened* (Moses—for TV)
- 1978 *The Bushido Blade* (Kotani) (as Harpooner); *Paul Robeson* (Lloyd Richards—for TV)
- 1980 *The Empire Strikes Back* (Kershner) (as voice of Darth Vader); *The Golden Moment: An Olympic Love Story* (Sarafian); *Guyana Tragedy: The Story of Jim Jones* (William A. Graham—for TV) (as Father Div)
- 1981 *Amy and the Angel* (Rosenblum—for TV) (as the Angel Gabriel)
- 1982 *Blood Tide* (Jeffries) (as Frye); *Conan the Barbarian* (Milius) (as Thulsa Doom)
- 1983 *Return of the Jedi* (Marquand) (as voice of Darth Vader)
- 1984 *The Vegas Strip War* (Englund—for TV) (as Jack Madrid); *Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp* (Burton—for TV)
- 1985 *1877: The Grand Army of Starvation* (Briers); *The Atlanta Child Murders* (Erman—for TV); *City Limits* (Lipstadt) (as Albert)

- 1986 *My Little Girl* (Kaiserman) (as Ike Bailey); *Soul Man* (Miner) (as Prof. Banks)
- 1987 *Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold* (Gary Nelson and Newt Arnold) (as Umslopogaas); *Gardens of Stone* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Sgt.-Major "Goody" Nelson); *Matewan* (Sayles) (as "Few Clothes" Johnson); *Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night* (Hal Sutherland—animation) (as voice of Emperor of the Night)
- 1988 *Coming to America* (Landis) (as King Jaffe Joffer)
- 1989 *Three Fugitives* (Veber) (as Detective Dugan); *Field of Dreams* (Robinson) (as Terence Mann); *Best of the Best* (Radler) (as Coach Couzo)
- 1990 *The Hunt for Red October* (McTiernan) (as Adm. James Greer); *Grim Prairie Tales* (Coe) (as Morrison); *Last Flight Out* (Elikann—for TV) (as Al Topping); *The Ambulance* (Cohen) (as Lt. Spencer); *Heat Wave* (Hooks—for TV) (as Junius Johnson); *Ivory Hunters* (*The Last Elephant*) (Sargent—for TV) (as Inspector Nkuru); *By Dawn's Early Light* (Sholder—for TV) (as Alice)
- 1991 *Terrorgram* (Kienzle) (as Voice of Retribution); *True Identity* (Lane) (as himself); *Convicts* (Masterson) (as Ben Johnson)
- 1992 *Scorchers* (Beaird) (as Bear); *Sneakers* (Robinson) (as Mr. Bernard Abbott); *Patriot Games* (Noyce) (as Adm. James Greer); *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—doc for TV) (as narrator)
- 1993 *Excessive Force* (Hess) (as Jake, the bar owner); *Percy and Thunder* (Dixon—for TV) (as Percy Banks); *Hallelujah* (Lane—for TV) (as Old Man Taylor); *The Meteor Man* (Townsend) (as Mr. Moses); *The Sandlot* (Evans) (as Mr. Mertle); *Sommersby* (Amiel) (as Judge Isaacs); *Dreamrider* (Bill Brown)
- 1994 *The Lion King* (Minkoff—animation) (as voice of Mufasa); *Clean Slate* (Mick Jackson) (as Dolby); *Clear and Present Danger* (Noyce) (as Adm. James Greer); *Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult* (Segal) (as himself, uncredited); *Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics* (Markowitz—for TV) (as host); *Africa: The Serengeti* (doc) (as narrator); *Confessions: Two Faces of Evil* (Cates—for TV) (as Charlie Lloyd); *The Vernon Johns Story* (Fink—for TV) (title role)
- 1995 *Jefferson in Paris* (Ivory) (as Madison Hemings); *Cry, the Beloved Country* (Roodt) (as the Rev. Stephen Kumalo)
- 1996 *A Family Thing* (Richard Pearce) (as Ray Murdock); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino); *Rebound: The Legend of Earl 'The Goat' Manigault* (La Salle—for TV) (as Dr. McDuffie)
- 1997 *Casper: A Spirited Beginning* (McNamara—for video) (as voice of Kibosh); *Alone* (Horton Foote's *Alone*) (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Grey); *Good Luck* (*Guys Like Us*; *The Ox and the Eye*) (LaBrie) (as James Bing); *The Second Civil War* (Dante) (as Jim Calla); *Gang Related* (*Gang City*) (Kouf) (as Arthur Baylor); *What the Deaf Man Heard* (Harrison) (as Archibald Thacker)
- 1998 *Summer's End* (Shaver) (as Dr. William Blakely); *The Lion King II: Simba's Pride* (LaDuca, Rooney) (as Mufasa); *Primary Colors* (Nichols) (voice); *Merlin* (Barron) (as Mountain King)
- 1999 *Undercover Angel* (Stoller); *The Annihilation of Fish* (Burnett) (as Fish); *Command & Conquer: Tiberian Sun* (Kucan) (as General Solomon)

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When James Earl Jones was a young actor, it would have been impossible for him to have attained celluloid stardom. From the early 1950s through the late 1960s/early 1970s, only one African-American performer was allowed to achieve eminence on screen: Sidney Poitier. Such was the manner in which the racial politics of the era affected the movies. In the 1990s, Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman, Wesley Snipes, Laurence Fishburne, and others have become movie stars—and Jones, too old to play romantic leads or action heroes, has aged into a venerable celluloid elder statesman and character actor.

Jones began pursuing an acting career in the 1950s, at which point he cut his teeth on the New York stage, often appearing with Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival. He was past 30 when he debuted on-screen in *Dr. Strangelove*, and he was barely noticeable in a minor role. His first important movie work came in 1970, when he was approaching the age of 40. In *The Great White Hope*, he offers a mesmerizing performance as Jack Jefferson, a character based on Jack Johnson, the first black-American heavyweight boxing champion. It was a part he had originated on Broadway two years earlier. Jones did go on to play some starring parts—most intriguingly, the first black U.S. president in *The Man*, and most memorably, the Josh Gibson-like Negro League home-run hitter opposite Billy Dee Williams's Satchel Paige-like hurler in *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings*. Over the years, Jones frequently returned to the stage, and began appearing in television movies and mini-series (with one of his more distinguished roles being Alex Haley in *Roots: The Next Generation*).

But in most of his better films, including *Matewan*, *Field of Dreams*, *The Sandlot*, and the trilogy *The Hunt for Red October*, *Patriot Games*, and *Clear and Present Danger*, Jones has had supporting roles. As he began surfacing on screen with more frequency, many of his films—from *Swashbuckler* in 1976 through *Excessive Force* and *The Meteor Man* in 1993—have been unimpressive. Still, Jones is such an imposing presence that his impact is felt even when only his voice is employed on screen. Such is the case in the animated feature *The Lion King*, where he speaks the character of Mufasa, and most especially in the *Star Wars* trilogy, where he is the voice of Darth Vader.

In the mid-1990s, Jones has had two interesting starring roles: a back-country South African priest in *Cry, the Beloved Country* and a Chicago cop in *A Family Thing*. In these films, he is paired with a white actor (Richard Harris in the former, Robert Duvall in the latter). Both scenarios begin with the characters living in separate worlds; through the course of the story, they come to understand one another, realizing that they have much in common as human beings. In *Cry, the Beloved Country*, they are fathers whose sons suffer cruel fates; in *A Family Thing*, they are, in fact, half-brothers. The manner in which they learn to coexist serves to present a humanistic antidote to the racial polarization that pervades contemporary society.

While publicizing *A Family Thing*, Jones noted, “We are who we are for much more interesting reasons than our color”: a deeply humane observation, which reflects upon his own life and career as much as it does the theme of the movie he was promoting.

—Rob Edelman



Jennifer Jones in *Duel in the Sun*

JONES, Jennifer

Nationality: American. **Born:** Phylis Isley in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2 March 1919. **Education:** Attended Monte Cassino Junior College, Tulsa; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, one year; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1938. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Robert Walker, 1939 (divorced 1945), sons: Robert and Michael; 2) the producer David Selznick, 1949 (died 1965), daughter: Mary (deceased); 3) Norton Simon, 1971. **Career:** Acted in some of her parents' touring productions; some roles in New York with Cherry Lane Troupe; 1938—radio actress, Tulsa, followed by a couple of bit parts in films; 1941—contract with David Selznick was followed by stage work in John Houseman's *Hello Out There*, and by study at Group Theatre with Sanford Meisner; 1943—starring role in Selznick's *The Song of Bernadette*; 1966—played title role in *The Country Girl* on stage. **Awards:** Best Actress, Academy Award, for *The Song of Bernadette*, 1943. **Address:** P.O. Box 367, Malibu, CA 90265, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1939 *New Frontier* (*Frontier Horizon*) (Sherman) (as Celia Braddock, billed as Phylis Isley); *Dick Tracy's G-Men* (Witney and English) (as Gwen Andrews)
- 1943 *The Song of Bernadette* (Henry King) (title role)
- 1944 *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Jane Hilton)
- 1945 *Love Letters* (Dieterle) (as Singleton/Victoria Remington)
- 1946 *The American Creed* (Robert Stevenson—short); *Cluny Brown* (Lubitsch) (title role); *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor) (as Pearl Chavez)
- 1948 *Portrait of Jennie* (Jennie) (Dieterle) (title role)
- 1949 *We Were Strangers* (Huston) (as China Valdez); *Madame Bovary* (Minnelli) (title role)
- 1950 *Gone to Earth* (Powell) (as Hazel Woodus); *The Wild Heart* (Powell and Pressburger—revised version of *Gone to Earth*, shortened)
- 1952 *Carrie* (Wyler) (title role); *Ruby Gentry* (King Vidor) (title role)
- 1953 *Beat the Devil* (Huston) (as Gwendolyn Chelm); *Stazione termini* (*Indiscretion of an American Wife*; *Terminal Station*; *Indiscretion*) (de Sica) (as Mary Forbes)
- 1955 *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing* (Henry King) (as Han Suyin); *Good Morning, Miss Dove* (Koster) (title role)
- 1956 *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* (Johnson) (as Betsy Rath)
- 1957 *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Charles Vidor) (as Elizabeth Barrett); *A Farewell to Arms* (Charles Vidor) (as Catherine Barkley)
- 1961 *Tender Is the Night* (Henry King) (as Nicole Diver)
- 1966 *The Idol* (Petrie) (as Carol)
- 1969 *Angel, Angel, Down We Go* (*Cult of the Damned*) (Thom) (as Astrid)
- 1974 *The Towering Inferno* (Guillerman) (as Lisolette Mueller)
- 1977 *She Came to the Valley* (Band) (as Srita)

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Jennifer Jones remains one of the more controversial actresses in the Hollywood cinema. In general, her professional and personal involvement with David O. Selznick has been given a prominence that has colored assessments of Jones's distinctive contribution to 1940s cinema. Interestingly, the central issue is not that Jones lacked talent or screen presence. The longstanding criticism is that Selznick, because of his commitment to Jones, had no critical distance and, with King Vidor's *Duel in the Sun*, tried to fashion an erotic identity for her, making Jones into a ridiculous creation. Previously, Jones's screen persona was as an innocent child/woman, an image established by her first starring role in Henry King's *The Song of Bernadette*. She had also given an intense and emotionally charged performance as a girl making the transition from youth to maturity in John Cromwell's *Since You Went Away*.

As the sensual half-breed Pearl in *Duel in the Sun*, Jones succeeds in giving an audaciously conceived performance employing a degree of physical gesture having more in common with silent-screen acting technique than with the naturalistic behavioral mannerisms associated with the sound cinema. In addition, while Jones's physical presence is intended to be provocative, she does not allow her physicality to undermine the complex psychological dimensions of the character. *Duel in the Sun* is thus a remarkable achievement but, like Jones's performance, it has often been misinterpreted as degrading to female sexuality. Though conceived on a lesser scale, Vidor's *Ruby Gentry* is equally successful in dealing with the same themes, and again Jones's sensuality is central to the expression of those concerns.

From the beginning, Jones's screen persona was imbued with a degree of hysteria, and in Vincente Minnelli's underrated *Madame Bovary* this characteristic erupts with particular impact. Minnelli, a director very sensitive to the various aspects of Jones's sensibility, including her romantic indulgence, encourages her to give a subtle

performance without relinquishing the extravagant conception the character has of her identity. These same elements might have been as fully articulated in the Michael Powell/Emeric Pressburger version of *The Wild Heart*, but unfortunately Selznick's reworking of their footage does not present a rounded characterization.

Whether Jones would have ascended to the Hollywood Pantheon without her Svengali is less intriguing than revelations in the recent book *Portrait of Jennifer* that she regretted the pact she made with David O. Selznick, recast in this biography as a lumbering Lucifer. No matter what coloration one paints the envied Selznick-Jones collaboration with, her status as melodramatic princess of the forties is indisputable. If adjectives such as "ethereal" and "luminous" became excess baggage with the passage of time, these qualities were responsible for Jones's realizing the evocative fantasy of *Portrait of Jennie*, the fortunes fools romance of *Love Letters*, and the valentine to homefront frustration, *Since You Went Away*, projects in which this actress's breathtaking vulnerability aroused the audience's protectiveness. If Selznick overproduced *Portrait of Jennie*, he stayed out of William Wyler's way long enough for Jones to hold her own against Olivier with her superb characterization of an unwittingly destructive demimonde in the underappreciated *Carrie*.

Ultimately, Selznick's make-or-break desire to out-Thalberg Thalberg with his very own Norma Shearer plaything named Jennifer proved fatal to both their careers. Surviving the Hollywood-in-flux fifties due to the unexpected box-office bonanza of a two different-worlds weepie, *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*, Jones invested *Good Morning, Miss Dove* with appropriate starchy decorum and erased memories of kindred spirit Shearer in a four-hanky revisit with *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. It was Selznick's overblown, unnecessary revamp of *A Farewell to Arms* that proved a farewell to his moguldom and Jones's major stardom. Deftly imbricating the complexities in Jones's persona with F. Scott Fitzgerald's themes, the flawed *Tender Is the Night* is the last film to resurrect Jones's patented fragility to good effect. Afterwards, the neurotic mannerisms consume her performances in the unworthy *The Idol* and the downright cheesy *Angel, Angel Down We Go*. Having purchased the rights to the novel, *Terms of Endearment*, Jones was cheated out of the plum role of Aurora by the director she had handpicked to helm her comeback. Perhaps, such ignominious treatment proved that cutthroat Hollywood had not changed much since her heyday. Offscreen, she has found philanthropist Norton Simon to protect her, but her radiance has been sorely missed on the big screen for many years.

—Richard Lippe, updated by Robert Pardi

JONES, Tommy Lee

Nationality: American. **Born:** San Saba, Texas, 15 September 1946. **Education:** Attended Saint Mark's School, Dallas; Harvard University, B.A. in English Literature, 1969. **Family:** Married 1) Kate Lardner (divorced); 2) Kimberlea Cloughley (divorced), 1981, children: Austin and Victoria. **Career:** 1969—Broadway stage debut in *A Patriot for Me*; 1970—film debut in *Love Story*; 1971–75—appeared in TV soap *One Life to Live*; mid-1970s—began appearing in numerous TV movies and theatrical films; earlier TV and film work is highlighted by performances in *Coal Miner's Daughter*, 1980, and as Gary Gilmore in *The Executioner's Song* (TV), 1982; 1989—appearance in the highly acclaimed mini series *Lonesome Dove* helps



Tommy Lee Jones (right) and Will Smith in *Men in Black*

revitalize career. **Awards:** Emmy Award, for *The Executioner's Song*, 1983; Academy Award, Golden Globe Award, and Los Angeles Critics Award, Best Supporting Actor, for *The Fugitive*, 1993. **Agent:** Michael Black, c/o International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1970 <i>Love Story</i> (Hiller) (as Hank); <i>Eliza's Horiscope</i> (Sheppard) (as Tommy)</p> <p>1973 <i>Life Study</i> (Nebbia) (as Gus)</p> <p>1976 <i>Smash-Up on Interstate 5</i> (Moxey—for TV); <i>Jackson County Jail</i> (Miller) (as Coley Blake); <i>Charlie's Angels</i> (Moxey—for TV)</p> <p>1977 <i>Rolling Thunder</i> (Flynn) (as Johnny Vohden); <i>The Amazing Howard Hughes</i> (William A. Graham—for TV) (title role)</p> <p>1978 <i>Eyes of Laura Mars</i> (Kershner) (as John Neville); <i>The Betsy</i> (Petrie) (as Angelo Perino)</p> <p>1980 <i>Coal Miner's Daughter</i> (Apted) (as Doolittle "Mooney" Lynn); <i>The Barn Burning</i> (Werner—for TV)</p> <p>1981 <i>Back Roads</i> (Ritt) (as Elmore Pratt)</p> <p>1982 <i>The Executioner's Song</i> (Schiller—for TV) (as Gary Gilmore); <i>The Rainmaker</i> (for TV)</p> | <p>1983 <i>Nate and Hayes</i> (Fairfax) (as Captain Bully Hayes)</p> <p>1984 <i>The River Rat</i> (Rickman) (as Billy)</p> <p>1985 <i>The Park Is Mine</i> (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Mitch); <i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i> (Hofsiss—for TV) (as Brick)</p> <p>1986 <i>Yuri Nosenko, KGB</i> (Jackson—for TV); <i>Black Moon Rising</i> (Cokliss) (as Quint)</p> <p>1987 <i>Broken Vows</i> (Taylor—for TV); <i>The Big Town</i> (Bolt) (as George Cole)</p> <p>1988 <i>Stranger on My Land</i> (Elikann—for TV); <i>Stormy Monday</i> (Figgis) (as Cosmo); <i>Gotham</i> (Fonvielle—for TV) (as Eddie Mallard); <i>April Morning</i> (Delbert Mann) (as Moses Cooper)</p> <p>1989 <i>The Package</i> (Andrew Davis) (as Thomas Boyette)</p> <p>1990 <i>Fire Birds</i> (David Green) (as Brad Little)</p> <p>1991 <i>JFK</i> (Oliver Stone) (as Clay Shaw)</p> <p>1992 <i>Under Siege</i> (Andrew Davis) (as William Strannix)</p> <p>1993 <i>House of Cards</i> (Lessac) (as Jake Beerlander); <i>Heaven and Earth</i> (Oliver Stone) (as Steve Butler); <i>The Fugitive</i> (Andrew Davis) (as U.S. Marshal Samuel Gerard)</p> <p>1994 <i>Cobb</i> (Shelton) (title role); <i>Natural Born Killers</i> (Oliver Stone) (as Dwight McCloskey); <i>Blue Sky</i> (Richardson—produced in 1990) (as Hank Marshall); <i>Blown Away</i> (Hopkins) (as Ryan Gaerity); <i>The Client</i> (Schumacher) (as Roy Foltrigg)</p> |
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- 1995 *Batman Forever* (Schumacher) (as D.A. Harvey "Two-Face" Dent)
 1996 *Men in Black* (Sonnenfeld) (Kay)
 1998 *U.S. Marshals* (Baird) (as Chief Deputy Marshal Samuel Gerard); *Small Soldiers* (Dante) (voice of Major Chip Hazard)
 1999 *Rules of Engagement* (Friedkin) (as Colonel Hayes Hodges); *Double Jeopardy* (Beresford) (Travis Lehman)
 2000 *Space Cowboys* (Eastwood) (as William "Hawk" Hawkins)

Film as Director:

- 1995 *The Good Old Boys* (for TV) (+ ro as Huey Calloway, co-sc)

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Tommy Lee Jones is capable of ferociously intense performances that verge on the extreme. Because of this, it is often easy to overlook his extraordinary range as an actor. Jones has shifted easily among film, television, and theater in a career that spans more than 25 years and often alternates between flamboyant and more understated roles. Recently associated with larger than life (some might say cartoonish) roles such as Ty Cobb in *Cobb*, "Two-Face" in *Batman Returns*, and Dwight McCloskey in *Natural Born Killers*, Jones appeared in

nearly 15 films from 1989 through 1995 making him easily one of the busiest actors in Hollywood.

Always an actor of intelligence with a powerful screen presence, Jones's career in the mid to late 1970s yielded some interesting work from such exploitation fare as *Jackson County Jail* to the more ambitious *Rolling Thunder* and *Eyes of Laura Mars*. It does seem that the first phase of his career had more than its share of country-boy parts, killers, and "heavies."

An early turning point was his appearance in Michael Apted's *Coal Miner's Daughter*. Although Sissy Spacek garnered most of the critical attention and an Academy Award, Jones's understated portrayal of Doolittle "Mooney" Lynn gave the film a realistic center it otherwise lacked. His next key performance was his intense turn as Gary Gilmore in the television adaptation of Norman Mailer's *The Executioner's Song*, a film whose direction was not up to the imaginative performance of its leading man.

The 1980s seem to have been something of an unfocused time for the actor. He made his share of ordinary films and his career seemed as if it would not fulfill its early promise. He alternated between serious fare such as *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (television), playing Brick to Jessica Lange's Maggie and Rip Torn's Big Daddy, and action films such as *Black Moon Rising*, and familiar psycho roles such as *The Park Is Mine* (television). Jones's career seemed to be floundering. The turning point came with his beautifully understated performance in the highly acclaimed mini series *Lonesome Dove*. His exquisitely detailed performance as the withdrawn Woodrow Call plays against Robert Duvall's more extroverted Gus with great subtlety. The performance reminded audiences that Jones was an actor of considerable range whose talents had been wasted in too many unremarkable films.

This range is clearly displayed in his astonishing performance as the elegant, refined Clay Shaw in Oliver Stone's controversial *JFK*, a role that would garner Jones an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor. This performance illustrates how physical his work as an actor is and how he uses props and makeup (in this case cigarette and white wig) to good effect. Jones thoroughly inhabits the masochistic Shaw with especially good use of speech rhythms that are both Louisiana-bound and pure Tommy Lee Jones. The actor strings together long sentences without seeming to come up for air, and occasionally shifts to a higher vocal pitch in a performance that rivets the audience's attention.

Jones's appearance as the deranged rocker/terrorist William Strannix in *Under Siege* confirmed that the actor was now commercially bankable. His rich, focused performance (along with Andrew Davis's skillful direction) elevated the film several notches above the usually monotonous, Steven Seagal action picture. Jones was reunited with Davis (for a third time) in the hugely successful Harrison Ford vehicle *The Fugitive*, playing the determined Samuel Gerard. The film won Jones the most critical acclaim of his career, and he received an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor for his efforts. This last performance spurred Gavin Smith to ask "Is it only the character or also Tommy Lee Jones up there, funnier, faster and smarter than everybody else."

At this point Jones's career entered overdrive and he risked serious overexposure. He worked twice more with Oliver Stone in the 1990s. He gave an underrated performance in the critical and commercial flop *Heaven and Earth*, and appeared in the controversial *Natural Born Killers* in a role that seems excessive but is in keeping with every other aspect of the film. He appeared in several high-profile, big-budget films with director Joel Schumacher, *The Client* and

Batman Forever; gave an extravagantly flamboyant performance as Ty Cobb in *Cobb*, and once more essayed the action genre in *Blown Away*. Tony Richardson's understated *Blue Sky* was also released in this period (three years after it was made) to remind audiences that Jones could still play realistic characters with honest emotions. Finally, Jones appeared in, and made his directorial debut, in the earnest but unremarkable *The Good Old Boys*, a television film he also co-wrote.

Luckily, throughout this period of intense activity Jones's inventiveness and range are always on view. Tommy Lee Jones may not be the prettiest actor working in Hollywood with his rough-hewn face and slightly threatening presence, but he is unquestionably one of the best. The fact that he is only at mid-career gives us much to anticipate.

—Mario Falsetto

JOSEPHSON, Erland

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Stockholm, 15 June 1923. **Career:** Actor with the Municipal Theatre, Helsingborg, Sweden, 1945–49; Gothenburg Theatre, 1949–56; and Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm, from 1956; 1958—film debut in *Ansiktet*; director, Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm, 1966–75; 1977—in TV version of *Scenes from a Marriage*; co-director of first film, *En och En*, 1978; also writer and producer. **Awards:** Swedish Gold Bug Award for Best Actor, for *The Sacrifice* and *Amorosa*, 1986. **Address:** c/o Royal Dramatic Theatre, Nybropplan, Box 5037, 102 41 Stockholm, Sweden.

Films as Actor:

- 1958 *Ansiktet (The Magician; The Face)* (Bergman) (as Egerman); *Nära livet (Brink of Life; So Close to Life)* (Bergman) (as Anders)
- 1968 *Vargtimmen (Hour of the Wolf)* (Bergman) (as Baron Von Merken); *Flickorna (The Girls)* (Zetterling and Hughes)
- 1969 *En Passion (A Passion of Anna; The Passion)* (Bergman) (as Elis Vergerus)
- 1972 *Viskningar och rop (Cries and Whispers)* (Bergman) (as doctor)
- 1973 *Scenes from a Marriage* (Bergman) (as Johan)
- 1975 *Monismanien 1995 (Monismania 1995)* (Fant) (as teacher)
- 1976 *Ansikte mot Ansikte (Face to Face)* (Bergman) (as Dr. Tomas Jacobi)
- 1977 *Den Allvarsamma Leken (Games of Love and Loneliness; The Serious Game)* (as Editor-in-Chief Doncker); *Oltre il bene e il male (Beyond Good and Evil; Au-dela du bien et du male)* (Cavani) (as Friedrich "Fritz" Nietzsche)
- 1978 *Herbstsonate (Autumn Sonata; Hostsonaten)* (Bergman) (as Josef)
- 1979 *Die erste Polka (The First Polka)* (Emmerich) (as Leo Maria); *Dimenticare Venezia (To Forget Venice)* (as Nicky); *A Look at Liv (Norway's Liv Ullmann; Liv Ullman's Norway)* (Kaplan—doc)
- 1980 *Karlekan (Love)* (as Erland)
- 1981 *Montenegro (Montenegro—Or Pigs and Pearls)* (Makavejev) (as Martin Jordan)

- 1982 *Bella Donna* (Keglevic) (as Max); *Fanny och Alexander (Fanny and Alexander)* (Bergman) (as Isak Jacobi); *Variola vera* (Markovic)
- 1983 *La casa del tappeto giallo (The House of the Yellow Carpet)* (as stranger); *Nostalghia (Nostalgia)* (Tarkovsky) (as Domenico)
- 1984 *Un caso di incoscienza (A Case of Irresponsibility)* (as Erik Sander); *Dirty Story* (as Gabriel Berggren); *Efter Repetitionen (After the Rehearsal)* (Bergman) (as Henrik Vogler); *Angelas Krig (Angela's War)* (as Goldberg); *Bakom Jalusin (Behind the Shutters)*
- 1985 *The Flying Devils (De Flyngande Djavlarerna)* (Refn) (as Oscar Seidenbaum)
- 1986 *Amorosa* (Zetterling) (as David Sprengel); *L'ultima Mazurka* (Bettetini) (as Serra); *Le Mal d'aimer (The Malady of Love; The Devil's Tail)* (Treves) (as Robert's father); *Offret (The Sacrifice)* (Tarkovsky) (as Alexander); *Saving Grace* (Robert M. Young) (as Monsignor Francesco Ghezzi); *Garibaldi—The General* (as Cavour)
- 1987 *Il giorno prima (The Day Before)* (Montaldo); *Testament d'un poete Juif assassine (Testament of a Murdered Jewish Poet)* (as Zupanev); *Control* (Montaldo—for TV)
- 1988 *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (Kaufman) (as the Ambassador); *La donna spezzata (A Woman Destroyed)* (as Maurizio)
- 1989 *La Guerre la plus glorieuse (Migrations)* (Petrovic); *Hanussen* (Szabó) (as Dr. Bettelheim); *Directed by Andrei Tarkovsky* (Leszczylowski—doc) (as narrator)
- 1990 *God afton, Herr Wallenberg (Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg)* (Grede) (as Stockholm rabbi); *Il Sole buio (The Dark Sun)*
- 1991 *The Ox (Oxen)* (Nykvist) (as Silver); *Cattiva* (Eggleston and Lizzani) (as Prof. Brokner); *Meeting Venus* (Szabó) (as Jorge Picabia); *Prospero's Books* (Greenaway) (as Gonzalo)
- 1992 *Sofie* (Ullmann) (as Semmy); *Den ofrivillige golfaren (The Accidental Golfer)* (Aaberg) (as the critic)
- 1993 *The Dancer; The Last Witness* (Sundvall) (as Samuel Rosenbaum)
- 1994 *Dromspel (Dreamplay)* (Straume) (as blind man)
- 1995 *To Vlemma tou Odyssea (Ulysses' Gaze; The Gaze of Odysseus; Le Regarde d'Ulysse)* (Angelopoulos) (as preserver); *Vendetta* (Haafström) (as OM); *The Forbidden Fruit* (as landlord); *Kristin Lavransdatter* (Ullmann) (as Brother Edwin); *Pakten (The Sunset Boys)* (Risan); *Magisk cirkel* (Enquist—for TV) (as Henry)
- 1996 *À la recherche de Erland Josephson; Larmar och gör sig till (In the Presence of a Clown)* (Bergman—for TV) (as Osvald Vogler)
- 1998 *Den Tatuerade änkkan* (Molin—for TV) (as Per Gunnarsson); *Från regnormarnas liv* (Enquist—for TV) (as Johan Ludvig Heiberg); *Ivar Kreuger* (Molin—mini for TV); *Magnetisörens femte vinter (Magnetist's Fifth Winter)* (Henriksen) (as Mr. Hofverberg)

Films as Actor and Co-Director:

- 1978 *En och En (One and One)* (with Nykvist and Thulin) (as Uncle Dan, + co-pr, sc)
- 1980 *Marmeladupproret (The Marmalade Revolution; La Revolte des confitures)* (with Nykvist) (as Karl Henrik Eller, + pr, sc)

Other Film:

1964 *För att inte tala om alla dessa kvinnor* (*All These Women; Now about All These Women*) (Bergman) (co-sc)

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In *Prospero's Books*, Erland Josephson plays Gonzalo to Gielgud's eponymous hero, and has most of his lines spoken for him. He is not seen till near the end of the picture. When he finally appears, his grizzled physiognomy and guttural tones, that earthiness he brings to his screen roles are ill-matched against Greenaway's graphics and against the full armory of Japanese video technology. Steeped in Ibsen and Strindberg, a distinguished Swedish actor, here, Josephson discovers, his accomplishments count for nothing. Not that Josephson is unused to indignity. In *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, he plays the role of a former ambassador reduced to barroom status by 1968 and all that. Nevertheless, he makes a natural Lear or Prospero himself, albeit rather less mellifluous than Gielgud, and Ingmar

Bergman and Andrei Tarkovsky in particular have used him to depict teetering monarchs of one sort or another.

As Alexander in Tarkovsky's *The Sacrifice*, Josephson surveys death and destruction, imagines a holocaust. There is something saturnine, verging on the leaden, in his playing: his features, suffused with gloom and mapped with wrinkles, easily lend themselves to the grim melancholy of close-ups. On a more intimate level, as the “husband” to Liv Ullmann's wife in Bergman's *Scenes from a Marriage*, Josephson offers an effective rendering of that old archetype, the middle-class, middle-aged and largely sedentary man driven to menopausal despair. Here, he starts off as a bearded bourgeois gentleman, chewing on his pipe, but, as his marriage frays at the edges, and as he and Ullmann engage in a fit of anguished psychodrama, stripping each others' characters and pretensions bare, he emerges as a confused, baffled outcast, estranged from his family, background, and profession. This is television territory. The marital conflict is mainly confined to the home: to bedroom, sitting room, kitchen. As Ullmann gains in strength, Josephson seems to dwindle. By the end of the film, he has reconciled himself to disappointment (and has forsaken the family Volvo in favor of a tiny, cramped Citroën).

Unlike his contemporaries in Bergman Rep, most notably Max Von Sydow and Ullmann, Josephson has not been lured to America to caricature his gloomy Scandinavian persona in Woody Allen comedies or to take parts as assassins in political thrillers. He has been too busy in Sweden. He has published poetry, novels, short stories, stage plays, plays for radio and plays for television, and he has written several film scripts. He is active in Swedish Equity. He finds time to teach drama. Still, outside his native country, he remains in Bergman's shadow.

When Tarkovsky, having recently left Russia, wanted an actor to convey his poignant longing for his homeland, his “nostalgia,” he chose Josephson. It is Josephson's face which makes him so effective on film, that bearlike aspect, his ability to look lost and forlorn, to convey a sense of suffering and bewilderment, in spite of his bluff exterior. Were one to repeat Kuleshov's famous experiment of the 1920s and to intercut the same shot of Josephson with images of joy, of sadness, of anger, of hunger, the audience would find the Swedish actor, even though he had not moved a muscle, wondrously expressive, capable of embodying every emotion just through “being there,” in front of the cameras. Nevertheless, he has the rare ability to combine a capacity for rage—for the grand gesture on the blasted heath—with a more subtle skill for understatement and comedy.

—G. C. Macnab

JOURDAN, Louis

Nationality: French. **Born:** Louis Gendre in Marseilles, 19 June 1919 (some sources say 1920). **Family:** Married Berthe Frédérique (second marriage), 1946, son: Louis. **Education:** Studied drama with René Simon in Paris. **Career:** Worked as assistant director to Marc Allégret; 1939—film debut in *Le Corsaire*; 1947—signed contract with David O. Selznick; contract taken over by 20th Century-Fox; 1954—in *The Immoralist* on New York stage; 1979—in TV mini-series *The French Atlantic Affair*, and *The First Olympics: Athens 1896*, 1984; 1984—on tour in stage play *Gigi*.



Louis Jourdan with Leslie Caron in *Gigi*

Films as Actor:

- 1939 *Le Corsaire* (Marc Allégret—not completed)
 1940 *La Comédie du bonheur* (L'Herbier)
 1941 *Premier rendez-vous* (*Her First Affair*) (Decoin) (as Pierre Mortemard); *Parade en sept nuits* (Marc Allégret)
 1942 *L'Arlesienne* (Marc Allégret); *Félicie Nanteuil* (*Histoire comique*) (Marc Allégret); *La Vie de Bohème* (L'Herbier); *La Belle Aventure* (*Twilight*) (Marc Allégret)
 1943 *Les Petites du Quai aux Fleurs* (Marc Allégret); *Untel Pere et Fils* (*The Heart of a Nation*) (Duvivier)
 1947 *The Paradine Case* (Hitchcock) (as André Latour)
 1948 *No Minor Voices* (Milestone) (as Ottavio Quaglini); ***Letter from an Unknown Woman*** (Max Ophüls) (as Stefan Brand)
 1949 *Madame Bovary* (Minnelli) (as Rodolphe Boulanger)
 1951 *Anne of the Indies* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Capt. Pierre François La Rochelle); *Bird of Paradise* (Daves) (as André Laurence)
 1952 *The Happy Time* (Fleischer) (as Uncle Desmonde)
 1953 *Rue de l'Estrapade* (Jacques Becker); *Decameron Nights* (Fregonese) (as Boccaccio/Paganino/Giulio/Bertrando)
 1954 *Three Coins in the Fountain* (Negulesco) (as Prince Di Cessi)
 1956 *La Mariée est trop belle* (*The Bride Is Much Too Beautiful*) (Gaspard-Huit) (as Michel); *The Swan* (Charles Vidor) (as Dr. Nicholas Agi); *Julie* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Lyle Benton)
 1957 *Escapade* (Habib)
 1958 *Dangerous Exile* (Hurst) (as Duc de Beauvais); *Gigi* (Minnelli) (as Gaston Lachaille)

- 1959 *The Best of Everything* (Negulesco) (as David Savage)
 1960 *Can-Can* (Walter Lang) (as Philippe Forstier); *Leviathan* (Keigel) (as Paul)
 1961 *Le vergine di Roma* (*Amazons of Rome*) (Bragaglia and Cottafavi) (as Drusco); *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* (*The Count of Monte Cristo*; *The Story of the Count of Monte Cristo*) (Autant-Lara) (as Edmond Dantès)
 1962 *Il disordine* (*Le desordre*; *Disorder*) (Brusati) (as Tom); *Matthias Sandorf* (Lampin) (title role)
 1963 *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Marc Champselle)
 1965 *Les Sultans* (Delannoy)
 1966 *Made in Paris* (Sagal) (as Marc Fontaine)
 1967 *Peau d'espion* (*To Commit a Murder*) (Molinaro) (as Charles Beaulieu)
 1968 *Le Avventure e gli amori di Miguel Cervantes* (*The Young Rebel*; *Cervantes*; *Les Aventures extraordinaires de Cervantes*) (Sherman) (as Cardinal Acquaviva); *A Flea in Her Ear* (Charon) (as Henri)
 1969 *Run a Crooked Mile* (Levitt—for TV); *Fear No Evil* (Wendkos—for TV)
 1970 *Ritual of Evil* (Day—for TV)
 1973 *The Great American Beauty Contest* (Day—for TV) (as Ralph Dupree)
 1974 *The Count of Monte Cristo* (David Greene) (as De Villefort)
 1977 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Newell—for TV) (as D'Artagnan)
 1978 *Silver Bears* (Passer) (as Prince di Siracusa)
 1982 *Swamp Thing* (Craven) (as Arcane)
 1983 *Octopussy* (Glen) (as Kamal)
 1984 *Double Deal* (Kavanagh) (as Peter Sterling); *Cover Up* (Crane)
 1986 *Beverly Hills Madam* (Hart—for TV) (as Douglas Corbin)
 1988 *Grand Larceny* (Swarz—for TV) (as Charles Grand); *Counterforce* (*Escuadron*) (Loma—for TV) (as Kassar)
 1989 *The Return of Swamp Thing* (Wynorski) (as Dr. Anton Arcane)
 1992 *Year of the Comet* (Yates) (as Philippe)

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The career of Louis Jourdan—among the most wasted stars of the Hollywood cinema—must be seen in the context of Hollywood's shifting but consistently uneasy flirtation with the specific forms of "otherness" represented by continental Europe. There have been many attempts to import European performers and build them into major stars. Most have been unsuccessful, their Hollywood careers short-lived, though women (Garbo, Dietrich, Bergman, Lamarr, and to an extent Alida Valli) have enjoyed more success than men (in the sound period, really only Charles Boyer).

With the important exception of the so-called woman's film (generally the domestic or romantic melodrama), Hollywood movies imply a male spectator. Laura Mulvey suggests in her seminal article "Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema" (*Screen*, Autumn 1975), that the male protagonist carries the action forward; the woman, as "object of the gaze," actually impedes it, functioning as a necessary spectacle, the "to-be-looked-at." Woman, then, is intrinsically constructed as "other," and her otherness (woman-as-mystery, the "eternal feminine") is underlined, made even more exotic, by foreignness. The male protagonist is the main identification-figure, with whom we look at the woman. Herein lies the problematic otherness of male European stars: their exotic appeal is postulated on notions of sophistication, allure, beauty (rather than a ruggedly masculine handsomeness), and threatening overtones of decadence. They are to-be-looked-at, constructing the spectator as feminine and evoking, for the male, all the dangers of repressed homosexual desire. After World War II, Hollywood's restoration of women to their "rightful" place was inevitably accompanied by a new insistence on masculinity. Boyer became increasingly sinister (*Gaslight*), and was subsequently relegated to character roles. There was really no place for a Louis Jourdan.

Jourdan's definitive (though rarely recognized) performance is in one of the finest, and most atypical, films ever produced in Hollywood: Ophüls's *Letter from an Unknown Woman*. Joan Fontaine's inexhaustibly complex and moving assumption of the title role has been widely celebrated, but Jourdan's contribution is scarcely less remarkable. Without his sensitivity and vulnerability the entire project would become much simpler: a foolish woman infatuated with a callous, incorrigibly promiscuous concert pianist for whom she sacrifices all. Jourdan's intensity gives to the role a sense of enormous (if dissipated) potential which confers dignity and substance not only on Stefan but on Lisa's love for him.

Jourdan worked in only two other distinguished films in the 1940s, both quite central to their respective directors' work, and both underrated by most critics: Minnelli's *Madame Bovary* and Hitchcock's *The Paradine Case*. The former inflects Jourdan's persona in the direction of aristocratic decadence, while retaining the sense of vulnerability. The latter, far more remarkably (especially in the 1950s), eliminates the decadence altogether yet defines the character, at least by implication, as gay. We are informed that Jourdan as the valet has no interest in women, has totally resisted the advances of Mrs. Paradine (Alida Valli, no less), and has been completely dedicated to his master, Colonel Paradine. The valet's dedication is the moral center of this remarkable film, and is combined very disturbingly with Valli's erotic dedication to Jourdan—although Hitchcock later felt Jourdan's character should have been rougher and more "manly" to account for the frustrated Valli's fixation upon him.

Throughout the fifties, Jourdan languished in big-budget CinemaScope soap operas and musicals. Only one deserves notice:

Minnelli's *Gigi*, in which Jourdan functions splendidly in a role that, like Stefan in *Letter*, could easily have been merely unpleasant. His meatiest recent role was the title one in a BBC television version of *Dracula*, the most faithful adaptation of Stoker's novel yet made, therefore the only one that does full justice to the novel's conception of Dracula as the embodiment of a dangerous sexuality that escapes the norms of the patriarchal order.

Appearances in the occasional major studio film such as *Octopussy* (as the less-than-agile villain opposite Roger Moore's equally long-in-the-tooth James Bond) and, more frequently, in exploitation pictures such as *Swamp Thing* and its lame sequel, *The Return of Swamp Thing*, have kept Jourdan's aging continental looks before the cameras, but have added little luster to his long career.

—Robin Wood, updated by John McCarty

JOUVET, Louis

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jules Eugène Louis Jouvét in Crozon, Finistère, Brittany, 24 December 1887. **Education:** Attended schools at Toulouse, Vorey-sur-Arzon, Le Puy-en-Velay, and elsewhere; studied pharmacy, 1905–07. **Military Service:** Performed military service, 1914–17. **Family:** Married; three children. **Career:** 1908—co-founder and administrator of Théâtre d'Action et d'Art; 1910—stage debut as member of Léon Noël troupe; 1911—joined Théâtre des Arts company; 1913—joined Jacques Copeau's Théâtre du Vieux-Colombier as actor and stage manager; 1917—assisted in preparation for Copeau season on Broadway; 1919–21—actor-designer with Vieux-Colombier following reopening; 1923–34 actor-manager of Comédie-Théâtre in Champs-Élysées; formed group "théâtre de cartel" with aim of reviving traditions of French theater; 1928—began association with playwright Jean Giraudoux; produced Giraudoux's subsequent plays; 1932—film debut in *Topaze*; 1934—began managing Athénée Théâtre and collaboration with designer Christian Bérard; appointed to faculty of Paris Conservatoire; 1936—worked on Comédie Française productions; 1940–45—self-imposed exile from German-occupied France; 1945—returned to Paris with production of Giraudoux's *La Folle de Chaillot*. **Died:** 16 August 1951.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Topaze* (Gasnier) (title role)
- 1935 *La Kermesse héroïque* (Feyder) (as the Chaplain)
- 1936 *Mister Flow* (Siodmak) (title role); *Les Bas-Fonds* (Renoir) (as the baron)
- 1937 *Mademoiselle Docteu* (*Salonique, nid d'espions*) (Pabst) (as Simonis); *Un Carnet de bal* (Duvivier) (as the lawyer); *Drôle de drame* (Carné) (as the bishop); *Forfaiture* (L'Herbier) (as Wolfar); *Alibi* (Chenal) (as the commissioner); *La Marseillaise* (Renoir) (as Roederer)
- 1938 *Ramuntcho* (Barberis) (as the leader of the smugglers); *La Maison du Maltais* (Chenal) (as Rossignol); *Entrée des artistes* (Allégret) (as Lambertin); *Education de prince*

- (Rim) (as Cercleux); *Le Drame de Shanghai* (Pabst) (as Ivan); *Hôtel du Nord* (Carné) (as M. Edmond)
- 1939 *La Fin du jour* (Duvivier) (as Saint-Clair); *La Charrette fantôme* (Duvivier) (as Le Charretier de la Mort); *Volpone* (Tourneur) (as le parasite cynique)
- 1940 *Untel Père et fils* (Duvivier) (as the colonial); *Sérénade* (Boyer) (as the Viennese chief of police)
- 1946 *Un Revenant* (Christian-Jaque) (as Jean-Pierre); *Copie conforme* (*Monsieur Alibi*) (Dréville) (as Gabriel Dupont and Isamora)
- 1947 *Quai des Orfèvres* (Clouzot) (as Inspector Antoine)
- 1948 *Les Amoureux sont seuls au monde* (Decoin) (as Favier); *Entre onze heures et minuit* (Decoin) (as Inspecteur Carrel); "Le Retour de Jean" ep. of *Retour à la vie* (Clouzot) (as Gérard)
- 1949 *Miquette et sa mère* (Clouzot) (as Monchablon); *Lady Paname* (Jeanson) (as Bagnolet)
- 1950 *Knock ou Le Triomphe de la médecine* (Lefranc) (as Dr. Knock, + artistic direction); *Une Histoire d'amour* (Lefranc) (as inspector); *Comédiens ambulants* (Canolle—short)

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Louis Jovet was already established as a giant of the French theater before he made his first film at the age of 46. Theater always remained his priority; he sometimes claimed, provocatively, that he acted in movies only for the money. True or not, there was nothing casual about his screen performances. Memorable even in mediocre films, he brought to good material a subtlety and complexity of characterisation that set him among the finest of cinema actors.

Lean, saturnine, faintly reptilian in appearance, Jovet regarded the world sardonically through narrowed eyes, evidently expecting the worst of humankind. In *La Kermesse héroïque*, his Spanish chaplain, lecherous and mercenary, openly revels in his own hypocrisy, certain of finding it echoed in all those he meets. He was richly sanctimonious as another clergyman, the Anglican bishop of Carné's *Drôle de drame*, set in a wildly improbable Edwardian London; at one point, wishing to avoid the conspicuousness of clerical garb, he appears deliriously camouflaged in kilt and dark glasses.

Under weak direction, Jovet could edge towards self-plagiarism, as he himself recognized: "If I'm being too Jovet, stop me," he warned the director of his last film. His disenchanting air suited him to the failures and parasites of society: Arletty's unsavoury pimp in *Hôtel du Nord*, the shifty lawyer of Duvivier's *Carnet de bal*, or, in a more sympathetic vein, the proud, ruined count in Renoir's masterly treatment of Gorky, *Les Bas-Fonds*.

Almost all Jovet's finest screen roles came during the five years from 1935 to 1940. His postwar films were unremarkable, with one exception: Clouzot's misanthropic *policier*, *Quai des Orfèvres*. Jovet was the police detective, shabby and stubborn, retaining through his weary disillusionment a cold thin edge of compassion for the denizens of his seedy underworld. The hard-won humanity of his portrayal redeemed the film from facile cynicism.

—Philip Kemp

JÜRGENS, Curd

Nationality: German; acquired Austrian citizenship after World War II. **Born:** Curd Gustav Andreas Gottlieb Franz Jürgens, in Munich, Germany, 13 December 1915; appeared in American films as Curt Jurgens, Curt Juergens, Curd Jüergens, and Curt Jürgens. **Education:** Herder-Realgymnasium in Berlin; private acting lessons. **Family:** Married 1) Lulu Basler (actress), 1938; 2) Judith Holzmeister (actress), 1947; 3) Eva Bartok (actress), 1955; 4) Simone Bicheron (model), 1958; 5) Margie Schmitz, 1977; no children. **Career:** Reporter for the *Acht Uhr Abendblatt*, Berlin, 1933; film actor, from 1935; actor on stage, Metropoltheater, Berlin, 1936–37, Theater am Kurfürstendamm and Komödie, 1937–38, Volkstheater, Vienna 1938–39, and Burgtheater Vienna, 1939–53. **Awards:** Volpi Cup for Best Actor, Venice Film Festival, for *Les Héros sont Fatigués*, 1955; German Film Prize Filmband in Gold, 1959; Josef Kainz Medal, 1966; honorary professor at the Austrian Academy of Arts, 1976; Cross of Merit of Germany, 1981. **Died:** Vienna, Austria, 18 June 1982; buried in a grave of honor at the Central Cemetery in Vienna.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Königswalzer* (*The King's Waltz*) (Maisch) (as Emperor Franz Joseph)
- 1936 *Die Unbekannte* (*The Unknown Woman*) (Wysbar) (as Hans Wellenkamp); *Familienparade* (*Family Parade*) (as Herr Acke)
- 1937 *Zu neuen Ufern* (*To New Shores*) (Sierck) (as a young man in the House of Lords); *Liebe kann lügen* (*Love Can Lie*) (Helbig) (as Student Holder Engström); *Tango Notturmo*
- 1939 *Salonwagen E 417* (*Private Car E 417*) (Verhoeven)
- 1940 *Herz ohne Heimat* (*Heart without Home*) (Linnekogel); *Weltrekord im Seitensprung* (*World Record in Infidelity*) (Zoch); *Operette* (Forst) (as Carl Millöcker)
- 1942 *Wen die Götter lieben* (*Whom the Gods Love*) (Hartl) (as Emperor Josef II); *Stimme des Herzens* (*The Voice of the Heart*) (Meyer)
- 1943 *Ein glücklicher Mensch* (*A Happy Man*) (Verhoeven); *Frauen sind keine Engel* (*Women Are No Angels*) (Forst) (as Bandini)
- 1944 *Kleine Sommermelodie* (*Little Summer Melody*) (von Collande); *Ein Blick zurück* (*Am Vorabend*; *A Look Back*) (Menzel)
- 1947 *Das singende Haus* (*The Singing House*) (Antel)
- 1948 *An klingenden Ufern* (*On Resounding Shores*) (Unterkircher); *The Mozart Story*, *Leckerbissen* (*Taste Treats*); *Der Engel mit der Posaune* (*The Angel with the Trumpet*) (Hartl) (as Graf Traun); *Der himmlische Walzer* (*The Heavenly Waltz*) (von Cziffra); *Hin und her* (*Back and Forth*) (Lingen); *Verlorenes Rennen* (*Lost Race*) (Neufeld)
- 1949 *Wiener Mädel* (*Viennese Maidens*) (Forst) (as Graf Lechenberg); *Lambert fühlt sich bedroht* (*Lambert Feels Threatened*) (von Cziffra); *Hexen* (*Witches*) (Schott-Schöbinger)
- 1950 *Schuß durchs Fenster* (*A Shot through the Window*) (Breuer); *Prämien auf den Tod* (*Premiums for Death*) (Jürgens) (+ sc with Kurt Heuser); *Ein Lächeln im Sturm* (*A Smile in the Storm*) (Chanas); *Küssen ist keine Sünde* (*Kissing Is No Sin*) (Marischka) (as Kammersänger Felix Alberti); *Das Kuckucksei* (*The Cuckoo's Egg*) (Firner); *Gestörte Hochzeitsnacht* (*Disturbed Wedding Night*); *Gute Nacht, Mary* (Weiss); *Pikanterie* (*Delicacy*) (Braun)
- 1951 *Der schweigende Mund* (*The Silent Mouth*) (Hartl); *Gangsterpremiere* (+ d, sc with Franz Gribitz and Aldo von Pinelli); *Geheimnis einer Ehe* (*Secret of a Marriage*) (Weiss)
- 1952 *Haus des Lebens* (*House of Life*) (Hartl); *Knall und Fall als Hochstapler* (*Knall and Fall As Swindlers*) (Marischka); *1. April 2000* (Liebeneiner) (as Capitano Heracles); *Du bist die Rose vom Wörthersee* (*You Are the Rose of Wörthersee*) (Marischka); *Praterherzen* (*Prater Hearts*; *Das Leben ist stärker*) (Verhoeven)
- 1953 *Man nennt es Liebe* (*It's Called Love*) (Reinhardt); *Musik bei Nacht* (*Music at Night*) (Hoffmann); *Der Letzte Walzer* (*The Last Waltz*) (Rabenalt) (as Graf Sarassow); *Alles für Papa* (*Everything for Dad*) (Hartl) (as Clemens Haberland); *Meines Vaters Pferde* (*My Father's Horses*) (Lamprecht); *Rummelplatz der Liebe* (*Circus of Love*) (Neumann) (as Toni)
- 1954 *Das Bekenntnis der Ina Kahr* (*Afraid to Live*; *The Confession of Ina Kahr*) (Pabst); *Eine Frau von heute* (*A Woman of Today*) (Verhoeven); *Gefangene der Liebe* (*Prisoners of Love*) (Jugert); *Orient Express* (Bragaglia/Rossellini); *Des Teufels General* (*The Devil's General*) (Käutner) (as General Harras); *Du bist die Richtige* (*You Are the Right One*) (Engel/von Baky)
- 1955 *Les Héros sont fatigués* (*The Heroes Are Tired*; *Heroes and Sinners*) (Ciampi); *Du mein stilles Tal* (*My Quiet Valley*) (Steckel) (as Gerd); *Die Ratten* (*The Rats*) (Siodmak); *Liebe ohne Illusion* (*Love Without Illusion*) (Engel); *Teufel in Seide* (*Devil in Silk*) (Hansen) (as Thomas Ritter)
- 1956 *Michel Strogoff* (*Der Kurier des Zaren*) (Gallone) (as Strogoff); *Et Dieu créa la femme* (. . . *And God Created Woman*) (Vadim) (as Eric Carradine); *Die Goldene Brücke* (*The Golden Bridge*) (Verhoeven); *Londra chiama Polo Nord* (*The House of Intrigue*; *London Calling North Pole*) (Coletti) (as Bernes); *Ohne dich wird es Nacht* (*Without You It Grows Dark*) (+ d, sc) (as Robert Kessler)
- 1957 *Les Espions* (*The Spies*) (Clouzot) (as Agent Alex); *Oeil pour oeil* (*An Eye for an Eye*) (Cayatte) (Doktor Walter); *Amère victoire* (*Bitter Victory*) (Ray) (Major Brand); *The Enemy Below* (Powell) (as Von Stolberg); *Tamango* (Berry) (Captain Reinker)
- 1958 *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (Robson) (as Captain Lin Nan); *Me and the Colonel* (Glennville) (as Colonel Prokoshny); *Der Schinderhannes* (*Duel in the Forest*) (Käutner) (as Johann Bückler, "Schinderhannes"); *This Happy Feeling* (Edwards) (as Preston Mitchell); *Le Vent se lève* (*Time Bomb*) (Ciampi) (as Eric Muller)
- 1959 *Ferry to Hong Kong* (Gilbert) (as Mark Bertram Conrad); *The Blue Angel* (Dmytryk) (as Professor Rath); *Wernher von Braun* (*I Aim at the Stars*) (Thompson) (as Wernher von Braun); *Katja, die ungekrönte Kaiserin* (*Magnificent Sinner*) (Siodmak) (as Zar Alexander II)
- 1960 *Gustav Adolfs Page* (Hansen) (Gustav Adolf); *Die Schachnovelle* (*Brainwashed*; *The Royal Game*; *Three Moves to Freedom*) (Oswald) (as Werner von Basil); *Bankraub in der Rue Latour* (*Bank Robbery In The Rue Latour*) (+ d, as Cliff MacHardy)



Curd Jürgens with Barbara Parkins in *The Mephisto Waltz*

- 1961 *Le Triomphe de Michel Strogoff* (*The Triumph of Michael Strogoff*) (Tourjansky) (as Michel Strogoff)
- 1962 *Il Disordine* (*Disorder*) (Brusati) (as Carlo's Father); *I Dongiovanni della Costa Azzurra* (*Beach Casanova*) (Scala); *Die Dreigroschenoper* (*Three Penny Opera*) (Staudte) (as Macheath); *The Longest Day* (Annakin/Marton/Wicki) (as Major General Gunther Blumentritt); *The Miracle of the White Stallions* (Hiller) (as General Tellheim)
- 1963 *Of Love and Desire* (Rush) (as Paul Beckmann); *Begegnung in Salzburg* (*Encounters in Salzburg*) (Friedmann) (as General Hans Wilke); *Château en Suède* (*Nutty, Naughty Chateau*) (Vadim) (as Hugo Falsen); *Hide and Seek* (Endfield) (as Hubert Marek); *Psyche '59* (Singer) (as Eric Crawford); *Les Parias de la gloire* (Decoin)
- 1964 *Lord Jim* (Brooks) (as Cornelius); *DM-Killer* (Thiele)
- 1965 *Das Liebeskarussell* (*Who Wants to Sleep?*) (Thiele) (Stefan von Cramer)
- 1966 *The Defector, Das Geheimnis der gelben Mönche* (*How to Kill a Lady; The Secret of the Yellow Monks; Target for Killing*) (Köhler); *Der Kongreß amüsiert sich* (*The Congress Enjoys Itself*) (Radvanyi); *Zwei Girls vom roten Stern* (*An Affair of States; Duel à la Vodka*) (Drechsel); *Le Jardinier d'Argenteuil* (*The Gardener of Argenteuil*) (Le Chanois)
- 1967 *The Karate Killers* (*The Five Daughters Affair*) (Shear) (as Carl von Kesser); *Dalle Ardenne all'inferno* (*Dirty Heroes*) (de Martino) (as General von Keist); *Der Lügner und die Nonne* (*The Lier and the Nun*) (Thiele) (as the Cardinal); *Niente rose per OSS 117* (*OSS 117 Murder for Sale*) (Cerrato/Desagnat) (as the Major)
- 1968 *Die Artisten in der Zirkuskuppel: Ratlos* (*The Artist in the Circus Dome: Clueless; Artists under the Big Top: Perplexed*); *Babeck* (Becker—mini, for TV) (as the man in the wheelchair); *Der Arzt von St. Pauli* (*The Doctor of St. Pauli*) (Thiele) (as Dr. Jan Diffiring); *The Invincible Six* (*The Heroes*) (Negulesco) (as Baron); *The Assassination Bureau* (Dearden) (as General von Pinck)
- 1969 *Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Baron von Richter); *La Legione dei dannati* (*Legion of the Damned*) (Lenzi); *Auf der Reeperbahn nachts um halb eins* (*On the Reeperbahn at Half Past Midnight*) (Olsen); *Bitka na Neretvi* (*The Battle of Neretva*) (Bulajic) (as German General); *Cannabis* (*French*)

- Intrigue* (Koralnik) (as Emery); *Hello-Goodbye* (Negulesco) (as Baron de Choisis)
- 1970 *Hexen bis aufs Blut gequält* (*Austria 1700; Burn, Witch, Burn; Mark of the Devil*); *Millionen nach Maß* (Neureuther—for TV); *Ohrfeigen* (*Box on the Ears*); *Der Pfarrer von St. Pauli* (*The Priest of St. Pauli*) (Olsen); *Das Stundenhôtel von St. Pauli* (*Hotel by the Hour*) (Olsen); *The Mephisto Waltz* (Wendkos) (as Duncan Ely)
- 1971 *Nicholas and Alexandra* (Schaffner) (as the German Consul); *Fieras sin jaula* (*Bitter Whisky*) (Logar) (as Roland); *Käpt'n Rauhbein aus St. Pauli* (*The Captain from St. Pauli*) (Olsen); *Profession: Aventuriers* (*Profession: Adventurers*) (Mulot); *À la guerre comme à la guerre* (*How Do I Become a Hero?*) (Borderie) (as Russian General); *Kill! Kill! Kill!* (Gary) (as the Chief)
- 1972 *Willi Tobler und der Untergang der 6. Flotte* (*Willi Tobler and the Decline of the 6th Fleet*) (as V. Carlowitz—for TV)
- 1973 *The Fall of Eagles* (Cartier/Lindsay-Hogg/Cunliffe/Davies—for TV) (as Otto von Bismarck); *Undercovers Hero* (*Soft Beds and Hard Battles*) (Boulting) (as General von Grotjahn); *The Vault of Horror* (*Further Tales from the Crypt*) (Baker)
- 1974 *Fräulein Else* (*Miss Else*) (Haeusserman—for TV) (as Dorsay); *Die gelbe Nachtigall* (Antel—for TV); *Cagliostro* (Pettinari) (as Cardinal Braschi); *Radiografia di una Svastika*
- 1975 *Der Zweite Frühling* (*The Second Spring*) (Lommel) (as Fox); *Auch Mimosen wollen blühen* (*The Mimosa Wants to Blossom Too*) (Mewes); *Folies bourgeoises* (*The Twist*) (Chabrol) (as jeweller); *Povero Cristo* (Carpi); *Ab morgen sind wir reich und ehrlich* (*Rich and Respectable*) (Antel)
- 1977 *The Spy Who Loved Me* (Gilbert) (as Carl Stromberg)
- 1978 *Rot, rot, tot* (*Red, Red, Dead*) (Mezger—for TV); *Missile X—Geheimauftrag Neutronenbombe* (*Cruise Missile; Missile X: The Neutron Bomb Incident; Teheran Incident*) (Martinson) (as Baron); *Schöner Gigolo, armer Gigolo* (*Just a Gigolo*) (Hemmings) (as Prince); *Steiner—Das eiserne Kreuz, Part 2* (*Breakthrough*) (McLaglen) (as General Hoffmann); *La lunga strada senza polvere* (Tau)
- 1979 *Berggasse 19* (*19 Berg Street*) (Haeusserman) (as Sigmund Freud); *Goldengirl* (Sargent) (Dr. Serafin); *La Gueule de l'autre* (Tchernia) (as Wilfrid); *Die Patriotin* (*The Female Patriot*); *Warum die UFOs unseren Salat klauen* (*Why UFOs Steal Our Salad*) (Pohland); *Teheran-43* (*The Eliminator*) (Alov/Naoumov) (as Maitre Legraine)
- 1981 *The Sleep of Death* (*The Flying Dragon; The Inn of the Flying Dragon*) (Calvin Floyd) (as the count); *Collin* (Schulze-Rohr—for TV)
- 1982 *Smiley's People* (Langton—for TV) (as the General)

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Curd Jürgens grew up in an upper-middle-class family in Neu-Westend, Berlin, the son of a French mother and a successful wholesale dealer in caviar, a foreshadowing of his later lifestyle. His aristocratic bearing, his tall, stately appearance, and his talent for languages formed the foundation of his career.

Since he wanted to become a writer, the eighteen-year-old Jürgens took a job as a reporter for the *Acht-Uhr Abendblatt*. He married actress Lulu Basler after conducting an interview with her. She and her mother, Maria Solani, a former silent film star, encouraged the strikingly handsome young man to become a film actor. To prepare himself, he read film magazines and took private acting lessons. When he applied for a job at the Ufa Studio in Neu-Babelsberg, he was discovered by Willi Forst, who hired him for the role of the young emperor Franz Joseph in *Königswalzer* (1935). The very next year Jürgens starred in *Familienparade* (1936), based on Georg Kaiser's *Kolportage*. In 1937 he was cast opposite Zarah Leander, the Swedish actress who was a celebrated film star in Germany, in *Zu neuen Ufern* (directed by Detlef Sierck). In this tendentious, anti-British film depicting the attempts of the former British penal colony Australia to achieve independence, Jürgens played a representative of the House of Lords.

In 1938, shortly before the Anschluss, Jürgens moved to Vienna after marrying Lulu Basler. The marriage did not last long, because their work kept them separated. Jürgens' career continued to advance rapidly, and he was hired at the Volkstheater. Initially the tall, blonde, blue-eyed German was regarded with suspicion; people considered him a Nazi. He lived in the so-called "skyscraper" in the center of Vienna, the favorite apartment house of artists and actors. Unknowingly, he not only moved into the former apartment of Hans Jaray, the popular film and stage star who had to emigrate, but he also assumed Jaray's position at the Volkstheater.

In the winter of 1939, at the age of 23, Jürgens became a member of the prestigious Burgtheater. He was soon welcomed into aristocratic circles, enjoying life at the *Heurigen* in the Viennese wine

villages of Grinzing and Neustift, and for the rest of his life he remained attached to Vienna. His film career also flourished. In Karl Hartl's Mozart film *Wen die Götter lieben*, Jürgens as Emperor Franz Joseph must appear to play the violin. A genial trick was employed: Willi Boskovsky, the concert master of the Viennese Philharmonic, "loaned" him his bow arm.

Jürgens' mentor Willi Forst included him in almost all his films: as the composer Millöcker in *Operetta*, as "Bandini" in *Frauen sind keine Engel*, and as the Austrian ambassador Count Lechenperg in Forst's major production *Wiener Mädel*. Forst delayed completion of this film to save his crew of thousands from being sent to the front during World War II. During the filming Jürgens was attracted to the leading lady Judith Holzmeister, a fervent anti-Nazi and daughter of the world famous architect Clemens Holzmeister, who built the Salzburg Festival Theater. Shortly before the end of the war, despite Forst's support, Jürgens, classified as politically unreliable, was assigned to a work unit in the provinces.

In the chaotic postwar period Jürgens kept performing by organizing a theater tour in Bavaria before returning to Austria. To enable him to tour with the Burgtheater in Switzerland, he was granted Austrian citizenship. His wedding to Judith Holzmeister in Vienna with Willi Forst as his best man was treated as a major news event. Clemens Holzmeister built the couple a villa in fashionable Grinzing. In postwar Austria, where film was flourishing, Jürgens co-authored with his friend Kurt Heuser the screenplay *Prämien auf den Tod* (1949) and directed the film. Jürgens also wrote, directed, and starred in a second film, *Gangsterpremiere*.

While performing with Oskar Werner in the French film *Sturm über Alaska*—for which the outdoor scenes were filmed in the Tyrol—the studio shots took Jürgens to Paris. At this time his home was the car, the plane, the film studio. One of his great assets as a European film star was his ability to dub his own films in his inimitable whiskey voice in Italian and French. A tour through the United States under the auspices of an exchange program opened a new world for him. The filming of *Orient-Express*, a German-French-Italian coproduction, took him to Rome for the first time. His tempestuous love affair with Eva Bartok kept his name in the scandal sheets. When he was making the film *Das Bekenntnis der Ina Kahr* with director G.W. Pabst in Germany, he cancelled his Burgtheater contract; he no longer wished to be a performing government official.

The now cosmopolitan Jürgens exchanged Berlin and Vienna for the in-places of the beautiful and rich in St. Tropez, London, and

Rome. His wealth, fame, love affairs, and parties made more headlines in the illustrated and scandal magazines than his films. Following his divorce from Judith Holzmeister, he had a short-lived marriage with Eva Bartok. He enjoyed a major success in *Des Teufels General*, based on Carl Zuckmayer's play; Jürgens played the honorable pilot General Harras, who sells his soul to the devil because of his love of flying.

In 1957 Jürgens successfully made the leap to Hollywood, starring in *Bitter Victory* with Richard Burton. He now held court from his estate in Cap Ferrat near Monaco. Although he had a reputation for high living, he worked steadily and hard, making one film after the other, always with reliably good performances, although many of them with weak scripts. In another big war film, *The Enemy Below* (1957), he played an educated and sympathetic German submarine captain engaged in a life and death struggle with an American destroyer commander (Robert Mitchum). Hollywood filmmakers no longer deemed it necessary to present every German as a fanatical Nazi; they needed the German market.

For his next wife, the Algerian model Simone Bicheron, Jürgens acquired a home in Gstaad for the winter and exchanged his house in Cap Ferrat for a rose farm in Venice for the summers. To enable him to move internationally easily, he kept houses and apartments in New York, Paris, Vienna, Zurich and the Bahamas.

As an internationally acclaimed star, Jürgens made films with leading actresses like Brigitte Bardot (*Et Dieu créa la femme*), Ingrid Bergman (*The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*), and Lilli Palmer (*Teufel in Seide*). He starred with Danny Kaye in *Me and the Colonel*, based on Franz Werfel's comedy. Despite his many international movie roles, Jürgens returned occasionally to the theater: he played Jedermann at the Salzburg Festival, Sigmund Freud at the Theatre du Gymnase in Paris, and guest starred at the Vienna Burgtheater in Bertolt Brecht's *Galilei Galilei*. His continuous travel and indulgent lifestyle with alcohol and drugs resulted in a major heart operation and poor health in his last years. He married a last time, to Margie Schmitz. His flamboyant lifestyle sometimes overshadowed his accomplishments as a beloved actor in 152 films. Six years before his death, the German with the Austrian passport, whom the press liked to call the "German oak," wrote his autobiography, an engaging reflection with literary quality. It was severely criticized at the time because of its candidness. In the memory of his friends Curd Jürgens remains forever the cultivated gentleman with the French manners; in the memory of his many fans he will always personify the true film star.

—Gertraud Steiner Daviau

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KAGAWA, Kyoko

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Kyoko Ikebe in Ibaragi prefecture, 5 December 1931. **Education:** Attended Municipal 10th Women's High School, Tokyo, graduated 1949. **Family:** Married the writer Takuji Makino, 1963, one son and one daughter. **Career:** 1949—joined Shin-Toho Studio: film debut in *Damoi*; stage debut; 1952—freelance actress; 1957—television debut; 1965–68—lived with her husband in New York. **Address:** 2–6–6 Aoba-dai, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 153, Japan.

Films as Actress:

- 1949 *Damoi* (Sato); *Kage o matoite*
- 1950 *Mado kara tobidase* (Shima); *Seishun dekameron*; *Sasameyuki* (Abe); *Kimi to yuku amerika-kogo* (Shima); *Ohtone no yogiri*; *Wakasama zamurai torimonochō: Nazo no noh-men yashiki* (Nakagawa)
- 1951 *Kujaku no sono* (Shima); *Ginza gesho* (Naruse); *Wakasama zamurai torimonochō: Noroi no ningyo-shi* (Nakagawa); *Kogen no eki yo sayounara* (Nakagawa); *Onna-gokoro dare ga shiru* (*Who Knows a Woman's Heart?*) (Yamamoto); *Karate Sanshiro*; *Asa no namon* (Gosho)
- 1952 *Oozora no chikai*; *Arashi no naka no haha*; *Shanghai gaeri no Riru* (Shima); *Chakkari fujin to ukkari fujin* (Watanabe); *Reimei hachigatsu jugo-nichi*; *Kin no tamago*; *Okasan* (*Mother*) (Naruse) (as Toshiko Fukuhara, the daughter); *Daigaku no kotengu*; *Kantaro tsukiyo-uta* (Tasaka); *Inazuma* (*Lightning*) (Naruse); *Montenruba no yo wa hukete*
- 1953 *Himeyuri no to* (*The Tower of Lilies*) (Imai); *Idaten kisha*; *Himegimi to ronin*; *Aiyoku no sabaki*; *Sono imoto*; *Asu wa docchi da*; *Yugato* (Yamamoto); ***Tokyo monogatari*** (*Tokyo Story*) (Ozu) (as Kyoko); *Koibumi* (Tanaka)
- 1954 *Hanran* (Abe); *Utsukushii hito*; ***Sansho dayu*** (*Sansho: The Bailiff*; *The Bailiff*) (Mizoguchi) (as Anju); *Kunsho* (Shibuya); *Onna no koyomi* (Hisamatsu); *Tomoshihi* (Ieki); *Tekka Bugyo*; *Haha no hatsukoi*; *Jihishincho* (Matsubayashi); *Chikamatsu monogatari* (*A Story from Chikamatsu*; *The Tale of the Crucified Lovers*) (Mizoguchi) (as Osan)
- 1955 *Aisureba koso*; *Nanatsu no kao no Ginji*; *Akatsuki, no Gassho*; *Nonki saiban*; *Gokumoncho*; *Shiinomi Gakuen* (Shimizu); *Aogashima no kodomotachi*; *Onnakyoshi no kiroku* (Nakagawa); *Oosho ichidai*; *Seido no Kirisuto* (Shibuya); *Irrashaimase* (Inizuho)
- 1956 *Abare andon* (Watanabe); *Shuu* (Watanabe); *Kuroobi sangokushi*; *Naze kanojo wa sonatta ka*; *Okusama wa daigaku-sei* (Sugie); *Ruten*; *Nezumi-kozo shinobikomi-hikae* (Kaido); *Morishaige yo doko e iku* (Mizuho); *Neko to Shozo to futaru no onna* (*The Cat, Shozo, and the Two Women*) (Toyoda); *Shin-Heike monogatari: Shizuka to Yoshitsune*; *Tenjodaifu*
- 1957 *Joshu to tomoni* (*Women in Prison*) (Hisamatsu); *Arashi no naka no otoko* (*The Man in the Storm*) (Taniguchi) (as Akiko); *Osaka monogatari* (Yoshimura); *Yagyū bugei-cho* (*The Yagyū*; *Secret Scrolls*) (Inagaki) (as Oki); *Hikage no musume*; *Donzoko* (*The Lower Depths*) (Kurosawa) (as Okayo, her sister); *Onna Goroshi abura jigoku* (*The Prodigal Son*) (Horikawa) (as Sister); *Chijo* (Yoshimura)
- 1958 *Kanpai!*; *Miai-kekkon*; *Onna de arukoto* (Kawashima); *Tokyo no kyujitsu*; *Anzūkko* (Naruse); *Zenigata Heiji torimonohikae: Onibi-doro* (Kato); *Tsuzurikata kyodai* (Hisamatsu); *Akai jinbaori* (Yamamoto); *Boku wa san-nin mae*; *Mori to mizuumi no matsuri* (Uchida); *Zenigata Heiji torimonohikae: Yukionna no ashiato*; *Soryū hiken* (*Ninjutsu*; *Secret Scrolls, Part II*) (Inagaki) (as Oki)
- 1959 *Kagero-gasa* (Misumi); *Aijō fudo*; *Ai no kane*; *Ningen no kabe* (Yamamoto); *Nippon tanjo* (Inagaki); *Fuunji: Oda Nobunaga*
- 1960 *Oedo no kyoji*; *Arakure daimyo*; *Yurei hanjo-ki*; *Hi-sen-ryo* (Tanaka); *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru* (*The Bad Sleep Well*; *The Rose in the Mud*; *The Worse You Are, the Better You Sleep*) (Kurosawa) (as Keiko)
- 1961 *Osaka-jo monogatari* (*Daredevil in the Castle*; *Devil in the Castle*) (Inagaki) (as Ai); *Kuroi Gashu: Aru sogu*; *Aru sonan* (*Death on the Mountain*) (Sugie); *Mosura* (*Mothra*; *Godzilla vs. the Thing*; *Mothra tai Godzilla*) (Honda) (as showman); *Onna bakari no yoru*
- 1962 *Kiri no minato no akai hana*; *Asu aru kagiri* (*Till Tomorrow Comes*; *Ashita aru kagiri*) (Toyoda); *Saotome-ke no musumetachi* (Hisamatsu)
- 1963 *Tengoku to jigoku* (*High and Low*; *Heaven and Hell*; *The Ransom*) (Kurosawa) (as Reiko, Gondo's wife); *Dokuritsu bijin-tai*; *Shichi-nin no keiji*; *Onn o sagase*
- 1965 *Akahige* (*Red Beard*) (Kurosawa) (as mental patient)
- 1974 *Kareinaru Ichizoku* (*The Family*) (Yamamoto)
- 1978 *Tsubasa wa kokoro ni tsukete* (Horikawa)
- 1979 *Otoko wa tsuraiyo: Torajiro Haru no yume* (*Tora's Spring Dream*) (Yamada)
- 1986 *Harukoma no Uta*
- 1990 *Shikibu monogatari* (Kumai) (as Isa Otomo)
- 1993 *Madadayo* (*Not Yet*) (Kurosawa) (as professor's wife)
- 1995 *Deep River*
- 1998 *Wandafuru raifu* (*After Life*) (Koreeda)

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Early in her career, Kyoko Kagawa worked in various film genres, specializing in the roles of innocent and sincere girls. She established her expertise at portraying this type of character in such roles as the kindhearted daughter in Mikio Naruse's *Okasan*, as the youngest and most sensitive daughter in Ozu's *Tokyo monogatari*, and as the student who tragically dies defending her native Okinawa in Tadashi Imai's *Himeyuri no to*. Throughout her early performances, Kagawa demonstrated an acting style that was very natural, pragmatic, and realistic.

Kenji Mizoguchi expanded her capacity for believable suffering by giving her lead roles as the enslaved daughter who sacrifices her life for her brother in *Sansho dayu* and as a wife who elopes with her husband's employer in the Kabuki-inspired *Chikamatsu monogatari*. In the latter role especially, Kagawa showed the tenacity required to survive the physical conflicts of human emotions. Her depiction of the dramatic changes a woman undergoes from a protected, wealthy wife to an independent, passionate lover was without compromise. Her next portrayal, of a helplessly shrewish wife in Toyoda's *Neko to Shozo to futaru no onna*, was a surprising departure, with a stylized cynicism replacing the naturalistic innocence that was her trademark. Kagawa's success in this unusual role, contradicting the actress's image, widened her scope and reputation.

After appearing once more as an ingenue in Kurosawa's *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru*, she starred in another peculiar and stylized role as the apprehensive wife of a kidnapped president in Kurosawa's *Tengoku to jigoku*. In *Akahige*, Kurosawa incorporated both facets of Kagawa's image by casting her as an innocent girl who turns into a nymphomaniac at night. The performance, which was alternately naively idyllic and knowingly horrifying, was the highpoint of Kagawa's career.

—Kyoko Hirano

KARINA, Anna

Nationality: Danish. **Born:** Hanne Karin Blarke Bayer in Copenhagen, 22 September 1940. **Education:** Studied painting in Copenhagen. **Family:** Married 1) the director Jean-Luc Godard, 1961 (divorced 1967); 2) Pierre-Antoine Fabre, 1968 (divorced); 3) Daniel-Georges Duval, 1978. **Career:** Worked in France as photographer's model; 1959—actress in short film *Pigen og skoene*; 1960—first of a series of films directed by Godard, *Le Petit soldat*; 1965—TV debut; 1972—set up production company Raska for her film *Vivre ensemble*, of which she also wrote a novelization. **Awards:** Best Actress, Berlin Film Festival, for *Une Femme est une femme*, 1961. **Agent:** 78 Boulevard Malesherbes, 75008 Paris, France.



Anna Karina on the set of *Vivre sa vie*

Films as Actress:

- 1959 *Pigen og skoene* (*The Girl and the Shoes*) (Schmedes—short)
- 1960 *Le Petit soldat* (*The Little Soldier*) (Godard—banned until 1963) (as Veronica Dreyer)
- 1961 *Ce soir ou jamais* (Deville); *Présentation ou Charlotte et son steak* (Rohmer—short) (shot in 1953 with dubbed voice); *Une Femme est une femme* (A Woman Is a Woman) (Godard) (as Angela); *Maid for Murder* (*She'll Have to Go*) (Asher) (as Toni); *Le Soleil dans l'oeil* (Bourdon); *Les Fiancés du Pont Macdonald* (Varda—short burlesque film from *Cléo de cinq à sept* shown in advance of the feature)
- 1962 *Cléo de cinq à sept* (*Cleo from 5 to 7*) (Varda); *Vivre sa vie* (*My Life to Live*; *It's My Life*) (Godard) (as Nana Kleinfrankenheim); *Shéhérazade* (*La Schiava di Bagdad*) (Gaspard-Huit) (title role); *Le Joli Mai* (Marker); "Le Corbeau et renard" ("The Fox and the Crow") ep. of *Les Quatre Vérités* (*Three Fables of Love*) (Bromberger)
- 1963 *Dragées au poivre* (*Sweet and Sour*) (Baratier) (as Giselle); *Un Mari à prix fixe* (de Givray)
- 1964 *Petit jour* (Pierre—short); *Band à part* (*Band of Outsiders*; *The Outsiders*) (Godard) (as Odile); *Le Voleur du Tibidabo* (*La vida es magnífica*) (Ronet); *De l'amour* (Aurel) (as Hélène)
- 1965 *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Vadim) (as the chambermaid); *Le Soldatess* (Zurlini); *Alphaville* (*Une étrange aventure de Lemmy Caution*; *Alphaville: A Strange Adventure of Lemmy Caution*; *Tarzan versus I.B.M.*) (Godard) (as Natasha von

- Braun); *Pierrot le fou* (*Peter the Crazy*) (Godard) (as Marianne Renoir); *La Religieuse* (*The Nun*) (Rivette) (as Suzanne Simonin); *Anna* (Koralnik—for TV)
- 1966 *Zärtliche Haie* (*Tendres requins*) (Deville); *Made in U.S.A.* (Godard) (as Paula Nelson)
- 1967 *Lo straniero* (*The Stranger*; *L'Etranger*) (Visconti) (as Maria Cardona); "Anticipation" ep. of *Le Plus Vieux Métier du monde* (*The Oldest Profession*) (Godard) (as Natasha, Miss Conversation); *Lamiel* (Aurel)
- 1968 *The Magus* (*The God Game*) (Guy Green) (as Anne)
- 1969 *Michael Kohlhaas—Der Rebell* (Schlöndorff) (as Elisabeth); *Laughter in the Dark* (Richardson); *Justine* (Cukor) (as Melissa); *Le temps de mourir* (Farwagi); *Before Winter Comes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Maria Holz)
- 1970 *L'alliance* (de Chalonge); *Cran d'Arret* (Boisset)
- 1971 *Rendez-vous à Bray* (Delvaux); *Carlos* (Geissendörfer)
- 1972 *The Salzburg Connection* (Katzin) (as Anna Bryant)
- 1973 *Pane e cioccolata* (*Bread and Chocolate*) (Brusati) (as Elena)
- 1974 *L'invenzione di Morel* (Greco)
- 1975 *L'Assassin musicien* (Jacquot); *Les Oeufs brouillés* (Santoni)
- 1976 *Chinesisches Roulette* (*Chinese Roulette*) (Fassbinder) (as Irene); *Also es war so . . .* (*Willi eine Zauberposse*) (Thome)
- 1978 *Chaussette surprise* (*Surprise Sock*) (Davy) (as Nathalie)
- 1979 *Just Like at Home* (Mészáros) (as Anna); *Historien om en moder* (*The Story of a Mother*) (Weeke)
- 1980 *Ausgerechnet Bananen* (Lommel); *Also es war so* (Thome—for TV)
- 1981 *L'Ami de Vincent* (*A Friend of Vincent*) (Granier-Deferre)
- 1984 *Ave Maria* (Richard) (as Berthe Granjeux)
- 1986 *Dame des Dunes* (Joyce Buñuel—for TV); *Dernière chanson* (*Last Song*) (Berry) (+ co-sc); *Anna* (Koralnik)
- 1987 *Dernier été à Tanger* (*Last Summer at Tangiers*) (Arcady) (as Myrrha); *Cayenne-Palace* (Maline) (as Lola)
- 1988 *L'Oeuvre au noir* (*The Abyss*) (Delvaux) (as Catherine)
- 1990 *Manden, der ville vaere Skyldig* (*The Man Who Wanted to Be Guilty*) (Roos) (as Edith)
- 1991 *Treasure Island* (as Mother)
- 1995 *Haut bas fragile* (*Up, Down, Fragile*) (Rivette) (as Sarah)

Film as Actress and Director:

- 1974 *Vivre Ensemble* (*Living Together*)

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Anna Karina is best known for her work with her director/husband Jean-Luc Godard. Their relationship was a classic example of the male auteur constructing his personal film universe, as well as constructing his wife's persona to fit or perform within that universe. Godard's work with Karina is the best of his repertoire, and Karina's work with most other directors is merely ordinary.

Originally from Denmark, Karina arrived in Paris in 1958 with limited facility in the French language, and having only modeling experience and one short film in her country to her credit. She turned down the part in *A bout de souffle* played by Jean Seberg, and instead performed in 1960's *Le Petit soldat*, Godard's second feature, which earned her international recognition. The following year she appeared in Godard's *Une Femme est une femme*, the same year the two were married.

Godard was able to use Karina's occasional awkwardness as an asset by emphasizing the vulnerability that was the most distinguishing trait of her youthful performances. Despite his almost palpable adoration for her expressed in such films as *Une Femme est une femme* and *Vivre sa vie*, both of which have been described as documentaries on Karina herself, her characters were never mere victims or innocents. In *Vivre sa vie*, Karina's character and her lover read Edgar Allan Poe's *The Oval Portrait*, a foreshadowing of the ultimate dilemma Godard would face when the artist allows his cherished love to perish as he refines her portrait. As the series of collaborations progressed and, perhaps coincidentally, their marriage dissolved, Karina became definitively an active agent, an initiator of the action, even a betrayer. As an actress she had become an axiom of the Godardian cinema, a relative constant in his most highly animated period, representing herself as much as any fictional creation.

Apart from Godard's films, Karina's rather melancholy fragility has rarely been employed to full advantage. Jacques Rivette's densely developed portrait of *La Religieuse* and, much later, Fassbinder's *Chinese Roulette* emerge as the plainest exceptions. Her foray into the English-speaking cinema was, for the most part, disastrous, and her roles in such universally unpopular, expensive fiascos as *The Magus* and *Justine* were inconsequential at best. Although international stardom may have been unattainable, and while the French cinema is no longer the vanguard institution it was at the time, Anna Karina was clearly a contributing member of a group that set about actively to rethink the aims and the means of filmmaking.

—Richard Wilson, updated by Kelly Otter

KARLOFF, Boris

Nationality: British. **Born:** William Henry Pratt in London, England, 23 November 1887. **Education:** Attended Merchant Taylors' School, London, Uppingham School, 1903–06; King's College, London, 1906–09. **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Helene Vivian Soule, 1924 (divorced 1928); 2) Dorothy Stine, 1930 (divorced 1945), one daughter; 3) Evelyn Helmore, 1946. **Career:** 1909—emigrated to Canada, and joined the Ray Brandon Players in western Canada; during the next ten years played with other touring companies, including the Henry St. Clair Players and Billie Bennett's road company; 1919—billed film debut in *His Majesty, the American*; 1930—in stage version of *The Criminal Code*, and in film version the following year; 1931—acclaim for his role as the monster in *Frankenstein*; Universal contract; 1941—stage success in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and later in *The Shop at Sly Corner*, 1949, as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, 1950, and in *The Lark*, 1955; 1949—host and star in TV series *Starring Boris Karloff*; 1954–55 panelist on TV series *Down You Go*; 1960–62—host and occasional star of TV series *Thriller*. **Died:** 2 February 1969.

Films as Actor:

- 1916 *The Dumb Girl of Portici* (Ratinoff) (as extra)
 1919 *The Masked Raider* (Kennedy); *The Lightning Raider* (Seitz);
His Majesty, the American (Henabery) (bit role); *The Prince and Betty* (Thornby) (bit role); *The Deadlier Sex*



Boris Karloff in *Frankenstein*

- (Thornby) (as Jules Borney); *The Courage of Marge O'Doone* (Smith) (as Tavish)
 1920 *The Last of the Mohicans* (Tourneur) (as Huron Indian)
 1921 *Without Benefit of Clergy* (Young) (as Ahmed Khan); *The Hope Diamond Mystery* (*The Romance of the Hope Diamond*) (Payton) (as Priest of Kama-Sita/Dakar); *Cheated Hearts* (Henley) (as Nei Hamid); *The Cave Girl* (Franz) (as Baptiste)
 1922 *The Man from Downing Street* (*The Jade Elephants*) (José) (as Dell Monckton/Maharajah Jehan Dharwar); *The Infidel* (Young) (as Nabob); *The Altar Stairs* (Hillyer) (as Hugo); *Omar the Tentmaker* (Young) (as Holy Imam Mowaffak); *The Woman Conquers* (Forman) (as Raoul Maris)
 1923 *The Gentleman from America* (Sedgwick); *The Prisoner* (Conway) (as Prince Kapolski)
 1924 *Riders of the Plains* (Jaccard); *The Hellion* (Bruce Marshall) (as outlaw); *Dynamite Dan* (Bruce Marshall) (as Tony Garcia)
 1925 *Perils of the Wind* (Francis Ford); *Parisian Nights* (Santell) (as Pierre); *Forbidden Cargo* (*Dangerous Cargo*) (Buckingham) (as Pietro Castellano); *The Prairie Wife* (Ballin) (as Diego); *Lady Robin Hood* (Ince) (as Cabraza); *Never the Twain Shall Meet* (Tourneur) (as South Sea villain)
 1926 *The Greater Glory* (Rehfeld) (as scissors grinder); *Her Honor, the Governor* (*The Second Mrs. Fenway*) (Withey) (as Snipe Collins); *The Bells* (Young) (as mesmerist); *The Eagle of the Sea* (Lloyd) (as pirate); *Old Ironsides* (*Sons of the Sea*) (Cruze) (as Saracen pirate); *Flames* (Moomaw) (as Blackie Blanchette); *The Golden Web* (Lang) (as Dave Sinclair); *Flaming Fury* (Hogan) (as Gaspard); *The Man in the Saddle* (Clifford Smith) (bit role); *The Nickel Hopper* (Yates) (as lecher); *Valencia* (*The Love Song*) (Buchowetzki) (bit role)
 1927 *Tarzan and the Golden Lion* (McGowan) (as Owaza); *Let It Rain* (Cline) (as crook); *The Middlin' Stranger* (Thorpe) (as Al Meggs); *The Princess from Hoboken* (Dale) (as Pavel); *The Phantom Buster* (Bertram) (as Mexican smuggler); *Soft Cushions* (Cline) (as Chief Conspirator); *Two Arabian Knights* (Milestone) (as Purser); *The Love Mart* (Fitzmaurice) (as Fleming)
 1928 *Vanishing Rider* (Taylor); *Vultures of the Sea* (Thorpe); *The Little Wild Girl* (Mattison) (as Maurice Kent)
 1929 *Burning the Wind* (MacRae and Blache) (as Pug Doran); *The Fatal Warning* (Thorpe) (as Mullins); *The Devil's Chaplain* (Worne) (as Boris); *The Phantom of the North* (Webb) (as Jules Gregg); *Anne against the World* (Worne); *Two Sisters* (Cummings) (as Cecil); *Behind That Curtain* (Cummings) (as Soudanese servant); *The Unholy Night* (*The Green Ghost*) (Barrymore) (as Abdoul)
 1930 *The Bad One* (Fitzmaurice) (as prison guard); *The Sea Bat* (Ruggles) (as Corsican); *The Utah Kid* (Thorpe) (as Baxter); *Mother's Cry* (Henley) (as murder victim)
 1931 *King of the Wild* (Thorpe) (as Mustapha); *The Criminal Code* (Hawks) (as Ned Galloway); *Cracked Nuts* (Cline) (as revolutionary); *Young Donovan's Kid* (*Donovan's Kid*) (Niblo) (as Cokey Joe); *The Public Defender* (Ruben) (as Professor); *Smart Money* (Green) (as Sport Williams); *I Like Your Nerve* (McGann) (as Luigi); *Pardon Us* (Parrott) (as convict); *Five Star Final* (LeRoy) (as T. Vernon Isopod);

- The Mad Genius* (Curtiz) (as father); *Dirigible* (Capra) (bit role); *The Last Parade* (Kenton) (bit role); *The Guilty Generation* (Lee) (as Ton Ricca); *Graft* (Cabanne) (as Joe Terry); *The Yellow Ticket (The Yellow Passport)* (Walsh) (as drunken Czarist aide); *Tonight or Never* (LeRoy) (as waiter); ***Frankenstein*** (Whale) (as the Monster); *Business and Pleasure* (Butler) (as Sheik)
- 1932 *Behind the Mask* (Dillon) (as Jim Henderson); *Alias the Doctor* (Curtiz) (as Autopsy Surgeon); *Scarface* (Hawks) (as Gaffney); *The Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood* (Dillon) (as himself); *The Miracle Man* (McLeod) (as Nikko); *Night World* (Henley) (as Happy MacDonald); *The Old Dark House* (Whale) (as Morgan); *The Mummy* (Freund) (as Im-Ho-Tep/Ardath Bey); *The Mask of Fu Manchu* (Brabin) (title role)
- 1933 *The Ghoul* (Hunter) (as Professor Morlant)
- 1934 *The Lost Patrol* (John Ford) (as Sanders); *The House of Rothschild* (Werker) (as Count Ledrantz); *Screen Snapshots, Number Eleven* (as himself); *The Black Cat (The House of Doom; The Vanishing Body)* (Ulmer) (as Hjalmar Poelzig); *Gift of Gab* (Freund) (as himself)
- 1935 ***Bride of Frankenstein*** (Whale) (as the Monster); *The Raven* (Friedlander) (as Edmond Bateman); *The Black Room* (Neill) (as Baron Gregor de Berghman/Anton de Berghman)
- 1936 *The Invisible Ray* (Hillyer) (as Dr. Janos Rukh); *The Walking Dead* (Curtiz) (as John Ellman); *The Man Who Lived Again (The Man Who Changed His Mind; Dr. Maniac; The Brainsnatcher)* (Stevenson) (as Dr. Laurience); *Juggernaut (The Demon Doctor)* (Henry Edwards) (as Dr. Sartorius); *Charlie Chan at the Opera* (Humberstone) (as Gravell)
- 1937 *Night Key* (Corrigan) (as Dave Mallory); *West of Shanghai (The War Lord)* (Farrow) (as General Wu Yen Fang)
- 1938 *The Invisible Menace (Without Warning)* (Farrow) (as Jevries); *Mr. Wong, Detective* (Nigh) (title role)
- 1939 *Son of Frankenstein* (Lee) (as the Monster); *The Mystery of Mr. Wong* (Nigh) (title role); *Mr. Wong in Chinatown* (Nigh) (title role); *The Man They Could Not Hang* (Grinde) (as Dr. Henryk Savaard); *Tower of London* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Mord)
- 1940 *Devil's Island* (Clemens) (as Dr. Charles Gaudet); *The Fatal Hour (Mr. Wong at Headquarters)* (Nigh) (as Mr. Wong); *British Intelligence (Enemy Agent)* (Morse) (as Franz Strendler); *Black Friday* (Lubin) (as Dr. Ernest Sovac); *The Man with Nine Lives (Behind the Door)* (Grinde) (as Dr. Leon Kravaal); *Doomed to Die (The Mystery of Wentworth Castle)* (Nigh) (as James Lee Wong); *Before I Hang* (Grinde) (as Dr. John Garth); *The Ape* (Nigh) (as Dr. Bernard Adrian); *You'll Find Out* (Butler) (as Judge Mainwaring)
- 1941 *The Devil Commands* (Dmytryk) (as Dr. Julian Blair); *Information Please Number Eight* (as guest panelist); *Information Please Number Twelve* (as guest panelist)
- 1942 *The Boogie Man Will Get You* (Landers) (as Professor Nathaniel Billings)
- 1944 *The Climax* (Waggner) (as Dr. Hohner); *House of Frankenstein* (Kenton) (as Dr. Gustav Niemann)
- 1945 *The Body Snatcher* (Wise) (as John Gray); *Isle of the Dead* (Robson) (as General Nikolas Pherides)
- 1946 *Bedlam* (Robson) (as Master George Sims)
- 1947 *Lured (Personal Column)* (Sirk) (as Charles Van Druten); *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (McLeod) (as Dr. Hollingshead); *Dick Tracy Meets Gruesome (Dick Tracy's Amazing Adventure)* (Rawlins) (as Gruesome); *Unconquered* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Seneca Chief Guyasura)
- 1948 *Tap Roots* (George Marshall) (as Tishomingo)
- 1949 *Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer, Boris Karloff* (Barton) (as Swami Tapur)
- 1951 *The Strange Door* (Pevney) (as Voltan); *The Emperor's Nightingale (Cisaruv Slavik)* (Makovec) (as narrator)
- 1952 *The Black Castle* (Juran) (as Dr. Meissen)
- 1953 *Colonel March Investigates (Colonel March of Scotland Yard)* (Endfield) (title role); *The Hindu (Sabaka)* (Ferrin) (as General Pollegar); *Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Lamont) (as Dr. Henry Jekyll); *The Monster of the Island (Il mostro dell'isola)* (Montero and Vecchietti) (as smuggler)
- 1957 *The Juggler of Our Lady* (Kousel) (as narrator); *Silent Death (Voodoo Island)* (Le Borg) (as Phillip Knight)
- 1958 *Frankenstein* (Koch) (as Baron Victor von Frankenstein); *The Haunted Strangler (Grip of the Strangler)* (Day) (as James Rankin/Dr. Tenant)
- 1963 *Corridors of Blood (The Doctor of Seven Dials)* (Day) (as Dr. Thomas Bolton); *The Raven* (Corman) (as Dr. Scarabus)
- 1964 *The Comedy of Terrors* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Amos Hinchley); *Black Sabbath (I tre volti della paura)* (Bava) (as Gorca); *Bikini Beach* (Asher) (as art dealer)
- 1965 *Die, Monster, Die! (Monster of Terror; The House at the End of the World)* (Haller) (as Nahum Whitley)
- 1966 *The Ghost in the Invisible Bikini* (Weis) (as Hiram Stokeley); *The Daydreamer* (Bass) (as voice)
- 1967 *Blind Man's Bluff (Cauldron of Blood; The Shrinking Corpse)* (Edward Mann) (as Charles Badulescu); *The Venetian Affair* (Jerry Thorpe) (as Dr. Pierre Vaugiroud); *Mondo balordo* (Montero) (as narrator); *Mad Monster Party* (Bass) (as Karloff puppet); *The Sorcerers* (Reeves) (as Professor Monserrat)
- 1968 *Targets* (Bogdanovich) (as Baron Orlok)
- 1970 *The Crimson Cult (Curse of the Crimson Affair)* (Sewell) (as Professor Marshe); *Isle of the Snake People* (Ibañez and Hill) (as Dr. Carl Van Boulder)
- 1971 *The Incredible Invasion (Sinister Invasion)* (Ibañez and Hill) (as scientist); *The Fear Chamber* (Ibañez and Hill) (as scientist)
- 1972 *House of Evil* (Ibañez and Hill) (as menace)

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In one sense, Boris Karloff could be judged a failure. A lifetime of roles intended to create horror and loathing only succeeded in making him one of the most loved of actors. Audiences who shuddered pleasurably at his ghouls saw straight through them, to the gentle, dignified man beneath. Karloff ended up a white-haired, grandfatherly figure telling spooky tales to delight the children, any suggestion of menace belied by the kindness in his eyes. That same sympathy animated the monsters he created—grave, vulnerable beings, victims of the "normal" world around them.

Unlike Lorre or Lugosi, serious actors who chafed at the narrow range into which Hollywood forced them, Karloff never strongly objected to being typecast in horror movies. In part, his reaction was practical: the relief of a 45-year-old actor, with ten years of ramshackle stock companies and ten more of movie bit-parts behind him, suddenly finding fame and security in his 65th film, the 1931 James Whale version of *Frankenstein*. But he was also doing what he could do best. To the end of his days, he called the Frankenstein Monster the best friend any actor could have had.

Tall, gaunt, lantern-jawed, Karloff moved with a somnolent slowness that aptly evoked the inexorable, slow-motion menace of a bad dream. Deep-set eyes, overhanging brows, and a voice that seemed to echo from cobwebby vaults enhanced the intensity of his presence. Karloff never needed to gesticulate or rave; the quietly understated malevolence of his acting gained the more by contrast with the B movie hamming that often surrounded him.

Karloff began acting in silent films, most notably *The Bells*, where he played an evil mesmerist opposite hero Lionel Barrymore. But it was *Frankenstein* that made him a star—though a couple of good roles just before, in Hawks's *The Criminal Code* and LeRoy's *Five Star Final* (as the ineffably named phony clergyman, T. Vernon Isopod), helped bring him to James Whale's attention when the original star of *Frankenstein*, Bela Lugosi, opted out of the role of the monster because he did not want to disguise his features under pounds of makeup and his distinctive voice with inarticulate grunts. Thus, Karloff got his most famous role by default. Nevertheless, the inarticulate pathos of Karloff's portrayal of the monster, innocent and bewildered, staggering beneath the burden of emotions it can neither express nor control, lent the film dignity and depth, creating a lasting classic. Universal billed him in the credits only as "Karloff"; for future films, his first name was reinstated, but for filmgoers everywhere, young and old, generation after generation, no other name but "Karloff" was ever needed.

Karloff played the monster in two sequels for Universal (and once on television, in an episode of the hit television series *Route 66*). Without his presence, further sequels collapsed into routine programmers. (Ironically, Bela Lugosi finally did overcome his antipathy for the role of the monster and played it himself—long after Karloff had discarded it to go on to bigger things—in Universal's *Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman*, the fourth entry in the studio's long-running series.) Both *Frankenstein* sequels in which Karloff reprised his role, *Bride of Frankenstein* and *Son of Frankenstein*, were made during the 1930s, the period of Universal's great horror cycle, and Karloff's best

decade. As *The Mummy*, a virtual remake of Universal's smash hit *Dracula*, set in Egypt, he slowed his movements yet further into an ancient, hieratic solemnity, eyes burning fiercely in a face of weathered sandstone. Death-in-life roles suited his cadaverous deliberation: in Edgar G. Ulmer's broodingly atmospheric *The Black Cat*, pacing gravely through galleries of women's corpses preserved behind glass; a resurrected convict in Curtiz's *The Walking Dead*; and, chuckling darkly, the clubfooted executioner Mord, henchman to Rathbone's Richard III in *Tower of London*.

Within the narrow range of his work, Karloff varied each role through subtle individual touches. Often, he undercut them with ironic humor: lumbering and grunting as the drunkenly lecherous butler of *The Old Dark House*; silkily urbane in *The Mask of Fu Manchu* (a rendition later reworked for virtue in the Mr. Wong series); ultimately over the top as a religious fanatic driven to mania by the sunbaked desert as a member of *The Lost Patrol*. Val Lewton provided Karloff with three quality assignments in the 1940s: *The Body Snatcher*, *Isle of the Dead*, and the elegantly Hogarthian *Bedlam*. Lewton's belief that horror can best be elicited through understatement and suggestion matched Karloff's talents perfectly, and he responded with some of his most stylishly controlled playing, especially in *The Body Snatcher*, as murderous cabman and protege of Burke and Hare, John Gray, arguably his greatest performance outside the original Frankenstein. The role is easily one of the subtlest, and scariest, dual-personality villains in the history of screen horror.

He was also adept at comedy, originating the role of the murderous Karloff lookalike Jonathan Brewster in the classic stage comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*, where he sent up his own image as the ultimate bogeyman; Raymond Massey took the role in the Frank Capra film version because Karloff was still playing it on tour at the time.

Karloff again enjoyed sending up his image in Roger Corman's Edgar Allan Poe spoof, *The Raven*, and *The Comedy of Terrors*, where he appeared with fellow screen bad guys Peter Lorre, Basil Rathbone, and Vincent Price. One of Karloff's best roles came almost at the last, more or less playing himself in Bogdanovich's directorial debut, *Targets*. As an avowed "antique, an anachronism" in an age of impersonal slaughter, Karloff manifested a touching dignity, and the film provided an affectionate farewell tribute—although, crippled by arthritis to the point of virtual immobility, he tread the boards through five more shockers the same year, one in England, the others in Mexico. Like one of the undead characters he often played, he arose from the grave four years after his death in his last released film, *Blind Man's Bluff*, a feature he shot in Spain in 1967.

—Philip Kemp, updated by John McCarty

KAYE, Danny

Nationality: American. **Born:** David Daniel Kominski (some sources say Kaminski) in Brooklyn, New York, 18 January 1913. **Education:** Attended Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn. **Family:** Married Sylvia Fine, 1940, one daughter. **Career:** Singer and comic after leaving school: worked on radio station WBBC, Brooklyn, and on the

Borscht Circuit in the Catskill Mountains, New York; 1933–39—toured with dancing act of Dave Harvey and Kathleen Young, and later as a single act, with material often written by Sylvia Fine; 1939—Broadway debut in *The Straw Hat Revue*; 1940—nightclub act at La Martinique, New York; 1940–41—parts in *Lady in the Dark* and *Let's Face It* on Broadway; performed for war bond rallies, and in camps and hospitals overseas during World War II; 1944—feature film debut in *Up in Arms* for Samuel Goldwyn; 1945—inaugurated popular radio show; 1948—began regular seasons at London Palladium; 1953—co-founder, with Sylvia Fine, Dena Productions; 1954—started his work for the United Nations Children's Fund; 1960—formed Belmont Television Company, and appeared on *The Danny Kaye Show*, 1963–67. **Awards:** Special Academy Award, 1954; Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, 1982; Member of French Legion of Honor, 1986. **Died:** Of a heart attack, in Los Angeles, 3 March 1987.

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Dime a Dance* (Christie—short)
- 1938 *Getting an Eyeful* (Christie—short); *Cupid Takes a Holiday* (Watson—short); *Money on Your Life* (Watson—short)
- 1942 *Night Shift* (Kanin—short)
- 1944 *Up in Arms* (Nugent) (as Danny Weems); *The Birth of a Star (The Danny Kaye Story)* (Pollard—compilation of Kaye's shorts)
- 1945 *Wonder Man* (Humberstone) (as Buzzy Bellew/Edwin Dingle)
- 1946 *The Kid from Brooklyn* (McLeod) (as Burleigh Sullivan)
- 1947 *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (McLeod) (title role); *A Song Is Born* (Hawks) (as Professor Hobart Frisbee); *Bob Hope Reports to the Nation* (USO short) (appearance)
- 1949 *It's a Great Feeling* (Butler) (as guest); *The Inspector General* (Koster) (as Georgi)
- 1951 *Bernard Shaw's Village* (Frieze—short); *On the Riviera* (Walter Lang) (as Henri Duran/Jack Martin)
- 1952 *Hans Christian Andersen* (Charles Vidor) (title role)
- 1954 *Knock on Wood* (Panama and Frank) (as Jerry); *Hula from Hollywood* (Staub—short); *White Christmas* (Curtiz) (as Phil Davis); *Assignment Children* (short for UNICEF)
- 1955 *The Court Jester* (Panama and Frank) (as Hawkins)
- 1958 *Merry Andrew* (Kidd) (as Andrew Larabee); *Me and the Colonel* (Glenville) (as S. I. Jacobowsky)
- 1959 *The Five Pennies* (Shavelson) (as Red Nichols)
- 1961 *On the Double* (Shavelson) (as Pfc. Ernest Williams/Gen. Sir Lawrence Mackenzie-Smith)
- 1963 *The Man from the Diners' Club* (Tashlin) (as Ernie Klenk)
- 1969 *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes) (as Ragpicker)
- 1972 *Pied Piper* (short for UNICEF)
- 1981 *Skokie* (Wise—for TV) (as Max Feldman)

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The films of Danny Kaye comprise only one aspect of his overall career as a comedian. Kaye's initial rise to fame came on the stage, in various revues and on Broadway. He also was extremely successful on the New York nightclub circuit. Reportedly, it was in one of these nightclubs that Sam Goldwyn caught Kaye's act and offered him a film contract. This was not his first contact with the motion picture

business. In the late 1930s he appeared in a few two-reelers for Educational Pictures which were not particularly entertaining or successful. In 1941 he turned down an MGM contract, choosing instead to continue working before live audiences. By the time Kaye decided to accept Sam Goldwyn's offer, he already had established himself as one of the hottest young comedians in New York, and he came to Hollywood as a star before he made his first feature.

Because of Kaye's success on the stage, Goldwyn spared no expense in launching his film career. His early films were lavish in their settings and featured extravagant musical numbers. Kaye's own routines were tailor-written for him by his wife and creative partner, Sylvia Fine. With their complicated patter and witty lyrics, her songs complemented his style of comedy. Kaye had become famous for his verbal acrobatics and foreign double-talk. He specialized in such tongue twisters and rhymes as "The pellet with the poison's in the vessel with the pestle, the chalice from the palace has the brew that is true," from *The Court Jester*. Other examples include "The Lobby Number" in Kay's feature debut, *Up in Arms*, in which he sings to a crowd in a theater lobby; and *Wonder Man*, in which he uses an opera to sing out the clues of a murder.

In many of his films Kaye was cast in dual roles, sometimes playing twins or lookalikes (as in *Wonder Man* and *On the Double*). Other times he played characters with multiple personalities (as in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*). Generally speaking, one side of Kaye's character would be weak and helpless while the other would be strong and resourceful. During the course of the film, Kaye would learn to blend the two personalities in order to become a better individual.

In 1953 Kaye and his wife formed their own production company, Dena Productions. Together with the writers Norman Panama and Melvin Frank, they produced three pictures. One of these, *The Court Jester*, is not only Kaye's finest film but one of the all-time-classic screen comedies. Its \$4-million budget made it the most expensive comedy up to that time. Kaye also was capable of playing the graceful romantic, as he so capably did in *White Christmas*, where his soft singing voice was utilized so effectively. It is a shame that he was not allowed to play such roles more often.

Kaye also proved to be an equally fine dramatic actor. In the television movie *Skokie*, he offered a powerful performance as a concentration camp survivor who has settled in Middle America, and who sets out to thwart an attempt by neo-Nazis to hold a street demonstration. Earlier, in *The Five Pennies*, he was effective in the role of jazz musician Red Nichols.

Kaye also was noted for his many offstage and offscreen charitable endeavors, most specifically his varied activities on behalf of UNICEF.

—Linda Obalil, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

KEATON, Buster

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joseph Francis Keaton in Piqua, Kansas, 4 October 1895. **Family:** Married 1) Natalie Talmadge, 1921 (divorced 1933), sons: Joseph and Robert; 2) Mae Scribbens, 1933 (divorced 1936); 3) Eleanor Norris, 1940. **Career:** 1898–1917—beginning at the age of four, appeared with his parents, Joe and Myra Keaton, in vaudeville act billed as The Three Keatons; 1917—moved to California; 1917–20—appeared in 15 two-reelers for Comique Film Corporation, with Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle as director-actor-scriptwriter, starting with first film *The Butcher Boy*, 1917; 1918—as member of U.S. Army, entertained troops in France; 1919—offered own production company with Metro Pictures by Joseph Schenk; 1920–23—produced 19 two-reelers; 1923–28—directed ten features for Metro, starting with *The Three Ages*; 1929–31—plagued with marital problems and alcoholism, career faded during the transition from silent to sound films; 1934–39—starred in 16 comedies for Educational Pictures; 1935—became uncredited gag writer for the Marx Brothers and in the 1940s for Red Skelton's features; 1939–41—appeared in ten two-reelers for Columbia; from 1949—moved to TV to execute innovative commercials and become frequent guest in both comic and dramatic TV series; 1949—in TV series *The Buster Keaton Comedy Show*; 1951—appearance with Chaplin in Chaplin's *Lime-light* revived Keaton's career. **Awards:** “George Award,” at first annual George Eastman Festival of Film Arts in Rochester, New York, 1956; special Academy Award, “for his unique talents which brought immortal comedies to the screen,” 1959; honored at the



Buster Keaton in *Doughboys*

screening of *Film*, written by Samuel Beckett, at the Venice Film Festival, 1965. **Died:** Of lung cancer in Woodland Hills, California, 1 February 1966.

Films as Actor:

(two-reelers with Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle as director-actor-scriptwriter)

- 1917 *The Butcher Boy* (as village pest); *A Reckless Romeo* (as a rival); *The Rough House* (as grocer's boy and cop); *His Wedding Night* (as delivery boy); *Oh, Doctor!* (as doctor's son); *Coney Island (Fatty at Coney Island)* (as lifeguard); *A Country Hero* (as the dancer)
- 1918 *Out West* (as Bill Bullhum); *The Bell Boy* (as Arbuckle's assistant); *Moonshine* (as assistant revenue agent); *Good Night, Nurse!* (as the doctor/a visitor); *The Cook* (as the waiter and general helper)
- 1919 *A Desert Hero* (as badman); *Back Stage* (as stagehand); *The Hayseed* (as store clerk)
- 1920 *The Garage (Fire Chief)* (as garage mechanic)

(silent features with Keaton as leading actor)

- 1920 *The Saphead* (Blaché) (as Bertie “The Lamb” Van Alstyne)
- 1927 *College* (Horne) (as Ronald)

- 1928 *Steamboat Bill, Jr.* (Reisner) (as Willie Canfield); *The Cameraman* (Sedgwick) (as Luke Shannon, + pr)
 1929 *Spite Marriage* (Sedgwick) (as Elmer Edgemont)

(1930s sound features with Keaton in minor and some major roles)

- 1929 *The Hollywood Revue of 1929* (Reisner) (as an oriental dancer)
 1930 *Free and Easy (Easy Go)* (Sedgwick) (as Elmer Butts); *Doughboys (The Big Shot; Forward March!)* (Sedgwick) (as Elmer Stuyvesant, + pr)
 1931 *Parlor, Bedroom, and Bath* (Sedgwick) (as Reginald Irving, + pr); *The March of Time* (Reichner—not completed); *Sidewalks of New York* (Jules White and Zion Myers) (as Homer Van Tine Harmon, + pr)
 1932 *The Passionate Plumber* (Sedgwick) (as Elmer Tuttle); *Speak Easily* (Sedgwick) (as Professor Timoleon Zanders Post); *What! No Beer?* (Sedgwick) (as Elmer J. Butts); *The Little King* (not completed)
 1934 *Le Roi des Champs Élysées (Champ of the Champs Élysées)* (Nosseck) (as Buster Garnier/Jim Le Balafre)
 1936 *The Invader (The Intruder; An Old Spanish Custom)* (Brunel) (as Leander Proudfoot)

(sound two-reelers for Educational Pictures starring Keaton; role as Elmer unless otherwise noted)

- 1934 *The Gold Ghost* (Lamont) (as Wally); *Allez Oop* (Lamont)
 1935 *Palooka from Paducah* (Lamont) (as Jim); *One-Run Elmer* (Lamont); *Hayseed Romance* (Lamont); *Tars and Stripes* (Lamont); *The E-Flat Man* (Lamont); *The Timid Young Man* (Sennett) (as Milton)
 1936 *Three on a Limb* (Lamont) (as Elmer Brown); *Grand Slam Opera* (Lamont) (as Elmer Butts); *Blue Blazes* (Raymond Kane); *The Chemist* (Al Christie) (as Elmer Triple); *Mixed Magic* (Raymond Kane)
 1937 *Jail Bait* (Lamont); *Ditto* (Lamont); *Love Nest on Wheels* (Lamont)

(two-reeler Columbia shorts starring Keaton)

- 1939 *Pest from the West* (Del Lord) (as American yachtsman); *Moocking through Georgia* (Jules White) (as Homer Cobb)
 1940 *Nothing but Pleasure* (Jules White) (as Clarence Plunkett); *Pardon My Berth Marks* (Jules White) (as Elmer Pinfeather); *The Taming of the Snood (Four Thirds Off)* (Jules White) (as a hat shop owner); *The Spook Speaks* (Jules White) (as magician's housekeeper); *His Ex Marks the Spot (Buster's Last Stand)* (Jules White) (as the husband)
 1941 *So You Won't Squawk* (Del Lord) (as Eddie); *General Nuisance (The Private General)* (Jules White) (as Peter Hedley Lamar Jr.); *She's Oil Mine* (Jules White) (as Buster Waters)

(feature films with Keaton in minor role, from 1939)

- 1939 *Hollywood Cavalcade* (Cummings) (as himself)
 1940 *The Villain Still Pursued Her* (Edward F. Cline) (as William); *Li'l Abner* (Rogell) (as Lonesome Polecat); *New Moon* (Robert Z. Leonard) (as Prisoner "LuLu")

- 1943 *Forever and a Day* (in sequence directed by Hardwicke) (as Dabb's assistant)
 1944 *San Diego, I Love You* (LeBorg) (as bus driver); *Two Girls and a Sailor* (Thorpe) (as Durante's son)
 1945 *That's the Spirit* (Lamont) (as L. M.); *That Night with You* (Seiter) (as Sam, the short-order cook); *She Went to the Races* (Goldbeck) (as bellboy)
 1946 *God's Country* (Tansey); *El Moderno Barba Azul (Boom in the Moon; A Modern Bluebeard)* (Jamie Salvador) (as prisoner of Mexicans who is sent to the moon)
 1949 *The Lovable Cheat* (Oswald) (as Curt Bois); *In the Good Old Summertime* (Robert Z. Leonard) (as Hickey); *You're My Everything* (Walter Lang) (as waiter)
 1950 *Sunset Boulevard* (Wilder) (as himself)
 1951 *The Misadventures of Buster Keaton* (compilation of three episodes of *The Buster Keaton Show* TV series)
 1952 *Limelight* (Chaplin) (as piano accompanist); *L'incantevole nemica (Captivating Enemy)* (Gora) (bit role)
 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Michael Anderson) (as train conductor)
 1960 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Huckleberry Finn)* (Curtiz) (as lion tamer)
 1962 *Ten Girls Ago* (Harold Daniels—not completed)
 1963 *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Stanley Kramer) (as Jimmy the Crook)
 1964 *Pajama Party (The Maid and the Martian)* (Wies) (as Chief Rotten Eagle)
 1965 *Beach Blanket Bingo* (Asher) (as himself); *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini* (Asher) (as Bwana); *Sergeant Deadhead (Sergeant Deadhead the Astronaut)* (Taurog) (as Pvt. Blinken); *The Man Who Bought Paradise (Hotel Paradise)* (Ralph Nelson—for TV) (as Mr. Blore)
 1966 *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Richard Lester) (as Erronius)
 1967 *Due Marines e un Generale (War, Italian Style)* (Scattini) (as Gen. Von Kassler)

(miscellaneous shorts)

- 1929 *The Voice of Hollywood, Number 10* (Lewyn)
 1931 *The Stolen Jools (The Slippery Pearls)* (McGann) (as a Keystone Kop)
 1933 *Hollywood on Parade* (Lewyn)
 1935 *La Fiesta de Santa Barbara* (Lewyn)
 1936 *Sunkist Stars at Palm Springs*
 1950 *Un Duel à Mort* (as a comic duelist, + co-sc)
 1965 *Film* (Alan Schneider); *The Railroad* (Potterton)

(industrial films)

- 1952 *Paradise for Buster* (Del Lord)
 1960 *The Devil to Pay* (Skoble) (as Diablos)
 1963 *The Triumph of Lester Snapwell* (James Calhoun) (title role)
 1965 *The Fall Guy* (Bateman) (as Mr. Goodfarmer/Mr. Badfarmer)
 1966 *The Scribe* (Sebert) (as newspaper reporter)

Films as Actor and Director:

(two-reelers with Keaton in the leading role, co-directed and co-scripted by Keaton with Eddie Cline, unless otherwise noted)

- 1920 *One Week* (as the husband); *Convict 13* (as the golfer/the victim); *The Scarecrow* (as roommate); *Neighbors* (as the boy)
- 1921 *The Haunted House* (as bank clerk); *Hard Luck* (as the melancholy boy); *The High Sign* (as the boy); *The Goat* (co-d and co-sc with Mal St. Clair) (as the boy); *The Boat* (as the captain of the DAMFINO)
- 1922 *The Paleface* (as Little Chief Paleface); *The Playhouse* (as the stage hand); *Cops* (as the unsuspecting victim); *My Wife's Relation* (as the husband); *The Blacksmith* (co-d and co-sc with Mal St. Clair) (as the blacksmith's assistant); *The Frozen North* (as the adventurer); *The Electric House* (as an electrical engineer); *Daydreams* (as the boy)
- 1923 *The Balloonatic* (as the boy); *The Love Nest* (as sailor)

(silent features directed by Keaton, with Keaton as leading actor)

- 1923 *The Three Ages* (co-d with Cline) (as the boy); *Our Hospitality* (co-d with Blystone) (as Willie McKay)
- 1924 *Sherlock, Jr.* (as the theater projectionist/title role); *The Navigator* (co-d with Crisp) (as Rollo Treadway)
- 1925 *Seven Chances* (as Jimmie Shannon); *Go West* (as Friendless, + story)
- 1926 *Battling Butler* (Alfred Butler); *The General* (as Johnnie Gray)

(one-reelers directed by Keaton; sound)

- 1938 *Life in Sometown, U.S.A.*; *Hollywood Handicap*; *Streamlined Swing*

Other Films:

- 1939 *The Jones Family in Hollywood* (Mal St. Clair) (co-sc); *The Jones Family in Quick Millions* (Mal St. Clair) (co-sc)

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When motion picture critics began to reevaluate the comedy of Buster Keaton, he was the best-known silent screen comedian of the 1950s and early 1960s. This came about because he, more than any of his peers of the silent period, had made frequent appearances in television commercials, variety shows, and such series programs as *Eddie Cantor Comedy Theatre*, *The Martha Raye Show*, *Playhouse 90*, and *Route 66*. In some of the variety shows and commercials, Buster would execute some of the dangerous pratfalls that distinguished the knockabout comedy of his first film *The Butcher Boy* in 1917. These balletlike tumbles led early viewers to marvel at the physical comedy he had perfected in his vaudeville act with his father and mother. This sometimes resulted in an evaluation of his acting as merely physical, deadpan, and mechanical. In fact, as early as 1924, an unidentified evaluator noted in a review of *Sherlock, Jr.* in *Exceptional Photoplays* that Keaton was the "Humpty Dumpty of the screen. . . always falling from the wall and always getting up again."

As critics attributed the essence of Keaton's comedy to a type of mechanistic theory similar to that advanced by French philosopher Henri Bergson, the views on his comic acting became oversimplified. Coupled with this was an admiration of the lack of the sentimental that appealed to the intellectuals who viewed his 1920s features. These facets of his comedy also appealed to those who revisited Keaton's work after seeing him on television in the 1950s. Nearly 40 years after an evaluation of his comedy was formulated into a reductionistic mold, Tom Gunning repeated the same concept in a 1995 *Cineaste* article entitled "Buster Keaton: Or the Work of Comedy in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction." In 1958 Christopher Bishop in *Film Quarterly* set the error of reduction in stone with the statement that Keaton "seems detached from his surroundings, uninvolved to the point of lunacy, an extraordinarily neutral figure, driven by compulsion beyond his comprehension, his behavior without source in any conscious motivation."

Such evaluations of Keaton's character and acting are quite common, and they are intended as penetrating views on the quintessence of the comedian's uniqueness in creating laughter. They fail to take into account many of the character traits that the actor uses in the development of the drama which would give dimension to the comedian's acting. In *Sherlock, Jr.*, for example, there are many of the obsessed, young boy characteristics that are quite fundamental to the plot and not "abstract" or lacking in "conscious motivation." Granted, Keaton utilized anesthesia of his emotion, somewhat in the manner exhibited by Harry Langdon and Stan Laurel, to create comedy of understatement. Underneath a placid exterior, burning desires existed in his character. The young, small-town movie projectionist dreams of a life as a famous detective. In the opening shot of *Sherlock, Jr.*, his childish enthusiasm becomes obvious as he reads with dogged intensity a book entitled *How to Become a Detective*.

In this scene Buster is caught reading on the job by the theater manager. With his eyes, the turn of the head, and protests of explanation by mouth movements, the comedian shows his motivation to get out of this predicament. Within ten minutes of the first reel of *Sherlock, Jr.* Keaton displays a variety of emotions. With hesitating arm and hand movements he shyly attempts to hold the hand of his girlfriend and present her with an engagement ring. Keaton does not smile but his eyes show his love for the young woman. When the small-town youth he portrays becomes an amateur detective, his full body comes into play as he pursues the villain of the drama. As if bent

forward against a strong wind, he tails the suspect with great determination.

It is valid to compare the features of Buster Keaton's films with those of Harold Lloyd. Most of the plots and the characterizations are tied to the tradition of the genteel comedy, often involving a pursuit of some magnitude. In *Sherlock, Jr.* it is the goal of solving a crime; in *The General* it is a struggle to recover a stolen locomotive; in *The Cameraman* it becomes the desire to shoot a significant movie newsreel event. Each of these plots follows the Horatio Alger Jr. success story, developed along comic lines. Keaton, like Lloyd and Charles Chaplin, utilized the struggle of the little man pitted against a hostile world.

In his 12 silent film features Buster Keaton was able to provide variety in the skillful acting of broad, comic scenes or sequences and restrained, subtle, humorous character-building scenes. His acting skills in the broader portions of his features proved to be equal to the skills of Chaplin and Lloyd by handling such material. Again, using *Sherlock, Jr.* as an example, his dangerous race on a motorcycle to rescue his girlfriend seemed to be on the level of Harold Lloyd's "thrill comedy" that Lloyd executed climbing a skyscraper. Keaton also executed pratfalls with an agility and grace that surpassed the deftness of Chaplin and Lloyd.

An example of Keaton's ability to handle subtle, character-developing humor evolves from his departure from the portrait of a poor, young man to that of a rich, young man in the 1924 *The Navigator*. Since he is spoiled through pampering and money that usually will buy anything, everything has become routine. As if he were going to buy a new suit, he tells his valet that he is going to get married; he marches formally up to a young woman who is a friend of the family and asks unemotionally: "Will you marry me?" She instantly and vehemently replies, "Certainly not!" He looks blankly away from her, turns on his heels, takes his cane and hat from a servant, and leaves without another word being spoken.

The four kings of comedy of the 1920s—Chaplin, Lloyd, Keaton, and Harry Langdon—created comic characters that were distinctive. Chaplin was the lost soul, the little tramp, on the edge of society; Lloyd portrayed the eager young man struggling for success, mostly on a social plain; Langdon enacted a child-man baffled by a big world. Buster Keaton seemed to be a combination of Lloyd and Langdon. His character, like Lloyd's, struggled mightily to reach a goal. But, like Langdon, he found his environment perplexing. In a gesture used in many of his films Keaton executed an Indian-style survey of the horizon as he climbed a hill, a locomotive, or even an animal such as a cow or horse. This pose proved to be symbolic of a poor fellow lost in a broad, unknown, hostile world.

Those critics who try to apply Henry Bergson's comic theory of mechanism to his character are only looking at the facet that appeals to them. True, Keaton achieves some of his comedy by a fine-tuned, smooth working of his body, but the exclusion of other traits of his portrayal (especially his link with the genteel comedy character of the popular fiction of the day) seems to be a grievous simplification of Keaton's comedy. Furthermore, the so-called frozen face does reflect a tradition of the sad clown of the circus (Emmett Kelly, for example) handed down through the ages by the commedia dell'arte, the moonstruck Pierrot, who never smiled, creating understated, deviant emotions that audiences found so entertaining.

—Donald W. McCaffrey

KEATON, Diane

Nationality: American. **Born:** Diane Hall in Los Angeles, California, 5 January 1946. **Education:** Attended Santa Ana High School, California; Santa Ana College and Orange Coast College; studied acting with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse, New York. **Family:** Adopted daughter, Dexter. **Career:** 1967—acted in Woodstock summer theater, New York; 1968—Broadway debut in *Hair*; later stage roles in *Play It Again, Sam* with Woody Allen, 1969, and *The Primary English Class*, 1976; 1970—film debut in *Lovers and Other Strangers*; also a singer: engagements at Reno Sweeney, New York, and other clubs and theaters; 1980—book of photographs published; 1987—directed first feature, *Heaven*; 1990—directed music video for Belinda Carlisle; directed episode of *Twin Peaks* for TV; directed TV After School Special, "The Girl with the Crazy Brother." **Awards:** Oscar for Best Actress, Best Actress, British Academy, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Annie Hall*, 1977. **Agent:** Stan Kamen, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1970 *Lovers and Other Strangers* (Cy Howard) (as Joan Vecchio)
- 1972 *The Godfather* (Coppola) (as Kay Adams); *Play It Again, Sam* (Aspirins for Three) (Ross) (as Linda Christie)
- 1973 *Sleeper* (Woody Allen) (as Luna Schlosser)
- 1974 *The Godfather Part II* (Coppola) (as Kay Adams)
- 1975 *Love and Death* (Woody Allen) (as Sonja)
- 1976 *I Will I Will . . . for Now* (Panama) (as Katie Bingham); *Harry and Walter Go to New York* (Rydell) (as Lissa Chestnut)
- 1977 *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* (Richard Brooks) (as Theresa Dunn); *Annie Hall* (Woody Allen) (title role)
- 1978 *Interiors* (Woody Allen) (as Renata)
- 1979 *Manhattan* (Woody Allen) (as Mary Wilke)
- 1981 *Reds* (Beatty) (as Louise Bryant)
- 1982 *Shoot the Moon* (Parker) (as Faith Dunlap)
- 1984 *The Little Drummer Girl* (Hill) (as Charlie); *Mrs. Soffel* (Dear Hearts) (Armstrong) (title role)
- 1986 *Crimes of the Heart* (Beresford) (as Lenny)
- 1987 *Radio Days* (Woody Allen) (as New Year's singer); *Baby Boom* (Shyer) (as J. C. Wiatt)
- 1988 *The Good Mother* (Nimoy) (as Anna Dunlap)
- 1990 *The Godfather, Part III* (Coppola) (as Kay Adams)
- 1991 *Success* (Hunter); *Father of the Bride* (Shyer) (as Nina Banks)
- 1992 *Running Mates* (Dirty Tricks) (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Aggie Snow)
- 1993 *Look Who's Talking Now* (Ropelewski) (as voice of Daphne); *Manhattan Murder Mystery* (Woody Allen) (as Carol Lipton)
- 1994 *Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight* (Simoneau—for TV) (title role)
- 1995 *Father of the Bride, Part II* (Shyer) (as Nina Banks)
- 1996 *The First Wives Club* (P. J. Hogan); *Marvin's Room* (Zaks)
- 1997 *Northern Lights* (Yellen—for TV) (as Roberta)
- 1998 *The Only Thrill* (Masterson) (as Carol Fritzsimmmons)



Diane Keaton with Warren Beatty in *Reds*

- 1999 *The Other Sister* (Marshall) (as Elizabeth Tate)
 2000 *Town and Country* (Chelsom)

Films as Director:

- 1982 *What Does Dorrie Want?* (doc)
 1987 *Heaven* (doc) (+ sc)
 1991 *Secret Society* (+ ro); *Wildflower* (for TV)
 1995 *Unstrung Heroes*
 1999 *Mother's Helper*
 2000 *Hanging Up* (+ ro as Georgia)

Films as Producer:

- 1990 *The Lemon Sisters* (Chopra) (+ro as Eloise Hamer)
 1997 *Northern Lights* (Yellen—for TV) (+ro as Roberta)
 1999 *Oh What a Time It Was* (TV mini)

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Diane Keaton gained attention in Woody Allen’s early comedies in which her sidekick’s awkwardness serves as character. She is not a professional ingenue but does not seem amateurish; in *Play It Again, Sam*, *Sleeper*, and *Love and Death* she wins us with her game responsiveness to Allen’s leads. With *Annie Hall* her freshness became an original style. She gets laughs from the play of half-thoughts and second-thoughts that do not quite keep Annie from developing the confidence to act on her impulses. Keaton’s career after *Annie Hall* has been an exploration of experience by women who either have not had the chance to develop their instincts (*Mrs. Soffel*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Good Mother*), or have not shaped an attitude toward life that can handle what life sends them (*Interiors*, *Manhattan*, *Reds*, *Shoot the Moon*, *The Little Drummer Girl*). Keaton’s gift is to discover her characters on camera; in the comedies there is dew in the air of her performance, and in the dramas the real pain of confusion, and sometimes both in the same movie.

Allen finally freed Keaton from her dependence on him by casting her as a Bergmanesque poet repelled by human involvement in *Interiors*. Playing Renata with the same hesitations and emotional elusiveness as her comic roles, she became a star with as identifiable a manner as Bette Davis or Katharine Hepburn. Unfortunately, she broke through when character acting achieved critical ascendancy. Thus while Meryl Streep garnered praise for much more deliberately and narrowly conceived performances, Keaton breathtakingly explored her star persona. Streep is famous for working by externals.

Keaton, making her debut in 1970, helped reinvent movie naturalism in a freer, more explicit era; there is a feeling of transition, both internal and external, in her best performances.

Of course, even her fans see that in underwritten roles, such as Louise Bryant in *Reds* and Amelia Earhart in a 1994 television movie (a debunking of the aviatrix as her husband-promoter’s media creation), Keaton’s distinctive manner is too much up front. If we do not know what makes her character disconcerted and edgy she can grate. And in as thinly conceived a comedy as *The Lemon Sisters* Keaton courts and weds preciousness (her failing as a director, both in the documentary *Heaven* and the comic family drama *Unstrung Heroes*). This is the downside of being one of the least ingratiating of stars. The upside is that when she is likable, she is likable in character, and she is fearless about being many things besides likable. As Faith in Alan Parker’s *Shoot the Moon*, opposite Albert Finney as the writer-husband she throws out when she discovers he is having an affair, Keaton is a bitter, adamant antagonist to the helpless George, even though battling weighs her down. No actress has outdone Keaton at the comedy-drama of divided feelings. On a date, Peter Weller asks if he can kiss her, and she fumbles, “No . . . I mean, yes.” Keaton, one of the first actresses of the counterculture generation to become a star, plays out the confusions of women trained in vanishing conventions. Faith, a mother of four with a living husband, “should not” be dating, but she *should* know whether she wants to be kissed. Annie Hall’s charming diffidence becomes Faith’s desolation, both pervasive and remote, while at the same time Keaton displays new comic gusto in the restaurant scene when Faith and George’s fight spills over to another table. As Faith, caught between lives, Keaton gave the greatest performance by an American actress since Hepburn in *Long Day’s Journey into Night* combined unreachable pain with eccentric comic outbursts.

Since 1982 only Gillian Armstrong’s period piece *Mrs. Soffel*, about a prison warden’s wife who helps convict brothers escape, has been truly worthy of her. Keaton may be anachronistic, but she daringly probes the antisocial realms of female dissatisfaction with marriage and motherhood. Her other 1980s pictures are not major but she chose them intelligently for the roles they offered her. In *The Little Drummer Girl* she is an actress drafted into an antiterrorist plot. Charlie is an exaggeration of Keaton’s traits as an actress, pushed to the edge by a supervolatile situation. When Charlie realizes the enormity of seducing and betraying a terrorist leader, she gropes for a division between acting and life; Keaton makes us feel the agony of dangling. In *The Good Mother* she suffers melodramatic punishment for a late awakening with a lover whose uninhibitedness around her daughter leads to a custody battle. Anna’s discovery of carnality, without coyness or prurience, is amazingly vivid. When Anna loses her daughter Keaton despairingly weighs the merits of sexuality and motherhood in face of a culture that polarizes them.

Keaton brings her remarkable physicality to comedy as well, especially *Baby Boom*. J. C., a corporate shark, has the personality for big business but her nerve endings lack the competitive training that men’s receive. She cannot keep her legs from shaking as she closes deals; the excitement is overwhelming—and infectious. Forced to care for an infant, J. C. moves to New England where she does not even have business into which she can channel her energy; in crises she is liable to fritz out completely and keel over. Keaton’s pratfalls are no less funny for the fact that she keeps J. C.’s motivation clear.

Slapstick performances by female leads are rare; this is among the best.

Keaton's subsequent career includes a return as Kay in the third *Godfather*, which never gives her material that engages her advanced skill; a funny reteaming with Woody Allen in *Manhattan Murder Mystery*; and supporting roles in the *Father of the Bride* pictures, in which, practically reduced to pantomime, her reactions give these family comedies their only distinction. Keaton's recent work is not as triumphant as her 1980s movies, but she is adaptable, evergreen. She is always a good enough reason to see a movie.

—Alan Dale

KEATON, Michael

Nationality: American. **Born:** Michael Douglas in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, 9 September 1951. **Family:** Married the actress Caroline MacWilliams, son: Sean. **Education:** Attended Kent State University for two years, majored in speech. **Career:** Early 1970s—began performing in Pittsburgh coffeehouses; 1972—worked as technical crew member of WQED, Pittsburgh's public TV station; 1975—moved to Los Angeles; 1977–82—did stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store and other comedy clubs, performed improvisational theater with the Los Angeles offshoot of Chicago's Second City troupe, began writing comedy material and making appearances on television shows, and was cast in the TV sitcoms *All's Fair* (1977), *Working Stiffs* (1979), and *Report to Murphy* (1982), and the comedy-variety shows *Mary* (1978) and *The Mary Tyler Moore Hour* (1979); 1982—made screen debut in *Night Shift*; 1985—cast as male lead in Woody Allen's *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, but was replaced by Jeff Daniels after a week of shooting. **Awards:** Best Actor, National Society of Film Critics, for *Beetlejuice* and *Clean and Sober*, 1988. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Night Shift* (Ron Howard) (as Bill Blazejowski)
- 1983 *Mr. Mom* (Dragoti) (as Jack)
- 1984 *Johnny Dangerously* (Heckerling) (title role)
- 1986 *Gung Ho* (*Working Class Man*) (Ron Howard) (as Hunt Stevenson); *Touch and Go* (Mandel) (as Bobby Barbato)
- 1987 *The Squeeze* (Roger Young) (as Harry Berg)
- 1988 *Beetlejuice* (Burton) (as Betelgeuse); *Clean and Sober* (Caron) (as Daryl Poynter); *She's Having a Baby* (John Hughes) (uncredited cameo)
- 1989 *The Dream Team* (Zieff) (as Billy Caulfield); *Batman* (Burton) (as Bruce Wayne/Batman)
- 1990 *Pacific Heights* (Schlesinger) (as Carter Hayes)
- 1991 *One Good Cop* (Gould) (as Artie Lewis)
- 1992 *Batman Returns* (Burton) (as Bruce Wayne/Batman)

- 1993 *Much Ado about Nothing* (Branagh) (as Dogberry); *My Life* (Rubin) (as Bob Jones); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (voice only)
- 1994 *The Paper* (Ron Howard) (as Henry Hackett); *Speechless* (Underwood) (as Kevin)
- 1996 *Multiplicity* (Ramis) (as Doug Kinney)
- 1997 *Frank Capra's American Dream* (Bowser—for TV) (as himself); *Inventing the Abbotts* (O'Connor) (as narrator—uncredited); *Jackie Brown* (Tarantino) (as Ray Nicolet)
- 1998 *Desperate Measures* (Schroeder) (as Peter McCabe); *Out of Sight* (Soderbergh) (as Ray Nicolet—uncredited); *Jack Frost* (Miller) (as title role)
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There is a bit of larceny lurking in Michael Keaton's eyes, and he has made that mischievous expression work well for him in comedies and dramas, playing men disturbed by the business of business and



Michael Keaton (right) with Andy Garcia in *Desperate Measures*

the business of life. On occasion, he turns that look into pure wickedness to play berserk and otherworldly characters.

Keaton burst onto the film scene with his attention-grabbing performance in *Night Shift*, playing manic morgue worker Bill Blazejowski, who brings in extra earnings by moonlighting as a pimp. His follow-up, *Mr. Mom*, in which he plays a breadwinner who loses his job and consequently switches roles with his homemaker wife, may not have offered the most original comic script, but it was a box-office hit and solidified Keaton's stardom. He scored again in the 1920s-gangster spoof *Johnny Dangerously*. If the film was a bit too sketchy to sustain its running time, Keaton offers an attractive performance as the title hoodlum. His *Johnny Dangerously* is a deft burlesque on Cagney, with his lines delivered in flawless deadpan. After several lackluster efforts—*Gung Ho*, *Touch and Go*, *The Squeeze*—Keaton got back on track in two diverse films which, when contrasted, serve to show off his range.

In *Beetlejuice*, he donned heavy, homely makeup to play a comically macabre no-goodnik named Betelgeuse, a vulgar maverick ghost who markets himself as a "bio-exorcist" to frighten the living. Keaton is outrageous, taking a sometimes vulgar and often broadly theatrical approach to the hilarious, mangy character who is so

suitable to the bizarre mood of Tim Burton's horror film. In *Clean and Sober*, Keaton once again is an unlikable, antisocial character. This time, his style is tense and energy-packed, but also more subdued, because the film is a drama of realism. It is the story of a lowlife hustler who checks into a private drug rehabilitation clinic to hide out after a young woman he has picked up at a bar overdoses from cocaine while in his bed. More than any of his previous roles, his Daryl Poynter goes through stages of character development as he is forced to look at the sad fact that he really is a cocaine addict whose life is spinning out of control as a result of his addiction.

Perhaps Keaton's most famous performance to date is the title character in the megahit *Batman* and its sequel, *Batman Returns*. If the showcase performance in the former is Jack Nicholson's (as The Joker) and the latter is Michelle Pfeiffer's (playing Catwoman), Keaton more than holds his own as a sturdy superhero. He was a surprise casting choice for the dual role of Batman, the Caped Crusader, and his alter-ego, neurotic millionaire Bruce Wayne. But given the moody and repressed sides of Wayne's personality, Keaton surely was the right actor for the job (especially after being given an extra layer of muscle by the kindly costume designer!). After a dispute over salary, he was replaced by Val Kilmer in the third *Batman* feature, *Batman Forever*.

Keaton took aspects of his Betelgeuse character and built them into the vulgar comedy part of Dogberry in Kenneth Branagh's production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*. This time the effect was less than spectacular, and there are moments when one wonders if he really is part of the same movie as the actors who share screen time with him. His follow-ups, however, were two powerful dramatic roles. In *My Life*, a four-handkerchief weeper, he is a successful career man whose body is being eaten away by cancer just as he is about to become a father. In *The Paper*, a fast-paced yarn about New York City journalists, he appears as an overworked but dedicated tabloid metro editor whose pregnant wife (Marisa Tomei) is pressuring him to find a higher paying job. Though the former role gives Keaton the better opportunity to thoughtfully build a three-dimensional character, both roles allowed the actor to present credible characters in well-conceived melodramas.

Keaton has the look of a playground scrapper, and maybe that is why he is at his best as an energetic fighter. He may be battling for truth and justice, or for absurdly comical and ridiculous reasons. In any case, when Keaton lets loose, one cannot be bored.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

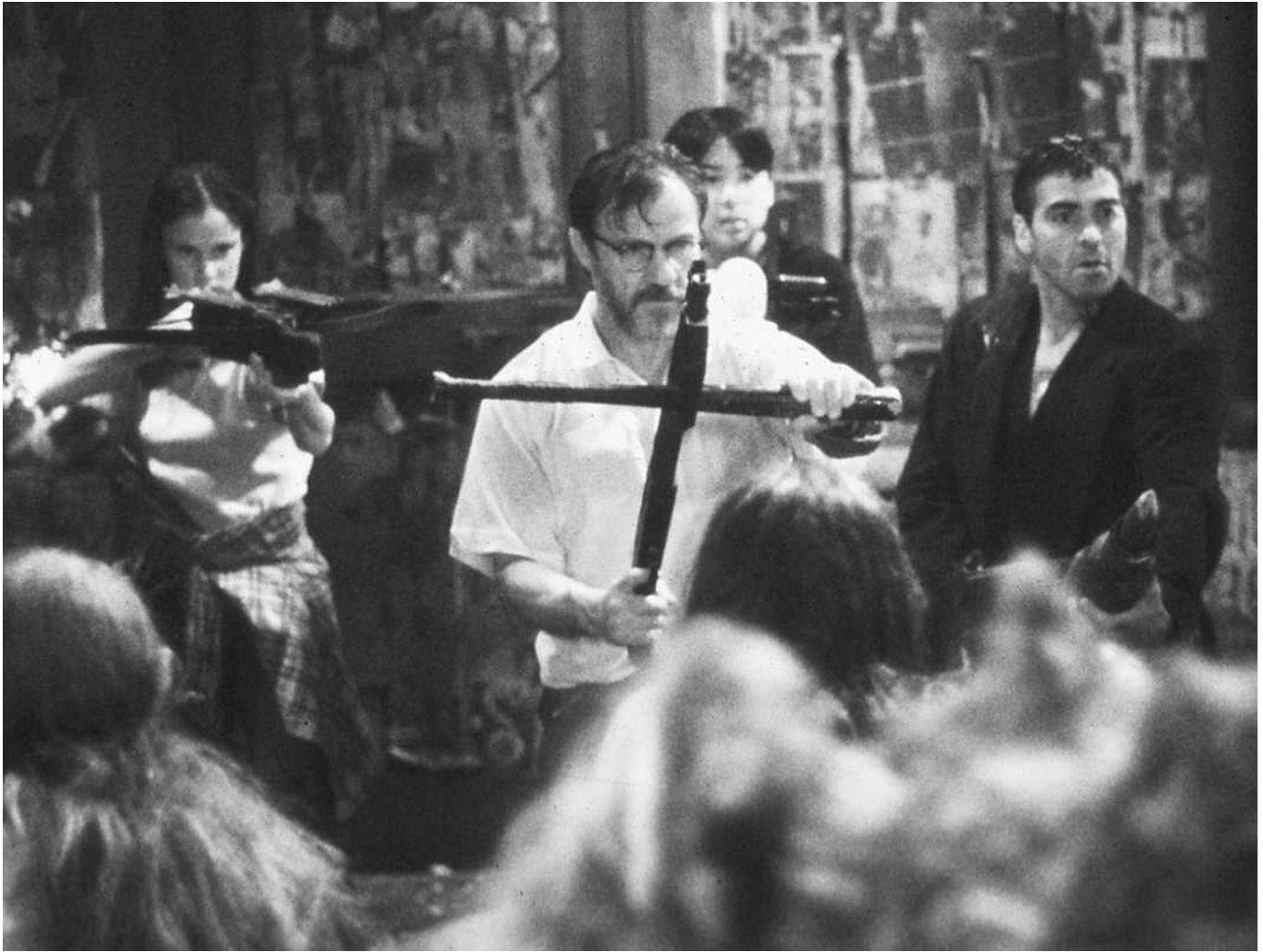
KEITEL, Harvey

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 13 May 1939. **Education:** Attended Actor's Studio under Frank Corsaro, Lee Strasberg, and Stella Adler. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps. **Family:** Married the actress Lorraine Bracco (divorced 1993), daughter: Stella. **Career:** 1965—off-Broadway debut in Edward Albee's *The American Dream*; 1965—on stage in *Up to Thursday*; 1968—film debut in *Who's that Knocking at My Door?*, first of several appearances in Martin Scorsese's early films; 1975—on stage played Happy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*, with George C. Scott; 1983–84—on stage in David Rabe's *Hurly Burly*, directed by Mike Nichols; 1986—on stage in *A Lie of the Mind*; 1992—co-produced *Reservoir Dogs*. **Awards:** National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actor, in *Thelma & Louise*, 1991; Independent Spirit Award for Best Male Lead, and Fantasporto International Fantasy Film Award for Best Actor, for *Bad Lieutenant*, 1993; Australian Film Institute Award for Best Actor in a Lead Role, for *The Piano*, 1993; David Di Donatello Prize for Best Foreign Actor, for *Smoke*, 1996. **Agent:** William Morris, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1968 *Who's that Knocking at My Door? (I Call First)* (Scorsese) (as J. R.)
 1970 *Street Scenes* (Scorsese—doc)
 1973 *Mean Streets* (Scorsese) (as Charlie)
 1974 *The Virginia Hill Story* (Schumacher—for TV) (as Bugsy Siegel)

- 1975 *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (Scorsese) (as Ben Everhart); *That's the Way of the World (Shining Star)* (Shore) (as Coleman Buckmaster)
 1976 *Taxi Driver* (Scorsese) (as Sport); *Mother, Jugs & Speed* (Yates) (as Speed); *Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson* (Altman) (as Ed Goodman); *Welcome to L.A.* (Rudolph) (as Ken Hood)
 1977 *The Duellists* (Ridley Scott) (as Gabriel Ferand)
 1978 *Fingers* (Toback) (as Jimmy Angelelli); *Blue Collar* (Schrader) (as Jerry Bartkowski)
 1979 *Health* (Altman); *Eagle's Wing* (Harvey) (as Henry); *La Mort en Direct (Deathwatch)* (Tavernier) (as Roddy)
 1980 *Bad Timing: . . . A Sensual Obsession* (Roeg) (as Inspector Netusil); *Saturn 3* (Donen) (as Benson)
 1981 *La Nuit de Varennes (That Night in Varennes; The New World)* (Scola) (as Thomas Paine)
 1982 *The Border* (Richardson) (as Cat)
 1983 *Exposed* (Toback) (as Rivas); *Une pierre dans la bouche (A Stone in the Mouth)* (Leconte) (as the Fugitive); *Corrupt (Order of Death; Cop Killer)* (Faenza) (as Lt. Fred O'Connor)
 1984 *Falling in Love* (Grosbard) (as Ed Lasky); *Dream One (Nemo)* (Salignac) (as Mr. Legend)
 1985 *El Caballero del Dragon (The Knight of the Dragon; Star Knight)* (Colomo)
 1986 *Camorra (Vicoli e delitti; Un complicato intrigo di donne, vicoli e delitti; The Naples Connection)* (Wertmüller) (as Frankie Acquasanta); *La Sposa Americana (The American Wife)* (Soldati); *Wise Guys* (De Palma) (as Bobby Dilea); *Off Beat (Dinner)* (as Mickey); *The Men's Club* (Medak) (as Solly Berliner)
 1987 *Corsa in Discesa; L'inchiesta (The Inquiry; The Investigation)* (Damiani) (as Pontius Pilate); *The Pick-Up Artist* (Toback) (as Alonzo); *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturie—doc) (as narrator); *Blindside* (Lynch) (as Penfield Gruber)
 1988 *The Last Temptation of Christ* (Scorsese) (as Judas Iscariot); *Caro Gorbaciov (Dear Gorbachev; Cordial Gorbatshev)* (Lizzani); *Down Where the Buffalo Go* (Knox—for TV)
 1989 *The January Man* (O'Connor) (as Frank Starkey); *La bataille des trois rois (The Battle of Three Kings; Tambores de fuego; Drums of Fire)* (Barka); *Imagining America* (for TV)
 1990 *The Two Jakes* (Nicholson) (as Jake Berman); *Due occhi diabolici (Two Evil Eyes)* (Romero and Argento) (as Rod Usher); *Grandi Cacciatori (The Great Hunter)* (Camino); *Martin Scorsese Directs* (doc for TV)
 1991 *Mortal Thoughts* (Rudolph) (as Det. John Woods); *Thelma & Louise* (Ridley Scott) (as Hal Slocumb); *Bugsy* (Levinson) (as Mickey Cohen); *Miracle on 44th Street: A Portrait of the Actor's Studio* (doc for TV)
 1992 *Sister Act* (Ardolino) (as Vince LaRocca); *Reservoir Dogs* (Tarantino) (as Mr. White, + co-pr); *Bad Lieutenant* (Ferrara) (title role); *The Specialist* (Badham)
 1993 *Dangerous Game (Snake Eyes)* (Ferrara) (as Eddie Israel); *Point of No Return (The Assassin)* (Badham) (as Victor the Cleaner); *The Young Americans* (Cannon) (as John Harris); *Rising Sun* (Kaufman) (as Tom Graham); *The Piano* (Campion) (as George Baines)



Harvey Keitel (center) with Juliette Lewis and George Clooney in *From Dusk Till Dawn*

- 1994 *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Winston Wolf); *Monkey Trouble* (Pet) (Amurri) (as Shorty); *Imaginary Crimes* (Drazan) (as Ray Weiler); *Somebody to Love* (Rockwell) (as Harry Harrelson)
- 1995 *Smoke* (Wang) (as Auggie Wren); *Clockers* (Spike Lee) (as Rocco Klein); *Blue in the Face* (Wang and Auster) (as Auggie Wren, + ex pr); *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (cameo); *To Vlemma tou Odyssea* (Ulysses' Gaze; *The Gaze of Odysseus*; *Le Regarde d'Ulysse*) (Angelopoulos) (as A.); *American Cinema* (doc for TV)
- 1996 *From Dusk Till Dawn* (Rodríguez) (as Jacob Fuller); *Head above Water* (Jim Wilson) (as George)
- 1997 *Full Tilt Boogie* (Kelly) (as himself); *City of Industry* (John Irvin) (as Roy Egan); *Cop Land* (Mangold) (as Ray Donlan); *Fairy Tale: A True Story* (Sturridge) (as Harry Houdini)
- 1998 *Shadrach* (Styron) (as Vernon Dabney); *Finding Graceland* (Winkler) (as Elvis); *Lulu on the Bridge* (Auster) (as Izzy Maurer); *Il Mio West (My West)* (Veronesi) (as Johnny Lowen)
- 1999 *Three Seasons* (Bui) (as James Hager + ex pr); *Holy Smoke* (Campion) (as PJ Waters); *An Interesting State* (Wertmüller);

- Prince of Central Park* (Leekley) (as Guardian); *Presence of Mind* (Aloy)
- 2000 *U-571* (Mostow) (as Chief Klough); *Little Nicky* (Brill) (as Satan); *Fail Safe* (Frears—for TV) (as General Warren Black)

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Praised since his first screen appearances for his versatility and intensity, Harvey Keitel has steadily constructed one of the cinema's most prolific and adventurous acting careers. He first emerged, a fully formed talent out of the legendary Actor's Studio, as the central and most compassionate figure in Martin Scorsese's semi-autobiographical early films. In spite of Keitel's later, frequent divergence from those early roles, his performances for Scorsese—especially as the anguished Charlie in *Mean Streets*, torn between the Catholic Church and the Mob—have continued to shadow his ongoing identification with gritty, streetwise urban characters whose greatest conflicts are nevertheless internal or even metaphysical. (It thus seemed impossible to imagine Scorsese casting any other actor, even Robert DeNiro, as Judas in his controversial *Last Temptation of Christ*.) Although Keitel can be explosive on screen, his skills as an actor are most powerfully conveyed through small expressive gestures, often the result of his early training in improvisational techniques—reportedly his character's quiet, intimate dance with Jodie Foster in *Taxi Driver* was Keitel's idea, and it's the single scene in the film that clarifies the young prostitute's otherwise inexplicable devotion to her pimp.

In the two decades following his indelible early performances, Keitel worked constantly in interesting but often little-seen films, increasingly in Europe (especially Italy, perhaps since his association with Scorsese perpetuated the illusion that Keitel, a Jew of Polish-Romanian descent, was himself Italian-American). Along with a number of impressive performances—with his French officer in *The Duellists* and auto worker in *Blue Collar* standouts—a retrospective glance at Keitel's credits demonstrates his prescient knack for attaching himself to first-time directors who would soon thereafter become prominent filmmakers: after Scorsese, Keitel appeared in the debut feature films of Ridley Scott (*The Duellists*), Alan Rudolph (*Welcome*

to L.A.), Paul Schrader (*Blue Collar*), and Quentin Tarantino (*Reservoir Dogs*, which Keitel co-produced); he has also worked with such independently-minded and funded figures as Robert Altman, Ettore Scola, Bertrand Tavernier, James Toback (in three films), Nicolas Roeg, Tony Richardson, Dario Argento, Lina Wertmüller, Abel Ferrara (twice), Jane Campion (twice), Spike Lee, and Wayne Wang (in a pair of films shot simultaneously from Paul Auster scripts). In his diverse work for such a range of distinctive filmmakers, Keitel seemed to risk the pursuit of a career that was more personally rewarding than aimed at pleasing a large audience.

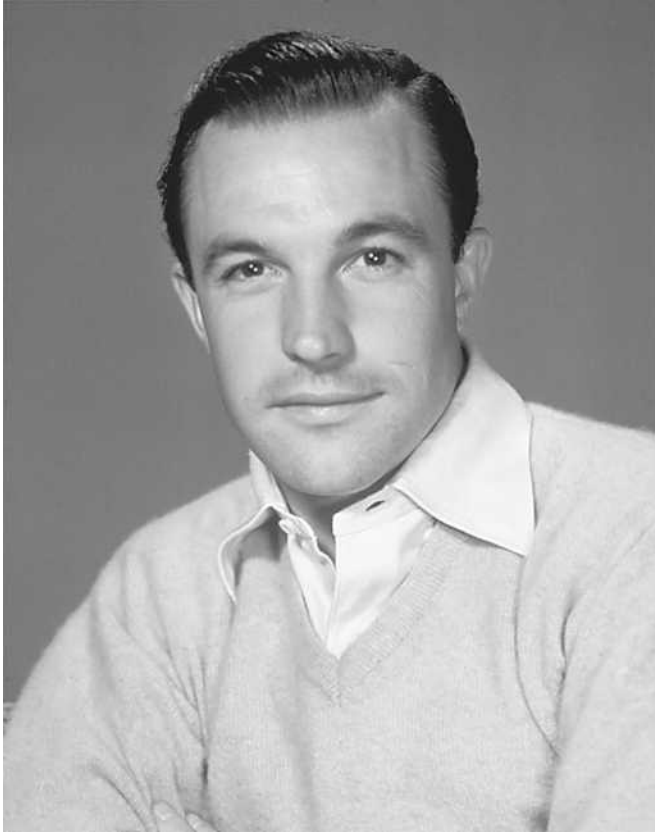
After working steadily in rarely successful films, the early 1990s signaled a renaissance for Keitel, who continued to appear in diverse roles but finally again in popular and widely discussed films; he plays the sympathetic cops in *Mortal Thoughts*, *Thelma and Louise*, and *Clockers* (a delicate performance in Spike Lee's most focused narrative), and their nightmarish double as the (frequently naked, even crucified) *Bad Lieutenant*; that the same actor could appear almost simultaneously in the light comedy *Sister Act*, the ultraviolent neo-noir *Reservoir Dogs*, and the art-house hit *The Piano* (as a half-primitive Maori) demonstrated the astonishing range of his skills to a wider audience. Although Keitel's willingness, in his early fifties, to appear nude in both *Bad Lieutenant* and *The Piano* was taken as evidence of his risk-taking as an actor, his real risks in those complex roles are far more substantial than just dropping his pants.

Most recently, Keitel has reunited with director Campion as a seductive and then seduced cult deprogrammer for *Holy Smoke!* and paid tribute to his own military career in the patriotic submarine film *U-571*, again demonstrating his graceful movement between offbeat and more conventional roles. Keitel's introductory line in Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*—"I'm Winston Wolf, I solve problems"—may be a subtle comment on the actor's own assurance at this point in his career: his presence, in both commercial entertainments and more challenging works, now virtually guarantees at least one riveting and thoroughly committed performance in those films.

—Corey K. Creekmur

KELLY, Gene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 23 August 1912. **Education:** Attended Sacred Heart School and Peabody High School; Pennsylvania State University; University of Pittsburgh, A.B., 1933. **Military Service:** Served in U.S. Navy, 1944–47. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Betsy Blair, 1941 (divorced 1957), child: Kerry; 2) Jeanne Coyne, 1960 (died 1973), son: Timothy, daughter: Bridget; 3) Patricia Ward, 1990. **Career:** While still in college, had song-and-dance act with his brother Fred; assisted his mother in her dance school, and opened the Gene Kelly School of Dance, 1934; 1938—small parts in Broadway shows *Leave It to Me* and *One for the Money*; 1939—dance director for Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe club; 1940—lead role in stage musical *Pal Joey*; 1942—film debut in *For Me and My Gal* for Selznick; then contract with MGM; 1950—directed first film (with Stanley Donen), *On the Town*; later directed pure dance film, *Invitation to the Dance*, 1956; 1957—left MGM, and became freelance actor and director; 1958—directed *Flower Drum Song* on Broadway;



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1960—choreographed ballet *Pas de dieux* for Paris Opera; 1962–63—in TV series *Going My Way*; also host or narrator of several TV works, and in the series *The Funny Side*, 1971, and the mini-series *North and South*, 1985. **Awards:** Honorary Oscar, “in appreciation of his versatility as an actor, singer, director and dancer, and specifically for his brilliant achievements in the art of choreography on film,” 1951; Cecil B. DeMille Career Prize, 1980. **Died:** In Beverly Hills, California, 2 February 1996.

Films as Actor:

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- 1943 *Pilot Number Five* (Sidney) (as Alessandro); *DuBarry Was a Lady* (Del Ruth) (as Alec Howe/Black Arrow); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as Eddy Marsh); *The Cross of Lorraine* (Garnett) (as Victor)
- 1944 *Cover Girl* (Charles Vidor) (as Danny McGuire); *Christmas Holiday* (Siodmak) (as Robert Manette)
- 1945 *Anchors Aweigh* (Sidney) (as Joseph Brady)
- 1946 *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli)
- 1947 *Living in a Big Way* (La Cava) (as Leo Gogarty)
- 1948 *The Pirate* (Minnelli) (as Sarafin); *The Three Musketeers* (Sidney) (as Dartagnan); *Words and Music* (Taurog)
- 1949 *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* (Berkeley) (as Eddie O'Brien)
- 1950 *The Black Hand* (Thorpe) (as Johnny Columbo); *Summer Stock* (Walters) (as Joe Ross)
- 1951 *An American in Paris* (Minnelli) (as Jerry Mulligan)

- 1952 *It's a Big Country* (Thorpe and others) (as Icarus Xenophon); *The Devil Makes Three* (Marton) (as Capt. Jeff Eliot)
- 1954 *Crest of the Wave* (*Seagulls over Sorrento*) (John and Roy Boulting) (as Lt. Bradville); *Brigadoon* (Minnelli) (as Tommy Albright)
- 1955 *Deep in My Heart* (Donen) (cameo role)
- 1957 *Les Girls* (Cukor) (as Barry Nicols)
- 1958 *Marjorie Morningstar* (Rapper) (as Noel Airman)
- 1960 *Inherit the Wind* (Kramer) (as E. K. Hornbeck); *Let's Make Love* (Cukor) (as guest)
- 1964 *What a Way to Go!* (Thompson) (as Jerry Benson)
- 1968 *The Young Girls of Rochefort* (Demy) (as Andy Miller)
- 1973 *Forty Carats* (Katselas) (as Billy Boyland)
- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley, Jr.) (as host)
- 1977 *Viva Knievel!* (Douglas)
- 1980 *Xanadu* (Greenwald) (as Danny McGuire)
- 1981 *Reporters* (Depardon)
- 1985 *That's Dancing!* (Haley Jr.)
- 1986 *Sins* (Hickox)
- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan)

Films as Director:

- 1950 *On the Town* (co-d with Donen, + ro as Gaby)
- 1952 *Singin' in the Rain* (co-d with Donen, + ro as Don Lockwood)
- 1956 *Invitation to the Dance* (+ ro)
- 1957 *It's Always Fair Weather* (co-d with Donen, + ro as Ted Riley)
- 1958 *The Tunnel of Love*
- 1962 *Gigot*
- 1967 *A Guide for the Married Man*
- 1969 *Hello, Dolly!*
- 1970 *The Cheyenne Social Club*
- 1976 *That's Entertainment, Part Two* (co-d with Astaire, + ro as host)

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Gene Kelly established his reputation as an actor and dancer, but his contribution to the Hollywood musical embraced choreography and direction as well. His experiments with dance and with ways of filming it include combining dance and animation (*Anchors Aweigh* and *Invitation to the Dance*), and special effects (The "Alter Ego" number in *Cover Girl* and the split-screen dance of *It's Always Fair Weather*). His first attempts at film choreography relied on the established formulas of the film musical, but subsequently, particularly in the three films he co-directed with Stanley Donen, he developed a flexible system of choreography for the camera that took into account camera setups and movement, and editing.

Kelly consciously integrated dance and filmic elements with his on-screen characterizations, thereby developing a persona (and also a recognizable popular culture figure) that is manifested in the films' plots, songs, and especially dances. Like his dance style, this complex persona draws on a variety of sources. The song-and-dance man of *For Me and My Gal* is a vaudeville hooper, and his principal dances are tap routines. The introspective Pierrot of *Invitation to the Dance*, and the Pierrot-sailor of the "A Day in New York" sequence from *On the Town*, are derived from commedia dell'arte, and their dances are more balletic. The swashbuckler of the dream dances in *Anchors Aweigh* and *The Pirate* is an athletic performer, combining the tours de force of ballet with acrobatic stunts.

Without disparaging his towering achievements as triple threat, it is clear that Kelly's happy-go-lucky Yankee Doodle dancin' boy image seems less resonant in today's pop culture vacuum. Despite superb supporting turns in *What a Way to Go!* and *Forty Carats*, it is obvious that Kelly's grinning goodwill ambassador fell out of step with the sixties antiestablishment antiheroes. But Kelly's image does not need a rehabilitation so much as a reshifting "perception-wise," to paraphrase a tune from *It's Always Fair Weather*. Mesmerized by Gene's athleticized self-approval and tireless *cherchez la femme*-ing, critics and audiences have overlooked the contradictions in his cocky all-American huckster persona. Debuting as a draft dodger in *For Me and My Gal*, Kelly used his charisma's sinister edge to limn a mother-fixed killer in *Christmas Holiday*, camouflaged his rendition of a gigolo in *An American in Paris*, deftly enacted a womanizing summer schlocker in *Marjorie Morningstar*, and capped off his musical comedy career as a small-time fight promoter toying with a fix in *It's Always Fair Weather*.

Even in lighter fare (*On the Town*, *Summer Stock*), he often portrayed fellas bent on impressing people to get what they wanted. Reconsidering the Kelly persona from a distance of several decades, one can enjoy his eventual triumphs over shortcomings (including his own robust ego) in *Singin' in the Rain*, etc. It is a tribute to his unflappable charisma that unsavory character flaws all registered as temporary slippage, indiscretions cured by true love and transformed by joyfully aggressive dance. In his most seductive choreography (*The Pirate*, *Cover Girl*), he seemed to be dancing his demons away, and it is time to credit him for a more complex image than previously assumed.

If his solo work reveals a pretentiousness that never darkened Astaire's sunny horizons, no male dancer was ever as sexually potent in tandem on-screen; he can make a soft shoe with Debbie Reynolds an adventure in eros. Betrayed by overreaching with the ill-fated *Invitation to the Dance*, Kelly minimized his true gifts as entertainer and misjudged his audience's appetite for his brand of high culture. It was barbarous of MGM not to lend him for *Guys and Dolls* and *Pal Joey* and to saddle him with the airless *Brigadoon* and heavy-handed *Les Girls*. If the last four decades were dotted by the dashing of tantalizing projects and by Kelly's inability to stamp his post-Donen directorial assignments with his own personality, Kelly could take comfort in his singular contribution to the all-but-extinct musical form; time will reveal an icon more complex than the quixotic puddle jumper of *Singin' in the Rain*. In film after film, this superb actor choked back darker impulses to earn his goodness; he is the all-American operator who plays all the angles, but ultimately seeks the light in a song-and-dance spotlight.

—Jerome Delameter, updated by Robert Pardi

KELLY, Grace

Pseudonym: Princess Grace of Monaco. **Nationality:** American/Monégasque. **Born:** Grace Patricia Kelly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 12 November 1929; became citizen of Monaco, 1956. **Education:** Attended Ravenhill Academy of the Assumption, Philadelphia; Stevens School, Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, graduated 1947; American Academy of Dramatic Art, New York, 1947–49. **Family:** Married Prince Rainier III of Monaco, 1956, children: Caroline, Albert, and Stephanie. **Career:** 1947–49—supported acting studies by modeling and appearing in TV commercials; 1949—stage debut in *The Torch Bearers*, written by uncle George Kelly, at Bucks County Playhouse; Broadway debut in Strindberg's *The Father*; 1951—film debut in *Fourteen Hours*; 1952—studied with Sanford Meisner at Neighborhood Playhouse; seven-year contract with MGM; 1954—borrowed from MGM by Hitchcock for *Dial M for Murder*, first of three films with Hitchcock; 1965—founded Princess Grace Foundation; 1976—joined board of 20th Century-Fox. **Awards:** Oscar for Best Actress, for *The Country Girl*, 1954; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Country Girl*, *Rear Window*, and *Dial M for Murder*, 1954. **Died:** Following automobile accident in Monte Carlo, 14 September 1982.

Films as Actress:

- 1951 *Fourteen Hours* (Hathaway) (as Mrs. Fuller)
- 1952 *High Noon* (Zinnemann) (as Amy Kane)
- 1953 *Mogambo* (John Ford) (as Linda Nordley)
- 1954 *Dial M for Murder* (Hitchcock) (as Margot Wendice); *Rear Window* (Hitchcock) (as Lisa Fremont); *The Country Girl* (Seaton) (as Georgie Elgin); *The Bridges at Toko-Ri* (Robson) (as Nancy Brubaker); *Green Fire* (Marton) (as Catherine Knowland)
- 1955 *To Catch a Thief* (Hitchcock) (as Frances Stevens)
- 1956 *The Swan* (Charles Vidor) (as Princess Alexandra); *High Society* (Walters) (as Tracy Lord); *The Wedding in Monaco* (documentary short)
- 1964 *Mediterranean Holiday* (Leitner and Nussgruber—doc)
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Grace Kelly's career as a film actress was brief (1951–56), her rise meteoric, her end abrupt. At the height of her career, she married Prince Rainier of Monaco and never again acted in a film—although Alfred Hitchcock attempted to draw her out of retirement to make a comeback as the star of his film *Marnie*. Some sources say the former actress-turned-royalty was tempted, but that her prince scotched the idea. Tippi Hedren got the role.

Despite the brief five-year span of her career, and only 11 films, she captured the imagination of the moviegoing audience with her beauty, intelligence, and what Alfred Hitchcock referred to as her



Grace Kelly with Gary Cooper in *High Noon*

“sexual elegance.” She is still capturing it, years after her death, as one of the most-biographed stars Hollywood has ever produced.

After a small role as the wife of a man (Richard Basehart) who threatens to commit suicide by jumping from a skyscraper in Henry Hathaway’s taut *Fourteen Hours*, Kelly leaped into the big leagues opposite Gary Cooper in *High Noon*. Here, and thereafter, her roles often centered on the emergence of concealed passion after a thawing of her icy or principled front. Before she became a princess in real life, she exuded in her films an aloof and aristocratic if not royal manner that, within the films’ cliché-ridden plots, broke down into a touching and warm sexual feeling for a man socially beneath her, and a search for self-respect. This change, as manifested in *Mogambo*, *Rear Window*, *The Country Girl*, *To Catch a Thief*, *The Swan*, and *High Society*, seemed a response to the public being fascinated with elegant upper-class manners, dress, and speech, while desiring a classless equality underneath it all.

Her screen metamorphosis often resulted in a moving love scene containing a surprisingly torrid kiss that, in its dramatic and sensual flavor, gave vent to the undercurrents her performance to that point had implied. A supreme example is *Mogambo*, her third film; in it she plays a naive, recently married English woman who falls for the

charms of worldly safari guide Clark Gable. Her long-repressed surrender to his embrace and kiss generates a tremendous, almost explosive sexual heat. In *The Swan*, her last film before becoming a princess—in which she ironically prepared for her soon-to-be-real-life-role by playing a princess—the *Variety* reviewer found a similar scene “that must be figured as belonging to the ranks of the best love scenes ever filmed.” In *To Catch a Thief*, when she kisses Gary Grant, the screen literally erupts with fireworks in the Riviera sky. This thawing kiss releases her passion which, though resulting sometimes in just a dalliance, reveals the superficiality of her airs and the honesty of her feelings.

Hitchcock cast Kelly in his films as his quintessential heroine—a beautiful blond victim subject to brutal violence, or the threat of violence, or as the partner of a man in dangerous pursuit of something. It was the perfect pairing of director and actress. Delmore Schwartz, reviewing *To Catch a Thief*, suggested that Hitchcock and Kelly in their three films together succeeded in supplying the public’s need for “vividness and vitality of personality, genuineness of experience, a renewal of the excitement of curiosity and wonder.” In *Rear Window*, perhaps Kelly’s best film with Hitchcock, a basic Hitchcockian situation—a callous male protagonist discovers love for his girlfriend

when she is in danger and he is nearly helpless to protect her—is made all the more compelling by the presence of Kelly’s wit, charm, and attractiveness.

Kelly’s most accomplished performance was in the film version of Clifford Odets’s *The Country Girl* as she became more than a director’s tool or a vessel for audience excitement. In this role she was cast against type as the cynical, old-before-her-time, combative wife of a washed-up actor (Bing Crosby) who gets a last chance when a director (William Holden) puts faith in him. Her appearance contrasts with the clotheshorse elegance of her previous role in *Rear Window*. Here she dresses dowdily, in cardigan, glasses, and skirt, slouches, looks worn and haggard, and has a glazed look to her eyes. But she is a fighter, first for her husband, later for herself. The childlike happiness and gaiety present in previous roles only appears in a flashback which serves to point out all the more forcefully her frustrated condition. The range she covered in this role showed her potential for giving complex performances in roles not of her normal type. Unfortunately her studio, MGM, subsequently gave her no comparable role; they suspended her for turning down two of their choices. But Kelly got the last laugh and went on to become the most famous princess in the world until Di came on the scene.

—Alan Gevinson, updated by John McCarty

KENDALL, Kay

Nationality: British. **Born:** Justine Kendall McCarthy in Yorkshire, England, 21 May 1927. **Education:** Attended convent school. **Family:** Married the actor Rex Harrison, 1957. **Career:** 1939—stage debut, then with sister Kim Kendall, in a touring variety act; 1944—film debut in *Fiddlers Three*; 1946–49—on stage in plays and revues; 1957—American film debut in *Les Girls*. **Died:** Of leukemia, 6 September 1959.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *Champagne Charlie* (Cavalcanti); *Fiddlers Three* (Watt); *Dreaming* (Baxter)
- 1945 *Waltz Time* (Stein) (as Lady-in-waiting)
- 1946 *Caesar and Cleopatra* (Pascal); *London Town* (Ruggles) (as Patsy); *Spring Song* (Tully)
- 1950 *Night and the City* (Dassin); *Dance Hall* (Crichton) (as Doreen)
- 1951 *Lady Godiva Rides Again* (Lauder) (as Sylvie)
- 1952 *Wings of Danger* (*Dead on Course*) (Fisher) (as Alexia); *Curtain Up* (Smart) (as Sandra); *It Started in Paradise* (Bennett) (as Lady Caroline)
- 1953 *Mantrap* (Fisher) (as Vera); *Street of Shadows* (Vernon) (as Barbara); *Genevieve* (Cornelius) (as Rosalind); *The Square Ring* (Dearden) (as Eve Lewis); *Meet Mr. Lucifer* (Pelissier) (as Lonely Hearts Singer)
- 1954 *Fast and Loose* (Parry) (as Carol); *Doctor in the House* (Thomas) (as Isobel)
- 1955 *The Constant Husband* (Gilliat) (as Monica); *Simon and Laura* (Box) (as Laura); *The Adventures of Quentin Durward* (Thorpe) (as Isabelle)
- 1956 *Abdulla the Great* (*Abdullah’s Harem*) (Ratoff) (as Ronnie)
- 1957 *Les Girls* (Cukor) (as Lady Wren)

- 1958 *The Reluctant Debutante* (Minnelli) (as Sheila Broadbent)
- 1959 *Once More, with Feeling* (Donen) (as Dolly Fabian)

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When Kay Kendall died at the age of 32, she had made a couple of dozen films, nearly all of them mediocre or worse, and none using more than a fraction of her talents. That she can still, 30 years later, be remembered with affection and regret, shows how far she was capable of transcending her material.

Startlingly tall (at 12, she qualified for the chorus line at the London Palladium), beautiful, and never more graceful than when she was acting helplessly drunk, Kendall brought to comedy a sharp intelligence and a sense of spirited self-mockery. Her ability to be at once sexy and funny—and all the sexier *because* she was funny—led several critics to compare her to Carole Lombard. But it also puzzled the studios, who never knew quite what to do with her. By the time they found out, it was too late.

Early in her career, she got what looked like her big break. At 19, with only a few negligible bit parts to her credit, she landed the female lead in one of the then most expensive British pictures ever made. This, unfortunately, was *London Town*, a direly inept musical with which Rank misguidedly hoped to storm the American market. That it flopped was no fault of Kendall’s, but her career was blighted: no films for four years, and then back to the bit parts—mostly socialites and gangsters’ molls.

Not until *Genevieve*, which she and Kenneth More stole from the nominal leads, John Gregson and Dinah Sheridan, were Kendall’s idiosyncratic talents revealed. Her performance as More’s fashion-model girlfriend, progressing through hauteur, disbelief and fury to final resignation in the face of rampant male lunacy, was witty and appealingly bemused, culminating in the tour de force of her drunken trumpet solo. Here, for all the evident lack of experience, was one of the great screen comedienues in the making.

Rank, disconcerted, pushed her into some unsuitable dross. She fought back with spirit, holding out for better roles, and matters improved slightly: *Simon and Laura*, with Peter Finch, and *The Constant Husband*, with Rex Harrison (whom she married), at least verged on sophistication, though hardly stretched her in either case. Kendall made no secret of her dissatisfaction with the material on offer. “If you’re a film actress in Britain,” she told the press, “you spend your life smuggling your physical equipment through the Customs.”

By now, Hollywood had taken notice. *Quentin Durward* required little of her except to look elegant in period costume, but there followed her two best films since *Genevieve*. Not that either of them

was that good. *Les Girls* found its promising team of George Cukor, Cole Porter, and Gene Kelly all a long way below their best. Kendall, as the scattiest of a trio of hoofers, walked off with the picture, and did the same for *The Reluctant Debutante*, a routine West End comedy, with another off-form director (Minnelli this time). Her vitality and sparkle made both films seem far better than they actually were.

She had contracted leukemia, and made one last movie. *Once More, with Feeling*, a feeble comedy with Yul Brynner, was released after her death by way of inadequate memorial. But the sense of waste—at her early death, at her misuse by imperceptive producers—cannot finally overshadow the memory of her lithe, volatile presence, all too briefly illuminating the screen.

—Philip Kemp

KENNEDY, Arthur

Nationality: American. **Born:** John Arthur Kennedy in Worcester, Massachusetts, 17 February 1914. **Education:** Attended Worcester Academy; studied acting at Carnegie Technical Institute, Pittsburgh. **Military Service:** Served in U.S. Air Force, 1943–45; made training films. **Family:** Married actress Mary Cheffey, 1938, children: Terence and Laurie. **Career:** 1936—toured with Globe Theater; 1937—Broadway debut in *Richard III* with Maurice Evans's company; 1939—appeared with Evans company in *Henry IV, Part I*; in Federal Theater production *Life and Death of an American*; 1940—film debut in *City for Conquest* opposite James Cagney; contract with Warners; 1947—appeared as Chris Keller in Miller's *All My Sons* on Broadway (also originated roles of Biff in *Death of a Salesman*, 1947, John Proctor in *The Crucible*, 1954, and the doctor brother in *The Price*, 1968); 1954—first TV appearance; 1961—replaced Laurence Olivier in title role of *Becket* on Broadway; 1974—in TV series *Nakia*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Bright Victory*, 1951. **Died:** From a brain tumor, in Branford, Connecticut, 5 January 1990.

Films as Actor:

- 1940 *City for Conquest* (Litvak); *Santa Fe Trail* (Curtiz)
- 1941 **High Sierra** (Walsh) (as Red); *Knockout* (Clemens); *Strange Alibi* (Lederman); *Highway West* (McCann); *Bad Men of Missouri* (Enright) (as Jim Younger); *They Died with Their Boots On* (Walsh)
- 1942 *Desperate Journey* (Walsh)
- 1943 *Air Force* (Hawks)
- 1946 *Devotion* (Bernhardt—produced 1943) (as Branwell Brontë)
- 1947 *Cheyenne* (Walsh) (as The Sundance Kid); *Boomerang!* (Kazan)
- 1949 *Champion* (Robson); *The Window* (Tetzlaff); *Too Late for Tears* (Haskin); *Chicago Deadline* (Allen); *The Walking Hills* (Sturges)
- 1950 *The Glass Menagerie* (Rapper) (as Tom Wingfield)
- 1951 *Red Mountain* (Dieterle); *Bright Victory* (*Lights Out*) (Robson)
- 1952 *Bend of the River* (*Where the River Bends*) (Anthony Mann); *Rancho Notorious* (Lang); *The Girl in White* (*So Bright the Flame*) (Sturges); *The Lusty Men* (Ray)
- 1954 *Impulse* (de Lautour)

- 1955 *Crashout* (Foster); *The Naked Dawn* (Ulmer); *The Man from Laramie* (Anthony Mann); *Trial* (Robson); *The Desperate Hours* (Wyler)
- 1956 *The Rawhide Years* (Maté)
- 1957 *Peyton Place* (Robson) (as Lucas Cross)
- 1958 *Twilight for the Gods* (Pevney); *Some Came Running* (Minnelli)
- 1959 *Home Is the Hero* (Cook); *A Summer Place* (Daves)
- 1960 *Elmer Gantry* (Brooks)
- 1961 *Murder She Said* (Pollock); *Claudelle Inglish* (*Young and Eager*) (Douglas)
- 1962 *Adventures of a Young Man* (Ritt) (as Doc Adams); *Barabbas* (Fleischer) (as Pontius Pilate); *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean)
- 1964 *Cheyenne Autumn* (Ford) (as Doc Holliday); *Italiani brava gente* (*Attack and Retreat*) (De Santis); *Joaquin Murieta* (*Vendetta*) (Sherman); *Joy in the Morning* (Segal)
- 1966 *Il chica del Lunes* (*Monday's Child*) (Torre-Nilsson); *Nevada Smith* (Hathaway); *Fantastic Voyage* (Fleischer); *The Brave Rifles* (as narrator)
- 1968 *Day of the Evil Gun* (Thorpe); *Lo sbarco di Anzio* (*Anzio; The Battle for Anzio*) (Dmytryk); *Un minuto per pregare, un instante per morire* (*Escondido; A Minute to Pray, a Second to Die; Dead or Alive*) (Giraldi)
- 1969 *Hail Hero* (Miller)
- 1970 *Shark!* (Fuller—produced 1967); *The Movie Murderer* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1971 *My Old Man's Place* (*Glory Boy*) (Sherin); *A Death of Innocence* (Wendkos—for TV); *The President's Plane Is Missing* (Duke—for TV); *Crawlspace* (Newland—for TV)
- 1973 *Bacciamo le mani* (*Ferrente; Kiss My Hand; Mafia War*) (Schiraldi); *Ricco* (De Micheli)
- 1974 *Nakia* (Horn—for TV); *Fin de semana para los muertos* (*The Living Dead at the Manchester Morgue; Don't Open the Window*) (Grau); *L'anticristo* (*The Antichrist; The Tempter*) (De Martino) (as the Bishop); *La polizia ha le mani legate* (*The Police Can't Move; Killer Cop*) (Ercoli)
- 1976 *Roma a mano armato* (*Rome Armed to the Teeth; Brutal Justice*) (Lenzi); *La spiaggia del desiderio* (*Emmanuelle on Taboo Island*) (D'Ambrosio); *Nove ospiti per un delitto* (*Nine Guests for a Crime*) (Baldi); *The Sentinel* (Winner)
- 1977 *Ab Morgen sind wir reich und ehrlich* (*Rich and Respectable*) (Antel); *Gli ultimi angeli* (*L'avventurosa fuga; Last Angels*) (Doria); *Ciclon* (*Cyclone*) (Cardona)
- 1978 *Sono stato un'agente CIA* (*Covert Action*) (Guerrieri); *Bermuda: la fossa maledetta* (*La cueva de los tiburones; Cave of Sharks; The Sharks' Cave*) (Richmond); *Porco mondo* (*Porno*) (Bergonzelli)
- 1979 *L'unanoide* (*The Humanoid*) (Lewis)
- 1980 *Movies Murderer* (Sagal—for TV)
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Arthur Kennedy's acting career represents one of solid, mainstream performance. In the 1940s he moved from minor roles in Warner Brothers staples (*High Sierra*, *Air Force*) to starring in "social problem" films such as *Champion*. The 1950s and 1960s saw Kennedy reach the peak of his movie career with appearances in a number of highly regarded Westerns (*The Man from Laramie*, *Bend of the River*) plus several money-making spectacles (*Elmer Gantry*, *Lawrence of Arabia*).

Kennedy, like many character actors of Hollywood's Golden Age, aspired to the stage. He received classical acting training at Carnegie Institute of Technology and in the mid-1930s moved to New York to "make it" on Broadway. At this point in his career he never did. There were occasional triumphs, including, for example, a Broadway debut in *Richard III* with Maurice Evans's company. But with his "discovery" by a Warner Brothers' talent scout, Kennedy, like many before him, moved to Hollywood. Success on Broadway (in *Death of a Salesman*) came only after he became a name in the movies.

Kennedy's best film work came in a series of Westerns in the 1950s. In one brief span at the beginning of that decade he worked with Nicholas Ray, Fritz Lang, and Anthony Mann in three of the best Westerns ever made: *The Lusty Men*, *Rancho Notorious*, and *Bend of the River*. Later in the 1950s came yet another solid performance in Anthony Mann's *The Man from Laramie*.

For a time in the mid-1950s it seemed Kennedy might even become a movie star. He received Academy Award nominations for best supporting actor in 1955, 1957, and 1958, the last for the box office smash *Peyton Place*. But it was not to be. Rather than leading to major roles this succession of nominations (with no win) only permanently established him as an ever-reliable character actor.

Kennedy's career after 1960 produced few artistic triumphs. In part this is because he rarely worked for top-flight directors. Exceptions include John Ford (*Cheyenne Autumn*) and Sam Fuller (*Shark*). Like many a character actor of his generation, Kennedy turned more and more to television work. Although his lone attempt at a weekly series (*Nakia*) lasted for only 15 episodes, he achieved a degree of fame as a guest star in such anthology programs as General Electric Theater and Playhouse 90, and later in a number of movies made for television.

—Douglas Gomery

KERR, Deborah

Nationality: British. **Born:** Deborah Jane Kerr-Trimmer in Helensburgh, Scotland, 30 September 1921. **Education:** Attended Northumberland House Boarding School, Bristol, until 1936; Hicks-Smale Drama School (run by aunt Phyllis Smale), Bristol, 1936;

studied ballet at Sadler's Wells, 1937. **Family:** Married 1) Anthony Charles Bartley, 1945 (divorced 1959), daughters: Melanie and Francesca; 2) the writer Peter Viertel, 1960. **Career:** 1936—radio work in Bristol, reading children's stories for BBC; 1937—first London stage appearance with Sadler's Wells Ballet; 1941—film debut in *Major Barbara*; one-year contract with Gabriel Pascal; 1945—toured France, Belgium, and Holland in *Gaslight* for Allied forces; 1946—MGM contract: U.S. film debut in *The Hucksters*, 1947; 1952—role in Columbia's *From Here to Eternity*; 1953—released from contract; in *Tea and Sympathy* on Broadway; 1972–73—on stage in *The Day after the Fair*; 1975—on Broadway in Edward Albee's *Seascape*; 1977—in London in Shaw's *Candida*; later in *The Corn Is Green*, 1985; TV work includes mini-series *A Woman of Substance*, 1984, and *Hold the Dream*, 1986; also subject of documentary, *Deborah Kerr: Not Just an English Rose*, for BBC TV, 1986. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Black Narcissus* and *The Adventuress*, 1947; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison*, 1957; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Sundowners*, 1960; honorary Academy Award, 1994; Companion of the Order of the British Empire, 1997/98.

Films as Actress:

- 1941 *Major Barbara* (Pascal) (as Jenny Hill); *Love on the Dole* (Baxter) (as Sally Hardcastle)
- 1942 *Penn of Pennsylvania* (*The Courageous Mr. Penn*) (Comfort) (as Gulielma Springelt); *Hatter's Castle* (Comfort) (as Mary Brodie); *The Day Will Dawn* (*The Avengers*) (French) (as Kari)
- 1943 *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Edith Hunter)
- 1945 *Perfect Strangers* (*Vacation from Marriage*) (Korda) (as Catherine Wilson)
- 1946 *I See a Dark Stranger* (*The Adventuress*) (Lauder) (as Bridie Quilty)
- 1947 *Black Narcissus* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Sister Clodagh); *The Hucksters* (Conway) (as Kay Dorrance)
- 1948 *If Winter Comes* (Saville) (as Nona Tybar)
- 1949 *Edward, My Son* (Cukor) (as Evelyn Boulton)
- 1950 *Please Believe Me* (Taurog) (as English heiress); *King Solomon's Mines* (Bennett and Marton) (as Elizabeth Curtis)
- 1951 *Quo Vadis?* (LeRoy) (as Lygia)
- 1952 *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Thorpe) (as Princess Flavia)
- 1953 *Thunder in the East* (Vidor) (as Joan Willoughby); *Dream Wife* (Sheldon) (as Priscilla Effington); *Young Bess* (Franklin) (as Catherine Parr); *From Here to Eternity* (Zinnemann) (as Karen Holmes); *Julius Caesar* (Mankiewicz) (as Portia)
- 1955 *The End of the Affair* (Dmytryk) (as Sarah Miles)
- 1956 *Tea and Sympathy* (Minnelli) (as Laura Reynolds); *The Proud and Profane* (Seaton) (as Nurse Lee Ashley); *The King and I* (Lang) (as Mrs. Anna Leonowens)
- 1957 *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison* (Huston) (as Sister Angela); *An Affair to Remember* (McCarey) (as Nickie)
- 1958 *Bonjour Tristesse* (Preminger) (as Anne); *Separate Tables* (Mann) (as Sybil Railton-Bell)



Deborah Kerr and Robert Taylor in *Quo Vadis?*

- 1959 *The Journey* (Litvak) (as Lady Diana Ashmore); *Count Your Blessings* (Negulesco) (as Grace Allingham); *Beloved Infidel* (King) (as Sheilah Graham)
- 1960 *The Sundowners* (Zinnemann) (as Ida Carmody); *The Grass Is Greener* (Donen) (as Hilary Rhyall)
- 1961 *The Naked Edge* (Anderson) (as Martha Radcliffe); *The Innocents* (Clayton) (as Miss Giddens)
- 1964 *The Chalk Garden* (Neame) (as Miss Madrigal); *The Night of the Iguana* (Huston) (as Hannah Jelkes)
- 1965 *Marriage on the Rocks* (Donohue) (as Valerie Edwards)
- 1967 *Eye of the Devil* (Thompson—produced 1966) (as Catherine de Montfaucon); *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as Agent Mimi [“Lady Fiona McTarry”])
- 1968 *Prudence and the Pill* (Cook and Neame) (as Prudence Hardcastle)
- 1969 *The Gypsy Moths* (Frankenheimer) (as Elizabeth Brandon); *The Arrangement* (Kazan) (as Florence Anderson)
- 1982 *Witness for the Prosecution* (Gibson—for TV)
- 1985 *Reunion at Fairborough* (Wise—for TV); *The Assam Garden* (McMurray) (as Helen)
- 1986 *Hold the Dream* (Sharp—for TV) (as Emma Harte)

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The preeminent English gentlewoman, Deborah Kerr performed with a ladylike spiritedness and wholesome sincerity that proved equally popular in Great Britain and America.

A stage actress in her late teens, Kerr graduated from a small role in *Major Barbara* that led to three skillfully varied roles in *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* and an authoritative nun in *Black Narcissus*; afterward, MGM brought her to Hollywood to play opposite Clark Gable in *The Hucksters*.

A decorative period—*King Solomon's Mines* and others—did not take advantage of her surprising intensity, but her self-possession and well-bred personality worked to advantage in these popular films. Cast against type in *From Here to Eternity* as Burt Lancaster's adulterous lover, Kerr broadened her emotional range in the minds of cinemagoers with a memorably sensual roll in the surf.

Extraordinarily versatile, the six-time Oscar nominee stood her ground in hoopskirts opposite Yul Brynner in *The King and I*, sparred charmingly with Cary Grant and David Niven several times, and smoldered opposite Robert Mitchum, most notably as a housewife made transcendent by sacrifice in *The Sundowners*.

When Kerr did not have a handle on a role (e.g., *Beloved Infidel*) her neurotic tremulousness (used tellingly to portray a neglected closet drinker in *Edward, My Son*) wound up parodying her cashmere-sweatered earth mother role as in *Tea and Sympathy*. At her sharpest, however, Kerr memorably agonized to find a balance between submerged desire and a self-imposed code of honor, whether as a wallflower doomed to *Separate Tables* or a nun taxed by her chastity habit in *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison*.

Kerr's abandonment of Hollywood after the failures of *The Arrangement* and *Gypsy Moths* was especially disheartening since the decade started so promisingly with her repressed governess in *The Innocents*, a spellbinding spin through Capote's Freudinizing of *Turn of the Screw*, a splendidly evasive Miss Madrigal in the civilized *Chalk Garden*, and a definitive study in the denial of the flesh in a *Night of the Iguana* vulgarized by director John Huston but redeemed by its stars.

Adept at teary melodrama and light comedy, Kerr entranced a new generation of fans through the *Affair to Remember* clips that filled (and that were the sole reason to tolerate) *Sleepless in Seattle*. A superb theatrical performer, Kerr toured in made-to-order warhorses, enjoyed a Broadway return in Albee's *Seascape*, and demonstrated that time had not withered her variety in such television showcases as the BBC's *Ann and Debbie* and the opulent mini-series *A Woman of Substance*. Through a kaleidoscopic career, Kerr never lost the cool beauty and inborn gentility that initially established her stardom.

—Richard Sater, updated by Robert Pardi

KIDMAN, Nicole

Nationality: Australian/American. **Born:** Honolulu, Hawaii, 20 June 1967, to Australian parents; raised in Sydney, Australia. **Family:** Married Tom Cruise (an actor), 24 December 1990; children: Isabella Jane, Connor Anthony. **Career:** Began acting on stage at age 10; first movie role in *Bush Christmas* (1983) at age 14; appeared on TV series *Five Mile Creek*, 1984. **Awards:** Australian Film Institute Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Television Drama, for *Vietnam*, 1988, and for *Bangkok Hilton*, 1989; ShoWest Female Star of Tomorrow, 1992; Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Comedy/Musical, London Critics Circle ALFS Award for Actress of the Year, and Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, for *To Die For*, 1995. **Agent:** c/o Nancy Seltzer, 6220 Dell Valle Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90048, U.S.A.; Creative Artists Agency, 1888 Century Park E., Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Films as Actress:

- 1983 *Bush Christmas (Prince and the Great Race)* (Safran) (as Helen); *BMX Bandits* (Trenchard-Smith) (as Judy); *Chase Through the Night* (Rubie—for TV) (as Petra)
- 1984 *Matthew and Son* (Conway—for TV) (as Bridget Elliot)
- 1985 *Wills & Burke* (Weis) (as Julia Matthews); *Winners* (mini, for TV); *Archer's Adventure* (Lawrence) (as Catherine)



Nicole Kidman in *The Portrait of a Lady*

- 1986 *Watch the Shadows Dance (Nightmaster)* (Joffe) (as Amy Gabriel); *Vietnam* (Duigan and Noonan—mini, for TV) (as Megan Goddard); *Windrider* (Monton) (as Jade)
- 1987 *The Bit Part* (Maher) (as Mary McAllister); *Room to Move* (Duigan—for TV) (as Carol Trig); *Un australiana a Roma* (as Jill)
- 1988 *Emerald City* (Jenkins) (as Helen)
- 1989 *Dead Calm* (Noyce) (as Rae Ingram); *Bangkok Hilton* (Cameron—mini, for TV) (as Katrina Stanton)
- 1990 *Days of Thunder* (Scott) (as Dr. Claire Lewicki)
- 1991 *Flirting* (Duigan) (as Nicola Radcliffe); *Billy Bathgate* (Benton) (as Drew Preston)
- 1992 *Far and Away* (Howard) (as Shannon Christie)
- 1993 *My Life* (Rubin) (as Gail Jones); *Malice* (Becker) (as Tracy Kennsinger)
- 1995 *To Die For* (Van Sant) (as Suzanne Stone Maretto); *Batman Forever* (Schumacher) (as Dr. Chase Meridian)
- 1996 *The Portrait of a Lady* (Campion) (as Isabel Archer); *The Leading Man* (Duigan) (as Academy Awards Presenter)
- 1997 *The Peacemaker* (Leder) (as Julia Kelly)
- 1998 *Practical Magic* (Dunne) (as Gillian Owens)
- 1999 *Eyes Wide Shut* (Kubrick) (as Alice Harford)

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Striking physical beauty and a high-profile marriage can blight an actress's career as often as advance it. Nicole Kidman has given proof

of talent, intelligence, and versatility, but the vast preponderance of her press coverage still dwells on trivial speculation about her marriage to Tom Cruise. (Is he secretly gay? Or is she? Were they given lessons in lovemaking for *Eyes Wide Shut*? Does it rile him that she's several inches taller? And so forth.) When she appeared on the London stage (in Sam Mendes' production of *The Blue Room*, adapted from Schnitzler's *Reigen*) most of the male reviewers spent more time drooling over her on-stage nudity than assessing her acting ability. Even after displaying her range in three such diverse performances *As To Die For*, *The Portrait of a Lady* and *Eyes Wide Shut*, it seems Kidman still has trouble being taken seriously as an actress.

In her early roles, playing tomboyish teenagers in low-budget Australian family comedies like *Bush Christmas* and *BMX Bandits*, Kidman stood out with her rangy figure and wild red hair, exuding a nascent sexuality that scarcely meshed with the films' anodyne, sub-Disney ethos. John Duigan latched on to the cool-bitch side of her screen persona, casting her as the snotty head girl who gives Thandie Newton a hard time in *Flirting*, but it was Phillip Noyce's oceanbound thriller *Dead Calm* that gave her the crucial breakthrough role. At 19 she was way too young to play Sam Neill's jaded wife, but she came into her own in the later part of the film, fighting off Billy Zane's psychopath with a ferocity that seemed to stem less from fear than from indignation and moral outrage.

Dead Calm got Kidman to Hollywood and landed her the token-female role in *Days of Thunder*, Simpson and Bruckheimer's attempt to duplicate the testosterone-laden appeal of *Top Gun*. The film brought her together with Tom Cruise, and set an unhappy precedent for her Hollywood career. For the next few years Kidman found herself consigned to shallow, decorative roles in movies that left minimal scope for her talents. It hardly helped that the films were resolutely mediocre. If the stories of her ruthless pursuit of Gus Van Sant to secure the lead in *To Die For* are true, it's hardly to be wondered at; after overstuffed dross like *Far and Away* and *Batman Forever* she was clearly desperate to be allowed to show what she could do.

As the murderously ambitious Suzanne Stone, local TV weathergirl determined to make it big, Kidman proved she could play comedy with pitch-perfect subtlety. Instead of taking the easy route of making her character a bimbo, she played her as a woman who has concentrated down to one narrow, obsessive focus, leaving herself brain- and heart-dead outside it. Using her svelte beauty like a weapon, Kidman's Suzanne dazzles onlookers with her smile while the gleam of calculation never leaves her eyes.

To Die For gave Kidman her best role to date. *The Portrait of a Lady* and *Eyes Wide Shut*, both more ambitious films, in different ways constrained her, damping down the vibrant animal vitality that, unleashed, can radiate off the screen. Jane Campion's film turned Henry James's free spirit into a more lachrymose character, too easily subdued by John Malkovich's domestic tyrant; Kidman dutifully went along with the concept but let the rebellion show in her eyes. *Eyes Wide Shut* reunited her with Cruise in their first on-screen partnership since *Far and Away*. Both actors were visibly unnerved by Kubrick's over-meticulous direction; but Kidman came off the better of the two, achieving a poised intensity in her key monologues that showed up Cruise's dazed acquiescence. Both films demonstrated her versatility, suggesting that Kidman's potential as an actress has as yet scarcely been explored. It would be good to see her given the chance to prove it.

—Philip Kemp

KINGSLEY, Ben

Nationality: British. **Born:** Krishna Banji in Scarborough, England, 31 December 1943. **Education:** Attended Manchester Grammar School; Salford University, M.A. (hon.); assoc. artist, Royal Shakespeare Co., 1968. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Angela Morant; 2) Alison Sutcliffe, 1978; children: Edmund William Macaulay, Ferdinand James Macaulay, Thomas Alexis, Jasmin Anna. **Career:** Appeared in plays including *Hamlet*, 1975–76, *Edmund Kean*, 1981–83, *Othello*, 1985–86; 1973—film debut in *Fear Is the Key*; 1984—in TV mini-series documentary *Playing Shakespeare*; 1987—in TV mini-series *The Secret of the Sahara*. **Awards:** Best Actor and Best Newcomer, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 1982, Best Actor, Standard Film Awards London, 1983, and Best Actor Academy Award, 1983, for *Gandhi*; Distinguished Service Award, for *Murderers among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story*, 1989; Best Actor, Golden Camera Berlin award, and Evening Standard Film award, for *Schindler's List*, 1995; Fantosporto (Portugal) Special Career Award, 1995. **Address:** c/o Zakiya & Associates, 110 St. Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4AD, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1973 *Fear Is the Key* (Tuchner) (as Roche)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (title role); *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (David Jones—for TV) (as Frank Ford)
- 1983 *Betrayal* (David Jones) (as Robert)
- 1984 *Sleeps Six* (James Cellan Jones)
- 1985 *Harem* (Joffe) (as Selim); *Turtle Diary* (Irvin) (as William Snow); *Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe* (Giles Foster—for TV) (title role); *Camille* (Desmond Davis—for TV) (as Duval)
- 1987 *Testimony* (Tony Palmer) (as Dmitri Shostakovich); *Maurice* (Ivory) (as Lasker-Jones)
- 1988 *Pascali's Island* (Dearden) (as Basil Pascali); *Without a Clue* (*Sherlock and Me*) (Eberhardt) (as Dr. Watson)
- 1989 *Slipstream* (Lisberger) (as Avatar); *Murderers among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story* (Brian Gibson—for TV) (title role)
- 1990 *The Children* (Tony Palmer) (as Martin Boyne); *Una Vita Scellerata* (*A Violent Life*) (Battiato); *The Fifth Monkey* (Rochat) (as Cunda); *Romeo-Juliet* (Acosta) (voice only)
- 1991 *L'Amour necessario* (*Necessary Love*) (Fabio Capri) (as Ernesto); *Bugsy* (Levinson) (as Meyer Lansky); *The War That Never Ends* (Jack Gold—for TV) (as Pericles)
- 1992 *Sneakers* (Robinson) (as Cosmo); *Freddie as F.R.O.7* (*Freddie the Frog*) (Acevski—animation) (as voice of Freddie)
- 1993 *Dave* (Reitman) (as Vice President Nance); *Schindler's List* (Spielberg) (as Itzhak Stern); *Searching for Bobby Fisher* (*Innocent Moves*) (Zaillian) (as Bruce Pandolfini)
- 1994 *Death and the Maiden* (Polanski) (as Dr. Roberto Miranda); *Liberation* (Schwartzmann—doc) (as narrator)
- 1995 *Joseph* (Roger Young—for TV) (as Potiphar); *Species* (Donaldson) (as Xavier Fitch)
- 1996 *Twelfth Night* (Trevor Nunn) (as Feste); *Moses* (Young) (as Moses)
- 1997 *The Assignment* (Duguay) (as Amos); *Weapons of Mass Destruction* (Surjik) (as Julian Messenger); *Photographing Fairies* (Willing) (as Reverend Templeton)
- 1998 *Parting Shots* (Winner) (as Renzo Locatelli); *The Tale of Sweeney Todd* (Schlesinger) (as Sweeney Todd); *Crime and Punishment* (*Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment*) (Sargent—mini for TV) (as Porfiry)
- 1999 *A Force More Powerful* (York) (as narrator); *The Confession* (David Hugh Jones) (as Harry Fertig); *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing—for TV) (as Major Caterpillar); *Peace Is Every Step: Meditation in Action—The Life and Work of Thich Nhat Hanh* (Maida) (as narrator); *Spooky House* (Sachs) (as The Great Zamboni)
- 2000 *What Planet Are You From?* (Nichols) (as Graydon); *Rules of Engagement* (Friedkin) (as Ambassador Mourain); *Till the End of Time* (Rydell) (as Alfred Stieglitz)

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Ben Kingsley rose to fame as the star of Richard Attenborough's biopic *Gandhi* (1981), his second screen appearance following a supporting role in the Alistair MacLean thriller *Fear Is the Key* released almost a decade earlier. Actor Attenborough had sought to film the life of the martyred Indian leader since the 1960s after turning producer-director. His friend and mentor, David Lean, had been fascinated with the subject for a long time as well, but had been unable to secure financing or approvals from the various powers that be in and out of the government of India necessary to shoot the film on location. Attenborough persevered, using a substantial amount of his own money to develop the project, which eventually found a backer in Goldcrest Entertainment. After considerable give and take (mostly give), the director received permission to film his considerably

watered down, politically correct look at the life and times of Gandhi in India. His boldest stroke was casting the unknown Kingsley, whose father was Indian and mother British, in the title role. On screen for most of the epic's rather ponderous 188 minutes, Kingsley carried the weight of the film almost entirely on his own shoulders and did so magnificently, delivering a performance of such restrained fire and spiritual strength that he earned a Best Actor Oscar. Though he has the unique ability to portray diverse ethnic types quite convincingly without resorting to make-up (in much the same way that Meryl Streep carries off foreign accents), Kingsley's selection of roles and films since then are somewhat of a mixed bag.

The pretentious *Betrayal* (1983), from a play by Harold Pinter, found Kingsley in a love triangle with Jeremy Irons and Patricia Hodge, the central gimmick of which is that the events of the story unfold in reverse, beginning with their resolution. He played an Arab sheik who kidnaps Nastassja Kinski for his desert nights in the sex-and-sand epic *Harem* (1985), a French-made extravaganza marked by all the subtlety of a Harlequin Romance novel. In the gentle drama *Turtle Diary* (1985), scripted by Pinter, he and Glenda Jackson play a pair of shy people who form a romantic relationship based on their mutual need to save some giant turtles in a zoo. As Dr. Watson in

Without a Clue, he hires a bumbling actor played by Michael Caine to bring his fictional character of Sherlock Holmes to life. Alternately too stiff and too strained in his efforts to hit his comic marks, Kingsley demonstrated here that comedy, particularly farce-comedy, is not his forte, and has tended to avoid it since. And as a scientist who unlocks a DNA code transmitted from space to create an *Alien*-type she-monster in *Species*, he fairly disappeared (along with most of the cast) in that laughable sci-fi opus's non-stop parade of spectacularly grisly special effects.

Although he had played the composer Dmitri Shostakovich in the Tony Palmer-directed biopic *Testimony* (1987), the film was barely released. Only when the 1980s began to wind down would Kingsley find another role equal in challenge and visibility to the one that brought him fame as the decade began. In the title role of the Abby Mann-scripted made-for-television biopic *Murderers among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story*, Kingsley was, in the words of critic Leonard Maltin, "mesmerizing . . . as the Holocaust survivor who dedicated the rest of his life to hunting down the war's Nazi bigwigs."

The 1990s have provided a range of roles for Kingsley, many of them in the kind of big-budget, commercial Hollywood product he had seemed studiously intent on avoiding after *Gandhi*. He brought a disturbing, smiler-with-a-knife sincerity to the part of Jewish gangster Meyer Lansky in *Bugsy* (1991). In *Searching for Bobby Fischer* (1993), based on a true story, he movingly revealed the inner turmoil of a chessmaster guiding a child prodigy whose genius for the game he too had exhibited in childhood but failed to fulfill. As the vice president in the political comedy *Dave*, he all but disappeared into the background, but that is the nature of the position itself, as the film suggests. And his part, as well as performance, in the cyber-caper comedy *Sneakers* is so unassuming that one almost forgets once the film is over that Kingsley was even in its high-profile cast.

As the Jewish business manager of the German profiteer Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson) who saves the lives of more than a thousand Holocaust victims in *Schindler's List*, Kingsley perfectly conveyed the conflicting emotions of a man who keeps expecting his benefactor to turn against him and his people, then comes to trust and admire the man for daring to stand against the exterminating Nazi tide. The performance earned Kingsley a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award nomination, although the role is actually a co-starring one.

Kingsley fared best among the largely miscast three-character drama *Death and the Maiden*, Roman Polanski's adaptation of Ariel Dorfman's play about a Chilean woman (Sigourney Weaver) who seizes the opportunity to get back at the man (Kingsley) who she believes raped and tortured her while she was a political prisoner, when he unwittingly stops by with her husband (Stuart Wilson) for a drink. As Weaver applies the screws, Kingsley almost convinces the viewer he's the victim in this dark and twisted tale of revenge and role reversal.

Kingsley felt Polanski was one of the most creative directors he'd ever worked with, although *Death and the Maiden*, their only collaboration together (so far), was neither a hit with audiences or most critics; it did little to enhance the careers of either man, though of the two, Kingsley has continued to work quite busily on stage and on the big screen as well as the small where he has appeared in a number of epic mini-series such as Turner Network Television's *Moses* to which he brought a quiet dignity to the title role patented by Charlton Heston in DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*.

—John McCarty

KINSKI, Klaus

Born: Nikolaus Günther Nakszynski in Sopot (Zoppot), Free State of Danzig (later Germany; now Gdansk, Poland), 8 October 1926; grew up in Berlin. **Military Service:** German Army, 1944; captured by the British on second day of combat, spending rest of war as POW. **Family:** Married first wife in 1950s, daughter: the actress Pola; 2) Ruth Brigitte Tocki, daughter: the actress Nastassja; 3) Minhoi Wiggers, son: Nanhoi. **Career:** After World War II, acted in theater companies in Tübingen and Baden-Baden; 1948—film debut in *Morituri*; 1950s and 1960s—appeared in dozens of films, gaining European stardom; 1973—appeared in *Aguirre, the Wrath of God*, first of several collaborations with the director Werner Herzog; 1989—directorial debut with *Paganini*. **Awards:** Deutscher filmpreis for Acting, for *Nosferatu—Phantom der Nacht*, 1979. **Died:** In Lagunitas, California, 23 November 1991.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Morituri* (York)
- 1951 *Decision before Dawn* (Litvak) (as whining soldier)
- 1954 *Ludwig II (Lanz und Elend eines Königs)* (Käutner); *Kinder, Mütter, und ein General (Hauen Sie ab mit Heldenrum)* (Benedek)
- 1955 *Sarajewo (Um Thron und Liebe)* (Kortner); *Hanussen* (Fischer and Marischka)
- 1956 *Waldwinter* (Liebeneiner) (as Otto Hartwig); *Geliebte Corinna* (von Borsody)
- 1958 *A Time to Love and a Time to Die* (Sirk) (as Gestapo lieutenant)
- 1960 *Der Rächer (The Avenger)* (Anton) (as Lorenz Voss)
- 1961 *Die toten Augen von London (Geheimnis von London; The Dead Eyes of London; Dark Eyes of London)* (Vohrer) (as Edgar Strauss); *Das Geheimnis der gelben Narzissen (The Devil's Daffodil; Daffodil Killer)* (von Rathony) (as Peter Keene); *Bankraub in der Rue Latour* (Jürgens); *Die seltsame Gräfin (The Strange Countess)* (von Baky) (as Stuart Bresset); *Das Rätsel der roten Orchidee (The Puzzle of the Red Orchid; Gangster in London)* (Ashley) (as Steve); *Die Kurve* (Zadek—for TV)
- 1962 *Der rote Rausch* (Schleif); *Dir Tür mit den sieben Schlössern (Das Gasthaus an der Themse; The House with Seven Locks)* (Vohrer) (as Gregor Gubanow); *The Counterfeit Traitor* (Seaton) (as Kindler)
- 1963 *Der schwarze Abt (The Black Abbot)* (Gottlieb); *Der Zinker (The Squeaker)* (Vohrer); *Die schwarze Kobra* (Zehetgruber); *Das indische Tuch* (Vohrer); *Scotland Yard jagt Doktor Mabuse (Die scharloachrote Dschunke; Scotland Yard Hunts Dr. Mabuse)* (Paul May); *Das Geheimnis der schwarzen Witwe (Secret of the Black Widow)* (Gottlieb); *Piccadilly null Uhr zwölf* (Zehetgruber); *Kali-Yug, la dea della vendetta (Die Göttin der Rache)* (Camerini); *Il mistero del tempio indiano (Aufruhr in Indien; Das Geheimnis des indischen Tempels)* (Camerini—this film and the previous edited into one version titled *Kali-Yug, Goddess of Vengeance*)
- 1964 *Die Gruft mit dem Rätselschloss* (Gottlieb); *Wartezimmer zum Jenseits* (Vohrer); *Der letzte Ritt nach Santa Cruz (Last*

Klaus Kinski in *Fitzcarraldo*

- Stage to Santa Cruz* (Olsen); *Winnetou: II Teil* (*Giorni di fuoco*; *Le Tresor des montagnes bleues*; *Last of the Renegades*) (Reinl) (as Luke); *Das Geheimnis der chinesischen Nelke* (*Secret of the Chinese Carnation*) (Zehetgruber)
- 1965 *Das Verratertor* (*Traitor's Gate*) (Francis); *The Pleasure Girls* (*Die Goldpuppen*) (O'Hara) (as Nikko); *Neues vom Hexer* (Vohrer); *La Guerre secrète* (*The Dirty Game*) (Terence Young); *Estambul 65* (*Operación Istanbul*; *L'homme d'Istanbul*; *That Man in Istanbul*) (Isasi-Isasmendi) (as Schenck); *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (as Kostoyed)
- 1966 *Per qualche dollaro in più* (*For a Few Dollars More*) (Leone) (as hunchback); *Our Man in Marrakesh* (*Bang! Bang! You're Dead*) (Sharp) (as Jonquil); *Das Geheimnis der gelben Mönche* (*Wie tötet man eine Dame*; *Target for Killing*) (Köhler); *Spie contro il mondo* (*Gern hab' ich die Frau'n gekillt*; *Spy against the World*; *Killers Carnival*; *Carnival of Killers*) (Cardiff)
- 1967 *Quien sabe?* (*A Bullet for the General*) (Damiani) (as El Santo); *Circus of Fear* (*Psycho-Circus*) (Moxey) (as Manfred); *Die blaue Hand* (*Creature with the Blue Hand*) (Vohrer); *Carmen, Baby* (Metzger); *Su-muru* (*The Million Eyes of Su-muru*) (Shonteff) (as President Boong); *Five Golden Dragons* (Summers) (as Gert); *L'uomo, l'orgoglio, la vendetta* (*Man, Pride, and Vengeance*; *Mit Django kam der Tod*) (Bazzoni); *Coplan sauve sa peau* (*Les Jardins du diable*; *Requiem for a Snake*; *Devil's Garden*) (Boisset); *Mister Zehn Prozent—Miezen und Moneten* (*Sigpress contro Scotland Yard*) (Zurli)
- 1968 *Ad ogni costo* (*Grand Slam*; *Top Job*) (Montaldo) (as Erich Weiss); *Ognuno per se* (*Das Gold von Sam Cooper*; *The Ruthless Four*; *Sam Cooper's Gold*) (Holloway, i.e. Capitani) (as blond); *Sartana* (*Se incontri Sartana, prega per la tua morte*) (Kramer, i.e. Parolini); *A qualsiasi prezzo* (*Vatican Story*) (Miraglia); *Due volte Giuda* (Cicero); *Cinque per l'inferno* (*Five into Hell*) (Kramer, i.e. Parolini); *Il grande silenzio* (*La grand Silence*) (Corbucci); *Marquis de Sade: Justine* (*Justine and Juliet*; *Justine*) (Franco)
- 1969 *I bastardi* (*I gatti*; *Sons of Satan*; *The Cats*) (Tessari) (as Adam); *Il dito nell piaga* (*Salt in the Wound*; *The Dirty Two*) (Ricci); *La legge dei gangsters* (*Quintero*) (Marcellini); *Double Face* (*Das Gesicht im Dunkeln*; *A doppia faccia*; *Puzzle of horrors*) (Hampton, i.e. Freda); *Sono Sartana, il*

- vostro bechino (*I'll Dig Your Grave*) (Ascott, i.e. Carnimeo); *Paroxismus* (*Black Angel*; *Venus in Furs*) (Biliam and Franco) (as Ahmed); *La Peau de Torpédo* (*Children of Mata Hari*; *Pill of Death*) (Delannoy); *E Dio disse a Caino* . . . (*And God Said to Cain*) (Dawson, i.e. Margheriti)
- 1970 *Wie dommt ein so reizendes Mädchen zu diesem Gewerbe?* (*Mir hat es immer Spass gemacht*; *How Did a Nice Girl Like You Get into This Business?*) (Tremper); *Per una bara piena di dollari* (*Nevada Kid*; *A Barrel Full of Dollars*; *Adios companeros*) (Deem, i.e. Fidani); *La belva* (Costa); *Prega il morte e ammazza il vivo* (Warren, i.e. Vari); *Giù le mani* . . . *carogna* (Fidani); *Appuntamento col disonore* (*Rendezvous with Dishonor*; *The Night of the Assassins*) (Bolzoni); *I leopardi di Churchill* (*Commando Attack*) (Pradeaux)
- 1971 *El Conde Dracula* (*Count Dracula*) (Franco); *Nella stretta morsa del ragno* (*Dracula im Schloss des Schreckens*; *Web of the Spider*; *And Comes the Dawn . . . but Colored Red*) (Dawson, i.e. Margheriti) (as Edgar Allan Poe); *La bestia uccide a sangue freddo* (*Der Triebmörder*; *The Cold-blooded Beast*; *Slaughter Hotel*; *Asylum Erotica*) (Di Leo); *Lo chiamavano King* . . . (Reynolds, i.e. Romitelli); *Black Killer* (Moore, i.e. Oroccolo); *L'occhio del ragno* (*Eye of the Spider*) (Bianchi-Montero); *La vendetta e un piatto che si serve freddo* (*Vengeance Trail*) (William Redford, i.e. Squitier); *La mano nascosta di Dio* (Palli)
- 1972 *Il venditore di morte* (*The Price of Death*) (Thomas, i.e. Alberto); *Doppia taglia per Monnesota Stinky* (Deem, i.e. Fidani); *Il ritorno di Clint il solitario* (*Ti attende una corda* . . . *Ringo*) (Bagram, i.e. Balcazar)
- 1973 *Aguirre, der Zorn Göttes* (*Aguirre, the Wrath of God*) (Herzog) (title role); *Il mio nome è Shanghai Joe* (*Mezzogiorno di fuoco par Lin-Hao*; *Cinque pistole di violenza*; *To Kill or to Die*) (Caiano); *La mano spietat della legge* (*The Bloody Hands of the Law*) (Gariazzo); *La morte sorride all'assassino* (*Sette strani cadaveri*) (Massacesi); *Imperativo categorio: control il crimine con rabbia* (Gariazzo); *La mano che nutre la morte* (Garrone)
- 1974 *Le orme* (*Footprints*) (Bazzoni); *Le amanti del mostro* (Garrone); *Who Stole the Shah's Jewels?* (Leoni)
- 1975 *L'important c'est d'aimer* (*The Most Important Thing Is Love*; *The Main Thing Is to Love*) (Zulawski) (as Karl); *Lifespan* (Whitelaw) (as Industrialist); *Un genio, due compari, un pollo* (*The Genius*) (Damiani) (as Doc Foster); *Das Netz* (*The Web*) (Purzer)
- 1976 *Jack the Ripper* (*Der Dirnenmörder von London*) (Franco); *Madame Claude* (Jaeckin)
- 1977 *Nuit d'or* (Maoti); *Entebbe: Operation Thunderbolt* (Golan); *Mort d'un pourri* (Lautner)
- 1978 *La Chanson de Roland* (Cassenti); *Zoo zéro* (Fleischer)
- 1979 *Nosferatu—Phantom der Nacht* (*Nosferatu—The Vampire*) (Herzog) (as Count Dracula); *Woyzeck* (Herzog) (title role); *Haine* (*Traquenard*) (Goult)
- 1980 *Schizoid* (*Murder by Mail*) (Paulsen) (as Dr. Pieter Fales)
- 1981 *Buddy Buddy* (Wilder) (as Dr. Zuckerbrot)
- 1982 *Fitzcarraldo* (Herzog) (as Brian Sweeney Fitzgerald/title role); *The Soldier* (*Codename: The Soldier*) (Glickenhau) (as Dracha); *Venom* (Haggard) (as Jacmel); *Love and Money* (Toback) (as Frederick Stockheinz); *La Femme enfant* (Billetdoux) (as Marcel); *Fruits of Passion* (Terayama) (as Sir Stephen); *Burden of Dreams* (Blank—doc on making of *Fitzcarraldo*); *Android* (Lipstadt) (as Dr. Daniel)
- 1983 *Beauty and the Beast* (Vadim—for TV)
- 1984 *The Little Drummer Girl* (George Roy Hill) (as Kurtz); *The Secret Diary of Sigmund Freud* (Danford B. Greene) (as Dr. Max Bauer); *Titan Find* (*Creature*) (Malone) (as Hans Rudy Hofner); *Hitchhiker* (Hodges and Zetterling); *Codename Wildgeese* (*Geheimcode Wildgans*) (Dawson, i.e. Margheriti) (as Charlton)
- 1985 *Kommando Leopard* (*Commando Leopard*) (Dawson) (as Silveira); *Creature* (Malone) (as Hofner); *El Caballero del dragon* (*The Knight of the Dragon*; *Star Knight*) (Colomo) (as Boetius); *Revenge of the Stolen Stars* (Lommel) (as Duncan McBride)
- 1986 *Crawlspace* (Schmoeller) (as Dr. Karl Gunther)
- 1987 *Timstalkers* (Schultz—for TV) (as Dr. Joseph Cole); *Cobra Verde* (Herzog); *Rough Justice* (Costa)
- 1988 *Nosferatu a Venezia: Il ritorno di Nosferatu* (Caminito)

Film as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

- 1989 *Paganini* (title role)

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Klaus Kinski's screen career began 25 years before his performance in Werner Herzog's remarkable *Aguirre, the Wrath of God*. Yet, of the numerous directors with whom Kinski worked, only Herzog captured the full range and originality of the actor's talents. In their films together, Kinski's passion and power became the brush with which Herzog painted his vivid portraits; it was an inspired wedding of an actor's style and a director's vision.

The Polish-born Kinski was a renowned and often controversial stage actor in Germany as a young man, but his work in films consisted almost entirely of well-paid roles in second-rate European features. There were a few memorable exceptions to this pattern—he appears briefly in *Doctor Zhivago* as a passenger on the long train ride, and as a villain in Leone's *For a Few Dollars More*—but not until 1973 and *Aguirre* did a film role reveal the true measure of Kinski's menacing power and maniacal fervor.

As a Spanish conquistador going slowly mad in the jungles of South America, Kinski is the personification of Herzog's theme of the destructiveness of absolute power. Yet Kinski is also a strangely heroic figure, a man obsessed with his fantasies and, in his own mind, the instrument of an angry God. There is a romantic bravura to Kinski's performance that is the antithesis of the naturalistic style of acting so prevalent in recent years, and its tone is exactly right for Herzog's epic tale.

In *Nosferatu*—*Phantom der Nacht*, Herzog's eerie, philosophical retelling of the classic vampire story, Kinski is again an obsessive, terrifying character. The richly atmospheric film pays homage to the great tradition of the German silent era, and Kinski is made up to resemble Max Schreck in Murnau's 1922 *Nosferatu*. Despite ashen face, sunken eyes, and razor-sharp fangs, Kinski's performance conveys the powerful eroticism inherent in the vampire legends, and it is this blend of oppressive horror and sexuality that sets the tone for Herzog's film.

In *Woyzeck* Herzog again makes use of Kinski's compelling intensity this time channeling it through a powerless character driven to an act of terrible violence. As the soldier whose sanity snaps under the crushing circumstances of his life—in a role that was perhaps frighteningly close to the actor's own experience as a prisoner of war during World War II—Kinski reveals a vulnerability as raw and dangerous as an exposed nerve. His final explosion is an agonizing release from the pain and helplessness that has marked the character's life.

Fitzcarraldo returns to the South American settings of *Aguirre*, and once more Kinski was cast (in place of the originally slated Jason Robards) as a man who becomes heroic through his willingness to sacrifice everything to achieve his dream. Yet the dream here is a benign and curiously joyful one, not the expression of a lust for power, but a desire to bring opera to a remote jungle town. Kinski's portrayal of the man in pursuit of this mad fantasy has the now familiar gleam of obsessive zeal, but the threatening quality has gone, leaving in its place a character who is driven but also possessed of

a childlike innocence. The vital role that dreams and impossible quests play in our lives has been a pervasive theme in Herzog's work, and never has it been more eloquently articulated than by Kinski's performance in *Fitzcarraldo*.

Kinski's work with Herzog won him international recognition, as well as roles in films by other well-known directors, most notably James Toback's *Love and Money* and George Roy Hill's *The Little Drummer Girl*, in which he gives a memorable performance as Kurtz, the complex, charismatic Israeli spymaster. Kinski appeared in one final Herzog film, *Cobra Verde*, in 1987. He then made his directorial debut two years later with *Paganini*, which he also wrote and played the title role in. Critic David Thomson called the sexually explicit and intense screen biography of the violinist and composer "close to unwatchable." It ironically became Kinski's final film credit after he died two years later, ending a 43-year movie career.

Kinski will certainly be best remembered, however, for his roles in Herzog films; it was in these few films that Kinski enjoyed his finest moments on screen. In bringing Herzog's very personal visions to life, Kinski achieved the highest expression of his own unique abilities.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by David E. Salamie

KINSKI, Nastassja

Pseudonym: At one time, spelled first name "Nastassia." **Nationality:** German. **Born:** Nastassja Nakszynski in Berlin, 24 January 1961; daughter of the actor Klaus Kinski. **Education:** Attended schools in Rome, Munich, Caracas, and New York; studied acting with Lee Strasberg at the Actors Studio. **Family:** Married Ibrahim Moussa, 1984 (separated), children: Aljosha, Sonja Leila; daughter with Quincy Jones, Kenya Niambi Jones. **Career:** 1974—film debut in *Falsche Bewegung*; 1976—first English-language film, *To the Devil a Daughter*; 1980—international fame with *Tess*; 1980s—established Leila production and distribution company. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis for Acting, for *Spring Symphony*, 1983. **Agent:** c/o William Morris, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA, 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1974 *Falsche Bewegung* (*The Wrong Move*) (Wenders) (as Mignon)
- 1976 *To the Devil a Daughter* (Sykes) (as Catherine Beddows); *Reifezeugnis* (*For Your Love Only*) (Petersen) (as Sina Wolf)
- 1978 *Così come sei* (*Stay as You Are*) (Lattuada) (as Francesca); *The Passion Flower Hotel* (*Leidenschaftliche Blumchen; Boarding School*) (Farwagi) (as Deborah Collins)
- 1980 *Tess* (Polanski) (as Tess Durbeyfield)
- 1982 *One from the Heart* (Coppola) (as Leila); *Cat People* (Schrader) (as Irena Gallier)
- 1983 *Exposed* (Toback) (as Elizabeth Carlson); *La Lune dans le caniveau* (*The Moon in the Gutter*) (Beineix) (as Loretta Channing)
- 1984 *Unfaithfully Yours* (Zieff) (as Daniella Eastman); *The Hotel New Hampshire* (Richardson) (as Susie the Bear); *Paris*,



Nastassja Kinski in *Cat People*

- Texas* (Wenders) (as Jane); *Maria's Lovers* (Konchalovsky) (as Maria Bosic)
- 1985 *Harem* (Joffe) (as Diane); *Revolution* (Hudson) (as Daisy McConnahay); *Fruhlingsinfonie* (*Spring Symphony*; *Symphony of Love*) (Schamoni) (as Clara Wieck)
- 1987 *Maladie d'amour* (*Malady of Love*) (Deray) (as Juliette); *Intervista* (Fellini)
- 1988 *Magdalene* (*Stille nacht*; *Silent Night*) (Teuber) (as Magdalene)
- 1989 *Acque di primavera* (*Torrents of Spring*) (Skolimowski) (as Maria Nikolaevna Polozov)
- 1990 *Il sole anche di notte* (*Night Sun*) (Tavianis) (as Cristina); *Il Segreto* (*The Secret*) (Pachard)
- 1991 *L'Envers du decors: Portrait de Pierre Guffroy* (*Behind the Scenes: A Portrait of Pierre Guffroy*) (Salis—doc) (as herself); *The Insulted and the Injured*; *Dawn* (Maselli)
- 1992 *In Camera Mia* (Martino); *La Bionda* (*The Blonde*) (Rubini) (as Christine)
- 1993 *Faraway, So Close* (*In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!*) (Wenders) (as Raphaela)
- 1994 *Crackerjack* (Mazzo—for TV) (as K. C.); *Terminal Velocity* (Sarafian) (as Chris/Krista Morrow)
- 1996 *The Foolish Heart*
- 1997 *One Night Stand* (Figgis) (as Karen); *Father's Day* (Reitman) (as Collette Andrews); *Bella Mafia* (Greene—mini for TV) (as Sophia Luciano)
- 1998 *Susan's Plan* (Landis) (as Susan); *Playing by Heart* (Carroll) (as Melanie); *Savior* (Antonijevic) (as Maria); *Little Boy Blue* (Tibaldi) (as Kate West); *Your Friends & Neighbors* (LaBute) (as Cheri)
- 1999 *The Lost Son* (Menges) (as Deborah Spitz); *The Intruder* (Bailey) (as Badge Muller)
- 2000 *The Magic of Marciano* (Barbieri) (as Katie); *Red Letters* (Battersby) (as Lydia Davis)

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After very auspicious beginnings—having been discovered by Wim Wenders and elevated to stardom by Roman Polanski—Nastassja Kinski has so far had a less distinguished film career than a great many critics and early fans had predicted. Questions of talent aside, one likely reason why Kinski did not quickly become the next Ingrid Bergman or Audrey Hepburn (among the classic stars to whom she was compared) was her choice of projects after *Tess*, her breakthrough film. Her choices were admirably adventuresome and varied, and often for important directors, but most of the resulting films were considered highly flawed or at least controversial, though Kinski’s performances were often cited as saving graces rather than part of the problem.

Following her debut as the deaf-mute Mignon figure in Wenders’s update of *Wilhelm Meister*, and various European films that established her as a charming, sexually provocative teenager, *Tess* introduced Kinski to a much wider audience. These viewers saw a face with remarkably large eyes and lips (the wide mouth more prominent in later films), and heard a unique voice, with slurred, almost warbled sounds, especially the vowels preceding “r”s (not to be explained simply by her adoption of a Dorset accent). Much of the film called for her to be silent, eyes downcast, suggesting an inwardness, a soul perplexed and suffering. (Almost nothing is shown of the passionate side of Hardy’s Tess, as if a subtext of Polanski’s affair with the teenaged Kinski were allowed to suffice. Significantly, one never even overhears Tess’s quarrel with Alec before she murders him, as reported in the novel.)

Kinski’s first American role, a supporting one as the tightrope-walking vamp in *One from the Heart*, called for her to be little more than odd and exotic. A much more challenging role was the lead in Paul Schrader’s *Cat People*, calling for a more intense version of the persona from *Tess*: sweetly innocent, miserably victimized, yet latently erotic and violent. As a woman who finds that she turns into a black panther when she has sex, Kinski has the appropriate haunted look, and of course the unusual facial features and voice that sounds American yet with some untraceable accent. She is convincingly shy and terror-stricken, less convincingly demonic in the weakly motivated swimming-pool scene. Today *Cat People* may seem repellently voyeuristic, without a trace of the ironic distance one finds in, say, Hitchcock, and tiresome in its “take” on the myth of the virgin woman becoming a deadly animal when sexually aroused, but it made Kinski more of a star.

Her next roles, in *Exposed* and *The Moon in the Gutter*, allowed her to play less passive women, though hardly more in control of their destinies; but both films received notoriously negative reviews for directorial pretentiousness. By comparison, her portrayal of Clara Wieck in *Spring Symphony* was notably conservative and innocuous, like the film itself. *Unfaithfully Yours* at least demonstrated that Kinski could handle light comedy in charming fashion (here with an Italian accent).

But in 1984 Kinski achieved two major performances. *Maria’s Lovers*, a curious fantasia on motifs from *Tess*, features her as the virginal bride of a young World War II veteran who proves to be impotent (only with the woman he loves) and deserts her; later she is seduced and made pregnant by a traveling musician, but consequently reunited with her husband. Kinski, her hair pulled back to reveal a less glamorized version of her striking features, is allowed more vivacity and intense emotional expression by director Andrei Konchalovsky than Polanski had permitted Tess: most notable are a tender scene with the father-in-law (Robert Mitchum) and an outburst at her unfaithful though tormented husband (John Savage).

In *Paris, Texas*, 90 minutes go by before Kinski, as the object of the protagonist’s quest, is glimpsed on the screen, except in a home movie, and another ten minutes before she looks directly at the screen (through a peepshow window, the viewpoint of her estranged husband [Harry Dean Stanton]) and begins to speak, in a Texas accent that is not flawless but still acceptable, almost touching. Asked in *Film Quarterly* about Kinski’s public image as a “nymphet,” Wim Wenders, who conceived the part for her, said that she fitted into the film’s “subtext . . . which is a man insisting on a certain image of a woman. . . . I’ve followed Nastassia’s career . . . and some of [her films] were painful to me because I felt there was someone who was trapped. There’s a really great actress, and she’s totally exploited because of her image. . . . I felt she was waiting to show the other side of that image. And she did.” Wenders eventually takes the audience to the other side of the peepshow frame, to the woman’s point of view. Kinski is tremendously affecting in an exposed role that essentially consists of two scenes with Stanton, in the second of which she mostly just reacts to his long monologue, then delivers a four-minute monologue of her own.

Following these performances, Kinski appears to have focused primarily upon her private life, including children; her roles have been less frequent, and seldom remarkable. As the “other woman” in the Turgenyev costume drama *Torrents of Spring* she is rather flat, like

the rest of the cast. As the angel Raphaela in *Faraway, So Close*, Wenders's sequel to *Wings of Desire*, she is, at least, quite perfect for the supporting role: hauntingly lovely of face and voice, ineffably sad. Playing conventional heroines in recent thrillers, she has little to do but look charming in the low-budget *Crackerjack*, while in *Terminal Velocity*, in the meatier role of an ex-KGB agent who becomes the sidekick of an American flyboy (Charlie Sheen), she is a sexier sort of Nancy Drew as she snoops along dark corridors. One can only wonder if this featured role in a standard Hollywood action film signifies a new phase in a unique, seemingly unfulfilled career.

—Joseph Milicia

KLINE, Kevin

Nationality: American. **Born:** St. Louis, Missouri, 24 October 1947. **Education:** Attended Indiana University (major in music), 1972; studied at Juilliard. **Family:** Married the actress Phoebe Cates, 1989, two children: Joseph and Greta. **Career:** 1972–76—founding member of the Acting Company, New York City; 1977—played role of Woody Reed in TV soap opera, *Search for Tomorrow*; 1982—film debut in *Sophie's Choice*; 1987–88—artistic associate, Acting Company; 1990—acted and directed in production of *Hamlet*, later produced for television; 1993—artistic associate, New York Shakespeare Festival. **Awards:** Tony Award, for *On the Twentieth Century*, 1978; Tony Award, for *The Pirates of Penzance*, 1980; Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *A Fish Called Wanda*, 1988. **Agent:** Jeffrey Hunter, William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019–6026.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Sophie's Choice* (Pakula) (as Nathan)
- 1983 *The Pirates of Penzance* (Leach) (as Pirate King); *The Big Chill* (Kasdan) (as Harold)
- 1985 *Silverado* (Kasdan) (as Paden)
- 1986 *Violets Are Blue* (Fisk) (as Henry Squires)
- 1987 *Cry Freedom* (Attenborough) (as Donald Woods)
- 1988 *A Fish Called Wanda* (Charles Crichton) (as Otto West)
- 1989 *The January Man* (O'Connor) (as Nick Starkey)
- 1990 *I Love You to Death* (Kasdan) (as Joey)
- 1991 *Soapdish* (Hoffman) (as Jeffrey Anderson); *Grand Canyon* (Kasdan) (as Mack)
- 1992 *Chaplin* (Attenborough) (as Douglas Fairbanks); *Consenting Adults* (Pakula) (as Richard Parker)
- 1993 *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* (Ardolino) (as narrator); *Dave* (Reitman) (as Dave Kovic/Bill Mitchell)
- 1994 *Princess Caraboo* (Austin) (as Frixos)
- 1995 *French Kiss* (Paris Match) (Kasdan) (as Luc Teyssier)
- 1996 *Fierce Creatures* (Cleese and Robert M. Young) (as Rod McKane/Vince McKane); *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Trousdale and Kirk Wise—animation) (as voice of Phoebus); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino) (as himself)

- 1997 *In & Out* (Oz) (as Howard Brackett); *The Ice Storm* (Lee) (as Ben Hood); *Fierce Creatures* (Schepisi, Young) (as Vince McCain/Rod McCain)
- 1999 *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hoffman) (as Nick Bottom); *Wild Wild West* (Sonnenfeld) (as Artemus Gordon/President Ulysses S. Grant)
- 2000 *The Road to El Dorado* (Bergeron et al.—animation) (as voice of Tulio)

Film as Director:

- 1990 *Hamlet* (for TV) (+ title role)

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His first words on film were in an assumed Southern accent, announcing the technical virtuosity that would be the hallmark of his best work. Contravening the conventional wisdom that in screen acting less is more, Kline, trained in both classical and popular theater, is most arresting when allowed to import the large gestures favored, when not actually required by the stage. His screen persona thus tends to be that of a man who gets carried away with his enthusiasms, his ideas, most often himself. Roles requiring him to exhibit restraint or signal inner reflection can deaden his reflexes; Kline never seems so intelligent an actor as when he is playing stupid—witness his hilariously, self-enraptured, testosterone-driven dolt in *A Fish Called Wanda*. So exuberant is his performance that it literally takes a steamroller to halt the flow of his comic invention.

When no overt technical demand is made on the expressiveness of his voice or his body, Kline can be subdued, even dispirited. His debut in *Sophie's Choice* was an exception, a film in which Kline's uncanny impersonations, impulsive humor, and physical glamour were unpredictably fused in his portrayal of an irresistible and charismatic



Kevin Kline (left) and Tom Selleck in *In & Out*

madness. His subsequent dramatic parts, however, have been less successful in exploiting his physical and emotional volatility to unexpected or fresh use. The irrepressible narcissism of his comic persona is not so much expunged as sublimated into a much more subtle, sometimes more objectional form of good guyism in such films as the environmentally and emotionally correct *Violets Are Blue*. Nor has Kline fared well in genres, such as the Western, that call upon him to simplify his emotions into archetypal attitudes. As Paden, the quiet and aimless cowboy out to change his luck in *Silverado*, Kline is meant to evoke the taciturn and secretly troubled masculinity of the classic Western hero (especially in the *High Noon*ish final shoot-out), but at best manages to suggest a muted rather than heroically restrained psyche.

His most frequent and somewhat uneven work has been with Lawrence Kasdan, for whom Kline epitomizes the white liberal male afflicted with all the pieties and perplexities such a species is heir to. Kline is Kasdan's model for the aging radical whose midlife anomie manifests itself in the form of earnest soul-searching rather than sexual lunacy. In *The Big Chill* he is such a genial host to the friends of his radical youth that he even agrees to father a child for a woman whose biological clock is about to ring its final alarm. Eleven years later, he plays virtually the same decent white liberal befuddled rather than appalled by the state of the world in *Grand Canyon*, only in this film Kasdan offers a less admiring view of Kline's sensitive husband,

generous friend, and preternaturally patient "good father." He gives Kline a superman dream of flight that hints at the moral giddiness underlying his quiet decencies.

The trouble with a morally impeccable Kline is that he is no match for his impeccable comic double who invariably proves not only to be more entertaining, but finally, a better ethical monitor. In the confession scene that opens *I Love You to Death*, Kline gives a hilarious rendering of a happy sinner's uncontrite, but dutiful effort to recall the time, frequency, and number of his adulterous encounters with all the precision due to a ritual confession. In *Soapdish* he does a rollicking turn as a former soap star (as he once was) condemned to do dinner theater in Florida until his deceased character is recalled to life, only to find himself at the center of an equally absurdist Oedipal drama offstage.

But it is *Dave* that represents the quintessential Kline performance since in this film he gets to impersonate himself. Two halves of his screen persona confront each other in this dizzy tale of a presidential double taking on the role, then the power, and finally the wife of a comatose president: the white liberal who has lost the values that once defined and sustained him (for the first time Kline plays the philandering husband without a trace of exculpatory male sentimentalism) and the comic ego, reincarnated in the gentle form of a populist who appreciates the simple joys of life. It helps to have Sigourney Weaver assisting in the comic transfer of power and affection. Kline

is less fortunate in *French Kiss*, in which Meg Ryan's unrelievedly mannered performance almost overwhelms the subtle allure of Kline's larcenous charmer. Imitating not only a French accent but the mumble that gives movie Frenchmen their cachet, Kline reconciles the Gallic shrug and American double-take to register a surprising array of emotions—from a bemused laissez-faire sexuality to a conniving thievery to the unanticipated dawn of love. In such performances, Kline reminds us how comic theatricality can not only entertain, but also reveal as much about personal and national character as the most studied naturalism.

—Maria DiBattista

KORTNER, Fritz

Born: Fritz Nathan Kohn in Vienna, Austria, 12 May 1892. **Education:** Studied at the Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, Vienna. **Family:** Married the actress Johanna Hofer, son: Peter Kortner. **Career:** Actor in Mannheim and Hamburg; 1911—joined Max Reinhardt's theater, Berlin; achieved star status with his performance in *Die Wandlung*, 1919, and became a leading actor-director in German-language theater; 1915—film debut in *Manya, Die Türkin*; 1918—film directing debut with *Gregor Marold*; 1933—left Germany with rise of Nazis and found refuge in New York after stays in Vienna, Prague, and London; wrote two Broadway plays and worked as actor and screenwriter in Hollywood; returned to Germany after the war and regained his stage reputation. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis for career, 1966. **Died:** Of leukemia in Munich, 25 July 1970.

Films as Actor:

- 1915 *Die grosse Gafahr* (Sauer); *Im Banne der Vergangenheit* (Piel); *Manya, die Türkin* (Piel); *Police Nr. 1111* (Piel)
- 1916 *Das zweite Leben*
- 1917 *Der Brief einer Toten* (Friesler)
- 1918 *Die andere Ich* (Friesler) (as Professor); *Frauenehre* (Kundert) (as Jagdehilfe); *Sonnwendhof* (Leyde); *Der Stärkere* (Wiene)
- 1919 *Satanas* (Murnau); *Das Auge des Buddha* (Mondet) (as Indian servant); *Ohne Zeugen* (Baron and Kundert)
- 1920 *Die Brüder Karamasoff* (*The Brothers Karamazov*) (Buchowetzki and Froelich); *Katherina die Grosse* (*Catherine the Great*) (Schünzel) (as Potemkin); *Weltbrand* (Gad); *Danton* (*All for a Woman*) (Buchowetzki); *Das Haus zum Mond* (Martin); *Der Schädel der Pharaonentochter* (Tollen); *Die Lieblingsfrau des Maharadscha* (Mack); *Die Nacht der Königin Isabeau* (Wiene); *Gerechtigkeit* (Lux)
- 1921 *Hintertreppe* (*Backstairs*) (Jessner); *Am roten Kliff* (Henning); *Aus dem Schwarzbuch eines Polizeikommissars* (Hanus); *Der Eisenbahnkönig* (Illès); *Die Verschwörung zu Genua* (Leni); *Landstrasse und Gross-stadt* (Wilhelm)
- 1922 *Peter der Grosse* (*Peter the Great*) (Buchowetzki); *Am Rande der Gross-stadt* (Kobe); *Der Graf von Essex* (Felner); *Der Ruf des Schicksals* (Guter); *Die Finsternis und ihr Eigentum* (Hartwig); *Luise Millerin* (Froelich); *Sterbende Völker* (Reinert)

- 1923 *Schatten* (*Warning Shadows*) (Robison); *Arme Sünderin* (Gariazzo); *Nora* (Viertel)
- 1924 *Armes kleines Mädchen* (Kayser); *Dr. Wislizenus* (Kobe); *Moderne Ehen* (Otto)
- 1925 *Orlacs Hände* (*The Hands of Orlac*) (Wiene) (as Nera)
- 1926 *Dürfen wir schweigen* (Oswald)
- 1927 *Beethoven* (*The Life of Beethoven*) (Löwenstein) (title role); *Maria Stuart* (Feher) (as Bothwell); *Mata Hari* (*Mata Hari, the Red Dancer*) (Feher); *Primanerliebe* (Land); *Alpentragödie* (Land); *Die Ausgestossenen* (Gerger); *Die Geliebte des Gouverneurs* (Feher) (+ co-sc); *Mein Leben für das Deine* (Morat); *Revolutions-hochzeit* (*The Last Night*) (Sandberg); *Die Frau auf der Folter* (*A Scandal in Paris*); *Die Büchse der Pandora* (*Pandora's Box*) (Pabst) (as Dr. Schön); *Frau Sorge* (Land)
- 1929 *Die Frau, nach der Mann sich sehnt* (*Three Loves*) (Bernhardt); *Atlantik* (Dupont); *Giftgas* (Dubson); *Die Nacht des Schreckens* (Righelle); *Das Schiff der verlorenen Menschen* (Tournour); *Die Frau im Talar* (Trotz); *Somnambul* (Trotz)
- 1930 *Dreyfus* (*The Dreyfus Case*) (Oswald) (title role); *Menschen in Käfig* (*Love Storm*) (Dupont); *Der Andere* (Wiene) (dual role); *Die grosse Sehnsucht* (Szekely)
- 1931 *Der Mörder Dmitri Karamasoff* (*The Murderer Dimitri Karamazov*) (Ozep) (title role)
- 1932 *Danton* (Behrendt) (title role)
- 1934 *Chu Chin Chow* (Forde) (as Abu Hassan); *Evensong* (Saville) (as Kober)
- 1935 *Abdul the Damned* (Grune) (title role); *The Crouching Beast* (Hanbury) (as Ahmed Bey)
- 1936 *Midnight Menace* (*Bombs over London*) (Hill) (as Peters)
- 1943 *The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler* (Hagan) (as Marbach, + sc)
- 1944 *The Hitler Gang* (Farrow) (as Otto Strasser)
- 1946 *The Wife of Monte Cristo* (Ulmer); *Somewhere in the Night* (Mankiewicz); *The Razor's Edge* (Goulding) (as Kosti)
- 1947 *The Brasher Doubloon* (Brahm)
- 1948 *Berlin Express* (Tournour); *The Vicious Circle* (*The Woman in Brown*) (Wilder)
- 1949 *Der Ruf* (*The Last Illusion*) (von Maky) (+ sc)
- 1950 *Epilog* (Käutner)
- 1952 *Blaubart* (Christian-Jacque) (as Haushofmeister); *Die Stimme des Anderen* (Engel) (+ co-sc)

Films as Director:

- 1918 *Gregor Marold*
- 1919 *Else von Erlenhof*
- 1931 *Der brave Sünder* (*The Upright Sinner*) (+ co-sc)
- 1932 *So ein Mädel vergisst man nicht* (+ co-sc)
- 1955 *Die Stadt ist voller Geheimnisse* (*City of Secrets; Secrets of the City*) (+ co-sc); *Sarajevo*
- 1960 *Die Sendung der Lysistrata* (for TV)

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Fritz Kortner, like his contemporary Conrad Veidt and the slightly older Emil Jannings, was associated with Max Reinhardt's Berlin theater in the years before and after World War I, and like them he became an important stage actor, combining a stage and a film career. His long life allowed him to continue after World War II as a leading, if often controversial, figure on the German-language stage.

His acting had a wider range than that of Werner Krauss, though like Krauss he was often cast in important parts in the expressionist films of the 1920s. He could be flamboyant (as in *Warning Shadows*), or more contained, as Lotte Eisner's description of him in *Backstairs* indicates: “Everything is motivated: the slow reactions of a poor indecisive man scared of love, the hesitations of an outcast of fortune who, having won his happiness by dint of guile, stops wanting to believe in it. . . . This instinctively Expressionistic actor blends into the setting.” But he was also able to play such characters as Dr. Schön in *Pandora's Box*, Beethoven, Dmitri Karamazov, Bothwell, and Dreyfus.

England failed to recognize his ability when he went into exile after Hitler's taking power in Germany, and he acted in such minor films as *Chu Chin Chow* and *Abdul the Damned*; he had slightly better luck in the United States. After World War II he made a few films in Germany, but concentrated on stage work.

—George Walsh

KRAUSS, Werner

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Gestunghausen, Germany, 23 July 1884, became citizen of Austria. **Family:** Married Marie Bard (died 1944). **Career:** Stage actor, first in German provinces; 1914—film debut in *Die Pagode*; 1916—on Berlin stage under Max Reinhardt; 1933—appeared on London stage; in Nazi propaganda films, and named Actor of the State; continued acting on stage, and in a few films, after World War II; 1955—directed stage play *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*. **Died:** In Vienna, 20 October 1959.

Films as Actor:

1914 *Die Pagode* (Fekete) (as Mr. Wu)

1915 *Die vertauschte Braut*

- 1916 *Hoffmanns Erzählungen* (*Tales of Hoffman*) (Oswald) (as Dapertutto); *Nacht des Grauens* (Robison); *Zirkusblut* (Oswald)
- 1917 *Der Friedensreiter*; *Der Fremde*; *Die Rache der Toten* (Oswald); *Die Seeschlacht* (Oswald); *Wenn Frauen lieben und hassen* (Speyer)
- 1918 *Es werde Licht* (Part III) (Oswald); *Das Tagebuch einer Verloren* (Oswald); *Opium* (Reinert); *Stürme des lebens*
- 1919 *Die Frau mit den Orchideen* (Rippert); *Rose Bernd* (Halm); *Die Prostitution* (Rippert); *Totentanz* (Rippert); *Christus; Fräulein Pfiffikus*; *Das Mädchen und die Männer*
- 1920 ***Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari*** (*The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*) (Wiene) (title role); *Die Brüder Karamasoff* (*The Brothers Karamazov*) (Buchowetzki and Froelich) (as Dmitri); *Der Bucklige und die Tänzerin* (Murnau); *Johannes Goth* (Gerhardt); *Das lachende Grauen* (Pick); *Danton* (*All for a Woman*) (Buchowetzki) (as Robespierre); *Die Beichte einer Toten*; *Der Mann ohne Namen* (*The Man without a Name*) (Jacoby)
- 1921 *Christian Wahnschaffe* (Gad); *Die Frau ohne Seele* (Lasko); *Grausige Nächte* (Pick); *Das Medium* (Rosenfeld); *Der Roman der Christine von Herre* (Berger); *Scherben* (*Shattered*) (Pick); *Sappho* (Buchowetzki); *Zirkus des Lebens* (Guter); *Die Beute der Erinnyen* (Rippert); *Der Tanz um Liebe und Glück* (Zeyn)
- 1922 *Der brennende Acker* (*Burning Soil*) (Murnau); *Josef und seine Brüder* (Froelich); *Lady Hamilton* (Oswald); *Luise Millerin* (Froelich); *Die Nacht der Medici* (Grune); *Nathan der Weise* (Noa); *Othello* (Buchowetzki) (as Iago); *Tragikomödie* (Wiene); *Der Graf von Essex* (Felner); *Die Marquise von Pompadour* (Halm)
- 1923 *Der Puppenmacher von Kiang-Ning* (Wiene); *I.N.R.I.* (*Crown of Thorns*) (Wiene); *Zwischen Abend und Morgen* (Robison); *Das alte Gesetz* (*This Ancient Law*) (Dupont); *Fridericus Rex* (von Cserepy); *Der Schatz* (*The Treasure*) (Pabst); *Das unbekannte Morgen* (Korda); *Adam und Eva* (Porges); *Alt-Heidelberg* (*Student Prince*) (Behrendt); *Fräulein Raffke* (Eichberg); *Der Kaufmann von Venedig* (Felner); *Der Menschenfeind* (Walther-Fein)
- 1924 *Dekameron-Nächte* (*Decameron Nights*) (Wilcox) (as Sultan); *Ein Sommernachtstraum* (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) (Neumann) (as Bottom); *Das Wachsfignurenkabinett* (*Waxworks*) (Leni) (as Jack the Ripper)
- 1925 *Eifersucht* (*Jealousy*) (Grune); *Das Haus der Lüge* (*Die Wildente*) (Pick); *Die freudlose Gasse* (*Streets of Sorrow; Joyless Streets*) (Pabst) (as butcher); *Die Dame aus Berlin* (von Kabdebo); *Die Moral der Gasse* (Speyer); *Reveille, das grosse Wecken* (Kaufmann); *Der Trödler von Amsterdam* (Janson)
- 1926 *Tartüff* (*Tartuffe*) (Murnau) (as Orgon); *Geheimnisse einer Seele* (*Secrets of a Soul*) (Pabst); *Man spielt nicht mit der Liebe* (*Don't Play with Love*) (Pabst); *Nana* (Renoir) (as Muffat); *Der Student von Prag* (*The Student of Prague; The Man Who Cheated Life*) (Galeen) (as Devil); *Kreuzzug des Weibes* (*Unwelcome Children*) (M. Berger); *Überflüssige Menschen* (Rasumny)
- 1927 *Funkzauber* (Oswald); *Die Hose* (*A Royal Scandal; The Trousers*) (Behrendt); *Laster der Menschheit* (Meinert);

Die Hölle der Jungfrauen (Dinesen); *Da hält die Welt dem Atem an* (Basch); *Der fidele Bauer* (Seitz); *Unter Ausschluss der Öffentlichkeit* (Conrad Wiene)

- 1928 *Looping the Loop* (Robison)
- 1929 *Napoleon auf St. Helena* (Pick)
- 1931 *Yorck* (Ucicky) (title role)
- 1932 *Mensch ohne Namen* (*The Man without a Name*) (Ucicky)
- 1935 *Hundert Tage* (Wenzler—German version of *Campo di maggio*)
- 1936 *Burgtheater* (Vienna *Burgtheater*) (Forst)
- 1939 *Robert Koch* (Steinhoff) (as Dr. Rudolf Virchow)
- 1940 *Jud Süß* (Harlan) (several roles)
- 1941 *Annelie* (*Die Geschichte eines Lebens*) (von Baky)
- 1942 *Die Entlassung* (Liebeneiner); *Zwischen Himmel und Erde* (Braun)
- 1943 *Paracelsus* (Pabst)
- 1950 *Prämien auf den Tod* (Jurgens); *Der fallende Stern* (Braun)
- 1955 *Sohn ohne Heimat* (Deppe)

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Perhaps the greatest actor of the German Expressionist era, Werner Krauss is best known today for his work as Dr. Caligari in Robert Wiene's *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, as the obsessed Count Muffat in Jean Renoir's version of Emile Zola's *Nana*, and for his part in Veit Harlan's antisemitic rendering of *Jud Süß*.

In *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* Krauss epitomizes the German Expressionist performance aesthetic which would dominate the next decade: an obvious external expression of interiority. Throughout the central part of the film, Krauss hobbles through nightmare sets, his crippled walk an expression of a crippled mind, his dark and menacing facial and body makeup of the rot within, his sparse and erratic white hair of his overall decrepitude. His posture, rounded inward to symbolize mystery and enclosure, refuses the spectator any sympathetic identification. At the film's end, when Caligari is shown to be

the head of an asylum and the film the rantings of an inmate, Krauss expressionistically softens all aspects of posture and characterization to appear the epitome of benevolence.

In the wake of *Caligari*, Krauss continued to play evil or obsessed characters. Notable roles include Iago in Buchowetzki's *Othello* and Jack the Ripper in Leni's *Waxworks*.

By 1926, Krauss was the leading German film actor of his time, having worked with F. W. Murnau, G. W. Pabst, Lupu Pick, E. A. Dupont, Carl Froelich, Richard Oswald, and Paul Leni. But as he admitted to Jean Renoir, his general physical character had become a cliché. He had invested every character with the bowed head, drooping shoulders, and studied walk of an individual burdened with the cares of the world. That posture had become his prop, and Renoir, then attracted to Expressionism, utilized it. In *Nana* Count Muffat falls prey to the demands of the exploitative Nana. Totally submissive to her demands, he ultimately disgraces himself by barking, sitting, rolling over, and playing dead like a dog. His utterly degraded character is reflected in his lumpish posture. That same year he appeared to much acclaim as the devil in Henrik Galeen's version of *The Student of Prague*.

Unlike many of the major talents of his time, Krauss did not flee Germany upon the rise of Nazism. Instead, he starred in many of their cinematic vehicles. The most notorious was *Jud Süß*, a film demanded by the Nazi Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels. In the years following the war, all associated with this film were plagued with recriminations for their participation. After the fall of Hitler, Krauss appeared in only three more films before his death in 1959.

—Doug Tomlinson

KRISTOFFERSON, Kris

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brownsville, Texas, 22 June 1936. **Education:** Pomona College (Phi Beta Kappa scholar; majored in creative writing); Oxford (Rhodes scholar). **Military Service:** U.S. Army Captain, 1960–65 (based in Germany). **Career:** English teacher (West Point); Country and Western singer/songwriter, from 1965; Recording artist, from 1970; narrator for *Dead Man's Gun* television series, 1997; narrator for *VH1 Legends* television series, 1999. Address: c/o One Way, 1 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 6429, Albany, NY 12206, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1971 *The Last Movie* (*Chincherro*) (Hopper) (+ ro as Whistler, mus)
- 1972 *Cisco Pike* (Norton) (as Cisco Pike) (+ mus)
- 1973 *Blume in Love* (Mazursky) (as Elmo Cole) (+ mus); *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* (Peckinpah) (as William H. "Billy the Kid" Bonney); *The Gospel Road* (Elfstrom) (+ ro as Vocalist, mus)
- 1974 *Free to Be . . . You and Me* (Davis, Steckier, Wolf) (+ro as Songer); *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* (Traigamne



Kris Kristofferson (front row, right) with John Hurt (front row, left) in *Heaven's Gate*

- 1976 *la cabeza de Alfredo Garcia* (Peckinpah) (as Paco); *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (Scorsese) (as David)
- 1976 *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea* (Carlino) (as Jim Cameron) (+ mus); *A Star Is Born* (Pierson) (as John Norman Howard); *Vigilante Force* (Armitage) (as Aaron Arnold)
- 1978 *Semi-Tough* (Ritchie) (as Shake Tiller); *Convoy* (Peckinpah) (as Rubber Duck)
- 1979 *Freedom Road* (Kadár—for TV) (as Abner Lait)
- 1980 *Heaven's Gate* (*Johnson County Wars*) (Cimino) (as James Averill)
- 1981 *Rollover* (Pakula) (as Hubbell Smith)
- 1984 *Flashpoint* (Tannen) (as Logan); *Songwriter* (Rudolph) (as Blackie Buck) (+ mus); *The Lost Honor of Kathryn Beck* (*Act of Passion*) (Langton—for TV) (as Ben Cole)
- 1985 *Trouble in Mind* (Rudolph) (as Hawk)
- 1986 *The Last Days of Frank and Jesse James* (Graham—for TV); *Blood and Orchids* (Thorpe) (as Curt Maddox); *Stagecoach* (Post) (as Ringo)
- 1987 *Amerika* (TV mini-series) (Wrye) (as Devin Milford)
- 1988 *Big Top Pee-Wee* (Kleiser) (as Mace Montana); *The Tracker* (*Dead or Alive*) (Guillermín—for TV) (as Noble Adams)
- 1989 *Millennium* (Anderson) (as Bill Smith); *Welcome Home* (Schaffner) (as Jake)
- 1990 *Sandino* (Littin) (as Tom Holte); *Night of the Cyclone* (*Perfume of the Cyclone*) (Irving) (as Stan); *Pair of Aces* (Lipstadt—for TV)
- 1991 *Another Pair of Aces: Three of a Kind* (Bixby) (as Rip)
- 1992 *Original Intent* (Marcarelli) (as Jack Saunders); *No Place to Hide* (Danus) (as Joe Garvey); *Miracle in the Wilderness* (Dobson—for TV) (as Jericho Adams); *Christmas in Connecticut* (Schwarzenegger—for TV) (as Jefferson)
- 1993 *Paper Hearts* (*Cheatin' Hearts*) (McCall) (as Tom); *Knights* (Pyun) (as Gabriel); *Trouble Shooters: Trapped Beneath the Earth* (May—for TV) (as Stan Mather)
- 1994 *Sodbusters* (Levy—for TV) (as Destiny)
- 1995 *Pharoah's Army* (Henson) (as Preacher); *Inflammable* (Werner—for TV); *Brothers' Destiny* (*Long Road Home*, *The Road Home*) (Hamilton—for TV) (as Davis); *Adventures of the Old West* (Purvis—for TV); *Big Dreams and Broken Hearts: The Dottie West Story* (D'Elia—for TV) (as himself); *Tad* (Thompson—for TV) (as Abraham Lincoln)
- 1996 *Blue Rodeo* (Werner—for TV); *Dolly Parton: Treasures* (for TV); *Lone Star* (Sayles) (as Sheriff Charlie Wade)
- 1997 *Fire Down Below* (Alcalá) (as Orin Hanner Sr.); *Message to Love: The Isle of Wight Festival* (Lerner) (as himself)
- 1998 *Dance with Me* (Haines) (as John Burnett); *Blade* (Norrington) (as Abraham Whistler); *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries*

- (Ivory) (as Bill Willis); *Girl's Night* (Hurran) (as Cody); *Outlaw Justice* (Corcoran—for TV) (as Tarence); *Two for Texas* (Hardy—for TV) (as Hugh Allison); *The Land Before Time VI: The Secret of Saurus Rock* (Grosvenor) (as voice of Doc)
- 1999 *Netforce* (Leiberman) (mini—for TV) (as Steve Day); *Payback* (Helgeland) (as Bronson); *Limbo* (Sayles) (as Smilin' Jack); *Molokai: the Story of Father Damien* (Cox) (as Rudolph Meyer); *The Joyriders* (Battersby) (as Eddie)
- 2000 *The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack* (Elliot) (as Himself); *Perfect Murder, Perfect Town* (Schiller) (mini—for TV) (as Lou Ritt)
- 2001 *Eye See You* (Gillespie) (as Doc)

Other Films:

- 1971 *Clay Pigeon* (Slate and Stern) (mus)
- 1972 *Fat City* (Huston) (mus)

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Active in the film industry for thirty years, Kris Kristofferson never seemed too bothered about movie stardom. Already a major singer-songwriter and recording artist, the anti-establishment author of "Help Me Make It through the Night" and "Me and Bobby McGee" adapted well to acting without developing either a dominant film presence or a discernable career plan. Ruggedly handsome, Kristofferson appeared relaxed and easygoing onscreen, agreeably masculine rather than aggressively macho, confident enough in himself to be believably sensitive and caring towards the likes of Ellen Burstyn and Barbra Streisand. During the mid 1970s, Kristofferson carved a niche as Hollywood's premiere romantic co-star, yet the big hits were credited to his bigger-name leading ladies, leaving him with doubtful commercial standing as a solo act. Kristofferson's ambivalence towards the movie business didn't help, the actor abruptly quitting the wartime romance *Hanover Street* (1979), then announcing his retirement. Judging by Kristofferson's subsequent career, many film executives took him at his word. That said, even the peak period of the 1970s was an uncertain time for Kristofferson, his first decade in movies topped and tailed by appearances in two of Hollywood's most notorious flops (*The Last Movie*; *Heaven's Gate*), with some bizarre choices in between. Whether bearded or clean-shaven, singing or non-singing, Kris Kristofferson never quite found his movie niche.

Kristofferson's starring debut in Bill Norton's sour LA story *Cisco Pike* is probably still his finest screen performance.

Effectively—if predictably—cast as Pike, a fading pop singer and reluctant drug dealer, Kristofferson's amiable character is in tune with the era: alienated, rootless, amoral and casually promiscuous. At times, Pike's laidback manner slides into outright lethargy, even

when trashing a difficult client's office. Victimised by Gene Hackman's blackmailing cop, he puts up only token resistance. Arguably too straight-looking for a seasoned pusher, Kristofferson lets his songs bridge any credibility gaps: "From the rocking of the cradle/To the rolling of the hearse/The going up was worth the coming down." Driving off alone down a desert road at the end, Pike doesn't seem so sure: "It ain't fun no more."

Sam Peckinpah's *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* should be a highpoint of Kristofferson's career, yet in truth he was cast more for his chart success and "rebel" image than his acting ability. Producer Gordon Carroll wanted to draw a parallel between the "romantic" Western outlaw and the modern-day pop idol, both prisoners—and victims—of their mythical status. Peckinpah and scriptwriter Rudolph Wurlitzer fail to bring either the concept or the character to life, devoting their attentions to James Coburn's embittered, cynical, haunted Garrett. Looking self-conscious without his trademark beard, Kristofferson seems out of place in Peckinpah's West. His most memorable scene involves turning a shotgun loaded with dimes on R. G. Armstrong's unfortunate deputy ("Keep the change, Bob"), the drama taking a back seat to bloody pyrotechnics and a throwaway sick joke. Five years and five movies down the line, the bearded Kristofferson appears much more comfortable in Peckinpah's largely despised demolition derby *Convoy*, scripted by Bill Norton from the hit song by C. W. McCall. Kristofferson's trucker outlaw hero Rubber Duck is easy-going, sly, a natural—if reluctant—leader of men and a born philosopher: "Stay smooth on the surface and paddle like the devil underneath." Displaying an intense, determined quality rarely seen in his other movies, Kristofferson lends a much-needed edge to the comic book hijinks, even the climactic fake martyrdom failing to undermine his earlier hint of despair over the truckers' plight: "Who the hell else they got? Nobody, that's who."

Scoring his first popular success as Ellen Burstyn's rancher-musician boyfriend in *Alice*, Kristofferson fought against typecasting, taking the title role in the ill-conceived arthouse fantasy *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea* and playing his first villain—a murderous Vietnam Veteran—in the throwaway action movie *Vigilante Force*. He did better as the booze-soaked Jim Morrison substitute in Streisand's mega-hit vanity project *A Star Is Born*, bringing both dignity and humanity to a stereotyped burned-out rock 'n' roll dinosaur. Even in Michael Cimino's fiasco-on-the-range *Heaven's Gate*, Kristofferson provides a solid, world-weary presence as the moral, Harvard-educated sheriff, countering the overall lack of plausible characterisation and narrative coherence.

Off screen for three years after a second major flop with the Jane Fonda vehicle *Rollover*, Kristofferson returned to films in Alan Rudolph's *Songwriter*, comfortably playing opposite fellow music veteran Willie Nelson in an agreeably laidback tale that offers no great insight into the country music business. Kristofferson's original score netted an Academy Award nomination, perhaps an indication of where many felt his real talents lay. Reuniting with Rudolph for the near-future parable *Trouble in Mind*, Kristofferson gave his strongest performance for years, cast as an idealistic ex-cop/ex-con who returns to Rain City to find his former love. Part of a fine ensemble cast—including Genevieve Bujold, Lori Singer, Keith Carradine, Joe Morton, and Divine—Kristofferson's typically low key approach blends in very well.

Still in demand, Kristofferson's presence in recent movies such as *Blade* and *Payback* suggests not so much a grizzled screen icon offering integrity-for-hire, as a music veteran and occasional character actor marking time between tour dates. The pick of Kristofferson's

1990s output is undoubtedly his high-profile cameo role in John Sayle's *Lone Star*. Appearing in extended flashbacks as the late, unlamented sheriff of 1950s Rio County, Texas, Kristofferson turns his usual screen image on its head, portraying an irredeemably vile man. With narrow eyes set in a heavy, lined face, the swaggering, arrogant Charley Wade offers soft-spoken menace and a cobra smile. Racist, corrupt, and homicidal, Wade recalls Cisco Pike's lawman adversary Leo Holland, complete with short hair and clipped moustache, a neat full circle for Kristofferson. Fittingly, Wade starts and ends the film as bullet-blasted bone fragments. Was his going up worth the coming down?

—Daniel O'Brien

KUMAR, Dilip

Nationality: Indian. **Born:** Yusuf Khan, in Peshawar (now Pakistan), 1922. **Family:** Married the actress Saira Banu. **Career:** 1940—worked in a British army canteen, Bombay; 1944—film debut in *Jwar Bhata*; also producer until *Ganga Jumna*, 1961; appointed Sheriff of Bombay, 1980.

Films as Actor:

- 1944 *Jwar Bhata* (Amiya Chakravarty) (as Jagdish)
- 1945 *Pratima*
- 1946 *Milan (Nauka Dubi)* (Nitin Bose)
- 1947 *Jugnu; Neel Kamal* (Kidar Nath Sharma)
- 1948 *Anokha Pyar; Ghar Ki Izzat* (Daryani) (as Chanda); *Mela; Nadiya Ke Paar; Shaheed*
- 1949 *Andaz (A Matter of Style; Beau Monde)* (Mehboob Khan) (as Dilip); *Shabnam* (B. Mitra) (as Manoj)
- 1950 *Arzoo; Babul* (Sunny) (as Ashok); *Jogan* (Kidar Nath Sharma) (as Vijay)
- 1951 *Deedar (Vision)* (Nitin Bose) (as Shamu); *Hulchul; Tarana*
- 1952 *Aan (Savage Princess; Pride)* (Mehboob Khan) (as Jai Tilak); *Daag* (Amiya Chakravarty) (as Shankar); *Sangdil*
- 1953 *Footpath* (Sarhadi) (as Noshu); *Shikast*
- 1954 *Amar (Eternal)* (Mehboob Khan) (title role)
- 1955 *Azad (Free)* (Naidu) (as Khan Saheb/title role); *Devdas* (Bimal Roy) (title role); *Insaniyat (Humanity)* (Vasan) (as Mangal); *Udan Khatola* (Sunny) (as Kashi)
- 1957 *Naya Daur* (B. R. Chopra) (as Shankar); *Musafir (Traveller)* (Mukherjee)
- 1958 *Madhumati* (Bimal Roy) (as Devendra); *Yahudi* (Bimal Roy) (as the Roman Prince Marcus)
- 1959 *Paigham* (Vasan) (as Ratanal)
- 1960 *Kohinoor; Mughal-e-Azam* (K. Asif) (as Prince Salim)
- 1961 *Ganga Jumna* (Nitin Bose) (as Ganga)
- 1964 *Leader*
- 1966 *Dil Diya Dard Liya* (A. R. Kardar) (as Shankar); *Pari*
- 1967 *Ram Aur Shyam* (Tapi Chanakya)
- 1968 *Admi; Sangharsh* (H. S. Rawail); *Sadhu Aur Shaitan*
- 1970 *Sagina Mahato* (Tapan Sinha—in Bengali); *Gopi*
- 1972 *Anokha Milan; Dastaan*
- 1974 *Sagina; Phir Kabb Milogi*
- 1976 *Bairaag*

- 1980 *Chanayaka Chandragupta* (B. R. Chopra) (as Chanayaka)
- 1981 *Kranti*
- 1982 *Shakti (Power)* (Ramesh Sippy) (as Ashwini Kumar); *Vidhata*
- 1983 *Mazdoor*
- 1984 *Duniya; Mashaal*
- 1986 *Karma* (Subhash Ghai) (as Rana Vishnu Pratap Singh); *Dharam Adhikari*
- 1989 *Kanoon Apna Apna*
- 1990 *Izzatdar*
- 1991 *Saudagar* (Subhash Ghai) (as Bir Singh "Biru")

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There is a persistent notion of a division in the Hindu tradition between the renouncer and the man of the world. Writers have noticed such features in modern Indian models of masculinity and heroism, in fields ranging from the world of cricket to that of commercial film narratives. Devdas, a character who is forbidden his beloved for social reasons, and drinks his life away, is one of the key renouncer figures in modern Indian literature and cinema. When a second film version was made in 1955, it was inevitable that, of the contemporary crop of film stars, it would be Dilip Kumar who played the lead role. The *Devdas* of 1955 is the *Devdas* for generations of Indian audiences. The tragic hero and the failed love became such staples of folklore that even today any variation on the said theme evokes a comparison with Dilip Kumar.

The renouncer failed in romance and withdrew from social life not because he was inadequate, but because of social prejudice. He could

also simply be ill-fated. Kumar played a number of roles that essentially came from this character-type, though there were often quite complicated variations. He did of course play more positive hero, such as in the swashbuckling stunt films *Aan* (*Pride*) and *Azad* (*Free*), perhaps in a conscious move to diversify his screen presence. Even in such generic shifts, the legacy of his conventional “loser” image is discernible; in the costume action film *Insaniyat* (*Humanity*) his beloved marries another, and Kumar dies saving her child; and his outlaw peasant hero in *Ganga Jumna* first loses his wife and is then killed by his policeman brother for taking the law into his own hands.

There was evidently something glamorous in the renouncer hero’s obsession with an impossible romance. But the highlighting of social prejudice as a factor in the narrative of romantic failure could make the conception quite powerful, exposing the injustice of the social order, and the inhuman ways in which intimate marital and familial ties were cynically arranged for material gain. Examples of this are Kumar’s *Deedar* (*Vision*), and *Pyaasa* (*The Thirsty One*) for which it is said Guru Dutt initially wanted Kumar before casting himself in the lead role.

There are other, darker variations of the renouncer narrative. In the fascinatingly contrived *Andaz* (*A Matter of Style*) Dilip (Kumar) falls in love with Nina (Nargis) who, unknown to him, is already betrothed to Rajen (Raj Kapoor), absent while their friendship is developing. Nina is unaware that her friendly behavior has been misinterpreted by Kumar, and is shocked to hear his confession of love the day after she has married Rajen. Later, after a violent encounter with Rajen, Kumar becomes deranged and tries to force himself on Nina, who is compelled to kill him. The bulk of the story is seen from Nina’s viewpoint, and there are definite indications that her feelings towards Kumar are ambiguous; given this, and the imperative that the popular film reassert a traditional morality, the glamorous romantic failure cannot remain glamorous; he has to become repulsive so that Nina can destroy him and so quell any residual ambiguity regarding her feelings.

Perhaps most intriguing is *Amar* (*Eternal*). Kumar is a debonair lawyer, practicing in the countryside, is engaged to the sophisticated Madhubala, daughter of a local estate owner. His urbane poise is undone when he meets a lively young peasant woman, played by Nimmi. He displays vicious, uncontrollable feelings towards her which culminate in his shocking rape of the girl. He finally renounces his betrothal to Madhubala, and marries Nimmi. This renunciation destabilizes genres and star discourses. The story of urban sophistication and comedy is deconstructed by combining it with the tale of rural simplicity and innocence: the hero of the first genre becomes the villain of the second. Further, Kumar is paired with Nimmi, a secondary female star who, in earlier work, was always shown to desire the hero without his reciprocating her love (*Deedar*, *Aan*)

These kinds of sophisticated variations on Kumar’s star personality and his relationship to the renouncer archetype tended to give way before the altogether different type of genre that emerged in Hindi movies in the 1960s. *Leader*, for example, is a fascinatingly vulgar exercise in performance; its narrative, about the way Gandhian political values are threatened by corruption and violence, is merely a topical excuse to string together a series of boisterous romantic and comic routines. The aging Kumar was engaged in holding onto a youthful image by presenting himself as irresponsible and carefree and as leader of a group of teenage boys. Throughout his career and growth, Kumar is noted for his consummate skill in taking any role and bringing it to life, becoming an icon figure in the process. Contrived or otherwise, Kumar had an opportunity that many of the

image-bound stars of Bombay never had. He always insisted and got a wide variety of roles, diverse plot structures, and complex climaxes that gave vent to his acting talents.

In the 1970s Kumar’s appeal waned, but he has recently re-emerged in a series of powerfully recessive performances. As an older character in *Shakti* (*Power*), for instance, he displays a relentless authoritarian face quite remote from the images of romantic loss and longing that defined his early career. In *Saudagar*, he takes on the legendary hero Raj Kumar, as they both get embroiled in the fights of two legendary friends who become archenemies. From the Bombay Talkies’ *Jwar Bhata* in 1944, Kumar has traversed many ups and downs to reach *Izzatdar* in 1990, an aging actor with a younger heartthrob Govinda starring in the lead role. Now Kumar holds his position as the veteran of Bollywood. All the young actors may not aspire to achieve his success but certainly do wish to acquire at least a portion of the thespian’s legendary talent.

In the 1990s, the 72-year-old actor has other interests that take up most of his time. Kumar has said, “as an actor who can get people to respect me, I must do more than act. I must take actions.” With that as his guiding line, he has been taking active part in mitigating social distresses. He threw open the gates of his huge house, which he had used to seclude himself from society, to house the riot victims of the Bombay religious strife in 1993. He traveled all over the United States to raise money for the Bosnian Muslims. The thespian now has the role of his lifetime, and like all the other complex characterizations he took on, he is doing full justice to this one too.

—Ravi Vasudevan, updated by Usha Venkatachallam

KYO, Machiko

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Motoko Yamo in Osaka, 25 March 1924. **Education:** Attended Azuma Elementary School. **Career:** 1936—joined the Osaka Shochiku Girls Opera as dancer: stage debut, 1936; 1944—film debut in *Tengu-daoshi*; 1949—joined the Daiei Studio and first groomed as a “glamour girl” under the producer Masaichi Nagata; 1964—television debut in *Aburaderi*, and in film version, *Amari shiru*, 1964. **Awards:** Mainichi Eiga Concourse Awards for Best Actress, 1950 and 1964; Kinema Jumbo Award for Best Actress, for *Sweet Sweat*, 1964; also Special Citation, D. W. Griffith Awards, “for the modernization of traditional Japanese acting,” 1954. **Address:** Olimpia Copu-35, 6–35 Jingu-mae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151, Japan.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *Tengu-daoshi* (Inoue); *Danjuro sandai* (*Three Generations of Danjuro*) (Mizoguchi)
- 1949 *Saigo ni warau otoko* (Yasuda) (as dancer); *Hanakurabe tanuki-goten* (Kimura); *Chika-gai no dankon*; *Mitsu no shinju*; *Chijin no ai* (Kimura) (as Naomi); *Hebi-hime dochu* (Kimura and Marune)
- 1950 *Zoku Hebi-hime dochu* (Kimura and Marune); *Harukanari haha no kuni* (Ito); *Asakusa no hada* (Kimura); *Bibo no umi* (Hisamatsu); *Fukkatsu*; *Rashomon* (*In the Woods*) (Kurosawa) (as Masago); *Hi no tori* (Tanaka); *Itsuwareru seiso* (Yoshimura) (as Kimicho)



Machiko Kyo

- 1951 *Koi no Oranda-zaka* (Suzuki); *Jiyu-gakko* (Yoshimura) (as Yuri); *Joen no hatoba*; *Mesuinu* (Kimura); *Genji monogatari* (*Tale of Genji*) (Yoshimura) (as Awaji no kami); *Bakuto ichidai* (Kimura)
- 1952 *Asakusa kurenai-dan*; *Nagasaki no uta wa wasureji*; *Taki-no Shiraito* (Nobuchi) (title role); *Bijo to tozoku* (Kimura); *Daibutsu kaigen* (Kinugasa) (as Maya-no-uri); *Bijo no tokudane*
- 1953 *Ugetsu monogatari* (*Ugetsu*; *Tales of a Pale and Mysterious Moon after the Rain*) (Mizoguchi) (as Lady Wakasa); *Kurohyo*; *Ani imoto* (*Older Brother, Younger Sister*) (Kimura) (as Mon); *Jigokumon* (*The Gate of Hell*) (Kinugasa) (as Kesa)
- 1954 *Aru onna* (Toyoda) (as Yoko); *Aizen katsura* (Kimura) (as Katsue Takaishi); *Shunkin monogatari* (Ito) (as Okoto); *Asakusa no yoru* (Shima); *Sen-hime* (Kimura); *Bazoku geisha* (Shima); *Haru no uzumaki*
- 1955 *Bara ikutabika* (Kinugasa); *Yokihi* (*Princess Yang Kwei-fei*) (Mizoguchi) (title role); *Tojuro no koi* (Mori); *Shin josei mondo* (Shima)
- 1956 *Shin Heike monogatari*; *Yoshinaka o meguru san-nin no onna* (Kinugasa) (as Tomoe); *Niji ikutabi*; *Akasen chitai* (*Street of Shame*) (Mizoguchi) (as Mickie); *Tsukigata Hanbeita* (Kinugasa) (as Hagino); *The Teahouse of the August Moon* (Daniel Mann) (as Lotus Blossom)
- 1957 *Itohan monogatari* (Ito) (as Itohan); *Stajio wa tenya wanya*; *Odoriko*; *Onna no hada*; *Jigoku-bana*; *Yoru no cho* (Yoshimura); *Ana* (*The Pit*; *The Hole*) (Ichikawa)

- 1958 *Yurakucho de aimasho* (Shima); *Kanashimi wa onna dakeni* (Shindo) (as the niece); *Haha*; *Chushingura* (Watanabe) (as Rui); *Osaka no onna* (Kinugasa) (as Osen); *Akasen no hi wa kiezu*; *Yoru no sugao*; *Musume no boken* (Shima)
- 1959 *Anata to watashi no ai-kotoba*: *Sayonara, konnichiwa* (*Good-bye, Hello*) (Ichikawa); *Sasameyuki* (Shima); *Onna to kaizoku* (Ito); *Yoru no togyo*; *Jirocho Fuji* (Mori); *Kagi* (*Odd Obsession*) (Ichikawa) (as Ikuko Kenmochi); *Ukigusa* (*Floating Weeds*; *The Duckweed Story*; *Drifting Weeds*) (Ozu) (as Sumiko)
- 1960 *Jokei* (Yoshimura); *Ruten no oohi*; *Bonchi* (Ichikawa); *San-nin no kaoyaku* (Inoue); *Ashi ni sawatta onna* (Masumura); *Kao*; *Oden jigoku* (Kimura)
- 1961 *Konki* (Yoshimura); *Nuregame Botan*; *Onna no kunsho* (Yoshimura); *Kodachi o tsukau onna* (*Samurai Daughter*) (Ikehiro); *Shaka* (*Buddha*) (Misumi) (as Yashas Nandabala)
- 1962 *Kurotokage* (*Black Lizard*) (Inoue); *Nakayoshi-ondo*: *Nippon ichi dayo*; *Shin no shikotei* (*The Great Wall*) (Tanaka); *Onna no issho* (Masumura) (as Kei Nunobiki)
- 1963 *Jokei kazoku*; *Dendai inchiki monogatari*: *Dotanuki*
- 1964 *Amai shiru* (*Sweet Sweat*) (Toyoda)
- 1966 *Tanin no kao* (*The Face of Another*) (Teshigahara) (as the wife); *Jinchoge* (*The Daphne*) (Chiba) (as first daughter); *Chiisai tobosha* (Yinugasa) (as Yayoi Yamamura)
- 1969 *Senba-zuru* (*Thousand Cranes*) (Manumura) (as Chikako Kurimoto)
- 1970 *Yabure kabure*
- 1974 *Kareinaru ichizoku* (*The Family*) (Yamamoto)
- 1975 *Kinkan-shoku* (Yamamoto) (as Mrs. Prime Minister)
- 1976 *Yoba* (Imai) (title role); *Otoko wa tsuraiyo*: *Torajiro junjoshishu* (*Tora's Pure Love*) (Yamada)
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Machiko Kyo was perhaps the first Japanese actress to be "groomed" as a star through the more typically Western attention to glamour. Drawing upon her background as a dancer, her sex appeal was emphasized by Daiei and her early director Masaichi Nagata, and she quickly became a successful actress for the studio. Her style was unique on the Japanese screen in its sensuality and unbounded eroticism. The most representative of her early roles is as a devilish girl trifling with her lover in *Chijin no ai*, based on the novel by Tanizaki. She seemed at her best at portraying the sensual women in his novels, as she later demonstrated in Ichikawa's modernistic adaptation of *Kagi*, incorporating a comic flair into her role as the young and stimulating wife.

Typecast because of her alluring appearance, she successfully extended her range in Kurosawa's *Rashomon*, which brought her and the Japanese cinema international attention. Her explosive performance in the role of a temperamental woman who is both shockingly assertive and audaciously seductive startled the public and critics. Her next great success came in Yoshimura's *Itsuwareru seiso*, a remake of Mizoguchi's prewar masterpiece *Gion no shimai*. Kyo played with enthusiasm a geisha attempting to vanquish men who exploit women. Her reputation at the studio was gradually established through her work in a series of fine films for Yoshimura and Kimura.

For Mizoguchi, Kyo played the role of the ghost princess who bewitches a potter in *Ugetsu monogatari*. Employing the type of movement used in Noh drama, she successfully conveyed the chilling atmosphere typical of the ghost genre within the Noh repertoire, combining a horrifying effect with a mysterious eroticism. She also collaborated with Mizoguchi in the title role of *Yokihi*, and as a Westernized prostitute in his final film *Akasen chitai*; at one moment while simultaneously eating, smoking, chewing gum, and talking, she outrageously summarizes both her character's tactile eroticism as well as her own considerable comic skills.

Kyo established an international reputation with these performances, as well as in Kinugasa's *Jigokumon*, to which she contributed

a visually stunning portrayal as a tragic aristocratic wife. Her first American film, *The Teahouse of the August Moon*, was also her first comedy, but her success in it inexplicably led to no other American films, and even for a short while seemed to reduce her popularity in Japan.

Her performances in Ozu's *Ukigusa* and in Toyoda's *Amai shiru* show her mature acting style, which combines her passion with a new contemplative quality. Her role in the latter film (which earned her many awards) is particularly sublime, a depiction of a woman at the bottom of society, managing to survive despite her suffering and victimization. She further expanded her range by undertaking complicated new roles. These include the wife in Teshigahara's *Tanin no kao*, whose husband secretly undergoes plastic surgery to alter his appearance. She nevertheless recognizes him, and allows him to seduce her. Opposed to such characters is her portrayal of an extremely ambitious woman in Satsuo Yamamoto's political entertainment film, *Kareinaru ichizoku*. Through her unforgettable work with many of Japan's greatest directors, and since many of her films were distributed internationally, Kyo remains one of the most diverse and recognizable talents in the Japanese cinema.

—Kyoko Hirano, updated by Corey K. Creekmur



LADD, Alan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Alan Walbridge Ladd in Hot Springs, Arkansas, 3 September 1913. **Education:** Hollywood High School. **Family:** Married 1) Marjorie Jane Harrold, 1936 (divorced 1941), son: the film executive Alan Ladd, Jr., 2) Sue Carol, 1942, daughter: the actress Alana, son: David. **Career:** During the early 1930s, “discovered” several times, but given only small parts, beginning in 1932 with *Once in a Lifetime*; worked as studio grip, attended Bard Dramatic School for one term, and eventually worked as a one-man variety show on radio station KFWB; 1942—Paramount contract; 1943–44—served in U.S. Army (medical discharge); 1948—formed his own radio production company; 1954–59—contract with Warner Brothers; 1954—formed Jaguar Productions; 1959—began TV production. **Died:** 29 January 1969.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Once in a Lifetime* (Mack)
- 1933 *Saturday's Millions* (Sedgwick)
- 1936 *Pigskin Parade (The Harmony Parade)* (Butler)
- 1937 *The Last Train from Madrid* (Hogan); *All over Town* (Horne); *Hold 'em Navy (That Navy Spirit)* (Neumann)
- 1938 *The Goldwyn Follies* (Marshall); *Come on Leathernecks* (Cruze); *Freshman Year* (McDonald)
- 1939 *Rulers of the Sea* (Lloyd); *The Green Hornet* (Beebe and Taylor—serial); *Hitler, Beast of Berlin (Beasts of Berlin; Hell's Devils; Goose Step)* (Scott)
- 1940 *Brother Rat and a Baby (Baby Be Good)* (Enright); *In Old Missouri* (McDonald); *The Light of Western Stars* (Selander); *Gangs of Chicago* (Lubin); *Those Were the Days (Good Old School Days)* (Laird); *Cross Country Romance* (Woodruff); *Wildcat Bus* (Woodruff); *Captain Caution* (Wallace); *The Howards of Virginia (The Tree of Liberty)* (Lloyd); *Meet the Missus* (St. Clair); *Her First Romance* (Dmytryk); *Blame It on Love* (doc); *Meat and Romance* (doc)
- 1941 *Petticoat Politics* (Kenton); *The Reluctant Dragon* (Werker); *I Look at You* (short); *The Black Cat* (Rogell); *Citizen Kane* (Welles) (as reporter); *Paper Bullets (Gangs Inc.)* (Rosen); *Great Guns* (Banks); *Cadet Girl* (McCarey); *Unfinished Rainbows* (doc)
- 1942 *Joan of Paris* (Stevenson); *This Gun for Hire* (Tuttle) (as Raven); *The Glass Key* (Heisler) (as Ed Beaumont); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall) (as guest)
- 1943 *Lucky Jordan* (Tuttle) (title role); *China* (Farrow) (as Mr. Jones); *Letters from a Friend* (Shourds—doc)
- 1944 *And Now Tomorrow* (Pichel) (as Dr. Merek Vance); *Skirmish on the Home Front* (doc)
- 1945 *Salty O'Rourke* (Walsh) (title role); *Hollywood Victory Caravan* (Russell—doc); *Duffy's Tavern* (Walker) (as guest)
- 1946 *The Blue Dahlia* (Marshall) (as Johnny Morrison); *O.S.S.* (Pichel) (as John Martin); *Two Years before the Mast* (Farrow) (as Charles Stewart)
- 1947 *My Favorite Brunette* (Nugent) (as guest); *Calcutta* (Farrow) (as Neale Gordon); *Variety Girl* (Marshall) (as guest); *Wild Harvest* (Garnett) (as Joe Madigan)
- 1948 *Saigon* (Fenton) (as Maj. Larry Briggs); *Beyond Glory* (Farrow) (as Rocky Gilman); *Whispering Smith* (Fenton) (as Luke Smith)
- 1949 *The Great Gatsby* (Nugent) (as Jay Gatsby); *Chicago Deadline* (Allen) (as Ed Adams); *American Portrait* (doc); *Eyes of Hollywood* (doc)
- 1950 *Captain Carey U.S.A. (After Midnight)* (Leisen) (as Webster Carey)
- 1951 *Appointment with Danger* (Allen) (as Al Goddard); *Branded* (Maté) (as Choya); *The Road to Hope* (doc)
- 1952 *Red Mountain* (Dieterle) (as Brett); *The Iron Mistress* (Douglas) (as Jim Bowie); *The Sporting Oasis* (short)
- 1953 *Thunder in the East* (Charles Vidor) (as Steve Gibbs); *Shane* (Stevens) (title role); *The Desert Legion* (Pevney) (as Paul Lartal); *Botany Bay* (Farrow) (as Hugh Tallant); *Paratrooper (The Red Beret)* (Young) (as Canada)
- 1954 *Saskatchewan (O'Rourke of the Royal Mounted)* (Walsh) (as O'Rourke); *Hell below Zero* (Robson) (as Duncan Craig); *The Black Knight* (Garnett) (as John); *Drum Beat* (Daves) (as Johnny MacKay)
- 1955 *The McConnell Story (Tiger in the Sky)* (Douglas) (as Mac McConnell)
- 1956 *Hell on Frisco Bay* (Tuttle) (as Steve Rollins); *Santiago (The Gun Runner)* (Douglas) (as Cash Adams); *A Cry in the Night* (Tuttle) (as narrator)
- 1957 *The Big Land (Stampeded)* (Douglas) (as Chad Morgan); *Boy on a Dolphin* (Negulesco) (as James Clader)
- 1958 *The Deep Six* (Maté) (as Alec Austen); *The Proud Rebel* (Curtiz) (as John Chandler); *The Badlanders* (Daves) (as Peter Van Hook)
- 1959 *The Man in the Net* (Curtiz) (as John Hamilton)
- 1960 *Guns of the Timberland* (Webb) (as Jim Hadley); *All the Young Men* (Bartlett) (as Kincaid); *One Foot in Hell* (Clark) (as Mitch Barrett)
- 1961 *Orazi e Curiazi (Duel of Champions)* (Baldi and Young) (as Horatio)
- 1962 *Thirteen West Street* (Leacock) (as Walt Sherill)
- 1963 *The Carpetbaggers* (Dmytryk) (as Nevada Smith)



Alan Ladd (left) with Brandon de Wilde in *Shane*

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In the opening moments of *This Gun for Hire*, Alan Ladd checks his gun, feeds a kitten, slaps the maid, tosses a ball to a cute little girl, and cold-bloodedly shoots down two people whom he has been hired to rub out. With Veronica Lake's guidance, he eventually does the Right Thing, but it was his clear-eyed amorality that audiences responded to; *This Gun for Hire* made Ladd a star overnight.

He was already, by that time, a veteran of a decade in films, but had never made much of an impact: he was a college student in *Pigskin Parade*, a sailor in *Hold 'em Navy*, one of the reporters at the end of *Citizen Kane*, and a cheerful animator explaining a storyboard to Robert Benchley in *The Reluctant Dragon*. After *This Gun for Hire* Ladd became more prolific and quite popular, but his range never extended appreciably. Stalwart and manly, he could also be dour; he seldom smiled without irony. Never a personable figure on the screen,

Ladd's appeal was that of an icon: serene face, athletic body, piercing eyes, and an overall tough-guy demeanor that was precisely appropriate for the dark side of the 1940s.

His enigmatic, slightly mocking persona was used to diverse effect by his more perceptive directors—John Farrow, Tay Garnett, Raoul Walsh—and his frequent teamings with insolent twin-soul Veronica Lake provided his stolid imperturbability with a dash and resonance that did not always surface without her. Ladd and Lake were an inspired team; they were so alike in both countenance and manner that they often seem incestuous siblings rather than the conventional lovers that the script means for them to be. Ladd's sullen calm could also take on a veneer of Old World charm which made him a natural and courtly swashbuckler in colorful, exciting entertainments: *Desert Legion*; *The Iron Mistress* (in which he played Jim Bowie), *The Red Beret*, *Santiago*, *Saskatchewan*.

Shane was Ladd's last great part; his character looks back on a life of gunfire and bloodshed with a complex mixture of nostalgia and regret. Shane's past was, in short, like Ladd's filmic history. When the gunfighter rides away, we feel the loss of this cool and violent man who so wanted to be a hero, but who just didn't have it in him.

—Frank Thompson

LADYNINA, Marina

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Tyomino, Russia, 24 June 1908.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *Vrazhdiye tropy* (*Dangerous Paths*) (Ivan Pravov and Olga Preobrazhenskaya)
- 1938 *Bogataya nevesta* (*The Rich Bride*) (Ivan Pyryev) (as Marinka)
- 1939 *Traktoristy* (*Tractor-Drivers*) (Ivan Pyryev) (as Mar'iana Bazhan)
- 1940 *Lyubimaya devushka* (*The Beloved*) (Ivan Pyryev)
- 1941 *Svinarka i pastukh* (*Swineherd and Shepherd*) (Ivan Pyryev) (as Glasha Novikova)
- 1942 *Sekretar raykoma* (*The Partisans*)
- 1944 *V shest chasov vechera posle voyny* (*Six P.M. After the War*) (Ivan Pyryev) (as Varya Pankova)
- 1947 *Skazaniye o zemle sibirskoi* (*Ballad of Siberia*) (as Natasha Malinina)
- 1949 *Kubanskii kazaki* (*Cossacks of the Kuban*) (Ivan Pyryev) (as Galina Ermolayevna Peresvetova)
- 1954 *Ispytaniye vernosti* (*Trustworthiness Test*) (K. Pyryev and Ivan Pyryev)

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Marina Ladynina debuted in *Vrazhdiye tropy* (1935), directed by veterans Ivan Pravov and Olga Preobrazhenskaya. For the rest of her career in cinema, however, she worked exclusively with film director Ivan Pyryev, who, along with Grigoriy Aleksandrov, was the leading author of Soviet musical comedies, one of the few well-developed popular genres within the system of Stalinist film culture. The making of musical comedies was encouraged by a decree which Boris Shumiatski, administrative head of Soviet cinema at the time, issued in 1935 and in which cinema was recommended to focus on making "movies for the millions." Ladynina's career directly reflects this directive—she was an actress with whom millions of viewers could identify.

Unlike Aleksandrov's leading lady, dazzling mega star Lyubov Orlova, Ladynina was a comedienne with a special talent for character parts. She was a short, fast-talking, funny, down-to-earth girl with intense blue eyes and a turned-up nose, and she usually appeared surrounded by an entourage of cheerful peasant girlfriends. While Orlova's natural milieu was the world of elaborate stage performances involving lavish interiors and glamorous outfits, Ladynina's world was inhabited by Stakhanovite shock workers, amateur wood carvers, and good-natured shepherds. Similarly, while Grigoriy Aleksandrov's films were considered a more refined entertainment value, Pyryev's films conveyed straightforward propaganda messages which make them look particularly implausible and contrived from today's point of view. As a rule, Pyryev's films featured working class protagonists—tractor drivers, farm workers—and were known for their hyperbolization of prosperity and the happiness of Soviet life at collective farms. Film historian Neya Zorkaya has noted that even though all these films were marketed as true to life, they completely neglected any realist criteria and promoted a myth of high achieving Kolkhoz mode, or production, at times when agriculture was undergoing a serious crisis.

Ladynina fully realized her onscreen identity—as the simple-hearted, joyful, and hard-working Soviet peasant girl—after appearing in *Bogataya nevesta* (1938). Marinka, her heroine in the film, a young girl with two suitors, is not rich in the literal sense: her wealth comes from the government appreciation of her work achievements. After this film, a series of similar roles in similar films followed. Most of these musical comedies were scripted by Viktor Gusev, and Ladynina's role in each one of them was inevitably a variation of the prototype tested in *Bogataya nevesta*—a hard working, cheerful, witty, and class conscious peasant girl. Her roles in musicals immediately preceding World War Two all fall under the tested recipe of socialist optimist entertainment. Even though conspicuously non-compliant with the socialist realist straitjacket, Pyryev was making yet another film of the same kind every year, and Ladynina got the chance to star in *Traktoristy* (1939), *Lyubimaya devushka* (1940), and *Svinarka i pastukh* (1941). For these films she was regularly paired with actor Nikolai Kryuchkov.

Leading Soviet composer Tikhon Khrennikov, who authored the music for two of Pyryev's films, co-starred with Ladynina in both instances. While in *Svinarka i pastukh* (1941) Khrennikov only had a supporting role, later on he became her main partner for the romantic comedy *V shest chasov vechera posle voyny* (1944), one of

the few films made and released under the difficult war-time conditions, while most filmmaking activity was put on hold. Due to the combination of propaganda and entertainment in his work, Pyryev was one of the few directors who had the chance to make not just one but two films during the war; Ladynina also starred in his partisan war-time drama *Sekretar raykoma* (1942), written by Iosif Prut, in which she played a functionary of the Communist Party district committee engaged in resistance activities.

After the war Ladynina was cast in several more movies by Pyryev—in the musical drama *Skazaniye o zemle sibirskoy* (1947) and the musical comedy *Kubanskie kazaki* (1949). *Kubanskie kazaki* was believed to have been made with direct interference from Stalin, and is considered an extreme example of an idealized and exaggerated representation of reality. Ladynina's last appearance was in the romantic drama *Ispytaniye vernosti* (1954).

For *Kubanskie kazaki* and *Ispytaniye vernosti*, Pyryev used musical scores by Isaak Dunayevsky, the prominent film composer who regularly worked with the other titan of the Soviet musical, Grigoriy Aleksandrov. Dunayevsky had also written the music for Pyryev's early *Bogataya nevesta* (1938), released in the same year as Aleksandrov's *Volga-Volga*. Thus, while Aleksandrov and Pyryev may represent two different branches in the tradition of the Stalinist musical, it is important to underscore that they branch out from Dunayevsky's music.

In 1997 German director Dana Ranga made the documentary *East Side Story*, a cinematic investigation into the history of the Stalinist musical. The film features extensive commentary by historian Maya Turovskaya, who discusses the opportunism and social conformity of Pyryev's cinematic work. In this documentary Marina Ladynina appears in a selection of clips from *Traktoristy* (1939), *Svinarka i pastukh* (1941), *V shest chasov vechera posle voyny* (1944), and *Kubanskie kazaki* (1949).

—Dina Iordanova

LAKE, Veronica

Nationality: American. **Born:** Constance Ockelman, in Brooklyn, New York, 14 November 1919. **Family:** Married 1) John Detlie, 1940 (divorced 1943); 2) the director Andre de Toth, 1944 (divorced 1952); 3) Joseph A. McCarthy, 1955 (divorced 1959). **Education:** Attended Bliss Hayden School of Acting. **Career:** 1939—got small parts in films, beginning with *Sorority House*; several successful films before being teamed with Alan Ladd in *This Gun for Hire* made her a star. **Died:** Of hepatitis, in Burlington, Vermont, 7 July 1973.

Films as Actress:

(as Constance Keane)

- 1939 *The Wrong Room* (Brock—short); *Sorority House (That Girl from College)* (Farrow); *All Women Have Secrets* (Neumann)
1940 *Young as You Feel* (St. Clair); *Forty Little Mothers* (Berkeley)



Veronica Lake

(as Veronica Lake)

- 1941 *I Wanted Wings* (Leisen) (as Sally Vaughn); *Hold Back the Dawn* (Leisen); *Sullivan's Travels* (Preston Sturges) (as The Girl)
1942 *This Gun for Hire* (Tuttle) (as Ellen Graham); *The Glass Key* (Heisler) (as Janet Henry); *I Married a Witch* (Clair) (as Jennifer)
1943 *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall); *So Proudly We Hail* (Sandrich) (as Lt. Olivia D'Arcy)
1944 *The Hour before the Dawn* (Tuttle) (as Dora Bruckmann)
1945 *Bring on the Girls* (Lanfield) (as Teddy Collins); *Out of This World* (Walker) (as Dorothy Dudge); *Duffy's Tavern* (Walker) (as guest); *Hold That Blonde!* (Marshall) (as Sally Martin)
1946 *Miss Susie Slagle's* (Berry) (as Nan Rogers); *The Blue Dahlia* (Marshall) (as Joyce Harwood); *Ramrod* (De Toth) (as Connie Dickason)
1947 *Variety Girl* (Marshall) (as guest)
1948 *Saigon* (Fenton) (as Letty Stanton); *Isn't It Romantic?* (McLeod) (as Candy); *The Sainted Sisters* (Russell) (as Letty Stanton)
1949 *Slattery's Hurricane* (De Toth) (as Dolores)
1952 *Stronghold* (Sekeley) (as Mary Stevens)
1966 *Footsteps in the Snow* (Green)
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Veronica Lake, the girl with the “peek-a-boo hairstyle,” is a consummate product of the Hollywood star machine. In the golden years of the studio system, stars were created overnight by media hype and studio-released “hot tips.” It was this system that transformed aspiring actress Constance Ockelman into glamour sensation Veronica Lake. Her image “sold” so well that, in the early years of the war, Lake herself was asked to appeal to women factory workers to clip their copycat tresses to avoid industrial accidents.

Veronica Lake emerged in 1938 when, following an unsuccessful screen test at MGM, her film clip reached the desk of a producer at Paramount. Paramount was then suffering a drought and the producers were looking for a new face. In 1941 they cast Lake in the war film *I Wanted Wings*. An eight-year contract with Paramount followed. Later that year, Preston Sturges noticed Lake and cast her opposite Joel McCrea in the classic social comedy *Sullivan’s Travels*. Her sultry, dry-humored vamp was the perfect complement to actors of McCrea’s type. It was this success that motivated the studio to pair Lake with Alan Ladd in what became billed as one of the romantic duos of the decade.

Many feel that Ladd and Lake created a model for the “toughs and vamps” breed of acting that was later to be perfected by Bogart and Bacall. Four major films highlight this most successful period of Lake’s career: *This Gun for Hire*, followed by *The Glass Key*, *The Hour before Dawn*, and *Saigon*. In 1948, when her contract expired, Lake left Hollywood. Interviews suggested that she felt she had outgrown her stereotypic vamp image. Yet, in spite of her frustration at being typecast, she did not escape the image in her one notable role of her post-Hollywood period, in an action picture called *Stronghold*, independently produced in Mexico, partly with her own money.

—Rob Winning

LANCASTER, Burt

Nationality: American. **Born:** Burton Stephen Lancaster in New York City, 2 November 1913. **Education:** Attended DeWitt Clinton High School; New York University, 1930–32. **Family:** Married

1) circus performer June Ernst, 1935 (divorced 1936); 2) Norma Anderson, 1946 (divorced 1969), children: William, James, Susan, Joanna, Sighle; 3) Susie Martin, 1990. **Career:** 1932–39—toured vaudeville and played in circuses in acrobatic act with Nick Cravat, Lang and Cravat; 1939–42—after injury, worked as salesman in Marshall Field’s, fireman, and in meatpacking plant, all in Chicago; 1942–45—served in entertainment section of the U.S. Army; 1945—role in play *A Sound of Hunting* on Broadway: then contract with Hal Wallis; 1946—critical success in film debut *The Killers*; 1948—co-founder, with Harold Hecht, Hecht-Norma production company (later Hecht-Lancaster, then Hecht-Hill-Lancaster); 1955—directed the film *The Kentuckian*; 1971—on stage in *Knickerbocker Holiday*, and *The Boys of Autumn*, 1981, both in San Francisco; 1977—narrator of TV series *The Unknown War*, and in mini-series *Marco-Polo*, 1982, *On Wings of Eagles*, 1986; also council member and past president, American Civil Liberties Union. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *From Here to Eternity*, 1953; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Trapeze*, 1956; Best Actor, Academy Award, for *Elmer Gantry*, 1960; Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Birdman of Alcatraz*, 1962; Best Actor Award, New York Film Critics, Los Angeles Film Critics, and British Academy, for *Alantic City*, 1981. **Died:** In Century City, California, 20 October 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *The Killers* (Siodmak) (as the Swede)
- 1947 *Desert Fury* (Lewis Allen) (as Tom Hanson); *Brute Force* (Dassin) (as Joe Collins); *Variety Girl* (George Marshall) (as guest)
- 1948 *I Walk Alone* (Haskins) (as Frankie Madison); *All My Sons* (Reis) (as Chris Keller); *Sorry, Wrong Number* (Litvak) (as Henry Stevenson); *Kiss the Blood off My Hands* (*Blood on My Hands*) (Foster) (as Bill Saunders); *Criss Cross* (Siodmak) (as Steve Thompson)
- 1949 *Rope of Sand* (Dieterle) (as Mike Davis)
- 1950 *The Flame and the Arrow* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Dardo); *Mister 880* (Goulding) (as Steve Buchanan)
- 1951 *Jim Thorpe: All American* (*Man of Bronze*) (Curtiz) (title role); *Vengeance Valley* (Thorpe) (as Owen Daybright); *Ten Tall Men* (Goldbeck) (as Sgt. Mike Kincaid)
- 1952 *The Crimson Pirate* (Siodmak) (as Capt. Vallo)
- 1953 *Come Back, Little Sheba* (Daniel Mann) (as Doc); *The Key* (Parker—doc); *South Sea Woman* (Lubin) (as Sgt. O’Hearn); *From Here to Eternity* (Zinnemann) (as Sgt. Warden); *Three Sailors and a Girl* (Del Ruth) (as guest)
- 1954 *His Majesty O’Keefe* (Haskins) (title role); *Apache* (Aldrich) (as Massai); *Vera Cruz* (Aldrich) (as Joe Erin)
- 1955 *The Rose Tattoo* (Daniel Mann) (as Alvaro Mangiacavallo)
- 1956 *Trapeze* (Reed) (as Mike Ribble); *The Rainmaker* (Anthony) (as Starbuck); *Playtime in Hollywood* (short)
- 1957 *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (John Sturges) (as Wyatt Earp); *The Sweet Smell of Success* (Mackendrick) (as J. J. Hunsecker); *The Heart of Show Business* (Staub—doc) (as narrator)
- 1958 *Run Silent, Run Deep* (Wise) (as Lt. Jim Bledsoe); *Separate Tables* (Delbert Mann) (as John Malcolm)
- 1959 *The Devil’s Disciple* (Hamilton) (as Anthony Anderson)



Burt Lancaster (left) with Kevin Costner in *Field of Dreams*

- 1960 *The Unforgiven* (Huston) (as Ben Zachary); *Elmer Gantry* (Richard Brooks) (title role)
- 1961 *The Young Savages* (Frankenheimer) (as Hank Bell); *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Ernst Janning)
- 1962 *Birdman of Alcatraz* (Frankenheimer) (as Robert Stroud)
- 1963 *A Child Is Waiting* (Cassavetes) (as Dr. Matthew Clark); *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as guest); *Il gattopardo* (*The Leopard*) (Visconti) (as Prince Don Fabrizio Salinas)
- 1964 *Seven Days in May* (Frankenheimer) (as Gen. James M. Scott)
- 1965 *The Train* (Frankenheimer) (as Labiche); *The Hallelujah Trail* (John Sturges) (as Col. Thadeus Gearhart); *Handle With Care* (doc) (as narrator); *Operation Head Start* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1966 *The Professionals* (Richard Brooks) (as Bill Dolworth)
- 1967 *All about People* (doc)
- 1968 *The Scalphunters* (Pollack) (as Joe Bass); *The Swimmer* (Perry) (as Ned Merrill)
- 1969 *Castle Keep* (Pollack) (as Maj. Falconer); *Jenny Is a Good Thing* (Horvath—doc) (as narrator); *The Gypsy Moths* (Frankenheimer) (as Mike Rettig); *In Name Only* (Swackhamer—for TV)
- 1970 *Airport* (Seaton) (as Mel Bakersfield); *King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis* (Mankiewicz and Lumet—doc) (as co-narrator)
- 1971 *Lawman* (Winner) (as Jerred Maddox); *Valdez Is Coming* (Sherin) (as Bob Valdez); *H + 2* (Coombs—doc) (as narrator)
- 1972 *Ulzana's Raid* (Aldrich) (as McIntosh); *Mose (Moses)* (De Bosio—for TV) (title role)
- 1973 *Scorpio* (Winner) (as Cross); *Graduation* (Stanfield—doc) (as narrator); *Executive Action* (Miller) (as Farrington)
- 1974 *Gruppo di famiglia in un interno* (*Conversation Piece*) (Visconti) (as the Professor); *James Wong Howe* (Quo—doc) (as narrator)
- 1975 *A Life in Your Hands* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1976 *Buffalo Bill and the Indians* (Altman) (as Ned Buntline); *1900* (Novecento) (Bertolucci) (as Alfredo Berlinghieri); *Victory at Entebbe* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Defense Minister Peres)
- 1977 *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as MacKenzie); *The Island of Dr. Moreau* (Taylor) (title role); *On the Edge of Reality* (doc); *Twilight's Last Gleaming* (Aldrich) (as Lawrence Dell)

- 1978 *Go Tell the Spartans* (Post) (as Major Asa Barker)
 1979 *Zulu Dawn* (Hickox) (as Col. Durnford); *Arthur Miller on Home Ground* (Rasky—doc); *Cattle Annie and Little Britches* (Johnson) (as Bill Doolin)
 1981 *La Pelle (The Skin)* (Cavani) (as Gen. Mark Cork); *Atlantic City* (Malle) (as Lou)
 1983 *The Osterman Weekend* (Peckinpah) (as Maxwell Darnforth); *Local Hero* (Forsyth) (as Happer); *The Making of a "Local Hero"* (With a Little Help from His Friends) (Turner—doc)
 1985 *Scandal Sheet* (Rich—for TV) (as Harold Fallen); *Little Treasure* (Sharp) (as Teschemacher)
 1986 *Tough Guys* (Kanew) (as Harry Doyle)
 1987 *Il giorno prima* (Montaldo); *Jeweller's Shop* (Anderson); *The Legacy of the Hollywood Blacklist* (Chailin—for TV) (as narrator); *Control* (Montaldo—for TV) (as Herbert Monroe)
 1988 *Rocket Gibraltar* (Petrie) (as Levi Rockwell)
 1989 *Field of Dreams* (Robinson) (as Dr. "Moonlight" Graham)
 1990 *Voyage of Terror: The Achille Lauro Affair* (Negrin—for TV) (as Leon Klinghoffer); *Phantom of the Opera* (Richardson—for TV) (as Gerard Carrier)
 1991 *Separate but Equal* (Stevens, Jr.—for TV) (as John W. Davis)

Films as Director:

- 1955 *The Kentuckian* (+ ro as Big Eli)
 1974 *The Midnight Man* (co-d, + co-pr, co-sc, ro as Jim Slade)

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Burt Lancaster started his life by running off to the circus, leaving New York University where he had been a basketball star, and becoming an acrobat with partner Nick Cravat, who would later appear alongside Lancaster in many films, such as *Trapeze*, the actor's sober tribute to the daredevil life of the aerial artist he once had been. Lancaster's circus experience supplied him with certain qualities that were advantageous to a movie actor: a powerful physique and complete physical control. Nature supplied him with other features that contributed to his star quality: rugged good looks and, especially, the keyboard smile that would become his trademark.

His first screen roles, obtained for him by agent Harold Hecht, usually cast Lancaster as a brooding ex-convict, a taciturn villain, or a tense goon—most notably in Ernest Hemingway's *The Killers*, Lancaster's screen debut, where he played a crooked prizefighter nicknamed the Swede who is marked for death. It was only a few years after this that Lancaster followed the groundbreaking lead of actor James Stewart and went freelance, starting his own film production company in partnership with Hecht and James Hill. Hecht, Hill, and Lancaster's first picture was the well-received *Apache*, directed by Robert Aldrich. Lancaster starred as Massai, a warrior who refuses to surrender to the white man's ways after the capture of Geronimo, and is marked for extinction. Over Lancaster and Aldrich's objections, the film's grim conclusion was compromised in favor of a happier one for box-office reasons. The same star-director team

followed *Apache* later that year with the acerbic Western adventure, *Vera Cruz*, a smash hit. Several decades later, Aldrich and Lancaster teamed again for *Ulzana's Raid*, a potent saga of the Indian Wars that also mirrored the then-current Vietnam conflict; it concluded on the bleak, more realistic note denied them earlier on *Apache*.

Lancaster has projected earnestness as the truth-seeking son of Edward G. Robinson in *All My Sons*, lovability as the truck driver opposite Anna Magnani in *The Rose Tattoo*, and perseverance as the Native American athlete Jim Thorpe in *Jim Thorpe: All-American*. For all of his brawn, he was also quite good at communicating vulnerability, gentleness, and self-doubt. All these elements were combined in his Oscar-nominated performance as Sergeant Warden in *From Here to Eternity* and as convicted killer Robert Stroud in *Birdman of Alcatraz*, a pet project.

Early in his career, Lancaster also developed another quite different character: the grinning mischief-maker. This character first appeared in *The Flame and the Arrow*, which was followed by the delightful adventure comedy *The Crimson Pirate*, a hilarious parody of—and homage to—the films of Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. that Lancaster had enjoyed as a youth. Lancaster seized every opportunity to take his shirt off, swing on ropes from ship to ship, and smile from ear to ear. He brought the same qualities to his role as *The Rainmaker*, one of the most ingratiating conmen in the history of the movies—and then combined them with his unique brand of bravado, energy, and physicality to create his Oscar-winning role as *Elmer Gantry* in which he was the embodiment of Sinclair Lewis's famous charlatan evangelist, orator, businessman, hustler, and lover.

A former president of the American Civil Liberties Union, Lancaster espoused liberal causes most of his life. Perhaps to understand them himself—and illuminate them for others—he liked playing characters diametrically opposed to his own political beliefs. Examples include John Frankenheimer's *Seven Days in May*, as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs who tries to orchestrate a military coup d'état, and Robert Aldrich's potent political thriller *Twilight's Last Gleaming*, where he played the messianic General Dell, who commandeers a nuclear silo and threatens to launch a strike if the Pentagon refuses to own up to the real motives behind the Vietnam War. The latter role and film remained among his favorites.

In another favorite role, he was again the embodiment of a character taken from a famous novel, although of a totally different nature from Elmer Gantry. Giuseppe Di Lampedusa's physical description of the Sicilian prince in his novel *The Leopard* fits Lancaster to a tee, and director Luchino Visconti saw to it that Lancaster got the part in the Italian-made film version of the novel. Though not of the Method school, Lancaster always carefully prepared for and immersed himself in his roles. In fact, he reportedly knew more about Sicilian aristocracy, customs, traditions, and history than anyone else connected with the film except Visconti and Di Lampedusa. His authoritative demeanor, melancholic expression, and meditative mien contribute to one of the most believable historical figures in modern cinema. He starred again for Visconti as a retired, reclusive professor besieged by modernity in *Conversation Piece*. Also noteworthy is one of Lancaster's last screen appearances in *Atlantic City* where he plays an aging two-bit crook still hoping for his big chance, a performance that earned him another Oscar nomination.

Lancaster's career remains unmatched for his persistent refusal to allow Hollywood to typecast him strictly as a he-man. Because of his

deep concern for the content of his films and eagerness to work with directors he considered important, he was willing to undertake virtually any kind of part.

—Elaine Mancini, updated by John McCarty

LANCHESTER, Elsa

Nationality: American. **Born:** Elsa Sullivan Lanchester (or Elizabeth Sullivan) in Lewisham, London, 28 October 1902; became U.S. citizen, 1950. **Education:** Attended Isadora Duncan's Bellevue School, Paris, 1912, and assistant on lecture tours; Margaret Morris's school, Chelsea, London. **Family:** Married the actor Charles Laughton, 1929 (died 1962). **Career:** 1918—taught dancing at Margaret Morris's school on the Isle of Wight; 1920—stage debut in a music hall act; founded children's theater, Soho; 1922—West End debut in *Thirty Minutes in a Street*; 1924—opened the London nightclub The Cave of Harmony; film debut in the amateur film *The Scarlet Woman*; other stage and film work in the 1920s, often with Laughton; 1930—in stage play *Payment Deferred* in London, and in 1931 in New York; 1932—short contract with MGM; 1933–34—acted at the Old Vic with Laughton; 1939—settled permanently in the United States; active in revue sketches from 1941, touring nightclubs with Ray Henderson, and in her own one-woman show *Elsa Lanchester—Herself*, 1951–61; in TV series *The John Forsythe Show*, 1965–66,



Elsa Lanchester

and *Nanny and the Professor*, 1971. **Died:** In Woodland Hills, California, 26 December 1986.

Films as Actress:

- 1927 *One of the Best* (Hunter) (as Kitty)
- 1928 *The Constant Nymph* (Brunel) (as lady); *Bluebottles* (Montague—short); *The Tonic* (Montague—short); *Day-dreams* (Montague—short)
- 1929 *Mr. Smith Wakes Up* (Hill—short)
- 1930 *Comets* (Geneen) (as herself)
- 1931 *The Love Habit* (Lachman); *The Stronger Sex* (Gundrey); *Potiphar's Wife* (Elvey) (as Mathilde); *The Officer's Mess* (Haynes) (as Cora Melville)
- 1933 *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (Korda) (as Anne of Cleves)
- 1934 *David Copperfield* (Cukor) (as Clickett)
- 1935 *Naughty Marietta* (Van Dyke); *The Bride of Frankenstein* (Whale) (as Mary Shelley/The Bride)
- 1936 *The Ghost Goes West* (Clair) (as dinner guest); *Rembrandt* (Korda) (as Hendrickie Stoffels); *Miss Bracebirdle Does Her Duty* (Garmes—short)
- 1938 *Vessel of Wrath (The Beachcomber)* (Pommer) (as Martha Jones)
- 1941 *Ladies in Retirement* (Charles Vidor) (as Emily Creed)
- 1942 *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as prostitute); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier)
- 1943 *Forever and a Day* (Clair and others) (as waitress); *Thumbs Up* (Santley) (as Emmy Finch); *Lassie Come Home* (Wilcox)
- 1944 *Passport to Destiny* (McCarey) (as charwoman)
- 1946 *The Spiral Staircase* (Siodmak) (as Mrs. Oakes); *The Razor's Edge* (Goulding) (as secretary)
- 1947 *Northwest Outpost* (Dwan) (as chaperone); *The Bishop's Wife* (Koster) (as maid)
- 1948 *The Big Clock* (Farrow) (as artist)
- 1949 *The Secret Garden* (Wilcox) (as maid); *Come to the Stable* (Koster) (as artist); *The Inspector General* (Koster) (as mayor's wife)
- 1950 *Buccaneer's Girl* (De Cordova) (as madam); *Mystery Street* (Sturges) (as landlady); *The Pretty Girl* (Levin) (as spinster); *Frenchie* (King) (as Duenna)
- 1952 *Dreamboat* (Binyon) (as school president); *Les Misérables* (Milestone) (as Madame Magloire); *Androcles and the Lion* (Erskine) (as Megaera)
- 1953 *Girls of Pleasure Island* (Herbert, Gunzer) (as housekeeper)
- 1954 *Hell's Half Acre* (Auer) (as Lida O'Reilly); *Three Ring Circus* (Pevney) (as bearded lady)
- 1955 *The Glass Slipper* (Walters) (as wicked stepmother)
- 1957 *Witness for the Prosecution* (Wilder) (as nurse)
- 1958 *Bell, Book, and Candle* (Quine) (as matchmaker witch)
- 1964 *Honeymoon Hotel* (Levin) (as chambermaid); *Mary Poppins* (Stevenson) (as nanny); *Pajama Party* (Weis) (as housekeeper)
- 1965 *That Darn Cat* (Stevenson) (as nosy neighbor)
- 1967 *Easy Come, Easy Go* (Rich) (as yoga teacher)
- 1968 *Blackbeard's Ghost* (Stevenson)
- 1969 *Rascal* (Tokar) (as housekeeper); *Me Natalie* (Coe) (as landlady)

- 1971 *Willard* (Mann)
- 1973 *Terror in the Wax Museum* (Fenady)
- 1974 *Arnold* (Fenady)
- 1976 *Murder by Death* (Moore) (as Dame Jessie Marbles)
- 1980 *Die Laughing* (Werner) (as Sophie)

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Elsa Lanchester, the daughter of two prominent socialists, had always been a free spirit, studying with Isadora Duncan at the age of 11, teaching dance and directing a children's theater while still in her teens, then starting a London theatrical club called The Cave of Harmony. By the time she met Charles Laughton, her future husband, in 1927, she had tired of her bohemian life and was attracted to his "middle-class respectability." She and Laughton appeared together in several plays (to favorable reviews), but as Laughton's film career took off, her career began to suffer.

There were probably two reasons for this. First, she was not beautiful; though perkily attractive, she was small, with frizzy red hair and an oddly blunted nose. Not considering her leading-lady material, Hollywood might have forgotten her altogether had it not been for her husband, who in turn represented her second problem. According to Lanchester, producers resented the implied pressure of "if Charles works, Elsa must be used, too," and she began to lose ground professionally. Her bits as maids, prudes, and assorted eccentrics seemed a far cry from her London theatrical successes, including her role as the last Peter Pan to be personally approved by James Barrie. Sometimes producers would even fabricate Lanchester vehicles to

lure the Laughtons, “changing” their plans once the two were hooked. If she did get into a Laughton picture, she felt she was “acting with a pistol at my head” and that she *had* to be good.

Luckily, she almost always was, whether or not she appeared with Laughton. Given the prejudice against her looks, it is ironic that she is probably best known in this country for her role as the Bride of Frankenstein (in the film of the same name). Wrapped in yards of bandage, a wire cage with hair pieces on her head and three to four hours’ worth of makeup on her face, she hissed in imitation of swans she had heard as a child in London (some of her hisses and screams were run backward on the soundtrack). Yet she was pleased to be in the film because, as the sweet-as-sugar Mary Shelley, she was allowed to show the range of her acting.

She was able to demonstrate that range under less grueling circumstances, registering most effectively in *The Beachcomber* (she and Laughton played the leads in this film produced by his Mayflower production company), *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (as Anne of Cleves, she gave the best performance of Laughton’s wives), and *Witness for the Prosecution* (both she and Laughton winning Oscar nominations). She also contributed delightful cameos in a number of other pictures, notably *Bell, Book, and Candle* (as an addled witch), *The Big Clock* (as an eccentric artist), *Honeymoon Hotel* (as yet another maid), and *The Razor’s Edge* (as a social secretary).

To supplement these rather meager and intermittent opportunities, Lanchester ultimately returned to the cabaret of her youth. In the 1940s she joined the Turnabout Theatre, performing cabaret songs, and in the 1960s, she took an elaborate, one-woman show (*Elsa Lanchester—Herself*) on the road, to rave reviews. The free spirit of Elsa Lanchester appealed to live audiences denied the opportunity to experience it in films by Hollywood’s commercial cowardice.

—Catherine Henry

LANDAU, Martin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 20 June 1928 (some sources say 1931). **Family:** Married the actress Barbara Bain, 1957 (divorced, 1993), children: Susan Meredith, Juliet Rose. **Education:** Attended Pratt Institute and the Art Students League; studied for three years at the Actors Studio. **Career:** Began working as a cartoonist and staff artist for the *New York Daily News*, late 1940s; appeared on TV series episodes, mid-1950s through mid-1960s; starred as Rollin Hand on the hit TV series *Mission: Impossible*, 1966–69; starred as Commander John Koenig on the syndicated TV series *Space: 1999*, 1975–77; member of the Board of Directors, Actors Studio, and executive director, Actors Studio West. **Awards:** Best TV Star-Male Golden Globe, for *Mission: Impossible*, 1968; Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe, for *Tucker: A Man and His Dream*, 1988; Berlin Film Festival Berlinale Camera, 1990; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role Screen Actors Guild Award, National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting



Martin Landau in *The Adventures of Pinocchio*

Actor, Funniest Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture American Comedy Award, Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe, for *Ed Wood*, 1994; San Diego World Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998. **Address:** 7455 Palo Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *Pork Chop Hill* (Milestone) (as Marshall); *North by Northwest* (Hitchcock) (as Leonard); *The Gazebo* (George Marshall) (as the Duke)
- 1962 *Stagecoach to Dancer's Rock* (Bellamy) (as Dade Coleman)
- 1963 *Cleopatra* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Rufius)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as Caiaphas); *The Hallelujah Trail* (John Sturges) (as Chief Walks-Stooped-Over)
- 1966 *Nevada Smith* (Hathaway) (as Jesse Coe)
- 1970 *They Call Me Mr. Tibbs!* (Douglas) (as the Rev. Logan Sharpe); *Operation Snafu* (*Situation Normal All Fouled Up*) (Loy)
- 1971 *A Town Called Hell* (*A Town Called Bastard*) (Parrish) (as the Colonel)
- 1972 *Black Gunn* (Hartford-Davis) (as Capelli); *Welcome Home, Johnny Bristol* (McCowan—for TV) (as Captain Johnny Bristol)
- 1973 *Savage* (Spielberg—for TV) (as Paul Savage); *Destination Moonbase Alpha* (Tom Clegg) (as Commander John Koenig)

- 1976 *Tony Saitta* (*Tough Tony*; *Strange Shadows in an Empty Room*; *Blazing Magnums*) (Herbert) (as Dr. George Tracer)
- 1979 *Meteor* (Neame) (as General Barry Adlon); *The Death of Ocean View Park* (Swackhamer—for TV) (as Tom Flood)
- 1980 *The Last Word* (Boulting) (as Captain Garrity); *Without Warning* (*It Came without Warning*) (Greydon Clark) (as Fred Dobbs); *The Return* (*The Alien's Return*) (Greydon Clark) (as Marshal)
- 1981 *The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island* (Baldwin—for TV) (as J. J. Pierson)
- 1982 *Alone in the Dark* (Sholder) (as Byron "Preacher" Sutcliff); *The Fall of the House of Usher* (Conway—for TV) (as Roderick Usher)
- 1983 *The Being* (*Easter Sunday*) (Kong) (as Garson Jones)
- 1984 *Access Code* (Sobel)
- 1986 *Kung Fu: The Movie* (Richard Lang—for TV) (as John Martin Perkins III)
- 1987 *Cyclone* (Fred Olen Ray) (as Bosarian); *Sweet Revenge* (Sobel) (as Cicero); *Empire State* (Peck) (as Chuck); *Run If You Can* (Virginia Lively Stone); *Delta Fever* (William Webb) (as Bud); *Death Blow* (Nussbaum); *The Return of the Six-Million-Dollar Man and the Bionic Woman* (Ray Austin—for TV) (as Lyle Stenning)
- 1988 *Tucker: The Man and His Dream* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Abe Karatz)
- 1989 *Trust Me* (Houston); *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (Woody Allen) (as Judah Rosenthal); *Paint It Black* (Hunter) (as Daniel Lambert)
- 1990 *Real Bullets* (Lindsay); *Firehead* (Yuval) (as Admiral Pendleton); *By Dawn's Early Light* (Sholder—for TV) (as the President); *Max and Helen* (Saville—for TV) (as Simon Wiesenthal)
- 1992 *Tipperary*; *The Color of Evening*; *Mistress* (Primus) (as Jack Roth); *Legacy of Lies* (May—for TV); *Something to Live For: The Alison Gertz Story* (*Fatal Love*) (McLoughlin—for TV) (as Jerry Gertz)
- 1993 *Eye of the Stranger* (Heavener) (as Mayor Howard Baines); *Sliver* (Noyce) (as Alex Parsons); *No Place to Hide* (Danus) (as Frank McCay); *12:01* (Sholder—for TV) (as Dr. Thadius Moxley)
- 1994 *Intersection* (Rydell) (as Neal); *Ed Wood* (Burton) (as Bela Lugosi); *Time Is Money* (Paolo Barzman) (as Mac)
- 1995 *Joseph* (Roger Young—for TV) (as Jacob)
- 1996 *City Hall* (Harold Becker) (as Judge Walter Stern); *The Adventures of Pinocchio* (as Gepetto)
- 1997 *Legend of the Spirit Dog* (Goldman, Spence) (as voice of Storyteller); *B*A*P*S* (*B.A.P.S.*) (Townsend) (as Mr. Blakemore); *The Long Way Home* (Harris) (as voice)
- 1998 *Winter* (Nagle); *Rounders* (Dahl) (as Abe Petrovsky); *Steve McQueen: The King of Cool* (Katz) (doc) (as himself); *The X-Files* (Bowman) (as Dr. Alvin Kurtzweil)
- 1999 *Sleepy Hollow* (Burton) (as Van Garrett); *The Joyriders* (Battersby) (as Gordon Trout); *Edtv* (Howard) (as Al); *Bonanno: A Godfather's Story* (Poulette—for TV) (as Joseph Bonanno); *The New Adventures of Pinocchio* (Anderson) (as Gepetto); *Carlo's Wake* (Valerio) (as Carlo Torello)
- 2000 *Ready to Rumble* (Robbins) (as Sal); *Very Mean Men* (Vitale) (as Drunk); *Shiner* (Irvin)

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After appearances in several prestige features—most notably Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* and Joseph L. Mankiewicz's *Cleopatra*—Martin Landau became a star as Rollin Hand in the hit television series *Mission: Impossible*. But the actor and his then-wife, Barbara Bain, who co-starred with him on the show, left after two seasons in a contract dispute. Neither of their careers were to recover. For almost two decades, Landau was just another working actor, appearing in seemingly endless low-budget throwaways and such made-for-television fare as *The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island*.

His renaissance from the industry scrap heap came when he was cast in Francis Coppola's *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, which netted Landau critical kudos and an Oscar nomination. He offers an eye-opening performance as Abe Karatz, a New York financier who helps Preston Tucker (Jeff Bridges) start up an automobile manufacturing company. Finally, Landau had a movie role worthy of his gift for fleshing out character. His performance is at once entertaining and quite moving; the character of Karatz is at the core of the story, and Landau adds some genuine heart to what is an otherwise slickly made film. Those who had forgotten Landau existed, or had considered him a has-been (or worse, a never-was), had no choice but to acknowledge his talent.

The actor earned further acclaim, and a second Oscar nomination, in Woody Allen's *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, a high drama of ethics and morality in contemporary American society. Landau plays Judah Rosenthal, a pillar of his community whose neurotic, possessive mistress (Anjelica Huston) threatens to expose his extramarital activities. Judah feels he has no alternative but to initiate her murder. He at first is horrified by his decision, but soon comes to rationalize the action as being necessary to his survival. And in Tim Burton's *Ed Wood*, Landau was never better as the aging horror film star Bela Lugosi. He walked off with virtually every critics' prize, along with the Best Supporting Actor Oscar, for his beautifully rendered performance.

But perhaps his most revealing late-career role is in *Mistress*, in which Landau plays a character one senses he knows all too well: Jack Roth, an aging film producer who has come upon an old screenplay written by a movie purist/failed writer (Robert Wuhl). Roth feels that the script is a "knockout," and wants to get it made. But there is a catch: The producer notes that the script "does get heavy in places." It is, after all, about a painter who commits suicide. In order to secure funding for the project, Roth declares that perhaps the suicide part can be deleted—even though the act is the entire point of the story.

Roth is an intriguing character. He takes his meetings not at Le Dome or another A-list eatery but at a glorified diner. He "used to be a big shot at Universal," but blew his career after standing up to his boss in a show of integrity. If the project in question had been a success, Roth might have gotten away with his indiscretion. But it bombed, and for 15 years he has had to "crawl around on my hands and knees to get a couple of bucks for something."

Landau's departure from *Mission: Impossible* might be contrasted to Jack Roth's indiscretion. Thankfully for Landau, he eventually was able to reestablish himself on the A-list of Hollywood actors—albeit after too many years, and too many bad movies. Post-*Ed Wood*, he has been a busy actor, appearing in a range of roles. Perhaps his best was in the media satire *Edtv*, in which he stole his every scene as Woody Harrelson and Matthew McConaughey's ailing stepfather.

—Rob Edelman

LANGDON, Harry

Nationality: American. **Born:** Council Bluffs, Iowa, 15 June 1884. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Rose Francis, 1903 (divorced 1928); 2) Helen Walton, 1929 (divorced 1931); 3) Mabel Georgena Sheldon, 1934, son: Harry Jr. **Career:** 1896—appeared on stage as child in Omaha amateur show; 1897—joined Dr. Belcher's Kickapoo Indian Medicine Show; then worked in circuses, tent show, and stock companies; 1903—formed "Johnny's New Car" act with Rose Francis, toured Orpheum Circuit until early 1920s; 1923—contract with Principal Pictures (Sol Lesser), then with Mack Sennett: film debut in short *Picking Peaches*, 1924; 1925—formed Harry Langdon Corporation, with Frank Capra as writer; 1926—first feature film, *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp*; 1927—directed the film *Three's a Crowd*; from 1929, worked for Hal Roach, Educational Films, Columbia, and Producers Releasing Corporation; worked as gag-man on Laurel and Hardy films, 1938–40. **Died:** Of a cerebral hemorrhage, 22 December 1944.

Films as Actor:

(in two-reel shorts)

- 1924 *Picking Peaches* (Kenton); *Smile Please* (Del Ruth); *Shanghai Lovers* (Del Ruth); *The Cat's Meow* (Del Ruth); *His New Mama* (Del Ruth); *The First Hundred Years* (F. Richard Jones); *The Luck of the Foolish* (Harry Edwards); *The Hansom Cabman* (Edwards); *All Night Long* (Edwards); *Feet of Mud* (Edwards)
- 1925 *The Sea Squawk* (Edwards); *Boobs in the Wood* (Edwards); *His Marriage Wow* (Edwards); *Plain Clothes* (Edwards); *Remember When?* (Edwards); *Horace Greeley, Jr.* (Edwards); *The White Wing's Bride* (Goulding); *Lucky Stars* (Edwards); *There He Goes* (Edwards)
- 1926 *Saturday Afternoon* (Edwards and Capra)

(in features)

- 1926 *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp* (Edwards); *Ella Cinders* (Alfred E. Green) (cameo); *The Strong Man* (Capra) (as Harry Selby, the boy)
- 1927 *Long Pants* (Capra) (as Harry Selby); *His First Flame* (Edwards); *Fiddlesticks* (Edwards—short); *Soldier Man* (Edwards—short)

(in two-reel sound shorts)

- 1929 *Hotter than Hot* (Lewis R. Foster); *Sky Boy* (Rogers); *Skirt Shy* (Cruze)
- 1930 *A Soldier's Plaything* (*A Soldier's Pay*) (Curtiz—feature) (as Tim); *See America Thirst* (Craft—feature) (as Wally); *The Shrimp* (Rogers); *The Head Guy* (Guiol); *The Fighting Parson* (Guiol); *The Big Kick* (Doane); *The King* (Horne)
- 1932 *The Big Flash* (Gillstrom)
- 1933 *Hallelujah, I'm a Bum* (*Hallelujah, I'm a Tramp*; New York) (Milestone—feature) (as Egghead); *My Weakness* (David Butler—feature) (as Cupid); *Tired Feet* (Gillstrom); *The Hitch Hiker* (Gillstrom); *Knight Duty* (Gillstrom); *Tied for Life* (Gillstrom); *Hooks and Jabs* (Gillstrom); *Marriage Humor* (Edwards); *The Stage Hand* (Edwards); *Leave It to Dad* (Edwards); *On Ice* (Gillstrom); *Pop's Pal* (Edwards); *A Roaming Romeo* (Gillstrom)
- 1934 *Trimmed in Furs* (Lamont); *Circus Hoodoo* (Gillstrom); *No Sleep on the Deep* (Lamont); *Petting Preferred* (Gillstrom); *Counsel on De Fence* (Ripley); *Shivers* (Ripley)
- 1935 *His Bridal Sweet* (Goulding); *The Leather Necker* (Ripley); *His Marriage Mixup* (Black); *I Don't Remember* (Black); *Atlantic Adventure* (Rogell—feature) (as Snapper)
- 1938 *He Loved an Actress* (*Mad about Money*) (Melville Brown—feature) (as Otto); *There Goes My Heart* (McLeod—feature) (as minister); *A Doggone Mixup* (Lamont); *Sue My Lawyer* (White)
- 1939 *Zenobia* (*Elephants Never Forget*) (Gordon Douglas) (as Prof. McCrackle)
- 1940 *Misbehaving Husbands* (Beaudine—feature) (as Henry Butler); *Cold Turkey* (Lord)
- 1941 *All-American Co-ed* (Prinz—feature) (as Hap Holden); *Double Trouble* (West—feature)

- 1942 *House of Errors* (Bernard B. Ray—feature); *What Makes Lizzy Dizzy?* (White); *Tire Man, Spare My Tires* (White); *Carry Harry* (Edwards); *Piano Mooner* (Edwards)
- 1943 *A Blitz on the Fritz* (White); *Blonde and Groom* (Edwards); *Here Comes Mr. Zerk* (White); *Spotlight Scandals* (Beaudine—feature)
- 1944 *Hot Rhythm* (Beaudine—feature) (as Whiffie); *Block Busters* (Fox—feature) (as Higgins); *To Heir Is Human* (Godsoe); *Defective Detectives* (Edwards); *Mopey Dope* (Lord)
- 1945 *Swingin' on a Rainbow* (Beaudine—feature) (as Chester Willoby); *Snooper Service* (Edwards); *Pistol Packin' Nitwits* (Edwards)
- 1960 *When Comedy Was King* (pr: Youngson)

Films as Director:

- 1927 *Three's a Crowd* (+ ro)
- 1928 *The Chaser* (+ ro); *Heart Trouble* (+ ro)
- 1937 *Wise Guys*

Films as Co-Scriptwriter:

- 1938 *Block-Heads* (Blystone)
- 1939 *The Flying Deuces* (A. Edward Sutherland)
- 1940 *A Chump at Oxford* (Alfred Goulding); *Saps at Sea* (Gordon Douglas)
- 1941 *Road Show* (Roach)
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His character had the moon face and the tight smile of an idiot child. Comedian Harry Langdon gave his clown a pathetic loneliness combined with a feline curiosity. With a rare gift for subtle, smooth pantomime, Langdon rose from a mediocre position as a vaudeville comedian to rival and nearly equal the great clowns who had already achieved success in the motion pictures by the mid-1920s.

Under the supervision of Harry Edwards and Frank Capra, Langdon captured the hearts of the critics and the general public with three excellent comedies: *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp*; *The Strong Man*; and *Long Pants*. The critic James Agee in his famous 1949 *Life* essay “Comedy's Greatest Era,” rated the comedian higher than most commentators did. Agee described Langdon as a “virtuoso of hesitation and of delicately indecisive motions” with “a subtle emotional and mental process” similar to Charlie Chaplin's.

The one obvious difference between Langdon's and Chaplin's characters, however, is the mentality of the portraits. Langdon falls into the class of “dumb” clowns—somewhat like Stan Laurel's creative efforts. Most of the humor of the character springs from a childlike man who is lost in a sophisticated world. Unlike Chaplin's character, this little fellow is a simpleton who seldom takes action; he is a sexless baby who concentrates on his bag of popcorn when a prostitute makes eyes at him. Without a will of any consequence, this frail creature evokes laughter and sympathy when he is pitted against physical and mental superiors. This passive attitude is quite different from the comic creations of both Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, whose characters had an aggressiveness which involved them in sharp, strong struggles. They had moments of violent action—kicking

and biting their opposition—generally a bully twice their size. Their works, therefore, were sprinkled with the spice of invective comedy which provided variety and fast-paced conflict. Even Capra, noted for his excellent fast-paced films, realized he had to let Langdon work a scene slowly to use the detailed pantomimed routines which were the comedian's forte.

This whimsy of Langdon's comic portrait did not seem to click when he dismissed Frank Capra, who had directed *The Strong Man* and *Long Pants*. Langdon tried to direct three of his own features in the late 1920s, and the works were neither critical nor popular successes. It is possible that Langdon leaned too heavily on what some evaluators of the day thought was "Chaplinesque pathos" in such features as *Three's a Crowd*, an approach Harry Edwards and Capra had avoided. Langdon never fully recovered from his failure in the late 1920s. Many of his later two-reel shorts show some brilliant refurbishing of his silent screen routines, but he more often appeared providing some comedy in low-budget musical features.

The strength of Langdon's best films lies in his acting. Like Chaplin in his approach to his little tramp, Langdon brought a captivating intensity to his portrayal of the little-boy-lost. Langdon seemed to live the role he was acting. He became a skilled creator of an unusual comic character and deserves to be placed among the kings of silent screen comedy, Chaplin, Lloyd, and Buster Keaton.

—Donald McCaffrey

LANGE, Jessica

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cloquet, Minnesota, 20 April 1949. **Education:** Attended Cloquet High School, Minnesota; University of Minnesota, St. Paul. **Family:** Married the photographer Paco Grande, 1970 (divorced 1982); one daughter with the dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov: Alexandra; two children with the actor/writer Sam Shepard: Hannah Jane and Samuel Walker. **Career:** 1971–73—lived in Paris, where she studied mime with Etienne DeCroux, and danced at the Opera Comique; then worked as a model for the Wilhelmina agency in New York; 1976—film debut in *King Kong*, and given contract with the producer Dino De Laurentiis (broken, 1979); 1980—professional stage debut in *Angel on My Shoulder*; 1982—nominated for Academy Award as both Best Actress (in *Frances*) and Best Supporting Actress (in *Tootsie*) in same year; founder, Far West productions. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, and Best Supporting Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Tootsie*, 1982; Best Actress Academy Award, for *Blue Sky*, 1994; Golden Globe Award, for *A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1995. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1976 *King Kong* (Guillermin) (as Dwan)
- 1979 *All That Jazz* (Fosse) (as Angelique)
- 1980 *How to Beat the High Cost of Living* (Scheerer) (as Louise)
- 1981 *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (Rafelson) (as Cora Papadakis); *The Best Little Girl in the World* (O'Steen—for TV)
- 1982 *Tootsie* (Pollack) (as Julie); *Frances* (Clifford) (as Frances Farmer)

- 1984 *Country* (Pearce) (as Jewel Ivy, + co-pr); *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Hofsiss—for TV) (as Maggie)
- 1985 *Sweet Dreams* (Reisz) (as Patsy Cline)
- 1986 *Crimes of the Heart* (Beresford) (as Meg Magrath)
- 1988 *Everybody's All-American* (*When I Fall in Love*) (Hackford) (as Babs Rogers Grey); *Far North* (Shepard) (as Kate)
- 1989 *Music Box* (Costa-Gavras) (as Ann Talbot)
- 1990 *Men Don't Leave* (Brickman) (as Beth Macauley)
- 1991 *Cape Fear* (Scorsese) (as Leigh Bowden)
- 1992 *Night and the City* (Irwin Winkler) (as Helen Nasseross); *O Pioneers!* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Alexandra Bergson)
- 1994 *Blue Sky* (Richardson—produced in 1990) (as Carly Marshall)
- 1995 *Rob Roy* (Caton-Jones) (as Mary); *Losing Isaiah* (Gyllenhaal) (as Margaret Lewin); *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Blanche Dubois)
- 1997 *A Thousand Acres* (Moorhouse) (as Ginny Cook Smith)
- 1998 *Hush* (Darby) (as Martha Baring); *Cousin Bette* (McAnuff) (as Bette Fisher)
- 1999 *Titus* (Taymor) (as Tamora)

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Jessica Lange exudes a European quality, call it passion perfumed by mystery, that has not dampened her leading lady allure. What the sensual Lange brings to all her roles is an intense conviction that bowls over audiences and sometimes sends her directors screaming

into the night. Locking horns, for example, with Paul Brickman over his own conception, *Men Don't Leave*, she remolds his sunnier personality-driven seriocomic into a melodrama worthy of Stanwyck or Dunne. The light touch necessary for a star-vehicle comedy may forever elude her, but as a dramatic actress she burns through directors' shortcuts and limitations in material to the heart of the matter.

In her dramas, when Lange approaches a man, it is almost a challenge to put up or shut up (Nicholson in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, Powers Boothe in *Blue Sky*, Ed Harris in *Sweet Dreams*); she is just as direct in other circumstances. The only occasions when the resilient Lange crumbles are when her antagonists are dishonest (*Music Box*, *Losing Isaiah*, *Frances*)—a lying heart is an affront to the driven women she plays.

That solar-powered honesty was there from the beginning. Isn't it time to reevaluate that notorious remake of *King Kong*—to stop disparaging it for failing to top the thrills of the original classic and to view it as a lyrical romance between a cover girl and the world's tallest leading man. An incredibly sexy fairy tale, the excoriated *King Kong*, which critics used as a wedge to drive Lange's career into bimbo oblivion, actually contains the first evidence of that pulverizing sincerity audiences now accept. You could tell she really felt sorry

for that big ape, a compassion which she more selectively meted out to future co-stars.

Recovering from a critical drubbing that would have sent lesser souls to a permanent room at the Betty Ford Clinic, Lange slowly proved she was more than just the plaything of a gigantic rubber monkey. Anger over her mistreatment seems to fester in subsequent performances which carry the subtext of I-Told-You-Jerks-I-Could-Act. Shouting out what Lana Turner could only whisper in the remake of *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, a movie whose obviousness was no match for the original's film noir glamour, Lange wipes everyone else off the screen. Although she won a consolation prize Oscar for her supporting work in *Tootsie*, she should have beaten the Queen of Accents, Meryl Streep, to the best actress prize for *Frances*. As Dunaway accomplished with her *Mommie Dearest*, *Frances* is a tribute from one kindred-spirit actress to another, in this case a celebration of a misfit actress who religiously fought the studio system. This tour de force as Frances Farmer is a brave, audience-distancing performance in which Lange remains true to Farmer's neurotic distaste for dissembling; as she journeys into this lost soul's emotional inferno, one feels one is witnessing acting attuned to the dark vision of Ingmar Bergman which has somehow been misplaced in a conventional Hollywood biopic.

Despite a predilection for folksy reverence that makes *Country, Far North*, and *O, Pioneers*, tediously noble, Lange purred tantalizingly in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, soulfully embodied country-and-western legend Patsy Cline in *Sweet Dreams*, and saved *Everybody's All-American* from meretriciousness with another scalding portrayal, this time as a beauty queen whose will of iron lets her rise above being taken for granted. Going mad once more in *Blue Sky*, Lange won a best actress Oscar for this bittersweet fable abandoned by Orion Pictures after bankruptcy proceedings. Then, despite the sensitivity of her portrayals, she seemed stuck in a message movie cul-de-sac with *The Music Box* and *Losing Isaiah*, glorified TV movies masquerading as big screen events.

Still strikingly beautiful, Lange has railed against the downtime awaiting actresses of a certain age. Having recently rebounded with her stunning appearance in *Titus*, a bold interpretation of Shakespeare in Hate, she has survived her share of artistic misfortunes. Only one of these can be laid squarely on her doorstep: her hesitant, unfocused Blanche Dubois, a daunting role, whose essence she came closer to capturing in *Blue Sky*. If she failed to nail that showy trap for actresses, she can hardly be second guessed for a failed commercial detour into the scream queen territory of *Hush*. If the camp excesses of fright flicks eluded her, she was extraordinarily perceptive in the under-appreciated *A Thousand Acres*. Similarly impassioned women's films like *The Deep End of the Ocean* are cavalierly dismissed by the critical establishment as if melodrama were something to be disposed of with tweezers. As a daughter coming to grips with a legacy of incest, Lange captured all the reflections in her character's broken-mirrored agony.

Why should actresses over forty be pigeonholed as a sounding board for bankable male stars as Lange was in the bogus historical epic *Rob Roy*? Should she swallow her two Oscars like bitter pills and subjugate herself to Nick Nolte and Robert DeNiro in indefensible remakes that don't cater to her strengths? What Lange has chosen to do is to remain a working actress rather than an unemployed movie star. She had the misfortune to be spectacularly good in a boorishly directed version of Balzac's *Cousin Bette*. As the petty tyrant of a poor relative, she's icily brilliant and only falls short by failing to persuade us of her character's plainness. Of course, Lange has often

been given short shrift by critics, as far back as her debut in *King Kong*. Defiantly jutting her chin forward, she continues to extend her range with a magnetic turn as the monstrous mother in *Titus*. One hopes, that just as Katharine Hepburn managed to jump start her stalled stardom in the 1950s, Lange may be warming up for the most productive years of her career in the millennium.

—Robert Pardi

LANSBURY, Angela

Nationality: American. **Born:** Angela Brigid Lansbury in London, England, 16 October 1925; granddaughter of the politician George Lansbury; became U.S. citizen, 1951. **Education:** Attended Webber-Douglas School of Singing and Dramatic Art, London; Feagin School of Drama and Radio, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Richard Cromwell, 1945 (divorced 1946); 2) Peter Pullen Shaw, 1949, one son and one daughter. **Career:** 1942—in nightclub act in Montreal; 1943—given seven-year contract with MGM, and made debut in *Gaslight* the following year; 1957—Broadway debut in *Hotel Paradiso*; later stage roles in *A Taste of Honey*, 1960, *Mame*, 1966, *Dear World*, 1969, and *Sweeney Todd*, 1979; from 1984—in TV series *Murder, She Wrote*; also in 1984, in TV mini-series *Lace*, and *The First Olympics: Athens 1896*; 1986—in TV mini-series *Rage of Angels: The Story Continues*. **Awards:** 4 Tony Awards for Best Actress in a Musical. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *Gaslight* (Cukor) (as Nancy Oliver); *National Velvet* (Brown) (as Edwina Brown)
- 1945 *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (Lewin) (as Sibyl Vane)
- 1946 *The Harvey Girls* (Sidney) (as Em); *The Hoodlum Saint* (Taurog) (as Dusty Willard); *Till the Clouds Roll By* (Whorf) (as guest star)
- 1947 *The Private Affairs of Bel Ami* (Lewin) (as Clotilde de Marelle); *If Winter Comes* (Saville) (as Mabel Sabre)
- 1948 *Tenth Avenue Angel* (Rowland) (as Susan Bratten); *State of the Union* (Capra) (as Kay Thorndyke); *The Three Musketeers* (Sidney) (as Queen Anne)
- 1949 *The Red Danube* (Sidney) (as Audrey Quail); *Samson and Delilah* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Semadar)
- 1951 *Kind Lady* (John Sturges) (as Mrs. Edwards)
- 1952 *Mutiny* (Dmytryk) (as Leslie)
- 1953 *Remains to Be Seen* (Weis) (as Valeska Chauvea)
- 1954 *Key Man (A Life at Stake)* (Guilfoyle) (as Doris Hillman)
- 1955 *A Lawless Street* (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Tally Dickinson); *The Purple Mask* (Humberstone) (as Madame Valentine)
- 1956 *The Court Jester* (Panama and Frank) (as Princess Gwendolyn); *Please Murder Me* (Godfrey) (as Myra Leeds)
- 1958 *The Long Hot Summer* (Ritt) (as Minnie Littlejohn); *The Reluctant Debutante* (Minnelli) (as Mabel Claremont)

- 1959 *Season of Passion (Summer of the 17th Doll)* (Norman) (as Pearl)
- 1960 *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs* (Delbert Mann) (as Mavis Pruitt); *A Breath of Scandal* (Curtiz) (as Countess Lina)
- 1961 *Blue Hawaii* (Taurog) (as Sarah Lee Gates)
- 1962 *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as voice of Marguerite Laurier); *All Fall Down* (Frankenheimer) (as Annabel Willart); *The Manchurian Candidate* (Frankenheimer) (as Raymond's mother)
- 1963 *In the Cool of the Day* (Robert Stevens) (as Sibyl Logan)
- 1964 *The World of Henry Orient* (George Roy Hill) (as Isabel Boyd); *Dear Heart* (Delbert Mann) (as Phyllis)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (George Stevens) (as Claudia); *The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders* (Terence Young) (as Lady Blystone); *Harlow* (Douglas) (as Mama Jean Bello)
- 1966 *Mister Buddwing (Woman without a Face)* (Delbert Mann) (as Gloria)
- 1970 *Something for Everyone* (Prince) (as Countess Herthe von Orstein)
- 1971 *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (Stevenson) (as Eglantine Price)
- 1975 *The Story of the First Christmas Snow* (Bass and Rankin—animation for TV) (as voice of Sister Theresa)
- 1978 *Death on the Nile* (Guillermin) (as Mrs. Salome Otterbourne)
- 1979 *The Lady Vanishes* (Page) (as Miss Froy)
- 1980 *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Miss Marple)
- 1982 *The Last Unicorn* (Rankin Jr. and Bass—animation) (as voice of Mommy Fortuna); *Little Gloria . . . Happy at Last* (Hussein—for TV) (as Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney); *Sweeney Todd* (Hughes and Prince) (as Nellie Lovett)
- 1983 *The Pirates of Penzance* (Leach) (as Ruth); *The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story* (Delbert Mann—for TV)
- 1984 *Ingrid* (Feldman—for TV)
- 1985 *The Company of Wolves* (Neil Jordan) (as Granny); *The Murder of Sherlock Holmes* (Corey Allen—for TV)
- 1986 *A Talent for Murder* (Rakoff—for TV)
- 1988 *Shootdown* (Pressman—for TV)
- 1989 *The Shell Seekers* (Hussein—for TV) (as Penelope Keeling)
- 1990 *The Love She Sought* (Sargent—for TV) (as Agatha McGee)
- 1991 *Beauty and the Beast* (Wise and Trousdale—animation) (as voice of Mrs. Potts)
- 1992 *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris* (Shaw—for TV) (title role); *Disney Sing-Along-Songs* (as voice of Mrs. Potts)
- 1996 *Mrs. Santa Claus* (Hughes) (as Mrs. Santa Claus)
- 1997 *Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas* (Knight—for video) (as voice of Mrs. Potts); *Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest* (Shaw—for TV) (as Jessica Fletcher); *Anastasia* (Bluth, Goldman) (as voice of Dowager Empress Marie)
- 1999 *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax* (Anthony Pullen Shaw—for TV) (as Mrs. Emily Pollifax); *Murder She Wrote: A Story to Die For* (Shaw—for TV) (as Jessica Fletcher)

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Although recent years have seen the enormously talented Angela Lansbury become the definitive leading lady of Broadway musicals, she has never enjoyed a similar stardom on the screen despite the many film roles and awards she has to her credit. While she possesses unarguable acting ability and star quality, under the scrutiny of the camera her less than glamorous looks have made leading-lady, star-vehicle roles difficult for her to obtain from the very beginning.

Born in London, Lansbury began dramatic training as a child, continuing in the United States after being evacuated during the German blitz. After signing with MGM, she was nominated for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in her first film, *Gaslight*. Although still in her teens at the time, this role started her on a path of character parts in which she was often younger than the unsympathetic character.

A second Academy Award nomination followed for *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, an adaptation of the Oscar Wilde novel. Lansbury subsequently appeared in a series of fine supporting performances, notably in Capra’s *State of the Union*, Martin Ritt’s *The Long Hot Summer*, and Delbert Mann’s version of *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs*. Perhaps the best example of Lansbury’s ability to play characters much older than herself is her unforgettably chilling portrayal of Laurence Harvey’s devious mother in *The Manchurian Candidate*. In reality, she was only three years Harvey’s senior.

Watching Lansbury the television hostess pop up on awards shows like a latter-day Toastmaster General seems a thorough waste of this versatile actress's time. These great lady stints could also be viewed, however, as a measure of the respectful affection audiences feel for her reassuring Jessica Fletcher, a television detective character with a record number of relatives to clear of murder charges. Since resoundingly garnering the megastardom denied her during her MGM contract period, Lansbury has evidenced a regrettable taste for bland, but high-rated, star vehicles such as *The Shell Seekers* and *Mrs. 'Arris Goes to Paris*. Lansbury acolytes who have experienced her glamorous *Mame*, indefatigable Mama Rose in *Gypsy*, and homicidally enterprising Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*, know that Jessica Fletcher and subsequent television appearances only tap a smidgen of this powerhouse's talent. On-screen, Lansbury remains an unparalleled character star who can look back with pride on her psychologically crippling mother in *All Fall Down*, her divine poseur in *Death on the Nile*, her foolish adulteress in *The World of Henry Orient*, and her stylishly decadent countess in *Something for Everyone*.

After being shortsightedly passed over for the movie of *Mame* in favor of human foghorn Lucille Ball, Lansbury did get to kick up her heels in *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, an affable treat but no *Mary Poppins*. Mothballing her musical comedy ambitions and once again donning old lady drag in *The Mirror Crack'd* and *The Lady Vanishes*, is it any wonder Lansbury embraced the nonfrumpy vistas of *Murder, She Wrote* in which she could play her own age and display the personal warmth not required by most of her celebrated acting outings? After her long-running series is history, Lansbury will continue to delight and astonish her fans, but one hopes her hard-won and long-overdue stardom will not tempt her to orphan her unscrupulous schemers and larger-than-life eccentrics in favor of variations on reliable, gracious, down-to-earth buttinski, J. B. Fletcher.

—Bill Wine, updated by Robert Pardi

LAUGHTON, Charles

Nationality: American. **Born:** Scarborough, Yorkshire, 1 July 1899; became U.S. citizen, 1950. **Education:** Attended Stonyhurst School until 16 years old; studied at Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, 1925–26. **Military Service:** Served in the British Army, 1917–18; gassed in final German advance of war. **Family:** Married the actress Elsa Lanchester, 1929. **Career:** 1916—sent to London to learn hotel business; 1918–25—worked in family hotel, took part in amateur theatricals; 1926—professional acting debut in *The Government Inspector*; 1928—appeared in bit roles in short filmed plays written by H. G. Wells for Elsa Lanchester; 1929—feature film debut in Dupont's *Piccadilly*; 1931—played with Lanchester in *Payment Deferred*, in London and New York; contract with Paramount; 1933–34—acted with Old Vic, London; 1937—taken into partnership, along with John Maxwell, in Erich Pommer's Mayflower Pictures; 1939—moved permanently to United States; mid-1940s—collaborated with Bertolt Brecht on *Galileo* (premiered 1947 in Los Angeles); late 1940s—toured in programs of readings from great literature; as member of The First Drama Quartet (with Agnes Moorehead, Charles Boyer, and Cedric Hardwicke), toured in *Don Juan in Hell*; 1952—co-produced and directed Broadway production

of *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*; 1955—directed the film *The Night of the Hunter*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Academy Award for *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, 1932–33; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Mutiny on the Bounty* and *Ruggles of Red Gap*, 1935. **Died:** Of cancer 15 December 1962.

Films as Actor:

- 1928 *Daydreams* (Montague—short) (as Rajah); *Bluebottles* (Montague—short) (as policeman); *Frankie and Johnnie* (Montague—short)
- 1929 *Piccadilly* (Dupont) (bit role)
- 1930 *Wolves (Wanted Men)* (De Courville)
- 1931 *Down River* (Godfrey)
- 1932 *The Old Dark House* (Whale) (as a Lancashire knight); *The Devil and the Deep* (Gering) (as submarine captain); *Payment Deferred* (Mendes); *The Sign of the Cross* (DeMille) (as Nero); in Lubitsch-directed ep. of *If I Had a Million* (anthology film)
- 1933 *Island of Lost Souls* (Kenton); *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (Korda) (title role); *White Woman* (Walker) (as Horace Prin)
- 1934 *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Franklin) (as Mr. Barrett)
- 1935 *Ruggles of Red Gap* (McCarey) (title role); *Les Misérables* (Boleslawsky) (as Javert); *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Lloyd) (as Captain Bligh)
- 1936 *Rembrandt* (Korda) (title role); *I, Claudius* (von Sternberg—not completed) (title role)
- 1937 *Vessel of Wrath (The Beachcomber)* (Pommer)
- 1939 *St. Martin's Lane (The Sidewalks of London)* (Whelan); *Jamaica Inn* (Hitchcock); *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Dieterle) (as Quasimodo)
- 1940 *They Knew What They Wanted* (Kanin) (as Tony Patucci)
- 1941 *It Started with Eve* (Koster)
- 1942 *The Tuttles of Tahiti* (Charles Vidor); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier); *Stand by for Action* (Leonard)
- 1943 *Forever and a Day* (Clair and others); *This Land Is Mine* (Renoir); *The Man from Down Under* (Leonard)
- 1944 *The Canterville Ghost* (Dassin) (title role); *The Suspect* (Siodmak)
- 1945 *Captain Kidd* (Lee) (title role)
- 1946 *Because of Him* (Wallace)
- 1948 *The Paradine Case* (Hitchcock); *On Our Merry Way (A Miracle Can Happen)* (King Vidor) (as guest); *The Big Clock* (Farrow); *Arch of Triumph* (Milestone); *The Girl from Manhattan* (Green)
- 1949 *The Bribe* (Leonard); *The Man on the Eiffel Tower* (Meredith) (as Inspector Maigret)
- 1951 *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt); *The Strange Door* (Pevney); “The Cop and the Anthem” ep. of *O. Henry's Full House* (Koster); *Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd* (Lamont) (as Captain Kidd)
- 1953 *Salome* (Dieterle) (as King Herod); *Young Bess* (Sidney) (as Henry VIII)
- 1954 *Hobson's Choice* (Lean) (title role)
- 1957 *Witness for the Prosecution* (Wilder)
- 1960 *Sotto dieci bandiere (Under Ten Flags)* (Coletti) (as British Admiral); *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Gracchus)
- 1962 *Advise and Consent* (Preminger) (as Senator Seab Cooley)



Charles Laughton (right) with Clark Gable in *Mutiny on the Bounty*

Film as Director:

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Charles Laughton, one of the most distinguished actors of the century, was successful alike on stage and in film, yet, full of artistic self-doubts throughout his career, he was fraught by worries, largely of his own making, including problems arising from his homosexuality. Like Michel Simon in France, he was haunted by concern about his appearance; both men found themselves repellantly ugly yet both had features which, though homely and far from conventionally handsome, possessed wonderful mobility of expression. In their particular cases, their appearance in fact became a great dramatic asset. Intended by his father, a hotelier in Scarborough, to follow the same occupation, Laughton broke away to train at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art where he became a gold medalist in 1925. Once on the stage, he found his lifelong supporter and fellow-artist in the young character actress Elsa Lanchester, with whom in 1928 he appeared in two notable experimental two-reel film comedies *Bluebottles* and *Day Dreams*. His feature film debut was in a silent production, E. A. Dupont's *Piccadilly*, followed by appearances in other British features. Meanwhile, his stage career took him to America in 1931 as the murderer in the play *Payment Deferred*, which was subsequently filmed.

Laughton's outstanding success in films came, in both Britain and America, in the early 1930s in a long succession of star character parts—parallel to his commanding position in the theater, where he starred notably in Shakespeare at the Old Vic and, much later, at Stratford upon Avon. He played an effete sadistic Nero in DeMille's *The Sign of the Cross* and an amusing bit part in the composite film *If I Had a Million*, developing a genius alike for comedy and drama. His brilliance in Korda's *The Private Life of Henry VIII* won him an Academy Award; he followed this with a veritable gallery of impressive character portraits—as Elizabeth Barrett Browning's father in the Sidney Franklin version of *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, as the dignified English butler in Leo McCarey's *Ruggles of Red Gap*, as Javert in Richard Boleslawski's version of *Les Misérables*, and as Captain Bligh in Frank Lloyd's *Mutiny on the Bounty*. He was the artist in Korda's *Rembrandt*, the beachcomber in Erich Pommer's *Vessel of Wrath (The Beachcomber)*, the street entertainer in Tim Whelan's *St. Martin's Lane (Sidewalks of London)*, and Quasimodo in William Dieterle's version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

By the 1940s, with the Laughtons settled in Hollywood, films became his principal source of income, enabling him to own a handsome home and establish a collection of paintings. His roles alternated between the excellent and the mediocre, the excellent including those in Garson Kanin's *They Knew What They Wanted* (with Carole Lombard) and Henry Koster's *It Started with Eve*, his cowardly ghost in Jules Dassin's *The Canterville Ghost*, the Crippen-like murderer in Robert Siodmak's *The Suspect*, and the magazine tycoon in *The Paradine Case*. He starred in John Farrow's thriller, *The Big Clock* and was Inspector Maigret in the French-American production *The Man on the Eiffel Tower*. Many films of this period, however, were indifferent vehicles for Laughton's great talent, and it was good that in his final years he was given certain characters in which he could shine—as Hobson, the north of England bootmaker in David Lean's version of Stanley Houghton's play *Hobson's Choice*, as the elderly barrister in Billy Wilder's version of Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution*, and finally as the wily, crusty senator in Otto Preminger's *Advise and Consent*. This part he just managed to get through before his death.

Laughton had also in his later career established a new departure, giving dramatic readings, notably from the Bible and from Bernard Shaw's *Man and Superman*. He also directed one film with evident

skill, *The Night of the Hunter*, a sinister thriller of great atmospheric power, containing a fine performance by Robert Mitchum.

—Roger Manvell

LAUREL, Stan, and Oliver HARDY

Laurel. Nationality: British/American. **Born:** Arthur Stanley Jefferson in Ulverston, England, 16 June 1890. **Education:** Attended King James Grammar School, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. **Family:** Married 1) Mae Dahlberg (common-law marriage), 1919–25; 2) Lois Nelson, 1926 (divorced 1935), daughter: Lois Jr.; 3) Ruth Rogers, 1935 (divorced 1936); 4) Illeana Shuvalona, 1938 (divorced 1939); 5) remarried Ruth Rogers, 1941 (divorced 1946); 6) Ida Kitaeva Raphael, 1946. **Career:** 1906—stage debut in Glasgow; joined Levy and Cardwell Pantomime Company as stage manager, then as actor and featured comedian; 1910—joined the Fred Karno Company, worked as Charlie Chaplin's understudy on two U.S. tours, 1910 and 1912; from 1912—stayed in the U.S. and worked in vaudeville, first with Alice and Baldwin Cooke, then as a single act; 1917—film debut in *Nuts in May* (some scholars suggest an earlier appearance); 1917–26—more than 70 films for Universal, Vitagraph, Hal Roach, Pathe, and Metro as writer, performer, and occasionally director. **Awards:** Special Oscar, “for his creative pioneering in the field of cinema comedy,” 1960. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 23 February 1965.



Stan Laurel (left) and Oliver Hardy

Hardy. Nationality: American. **Born:** Norvell Hardy Jr. in Harlem, Georgia, 1892. **Education:** Attended Georgia Military College; Atlanta Conservatory of Music; studied law briefly at the University of Georgia, Atlanta. **Family:** Married 1) Madelyn Saloshin, 1913 (divorced); 2) Myrtle Lee, 1921 (divorced 1937); 3) Virginia Lucille Jones, 1940. **Career:** 1900—debut as singer with the Coburn Minstrel Show, then toured with his own singing act; 1910–13—operated a movie theater in Milledgeville, Georgia; 1913—joined the Lubin film company in Jacksonville, Florida, and made film debut in *Outwitting Dad*, 1914; 1914–26—made films for Vim, Edison, and other companies in New York and Florida (and after 1918 in California). **Died:** In North Hollywood, California, 7 August 1957.

1926—Laurel and Hardy brought together as a team by Hal Roach (though they had both appeared in *A Lucky Dog*, 1917); worked together as team for the next 30 years, making both shorts and features for Hal Roach until 1940, then for other studios; toured Britain with a music hall revue, 1947 and 1954; Laurel stopped acting upon Hardy's death, but continued to write.

Films as Actor: Hardy:

(as Oliver “Babe” Hardy or Babe Hardy in early films)

- 1914 *Outwitting Dad*; *Back to the Farm* (Louis); *Pins Are Lucky*; *The Soubrette and the Simp* (Hotaling?); *The Smuggler's Daughter* (Hevener); *The Female Cop* (Hevener); *Those Love Pangs* (*The Rival Mashers*; *Busted Hearts*) (Chaplin); *The Rise of the Johnsons*
- 1915 *What He Forgot* (Hevener); *Cupid's Target* (Hevener); *Spaghetti and Lottery* (Louis); *Gus and the Anarchists* (Murphy); *Shoddy the Tailor* (Louis); *The Paperhanger's Helper*; *Spaghetti a la Mode*; *Charley's Aunt*; *Artists and Models*; *The Tramps*; *The Prize Baby* (Hevener); *An Expensive Visit* (Louis); *Cleaning Time* (Louis); *Mixed Flats* (Louis); *Safety Worst*; *Twin Sisters* (Hotaling); *Baby* (Myers); *Who Stole the Doggies?*; *A Lucky Strike* (Hotaling); *The New Butler* (Hotaling); *Matilda's Legacy* (Hotaling); *Her Choice* (Price); *Cannibal King*; *What a Cinch* (Louis); *Clothes Make the Man* (Louis); *The Dead Letter* (Louis); *Avenging Bill* (Hotaling); *The Haunted Hat* (Louis); *The Simp and the Sophomores* (Louis); *Babe's School Days* (Louis); *Ethel's Romeos* (Middleton); *The New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford* (Wharton—serial); *Something in Her Eye*; *A Janitor's Joyful Job*; *Fatty's Fatal Fun*; *Ups and Downs* (Stull and Burns); *This Way Out* (Stull and Burns)
- 1916 *Chickens* (Stull and Burns); *Frenzied Finance* (Stull and Burns); *Busted Hearts* (Stull and Burns); *A Sticky Affair* (Stull and Burns); *Bungles' Rainy Day* (Stull and Burns); *The Tryout* (Stull and Burns); *Bungles Enforces the Law* (Stull and Burns); *Bungles' Elopement* (Stull and Burns); *Bungles Lands a Job* (Stull and Burns); *One Too Many*; *The Serenade*; *Nerve and Gasoline*; *Their Vacation*; *Mamma's Boy's*; *A Battle Royal*; *All for a Girl*; *Hired and Fired*; *What's Sauce for the Goose*; *The Brave Ones*; *The Water Cure*; *Thirty Days*; *Baby Doll*; *The Schemers*; *Sea Dogs*; *Hungry Hearts*; *Edison Bugg's Invention* (Hevener); *Never Again*; *Better Halves*; *A Day at School*; *A Terrible Tragedy* (Hevener); *Spaghetti*; *Aunt Bill*; *The Heroes*; *It Happened in Pikersville* (Hevener); *Human Hounds*; *Dreamy Knights*; *Life Savers*; *Their Honeymoon*; *An Aerial Joyride* (Walter or Charles Reed); *Sidetracked*; *Stranded* (Burststein); *Love and Duty*; *Artistic Atmosphere*; *The Reformers*; *Royal Blood*; *The Candy Trail*; *The Precious Parcel* (*The Precious Packet*); *A Maid to Order*; *Twin Flats*; *A Warm Reception*; *Pipe Dreams*; *Mother's Child*; *Prize Winners*; *Ambitious Ethel*; *The Guilty Ones*
- 1917 *He Winked and Won*; *Fat and Fickle*; *The Boycotted Baby*; *Wanted—A Bad Man*; *The Other Girl*; *The Love Bugs*; *Back Stage* (Gillstrom); *The Hero* (Gillstrom); *Dough-Nuts* (Gillstrom); *Cupid's Rival* (Gillstrom); *The Villain* (Gillstrom); *A Millionaire* (Gillstrom); *A Mixup in Hearts* (Gillstrom); *The Goat* (Gillstrom); *The Genius* (Gillstrom); *The Stranger* (Gillstrom); *The Fly Cop* (Gillstrom); *The Modiste* (Gillstrom); *The Star Boarder* (Gillstrom); *The Chief Cook* (Gillstrom); *The Candy Kid* (Gillstrom); *The Station Master* (Gillstrom); *The Hobo* (Gillstrom); *The Pest* (Gillstrom); *The Prospector* (Gillstrom); *The Band Master* (Gillstrom); *The Slave* (Gillstrom)
- 1918 *The Artist* (Gillstrom); *The Barber* (Gillstrom); *King Solomon* (Gillstrom); *His Day Out* (Gillstrom); *The Orderly* (Gillstrom); *The Rogue* (Gillstrom); *The Scholar* (Gillstrom); *The Messenger* (Gillstrom); *The Handy Man* (Parrott); *Bright and Early* (Parrott); *The Straight and Narrow* (Parrott); *Playmates* (Parrott)
- 1919 *Freckled Fish* (Le Brandt); *Hop the Bell-Hop* (Parrott); *Lions and Ladies* (Griffin); *Mules and Mortgages* (Howe); *Tootsie and Tamales* (Noel Smith) (+ co-sc); *Healthy and Happy* (Noel Smith); *Flips and Flops* (Pratt); *Yaps and Yokels* (Noel Smith); *Mates and Models* (Noel Smith); *Squabs and Squabbles* (Noel Smith); *Bungs and Bunglers* (Noel Smith); *Switches and Sweeties* (Noel Smith)
- 1920 *Dames and Dentists* (Noel Smith); *Maid and Muslin* (Noel Smith); *Squeaks and Squawks* (Noel Smith); *Fists and Fodder* (Robbins); *Pals and Pugs* (Robbins); *He Laughs Last* (Robbins); *Springtime* (Robbins); *The Decorator* (Robbins); *His Jonah Day* (Robbins); *The Back Yard* (Robbins)
- 1921 *The Nuisance* (Robbins); *The Blizzard* (Robbins); *The Tourist* (Robbins); *Straight from the Shoulder* (Van Dyke); *The Fall Guy* (Semon); *The Sawmill* (Semon); *The Fly Cop* (Peebles, Semon, and Taurog)
- 1922 *Golf* (Semon); *The Counter Jumper* (Semon); *Fortune's Mask* (Ensminger); *The Little Wildcat* (Divad); *One Stolen Night* (Ensminger)
- 1923 *The Three Ages* (Keaton and Cline); *Rex, King of the Wild Horses* (Jones); *Be Your Age* (McCarey)
- 1924 *The Girl in the Limousine* (Semon); *Her Boy Friend* (Semon); *Kid Speed* (Semon); *The Wizard of Oz* (Semon) (as the tin woodsman); *The Perfect Clown* (Newmeyer)
- 1925 *Is Marriage the Bunk?* (McCarey); *Isn't Life Terrible?* (McCarey); *Enough to Do* (Laurel); *Wandering Papas* (Laurel); *Yes, Yes, Nanette* (Laurel and Hennecke); *Navy Gravy* (Parrott); *Stick Around*; *Hop to It*; *Should Sailors Marry?*
- 1926 *Stop, Look, and Listen* (Semon); *Madame Mystery* (Laurel and Wallace); *Long Live the King* (McCarey); *Thundering Fleas* (McGowan); *Along Came Auntie* (Guiol); *Crazy Like a Fox* (McCarey); *Be Your Age* (McCarey); *Should Men*

- Walk Home?* (McCarey); *The Nickel Hopper* (Jones); *The Gentle Cyclone* (Van Dyke); *A Bankrupt Honeymoon* (Seiler); *A Sea Dog's Tale* (Lord); *Crazy to Act*; *Say It with Babies*
- 1927 *No Man's Law* (Jackman); *Fluttering Hearts* (Parrott); *The Lighter that Failed* (Parrott); *Love 'em and Feed 'em* (Bruckman); *Assistant Wives* (Parrott); *Galloping Ghosts* (Parrott); *Barnum and Ringling Inc.* (McGowan); *Why Girls Say No* (McCarey); *The Honorable Mr. Buggs* (Jackman)
- 1939 *Zenobia (Elephants Never Forget)* (Gordon Douglas) (as Dr. Tibbitt)
- 1949 *The Fighting Kentuckian (A Strange Caravan)* (Waggner) (as Willie Paine)
- 1950 *Riding High* (Capra) (as horse player)

Films as Actor: Laurel:

- 1917 *Nuts in May* (Williamson); *The Evolution of Fashion*
- 1918 *Hickory Hiram* (Frazee); *Phoney Photos* (Frazee); *Whose Zoo* (Hutchinson); *It's Great to Be Crazy*; *Huns and Hyphens* (Semon); *Bears and Bad Men* (Semon); *Frauds and Frenzies* (Semon) (as second prisoner)
- 1919 *No Place Like Jail* (Roach and Terry); *Just Rambling Along* (Roach and Terry); *Do You Love Your Wife?* (Roach and Terry); *Hustling for Health* (Roach and Terry); *Hoot Mon* (Roach and Terry); *Scars and Stripes* (Semon); *Mixed Nuts* (Parrott)
- 1920 *Oranges and Lemons* (Jeske); *The Spilers*
- 1921 *The Rent Collector* (Semon and Taurog)
- 1922 *The Carpenter*; *The Bootlegger*; *The Gardener*; *The Miner*; *The Egg* (Pratt); *Weak-End Party* (Pratt); *When Knights Were Cold* (Rouse); *Mud and Sand* (Pratt); *White Wings* (Jeske); *The Pest*
- 1923 *The Handy Man* (Kerr); *The Noon Whistle* (Jeske); *Under Two Jags* (Jeske); *Pick and Shovel* (Jeske); *Collars and Cuffs* (Jeske); *Kill or Cure* (Pembroke); *Gas and Air* (Jeske); *Wild Bill Hiccup* (Jeske); *Short Orders* (Roach); *A Man about Town* (Jeske); *Roughest Africa* (Cedar); *Frozen Hearts* (Howe); *The Whole Truth*; *Save the Ship* (Roach); *The Soilers* (Cedar); *Scorching Sands* (Roach); *Mother's Joy* (Cedar); *A Dark House*; *Cowboys Cry for It* (Bruckman)
- 1924 *Smithy* (Jeske); *Postage Due* (Jeske); *Zeb vs. Paprika* (Cedar); *Brothers under the Chin* (Cedar); *Near Dublin* (Cedar); *Rupert of Cole-Slaw (Rupert of Hee-Haw)* (Pembroke); *Wide Open Spaces* (Jeske); *Short Kilts* (Jeske); *Mandarin Mix-Up* (Rock and Pembroke); *Detained* (Rock and Pembroke); *Monsieur Don't-Care* (Rock and Pembroke); *West of Hot Dog* (Rock and Pembroke)
- 1925 *Somewhere in Wrong* (Rock and Pembroke); *Twins* (Rock and Pembroke); *Pie-Eyed* (Rock and Pembroke); *The Snow Hawk* (Rock and Pembroke); *Navy Blue Days* (Rock and Pembroke); *The Sleuth* (Semon and Taurog); *Dr. Pickle and Mr. Pryde* (Rock and Pembroke); *Half a Man* (Rock and Pembroke)
- 1926 *Atta Boy* (Goulding); *Now I'll Tell One* (Parrott); *Should Tall Men Marry?* (Bruckman); *Eve's Love Letters* (McCarey); *Get 'em Young* (Guiol); *On the Front Page*
- 1927 *Seeing the World* (McGowan)

Films Directed by Laurel:

- 1925 *Yes, Yes, Nanette* (co-d with Hennecke); *Unfriendly Enemies* (co-d with Finlayson); *Moonlight and Noses*; *Wandering Papas*; *Enough to Do*
- 1926 *On the Front Page* (+ ro); *Madame Mystery* (co-d with Wallace); *Never Too Old* (co-d with Wallace); *The Merry Widower*; *Wise Guys Prefer Brunettes*; *Raggedy Rose* (co-d with Wallace)

Film Co-Produced by Laurel:

- 1939 *Knight of the Plains* (Newfield)

Films as Actors: Laurel and Hardy:

(shorts)

- 1917 *A Lucky Dog* (Robbins)
- 1926 *45 Minutes from Hollywood* (Guiol)
- 1927 *Duck Soup* (Guiol); *Slipping Wives* (Guiol) (Laurel as handyman; Hardy as butler); *Love 'em and Weep* (Guiol) (Laurel as business associate; Hardy as party guest); *Why Girls Love Sailors* (Guiol) (Laurel as Willie Smelt; Hardy as Second Mate); *The Second Hundred Years* (Guiol) (as convicts); *Call of the Cuckoos* (Bruckman) (as asylum inmates); *Sailors Beware!* (Yates) (Laurel as cab driver; Hardy as purser); *With Love and Hisses* (Guiol) (as recruits); *Sugar Daddies* (Guiol) (Laurel as lawyer; Hardy as butler); *Hats Off* (Yates); *Do Detectives Think?* (Guiol) (as detectives); *Putting Pants on Philip* (Bruckman) (Laurel as Philip; Hardy as J. Piedmont Mumblethunder); *The Battle of the Century* (Bruckman) (Laurel as prize fighter; Hardy as manager); *Should Tall Men Marry?* (Bruckman)
- 1928 *Leave 'em Laughing* (Bruckman); *Flying Elephants* (Butler); *The Finishing Touch* (Bruckman); *From Soup to Nuts* (Kennedy); *You're Darn Tootin' (The Music Blasters)* (Kennedy); *Their Purple Moment* (Parrott); *Should Married Men Go Home?* (Parrott); *Two Tars* (Parrott); *Habeus Corpus* (Parrott); *We Faw Down (We Slip Up)* (McCarey); *Early to Bed* (Flynn)
- 1929 *Liberty (Criminals at Large)* (McCarey); *Wrong Again* (McCarey); *That's My Wife* (French); *Big Business* (Horne); *Unaccustomed as We Are* (Foster); *Double Whoopee* (Foster); *Berth Marks* (Foster); *Men of War* (Foster); *Perfect Day* (Parrott); *They Go Boom* (Parrott); *Bacon Grabbers* (Foster) (as process servers); *The Hoose-Gow* (Parrott); *Angora Love* (Foster)
- 1930 *Night Owls* (Parrott); *Blotto* (Parrott); *Brats* (Parrott) (Laurel as Stanley/Stanley's son; Hardy as Oliver/Oliver's son); *Below Zero* (Parrott); *Hog Wild (Aerial Antics)*; *Hay Wire* (Parrott); *The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case* (Parrott); *Another Fine Mess* (Parrott);
- 1931 *Be Big* (Parrott); *Chickens Come Home* (Horne); *The Stolen Jools (The Slippery Pearls)* (McGann) (Laurel as policeman; Hardy as police driver); *Laughing Gravy* (Horne); *Our Wife* (Horne); *Come Clean* (Horne); *One Good Turn*

- (Horne); *Beau Hunks* (*Beau Chumps*) (Horne); *On the Loose* (Roach)
- 1932 *Helpmates* (Parrott); *Any Old Port* (Parrott); *The Music Box* (Parrott); *The Chimp* (Parrott); *County Hospital* (Parrott); *Scram!* (McCarey); *Their First Mistake* (George Marshall); *Towed in a Hole* (George Marshall); *Wild Poses* (McGowan)
- 1933 *Twice Two* (Parrott) (Laurel as Stanley/Mrs. Hardy, + sc; Hardy as Oliver/Mrs. Laurel); *Me and My Pal* (Rogers and French) (+ sc by Laurel); *The Midnight Patrol* (French); *Busy Bodies* (French) (+ sc by Laurel); *Dirty Work* (French)
- 1934 *Oliver the Eighth* (*The Private Life of Oliver the Eighth*) (French); *Going Bye-Bye!* (Rogers); *Them Thar Hills!* (Rogers) (+ co-sc by Laurel); *The Live Ghost* (Rogers)
- 1935 *Tit for Tat* (Rogers) (+ sc by Laurel); *The Fixer-Uppers* (Rogers); *Thicker than Water* (Horne) (+ story by Laurel)
- 1936 *On the Wrong Trek* (Parrott and Law) (as hitchhikers)
- 1943 *The Tree in a Test Tube* (doc)

(features)

- 1929 *Hollywood Revue of 1929* (Riesner)
- 1930 *The Rogue Song* (Lionel Barrymore and Roach) (Laurel as Ali-Bek; Hardy as Murza-Bek)
- 1931 *Pardon Us* (*Jailbirds*; *Gaol Birds*) (Parrott)
- 1932 *Pack Up Your Troubles* (George Marshall and McCarey)
- 1933 *Fra Diavolo* (*The Devil's Brother*; *The Virtuous Tramps*) (Roach and Rogers) (Laurel as Stanlio; Hardy as Olio); *Sons of the Desert* (*Sons of the Legion*; *Fraternally Yours*) (Seiter)
- 1934 *Hollywood Party* (Boleslawski and Dwan); *Babes in Toyland* (*March of the Wooden Soldiers*; *Laurel and Hardy in Toyland*; *Revenge Is Sweet*; *Wooden Soldiers*) (Meins and Rogers) (Laurel as Stanley Dum; Hardy as Oliver Dee)
- 1935 *Bonnie Scotland* (Horne) (Laurel as Stanley McLaurel, + co-sc; Hardy as Ollie)
- 1936 *The Bohemian Girl* (Horne and Rogers); *Our Relations* (Lachman) (Laurel as himself/Alfie Laurel, + pr; Hardy as himself/Bert Hardy)
- 1937 *Way Out West* (Horne) (+ pr by Laurel); *Pick a Star* (Sedgwick)
- 1938 *Swiss Miss* (Blystone); *Block-Heads* (Blystone)
- 1939 *The Flying Deuces* (A. Edward Sutherland)
- 1940 *A Chump at Oxford* (Alfred Goulding); *Saps at Sea* (Gordon Douglas)
- 1941 *Great Guns* (Banks)
- 1942 *A-Haunting We Will Go* (Werker)
- 1943 *Air Raid Wardens* (Sedgwick); *Jitterbugs* (St. Clair); *The Dancing Masters* (St. Clair)
- 1944 *The Big Noise* (St. Clair)
- 1945 *Nothing but Trouble* (Sam Taylor); *The Bullfighters* (St. Clair)
- 1951 *Atoll K* (*Robinson Crusoe Land*; *Utopia*; *Escapade*) (Joannon)

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- 1957 *The Golden Age of Comedy* (pr: Youngson and Sennett)
- 1960 *When Comedy Was King* (pr: Youngson)
- 1963 *Days of Thrills and Laughter* (pr: Youngson); *30 Years of Fun* (pr: Youngson)
- 1965 *Laurel and Hardy's Laughing Twenties* (pr: Youngson)
- 1966 *The Crazy World of Laurel and Hardy* (Garry Moore)

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Of all the truly great screen clowns of the silent and early sound periods, Laurel and Hardy took longest to gain serious critical recognition, perhaps because, unlike Chaplin and Keaton, they were never their own directors. Nevertheless, Charles Barr's book—one of the most delicate and sensitive works of film criticism so far published, to which this present note is, inevitably, heavily indebted—amply makes amends.

It was their peculiar distinction to be the great comic poets of the mainstream bourgeoisie. Chaplin was always "the tramp;" Lloyd was too genteel to be representative. Fields's character deliberately withdrew into alcoholism and misanthropy; Keaton was by nature—if quite unconsciously and reluctantly—alienated from *everything*. But Stan and Ollie, even when they played convicts or down-and-outs, were incorrigibly addicted to the bourgeois norm. Not that they represented conformity to those norms—not in the least. On the contrary, they dramatize the contradictions of bourgeois life carried to their most extreme. Everything they do is based on contradiction. Totally committed to each other, they are also totally and continuously at odds. Similarly, their apparent total commitment to the norms, mores, manners, conventions, and rituals of bourgeois culture is accompanied by an equally absolute resistance to them. Even when they are not knowingly transgressing (because they can never resist temptation), they are expressing their discontent, their instinctive refusal to be safely contained, by an extraordinary and virtually continuous barrage of accidents, destruction, misunderstandings, and Freudian slips. In this they surely speak, more eloquently than any other comedians, most hilariously and touchingly, for the great mass of human individuals trapped within bourgeois norms (because, like Stan and Ollie, they do not know there are or could be any other), continually trying to adjust, continually, in their behavior, betraying their frustrations and resentment. Laurel and Hardy represent the bourgeois condition simply taken to its logical absurdity.

The main body of their great work lies clearly in the shorts, and it can hardly be accidental that their work during their finest, most consistently brilliant period was under the supervision of Leo McCarey. It is not clear how much McCarey actually contributed, but what *is* clear, is the perfect compatibility: the same contradictions, the same tensions between conformity and anarchy, structure many of McCarey's finest feature films (*Make Way for Tomorrow*, *The Bells of St. Mary's*, *Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!*).

There are extraordinary shorts in which they play tramps, servants, and convicts, in which much of the humor derives from the contradiction between their situation and their inveterate commitment to bourgeois gentility; but perhaps the most fully characteristic are those in which they act out the contradictions directly, in representations of bourgeois marriage, courtship, family, or (as in *Big Business*) capitalist competition. There are "doubling" films: *Brats*, in which they play themselves and their own children, a film about the horrors of "socialization;" and *Twice Two*, in which they play themselves and each other's wives, a film about the horrors of bourgeois marriage. Or there are those in which they try to circumvent the constraint of domesticity: *Helpmates* and, arguably their finest feature-length film, *Sons of the Desert*. As Charles Barr argues, the essence of their subversiveness lies in their connotations of the childish or childlike: they are children arrested somewhere in the middle of the process of socialization, still committed to the pleasure principle but extremely uneasy about it, vaguely grasping the reality principle but instinctively resistant to its domination, more polymorphously perverse than homosexual (for all their scenes in bed

together), preferring each other's company to anyone else's (including, and especially, their wives') because, although continually at loggerheads, they know they are two of a kind (however different in physique and temperament), in their reluctant, unwitting, but absolute incorrigible refusal to be definitively integrated within the culture they also represent.

—Robin Wood

LÉAUD, Jean-Pierre

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, 5 May 1944; son of the scriptwriter Pierre Léaud and the actress Jacqueline Pierreux. **Career:** Child actor: film debut in *Les Quatre Cents Coups* by Truffaut, 1959; subsequently made several other films with Truffaut, and worked as assistant to Truffaut and Godard; 1967—stage debut at Avignon Festival; 1986—received suspended prison sentence for assaulting 80-year old neighbor with flowerpot. **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Masculin-féminin*, 1966.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *Les Quatre Cents Coups* (*The 400 Blows*) (Truffaut) (as Antoine Doinel); *Le Testament d'Orphée* (*The Testament of Orpheus*) (Cocteau) (as schoolboy)
- 1962 "France" ep. of *L'Amour à vingt ans* (*Love at Twenty*) (Truffaut) (as Antoine Doinel)
- 1965 *Pierrot le Fou* (*Peter the Crazy*) (Godard) (as young man in cinema); *Mata-Hari Agent H.21* (Richard)
- 1966 *Masculin-féminin* (*Masculine-Feminine*) (Godard) (as Paul); *Le Départ* (Skolimowski) (as Marc); *Made in U.S.A.* (Godard) (as Donald Siegel)
- 1967 *La Chinoise* (Godard) (as Guillaume Meister); "Anticipation" ep. of *Les Plus Vieux Métier du monde* (*The Oldest Profession*) (Godard) (as bellboy); "Le Pere Noël a les yeux bleus" ("Santa Claus Has Blue Eyes") ep. of *Les Mauvaises Fréquentations* (*Bad Company*) (Eustache) (as Daniel); *Le Week-end* (Godard) (as Saint-Just/man in phone booth)
- 1968 *Le Gai Savoir* (*The Joy of Learning*) (Godard—for TV) (as Emile Rousseau); *Baisers volés* (*Stolen Kisses*) (Truffaut) (as Antoine Doinel); *Dialog* (*Dialogue*) (Skolimowski)
- 1969 *Porcile* (*Pigsty*; *Pigpen*) (Pasolini); *Los herederos* (*The Heirs*) (Diegues)
- 1970 *Der leone have sept cabecas* (*The Lion Has Seven Heads*) (Rocha); *Domicile conjugal* (*Bed and Board*) (Truffaut) (as Antoine Doinel)
- 1971 *Les Deux Anglaises et le continent* (*Two English Girls*; *Anne and Muriel*) (Truffaut) (as Claude Roc)
- 1972 *Last Tango in Paris* (*Ultimo tango a Parigi*) (Bertolucci) (as Tom)
- 1973 *Une Aventure de Billy le Kid* (Moulet); *Le Maman et la putain* (*The Mother and the Whore*) (Eustache) (as Alexandre); *La Nuit américaine* (*Day for Night*) (Truffaut) (as Alphonse); *Spectre* (*Out One—Out Two*) (Rivette)
- 1976 *Les Lolos de Lola* (Dubois); *Umarmungen und andere Sachen* (Richter)
- 1979 *L'Amour en fuite* (*Love on the Run*) (Truffaut) (as Antoine Doinel)
- 1982 *Pour Bonnie* (Muret)
- 1983 *Rebelote* (Richard)
- 1984 *Rue Fontaine* (Garrel); *Paris vu par . . . 20 ans après* (Akerman)
- 1985 *Détective* (Godard) (as Inspector Neveu); *L'Education sentimentale* (Cravenne); *Csak egy mozi* (Sandor) (as Peter); *Herbe rouge* (Kast—for TV)
- 1986 *Corps et biens* (Jacquot) (as Marcel); *Grandeur et Decadence d'un petit commerce du cinéma* (Godard—for TV)
- 1987 *Boran—Zeit zum zielen* (Zuta); *Keufs* (Balasko); *Osseg Oder die Wahrheit uber Hansel und Gretel* (Klahn) (as Georg Osseg)
- 1988 *Jane B. par Agnès V.* (A. V. sur J. B.) (Varda); *36 Fillette* (Breillat) (as Boris Golovine)
- 1989 *Bunker Palace Hotel* (Bilal) (as Solal); *Femme de papier* (Schiffman) (as Marc)
- 1990 *I Hired a Contract Killer* (Aki Kaurismaki) (as Henri Boulanger)
- 1991 *Treasure Island* (as Midas/narrator); *Paris s'éveille* (*Paris Awakens*; *Paris at Dawn*) (as Clement); *J'Embrasse Pas* (Téchiné); *C'est la vie* (Cohn-Bendit and Steinbach)
- 1992 *Missä on Musette?* (*Where Is Musette?*) (Nieminen and Vesteri) (as himself)
- 1993 *La Vie de Bohème* (*Bohemian Life*) (Aki Kaurismaki) (as Blancheron); *La Naissance de l'amour* (*The Birth of Love*) (Garrel) (as Marcus); *De force avec d'autres* (Simon Reggiani)
- 1994 *Personne ne m'aime* (*Nobody Loves Me*) (Vernoux) (as Lucien)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une Nuits* (*A Hundred and One Nights*) (Varda) (as Furtive and Friendly Appearance)
- 1996 *Mon homme* (Blier) (as Claude); *Irma Vep* (Assayas); *Mon homme* (*My Man*) (Blier) (as M. Claude); *Le Journal du séducteur* (*Diary of a Seducer*) (Dubroux) (as Hugo)
- 1997 *Pour rire!* (Belvaux) (as Nicolas/Pierre)
- 1998 *Innocent* (Natsis); *Elizabeth* (Kapur)

Films as Assistant Director:

- 1964 *La Peau douce* (*The Soft Skin*) (Truffaut); *Une Femme mariée* (*The Married Woman*) (Godard)
- 1965 *Alphaville* (*Une étrange aventure de Lemmy Caution*; *Alphaville: A Strange Adventure of Lemmy Caution*; *Tarzan versus I.B.M.*) (Godard)

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Jean-Pierre Léaud is best known for his work with the director François Truffaut, who chose him, at the age of 14, to portray the young Antoine Doinel in *Les quatre cents coups*. Léaud went on to play Doinel in four more films over the next 20 years, creating an unprecedented cinematic portrait of a character's development from adolescence to adulthood. Léaud has also worked extensively with Jean-Luc Godard, appearing in several of the director's most acclaimed films. His association with both filmmakers made Léaud one of the key actors of the influential French New Wave, as well as a familiar figure in international cinema.

Léaud's long collaboration with Truffaut has had an immeasurable impact on his career, and it is as Antoine Doinel that the actor has given his most memorable performances. The character of Antoine

represents Truffaut's public—and highly personal—examination of his own life, and Léaud has become, in effect, the director's alter ego. In *Les quatre cents coups* Truffaut presents a scathing record of his own unhappy childhood, and Léaud captures perfectly the humor and pain of misunderstood adolescence. This is childhood's dark side, and Truffaut's famous freeze-frame of the runaway Léaud's haunting young face at the film's conclusion is one of the classic images of modern cinema. The later films adopt a much lighter tone as Antoine encounters love, marriage, fatherhood, and, finally, divorce, and Léaud's performances provide an engaging combination of humor, intensity, and hopeless romanticism. In *Baisers volés* and *Domicile conjugal* Antoine pursues and weds the bemused Claude Jade, yet there is an underlying strain of self-absorption in the character that will eventually end the relationship in *L'Amour en fuite*. Léaud manages to retain Antoine's boyish appeal even as he reveals himself to be ill-equipped to deal with the responsibilities of adult life.

The qualities Léaud displays in the Doinel films are also present in much of his other work. In Truffaut's Academy Award-winning *La nuit américaine*, the young love-struck actor who asks "Are women magic?" might easily be Antoine, while the hero of *Les deux Anglaises et le continent* shares Doinel's single-minded romantic obsessions. Léaud is an actor of decidedly limited range, and he is

most effective within the framework of a particular character type. It is impossible to think of him in the wide spectrum of roles open to a De Niro or a Depardieu; he is, rather, a performer capable of bringing to life specific qualities in the characters he plays. The casting of Léaud as Doinel was a fortuitous one, both for Truffaut, who found in the actor the ideal personification of his autobiographical creation, and for Léaud, who was presented with a part tailor-made for his talents.

Léaud's work for other directors, among them Godard, Bertolucci, and Pasolini, also relies on his familiar mannerisms and style. There is something inherently (and intentionally) amusing in Léaud's intensity, and he brings a wry edge of humor to such socio-political commentaries as Godard's *Masculin-Féminin*, *La Chinoise*, and *Le Week-end*. In Bertolucci's *Last Tango in Paris* he appears as Maria Schneider's boyfriend, performing a clever send-up of a self-important young filmmaker as he follows her endlessly with his camera. All of these roles bear the characteristic stamp of Léaud's passionate, ingenuous personality.

—Janet E. Lorenz

LEE, Bruce

Nationality: American. **Born:** Lee Yuen Kam in San Francisco, California, 27 November 1940, of Chinese parents. **Education:** Attended the University of Washington, Seattle. **Family:** Married Linda (Lee), son the actor Brandon Lee (deceased). **Career:** Lived in Hong Kong as a child, and made a number of films as a child actor; appeared as Kato in the *Green Hornet* TV series, 1966–67, and also in *Batman*, *Ironside*, *Blondie*, and *Longstreet* series, usually as a karate practitioner or teacher; from 1971, associated with series of kung-fu films made in Hong Kong; he directed one himself (released posthumously). **Died:** In Hong Kong, 20 July 1973.

Films as Actor:

(as Lee Siu Lung)

- 1946 *The Birth of Mankind*
- 1948 *My Son A-Chen*
- 1949 *Kid Cheung*
- 1951 *Infancy*
- 1953 *A Mother's Tears; Blame It on Father; Countless Families (A Myriad Homes)*
- 1954 *In the Face of Demolition*
- 1955 *An Orphan's Tragedy; We Owe It to Our Children; Orphan's Song*
- 1956 *Those Wise Guys Who Fool Around; Too Late for Divorce*
- 1957 *Thunderstorm*
- 1958 *The Orphan (The Orphan Ah-Sam)*
- 1961 *A Goose Alone in the World*

(as Bruce Lee)

- 1969 *Marlowe (Bogart) (as Winslow Wong)*
- 1971 *Fists of Fury (The Big Boss) (Lo Wei) (as Chen)*
- 1972 *The Chinese Connection (Fist of Fury) (Lo Wei) (as Chen Chen)*



Bruce Lee

- 1973 *Enter the Dragon (The Deadly Three) (Clouse) (as Lee); The Unicorn Fist*
- 1974 *Kato and the Green Hornet* (compilation of three *Green Hornet* episodes) (as Kato)
- 1979 *Game of Death (Bruce Lee's Game of Death) (Clouse) (as Billy Lo)*
- 1990 *The Best of the Martial Arts Films* (Weintraub—compilation)

Film as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

- 1973 *Return of the Dragon (The Way of the Dragon) (as Tang Lung)*

Other Films:

- 1969 *The Wrecking Crew* (Karlson) (karate adviser)
- 1979 *Circle of Iron (The Silent Flute)* (co-story)

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Bruce Lee was a phenomenon—a martial artist who, as an actor, became the hero and teacher of millions. As a child, Lee appeared in at least 20 Hong Kong film productions. Pursuing a career there and in the United States as a martial artist, Lee became well known and frequently taught actors, developing his own style of martial arts known as Jeet Kune Do. Due to his reputation, he was offered the role of Kato in the television series *The Green Hornet*.

After a few small parts in American films, Lee's breakthrough came when he returned to Hong Kong with his family in 1970. Due to the popularity of *The Green Hornet*, Lee found himself greeted by Hong Kong citizens as a local hero. Raymond Chow, the founder of Golden Harvest Productions, saw in Lee the great potential of a superstar and signed him for a two-film contract. With the immense box-office success of both *Fists of Fury* and *The Chinese Connection*, Lee went on to make his first English-language production, *Enter the Dragon*. Three months after the completion of the film and one month before its premiere, Lee's sudden death at the moment of his emerging international stardom shocked and saddened the world.

Another explanation for Lee's status as a cult figure may have something to do with his screen image. Because he was physically a small man, with the persona of a shy incompetent or a bumbling boy-next-door, it was hard to imagine that he could destroy any number of armed opponents singlehandedly. To many, Lee was the avenger of the underprivileged and oppressed, the “little man” rising up to battle the corruption surrounding him. He was a member of an oppressed minority who reflected the frustrations of minorities everywhere; he was the underdog who came out on top.

The 1990s have seen not only Jet Li's remake of *Fists of Fury* but also Jackie Chan's breakthrough in the United States with *Rumble in the Bronx*; like Lee, in the late 1970s Chan was discovered by Raymond Chow, who groomed him as a new Bruce Lee. People still remember Lee. A new generation of kung-fu movie stars, though employing different styles and incorporating more modern techniques, still have to prove that they can match up with—in terms of physical agility and fighting ability—the legendary Bruce Lee.

—Maryann Oshana, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

LEE, Christopher

Nationality: British. **Born:** Christopher Frank Carandini Lee in London, 27 May 1922. **Education:** Attended Summerfield Preparatory School; Wellington College. **Military Service:** Served in the Royal Air Force and in British Intelligence during World War II; mentioned in dispatches, 1944; **Family:** Married Birgit Kroencke, 1961, daughter: Christina. **Career:** 1947–51—contract with J. Arthur Rank: film debut in *Corridor of Mirrors*, 1948; early 1950s—appeared regularly in the TV series *Douglas Fairbanks Presents*; 1957—first horror film role, that of the Creature in *The Curse of Frankenstein*; many later horror films, often for Hammer Productions; 1972—founder, Charlemagne Productions, Ltd.; 1991—in TV mini-series *Sherlock Holmes and the Incident at Victoria Falls*. **Awards:** Officier, Ordre des Arts et Lettres, France, 1973. **Agent:** c/o James Sharkey and Associates Ltd., 21 Golden Square, London W1R 3PA, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Corridor of Mirrors* (Terence Young) (as Charles); *Scott of the Antarctic* (Frend) (as Bernard Day); *Hamlet* (Olivier); *One Night with You* (Terence Young); *Penny and the Pownall Case* (Hand) (as Jonathan Blair); *A Song for Tomorrow* (Fisher) (as Auguste); *Saraband for Dead Lovers* (Saraband) (Dearden); *My Brother's Keeper* (Roome)
- 1949 *Trottie True* (The Gay Lady) (Hurst)
- 1950 *Prelude to Fame* (McDonnell) (as newsman); *They Were Not Divided* (Terence Young) (as Lewis)
- 1951 *Captain Horatio Hornblower* (Walsh) (as Spanish Captain); *Valley of the Eagles* (Terence Young) (as detective)
- 1952 *Paul Temple Returns* (Rogers) (as Sir Felix Reybourne); *The Crimson Pirate* (Siodmak); *Top Secret* (Zampi)
- 1953 *Innocents in Paris* (Parry); *Babes in Baghdad* (Ulmer); *Moulin Rouge* (Huston)
- 1955 *That Lady* (Terence Young) (as Captain); *Man in Demand* (McDonald); *Crossroads* (Fitchen—short) (as the ghost); *The Dark Avengers* (The Warriors) (Levin) (as Captain of the Guard); *Storm over the Nile* (None but the Brave) (Korda and Young) (as Karaga Pasha); *The Cockleshell Heroes* (Ferrer); *Private's Progress* (Boulting) (as German officer)
- 1956 *Port Afrique* (Maté) (as Franz Vermes); *Beyond Mombasa* (George Marshall) (as Gil Rossi); *The Battle of the River Plate* (Pursuit of the Graf Spee) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Manola); *Moby Dick* (Huston); *Alias John Preston* (MacDonald) (title role)
- 1957 *The Curse of Frankenstein* (Fisher) (as the Creature); *The Traitors* (The Accursed) (McCarthy); *Fortune Is a Woman* (She Played with Fire) (Gilliatt) (as Charles Highbury); *Bitter Victory* (Ray) (as Sgt. Barney); *Ill Met by Moonlight* (Night Ambush) (Powell and Pressburger)
- 1958 *A Tale of Two Cities* (Thomas) (as Marquis de St. Evremonde); *The Battle of the V I* (Unseen Heroes) (Sewell) (as Brunner); *The Truth about Women* (Box) (as François); *Dracula* (Horror of Dracula) (Fisher) (title role); *Corridors of Blood* (Day) (as Resurrection Joe)
- 1959 *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Fisher) (as Sir Henry Baskerville); *The Man Who Could Cheat Death* (Fisher) (as Dr. Pierre Gerard); *Tempi duri per vampiri* (Uncle Was a Vampire; Hard Times for Vampires) (Steno); *The Mummy* (Fisher) (as Kharis); *Treasure of San Teresa* (Hot Money Girls) (Rakoff) (as Jaeger)
- 1960 *The City of the Dead* (Horror Motel) (Moxey) (as Professor Driscoll); *Too Hot to Handle* (Terence Young) (as Novak); *Beat Girl* (Wild for Kicks) (Greville) (as Kenny); *The Two Faces of Doctor Jekyll* (House of Fright) (Fisher) (as Paul Allen); *The Hands of Orlac* (Les Mains d'Orlac) (Gréville) (as Nero)
- 1961 *Taste of Fear* (Scream of Fear) (Holt) (as Dr. Gerrard); *The Terror of the Tongs* (Bushell) (as Chung King); *The Devil's Agent* (Carstairs) (as Baron von Staub); *Das Rätsel der roten Orchidee* (The Puzzle of the Red Orchid) (Ashley); *Erocle al centro della terra* (Hercules at the Center of the Earth; Haunted World) (Bava) (as Lichas)
- 1962 *Devil's Daffodil* (Das Geheimnis der gelben Narzissen) (Rathony) (as Ling Chu); *The Pirates of Blood River* (Gilling) (as La Roche); *Sherlock Holmes und das Halsband des Todes* (Sherlock Holmes and the Deadly Necklace) (Fisher and Witherstein) (title role)
- 1963 *La cripta de l'incubo* (Terror in the Crypt) (Mastrocinque) (as Count Karnstein); *La frusta e il corpo* (Night Is the Phantom, What!) (Bava) (as Kurt Menliff)
- 1964 *The Devil-Ship Pirates* (Sharp) (as Captain Robeles); *La vergine de Norimberga* (Horror Castle; Castle of Terror) (Dawson) (as Erich); *The Gorgon* (Fisher) (as Professor Carl Meister); *Dr. Terror's House of Horrors* (Francis) (as Franklyn Marsh); *Il castello dei morti viva* (Castle of the Living Dead) (Ricci and Wise) (as Count Drago)
- 1965 *She* (Day) (as Billali); *The Face of Fu Manchu* (Sharp) (title role); *The Skull* (Francis) (as Sir Matthew Phillips)
- 1966 *Dracula—Prince of Darkness* (Fisher) (title role); *Rasputin the Mad Monk* (Sharp) (title role); *The Brides of Fu Manchu* (Sharp) (title role)
- 1967 *Circus of Fear* (Psycho-Circus) (Moxey) (as Gregor); *Theatre of Death* (Blood Fiend) (Gallu) (as Phillipe Darvas); *Five Golden Dragons* (Summers) (as Dragon); *The Vengeance of Fu Manchu* (Summers) (title role); *Die Schlangengrube und das Pendel* (The Blood Demon) (Reinl) (as Count Regula); *Victims of Terror* (Victims of Vesuvius) (Bain—short); *Night of the Big Heat* (Island of the Burning Damned) (Fisher) (as Hanson)
- 1968 *The Devil Rides Out* (The Devil's Bride) (Fisher) (as Duc de Richleau); *The Face of Eve* (Eve) (Summers) (as Colonel Stuart); *Curse of the Crimson Altar* (The Crimson Cult) (Sewell) (as J. D. Morley); *The Blood of Fu Manchu* (Kiss and Kill) (Franco) (title role); *Dracula Has Risen from the Grave* (Francis) (title role)
- 1969 *The Oblong Box* (Hessler) (as Dr. Neuhartt); *The Magic Christian* (McGrath) (as Dracula); *Vampir* (Portobella)
- 1970 *Scream and Scream Again* (Hessler) (as Fremont); *The Castle of Fu Manchu* (Franco) (title role); *Julius Caesar* (Burge) (as Artemidorus); *Taste the Blood of Dracula* (Sasdy) (title role); *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes* (Wilder) (as Mycroft Holmes); *The Scars of Dracula* (Baker) (title role); *The House That Dripped Blood* (Duffell) (as John Reid); *I*,



Christopher Lee with Barbara Shelley in *Dracula, Prince of Darkness*

- Monster* (Weeks) (as Marlowe); *Eugenie—The Story of Her Journey into Perversion (Philosophy of the Boudoir)* (Franco) (as Dolmance); *El proceso de las brujas (Throne of Fire; The Bloody Judge; Night of the Blood Monster)* (Franco) (as Lord Chief Justice); *El umbracle* (Portobella); *One More Time* (Lewis) (bit role)
- 1971 *Hannie Caulder* (Kennedy) (as Bailey); *El Conde Dracula (Count Dracula)* (Franco) (title role); *In Search of Dracula* (Floyd—doc) (title role/narrator)
- 1972 *The Creeping Flesh* (Francis) (as James Hildern); *Dracula A.D. 1972* (Gibson) (title role); *Death Line (Raw Meat)* (Sherman) (as Stratton-Villiers); *Nothing but the Night* (Sasdy) (as Colonel Bingham)
- 1973 *The Satanic Rites of Dracula (Count Dracula and His Vampire Brides)* (Gibson) (title role); *The Three Musketeers (The Queen's Jewels)* (Lester) (as Rochefort); *The Wicker Man* (Hardy) (as Lord Summerisle); *Evlalie quitte les champs (Le Boucher, la star, et l'orpheline; The Star, The Orphan, and the Butcher)* (Savary) (as Van Krig); *Poor Devil* (Sheerer—for TV) (title role)
- 1974 *Horror Express* (Martin) (as Professor Alex Saxton); *The Four Musketeers (Revenge of Milady)* (Lester) (as Rochefort); *The Man with the Golden Gun* (Hamilton) (as Scaramanga); *Dark Places* (Sharp) (as Dr. Ian Mandeville)
- 1975 *Diagnosis: Murder (Diagnosis for Murder)* (Hayers—for TV); *To the Devil a Daughter* (Sykes) (as Father Michael Rayner); *Killer Force (The Diamond Mercenaries)* (Guest) (as Major Chilton); *Whispering Death* (Goslar) (as Albino); *Revenge of the Dead* (Evan Lee) (as narrator); *Dracula's Son (Dracula, père et fils)* (Molinaro) (as Dracula)
- 1976 *Alien Encounter (Starship Invasions)* (Hunt—for TV) (as Capt. Ramses)
- 1977 *Airport '77* (Jameson) (as Martin Wallace); *Meatcleaver Massacre* (Evan Lee)
- 1978 *End of the World* (Hayes) (as Father Pergado); *Caravans* (Fargo) (as Sardar Khan); *The Passage* (Thompson) (as gypsy); *Return to Witch Mountain* (Hough) (as Dr. Victor Gamon); *The Silent Flute (Circle of Iron)* (Moore) (as Zetan); *Jaguar Lives!* (Pintoff) (as Adam Cain); *Bear Island* (Sharp) (as Professor Lechinski); *The Pirate* (Annakin—for TV) (as Samir)
- 1979 *1941* (Spielberg) (as Captain von Kleinschmidt); *Nutcracker Fantasy* (Takeo Nakamura—animation) (as voice); *An Arabian Adventure* (Connor) (as Caliph Alquazar)
- 1980 *The Salamander* (Zinner—for TV); *Once upon a Spy* (Nagy—for TV) (as Marcus Valorum); *Rally (Safari 3000; Two in the Bush)* (Hurwitz) (as Lorenzo Borgia); *Serial* (Persky) (as Luckman Skull)

- 1981 *A Desperate Case; An Eye for an Eye* (Carver) (as Morgan Canfield); *Dance—Steigler & Steigler*
- 1982 *Charles and Diana: A Royal Love Story* (Goldstone—for TV) (as Prince Philip); *The Last Unicorn* (Rankin and Bass) (as voice of King Haggard); *Massarati and the Brain* (Hart)
- 1983 *House of the Long Shadows* (Walker) (as Corrigan); *The Keeper* (Drake); *The Return of Captain Invincible* (Mora) (as Mr. Midnight)
- 1984 *The Far Pavilions* (Duffell—for TV) (as Kaka-ji Rao); *Rosebud Beach Hotel* (Hurwitz) (as King)
- 1985 *The Howling II: Your Sister Is a Werewolf* (Mara) (as Stefan Crosscoe)
- 1986 *The Disputation* (Sax); *Shaka Zulu* (Faure); *Desperate Moves* (Hellman) (as Dr. Boxer)
- 1987 *The Girl* (Mattson) (as Peter Storm); *Jocks* (Carver) (as President White); *Mio, moy Mio (Mio in the Land of Faraway)* (Grammatikov) (as Kato)
- 1989 *The Return of the Musketeers* (Lester) (as Rochefort); *Murder Story* (Arno); *Treasure Island* (Fraser C. Heston) (as Blind Pew)
- 1990 *Gremlins II: The New Batch* (Dante) (as Dr. Catheter); *The Rainbow Thief* (Jodorowsky) (as Uncle Rudolf); *Honey-moon Academy* (Quintano); *L'avaro (The Miser)* (Cervi); *Il monastero (The Monastery)* (de Simone); *Shogun Mayeda* (Hessler); *Sherlock Holmes and the Leading Lady* (Sasdy) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1991 *Curse III: Blood Sacrifice* (Barton) (as Dr. Pearson)
- 1992 *Double Vision* (Knights) (as Mr. Bernard); *Journey of Honor* (Hessler) (as King Philip); *Jackpot* (as Cedric)
- 1993 *Alistair MacLean's Death Train* (Jackson—for TV) (as General Konstantin Benin); *Cybereden* (Orfini) (as Cedric)
- 1994 *Bandit: Bandit Goes Country* (for TV); *The No-Tell Hotel; Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow* (Metter) (as Commandant Rakov); *Funny Man* (Sprackling) (as Callum Chance)
- 1995 *A Feast at Midnight* (Justin Hardy) (as Major Longfellow/Raptor)
- 1996 *Im Brunnen der Traeume* (Lamberto Bava—for TV); *Wyrd Sisters* (as voice of Death); *Soul Music* (Flynn—series for TV) (as Death); *Moses* (Young—for TV) (as Ramses); *The Stupids* (Landis) (as Evil Sender)
- 1997 *Flesh and Blood* (Newsom) (as himself/Narrator); *Strictly Supernatural* (Graham, Hardy—series for TV); *Ivanhoe* (Orme—mini for TV) (as Lucard de Beaumanoir); *The Odyssey* (Konchalovsky—mini for TV) (as Tiresias)
- 1998 *Tale of the Mummy (Russell Mulcahy's Tale of the Mummy)* (Mulcahy) (as Sir Richard Turkel); *Jinnah* (Dehlavi) (as Mohammed Ali Jinnah)
- 1999 *Sleepy Hollow* (Burton) (as Burgomaster); *The Interactive Rocky Horror Show* (O'Brien) (as Narrator)

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Film Dope (London), March 1996.

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Since the mid-1950s Christopher Lee's name has been synonymous with horror, and Hammer horror in particular. It is a pity, although perhaps inevitable, that his association with one of the most critically despised and derided of all film genres has tended to obscure the quality of his performances within numerous horror productions and his activities elsewhere.

Christopher Lee's entrance into the acting profession was hardly an auspicious one. With only minimal acting experience and through the assistance of family contacts, he managed in 1947 to secure for himself a place at what came to be known as the Rank Charm School, an institution devised by British film tycoon J. Arthur Rank to foster and groom new acting talent. There followed nearly ten years of undistinguished small roles in films, television, and the theater, with Lee quickly establishing himself as an actor who did not fit readily

into any of the accepted categories for British film actors: too tall (6' 4") to be a matinee idol, with looks altogether too striking to be a character performer.

But with Hammer's 1956 production of *The Curse of Frankenstein*, British cinema finally found a place for Lee's talents. Cast as the Creature, Lee managed through skillful mime to convey a real sense of physical pain and suffering. While not a performance to rival Karloff's classic Monster from the 1930s (Hammer's filmmakers would subsequently be much more interested in Baron Frankenstein himself rather than his inhuman progeny), it did earn Lee a place in the Hammer team and ensured that he would be a key player in that company's enormously successful construction of a recognizably British horror cinema.

The two most distinctive features of Lee's acting style as revealed in the Hammer films are his ability to project a sense of physicality through stance and gesture and his deep, sonorous voice. These two elements were combined to perfection in Hammer's version of *Dracula*, the film that finally made Lee a star. In what was one of his most meticulous performances, Lee endowed the vampire count with an overwhelmingly sexual presence that was light years away from Bela Lugosi's more melodramatic posturings in the part.

Lee continued to work in the horror genre throughout the 1960s and 1970s, playing a variety of authority figures, both good and evil, in some of the most noteworthy horror films of the period—*The Gorgon*, *The Devil Rides Out*, *The Creeping Flesh*, and *The Wicker Man*, to name but a few. He also brought a much-needed dignity to other, less distinguished products of the genre, including, sadly, Hammer's own *Dracula* cycle which by the late 1960s was increasingly reliant on Lee's charismatic presence to carry some rather uninspired scripts. At the same time, Lee was handing in characteristically assured and precise performances in a variety of nonhorror parts, with perhaps the best of these being the role of Mycroft Holmes in Billy Wilder's *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes*. (Lee is probably the only actor who in the course of his career has played both Sherlock and Mycroft Holmes as well as Henry Baskerville.)

It is fair to say that despite his undoubted versatility Lee is at his best in fantastic or stylized settings—whether this be Castle Dracula or Scaramanga's exotic island retreat in the James Bond film *The Man with the Golden Gun*. In more realistically depicted worlds, he appears slightly uncomfortable and out of place. Whatever the reasons are for this (and the main one is probably his height, which handicapped his career for so long) it does seem that Christopher Lee is in every sense a larger-than-life actor who was fortunate enough to have found a space in the horror genre within which he could develop his formidable talent.

—Peter Hutchings, updated by John McCarty

LEIGH, Janet

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jeanette Helen Morrison in Mercedes, California, 26 July 1927. **Education:** Studied music and psychology, College of the Pacific. **Family:** Married 1) John Carlyle, 1942 (marriage annulled 1942); 2) Stanley Reames, 1945 (divorced 1948);

3) the actor Tony Curtis, 1951 (divorced 1962), children Kelly Lee, and the actress Jamie Lee Curtis; 4) Robert Brandt, 1964. **Career:** 1946—seven-year contract with MGM; 1947—film debut in *The Romance of Rosy Ridge*; 1949—borrowed by Howard Hughes for three RKO films, beginning with *Holiday Affair*; 1950s—worked with Columbia and Universal; 1957—began TV work on *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*; 1962—toured South America to promote Peace Corps; 1975—in Broadway play *Murder among Friends*; 1980—appeared with daughter Jamie Lee Curtis in *The Fog*. **Address:** 1625 Summit Ridge Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1947 *The Romance of Rosy Ridge* (Rowland) (as Lissy Anne MacBean); *If Winter Comes* (Saville) (as Effie Bright)
- 1948 *Hills of Home* (*Master of Lassie*) (Wilcox) (as Margit Mitchell); *Words and Music* (Taurog) (as Dorothy Feiner Rodgers)
- 1949 *Act of Violence* (Zinnemann) (as Edith Enley); *Little Women* (LeRoy) (as Meg); *That Forsyte Woman* (*The Forsyte Saga*) (Bennett) (as June Forsyte); *The Doctor and the Girl* (Bernhardt) (as Evelyn Heldon); *The Red Danube* (Sidney) (as Maria Buhlen); *Holiday Affair* (Hartman) (as Connie)
- 1951 *Strictly Dishonorable* (Panama and Frank) (as Isabelle Dempsey); *Angels in the Outfield* (*Angels and the Pirates*) (Brown) (as Jennifer Paige); *Two Tickets to Broadway* (Kern) (as Nancy Peterson); *It's a Big Country* (Charles Vidor and others) (as Rose Szabo)
- 1952 *Just This Once* (Weis) (as Lucy Duncan); *Scaramouche* (Sidney) (as Aline de Guarillac de Bourbon); *Fearless Fagan* (Donen) (as Abby Ames)
- 1953 *Confidentially Connie* (Buzzell) (as Connie Bedloe); *The Naked Spur* (Anthony Mann) (as Linda Patch); *Houdini* (George Marshall) (as Bess); *Walking My Baby Back Home* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Chris Hall)
- 1954 *Prince Valiant* (Hathaway) (as Aleta); *Living It Up* (Taurog) (as Wally Cook); *The Black Shield of Falworth* (Mate) (as Lady Ann); *Rogue Cop* (Rowland) (as Karen)
- 1955 *Pete Kelly's Blues* (Webb) (as Ivy Conrad); *My Sister Eileen* (Quine) (as Eileen Sherwood)
- 1956 *Safari* (Terence Young) (as Linda Latham)
- 1957 *Jet Pilot* (von Sternberg—produced in 1950) (as Anna)
- 1958 *Touch of Evil* (Welles) (as Susan Vargas); *The Vikings* (Fleischer) (as Morgana); *The Perfect Furlough* (Edwards) (as Lieutenant Vicki Loren)
- 1960 *Who Was That Lady?* (Sidney) (as Ann Wilson); *Psycho* (Hitchcock) (as Marion Crane); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as guest)
- 1962 *The Manchurian Candidate* (Frankenheimer) (as Rosie)
- 1963 *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sidney) (as Rosie DeLeon); *Wives and Lovers* (Rich) (as Bertie Austin)
- 1966 *Kid Rodelo* (Carlson) (as Nora); *Three on a Couch* (Jerry Lewis) (as Dr. Elizabeth Acord); *Harper* (*The Moving Target*) (Smight) (as Susan Harper); *An American Dream* (*See You in Hell, Darling*) (Gist) (as Cherry McMahon); *The Spy in the Green Hat* (*One Spy Too Many*) (Sargent—edited from eps. of *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* TV series) (as Miss Diketon)



Janet Leigh in *Psycho*

- 1968 *Ad Ogni Costo (Grand Slam; Top Job)* (Montaldo) (as Mary Ann)
- 1969 *Hello Down There (Sub-A-Dub-Dub)* (Arnold) (as Vivian Miller); *The Monk* (McCowan—for TV); *Honeymoon with a Stranger* (Peyser—for TV)
- 1970 *The House on Green Apple Road* (Day—for TV)
- 1971 *Deadly Dreams* (Kjellin—for TV)
- 1972 *One Is a Lonely Number* (Stuart) (as Gert Meredith); *Night of the Lepus* (Claxton) (as Gerry Bennett)
- 1973 *Murdoch's Gang* (Dubin—for TV)
- 1977 *Murder at the World Series* (McLaglen—for TV); *Telethon* (Rich—for TV) (as Elaine)
- 1978 *The Sea Gypsies* (Raffill) (as Aline de Gravillac)
- 1979 *Boardwalk* (Verona) (as Florence)
- 1980 *The Fog* (Carpenter) (as Kathy Williams); *Mirror, Mirror* (Lee—for TV) (as Millie Gorman)
- 1985 *On Our Way* (Pressman—for TV); *Hitchcock: il brivido del genio (The Thrill of Genius)* (Bortolini and Masenza)
- 1997 *In My Sister's Shadow* (Stern—for TV) (as Kay Connor)
- 1998 *Halloween H20: Twenty Years Later* (Miner) (as Norma)
- 1999 *Hitchcock: Shadow of a Genius* (Haimes) (as herself)

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For the first decade of her career (and to a great extent subsequently as well), Janet Leigh's screen persona was restricted almost exclusively to Hollywood's most conventional image of the "nice girl." Before *Psycho*, she appeared in a few distinguished films (the swashbuckler *Scaramouche*; *The Naked Spur*, one of Anthony Mann's most intense Westerns; the charming if minor *My Sister Eileen*; and of course *Touch of Evil*), but none of them gave her the opportunity to construct a star identity that transcended the persona's conventionality, nor, unfortunately, have any of her films since *Psycho*.

Her roles in *Touch of Evil* and *Psycho* are so strikingly (if superficially and coincidentally) similar that it is instructive to compare the use made of her by Welles and Hitchcock. In both, she is trapped in an otherwise deserted and isolated motel and cruelly terrorized. It is in *Touch of Evil* that the animus against women—and, especially, female sexuality—that disfigures all of Welles's films except *The Magnificent Ambersons* is most blatantly exposed. He gives Leigh's Suzie the film's tritest dialogue (occasionally sprinkled with automatic smart-ass racism), establishing a brash superficiality that, while at odds with Leigh's conventional "nice girl" persona, can scarcely be said to extend it profitably. She is encouraged to be both spunky and sexual, but any possible positive connotations those qualities might suggest are neutralized by the character's shrillness and insensitivity (as far as men are concerned, she is a real nuisance). She can then be punished in the film's protracted terrorization and rape sequences, shot and edited with unmistakable relish, the character reduced to an object on which any horror can be inflicted.

The objectification of Leigh in *Touch of Evil* has its answer in *Psycho*, where, throughout the film's first part, she is the central identification-figure for audience and director, the movement of her consciousness conveyed with almost unprecedented intimacy and inwardness. Hitchcock's point-of-view methodology produces a performance whose effectiveness might seem dependent upon editing (Marion Crane's car journey contains few shots lasting more than a few seconds, and, after one brief establishing two-shot, the entire Marion/Norman dialogue on which the film hinges is built on cross-cutting). Yet the more one sees the film the more one is convinced that the inexhaustible fascination of its first half owes a great deal to Leigh's presence: the precise communication of Marion's shifting perceptions and states of mind is the fruit of one of the cinema's great performer/director collaborations, dwarfing everything else in Leigh's career.

Although Leigh has not officially retired from acting, she has devoted most of her time in recent years to appearing on the lecture

circuit discussing her work with Hitchcock in *Psycho*, Welles in *Touch of Evil*, and John Frankenheimer in *The Manchurian Candidate*, the best film of her post-*Psycho* period even though she had a relatively thankless role in it as Frank Sinatra's love interest.

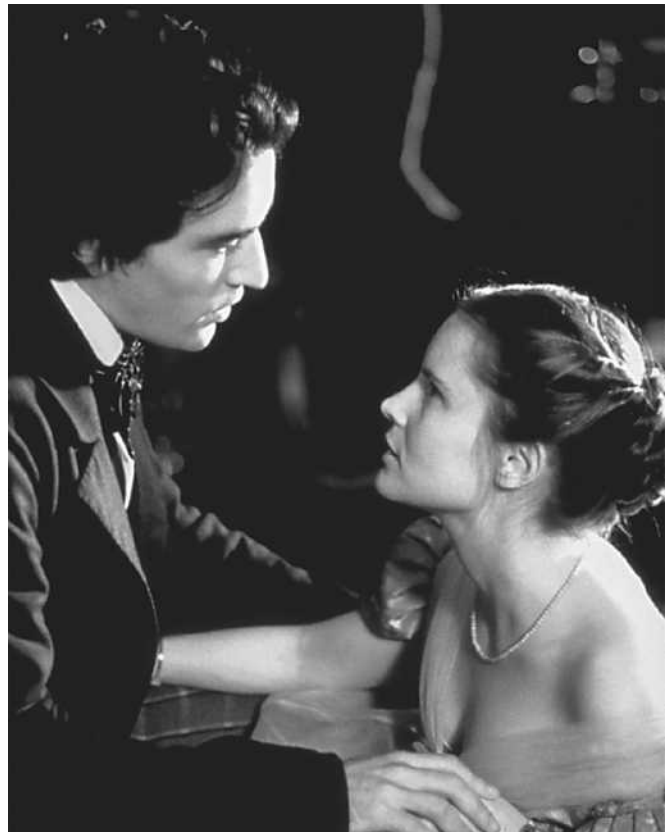
She has also turned to writing, producing an autobiography in 1984 and a chatty memoir about the making of *Psycho* in 1995. The book is entertaining and readable but relatively lightweight in the research department compared with Stephen Rebello's definitive *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of "Psycho"* published five years earlier.

Like a number of Hollywood stars in the twilight of their careers, a list that includes Kirk Douglas and Leigh's former husband Tony Curtis, she has also tried her hand at fiction—using Hollywood as a backdrop for her first novel, *House of Destiny*, the story of an aging star not unlike Leigh herself.

—Robin Wood, updated by John McCarty

LEIGH, Jennifer Jason

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jennifer Jason Leigh Morrow in Los Angeles, California, 5 February 1962; daughter of the actor Vic Morrow and the writer Barbara Turner. **Education:** Trained at the Lee Strasberg Institute. **Career:** Began appearing as a guest actress



Jennifer Jason Leigh and Ben Chaplin in *Washington Square*

on such TV series as *Family*, *The Waltons*, and *Trapper John, M.D.*, 1970s; made her stage debut in a Los Angeles Valley College production of *The Shadow Box*, 1979; made her screen debut in *Eyes of a Stranger*, 1981; earned her first important notices in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, 1982. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress New York Film Critics Circle, Best Supporting Actress Boston Society of Film Critics, for *Miami Blues* and *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, 1990; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup-Best Ensemble Cast, for *Short Cuts*, 1993; honored with a tribute at the Telluride Festival, 1994; Best Actress Independent Spirit Film Award, Best Actress National Society of Film Critics, Best Actress Chicago Film Critics, for *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, 1994; Montreal World Film Festival Best Actress, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actress, for *Georgia*, 1995. **Agent:** ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1978 *The Young Runaways* (Mayberry—for TV) (as Heather)
 1980 *Angel City* (Leacock—for TV) (as Kristy Teeter)
 1981 *Eyes of a Stranger* (Wiederhorn) (as Tracy); *The Killing of Randy Webster* (Wanamaker—for TV) (as Amy Wheeler); *The Best Little Girl in the World* (O'Steen—for TV) (as Casey Powell)
 1982 *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (Heckerling) (as Stacy Hamilton); *Wrong Is Right (The Man with the Deadly Lens)* (Richard Brooks) (as young girl); *The First Time* (Nosseck—for TV) (as Bonny Dillon)
 1983 *Easy Money* (Signorelli) (as Allison Capoletti); *Girls of the White Orchid (Death Ride to Osaka)* (Kaplan—for TV) (as Carol Heath)
 1984 *Grandview, U.S.A.* (Kleiser) (as Candy Webster)
 1985 *Flesh + Blood (The Rose and the Sword)* (Verhoeven) (as Agnes)
 1986 *The Hitcher* (Harmon) (as Nash); *The Men's Club* (Medak) (as Teensy)
 1987 *Under Cover* (Stockwell) (as Tanille La Rue); *Sister, Sister* (Condon) (as Lucy Bonnard)
 1988 *Heart of Midnight* (Chapman) (as Carol Rivers); *God Bless the Child* (Elikann—for TV)
 1989 *Last Exit to Brooklyn* (Edel) (as Tralala); *The Big Picture* (Guest) (as Lydia Johnson)
 1990 *Miami Blues* (Armitage) (as Susie "Pepper" Waggoner); *Buried Alive (Till Death Do Us Part)* (Darabont—for TV) (as Joanna Goodman)
 1991 *Rush* (Zanuck) (as Kristen); *Backdraft* (Ron Howard) (as Jennifer Vaitkus); *Crooked Hearts* (Bortman) (as Marriet)
 1992 *Single White Female* (Schroeder) (as Hedra Carlson); *The Prom* (Shainberg) (as Lana)
 1993 *Short Cuts* (Altman) (as Lois Kaiser)
 1994 *The Hudsucker Proxy* (Coen) (as Amy Archer); *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* (Rudolph) (as Dorothy Parker)
 1995 *Dolores Claiborne* (Hackford) (as Selena St. George); *Georgia* (Grosbard) (as Sadie, + co-pr)
 1996 *Kansas City* (Altman) (as Blondie O'Hara); *Bastard Out of Carolina* (Huston—for TV) (as Anney)
 1997 *Washington Square* (Holland) (as Catherine Sloper); *Spawn II* (Nelson, Radomski—for TV) (as voice of Lilly); *A Thousand Acres* (Moorhouse) (as Caroline Cook)
 1998 *The Love Letter* (Curtis—for TV) (as Elizabeth Whitcomb); *Thanks to a Grateful Nation* (Holcomb—mini for TV) (as Teri Small); *Hercules* (for TV) (as voice of Tempest the Amazon)
 1999 *eXistenZ* (Cronenberg) (as Allegra Geller)
 2000 *Skipped Parts* (Davis) (as Lydia Callahan); *The King Is Alive* (Levering); *Beautiful View* (Turner)

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 "Midnight Heart," interview with Gavin Smith, in *Film Comment* (New York), March-April 1990.
 Interview with Lance Loud, in *Interview* (New York), May 1990.
 Interview with Jeff Yarbrough, in *Interview* (New York), April 1991.
 Interview with D. Rensen, in *Playboy* (Chicago), February 1992.
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Jennifer Jason Leigh's most typical roles have been young women who are deeply vulnerable, and whose lives have taken disastrous, potentially tragic turns. Her characters often are quite sexually active, using their bodies and their sexuality to temporarily—but never permanently—ward off their demons.

Her performances are consistently memorable. Her first substantial screen role came in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, released in 1982, when Leigh was 20 years old. Her character is a forerunner of many of her later roles: Stacy Hamilton, a virginal high school student who is so curious about sex that she soon is "doing it" with everyone in sight, much to her eventual disillusionment and degradation. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* featured a large cast of up-and-comers, including Sean Penn, Judge Reinhold, Phoebe Cates, and Forest Whitaker (and, in smaller roles, Eric Stoltz, Anthony Edwards, and Nicolas Cage). Yet Leigh was singled out as a star-to-be. "Don't they know they have a star on their hands?" raved critic Roger Ebert. "I didn't even know who Leigh was when I walked into [the film], and yet I was completely won over by her. She contained so much life and light that she was a joy to behold."

Through the 1980s, Leigh found herself in a series of mostly unmemorable movies. Her next eye-catching performances came in *Miami Blues*, playing an ingenuous young woman whose boyfriend is a killer, and *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, cast as a troubled prostitute struggling to survive in a chaotic world. Two impressive follow-ups were *Rush* (as a narcotics cop who becomes addicted to both drugs and her troubled partner) and *Single White Female* (playing a psycho roommate—and an all-out villainess). Leigh's most representative performances were in *Miami Blues* and *Rush*; both are related to *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* in that her characters start out as well-scrubbed or well-meaning innocents but end up exploited and mistreated.

Leigh has not always played the bleary-eyed, substance-abusing victim. In *The Big Picture*, she displays a flair for comedy as a zany performance artist. In *Short Cuts*, she is a matter-of-fact working-class housewife employed as a phone-sex worker, who diapers her baby as she purrs erotic nothings into the ears of faceless strangers at the other end of the line. And in *The Hudsucker Proxy*, Leigh is Amy Archer, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who sets out to destroy paper-tiger corporate president Norville Barnes (Tim Robbins). The actress plays the role with more than a touch of Katharine Hepburn in her voice and mannerisms. Archer might be a variation of the character Hepburn played opposite Spencer Tracy decades earlier in *Woman of the Year*: a tough and respected journalist who is feminized in the course of the story.

A truly outstanding—and controversial—starring role came in *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, Alan Rudolph's take on the

famed Algonquin Round Table of the 1920s. At the film's core is the character of the writer-humorist Dorothy Parker (played by Leigh). She renders Parker as a brittle, sensitive lost soul, a woman who attained a certain level of professional success but who was not destined to find personal contentment. Some felt Leigh's acting to be Oscar-worthy; others were convinced she was grossly miscast, and garbled her way through her performance. In any case, she did not have the central role in her follow-up to *Mrs. Parker*. In *Dolores Claiborne*, Leigh is Selena St. George, a psychologically scarred journalist who is long estranged from the title character, her mother (Kathy Bates). Bates's performance is the commanding one here; Leigh's role is the less sensational. But the two actresses play off one another quite effectively.

In her next film, *Georgia*, scripted by her mother, Barbara Turner—her father is the late actor Vic Morrow—Leigh finally secured what may prove to be the role of a lifetime. *Georgia*, to be sure, is not a great film, but it does offer what was to be one of the most outstanding performances of 1995. Leigh commands the screen as Sadie, a young woman whose older sister, Georgia, is a famous and beloved folk-rock singer who is as well-adjusted as she is beautiful. Sadie is something else altogether. She is a self-destructive wannabe singer who toils as a motel housekeeper and plays with bands in dreary bars and bowling alleys, while her sister fills concert halls. Sadie drinks "whatever's cheap or free," and often does so first thing in the morning. She at once admires and loves her sister, and is jealous of her success. This only partially explains the underlying tension between the two, which plays itself out as the story unfolds. The film's major flaw is that Sadie is depicted as having little talent, which simply is not true. Sadie might be a clone of Janis Joplin; in the person of Leigh, she offers moving renditions of various songs, especially Van Morrison's "Take Me Back." The result is a case of an actress transcending her character's limitations.

During the latter half of the 1990s, Leigh kept on playing desperate characters. In *Kansas City*, Robert Altman's flavorful Depression-era saga, she is Blondie O'Hara, a despairing young telegraph operator who is obsessively in love with her husband, a pea-brained young hood, and concocts a scheme that involves the kidnapping of a prominent socialite. In David Cronenberg's less-than-enthralling *eXistenZ*, she plays a virtual reality game designer who finds herself trapped in one of her own concoctions. In Anjelica Huston's controversial *Bastard Out of Carolina*, she is an emotionally fragile, tragically dependent woman who ignores her second husband's sexual abuse of her pre-teen daughter. In Jocelyn Moorhouse's *A Thousand Acres*, a middling *King Lear* variation, she is one of three daughters of a stubborn farm patriarch (and is overshadowed by Michelle Pfeiffer and Jessica Lange, cast as her siblings). By far her best role of the period was in Agnieszka Holland's version of Henry James's *Washington Square*. Here, Leigh is cast as Catherine Sloper, the awkward, plain-Jane daughter of wealthy, domineering Dr. Austin Sloper (Albert Finney), who finds herself suddenly courted by poor-but-dashing fortune hunter Morris Townsend (Ben Chaplin). As in *Dolores Claiborne*, *Georgia*, *Kansas City*, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, and *A Thousand Acres*, Leigh plays a character with a complex familial bond.

Almost 50 years earlier, *Washington Square* was filmed as *The Heiress*, with Olivia de Havilland winning a Best Actress Oscar for

playing Catherine. While this was not the case with Leigh (she did not even receive a nomination), her acting is nonetheless sparkling.

—Rob Edelman

LEIGH, Vivien

Nationality: British. **Born:** Vivian Mary Hartley in Darjeeling, India, 5 November 1913. **Education:** Attended Convent of the Sacred Heart, Roehampton; schools in Europe; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married 1) Leigh Holman, 1932 (divorced 1940), daughter: Suzanne; 2) the actor Laurence Olivier, 1940 (divorced 1960). **Career:** 1934—film debut in *Things Are Looking Up*; 1935—stage debut in *The Green Sash*; 1935—contract with Alexander Korda, and, in 1938, contract with David O. Selznick; 1940—Broadway debut with Olivier in *Romeo and Juliet*; later stage roles in *Caesar and Cleopatra* and *Antony and Cleopatra* (with Olivier), *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *A Streetcar Named Desire* (in London, and in film version), *Look after Lulu*, and *Tovarich*; also a season with Olivier at Stratford upon Avon. **Awards:** Academy Award, for Best Actress, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Gone with the Wind*, 1939; Academy Award, for Best Actress, Best Actress, New York Film Critics, Best Actress, Venice Festival, and Best British Actress, British Academy, for *A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1951. **Died:** In London, England, 8 July 1967.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Things Are Looking Up* (de Courville) (as schoolgirl)
- 1935 *The Village Squire* (Denham) (as Rose Venables); *Gentleman's Agreement* (Pearson) (as Phil Stanley); *Look Up and Laugh* (Dean) (as Marjorie Belfer)
- 1936 *Fire over England* (William K. Howard) (as Cynthia)
- 1937 *Dark Journey* (Saville) (as Madeleine Godard); *Storm in a Teacup* (Saville and Dalrymple) (as Victoria Grow); *21 Days* (*Twenty-One Days Together*; *The First and the Last*) (Dean) (as Wanda)
- 1938 *A Yank at Oxford* (Conway) (as Elsa Craddock); *St. Martin's Lane* (*Sidewalks of London*) (Whelan) (as Libby)
- 1939 *Gone with the Wind* (Fleming—additional scenes directed by Cukor, Wood, Menzies, and David O. Selznick) (as Scarlett O'Hara)
- 1940 *Waterloo Bridge* (LeRoy) (as Myra Lester)
- 1941 *That Hamilton Woman* (*Lady Hamilton*) (Korda) (title role)
- 1946 *Caesar and Cleopatra* (Pascal) (as Cleopatra)
- 1948 *Anna Karenina* (Duvivier) (title role)
- 1951 *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Kazan) (as Blanche Dubois)
- 1954 *Elephant Walk* (Dieterle) (as Ruth Wiley in Ceylon long shots)

- 1955 *The Deep Blue Sea* (Litvak) (as Hester Collyer)
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- Scalzo, T.A., "Hollywood's Helens of Troy," in *Hollywood: Then and Now*, no. 10, 1990.
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Vivien Leigh was a complex personality though she appeared at first to be just a petite, distinctly upper-class young girl with an



Vivien Leigh with Clark Gable in *Gone with the Wind*

unusual, refined kind of beauty that seemed to approach perfection. She was determined to go on the stage in spite of a privileged upbringing, a convent education, and an early marriage which brought her a house in Mayfair. By 1935 she had appeared on the London stage and in her first film.

It was her romantic supporting role in *Fire over England* in 1936, opposite Laurence Olivier as a dashing young man in the court of Elizabeth I, that led to one of the cinema's most celebrated acting partnerships, as famous a love-match in its time as that between Burton and Taylor in the 1960s. Olivier's Hollywood engagement to play Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* drew Leigh to California in his wake, and her arrival coincided with the prolonged search for a suitable actress to appear as the seductive, self-willed Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind*. In the face of the fiercest competition, Myron Selznick persuaded his brother David to give her the part, and her success in a role that seemed made to her measure led to world fame and an Academy Award. Nevertheless, her special qualities—elfin stature, a grace of movement and gesture, and a porcelain-like facial beauty always enhanced by subtle black-and-white cinematography—had already been revealed in the romantic British film *St. Martin's Lane*, opposite Charles Laughton as a street entertainer entranced by her vagrant, waiflike girl.

The outbreak of World War II brought Olivier back to London, and Leigh (who was free to marry him only in 1940 due to the

complications of their respective divorces) temporarily halted her promising Hollywood career in order to be with him during his period of war service in the Fleet Air Arm. Nevertheless, she appeared with Robert Taylor in the American film *Waterloo Bridge*, made in Britain, and with Olivier in Alexander Korda's *That Hamilton Woman*, in which she was again able to play the siren in a romanticized version of the notorious, obsessive relationship between Lord Nelson and Emma Hamilton.

From this point on, Leigh was to maintain an active stage career, together with infrequent film appearances. She worked closely with Olivier in many stage productions, notably Shakespearean seasons in Britain and America. She was effective in Gabriel Pascal's ponderous screen adaptation of Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra* and as the ill-fated heroine in Julien Duvivier's filming of *Anna Karenina*. Having played Blanche Dubois in Olivier's London stage production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, she was invited by Elia Kazan to recreate the role in his 1951 screen version of the Tennessee Williams play.

One wishes Leigh had not treated the movies disdainfully in favor of living up to the demands of being Lady Olivier on stage. Despite health problems stemming from tuberculosis and spells of nervous exhaustion, she managed to enchant audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, even winning a Tony Award for her musical comedy brio in *Tovarich*. It is one of the cinema's great ironies that a genteel

Englishwoman's most notable screen roles were both quintessentially American Southern belles. In inhabiting the fierce soul of Dixie in *Gone with the Wind* and then illuminating the decline visited upon Southern hospitality in *Streetcar Named Desire*, Leigh rose to the occasion of giving definitive interpretations to two great roles in one lifetime. If one examines Joanne Whaley-Kilmer chafing udder her starched petticoats in television's *Scarlett* or Ann-Margret and Jessica Lange riding their respective *Streetcars*, one is confronted with understudies barely scratching the surface of indelible creations Leigh clawed to singular life. If Tennessee Williams's *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone* fails to camouflage its homosexual undercurrents, Leigh brings great dignity to a crudely directed film about the symbolic link between death and the decay of desirability. After this hothouse chronicle of the unloved (which can be viewed as a menopausal horror film), she turned up her pert nose at another gambol through the magnolias, the scary *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte*, and instead graced the stage once more. Booked aboard the metaphoric claptrap of *Ship of Fools*, Stanley Kramer's floating *Judgment at Nuremberg*, Leigh sails above her material with a luminous portrait of a coquette unwilling to sell herself short despite the ravages of time. Magically when Leigh does the Charleston, the years melt away; Leigh always acted with her entire being, and one can sense her feeding the role of Mrs. Treadwell with her own despair about time running out. Whatever physical or psychological demons she wrestled with, she was never an actress for half-measures and she danced out of her film career on a high note on the high dramatic seas of *Ship of Fools*. She died in 1967 while rehearsing with Michael Redgrave for a stage production of Albee's *Delicate Balance*.

—Roger Manvell, updated by Robert Pardi

LEMMON, Jack

Nationality: American. **Born:** John Uhler Lemmon III in Boston, 8 February 1925. **Education:** Attended Rivers Country Day School, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, graduated 1943; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, B.A. and B.S., 1947; studied acting in New York with Uta Hagen. **Military Service:** Served as communications officer in Naval Reserve, 1945. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Cynthia Stone, 1950 (divorced 1956), son: actor Christopher (Chris) Lemmon; 2) the actress Felicia Farr, 1962, daughter: Courtney. **Career:** After graduating from Harvard, worked as a piano player at the Old Nick saloon in New York, 1948; worked as an actor in radio soap opera; was producer and actor in several TV series: *That Wonderful Guy*, 1949–50, *The Couple Next Door*, 1950, *The Ad-Libbers*, 1951, and *Heaven for Betsy*, 1952, all with Cynthia Stone; made Broadway debut in *Room Service*, 1953; signed a contract with Columbia Pictures, 1953; made film debut in *It Should Happen to You*, 1954; was a regular on TV series *Alcoa Theatre*, 1957–58; appeared on Broadway in *Face of a Hero*, 1958; directed the film *Kotch*, 1971;

narrated the *The Wild West* TV mini-series, 1993. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Mister Roberts*, 1955; Best Foreign Actor British Academy Award, Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *Some Like It Hot*, 1959, Best Foreign Actor British Academy Award, Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *The Apartment*, 1960; Best Actor San Sebastian International Film Festival, for *Days of Wine and Roses*, 1962; Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *Avanti!*, 1972; Best Actor Academy Award, for *Save the Tiger*, 1973; Best Actor British Academy Award, Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, for *The China Syndrome*, 1979; Berlin Film Festival Best Actor, Best Foreign Actor Genie Award, for *Tribute*, 1981; Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, for *Missing*, 1982; National Board of Review Career Achievement Award, 1986; American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, 1988; Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, 1990; American Comedy Awards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1991; Cecil B. DeMille Golden Globe, 1991; National Board of Review Best Actor, Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup for Best Actor, for *Glengarry Glen Ross*, 1992; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup for Best Ensemble Cast, for *Short Cuts*, 1993; Berlin Film Festival Honorary Golden Bear, 1996; Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries Screen Actors Guild Award, for *Tuesdays with Morrie*, 1999; Best Performance by an Actor in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for TV Golden Globe, for *Inherit the Wind*, 1999; Hollywood Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999. **Agent:** Jalem Productions, 141 El Camino, Suite 201, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1954 *It Should Happen to You* (Cukor) (as Pete Sheppard); *Phffft!* (Robson) (as Robert Tracy)
- 1955 *Three for the Show* (Potter) (as Marty Stewart); *Mister Roberts* (Ford and LeRoy) (as Ensign Pulver); *My Sister Eileen* (Quine) (as Bob Baker)
- 1956 *You Can't Run Away from It* (Powell) (as Peter Warne)
- 1957 *Fire Down Below* (Parrish) (as Tony); *Operation Mad Ball* (Quine) (as Pvt. Hogan)
- 1958 *Cowboy* (Daves) (as Frank Harris); *Bell, Book and Candle* (Quine) (as Nicky Holroyd)
- 1959 *Some Like It Hot* (Wilder) (as Jerry/Daphne); *It Happened to Jane* (Quine) (as George Denham)
- 1960 *The Apartment* (Wilder) (as Baxter); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *The Wackiest Ship in the Army* (Murphy) (as Lt. Rip Crandall)
- 1962 *Stowaway in the Sky* (Lamorisse) (as narrator); *The Notorious Landlady* (Quine) (as William Gridley); *Days of Wine and Roses* (Edwards) (as Joe)
- 1963 *Irma la Douce* (Wilder) (as Nestor); *Under the Yum-Yum Tree* (Swift) (as Hogan)
- 1964 *Good Neighbor Sam* (Swift) (as Sam Bissel)
- 1965 *How to Murder Your Wife* (Quine) (as Stanley Ford); *The Great Race* (as Prof. Fate) (Edwards)



Jack Lemmon (left) and Walter Matthau in *The Front Page*

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| 1966 | <i>The Fortune Cookie</i> (Wilder) (as Harry Hinkle) | 1986 | <i>That's Life</i> (Edwards) (as Harvey Fairchild) |
| 1967 | <i>Luv</i> (Donner) (as Harry Berlin) | 1987 | <i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i> (Miller—for TV) |
| 1968 | <i>The Odd Couple</i> (Saks) (as Felix Ungar) | 1988 | <i>The Murder of Mary Phagan</i> (Hale—for TV) (as Gov. John Staton) |
| 1969 | <i>The April Fools</i> (Rosenberg) (as Howard Brubaker) | 1989 | <i>Dad</i> (Goldberg) (as Jake Tremont) |
| 1970 | <i>The Out-of-Towners</i> (Hiller) (as George Kellerman) | 1991 | <i>JFK</i> (Stone) (as Jack Martin) |
| 1972 | <i>The War Between Men and Women</i> (Shavelson) (as Peter Wilson); <i>Avanti!</i> (Wilder) (as Wendell Armbruster) | 1992 | <i>Glengarry Glen Ross</i> (Foley) (as Shelley Levine); <i>The Player</i> (Altman) (as himself); <i>For Richer, for Poorer</i> (Sandrich—for TV) (as Aram Katourian) |
| 1973 | <i>Save the Tiger</i> (Avildsen) (as Harry Stoner) | 1993 | <i>A Life in the Theater</i> (Mosher—for TV) (as Robert); <i>Short Cuts</i> (Altman) (as Paul Finnigan); <i>Grumpy Old Men</i> (Petrie) (as John Gustafson); <i>Earth and the American Dream</i> (Couturie (doc) (voice only); <i>Luck, Trust & Ketchup: Robert Altman In Carver Country</i> (Dorr, Kaplan) (doc) (as Interviewee) |
| 1974 | <i>Wednesday</i> (Kupfer); <i>The Front Page</i> (Wilder) (as Hildy Johnson) | 1995 | <i>The Grass Harp</i> (Charles Matthau) (as Morris Ritz); <i>Grumpier Old Men</i> (Deutch) (as John Gustafson); <i>Getting Away with Murder</i> (Harvey Miller) (as Max Mueller/Luger) |
| 1975 | <i>The Prisoner of Second Avenue</i> (Frank) (as Mel) | 1996 | <i>Hamlet</i> (Branagh) (as Marcellus); <i>A Weekend in the Country</i> (Bregman—for TV) (as Bud Bailey); <i>My Fellow Americans</i> (Segal) (as Russell P. Kramer) |
| 1976 | <i>The Entertainer</i> (Wrye—for TV) (as Archie Rice); <i>Alex and the Gypsy</i> (Korty) (as Alexander Main) | | |
| 1977 | <i>Airport '77</i> (Jameson) (as Don Gallagher) | | |
| 1979 | <i>The China Syndrome</i> (Bridges) (as Jack Godell) | | |
| 1980 | <i>Tribute</i> (Clark) (as Scottie Templeton) | | |
| 1981 | <i>Buddy Buddy</i> (Wilder) (as Victor Clooney) | | |
| 1982 | <i>Missing</i> (Costa-Gavras) (as Ed Horman) | | |
| 1985 | <i>Mass Appeal</i> (Glenn Jordan) (as Father Tim Farley); <i>Macaroni</i> (Scola) (as Robert) | | |

- 1997 *Puppies for Sale* (Krauss); *Out to Sea* (Coolidge) (as Herb Sullivan); *12 Angry Men* (Friedkin—for TV) (as Juror #8)
- 1998 *The Long Way Home* (Jordan—for TV) (as Tom Gerrin); *The Odd Couple II* (Deutsch) (as Felix Ungar)
- 1999 *Inherit the Wind* (Petrie—for TV) (as Henry Drummond); *Tuesdays with Morrie* (Jackson—for TV) (as Morrie Schwartz); *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (doc) (as himself)
- 2000 *The Legend of Baggar Vance* (Redford) (as Hardy Greaves)

Film as Director:

- 1971 *Kotch* (+ ro as stranger on bus)

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In Jack Lemmon’s special brand of comedy, he spotlights the futility of the well-brought-up and well-intentioned male who flounders in a society rife with corruption and hypocrisy. His characters can triumph only when they develop a stronger sense of self, and take stands against those who abuse them. The flip side of this marvelous actor is that he is equally adept at playing dramatic roles. He is at his finest when cast as characters who either are sadly and tragically deluded, or are complacent, average Americans who become radicalized by events that shatter their value systems.

As a younger movie star, Lemmon’s best roles were as characters who moved from states of innocence to states of awareness through painful, if often humorous, experience. This type of character development highlighted Lemmon’s nuances of gesture and facial expressions to their best advantage, as the characters endured bafflement and disorientation in their brave attempts to understand their world. In *Mr. Roberts*, Lemmon’s Ensign Pulver starts out a comical wheeler-dealer, a jester-schemer who is far more adept at talking than functioning. But upon hearing of the death of the title character, who had been in conflict with his ship’s martinet captain, Pulver’s face and entire form are energized as he defiantly throws the captain’s sacred palm tree overboard. Through most of *The Apartment* (in which Lemmon, as he often was in the initial phases of his career, is directed by Billy Wilder), his character, C. C. Baxter, is caught in a web of petty corporate corruption. In order to curry favor with his superiors, Baxter lends them his apartment for their overnight trysts, resulting in habitual inconvenience and many a sleepless night. Finally, having fallen in love with his boss’s mistress, Baxter regains his dignity and quits his job. Lemmon plays this spineless organization man to perfection, making his transformation all the more impressive. Few viewers can resist the moment when Baxter thrusts out his formerly weak chin and tells his boss what he can do with the job and his key to the executive washroom.

Lemmon’s other great early career comic performance came in a classic concoction meant strictly for laughs, *Some Like It Hot*, in which he and Tony Curtis dress in drag and join an all-girl band after accidentally witnessing the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre. In 1966, still barely over a quarter-way through his career, Lemmon was paired with Walter Matthau in *The Fortune Cookie*, an inspired teaming which has continued through various other films well into the 1990s. Lemmon and Matthau are at their best when playing polar

opposites who find themselves united by happenstance. They have never been funnier than in *The Odd Couple*, in which both actors' comic abilities are exploited to the extreme with Lemmon as the neurotically obsessive neatnik Felix Ungar and Matthau as the glorious slob Oscar Madison.

In Lemmon's initial noteworthy roles, he was called upon to be a comic actor. But as his career progressed, he displayed his flip side as a superb dramatic actor-tragedian. His first great dramatic role is Joe, the pathetic alcoholic, in *Days of Wine and Roses*. In *Save the Tiger*, he brilliantly plays another miserable creature, Harry Stoner, a dress manufacturer who (like so many of his comic characters) has lost his innocence. But in so doing, he has become a weaker rather than stronger man as he shrugs his shoulders and submits to the daily acts of degradation he feels are necessary to his survival in the business world. Lemmon plays a variation on this character in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, David Mamet's emotionally gripping adaptation of his stage play, in which Lemmon gives what is perhaps his most riveting late-career screen performance as real estate salesman Shelley "The Machine" Levine. As with Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*—and Harry Stoner in *Save the Tiger*—Levine is an aging, desperate man. He will say anything and do anything to get the good leads that will allow him an audience for his tired sales pitches. Levine is all sweat and angst beneath his superficially friendly handshake, and Lemmon plays him with a master touch.

The actor has also played more sympathetic dramatic characters. He commands the screen in two overtly political dramas in which his characters undergo catharses similar to the ones experienced by his more comic alter-egos. In *The China Syndrome*, Lemmon plays nuclear power plant worker Jack Godell, a loyal company man who is transformed upon realizing that the authorities have failed to deal with the causes of an accidental meltdown at his plant. In *Missing*, he is conservative American businessman Ed Horman, who becomes radicalized upon the disappearance of his son in a Latin American country, and by his realization of America's squalid complicity in the country's repressive policies.

As Lemmon's career entered its fifth decade, the actor made a brief but memorable appearance in *The Grass Harp*, directed by Charles (son of Walter) Matthau. Here, he plays just the type of character who might have been his nemesis in *The Apartment*: a slick, scheming entrepreneur-shyster who entices and then cons a narrow-minded, naive small-town businesswoman. He is especially fine in his poignant vignette in *Short Cuts*, playing a character who has forgotten how to feel: a father, estranged for many years from his son, who reenters the latter's life from out of nowhere—and who does not even know his own grandson's name. Another excellent starring role came in *A Life in the Theater*, a television movie which, like *Glengarry Glen Ross*, is based on a David Mamet play. Lemmon plays Robert, an older actor who has devoted his life to the stage; in fact, to him, life *is* the theater. He and a younger actor are seen rehearsing, performing, and forever discussing and arguing about the craft of acting during a season of repertory plays. Primarily, *A Life in the Theater* serves as a showcase for Lemmon, who offers a canny, knowing performance as Robert—yet one more in a seemingly unending line of colorful, memorable characterizations.

Not all of Lemmon's late-career roles have been serious and dramatic. In 1993, he was re-teamed with old pal Walter Matthau in *Grumpy Old Men*. The two were cast as senior citizen variations of *The Odd Couple*'s Oscar and Felix: lifelong pals who endlessly and comically feud. The film's success led to a by-the-numbers sequel, *Grumpier Old Men*, the inanely comic *Out to Sea*, and the distressingly

unnecessary and unfunny *Odd Couple II*. Particularly in the latter, the actors are game—but their act is tired. Lemmon fared a bit better when paired with fellow senior actor James Garner in the comedy *My Fellow Americans*, with both cast as former American presidents who despise each other but must work together to foil a nefarious scheme.

Lemmon's most important late-1990s credits are a trio of high-profile made-for-TV movies: projects that are too intelligent and literate for Hollywood to make into theatrical features. In *12 Angry Men*, *Inherit the Wind*, and *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the actor offers sterling performances. And as he has aged, he has come to be viewed as an American treasure, an actor's actor who is beloved by his peers. In 1998, Lemmon earned a Golden Globe nomination for *12 Angry Men*, but was bested for the prize by Ving Rhames (for his performance in *Don King: Only in America*). While accepting his award, Rhames respectfully called Lemmon to the stage and all but handed over his trophy. Then Kevin Spacey, upon winning his Best Actor Academy Award for 1999's *American Beauty*, paid special, heartfelt tribute to Lemmon in his acceptance speech.

—Rodney Farnsworth, updated by Rob Edelman

LEWIS, Jerry

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joseph Levitch in Newark, New Jersey, 16 March 1926. **Education:** Attended Irvington High School, Irvington, New Jersey. **Family:** Married 1) the singer Patti Palmer, 1944 (divorced), six children: Gary, Ron, Scott, Chris, Anthony,



Jerry Lewis in *The Nutty Professor*

Joseph; 2) the actress/dancer Sandra Pitnick, 1983, one daughter. **Career:** 1931—made stage debut; 1942—developed comic routines, attracting Irving Kaye as manager; 1946—formed comedy team with Dean Martin; 1948—with Martin, signed by Hal Wallis for Paramount; 1949—feature film debut in *My Friend Irma*; 1952—became chairman of Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, raising funds from annual telethons; 1956—started solo career; formed Jerry Lewis Productions, Inc.; 1957—film debut as single, *The Delicate Delinquent*; 1959—signed seven-year contract with Paramount-York; 1963—lead in variety TV series *The Jerry Lewis Show*; 1967–69—lead in comedy-variety TV series *The Jerry Lewis Show*; 1972—after abandonment of *The Day the Clown Cried*, left films for eight years; 1988–89—in TV series *Wiseguy*; 1995—Broadway debut playing the devil in *Damn Yankees*. **Awards:** Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters, and Commander of the Legion of Honor, France, 1984; DHL (hon.), Mercy College, 1987; Prof. cinema, University of Southern California. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, Inc., 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *My Friend Irma* (George Marshall) (as Seymour)
- 1950 *At War with the Army* (Walker) (as Pfc. Alvin Korwin); *My Friend Irma Goes West* (Walker) (as Seymour); *The Milkman* (Barton) (as milkman)
- 1951 *That's My Boy* (Walker) (as Junior Jackson); *Sailor Beware* (Walker) (as Melvin Jones)
- 1952 *Road to Bali* (Walker) (cameo); *Jumping Jacks* (Taurog) (as Hap Smith)
- 1953 *The Stooge* (Taurog—produced in 1951) (title role); *The Caddy* (Taurog) (title role); *Money from Home* (George Marshall) (as Virgil Yokum); *Scared Stiff* (George Marshall) (as Myron Myron Mertz)
- 1954 *Living It Up* (Taurog) (as Homer Flagg); *Three Ring Circus* (*Jerrico, the Wonder Clown*) (Pevney) (as Jerry Hotchkiss)
- 1955 *You're Never Too Young* (Taurog) (as Wilbur Hoolick); *Artists and Models* (Tashlin) (as Eugene Fullstack)
- 1956 *Pardners* (Taurog) (as Wade Kingsley Jr./Wade Kingsley Sr.); *Hollywood or Bust* (Tashlin) (as Malcolm Smith)
- 1957 *The Delicate Delinquent* (McGuire) (as Sidney Pythias, + pr); *The Sad Sack* (George Marshall) (as Bixby)
- 1958 *Rock-a-Bye-Baby* (Tashlin) (as Clayton Poole, + pr); *The Geisha Boy* (Tashlin) (title role, + pr)
- 1959 *L'il Abner* (Frank) (cameo); *Don't Give Up the Ship* (Taurog) (as John Paul Steckler)
- 1960 *Visit to a Small Planet* (Taurog) (as Kreton); *Cinderfella* (Tashlin) (title role, + pr)
- 1962 *It's Only Money* (Tashlin) (as Lester March)
- 1963 *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (cameo as mad driver); *Who's Minding the Store?* (Tashlin) (as Raymond Phiffier)
- 1964 *The Disorderly Orderly* (Tashlin) (title role)
- 1965 *Boeing, Boeing* (Rich) (as Robert Reed)
- 1966 *Way . . . Way Out* (Gordon Douglas) (as Peter Mattemore)
- 1968 *Don't Raise the Bridge, Lower the River* (Paris) (as George Lester)
- 1969 *Hook, Line and Sinker* (George Marshall) (as Peter Ingersoll, + pr)
- 1983 *The King of Comedy* (Scorsese) (as Jerry Langford)
- 1984 *Slapstick of Another Kind* (Steven Paul); *Par out'es Rentre? On t'a pas vue sortir* (Philippe Clair); *Retenez moi . . . ou je Fais un Malheur!* (*To Catch a Cop*) (Michel Gerard) (as Jerry Logan); *Jerry Lewis Live* (Forrest)
- 1987 *Fight for Life* (Silverstein—for TV)
- 1989 *Cookie* (Susan Seidelman) (as Arnold Ross)
- 1992 *Mr. Saturday Night* (Crystal) (as himself)
- 1993 *Arizona Dream* (Kusturica) (as Leo Sweetie)
- 1995 *Funny Bones* (Chelsom) (as George Fawkes)

Films as Director and Actor:

- 1960 *The Bellboy* (title role, + pr, sc)
- 1961 *The Ladies' Man* (as Herbert Herbert Heebert/Heebert's mother, + pr, co-sc); *The Errand Boy* (title role, + co-sc)
- 1963 *The Nutty Professor* (as Professor Julius Kelp/Buddy Love, + co-pr, co-sc)
- 1964 *The Patsy* (as Stanley Belt, + co-sc)
- 1965 *The Family Jewels* (as Willard Woodward/the Peyton Brothers, + pr, co-sc)
- 1966 *Three on a Couch* (as Christopher Pride/Warren/Ringo/Rutherford/Heather, + pr)
- 1967 *The Big Mouth* (title role, + pr, co-sc)
- 1970 *Which Way to the Front?* (as Brendan Byers III, + pr); *One More Time* (d only)
- 1972 *The Day the Clown Cried* (not completed) (title role, + sc)
- 1981 *Hardly Working* (as Bo Hooper, + co-sc)
- 1983 *Cracking Up* (*Smorgasbord*) (as Warren Nefron/Dr. Perks, + co-sc)

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Lionized by the French critics as a comic auteur equal to Chaplin and Keaton, Jerry Lewis has seldom found much favor with critics in his own country. While other comedians such as Abbott & Costello (even The Three Stooges) who were similarly dismissed by contemporary reviewers but have since achieved a degree of artistic respectability—in some quarters, more than that—with the passage of time, Lewis has yet to experience such reappraisal. He remains more honored in Europe—especially France, although Germany and Spain have showered him with honors, too—than at home despite a career as prolific in its output as those of his more esteemed comic colleagues.

The reason for this may be that Lewis’s style of comedy—which, in its post-Dean Martin period, focused almost exclusively on Lewis himself, almost never the characters or events surrounding him—strikes people as self-indulgent, self-centered, even egotistical; this is a major turnoff, particularly to critics. Also, the screen character he created and lavished so much attention on—the child who never grew up, a mugging simpleton Lewis dubbed “the Kid”—is very much an acquired taste. Children, especially young tots, find the character amusingly simpatico. But many older viewers, from age 20 on, find it forced, grating, shallow, stupid, and excruciatingly witless.

Lewis began his career as a borscht belt comedian and impersonator of well-known singers of the day whose voices and mannerisms he mimicked to the accompaniment of recordings. His career was going nowhere until a chance meeting with a crooner named Dean Martin, whose career was likewise stalled, led to their teaming up. Their mostly improvised act involved Lewis’s manic attempts to destroy Martin’s numbers by breaking him up on-stage. It was audiences who broke up; within months, Martin & Lewis was the hottest comedy team in show business. Word spread, Hollywood called, and Martin & Lewis made their screen debut low down in the cast list of *My Friend Irma*, a comedy based on a hit radio show of the time. The team essentially reprised its stage act in the film. Audiences felt they stole the picture, a hit, which was followed by a sequel, *My Friend Irma Goes West*, in which the duo was top-billed with stars John Lund and Marie Wilson. Signed to a long-term contract by Paramount, Martin & Lewis starred in more than a dozen wildly popular comedies for the studio until their celebrated split in 1956 following the appropriately titled *Hollywood or Bust*. Many believed their Hollywood careers would go bust without each other, but Martin & Lewis

proved them wrong. Martin went on to achieve a successful solo career as a singer, actor, and television star. After *The Delicate Delinquent*, his first film without Martin (in which Darren McGavin stepped into the Martin straight man role), Lewis decided he no longer needed a straight man for his antics, and went solo himself.

Lewis's disenchantment with the nature of the team's screen persona was among the stated reasons for the break-up. Critic David Thomson has described the persona as that of "... two men at odds: Lewis seems hurt by Martin's callousness, just as Martin seems offended by the proximity of a slob." As the team's films progressed, Martin's suave and sophisticated character seemed to become increasingly scornful and unscrupulously manipulative of Lewis's nitwit character, whose antics escalated into an insufferably annoying plague on both their houses. But some critics have voiced another possible reason for the split: Lewis's ambivalent desire to be like Martin and simultaneous hostility toward him. These critics have pointed to Lewis's *The Nutty Professor* (1963) as a not-so-subtle expression of this inner war. In the film—a comic take on Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* that Lewis starred in, co-wrote and directed—he plays a nerdy, lovesick chemistry professor in the "Kid" mold and the alter-ego he unleashes with his magic formula: suave singer and lounge lizard Buddy Love, a character viewed as a vicious takeoff on Martin. Later, in *Boeing, Boeing*, a romantic farce co-starring Tony Curtis, Lewis ironically played the more subdued, straight man role, a role Dean Martin could easily have stepped in himself, so there may be some validity to the critics' assessment.

Lewis's most important collaboration after the break-up with Martin was with Frank Tashlin, a former Warner Brothers cartoon director turned feature filmmaker, whose satiric style and eye for the cartoonlike, belly-laugh sight gag strongly influenced Lewis's subsequent career and own directorial approach. Lewis made two films for Tashlin with Martin (*Artists and Models*, *Hollywood or Bust*) and six without, arguably the best of which is *Rock-a-Bye-Baby* (1958), a remake of the Preston Sturges classic *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek* (1944).

Lewis turned to directing with *The Bellboy* (1960), hailed by French critics as Lewis's breakthrough film and funniest movie to date. It was quickly followed by *The Ladies' Man* and *The Errand Boy* (both 1961), then *The Nutty Professor*, which the French named the best picture of the year and Lewis's masterpiece—his intervening films with Tashlin notwithstanding. By 1965, Lewis was being deified by the French as the greatest comic artist since Buster Keaton, an inapt comparison on a number of levels. For one thing, Lewis's increasing penchant for inserting pathos and the occasional "message" into his work was less like Keaton than Chaplin, whose career Lewis seemed bent most in emulating. Unlike Chaplin, however, Lewis's scenes of pathos tend to be more mawkish than tear-jerkingly sentimental.

Lewis's *The Day the Clown Cried* (1972), a seriocomic look at the Holocaust from the perspective of a Jewish comic imprisoned in a Nazi death camp, remains his most ambitious attempt to emulate Chaplin. Whether he succeeded or not we still do not know as the film has yet to be released due to legal entanglements with its backers. The debacle apparently crushed Lewis's spirits for a time; he did not make another film until 1979's aptly titled *Hardly Working*, a critically scorned (in America) but commercial hit.

Since then, Lewis has chosen to remain in the public mind primarily as host of the Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, an

annual charitable rite with which he has been associated for years. His film performances have mostly been for other directors, the most notable being Martin Scorsese, in whose 1983 *The King of Comedy* Lewis undertook his first dramatic role as a late night television talk show entertainer in the vein of Johnny Carson stalked by an ambitious fan. Lewis's performance garnered well-deserved accolades not just in France, but, at last, in the United States as well. In 1995 he made his Broadway debut as the devil in a revival of the musical comedy *Damn Yankees* and was similarly acclaimed. Perhaps these two atypical roles, and the impressive kudos he received for his performances in them, auger better things to come for the indomitable "Kid" in his native land.

—John McCarty

LEWIS, Juliette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Los Angeles, California, 21 June 1973; daughter of the actor Geoffrey Lewis. **Education:** Received high school equivalency diploma. **Family:** Married to Steve Berra, 1999. **Career:** 1985—acting debut in the cable TV mini-series *Home Fires*; mid to late 1980s, appeared in several TV situation comedies, including *I Married Dora*, 1987–88, and a recurring role on *Wonder Years*, 1989–90; 1988—theatrical movie debut in *My Stepmother Is an Alien*; 1990—first leading role in the TV movie *Too Young to*



Juliette Lewis

Die?; 1990s—continued work in films, as well as in television commercials and music videos. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1988 *My Stepmother Is an Alien* (Benjamin) (as Lexie)
- 1989 *Meet the Hollowheads* (*Life on the Edge*) (Burman) (as Cindy Hollowhead); *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (Chechik) (as Audrey Griswold); *The Runnin' Kind* (Tash)
- 1990 *Too Young to Die?* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Amanda Sue Bradley)
- 1991 *Crooked Hearts* (Bortman) (as Cassie Warren); *Cape Fear* (Scorsese) (as Danielle Bowden)
- 1992 *Husbands and Wives* (Woody Allen) (as Rain)
- 1993 *That Night* (*One Hot Summer*) (Bolotin) (as Sheryl O'Connor); *Kalifornia* (Sena) (as Adele Corners); *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* (Hallström) (as Becky)
- 1994 *Romeo Is Bleeding* (Medak) (as Sheri); *Natural Born Killers* (Oliver Stone) (as Mallory Knox); *Mixed Nuts* (*Lifesavers*) (Nora Ephron) (as Gracie Barzini)
- 1995 *The Basketball Diaries* (Kalvert) (as Diane Moody); *Strange Days* (Bigelow) (as Faith Justin)
- 1996 *From Dusk Till Dawn* (Rodríguez) (as Kate Fuller); *The Audition* (Lightfield, Lewis) (+ pr); *The Evening Star* (as granddaughter)
- 1997 *Full Tilt Boogie* (Kelly) (as herself)
- 1998 *Men* (Kelly) (as April)
- 1999 *The Other Sister* (Marshall) (as Carla Tate)

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In her relatively short film career, Juliette Lewis has amassed an impressive array of screen credits. Inspired by her well-known character actor father, Geoffrey Lewis, she has been acting in films and television since the age of 13. Although she has no formal acting training, Lewis has consistently demonstrated her astonishing ability to craft well-studied and fascinating performances. Accordingly, she has been sought out by a number of major directors and actors, and despite her youth, she has chosen roles that have given her the opportunity to exercise her wide-ranging acting skills—regardless of the commercial or star-making potential of the films.

Lewis earned her first significant critical praise with her appearance in the television movie *Too Young to Die?*, in which she played a bereft young teenager who is manipulated into murdering a former lover by Brad Pitt's smarmy hustler. Then, her breakthrough theatrical film performance was in Scorsese's *Cape Fear*, for which she received Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations, and which confirmed her reputation as a major young Hollywood talent. Her riveting performance is both confident and complex: she plays a shy, confused teenager in the awkward throes of her sexual awakening who gets caught in the web of a psychotic rapist. In the film's extraordinarily memorable and chilling seduction scene, Lewis perfectly conveys her young character's sense of attraction and repulsion for Robert De Niro's oddly compelling stranger.

More of a gamine than a conventionally pretty actress, Lewis is able to accommodate a variety of "looks"—from the perfect embodiment of threatened innocence, as in *Too Young to Die?* and *Cape Fear*, to the sexy, scantily clad, and aggressive femme fatale/rock star of *Strange Days*. In both her leading roles and her ensemble film work, Lewis typically has played naive, dispossessed, working-class characters, who are either strangely menacing or even coldly violent, as in *Kalifornia* and *Natural Born Killers*. Indeed, her role as the sexually abused and disaffected serial killer in the latter further confirmed her unusual willingness to risk playing mostly unsympathetic characters. An example of this occurs in the eccentric, over-the-top film *Romeo Is Bleeding*, in which she plays the underage mistress of Gary Oldman's crooked cop. But, she also delivered an inspired and convincing performance in *Husbands and Wives* as an upper-middle class, east-coast collegian who is the sexually knowing object of desire for Woody Allen's middle-aged character. Likewise, her performance in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*—as a smart, sensitive, and worldly young woman traveling with her grandmother through the Midwest in a trailer, who captivates and enlightens Johnny Depp's Gilbert—displays her uncanny ability to produce quiet and subtly nuanced characterizations.

In her rare press and television interviews, Lewis repeatedly has expressed her desire to elude Hollywood's conventional star system, in order to continue taking chances and hone her already admirable talents as a performer. Still in her early twenties, Lewis fortunately has ample time in which to pursue and to demonstrate her creative and artistic priorities.

—Cynthia Felando

LLOYD, Harold

Nationality: American. **Born:** Burchard, Nebraska, 20 April 1893. **Education:** Studied acting at School of Dramatic Art, San Diego. **Family:** Married the actress Mildred Davis, 1923 (died 1969), daughters: Mildred Gloria and Marjorie Elizabeth (nickname “Peggy,” adopted), son: Harold Jr. **Career:** 1906—acted with the Burwood Stock Company, Omaha; 1913—joined a stock company playing in Los Angeles; worked as extra at Edison and Universal studios; 1914—made several “Willie Work” comedies for Hal Roach, now lost; 1915—featured actor in *Just Nuts*; 1915–17—made series of comedies, “Lonesome Luke,” often with Bebe Daniels and Snub Pollard; 1917–19—made series of comedies featuring “young man with horn-rimmed glasses,” often with Mildred Davis; 1922—began making feature films exclusively; 1923—formed Harold Lloyd Corporation; 1929—first sound film, *Welcome Danger*; 1949–50—served as Supreme Imperial Potentate of Shriners; 1960s—produced two compilation films of his films. **Awards:** Honorary Oscar, for being “master comedian and good citizen,” 1952; George Eastman Awards, 1955 and 1957. **Died:** Of cancer, in Hollywood, 8 March 1971.

Films as Actor:

- 1913 *The Old Monk's Tale* (Dawley—995 feet) (as extra)
 1914 *Samson* (Macdonald) (as extra); *The Patchwork Girl of Oz* (*The Ragged Girl of Oz*) (Macdonald) (as Hottentot)
 1915 *Love, Loot and Crash* (Cogley—one-reeler); *Their Social Splash* (Gillstrom—553 feet) (as the Minister); *Miss Fatty's Seaside Lovers* (Arbuckle—one-reeler) (as masher); *From Italy's Shores* (Otis Turner—two-reeler) (as gangster); *Courthouse Crooks* (Parrott—two-reeler) (as Tom, youth out of work)

(in one-reel comedies directed by Hal Roach)

- 1915 *Just Nuts* (as Willie Work); *Lonesome Luke*; *Once Every Ten Minutes*; *Spit-Ball Sadie*; *Soaking the Clothes*; *Pressing His Suit*; *Terribly Stuck Up*; *A Mixup for Mazie*; *Some Baby*; *Fresh from the Farm*; *Giving Them Fits*; *Bughouse Bellhops*; *Tinkering with Trouble*; *Great While It Lasted*; *Ragtime Snap Shots*; *A Fizzle at a Tee Party*; *Ruses, Rhymes and Roughnecks*; *Peculiar Patients' Pranks*; *Lonesome Luke, Social Gangster*
 1916 *Luke Leans to the Literary*; *Luke Lugs Luggage*; *Lonesome Luke Lolls in Luxury*; *Luke the Candy Cut-Up*; *Luke Foils the Villain*; *Luke and the Rural Roughnecks*; *Luke Pipes the Pippins*; *Lonesome Luke, Circus King*; *Luke's Double*; *Them Was the Happy Days!*; *Luke and the Bomb Throwers*; *Luke's Late Lunches*; *Luke Laughs Last*; *Luke's Fatal Flivver*; *Luke's Society Mix-Up*; *Luke's Washful Waiting*; *Luke Rides Roughshod*; *Luke—Crystal Gazer*; *Luke's Lost Lamb*; *Luke Does the Midway*; *Luke Joins the Navy*; *Luke and the Mermaids*; *Luke's Speedy Club Life*; *Luke and the Bang-Tails*; *Luke, the Chauffeur*; *Luke's Preparedness Preparations*; *Luke, the Gladiator*; *Luke, Patient Provider*;

Luke's Newsie Knockout; *Luke's Movie Muddle* (*Luke's Model Movie*; *Director of the Cinema*); *Luke's Fireworks Fizzle*; *Luke Locates the Loot*; *Luke's Shattered Sleep*

(alternately directed by Hal Roach and Alf Goulding, with several directed by Lloyd)

- 1917 *Luke's Lost Liberty*; *Luke's Busy Days*; *Luke's Trolley Trouble*; *Lonesome Luke, Lawyer*; *Luke Wins Ye Ladye Faire*

(two-reelers)

- 1917 *Lonesome Luke's Lively Life*; *Lonesome Luke on Tin Can Alley*; *Lonesome Luke's Honeymoon*; *Lonesome Luke, Plumber*; *Stop! Luke! Listen!*; *Lonesome Luke, Messenger*; *Lonesome Luke, Mechanic*; *Lonesome Luke's Wild Women*; *Lonesome Luke Loses Patients*; *Birds of a Feather*; *Lonesome Luke from London to Laramie*; *Love, Laughs, and Lather*; *Clubs Are Trump*; *We Never Sleep*

(one-reelers as young man with horn-rimmed glasses)

- 1917 *Over the Fence* (as Ginger, + co-d with Macdonald); *Pinched*; *By the Sad Sea Waves*; *Bliss*; *Rainbow Island*; *The Flirt*; *All Aboard* (as the boy); *Move On*; *Bashful*; *Step Lively*
 1918 *The Tip*; *The Big Idea*; *The Lamb*; *Hit Him Again*; *Beat It*; *A Gasoline Wedding*; *Look Pleasant, Please*; *Here Come the Girls*; *Let's Go*; *On the Jump*; *Follow the Crowd*; *Pipe the Whiskers*; *It's a Wild Life* (Pratt); *Hey There!*; *Kicked Out*; *The Non-Stop Kid* (as the boy); *Two-Gun Gussie* (as Harold); *Fireman, Save My Child*; *The City Slicker* (as Harold); *Sic 'em Towser*; *Somewhere in Turkey*; *Are Crooks Dishonest?* (as Jinney Jim); *An Ozark Romance*; *Kicking the Germ out of Germany*; *That's Him*; *Bride and Gloom*; *Two Scrambled*; *Bees in His Bonnet*; *Swing Your Partners*; *Why Pick on Me?* (as the boy); *Nothing but Trouble*; *Hear 'em Rave*; *Take a Chance*; *She Loves Me Not*
 1919 *Wanted—\$5000*; *Going! Going! Gone!*; *Ask Father* (as the boy); *On the Fire* (*The Chef*) (Roach) (as Winkle); *I'm on My Way* (as the boy); *Look Out Below*; *The Dutiful Dub*; *Next Aisle Over*; *A Sammy in Siberia*; *Just Dropped In*; *Crack Your Heels*; *Ring Up the Curtain* (as the boy); *Young Mr. Jazz*; *Si, Senor*; *Before Breakfast*; *The Marathon*; *Back to the Woods*; *Pistols for Breakfast*; *Swat the Crook*; *Off the Trolley*; *Spring Fever* (as Billy); *Billy Blazes, Esq*; *Just Neighbors* (as the boy); *At the Old Stage Door*; *Never Touched Me* (as the boy); *A Jazzed Honeymoon*; *Count Your Change* (*Step Lively*) (as the boy); *Chop Suey and Co.* (as Officer Harold); *Heap Big Chief*; *Don't Shove* (as the boy); *Be My Wife*; *The Rajah*; *He Leads, Others Follow*; *Soft Money*; *Count the Votes*; *Pay Your Dues* (as the boy); *His Only Father*

(two-reelers, unless otherwise noted)

- 1919 *Bumping into Broadway* (as the boy); *Captain Kidd's Kids* (Roach) (as the boy); *From Hand to Mouth* (Goulding) (as the boy)
 1920 *His Royal Slyness* (Roach) (as the American boy); *Haunted Spooks* (Roach and Goulding) (as the boy); *An Eastern*

Harold Lloyd in *Safety Last*

- Westerner* (Roach) (as the boy); *High and Dizzy* (Roach) (as Harold Hal); *Get Out and Get Under* (Roach); *Number, Please* (Roach and Newmeyer) (as the boy)
- 1921 *Now or Never* (Roach and Newmeyer—three-reeler); *Among Those Present* (Newmeyer) (as O'Reilly, the boy); *I Do* (as the boy); *Never Weaken* (Newmeyer—three-reeler) (as the boy)
- (feature-length films)
- 1921 *Sailor-Made Man* (Newmeyer) (as the boy)
- 1922 *Grandma's Boy* (Newmeyer) (as the boy, Sonny/Granddaddy in flashback); *Dr. Jack* (Newmeyer) (title role)
- 1923 *Safety Last* (Newmeyer and Sam Taylor) (as the boy); *Dogs of War* (Roach—two-reeler) (as himself); *Why Worry?* (Newmeyer and Sam Taylor) (as Harold Van Pelham)
- 1924 *Girl Shy* (Newmeyer and Sam Taylor) (as the poor boy, Harold Meadows, + pr); *Hot Water* (Sam Taylor and Newmeyer) (as Hubby, + pr)
- 1925 *The Freshman* (Sam Taylor and Newmeyer) (as Harold "Speedy" Lamb, + pr)
- 1926 *For Heaven's Sake* (Sam Taylor) (as "The Uptown Boy," J. Harold Manners, + pr)
- 1927 *The Kid Brother* (Milestone, Howe, Neal, and Wilde) (as Harold Hickory, + pr)
- 1928 *Speedy* (Wilde) (as Harold "Speedy" Swift, + pr)
- 1929 *Welcome Danger* (Mal St. Clair and Bruckman) (as Harold Bledsoe, + pr)
- 1930 *Feet First* (Bruckman) (as Harold Horne, + pr)
- 1932 *Movie Crazy* (Bruckman) (as Harold Hall, + pr)
- 1934 *The Cat's Paw* (Sam Taylor) (as Ezekiel Cobb, + pr)
- 1936 *The Milky Way* (McCarey) (as Burleigh "Tiger" Sullivan, + pr)
- 1938 *Professor Beware* (Nugent) (as Prof. Dean Lambert, + pr)
- 1947 *Mad Wednesday* (*The Sin of Harold Diddlebock*) (Preston Sturges) (as Harold Diddlebock)
- 1962 *Harold Lloyd's World of Comedy* (compilation) (+ pr)
- 1966 *Harold Lloyd's Funny Side of Life* (compilation) (+ pr)

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The sophistication and maturation of the silent screen comedy feature emerged in only a few years in the early 1920s—a phenomenon that came from the innovative efforts of Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, and Buster Keaton. As these three comedians graduated from one- and two-reel films, the scope of the five- and six-reel works dictated a need for a wider range of story material and a variety in acting levels and styles. An article entitled "Comedy Development," by Lloyd in the 1924 *Truth about the Movies by the Stars* indicated the actor saw the necessity of avoiding the same theme and type of film: "It is our intention to mix up the type of offering we will present. That has been our policy in the past, and it has worked out highly satisfactorily. . . . For no matter how great the appeal of a player, he cannot go on forever giving his public the same kind of picture, release after release."

As a very popular comedian in his one- and two-reelers, the actor first employed a character with limited dimension. From 1915 to 1918 Lloyd used an oddball tramp, Lonesome Luke, closely related to the circus clown and relied on wacky comic material that became the staple of a Mack Sennett slapstick short. When he switched to a character closer to that developed by the light comedians of the time—the young man next door—his acting style changed and his characterization became more appealing. A more realistic mode of acting became evident in his 1919 one-reel, *Just Neighbors*. The comedian developed incidents of frustration in the beginning of the film as he played a young man from the suburbs trying to catch a commuter train to his job in the city. The struggle of this character, called simply "The Boy," exhibited subtle facial expressions of annoyance, avoiding the broad body gestures of the earlier Lonesome Luke tramp character. Nevertheless, when Lloyd's young man gets into an altercation with his neighbor, a broad, slapstick fistfight shows a return to the comedy acting style of Lloyd's early films.

When Lloyd adopted the story material of the genteel comedians of the twenties—Charles Ray, Wallace Reid, and Douglas MacLean—he surpassed them in acting skills and the quality and quantity of laughable movies. In the development of a comic character in his first feature, *Grandma's Boy* (1922), the comedian could create a lighter, character-based humor of humiliation set against a stronger, broader, and ludicrous situation when his shy, withdrawn character metamorphosizes into an aggressive young man battling a villain. From hangdog expressions and wilted bodily movements the comedian showed a transition to a bold, erect stature of a man with a jutting aggressive jaw.

The key to understanding the comic character created by Lloyd lies in the leading figure's zeal. The enthusiasm of this character gives it distinction. Leading comedians of the time—Chaplin, Keaton, and Langdon—seldom used this trait in their comic characters. Lloyd, on the other hand, used this trait as the basic facet of his portrait. Some of the best comic moments of his films occur when Harold's zeal leads him into situations that backfire. His eagerness to be successful socially or financially leads him into the path of a rival who is a villain or into a scheme with many pitfalls. The comedian's acting ability comes into play as he attempts to cover his distress with a twisted smile. Attempts to impress a college clique in the 1925 *The Freshman* show the comedian exhibiting overeagerness to the point that he becomes the subject of the group's ridicule. As the character is humiliated, Lloyd provides a variety of humorous, pained expressions. But eventually the character's enthusiasms turns the tide in his favor. The fault that gains laughter is also the virtue that wins the victory. And victory quite often is achieved with the assistance of luck.

One of the misconceptions that has distorted the evaluation of Harold Lloyd's comic abilities is the view of some critics that he merely used a string of clever gags in his features—that he was in the same league as the lightweight, genteel comedians such as Ray, Reid, and MacLean who were popular actors in the silent features of the twenties. In the essay "Harold Lloyd: Comedy through Characterization" in *Harold Lloyd: The King of Daredevil Comedy*, Leonard Maltin refutes this concept. Maltin considers the comedian's acting talent to be an integral part of the characterization in the pictures he created: "For in order for that character to succeed as he did, there had to be a basic credibility . . . in his disarmingly natural performances. Like so many great performers who make their work look easy, Lloyd suffered the natural consequence of having certain critics believe that he wasn't really contributing much to his own films—that he was simply a likable fellow surrounded by funny incidents, and therefore a success by circumstance. This does a great injustice to a major comedy talent."

There is little doubt that Harold Lloyd has the credentials to be ranked as one of the kings of comedy of the silent period. A showing today of his *Grandma's Boy*, *Safety Last*, *The Freshman*, and *The Kid Brother* brings high praise from sophisticated audiences. Not well known are his sound films. Lloyd made the transition to sound pictures more easily than the other three kings of comedy: Chaplin, Keaton, and Langdon. Like the eager, adventurous character he portrayed, Lloyd plunged into sound films with *Welcome Danger* in 1929. Under his own supervision he did five more feature in the thirties: *Feet First*, *Movie Crazy*, *The Cat's Paw*, *The Milky Way*, and *Professor Beware*. His last feature in 1947 under the direction of Preston Sturges, *The Sin of Harold Diddlebock* (renamed *Mad Wednesday*), did not meet with Lloyd's high standards. Nevertheless, this forties film and his sound films of the thirties were a match for if not superior to other comedies created in these two decades.

—Donald McCaffrey

LOCKWOOD, Margaret

Nationality: British. **Born:** Karachi, India (now Pakistan), 15 September 1916. **Education:** Attended Sydenham High School; studied dance at the Italia Conti school; Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts,

1933. **Family:** Married Rupert Leon, 1937 (divorced 1950), daughter: Margaret Julia. **Career:** 1931—stage debut in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Holborn Empire; 1935—film debut in *Lorna Doone*; 1939—brief visit to Hollywood; 1948—TV debut in *Pygmalion* as Eliza Doolittle, also played role on stage, 1951; later stage work included *An Ideal Husband*, 1965, and *Lady Frederick*, 1970; 1952—contract with Herbert Wilcox; 1965—in TV series *The Flying Swan* with daughter Julia; later work included *Justice*, 1972–73. **Awards:** Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1980. **Died:** In London, 15 July 1990.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *Lorna Doone* (Dean) (as Annie Ridd); *The Case of Gabriel Perry* (Wild Justice) (de Courville) (as Mildred Perry); *Some Day* (Powell) (as Emily); *Honours Easy* (Mycroft) (as Ann); *Man of the Moment* (Banks) (as Vera); *Midshipman Easy* (*Men of the Sea*) (Reed) (as Donna Agnes)
- 1936 *Jury's Evidence* (Ince) (as Betty Stanton); *The Amateur Gentleman* (Freeland) (as Georgina Hunstanton); *The Beloved Vagabond* (Bernhardt) (as Blanquette); *Irish for Luck* (Woods) (as Ellen O'Hare)
- 1937 *Street Singer* (de Marguenat) (as Jenny Green); *Who's Your Lady Friend?* (Reed) (as Mimi); *Dr. Syn* (Neill) (as Imogene); *Melody and Romance* (Elvey) (as Margaret Williams)
- 1938 *Owd Bob* (*To the Victor*) (Stevenson) (as Jeannie McAdam); *Bank Holiday* (*Three on a Weekend*) (Reed) (as Catherine Lawrence); *The Lady Vanishes* (Hitchcock) (as Iris Henderson)
- 1939 *Rulers of the Sea* (Lloyd) (as Mary Shaw); *Susannah of the Mounties* (Seiter) (as Vicky Standing); *A Girl Must Live* (Reed) (as Leslie James); *The Stars Look Down* (Reed) (as Jenny Sunley)
- 1940 *Night Train to Munich* (*Night Train; Gestapo*) (Reed) (as Anna Bomasch); *The Girl in the News* (Reed) (as Anne Graham)
- 1941 *Quiet Wedding* (Asquith) (as Janet Royd)
- 1942 *Alibi* (Hurst) (as Helene Ardouin)
- 1943 *The Man in Grey* (Arliss) (as Hesther Shaw); *Dear Octopus* (*The Randolph Family*) (French) (as Penny Randolph)
- 1944 *Give Us the Moon* (Guest) (as Nina); *Love Story* (*A Lady Surrenders*) (Arliss) (as Lissa Campbell)
- 1945 *A Place of One's Own* (Knowles) (as Annette); *I'll Be Your Sweetheart* (Guest) (as Edie Story); *The Wicked Lady* (Arliss) (as Barbara Worth/Lady Skelton)
- 1946 *Bedelia* (Comfort) (as Bedelia Carrington)
- 1947 *Hungry Hill* (Hurst) (as Fanny Ross); *Jassy* (Box) (as Jassy Woodroffe); *The White Unicorn* (*Bad Sister*) (Knowles) (as Lucy)
- 1948 *Look before You Love* (Huth) (as Ann Markham)
- 1949 *Cardboard Cavalier* (Forde) (as Nell Gwynne); *Madness of the Heart* (Bennett) (as Lydia Garth)
- 1950 *Highly Dangerous* (Baker) (as Frances Gray)
- 1952 *Trent's Last Case* (Wilcox) (as Margaret Manderson)
- 1953 *Laughing Anne* (Wilcox) (as Anne)
- 1954 *Trouble in the Glen* (Wilcox) (as Marissa Mengues)
- 1955 *Cast a Dark Shadow* (Gilbert) (as Freda Jeffries)
- 1976 *The Slipper and the Rose* (Forbes) (as Stepmother)

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Although Margaret Lockwood had made 31 films in the preceding years, *The Wicked Lady* (1945) is the one film for which she is most remembered. For Margaret Lockwood the role and the title were destined to become synonymous with her. In a career of more than 40 films and numerous television appearances, Margaret Lockwood was “wicked” in only three of them. But it was her ability to play this type of character that remains the key point of identity for her star image in popular memory.

The “quota quickie” era of the 1930s had allowed Lockwood to make a large number of cheap films that familiarized her with studio techniques and enabled her to develop an acting style for camera. In 1935 alone she made six films—more than any other year of her career. This intense apprenticeship in film acting established Margaret Lockwood as a *film* actress at a time when most of British stars came from a strong theater or music hall tradition. Her biographer sees this point as a significant aspect of her later appeal: “The British

cinema hadn't so far discovered and groomed a star it could call its own. Margaret, unmannered and possessing a technique which hadn't been schooled in the theater, was a natural for the camera and the microphone. The first favoured her pretty, well-defined features, the second a pleasant, musical voice free of the curlicues and exaggerations which most young actresses of that time assumed."

By the end of the 1930s, Margaret Lockwood was emerging as a star with a career modeled through a Hollywood-style British studio system. In 1937, Margaret Lockwood was offered a three-year contract with Gainsborough Studios as the company's first move to implement the plan to create Britain's first custom-made film star. The success of films such as *The Lady Vanishes* and *The Stars Look Down* established her star status and enabled her to go on to become the most popular and successful British screen actress of the 1940s.

The significance of *The Wicked Lady* then is not so much in terms of establishing Margaret Lockwood's star image as in changing it. When she had played a cheap, scheming hussy who trapped the hero into marriage in *The Stars Look Down* the critics acclaimed her performance, but fans all over the country wrote indignant letters to the star and the producer. The prospect of a similar reaction caused a certain amount of anxiety when she was cast as a wicked murderess in her first costume melodrama for Gainsborough, *The Man in Grey*. However, the result was a huge increase in fan mail for Lockwood. The wickedness of this character proved thrilling in a way that the mere bitchiness of the character in *The Stars Look Down* was not.

The Stars Look Down had certainly been a departure for Margaret Lockwood. While the performance might have confused her star image of the 1930s, *The Man in Grey* was the first step in transforming it in the mid-1940s. Most of her films prior to this had contributed to the establishment of an unremarkable star image—the genteel, demure and very English middle-class woman. But with this established track record it was all the more shocking to see the display of ruthless independence, sexual desire and wickedness that the *The Man in Grey* unleashed. The advent of *The Wicked Lady* in 1945 offered the prospect of taking the image to its limits with a part designed to be the most ruthless, amoral character any British film had ever dared to present. From being the "nice girl," she suddenly became exciting, daring, glamorous and independent—a transformation that was greeted with astounding adulation by her audiences.

If the potency of the wicked lady image lay in the shock of seeing a dramatic change in Margaret Lockwood's star image, it also touched a chord in the "new woman" emerging from the disciplines of a long war. As Hilton Tims notes, this wicked lady was "a woman of independence, flouting hidebound convention, flaunting her superiority over men and contempt for them with courage, singlemindedness and feminine wiles."

Such characteristics were enormously appealing and exciting for those British women who had tasted independence during the war years and were striving against attempts to return them to submissive domesticity. Appearing as she did in the popular women's genre of melodrama, Margaret Lockwood provided her female audience with a fantasy role model for the immediate postwar years. The intensity of this portrayal and the strength of the chord that was struck ensured that Margaret Lockwood would carry this image into the history of British cinema.

—Margaret O'Connor

LOLLOBRIGIDA, Gina

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Subiaco, 4 July 1928 (some sources give 1927). **Education:** Studied sculpture and painting at the Academy of Fine Arts, Rome, 1944–47. **Family:** Married Drago Milko Skofic, 1950 (divorced), one son. **Career:** Singer and model for photographed comic strips (as Diana Loris) in mid-1940s; 1946—film debut in *Aquila Nera*; 1949—contract with Howard Hughes, who did not use her services for the next ten years; 1970s—devoted herself to photography and work for a fashion and cosmetics firm; 1975—directed the documentary film *Portrait of Fidel Castro*; 1984—appeared in TV series *Falcon Crest*; on Broadway in *The Rose Tattoo*. **Awards:** Silver Ribbon, Italy, for *Pane, amore, e fantasia*, 1953. **Address:** Via Appia Antica 223, 11078 Rome, Italy.

Films as Actress:

- 1946 *Aquila Nera (The Black Eagle)* (Freda); *Lucia di Lammermoor* (Ballerini)
- 1947 *Il segreto di Don Giovanni* (Mastrocinque); *Il delitto di Giovanni Episcopo* (Lattuada); *Vendetta nel sole (A Man about the House)* (Arliss and Amato); *L'elisir d'amore* (Costa)
- 1948 *Follie per l'opera* (Costa) (as Dora); *I pagliacci* (Costa) (as Nedda)
- 1949 *Campane a martello (Children of Chance)* (Zampa) (as Agostina Bortolizzi); *La sposa non può attendere* (Franciolini) (as Donata)
- 1950 *Miss Italy* (Coletti) (as Lisetta Minneci); *Cuori senza frontiere (The White Line)* (Zampa) (as Donata Sebastian); *Vita da cani* (Steno and Monicelli) (as Margherita); *Aline* (Pastina) (title role)
- 1951 *Passaporto per l'Oriente (A Tale of Five Cities; A Tale of Five Women)* (Tully and others) (as Maria Severini); *La città si difende (Four Ways Out)* (Germi) (as Daniela); *Enrico Caruso, leggenda di una voce* (Gentilomo) (as Stella); *Achtung! Banditi!* (Lizzani) (as Anna); *Fanfan la Tulipe (Fanfan the Tulip; Soldier in Love)* (Christian-Jaque) (as Adeline); *Amor non ho . . . pero . . . pero* (Bianchi) (as Gina)
- 1952 "The Trial of Frine" ep. of *Altri tempi (Times Gone By)* (Blasetti) (as Frine); *Les Belles de nuit (La belle della notte; Beauties of the Night)* (Clair) (as Leila); *Moglie per una notte* (Camerini) (as Ottavia)
- 1953 *Le infedeli (The Unfaithfuls)* (Steno and Monicelli) (as Lulla Possenti); *La provinciale* (Soldati) (as Gemma Foresi); *Il maestro di Don Giovanni (Crossed Swords)* (Krimis) (as Francesca); *Pane, amore, e fantasia (Bread, Love and Dreams)* (Comencini) (as the girl, "Frisky"); *Beat the Devil* (Huston) (as Maria Dannreuther)
- 1954 *Le Grand Jeu (Flesh and the Woman; Il grande giuoco; The Big Game)* (Siodmak) (as Elena/Silvia); *La romana (Woman of Rome)* (Zampa) (as Adriana); *Pane, amore, e gelosia* (Comencini) (as Carotenuto)
- 1955 *La donna più bella del mondo* (Leonard) (as Lina Cavalieri); *Frisky* (Comencini) (title role)
- 1956 *Trapeze* (Reed) (as Lola); *Notre Dame de Paris (The Hunchback of Notre Dame)* (Delannoy) (as Esmeralda)

Gina Lollobrigida in *Bread, Love and Dreams*

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| <p>1958 <i>Anna di Brooklyn</i> (<i>Anna of Brooklyn; Fast and Sexy</i>) (Lastricati and Denham) (as Anna)</p> <p>1959 <i>La Loi</i> (<i>Where the Hot Wind Blows; Le legge; The Law</i>) (Dassin) (as Marietta); <i>Never So Few</i> (John Sturges) (as Carla Vesari); <i>Solomon and Sheba</i> (King Vidor) (as Sheba)</p> <p>1961 <i>Go Naked in the World</i> (MacDougall) (as Giulietta Cameron); <i>Come September</i> (Mulligan) (as Lisa Fellini)</p> <p>1962 <i>Venere imperiale</i> (<i>Imperial Venus; Vénus impériale</i>) (Delannoy) (as Paolina Borghese)</p> <p>1963 <i>Mare matto</i> (Castellani) (as Margherita)</p> <p>1964 <i>Woman of Straw</i> (Dearden) (as Maria Marcello); "Monsignor Cupido" ep. of <i>Le bambole</i> (<i>Four Kinds of Love; The Dolls</i>) (Bolognini) (as Beatrice)</p> <p>1965 <i>Strange Bedfellows</i> (Frank) (as Toni Vincente)</p> <p>1966 <i>Io, io, io . . . e gli altri</i> (Blasetti) (as Titta); <i>Les Sultans</i> (<i>L'amante italiana</i>) (Delannoy) (as Lisa); <i>Hotel Paradiso</i> (Glenville) (as Marcelle Cot); <i>Le piacevoli notti</i> (Crispino and Lucignani) (as Domicilla)</p> <p>1967 <i>La morte la fatto, l'uovo</i> (<i>Plucked; A Curious Way to Love</i>) (Questi) (as Anna)</p> | <p>1968 <i>The Private Navy of Sgt. O'Farrell</i> (Tashlin) (as Maria); <i>Un bellissimo novembre</i> (<i>That Splendid November</i>) (Bolognini) (as Cettina); <i>Le Avventure e gli amori di Miguel Cervantes</i> (<i>The Young Rebel; Cervantes; Les Aventures extraordinaires de Cervantes</i>) (Sherman) (as Giulia Toffolo)</p> <p>1969 <i>Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell</i> (Frank) (as Carla Campbell); <i>Stuntman</i> (Baldi) (as Evelyn Lake)</p> <p>1970 <i>. . . e eontinuavano a fregarsi il milione di dollari</i> (Martin) (as Alicia)</p> <p>1971 <i>Le avventure di Pinocchio</i> (Comencini) (as la fata turchina)</p> <p>1972 <i>Herzbube</i> (<i>King, Queen, Knave</i>) (Skolimowski) (as Martha Dreyer); <i>Peccato mortale</i> (Rovira-Beleta) (as Netty); <i>Bad Man's River</i> (<i>Matalo</i>) (Gene Martin) (as Alicia)</p> <p>1975 <i>Roses rouges et piments verts</i> (<i>The Lonely Woman</i>) (Rovira-Beleta)</p> <p>1977 <i>Nido de viudas</i> (<i>Widow's Nest</i>) (Navarro)</p> <p>1983 <i>Stella emigranti</i> (Masenza) (as herself)</p> <p>1985 <i>Deceptions</i> (Shavelson and Chenault—for TV) (as Princess Alexandra)</p> <p>1986 <i>The Love Boat: The Christmas Cruise</i> (for TV) (as Carla Lucci)</p> |
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- 1975 *Portrait of Fidel Castro* (doc)

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Gina Lollobrigida will always be remembered as the first sex symbol to emerge from the rubble of postwar Europe. Her rise in Italy coincided with the decline of the neorealist movement. Italian filmmakers had been concentrating on making films that showed the depressing reality of Italy after the war, and although these films were critically acclaimed in other countries, they were unpopular in their home market, where audiences wanted escapist Hollywood-style glamour rather than confrontation with the day-to-day reality of their drab lives. Lollobrigida became the embodiment of their escapist fantasies after Italian producers realized her potential and cast her in films providing Italian cinemagoers with “rosy realism.” As a result she played a role in boosting Italy to a major position on the world’s film market.

From the outset of her career, she was typecast as a seductress, whether in costume dramas, romantic comedies, or thrillers; her acting ability was clearly limited, and her range varied little from film

to film. Nonetheless, she received numerous awards for her acting, including the Italian equivalent of the Oscar, the Silver Ribbon, for her performance in *Pane, amore, e fantasia*. The Italian film critics awarded her the Grolla d’Oro for her performance in *La provinciale*, the French public and film industry voted her Best Foreign Actress for three successive years, and the International Cinema Club awarded her a prestigious David trophy. All these awards demonstrate that, within the confines in which she worked, Lollobrigida was unbeatable.

It was only natural that this buxom beauty should come to the attention of Hollywood. Howard Hughes gave her a contract but was not forthcoming in giving her a film, so after waiting around in Hollywood for three months she decided to pack her bags and return to Italy. The legal battles that followed kept her out of Hollywood for several years, possibly doing irreparable damage to her career. She did, however, appear in a number of successful American productions shot in Europe, including *Trapeze*, *Solomon and Sheba*, and *Come September*, which helped to maintain her popularity in America. As Europe’s most sought-after actress, Lollobrigida was fortunate to work under the direction of Vittorio De Sica, René Clair, and John Huston, and opposite actors as diverse as Jean-Paul Belmondo, Burt Lancaster, Frank Sinatra, Alec Guinness, and Errol Flynn.

—Curtis Hutchinson

LOM, Herbert

Nationality: Czech. **Born:** Herbert Charles Angelo Kuchacevich ze Schluderpacheru in Prague, Austria-Hungary (now Czech Republic), 11 September 1917. **Education:** Attended University of Prague; studied acting at the Prague School of Acting; scholarships to the London Embassy School, the Sadlers Wells School, and the Westminster School. **Family:** Married Dina Scheu, 1948, two sons. **Career:** 1937—film debut; 1939—moved to England, studied acting, also one of the “voices of freedom” for the BBC European service; late 1950s—began working in Hollywood; 1978—published novel *Enter a Spy*; 1984—in TV mini-series *Lace*; also a painter and composer.

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Žena pod křížem (Woman under the Cross)*
 1940 *Mein Kampf My Crimes* (Norman Lee)
 1942 *The Young Mr. Pitt* (Reed) (as Napoleon); *Secret Mission* (French) (as medical officer); *Tomorrow We Live (At Dawn We Die)* (King)
 1943 *The Dark Tower* (Harlow) (as Torg)
 1944 *Hotel Reserve* (Hanbury, Comfort, and Greene) (as Monsieur Andre Roux)
 1945 *The Seventh Veil* (Bennett) (as Dr. Larson); *Night Boat to Dublin* (Huntington) (as Keitel)
 1946 *Appointment with Crime* (Harlow) (as Gregory Lang)
 1947 *Dual Alibi* (Travers) (as Jules and George de Lisle); *Snow-bound* (Macdonald) (as Keramikos)

- 1948 *Good Time Girl* (Macdonald) (as Max); *Portrait from Life* (*The Girl in the Painting*) (Fisher) (as Hendleman); *The Brass Monkey* (*Lucky Mascot*) (Freeland) (as Peter Hobart)
- 1949 *The Lost People* (Knowles); *Golden Salamander* (Neame) (as Ranki)
- 1950 *Night and the City* (Dassin) (as Kristo); *State Secret* (*The Great Manhunt*) (Gilliat) (as Karl Theodor); *The Black Rose* (Hathaway) (as Anthemus); *Cage of Gold* (Dearden) (as Rahman)
- 1951 *Hell Is Sold Out* (Anderson) (as Dominic Danges); *Two on the Tiles* (*School for Brides*) (Guillermin) (as Ford); *Mr. Denning Drives North* (Kimmins) (as Mados); *Whispering Smith Hits London* (*Whispering Smith versus Scotland Yard*) (Searle) (as Ford)
- 1952 *The Ringer* (Hamilton) (as Maurice Meister); *The Net* (*Project M7*) (Asquith) (as Alex Leon); *The Man Who Watched Trains Go By* (*Paris Express*) (French) (as Julius de Koster Jr.)
- 1953 *Rough Shoot* (*Shoot First*) (Parrish) (as Peter Sandorski); *The Love Lottery* (Crichton) (as Amico); *Star of India* (Lubin) (as Narbonne)
- 1954 *Beautiful Stranger* (*Twist of Fate*) (Miller) (as Emil Landosh)
- 1955 *The Ladykillers* (Mackendrick) (as Louis)
- 1956 *War and Peace* (King Vidor) (as Napoleon)
- 1957 *Fire Down Below* (Parrish) (as harbor master); *Hell Drivers* (Endfield) (as Gino); *Action of the Tiger* (Young) (as Trifon); *I Accuse!* (Ferrer) (as Major DuPaty de Clam)
- 1958 *Chase a Crooked Shadow* (Anderson) (as Vargas); *The Roots of Heaven* (Huston) (as Orsini); *Intent to Kill* (Cardiff) (as Juan Menda)
- 1959 *No Trees in the Street* (Thompson) (as Wilkie); *The Big Fisherman* (Borzage) (as Herod Antipas); *Passport to Shame* (*Room 43*) (Rakoff) (as Nick); *Flame over India* (*Northwest Frontier*) (Thompson) (as Van Leyden); *Third Man on the Mountain* (*Banner in the Sky*) (Annakin) (as Emil Saxon)
- 1960 *I Aim at the Stars* (Thompson) (as Anton Reger); *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Tigranes)
- 1961 *Mr. Topaze* (*I Like Money*) (Sellers) (as Castel Benac); *El Cid* (Anthony Mann) (as Ben Yussuf); *Mysterious Island* (Endfield) (as Captain Nemo); *The Frightened City* (Lemont) (as Waldo Zhernikov)
- 1962 *The Phantom of the Opera* (Fisher) (title role); *The Treasure of Silver Lake* (Reinl) (as Brinkley); *Tiara Tahiti* (Kotchett) (as Chong Sing)
- 1963 *The Horse without a Head* (Chaffey)
- 1964 *A Shot in the Dark* (Edwards) (as Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus)
- 1965 *Return from the Ashes* (Thompson) (as Dr. Charles Bovard)
- 1966 *Our Man in Marrakesh* (*Bang! Bang! You're Dead*) (Sharp) (as Mr. Casimir); *Gambit* (Neame) (as Shabhandar); *Die Nibelungen* (*Whom the Gods Wish to Destroy*) (Reinl) (as Koenig Etzel)
- 1967 *Die Nibelungen II* (Reinl) (as Koenig Etzel); *Assignment to Kill* (*The Assignments*) (Reynolds) (as Matt Wilson); *The Karate Killers* (Shear) (as Randolph)
- 1968 *The Face of Eve* (*Eve*) (Summers) (as Diego); *Villa Rides!* (Kulik) (as General Huerta); *99 Women* (*Island of Despair*) (Franco) (as the governor); *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (as Simon Legree)
- 1969 *Doppelganger* (*Journey to the Far Side of the Sun*) (Parrish) (as Dr Hassler); *Mister Jericho* (Hayers—for TV)
- 1970 *Count Dracula* (Franco) (as Van Helsing); *Dorian Gray* (*The Secret of Dorian Gray*) (Dallamano) (as Lord Henry Wotten); *Mark of the Devil* (*Burn Witch Burn*; *Hexen bis aufs Blutgeqvält*) (Armstrong) (as Count Cumberland)
- 1971 *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (Hessler) (as Marot)
- 1972 *Asylum* (*House of Crazies*) (Baker) (as Byron)
- 1973 *Dark Places* (Sharp) (as Prescott); *And Now the Screaming Starts* (Baker) (as Henry Fengriffen)
- 1974 *The Return of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Dreyfus); *And Then There Were None* (*Ten Little Indians*) (Collinson) (as Dr. Armstrong)
- 1976 *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (Edwards) (as Dreyfus)
- 1977 *Charleston* (Fondato) (as Inspector Watkins)
- 1978 *Revenge of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Dreyfus)
- 1979 *The Lady Vanishes* (Page) (as Dr. Hartz); *The Man with Bogart's Face* (*Sam Marlow*, *Private Eye*) (Day) (as Mr. Zebra)
- 1980 *Hopscotch* (Neame) (as Mikhail Yaskov)
- 1982 *The Trail of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Dreyfus)
- 1983 *Memed, My Hawk* (*The Lion and the Hawk*) (Ustinov) (as Ali Safa Bey); *The Dead Zone* (Cronenberg) (as Dr. Sam Weizak); *Curse of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Dreyfus)
- 1985 *King Solomon's Mines* (Thompson) (as Col. Bockner)
- 1987 *Whoops Apocalypse* (Bussmann) (as Gen. Mosquera); *Scoop* (Gavin Miller—for TV) (as Mr. Baldwin)
- 1988 *Dragonard* (*Master of Dragonard Hill*) (Kikoine); *Skeleton Coast* (*Coast of Skeletons*) (Cardos) (as Elia); *Going Bananas* (*My African Adventure*) (Davidson) (as Mackintosh); *The Crystal Eye* (Tornatore)
- 1989 *River of Death* (Carver) (as Col. Ricardo Diaz); *Ten Little Indians* (*Death on Safari*) (Birkinshaw) (as Gen. Romensky); *Masque of the Red Death* (Birkinshaw) (as Ludwig)
- 1991 *The Pope Must Die* (*The Pope Must Diet*) (Richardson) (as Vittorio Corelli); *La Setta* (*The Devil's Daughter*; *The Sect*) (Soavi) (as Gran Vecchio)
- 1993 *Son of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Inspector Dreyfus)
- 1998 *Marco Polo* (*Marco Polo: Return to Xanadu*) (Erschbamer)

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Although he has tackled such exotic roles as Napoleon (twice; in *The Young Mr. Pitt* and *War and Peace*), Captain Nemo (in *The Mysterious Island*), Herod Antipas (in *The Big Fisherman*), the Phantom of the Opera, Simon Legree, and Oscar Wilde's Lord Henry Wotton, Herbert Lom is liable to be best remembered for his continuing role as Chief Inspector Dreyfus, the French police commissioner driven to murderous madness by his blithely inept junior, Inspector Clouseau (Peter Sellers) in the Blake Edwards Pink Panther series, introduced in *A Shot in the Dark* and reaching a climax of insanity in *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*. After so many screen roles as villains, Lom obviously relished the chance to unbend—as he had done earlier, also alongside Sellers, in *The Ladykillers*. Lom's presence in the Pink Panther series became as indispensable to their comic value as that of Sellers himself—and all that lifts the three Panther sequels produced after Sellers's death from the comic doldrums. The last, to date, was *Son of the Pink Panther*, starring Italian comic Roberto Benigni as the bumbling scion of Dreyfus's nemesis.

Making a strong impression, after some minor roles, as the concerned and suave psychoanalyst in *The Seventh Veil*—a role he later reprised in the television series *The Human Jungle*—Lom established a screen image as an intelligent, foreign, ambiguous character whose suave purring could mask either benevolence or larceny. Between services in historical epics such as *War and Peace*, *The Black Robe*, *El Cid*, and *Spartacus*, Lom became a fixture of British crime movies—equally well cast as a Pole, an Italian, a Greek, a Maltese, a Frenchman, a German, or a Hungarian—and provided interesting villainy to a run of fine-to-outstanding movies (*Appointment with Crime*, *Good Time Girl*, *Intent to Kill*, *Passport to Shame*) set in a rainy, jazz-driven, smoky-club-clotted Soho that constitutes London's answer to Chandler country.

As Kristo, the suave Greek who runs all the wrestling in London, he is a sinister but tender presence in Jules Dassin's *Night and the City*, mourning his father by ordering Richard Widmark's murder, and bringing far more to the screen than is actually in the role, while he had fun in a rare lead in *The Frightened City*, as a corrupt accountant named Waldo Zhernikov who tries to enforce a protection racket on the clubs with the aid of Alfred Marks and Sean Connery as London hardmen. His overdone Italian martyr in the otherwise perfectly cast *Hell Drivers*, a gritty tale of British truckers not to be confused with the 1932 Wallace Beery movie of the same name, was a rare slip (the film was directed by Cy Endfield after fleeing the Hollywood blacklist and also featured Sean Connery). Ironically, it was a comedy, *The Ladykillers*, that was the culmination of this run of criminal/gangster roles, proving that Lom, who turns up in a white tie/black shirt combo with a violin case under his arm as if it were a machine gun, could play sly comedy as well as suave menace.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Lom's roles made excursions into spying (*Our Man in Marrakesh*, *The Karate Killers*, *Assignment to Kill*,

Hopscotch, *The Man with Bogart's Face*), mini-epic (*Flame over India*, *Whom the Gods Wish to Destroy*—the low-rent remake of Fritz Lang's *Nibelungen*, *Peter and Paul*), science fiction (a future spy with a camera eyeball in *Journey to the Far Side of the Sun*), Nazi villainy (*The Lady Vanishes*) and Euro-Western (*Villa Rides!*) dotted in among cosmopolitan assignments such as *Gambit*, opposite Shirley MacLaine and Michael Caine, a clever gimmick movie in which Lom plays two versions of the richest man in the world.

When Cary Grant turned down the role, Hammer Films selected Lom for its classy remake of the classic *The Phantom of the Opera*, directed by Terence Fisher. Though the film has gained in esteem over the years, it was neither a critical nor commercial success when it came out, and Lom made no more films for Hammer, drifting instead into horror movies for other studios and directors. He made a stolid Dr. Van Helsing in Jesus Franco's feeble attempt to finally film Bram Stoker's *Count Dracula* “as written,” a grim witchfinder in the notorious *Mark of the Devil*, which was rated “V for Violence” and for which “vomits bags” were issued at the box office. Occasional class acts did ensue, however, notably *And Now the Screaming Starts*, where he was the cause of a family curse, *Asylum* (as a mad psychic sending his consciousness out to kill as wax mannequins), and a survivor of the holocaust, now a psychiatrist, who gets a firsthand demonstration of Christopher Walken's sixth sense in Cronenberg's *The Dead Zone*.

—Kim Newman, updated by John McCarty

LOMBARD, Carole

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jane Alice Peters, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6 October 1908 (some sources say 1909). **Education:** Attended dancing and acting schools as a child; Fairfax High School, California. **Family:** Married 1) the actor William Powell, 1931 (divorced 1933); 2) the actor Clark Gable, 1939. **Career:** 1921—film debut as a 13-year-old in *A Perfect Crime*; 1925—contract with Fox, and appeared in *Marriage in Transit*; 1927–29—made a series of Mack Sennett shorts; 1930–37—under contract to Paramount, made a series of successful comedies; later films made for David O. Selznick and RKO. **Died:** In plane crash, 16 January 1942.

Films as Actress:

- 1921 *A Perfect Crime* (Dwan)
- 1925 *Dick Turpin* (Blystone); *Gold and the Girl* (Mortimer); *Marriage in Transit* (Neill) (as Celia Hathaway); *Hearts and Spurs* (Van Dyke) (as Sybil Estabrook); *Durand of the Badlands* (Reynolds) (as Ellen Boyd)
- 1926 *The Road to Glory* (Hawks)
- 1927 *The Fighting Eagle* (Crisp); *Smith's Pony* (short); *The Girl from Everywhere* (Cline—short)
- 1928 *Half a Bride* (La Cava); *The Divine Sinner* (Pembroke) (as Millie Claudert); *Me, Gangster* (Walsh) (as Blonde Rosie); *Show Folks* (Stein) (as Cleo); *Power* (Higgin);



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- Run, Girl, Run* (Goulding—short); *The Beach Club* (Edwards—short); *The Best Man* (Edwards—short); *The Swim Princess* (Goulding—short); *The Bicycle Flirt* (Edwards—short); *The Girl from Nowhere* (Edwards—short); *His Unlucky Night* (Edwards—short); *The Campus Carmen* (Edwards—short)
- 1929 *Matchmaking Mamas* (Edwards—short); *Ned McCobb's Daughter* (Cowen) (as Jennie); *High Voltage* (Higgin) (as Billie Davis); *Big News* (La Cava) (as Marg); *The Racketeer* (Higgin) (as Rhoda); *Dynamite* (DeMille)
- 1930 *The Arizona Kid* (Santell) (as Virginia Hoyt); *Safety in Numbers* (Schertzinger) (as Pauline); *Fast and Loose* (Newmeyer) (as Alice O'Neil)
- 1931 *It Pays to Advertise* (Tuttle) (as Mary Grayson); *Man of the World* (Wallace) (as Mary Kendall); *Ladies' Man* (Mendes) (as Rachel Fendley); *Up Pops the Devil* (Sutherland) (as Anne Merrick); *I Take This Woman* (Gering and Vorkapich) (as Kay Dowling)
- 1932 *No One Man* (Corrigan) (as Penelope Newbold); *Sinners in the Sun* (Hall) (as Doris Blake); *Virtue* (Buzzell) (as Mae); *No More Orchids* (Walter Lang) (as Anne Holt); *No Man Of Her Own* (Ruggles) (as Connie Randall)
- 1933 *From Hell to Heaven* (Kenton) (as Colly Tanner); *Supernatural* (Halperin) (as Roma Courtney); *Brief Moment* (Burton) (as Abby Fane); *The Eagle and the Hawk* (Walker) (as the beautiful lady); *White Woman* (Walker) (as Judith Denning)
- 1934 *Bolero* (Ruggles) (as Helen Hathaway); *We're Not Dressing* (Taurog) (as Doris Worthington); *Twentieth Century* (Hawks)

- (as Lily Garland); *Now and Forever* (Hathaway) (as Toni Carstairs); *Lady by Choice* (Burton) (as Alabam' Lee)
- 1935 *The Gay Bride* (Conway) (as Mary); *Rumba* (Gering) (as Diana Harrison); *Hands across the Table* (Leisen) (as Regi Allen)
- 1936 *Love Before Breakfast* (Walter Lang) (as Kay Colby); *My Man Godfrey* (La Cava) (as Irene Bullock); *The Princess Comes Across* (Howard) (as Princess Olga)
- 1937 *Swing High, Swing Low* (Leisen) (as Maggie King); *Nothing Sacred* (Wellman) (as Hazel Flagg); *True Confession* (Ruggles) (as Helen Bartlett)
- 1938 *Fools for Scandal* (LeRoy) (as Kay Winters)
- 1939 *Made for Each Other* (Cromwell) (as Jane Mason); *In Name Only* (Cromwell) (as Julie Eden)
- 1940 *Vigil in the Night* (Stevens) (as Anne Lee); *They Knew What They Wanted* (Kanin) (as Amy Peters)
- 1941 *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (Hitchcock) (as Ann Smith)
- 1942 *To Be or Not to Be* (Lubitsch) (as Maria Tura)

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Legend has it that Carole Lombard was cast for her first screen role, as a 13-year old tomboy in Allan Dwan's *A Perfect Crime*, after the director spotted her playing baseball in the street. Whatever the truth to the story, that role was the beginning of a prolific and often hectic career in which she made more than 40 talking films before her tragic death in a plane crash. Except for a brief interlude to allow her to graduate from junior high school, the actress, appearing first as Carol, and after 1930 Carole, Lombard made movie after movie—creating some of Hollywood's most memorable comedic roles.

Signed by Fox in 1925, she had small parts in *Marriage in Transit* with R. William Neill and *Hearts and Spurs* with W. S. Van Dyke before a car accident resulted in the cancellation of her contract. By 1927 she was working for Mack Sennett, for whom she made more than a dozen two-reel comedy shorts with such Sennett stars as Billy Bevan, Mack Swain, Chester Conklin, and Billy Gilbert. Some bit parts in other feature films, such as Raoul Walsh's *Me, Gangster*, finally led to a Pathé contract resulting in her first all-talking picture, *High Voltage*, directed by Howard Higgin. In 1930, she signed a seven-year contract with Paramount where she was allowed to develop her comic talents in such films as *Fast and Loose*, *It Pays to Advertise*, and *Man of the World*, in between being used as a decorative blonde in routine roles.

During these years she also appeared in Wesley Ruggles's *No Man of Her Own*, opposite Clark Gable; Stuart Walker's *White Woman*, with Charles Laughton; and Ruggles's *Bolero*, starring George Raft. In 1934 she emerged as a truly first-rate comedienne when she appeared opposite John Barrymore in *Twentieth Century*, directed by Howard Hawks. This turned out to be the first of four remarkable roles that characterized the best of her performances in the "Screw-ball" comedies of the 1930s.

From the mid-1930s until her death in 1942, Carole Lombard bounced from studio to studio out on loan from Paramount, appearing in a wide variety of films. At the end of the decade she made two serious films which suggest the potential depth of her talent, George Stevens's *Vigil in the Night* and Garson Kanin's *They Knew What They Wanted*. One critic has remarked that it could only have been the need for a dark-haired heroine that kept her from getting the Scarlett O'Hara role in *Gone with the Wind*.

Her last two films, Alfred Hitchcock's *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* and Ernst Lubitsch's *To Be or Not to Be*, further broadened her talents and provided a brief glimpse of how those talents could have been used. Her cool reserve might have made her one of Hitchcock's blonde heroines, and Lombard's wit and glamour seem exactly right for Lubitsch's stylish comedies.

Her death, while on a bond-selling tour to aid the war effort, stunned the American people. Clark Gable, her second husband, remained emotionally crushed for years. The telegram of condolence sent to Gable by President Roosevelt seemed to sum up the feelings of the time: "She brought great joy to all who knew her and to millions who knew her only as a great artist. . . . She is and always will be a star, one we shall never forget nor cease to be grateful to."

—Charles L. P. Silet

LOREN, Sophia

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Sofia Villani Scicolone in Rome, 20 September 1934. **Family:** Married the producer Carlo Ponti, 1957, sons: Carlo Jr. and Eduardo. **Career:** Began her film career as an extra in *Quo Vadis?* (produced in 1949), also a model for photographed cartoon strips and appeared in beauty contests; "discovered" by Carlo Ponti; 1957—first American film, *The Pride and the Passion*; 1988—in TV mini-series *Mario Puzo's The Fortunate Pilgrim*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *The Black Orchid*, 1959; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, Cannes Festival, and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Two Women*, 1961; Honorary Oscar, for being "one of the genuine treasures of world cinema who, in a career rich with memorable performances, has added permanent luster to our art form," 1990; created Knight, French Légion d'honneur, 1991; Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, 1994; also eight David Di Donatello Awards. **Address:** c/o La Concordia Ranch, 1151 Hidden Valley Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

(as Sofia Scicolone-Lazzaro)

- 1950 *Cuori su mare* (*Hearts upon the Sea*) (Bianchi); *Il voto* (*The Vote*) (Bonnard); *Le sei mogli di Barbablu'* (*Bluebeard's Six Wives*) (Ludovico); *Io sono il capatz* (Simonelli); *Luci del varietà* (*Variety Lights*) (Fellini)
- 1951 *Quo Vadis?* (LeRoy—produced in 1949); *Era lui, sì! sì!* (*It's Him, Yes! Yes!*) (Metz); *Milano miliardaria* (*Milana the Millionairess*) (Metz); *Anna* (Lattuada); *The Magician in Spite of Himself* (Metz); *Il sogno di Zorro* (*The Dream of Zorro*) (Soldati); *E'arrivato l'accordatore* (*The Piano Tuner Has Arrived*) (Coletti); *Lebbra bianca* (Trapani)
- 1952 *La favorita* (*The Favorite*) (Barlacchi)

(as Sophia Loren)

- 1952 *White Slave Trade* (Comencini)
- 1953 *Aida* (Fracassi) (title role); *La domenica della buona gente* (*Good People's Sunday*) (Majano); *Il paese dei campanelli* (*The Country of Bells*) (Boyer); *Pellegrini d'amore* (*Pilgrim of Love*) (Forzano); *Carosella napoletano* (*Neapolitan Carousel*) (Giannini) (as Sisina); *Ci troviamo in Galleria* (*We'll Meet in the Gallery*) (Bolognini); *Tempi nostri* (*Anatomy of Love*) (Blasetti); *Due notti con Cleopatra* (*Two Nights with Cleopatra*) (Mattóli) (as Nisca/title role)
- 1954 *Attila flagello di dio* (*Attila; Attila the Hun*) (Francisci) (as Honoria); *Un giorno in pretura* (*A Day in Court*) (Steno) (as Anna); "Pizza on Credit" ep. of *L'oro di Napoli* (*The Gold of Naples; Every Day's a Holiday*) (de Sica) (as the wife); *La donna del fiume* (*Woman of the River*) (Soldati) (as Nives Mongolini); *Miseria e nobiltà* (*Poverty and*



Sophia Loren with Marcello Mastroianni in *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*

- Nobility*) (Mattóli); *Peccato che sia una canaglia* (*Too Bad She's Bad*) (Blasetti) (as Lina)
- 1955 *Il segno di Venere* (*The Sign of Venus*) (Risi) (as Agnese); *La bella mugnaia* (*The Miller's Wife*) (Camerini) (as Carmela); *Pane, amore, e . . .* (*Scandal in Sorrento*) (Risi) (as Donna Sofia); *La fortuna di essere donna* (*Lucky to Be a Woman*) (Blasetti) (as Antoinette)
- 1957 *The Pride and the Passion* (Kramer) (as Juana); *Boy on a Dolphin* (Negulesco) (as Phaedra); *Legend of the Lost* (*Timbuktu*) (Hathaway) (as Dita)
- 1958 *Desire under the Elms* (Delbert Mann) (as Ana Cabot); *Houseboat* (Shavelson) (as Cinzia Zaccardi); *The Key* (Reed) (as Stella)
- 1959 *The Black Orchid* (Ritt) (as Rose Bianco); *That Kind of Woman* (Lumet) (as Kay)
- 1960 *Heller in Pink Tights* (Cukor) (as Angela Rossini); *It Started in Naples* (*La baia di Napoli*) (Shavelson) (as Lucia Curcio); *A Breath of Scandal* (*Olympia*) (Curtiz) (as Princess Olympia); *The Millionairess* (Asquith) (as Epifania Parerga)
- 1961 *Lo ciociara* (*Two Women*) (de Sica) (as Cesira); *El Cid* (Anthony Mann) (as Chimene); "La Riffa" ep. of *Boccaccio '70* (de Sica) (as Zoe); *Madame Sans-Gêne* (*Madame*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Catherine Huebscher/Madame)
- 1962 *Le Couteau dans la plaie* (*Five Miles to Midnight*) (Litvak) (as Lisa Macklin); *I sequestrati di Altona* (*The Condemned of Altona*) (de Sica) (as Johanna)
- 1963 *Ieri, oggi, e domani* (*Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*) (de Sica) (as Adelina/Anna/Mara)
- 1964 *The Fall of the Roman Empire* (Anthony Mann) (as Lucilla); *Matrimonio all'italiana* (*Marriage Italian Style*) (de Sica) (as Filomena Marturano)
- 1965 *Judith* (Daniel Mann) (title role); *Operation Crossbow* (*The Great Spy Mission*; *Operazione Crossbow*) (Anderson) (as Nora); *Lady L* (Ustinov) (title role)
- 1966 *Arabesque* (Donen) (as Yasmin Azir); *A Countess from Hong Kong* (Chaplin) (as Natasha)
- 1967 *C'era una volta* (*More than a Miracle*; *Cinderella, Italian Style*; *Happily Ever After*) (Rosi) (as Isabella); *Questi fantasmi* (*Ghosts, Italian Style*; *Three Ghosts*) (Castellani) (as Maria)
- 1969 *I girasoli* (*Sunflower*; *Les Fleurs du soleil*) (de Sica) (as Giovanna)

- 1971 *La moglie del prete* (*The Priest's Wife*) (Risi) (as Valeria Billi); *Bianco, rosso e . . .* (*The White Sister; The Sin*) (Lattuada) (as Sister Germana)
- 1972 *La mortadella* (*Lady Liberty*) (Monicelli) (as Maddalena Ciarrapico); *Man of La Mancha* (Hiller) (as Dulcinea/Aldonza)
- 1973 *Il viaggio* (*The Voyage; The Journey*) (de Sica) (as Adriana De Mauro)
- 1974 *Le testament* (*Jury of One; The Verdict*) (Cayatte) (as Teresa Leoni); *Brief Encounter* (Bridges—for TV); *Poopsie* (*Gun Moll*) (Capitani) (title role)
- 1977 *Una giornata speciale* (*A Special Day*) (Scola) (as Antonietta); *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Jennifer); *Angela* (Sagal) (title role)
- 1978 *Brass Target* (Hough) (as Mara)
- 1979 *Firepower* (Winner) (as Adele Tosca); *Revenge* (*Blood Feud*) (Wertmüller) (as Titina Paterno); *Shimmy Lugano e tarantelle e vino* (Wertmüller)
- 1980 *Oopsie Poopsie* (Capitani) (as Poopsie); *Sophia Loren: Her Own Story* (Stuart—for TV) (as herself)
- 1981 *Tieta d'agreste*
- 1985 *Qualcosa di biondo* (*Aurora*) (Ponzi) (as Aurora)
- 1986 *Courage* (Kagan—for TV) (as Marianna Miraldo)
- 1988 *The Fortunate Pilgrim* (Cooper—for TV) (as Lucia)
- 1990 *Sobato, Domenica e Lunedì* (*Saturday, Sunday and Monday*) (Wertmüller) (as Rosa Priore)
- 1994 *Ready to Wear* (*Prêt-a-Porter*) (Altman) (as Isabella de la Fontaine)
- 1995 *Grumpier Old Men* (Deutsch) (as Maria Rigetti)
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Screen goddesses are rare enough, but celluloid divinities who can act are a breed apart. Although her impoverished beginnings as beauty pageant hopeful held little promise for success, the former Neapolitan dessert became one of the screen's glittering superstars. Enjoying a recent comeback in the stuck-on-itself *Ready to Wear* and the enjoyable but sitcomish *Grumpier Old Men*, incandescent Loren demonstrates how devalued cinema stars have become in an era rife with computer-programmed box-office lures (Demi Moore, Meg Ryan) and vapid starlets who would have been bit players in the forties (Sandra Bullock, Sarah Jessica Parker). When Loren sashays across the screen, the years slip by and a property's shortcomings can be overlooked because moviegoers feel they are getting more than their money's worth. With few exceptions (e.g., Susan Sarandon), the current crop of actresses are fast-food vampires who leave one hungry for something more. That tasty something more is called star quality, and Loren had it from her earliest days as amply endowed sex symbol.

In her de Sica comedies, Sophia seemed amused by her own lusciousness, as if she could not believe the foolishness of men trailing after her oregano-scented splendor. Like all transplants to Tinseltown, Loren was vulgarized for American consumption into an all-purpose earth mother. Unlike the other pneumatic wonders of her day (Bardot, Ekberg, Lollobrigida), Loren could do more than stick out her chest. Although her Hollywood output has been denigrated by critics, such a blanket dismissal overlooks tangy romantic comedy pairings with Cary Grant (*Houseboat*) and Gable (*It Started in Naples*) in which she holds her own as shining star, not as imported

decoration; a competent soap opera, *The Black Orchid*, illuminated by Loren's dramatic skill; and George Cukor's celebration of frontier spirit and outdoor ham, *Heller in Pink Tights*, which fuses Sophia's sharp comic timing and technicolored awesomeness.

When Magnani refused to play her mother in *Two Women*, Loren assumed that role and amazed even her enthusiasts. The first actress ever to win an Oscar for a foreign-language film, Loren deserved that accolade against stiff competition because she embodied the devastation of every displaced soul brought down by war. Deglamorized but still radiant, she was perfectly attuned to de Sica's humanism and was unforgettable in quiet scenes with her traumatized daughter as well as in her shattering aria of denunciation about her child's rape—shouted at passing soldiers who turn a deaf ear.

After that acting triumph, Loren returned to Hollywood as a Star Eminence. As one of the last traditional movie queens, she gracefully enlivened the superior epic, *El Cid*, stunningly clotheshorsed her way through the spyjinks of *Arabesque*, and brought enchantment to bear on a beggarman's version of *Man of La Mancha*, one of the musical genre's last gasps. An inestimable star in English, she is perhaps a finer actress in her native tongue. Having danced a comic-dramatic two-step with Mastroianni in such smash hits as *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, and *Marriage Italian Style*, she also paired beautifully with him in Scola's *A Special Day*, as a love-starved fascist-brainwashed housewife enjoying a respite from unhappiness.

Although many of her American projects were drivel, and although her later Italian films are drivel on a smaller budget, nothing can bank those Loren fires. Television has not been fruitful (she did not even play herself persuasively in her own biopic), and in retrospect, one is relieved she did not become a television diva on *Dynasty* since Joan Collins was their second choice and better suited to the crassness. With so few opportunities encircling her brand of endangered species stardom (consider the twilight years of Kim Novak and Elizabeth Taylor), one hopes the resurgence of interest in Loren will bring worthy vehicles. What the world needs now, more than love, is a return to bona fide movie stars who take us beyond ourselves and dare us to dream. Since they do not make them like they used to, Loren is too precious a resource for the contemporary cinema to waste.

—Robert Pardi

LORRE, Peter

Born: Laszlo Loewenstein in Rosenberg, Hungary, 26 June 1904. **Education:** Studied acting in Vienna. **Family:** Married 1) Cecilia Lovovsky, 1934; 2) Kaaren Verne, 1951 (divorced); 3) Anna Marie Brenning. **Career:** Stage debut in Zurich, and also acted in Breslau and other German-language cities; in Galsworthy's *Society* in Zurich, and in *Die Pioniere von Ingolstadt* at the Volksbühne, Berlin, 1928; 1931—played a child murderer in his film debut, *M*; 1933—left Germany with rise of Nazis, and made English-language film debut *The Man Who Knew Too Much* 1934; over the next ten years made films in Hollywood for Columbia, 20th Century-Fox (including the Mr. Moto series beginning 1937), and Warner Brothers; free-lance after 1947, often in horror films; 1951—directed and acted in *Der Verlorene* in Germany. **Died:** 24 March 1964.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *M* (Fritz Lang) (as Hans Beckert); *Die Bomben auf Monte Carlo* (*The Bombardment of Monte Carlo*; *Monte Carlo Madness*) (Schwarz) (as Pawlitschenk); *Die Koffer des Herrn O.F.* (*The Thirteen Trunks of Mr. O.F.*) (Granowsky) (as Stix)
- 1932 *Fünf von der Jazzband* (*Five of the Jazzband*) (Engel); *Der weisse Dämon* (*The White Demon*) (Gerron) (as hunchback); *F.P. 1 antwortet nicht* (*F.P. 1 Doesn't Answer*) (Siodmak) (as Johnny); *Schuss im Morgengrauen* (*A Shot at Dawn*) (Zeisler) (as Klotz)
- 1933 *Was Frauen träumen* (*What Women Dream*) (von Bolvary) (as Füssli); *Unsichtbare Gegner* (*Invisible Opponent*) (Katscher) (as Henry Pless); *De haut à bas* (Pabst) (as beggar); *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (Hitchcock) (as Abbott)
- 1935 *Mad Love* (Freund) (as Dr. Gogol); *Crime and Punishment* (von Sternberg) (as Raskolnikov)
- 1936 *The Secret Agent* (Hitchcock) (as General)
- 1937 *Crack-Up* (St. Clair) (as Col. Gimp); *Nancy Steele Is Missing* (Marshall) (as Prof. Sturm); *Think Fast, Mr. Moto* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto); *Lancer Spy* (Ratoff) (as Maj. Sigfried Gruning); *Thank You, Mr. Moto* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto)
- 1938 *Mr. Moto's Gamble* (Tinling) (as Mr. Moto); *Mr. Moto Takes a Chance* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto); *I'll Give a Million* (Walter Lang) (as Louie); *Mysterious Mr. Moto* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto)
- 1939 *Danger Island* (Leeds) (as Mr. Moto); *Mr. Moto's Last Warning* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto); *Mr. Moto Takes a Vacation* (Foster) (as Mr. Moto)
- 1940 *Strange Cargo* (Borzage) (as Cochon/M'sieu Pig); *I Was an Adventuress* (Ratoff) (as Polo); *Island of Doomed Men* (Barton) (as Stephen Danel); *Stranger on the Third Floor* (Ingster) (as Stranger); *You'll Find Out* (Butler) (as Fenninger)
- 1941 *The Face behind the Mask* (Florey) (as James Szabo); *Mr. District Attorney* (Morgan) (as Mr. Hyde); *They Met in Bombay* (Brown) (as Capt. Chang); *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston) (as Joel Cairo)
- 1942 *All through the Night* (Sherman) (as Pepi); *Invisible Agent* (Marin) (as Baron Ikito); *The Boogie Man Will Get You* (Landers) (as Dr. Lorentz); *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Ugarte)
- 1943 *Background to Danger* (Walsh) (as Zalenkoff); *The Constant Nymph* (Goulding) (as Fritz Bercovy); *The Cross of Lorraine* (Garnett) (as Sgt. Berger)
- 1944 *Passage to Marseille* (Curtiz) (as Marius); *The Mask of Dimitrios* (Negulesco) (as Cornelius Leyden); *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Capra) (as Dr. Einstein); *The Conspirators* (Negulesco) (as Jan Bernazsky); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as guest)
- 1945 *Hotel Berlin* (Godfrey) (as Johannas Koenig); *Confidential Agent* (Shumlin) (as Contreras)
- 1946 *Three Strangers* (Negulesco) (as West); *Black Angel* (Neill) (as Marko); *The Chase* (Ripley) (as Gino); *The Verdict* (Siegel) (as Victor Emmric); *The Beast with Five Fingers* (Florey) (as Hilary Cummins)
- 1947 *My Favorite Brunette* (Nugent) (as Kismet)
- 1948 *Casbah* (Berry) (as Slimane)



Peter Lorre (center) in *The Man Who Knew Too Much*

- 1949 *Rope of Sand* (Dieterle) (as Toady)
- 1950 *Quicksand* (Pichel) (as Nick)
- 1953 *Double Confession* (Annakin)
- 1954 *Beat the Devil* (Huston) (as O'Hara); *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* (Fleischer) (as Conseil)
- 1956 *Congo Crossing* (Pevney) (as Col. Arragas); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Japanese Steward); *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Rowland) (as guest)
- 1957 *The Buster Keaton Story* (Sheldon) (as Kurt Bergner); *Silk Stockings* (Mamoulian) (as Brankov); *The Story of Man-kind* (Allen) (as Nero); *The Sad Sack* (Marshall) (as Abdul); *Hell Ship Mutiny* (Sholem and Williams) (as Lamouet)
- 1959 *The Big Circus* (Newman) (as Skeeter)
- 1960 *Scent of Mystery* (Cardiff) (as Smiley)
- 1961 *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* (Allen) (as Emery)
- 1962 "The Black Cat" ep. of *Tales of Terror* (Corman) (as Montresor); *Five Weeks in a Balloon* (Allen) (as Ahmed)
- 1963 *The Raven* (Corman) (as Dr. Bedlo)
- 1964 *The Comedy of Terrors* (Tourneur) (as Felix Gillie); *Muscle Beach Party* (Asher) (as Mr. Strangdour); *The Patsy* (Lewis) (as Morgan Heywood)

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“I want to escape . . . to escape from myself! . . . But it’s impossible. I can’t. I can’t escape . . . Who knows what it feels like to be me? How I’m forced to act. . . .” Cringing, pathetic, grotesque, a giveaway M (for murderer) still chalked on his back, the cornered child-killer makes his agonized plea to a grim-faced jury of criminals. Peter Lorre’s first film performance (barring an unconfirmed bit part or two), it was also one of his finest, and made him internationally famous. Yet at the same time it trapped him. Hollywood, having seen Lang’s film, waited for Lorre to arrive, slapped an indelible M (for melodrama) on his back, and set him to 30 years of playing sad-eyed psychopaths. Throughout his subsequent career, the lines from *M* echo in ironic commentary.

But Lorre was also trapped by his own utterly distinctive physique. Squat, stocky, round-faced, at once pitiable and terrifying, he seemed a textbook illustration of schizophrenia: the eyes, liquid and soulful, that could abruptly bulge with murderous rage or ungovernable terror; the voice, a gentle middle-European whisper, pitching without warning into a shrill fury of frustration and hate; the cigarette drooping from a twitching mouth; the caged, prowling walk, driven by some intolerable restlessness of spirit. Otis Ferguson described him as “childlike, beautiful, unfathomably wicked, always hinting at things it would not be good to know.” Small wonder if he found himself cast as madmen and murderers.

His first appearance on a Hollywood screen, as Dr. Gogol in *Mad Love*, gave fair warning of what was to come. Leaning forward from the darkness of a theater box, moon-round face totally bald above a fur collar and neatly bisected by shadow, Lorre gazed with depraved desire at the spectacle of Frances Drake being tortured on a wheel. Although one of his better films, as it turned out, it pushed him over the edge of self-parody, using (as the *New York Times* remarked of a later movie) “his tricks but not his talent.”

Lorre himself, longing to extend his range, always claimed that his true bent lay in comedy, and his most enjoyable roles were certainly those in which comic and sinister were finely balanced. As Joel Cairo in *The Maltese Falcon*, querulous and frizzy-haired, with his spats and gardenia-scented calling cards, he made one of a memorable gang of villains (along with Greenstreet, Mary Astor, and Elisha Cook), just occasionally allowing the killer to glare through the fop. His two roles for Hitchcock drew on a similar vein of quirky ambiguity: the kindly, soft-spoken nihilist in *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, so good with children; and the flamboyantly overdressed “Hairless Mexican” in *Secret Agent*, vain and temperamental, given to sudden outbursts of irrational fury. Lorre could effect the switch, from genial to chilling, with utmost subtlety—a twitch of the scalp, a spasm briefly contorting the mouth, and his shy, vulnerable face would smooth into an inhuman mask.

After *The Maltese Falcon* Warners teamed him eight more times with Greenstreet. They acted well together, effectively playing off Greenstreet’s vast urbanity against Lorre’s scuttering nervousness,

even (perhaps especially) when, as in *The Mask of Dimitrios* or *The Verdict*, Lorre played hero to the other’s villain. The *Mr. Moto* series also allowed him a rare escape from evil—routine Fox program-fodder, redeemed by Lorre’s resilient wit. Otherwise it was mostly psychopaths, spies, and sadists, though Lorre could bring individuality to the most hackneyed parts, transforming them (in David Thomson’s words) “into portraits of delicate, deranged kindness, pushed to the point of frantic malice.”

Privately, Lorre was known as a charming man, gentle and intelligent. In later life, troubled by ill-health and overweight, and hurt by the undeserved failure of his sole attempt at directing, *Der Verlorene*, he wandered with resigned sadness through some disastrously bad movies. He was, Peter John Dyer wrote, “a victim of his own precocious fame . . . too intractably unique in accent, form and expression for producers to reorient their attitude towards him. He was too obviously nearly mad. He was too dangerously sane.”

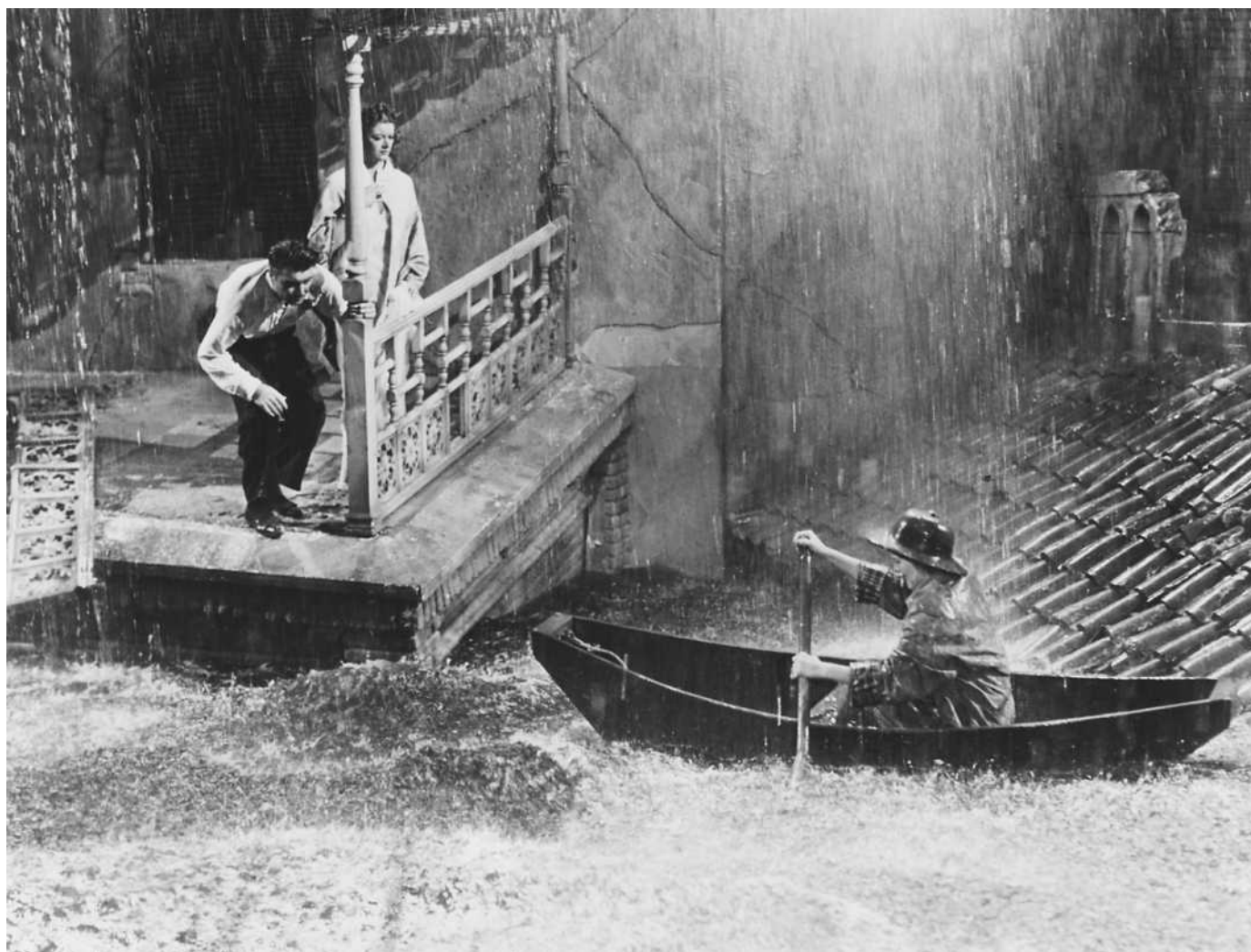
—Philip Kemp

LOY, Myrna

Nationality: American. **Born:** Myrna Williams in Raidersburg (or Helena), Montana, 2 August 1905. **Education:** Attended Westlake School, Los Angeles, 1918–20; Venice High School, graduated 1923. **Family:** Married 1) the producer Arthur Hornblow Jr., 1936 (divorced 1942); 2) John Hertz, Jr. (divorced); 3) Gene Markey, 1946 (divorced 1950); 4) Howland Sargeant, 1951 (divorced 1960). **Career:** 1920—taught in private dance academy while in high school; 1923—chorus girl at Grauman’s Chinese Theatre; also worked in Warners cutting department; 1925—film debut in *Pretty Ladies*; 1926—5-year contract with Warners; 1931—contract with MGM; 1942—devoted time to Red Cross Work; 1945—attended United Nations sessions in San Francisco, subsequently U.S. representative to UNESCO for over 3 years; 1950s and 1960s—active in electoral campaigns of liberal Democrats including Adlai Stevenson and Eugene McCarthy; 1985—Motion Picture Academy sponsored tribute to Loy at Carnegie Hall, New York. **Awards:** Honorary Oscar, 1991. **Died:** In New York City, 14 December 1993.

Films as Actress:

- 1923 *The Ten Commandments* (Cecil B. DeMille) (uncredited)
- 1925 *Pretty Ladies* (Bell) (bit role)
- 1926 *Ben-Hur* (Niblo) (bit role); *Cave Man* (Milestone) (as chorus girl); *Across the Pacific* (Del Ruth); *Why Girls Go Back Home* (Flood); *The Gilded Highway* (Blackton); *Don Juan* (Crosland); *The Exquisite Sinner* (von Sternberg and Rosen); *So This Is Paris* (Lubitsch); *Finger Prints* (Bacon)
- 1927 *Ham and Eggs at the Front* (*Ham and Eggs*) (Del Ruth); *Bitter Apples* (Hoyt); *Heart of Maryland* (Bacon) (bit role); *The Jazz Singer* (Crosland) (as chorus girl); *If I Were Single* (Del Ruth); *The Girl from Chicago* (Enright); *The Climbers* (Stein); *Simple Sis* (Raymaker); *A Sailor’s Sweetheart* (Bacon)
- 1928 *What Price Beauty* (Buckingham); *Beware of Married Men* (Mayo); *Turn Back the Hours* (Bretherton); *Crimson City* (Mayo); *Pay as You Enter* (Bacon); *State Street Sadie* (*The*



Myrna Loy with Tyrone Power in *The Rains Came*

- Girl from State Street* (Mayo) (as "Slinky"); *Midnight Taxi* (Adolfi) (as Mrs. Joe Brant); *Noah's Ark* (Curtiz) (as dancer/slave girl)
- 1929 *Fancy Baggage* (Adolfi) (as Myrna); *The Desert Song* (Del Ruth) (as Azuri); *Black Watch (King of the Khyber Rifles)* (Ford) (as Yasmini); *The Squall* (Korda) (as Nubi); *Hardboiled Rose* (Weight) (as Rose Duhamel); *Evidence* (Adolfi) (as native girl); *Show of Shows* (Adolfi)
- 1930 *The Great Divide* (Barker) (as Manuella); *Cameo Kirby* (Cummings) (as Lea); *Isle of Escape* (Bretherton) (as Moira); *Under a Texas Moon* (Curtiz) (as Lolita Romero); *Cock o' the Walk* (Lane and Neill) (as Narita); *Bride of the Regiment* (Dillon) (as Sophie); *Last of the Duanes* (Werker) (as Lola); *The Truth about Youth* (Seiter) (as Kara the Firefly); *Renegades* (Fleming) (as Eleanore); *Rogue of the Rio Grande* (Bennet) (as Carmita); *The Devil to Pay* (Fitzmaurice) (as Mary Carlyle); *Jazz Cinderella (Love Is Like That)* (Pembroke) (as Mildred Vane)
- 1931 *Naught Flirt* (Cline) (as Linda Gregory); *Body and Soul* (Santell) (as Alice Lester); *A Connecticut Yankee (The Yankee at King Arthur's Court)* (Butler) (as Morgan Le Fay); *Hush Money* (Lanfield) (as Flo Curtis); *Transatlantic* (William K. Howard) (as Kay Graham); *Rebound* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Evie Lawrence); *Skyline* (Taylor) (as Paula Lambert); *Consolation Marriage* (Sloane) (as Elaine); *Arrowsmith* (Ford) (as Joyce Lanyon)
- 1932 *Emma* (Brown); *The Wet Parade* (Fleming); *Vanity Fair* (Franklin) (as Becky Sharp); *The Woman in Room Thirteen* (Henry King) (as Sari Loder); *New Morals for Old* (Brabin) (as Myra); *Love Me Tonight* (Mamoulian) (as Countess Valentine); *Thirteen Women* (Archambault) (as Ursula Georgi); *The Mask of Fu Manchu* (Brabin) (as Fah Lo See); *The Animal Kingdom (The Woman in His House)* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Cecilia Henry)
- 1933 *Topaze* (D'Arrast) (as Coco); *The Barbarian (A Night in Cairo)* (Wood) (as Diana); *The Prizefighter and the Lady* (Van Dyke) (as Belle Morgan); *When Ladies Meet* (Beaumont) (as Mary Howard); *Penthouse (Crooks in Clover)* (Van Dyke) (as Gertie Waxted); *Night Flight* (Brown) (as Brazilian pilot's wife); *Scarlet River* (Selznick) (as herself)

- 1934 *Men in White* (Boleslawsky) (as Laura); *Manhattan Melodrama* (Van Dyke) (as Eleanor); *The Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nora Charles); *Stamboul Quest* (Wood) (as “Fraulein Doktor”); *Evelyn Prentice* (William K. Howard) (title role); *Broadway Bill (Strictly Confidential)* (Capra) (as Alice)
- 1935 *Wings in the Dark* (Flood) (as Sheila Mason); *Whipsaw* (Wood) (as Vivian Palmer)
- 1936 *Wife versus Secretary* (Brown) (as Linda Stanhope); *Petticoat Fever* (Fitzmaurice) (as Irene Campion); *The Great Ziegfeld* (Leonard) (as Billie Burke); *To Mary—with Love* (Cromwell) (as Mary Wallace); *Libeled Lady* (Conway) (as Connie Allenbury); *After the Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nora Charles)
- 1937 *Parnell* (Stahl) (as Katie O’Shea); *Double Wedding* (Thorpe) (as Margit Agnew)
- 1938 *Man-Proof* (Thorpe) (as Mimi Swift); *Test Pilot* (Fleming) (as Ann Barton); *Too Hot to Handle* (Conway) (as Alma Harding)
- 1939 *Lucky Night* (Taurog) (as Cora Jordan); *The Rains Came* (Brown) (as Lady Edwina Esketh); *Another Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nora Charles)
- 1940 *I Love You Again* (Van Dyke) (as Kay Wilson); *Third Finger, Left Hand* (Leonard) (as Margot Sherwood)
- 1941 *Love Crazy* (Conway) (as Susan Ireland); *Shadow of the Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nora Charles)
- 1943 *Show Business at War* (short)
- 1944 *The Thin Man Goes Home* (Thorpe) (as Nora Charles)
- 1946 *So Goes My Love (A Genius in the Family)* (Ryan) (as Jane); *The Best Years of Our Lives* (Wyler) (as Milly)
- 1947 *The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer (Bachelor Knight)* (Reis) (as Margaret); *Song of the Thin Man* (Buzzell) (as Nora Charles); *The Senator Was Indiscreet (Mr. Ashton Was Indiscreet)* (Kaufman) (bit role as Mrs. Ashton)
- 1948 *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (Potter) (as Muriel Blandings)
- 1949 *The Red Pony* (Milestone) (as Alice Tiflin)
- 1950 *Cheaper by the Dozen* (Walter Lang) (as Mrs. Lillian Gilbreth); *That Dangerous Age (If This Be Sin)* (Ratoff) (as Lady Cathy Brooke)
- 1952 *Belles on Their Toes* (Levin) (as Mrs. Gilbreth)
- 1956 *The Ambassador’s Daughter* (Krasna) (as Mrs. Cartwright)
- 1958 *Lonelyhearts* (Donahue) (as Florence Shrike)
- 1960 *From the Terrace* (Robson) (as Martha Eaton); *Midnight Lace* (Miller) (as Aunt Bea)
- 1969 *The April Fools* (Rosenberg)
- 1971 *Death Takes a Holiday* (Butler—for TV); *Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate* (Post—for TV)
- 1972 *The Couple Takes a Wife* (Paris—for TV)
- 1974 *Indict and Convict* (Sagal—for TV); *Airport 1975* (Smight) (as Mrs. Devaney)
- 1975 *The Elevator* (Jameson—for TV)
- 1977 *It Happened at Lakewood Manor (Panic at Lakewood Manor; Ants!)* (Sheerer—for TV) (as Ethel Adams)
- 1978 *The End* (Burt Reynolds) (as Maureen Lawson)
- 1980 *Just Tell Me What You Want* (Lumet) (as Stella Liberti)
- 1983 *Summer Solstice* (Rosenblum—for TV)

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Perhaps no other actress of her refinement has been so encumbered by the star epithets meant to promote her than Myrna Loy. Touted as the perfect wife and crowned Queen to Clark Gable’s virile

King, she managed to retain her popular appeal while transcending the stereotypes affixed, but never adhering to her ebullient personality. A laugh always seems fermenting deep within her, the happy product of some distillation of good and high spirits.

Loy began her career as a dancer and bit player (one early “part” cast her as the leg of a human chandelier!) but soon found her singular beauty appropriated to play dark-skinned sirens and Oriental wantons. She exhibited a fiendish glee in such lurid roles as the vindictive half-caste with hypnotic powers out to revenge herself against her white sorority sisters in *Thirteen Women* and the “sadistic nymphomaniac” (as Loy described her) in *The Mask of Fu Manchu*. A supporting role in *Love Me Tonight* released the levity in her nature. Her drowsy Valentine, whose narcolepsy results not from lack of sleep, but want of men, immediately revives whenever an eligible male wanders in her vicinity. When asked whether she could go for a doctor, this sleeping beauty responds with an enthusiastic, grateful “Yes!” Loy had a way of reading of her lines, even the monosyllabic ones, that uncovered unexpected reserves of energy and irony ready for use.

Loy’s Valentine, enchanting as she was, could have lived at any time since the sixteenth century—providing she was lodged in a chateau. It was her early films with Woody Van Dyke, such as *Penthouse* and *Manhattan Melodrama* which teamed her with William Powell and Clark Gable, that naturalized Loy as a sophisticated woman very much of her own times. Powell won out over the rough, but generous Gable in the latter film, forming an enduring screen partnership that would have fun making fun of the modern sex relation. In 1934’s *The Thin Man* Loy literally hurled the modern wife at the feet of an unsuspecting public by executing a three-point landing on a barroom floor. She rose, dignity intact, to assume her place in the popular imagination as the perfect wife who was in every way an equal to her mate—drink for drink, repartee for repartee, but mostly wink for wink. Though never canonized as the perfect husband, Powell knew how to cherish Loy as the most companionable of modern women—witty, unaffectedly but unmistakably intelligent, and remarkably good-natured.

Her rapport with Powell, while unique, nevertheless revealed her untroubled instinct for what her screen mates needed and saw in her. She is not as droll with Gable, who liked his women sassy but not ironic. Her staunch but giving heart so impresses him that he is ready to compromise his macho code and become gentler than he generally feels he can afford to be, a transformation she works on him in the *Test Pilot* and *Too Hot to Handle*. Opposite Cary Grant in *The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer* and *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* she maintains an imperturbable calm in the face of his frenzied attempts to create order out of chaos, calmly proceeding with her business whatever he thinks his—or hers—might be.

Loy persisted in the national psyche as the womanly ideal after the war. In Wyler’s *The Best Years of Our Lives* she suggested how the generosity that in her comic roles manifested itself in good-spirited camaraderie also subsisted in the forbearing wife patiently assisting her husband’s readjustment to civilian life. But Loy was no stranger to the dark side of the happy marriages she continued humanizing in films such as *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Belles on Their Toes*. Her wrenching portrait as the alcoholic mother in *From the Terrace* and the sardonic wife in *Lonelyhearts* offer a bleak counterface to the festive mien she generally presented to the camera. Her last roles

played on the knowledge that the qualities she embodied were fast becoming legendary, so that there is to her performances in *April Fools* and *Just Tell Me What You Want* the melancholy suggestion that her wit, womanly tact, and ironic intelligence had indeed transported her to some unreachable, yet still visible realm of perfection.

—Maria DiBattista

LUGOSI, Bela

Born: Bela Ferenc Denzso Blasko in Lugos, Hungary (now Romania), 20 October 1882. **Education:** Attended State Superior Gymnasium, Lugos, and Academy of Performing Arts, Budapest. **Family:** Married 1) Ilona Szmik, 1917 (divorced 1920); 2) the actress Ilona von Montagh, 1921 (divorced 1924); 3) Beatrice Woodruff Weeks, 1929 (divorced 1929); 4) Lillian Arch, 1933 (divorced 1953), son: Bela, Jr.; 5) Hope Linniger, 1955. **Career:** 1902—first stage appearance in *Ocskay Brigaderos*, Deva, Hungary (under name Bela Lugossy); later acted with Franz Joseph Repertory Theatre, Szeged Repertory Theatre, Hungarian Theatre, 1911–13, and National Theatre, 1913–19; 1917—Hungarian film debut in *A Leopard*; 1919—left Hungary when leftists were defeated, and appeared in several German films in



Bela Lugosi in *Dracula*

1920–21; formed a Hungarian Repertory Theatre in New York, and made his U.S. stage debut in *The Red Poppy* in 1922; 1923—U.S. film debut in *The Silent Command*; 1927—successful Broadway performance in title role of *Dracula*, repeated in film version in 1931, and in later tours with the play; mid-1940s—host and star of radio program *Mystery House*; 1955—voluntarily received treatment for drug addiction. **Died:** Of heart attack in Los Angeles, 16 August 1956.

Films as Actor:

(as Arisztid Olt)

- 1917 *A Leopard (The Leopard)* (Deesy); *Az azredes (The Colonel)* (Kertesz, i.e. Curtiz)
 1918 *Alarcosbal (The Masked Ball)* (Deesy); *Naszdal (Song of Marriage)* (Deesy); *Küzdelem a leteret (A Struggle for Life)* (Deesy); 99 (Kertesz, i.e. Curtiz); *Tacaszi vihar (The Wild Wind of Spring)* (Deesy); *Az elet kiralya (The King of Life)* (Deesy); *Lili* (Hintner)

(as Bela Lugosi)

- 1920 *Der Fluch der Menschheit* (Eichberg); *Der Januskopf (Janus-Faced)*; *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Murnau) (as butler); *Die Frau im Delphin, oder 30 Tage auf dem Meeresgrund* (Kiekebusch-Brenken); *Die Teufelsanbeter*; *Lederstrumpf (The Deerslayer)* (Welling) (as Uncas)
 1921 *Der Tanz auf dem Vulkan (Daughter of the Night)* (Eichberg) (as Andrew Fleuret); *Nat Pinkerton*; *Johann Hopkins der Dritte*
 1923 *The Silent Command* (Edwards) (as Hisston)
 1924 *The Rejected Woman* (Parker) (as Jean Gagnon)
 1925 *The Midnight Girl* (Noy) (as Nicholas Harmon); *Daughters Who Pay* (Terwilliger) (as Serge Oumansky)
 1928 *How to Handle Women* (Craft); *The Veiled Woman* (Flynn)
 1929 *Prisoners* (Seiter) (as Brottos); *The Thirteenth Chair* (Brown-ing) (as Insp. Delzante)
 1930 *Such Men Are Dangerous* (Hawks) (as Dr. Goodman); *Wild Company* (McCarey) (as Felix Brown); *Viennese Nights* (Crosland) (as Hungarian Ambassador); *Renegades* (Flem-ing) (as the Marabout)
 1931 *Oh, For a Man* (MacFadden); ***Dracula*** (Browning) (as Count Dracula); *Fifty Million Frenchmen* (Bacon); *Women of All Nations* (Walsh) (as Prince Hassan); *The Black Camel* (MacFadden) (as Tarneverro); *Broad Minded* (Le Roy) (as Pancho); *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (Florey) (as Dr. Mirakle)
 1932 *White Zombie* (Halperin) (as “Murder” Legendre); *Chandu, The Magician* (Varnel and Menzies) (as Roxor)
 1933 *Island of Lost Souls* (Kenton) (as Leader of the Apemen); *The Death Kiss* (Marin) (as Joseph Steiner); *International House* (Sutherland) (as Gen. Nicholas Petronovich); *Night of Terror* (Stoloff) (as Degar); *The Whispering Shadow* (Hermant and Clark—serial) (as Prof. Strang); *The Devil’s in Love* (Dieterle) (as prosecutor)
 1934 *The Black Cat* (Ulmer) (as Dr. Vitus Werdegast); *Gift of Gab* (Freund) (as man in closet); *The Return of Chandu* (Taylor—serial—features *The Return of Chandu* and *Chandu on the Magic Island* released 1935) (as Chandu)

- 1935 *The Best Man Wins* (Kenton) (as Doc Boehm); *Mysterious Mr. Wong* (Nigh) (as Mr. Wong); *Mark of the Vampire* (Browning) (as Count Mora); *The Raven* (Landers) (as Dr. Richard Vollen); *Murder by Television* (Sanforth) (as Arthur Perry); *The Phantom Ship (The Mystery of the Marie Celeste)* (Clift) (as Anton Lorenzen)
 1936 *The Invisible Ray* (Hillyer) (as Dr. Benet); *Postal Inspector* (Brower) (as Benez); *Shadow of Chinatown* (Hill—serial) (as Victor Poten)
 1937 *S.O.S. Coastguard* (Witney and James—serial) (as Boroff)
 1939 *Son of Frankenstein* (Lee) (as Ygor); *The Gorilla* (Dwan) (as Peters); *The Phantom Creeps* (Beebe and Goodkind—serial) (as Dr. Alex Zorka); ***Ninotchka*** (Lubitsch) (as Razinin); *The Human Monster (Dark Eyes of London)* (Summers) (as Dr. Orloff)
 1940 *The Saint’s Double Trouble* (Hively) (as Partner); *Black Friday* (Lubin) (as Eric Marnay); *You’ll Find Out* (Butler) (as Prince Saliano)
 1941 *The Devil Bat* (Yarborough) (as Dr. Paul Carruthers); *The Black Cat* (Rogell) (as Eduardo); *The Invisible Ghost* (Lewis) (as Mr. Kessler); *Spooks Run Wild* (Rosen) (as Nardo the monster); *The Wolf Man* (Waggner) (as Bela)
 1942 *Ghost of Frankenstein* (Kenton) (as Ygor); *Black Dragons* (Nigh) (as Dr. Melcher/Colomb); *The Corpse Vanishes* (Fox) (as Dr. Lorenz); *Bowery at Midnight* (Fox) (as Prof. Brenner/Karl Wagner); *Night Monster* (Beebe) (as Rolf)
 1943 *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (Neill) (as monster); *The Ape Man* (Beaudine) (as Dr. Brewster); *Ghosts on the Loose* (Beaudine) (as Emil)
 1944 *The Return of the Vampire* (Landers) (as Armand Tesla); *Voodoo Man* (Beaudine) (as Dr. Marlowe); *Return of the Ape Man* (Rosen) (as Prof. Dexter); *One Body Too Many* (McDonald) (as Larchmont)
 1945 *The Body Snatcher* (Wise) (as Joseph); *Zombies on Broadway* (Douglas) (as Prof. Renault)
 1946 *Genius at Work* (Goodwins) (as Stone)
 1947 *Scared to Death* (Cabanne) (as Leonide)
 1948 *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* (Barton) (as Count Dracula)
 1952 *Old Mother Riley Meets the Vampire (Vampire over London; My Son, The Vampire)* (Gilling) (as Von Housen); *Glen or Glenda? (I Changed My Sex)* (Wood); *Bela Lugosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla (The Boys from Brooklyn; The Monster Meets the Gorilla)* (Beaudine) (as Dr. Zabor)
 1955 *Bride of the Monster* (Wood) (as Dr. Eric Vornoff)
 1956 *The Black Sleep* (Le Borg) (as Casimir)
 1959 *Plan Nine from Outer Space (Grave Robbers from Outer Space)* (Wood) (as ghoul man)

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Though his talents were limited, Bela Lugosi was a screen original. His Count Dracula has become part of movie folklore; one cannot imagine the vampire without a black cape and aristocratic manner, intoning dramatically ironic or romantic lines such as “I don’t drink—wine” or “To die, to be really dead—that must be glorious!” in a mellifluous or sinister Hungarian accent. Lugosi had been a matinee idol in the Hungarian theater and, to some extent, in the American: on Broadway, he played a Valentino-like sheik in *Arabesque*. His continental charm carried over to his Dracula—Valentino, the Sheik, through a glass darkly. Both are lady-killers, one figurative, one actual.

Lugosi rarely had the opportunity on screen to exhibit his persona’s fatal charm. After he achieved movie stardom in *Dracula*, neither he nor Hollywood knew how to exploit his success or capitalize properly on his image. His one cinematic reprise of the Count was true to the original’s spirit, but its context, *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, precluded the possibility for any of the original’s dark passion and sexual suggestion, as did his two Dracula imitations in *Return of the Vampire* and *Mark of the Vampire* (a stupid “elaborate hoax” movie, wherein Lugosi is a mute, snarling monster, revealed to be an actor impersonating a vampire; all references to the supposed vampire’s incest were deleted).

Lugosi made one bad career choice after another. He rejected the part of Frankenstein’s monster, but more damaging were the parts he too often accepted: supporting roles or red-herring parts in murder mysteries (when he should have been playing the actual menace), leads in “B” and “C” pictures, often serials. His poor judgment hurt him; each time a horror cycle ended, he was unable, unlike Boris Karloff, to find employment. (His only appearance in an “A” picture after 1933 was a one-scene cameo in *Ninotchka*.)

In only a handful of films did Lugosi exhibit the passion and obsession that were the mark of his most successful characters. Karloff’s “mad” scientists were usually kindly, misguided, fatherly types whose attempts to aid humanity went awry. Lugosi’s were monomaniacal, driven men who often labored all for love of (or lust for) a woman (for example, in *The Raven*, *The Corpse Vanishes*, and *Voodoo Man*). *White Zombie* and *Murders in the Rue Morgue* concern Lugosi’s power over women; the loss of his wife and daughter spur Lugosi’s revenge in *The Black Cat* and, for a change, a woman exerts hypnotic power over him in *Invisible Ghost*.

The equally obsessed Ygor—broken-necked, self-serving companion to Frankenstein’s monster—was his other memorable creation, which displayed Lugosi’s versatility but didn’t help his career. He was more and more frequently cast as servants—either imperious (like his Dracula) or uncouth (like Ygor)—in somebody else’s horror film, usually to lend menace to the production or another recognizable name to the cast.

By the time he played his last butler in *The Black Sleep*, he was associated with the inept Ed Wood, Jr., who, whatever his shortcomings as a filmmaker, treated Lugosi like a star. Wood cast him as the sage counselor in his very personal *Glen or Glenda?*, allowed him one last mad-scientist role in *Bride of the Monster*, and planned to star him as a vampire in the film that eventually became the infamous *Plan 9 from Outer Space*—built around the few minutes of Lugosi footage shot before his death. Wood’s dim awareness of Lugosi’s power and presence bestowed on the actor’s last works a certain ignominious nobility.

—Anthony Ambrogio

LUKAS, Paul

Born: Pal Lukasz in Budapest, Hungary, 26 May 1895. **Education:** Attended College of Budapest; National Theatre Actors School. **Military Service:** Served in the Hungarian army, 1913–15; invalided out. **Family:** Married 1) Daisy Benes, 1927 (died 1962); 2) Annette Dreisens. **Career:** 1916—stage debut with National Theatre; 1917—Hungarian film debut in *Sphinx*; 1918–27—member of the Comedy Theatre, Budapest; also appeared in Max Reinhardt productions in



Paul Lukas (right) with (from left) George Coulouris, Donald Woods, Lucile Watson, and Bette Davis in *Watch On the Rhine*

Vienna and Berlin; 1922—German film debut in *Samson und Delilah*; 1927—invited to Hollywood by Zukor, but U.S. film debut delayed while he learned English: debut in *Two Lovers*, 1928; also appeared on U.S. stage, most notably in *Watch on the Rhine*, 1941 (also in film version); also appeared on television, in series *The F.B.I.* and *Hotel Paradis*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Watch on the Rhine*, 1943. **Died:** 15 August 1971.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1915 <i>Man of the Earth</i></p> <p>1917 <i>Spynx (Sphinx)</i> (Balogh); <i>Udvari levego (Song of the Heart)</i> (Balogh)</p> <p>1920 <i>Sarga Arnyék</i> (Garas); <i>Little Fox</i> (Garas); <i>Castle without a Name</i>; <i>Masamod (The Milliner)</i> (Markus); <i>Szinészno (The Actress)</i> (Forgacs); <i>Nevtelen vár</i> (Garas); <i>Olavi</i> (Lajthay)</p> <p>1921 <i>New York expresz kabel (Telegram from New York)</i> (Garas); <i>Hetszázéves szerelem</i> (Garas); <i>Love of the Eighteenth Century</i></p> | <p>1922 <i>The Lady in Grey</i>; <i>A szurkerahàs hölgy</i> (Deesy); <i>Samson und Delilah (Samson and Delilah)</i> (Curtiz); <i>Lady Violette</i> (Geroffy); <i>Eine Versunkene Welt</i></p> <p>1923 <i>The Glorious Life</i>; <i>Diadalmas elet</i> (Gaél); <i>Egy fiúnak a fele</i> (von Bolvary); <i>A Girl's Way</i>; <i>Das unbekannte Morgen</i> (Korda)</p> <p>1928 <i>Two Lovers</i> (Niblo) (as Ramón de Linea); <i>Three Sinners</i> (Lee) (as Count Dietrich Wallentin); <i>Loves of an Actress</i> (Lee) (as Dr. Durande); <i>Hot News</i> (Badger) (as James Clayton); <i>The Night Watch</i> (Korda) (as Captain Corlais); <i>The Woman from Moscow</i> (Berger) (as Vladimir); <i>Manhattan Cocktail</i> (Arzner) (as Renov)</p> <p>1929 <i>The World of Wall Street</i> (Lee) (as David Tyler); <i>The Shopworn Angel</i> (Wallace) (as Bailey); <i>Illusion</i> (Mendes) (as Count Fortuny); <i>Half-Way to Heaven</i> (Abbott) (as Nick)</p> <p>1930 <i>Slightly Scarlet</i> (Gasnier and Knopf) (as Malatoff); <i>Behind the Make-Up</i> (Milton) (as Boris); <i>Young Eagles</i> (Wellman) (as Von Baden); <i>Grumpy</i> (Cukor and Gardner) (as Berci); <i>The Benson Murder Case</i> (Tuttle) (as Adolph Mohler); <i>The Devil's Holiday</i> (Goulding) (as Dr. Reynolds); <i>Anybody's</i></p> |
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- Woman (Arzner) (as Gustav Saxon); *The Right to Love* (Wallace) (as Eric Helge)
- 1931 *City Street* (Mamoulian); *Unfaithful* (Cromwell); *The Vice Squad* (Cromwell); *Women Love Once* (Goodman); *Strictly Dishonorable* (Stahl); *The Beloved Bachelor* (Corrigan); *Working Girls* (Arzner)
- 1932 *No One Man* (Corrigan) (as Dr. Karl Bemis); *Tomorrow and Tomorrow* (Wallace); *Thunder Below* (Wallace); *A Passport to Hell* (Lloyd); *Rockabye* (Cukor); *Downstairs* (Bell)
- 1933 *Grand Slam* (Dieterle); *The Kiss before the Mirror* (Whale); *Sing Sinner Sing* (Christy); *Captured!* (Del Ruth); *Secret of the Blue Room* (Neumann); *Little Women* (Cukor) (as Professor Bhaer)
- 1934 *By Candlelight* (Whale); *Glamour* (Wyler); *The Countess of Monte Cristo* (Freund); *Affairs of a Gentleman* (Marin); *I Give My Love* (Freund); *The Fountain* (Cromwell); *Gift of Gab* (Freund)
- 1935 *The Casino Murder Case* (Fenton); *Father Brown—Detective* (Sedgwick) (title role); *Age of Indiscretion* (Ludwig); *I Found Stella Parish* (LeRoy); *The Three Musketeers* (Lee)
- 1936 *Dodsworth* (Wyler); *Ladies in Love* (Griffith)
- 1937 *Espionage* (Neumann); *Dinner at the Ritz* (Schuster); *Brief Ecstasy* (Gréville)
- 1938 *The Mutiny on the Elsinore* (Lockwood); *The Lady Vanishes* (Hitchcock) (as Dr. Hartz); *Dangerous Secrets* (Gréville)
- 1939 *Confessions of a Nazi Spy* (Litvak) (as Dr. Kassel); *Lady in Distress* (Mason); *Captain Fury* (Roach)
- 1940 *The Ghost Breakers* (Marshall); *Strange Cargo* (Borzage) (as Hessler)
- 1941 *The Monster and the Girl* (Heisler); *They Dare Not Love* (Whale); *The Chinese Bungalow* (*Chinese Den*) (G. King) (as Yuan Sing)
- 1943 *Watch on the Rhine* (Sherman and Shumlin) (as Kurt Mueller); *Hostages* (Tuttle)
- 1944 *Uncertain Glory* (Walsh); *Address Unknown* (Menzies); *Experiment Perilous* (Tourneur)
- 1946 *Deadline at Dawn* (Chapman); *Temptation* (Pichel)
- 1947 *Whispering City* (Ozep)
- 1948 *Berlin Express* (Tourneur)
- 1950 *Kim* (Saville)
- 1954 *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* (Fleischer) (as Professor Aronnax)
- 1958 *The Roots of Heaven* (Huston)
- 1960 *Scent of Mystery* (*Holiday in Spain*) (Todd and Cardiff); *Tender Is the Night* (King) (as Dr. Dohmler)
- 1962 *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as Karl von Hartrott)
- 1963 *Fifty-Five Days at Peking* (Ray) (as Dr. Steinfeldt); *Fun in Acapulco* (Thorpe) (as Maximillian)
- 1965 *Lord Jim* (Brooks) (as Stein)
- 1968 *Sol Madrid* (Hutton) (as Capo Riccione)
- 1970 *The Challenge* (Smithee)

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In his more than 40 years in Hollywood, Hungarian-born Paul Lukas enjoyed an active career playing a combination of the suave, continental leading man to some of the screen's most glamorous actresses—Ruth Chatterton in *Anybody's Woman*, Sylvia Sidney in *City Streets*, Constance Bennett in *Rockabye*, and Loretta Young in *Grand Slam*—to the suave, continental villain in numerous Nazi-based war films. Rarely were his roles substantial enough for him to draw upon his extensive theatrical training. However, he did achieve top-ranking star status with his portrayal of Kurt Mueller in *Watch on the Rhine* in 1943.

Few of his films of the 1930s stand out, but he was particularly memorable as Professor Bhaer in *Little Women*. He played detective Philo Vance in *The Casino Murder Case*, Athos in *The Three Musketeers*, and Arnold Iselin in William Wyler's excellent *Dodsworth*. He was appropriately mysterious as the charming Dr. Hartz in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Lady Vanishes*, but probably his best 1930s role was as Dr. Kassel, the propaganda chief, in *Confessions of a Nazi Spy*. This was patriotic wartime melodrama brilliantly acted by Edward G. Robinson, Francis Lederer, and Lukas with swiftly paced direction by Anatole Litvak.

It was the Nazism of World War II that also set the scene for Lukas's greatest film success, *Watch on the Rhine*. He had starred in the 1941 New York stage version of this, Lillian Hellman's most subtly written play. His portrayal of Kurt Mueller, the German émigré with an American wife, was universally lauded by critics. Brooks Atkinson wrote in the *New York Times*, "As the enemy of fascism, Mr. Lukas' haggard, loving, resourceful determination becomes heroic by virtue of his sincerity and his superior abilities as an actor." When Warner Brothers produced the film version, they hired five members of the original Broadway cast, including Lukas, and the director, Herman Schumlin. They enlisted Hellman's friend Dashiell Hammett to write the screenplay and cast Bette Davis as Mueller's wife to ensure box-office success. However, it was Lukas's film, and he received the Academy Award and the New York Film Critics Award for his moving performance.

Despite the success of *Watch on the Rhine*, Lukas's career remained one of fairly cardboard leading roles opposite beautiful actresses (for example Hedy Lamarr in *Experiment Perilous*), and eventually evolved into mature character roles: he was Professor Aronnax in *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* and Stein in *Lord Jim*.

—Ronald Bowers

LUPINO, Ida

Nationality: American. **Born:** London, England, 4 February 1918, daughter of the actor Stanley Lupino and the actress Connie Emerald; became U.S. citizen in 1948. **Education:** Attended Clarence House

School, Hove, Sussex; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Louis Hayward, 1938 (divorced 1945); 2) the writer Collier Young, 1948 (divorced 1951); 3) the actor Howard Duff, 1951 (divorced 1972), daughter: Bridget. **Career:** Stage debut at Tom Thumb Theatre, London, at age 12; late 1920s—extra in films for British International Studios; 1932—first lead role in *Her First Affaire*; 1933–37—contract with Paramount; 1939—success in *The Light that Failed*: contract with Warner Brothers; 1949—co-founder, with Anson Bond, Emerald Productions: producer, co-director, and co-scriptwriter of *Not Wanted*; 1950—director of the film *Never Fear*, 1950–80—co-owner, with Collier Young, Film-makers Company; 1952—co-founder, with Dick Powell, Charles Boyer, and David Niven, Four Star Productions for television; 1956—director for TV series *On Trial*; 1957–58—in TV series *Mr. Adams and Eve*; 1957–66—worked exclusively in television. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Hard Way*, 1943. **Died:** Of cancer, in Burbank, California, 3 August 1995.

Films as Actress:

- 1932 *Her First Affaire* (Dwan) (as Anne)
 1933 *Money for Speed* (Vorhaus) (as Jane); *High Finance* (George King) (as Jill); *The Ghost Camera* (Vorhaus) (as Mary Elton); *I Lived with You* (Elvey) (as Ada Wallis); *Prince of Arcadia* (Schwartz) (as Princess)
 1934 *Search for Beauty* (Kenton) (as Barbara Hilton); *Come on, Marines!* (Hathaway) (as Esther Cabot); *Ready for Love* (Gering) (as Marigold Tate)
 1935 *Paris in Spring* (Milestone) (as Mignon De Charelle); *Smart Girl* (Scotto) (as Pat Reynolds); *Peter Ibbetson* (Hathaway) (as Agnes)
 1936 *Anything Goes* (*Tops Is the Limit*) (Milestone) (as Hope Harcourt); *One Rainy Afternoon* (*Matinee Scandal*) (Rowland V. Lee) (as Monique Pelerin); *Yours for the Asking* (Hall) (as Gert Malloy); *The Gay Desperado* (Mamoulian) (as Jane)
 1937 *Sea Devils* (Stoloff) (as Doris Malone); *Let's Get Married* (Alfred E. Green) (as Paula Quinn); *Artists and Models* (Walsh) (as Paula Sewell); *Fight for Your Lady* (Stoloff) (as Marietta)
 1939 *The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt* (Godfrey) (as Val Carson); *The Lady and the Mob* (Stoloff) (as Lila Thorne); *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (Werker) (as Ann Brandon); *The Light That Failed* (Wellman) (as Bessie Broke)
 1940 *They Drive by Night* (Walsh) (as Lana Carlsen)
 1941 **High Sierra** (Walsh) (as Marie Garson); *The Sea Wolf* (Curtiz) (as Ruth Webster); *Out of the Fog* (Litvak) (as Stella Goodwin); *Ladies in Retirement* (Charles Vidor) (as Ellen Creed)
 1942 *Moontide* (Mayo) (as Ada); *The Hard Way* (Sherman) (as Helen Chernen); *Life Begins at 8:30* (*The Light of Heart*) (Pichel) (as Kathi Thomas)
 1943 *Forever and a Day* (Clair and others) (as Jenny); *Thank Your Lucky Stars* (David Butler) (appearance)
 1944 *In Our Time* (Sherman) (as Jennifer Whittredge); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (appearance)
 1945 *Pillow to Post* (Sherman) (as Jean Howard)
 1946 *Devotion* (Bernhardt) (as Emily Brontë); *The Man I Love* (Walsh) (as Petey Brown)

- 1947 *Deep Valley* (Negulesco) (as Libby); *Escape Me Never* (Godfrey) (as Gemma Smith)
 1948 *Road House* (Negulesco) (as Lily Stevens)
 1949 *Lust for Gold* (Simon) (as Julia Thomas); *Woman in Hiding* (Gordon) (as Deborah Chandler Clark)
 1951 *On Dangerous Ground* (Nicholas Ray) (as Mary Malden)
 1952 *Beware, My Lovely* (Horner) (as Mrs. Helen Gordon)
 1953 *Jennifer* (Newton) (as Agnes)
 1954 *Private Hell 36* (Siegel) (as Lilli Marlowe, + co-sc)
 1955 *Women's Prison* (Seiler) (as Amelia Van Zant); *The Big Knife* (Aldrich) (as Marion Castle)
 1956 *While the City Sleeps* (Fritz Lang) (as Mildred); *Strange Intruder* (Rapper) (as Alice)
 1969 *Backtrack* (Bellamy) (as Mama Delores)
 1972 *Junior Bonner* (Peckinpah) (as Elvira Bonner); *Deadhead Miles* (Zimmerman) (as herself); *Women in Chains* (Kowalski—for TV) (as Tyson); *The Strangers in 7A* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Iris Sawyer)
 1973 *Female Artillery* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Martha Lindstrom); *I Love a Mystery* (Leslie Stevens—for TV) (as Randolph Cheyne); "Dear Karen" ep. of *The Letters* (Krasny—for TV) (as Mrs. Forrester)
 1975 *The Devil's Rain* (Fuest) (as Mrs. Preston)
 1976 *Food of the Gods* (Bert I. Gordon) (as Mrs. Skinner)
 1978 *My Boys Are Good Boys* (Buckalew)

Films as Director:

- 1949 *Not Wanted* (co-d with Clifton, + co-pr, co-sc)
 1950 *Never Fear* (*The Young Lovers*) (+ pr, co-sc); *Outrage* (+ co-pr, co-sc)
 1951 *Hard, Fast, and Beautiful* (+ co-pr)
 1953 *The Hitch-Hiker* (+ co-pr, co-sc); *The Bigamist* (+ co-pr, ro as Phyllis Martin)
 1966 *The Trouble with Angels* (+ co-pr)

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A heart-shaped face, bowed lips, and large clear eyes gave her a Bo-Peepish quality, but Ida Lupino's strongest screen characterizations would make any self-respecting nursery-rhyme shepherdess blush! Lupino excelled in playing vixens and society's cast-offs. After spending six teenaged years appearing in mediocre parts, she attained stardom in the role of the selfish Cockney prostitute who is

driven to madness after posing as a model for an obsessive artist (Ronald Colman) in *The Light That Failed*. She followed that role with an equally strong interpretation of a brazen lowlife in *They Drive by Night*. In that film, she dazzled critics as a bitch who kills her husband, goes after a man who spurns her, and then goes mad when things do not go her way.

Lupino once allegedly called herself "a poor man's Bette Davis." This is a cheapening remark, because Lupino had a screen presence unlike Davis or any other Hollywood leading lady. Like Davis, she was able to show backbone and ingenuity, especially when her character was up against the wall. What made her unique, however, was her ability to utilize soft, refined good looks and delicate mannerisms to play tough, unsympathetic women. In *High Sierra*, Lupino is at her best as a young thing who latches onto mobster Humphrey Bogart. What might have been no more than a one-dimensional helpless female role becomes a vivid characterization. She is like a stray cat, a rootless little-girl-lost who begs Bogart not to make her go back to the seedy "nightspot" where she used to work. At the same time she is determined and womanly, a warm beacon of sorts for a mobster who craves to retire to home and hearth.

In the films that are among the high points of her career, Lupino worked for William Wellman and several times for Raoul Walsh—two directors noted for creating pictures with rough, sometimes gritty brush strokes. When Lupino formed her own production company in 1949, she chose to produce motion pictures dealing with social themes, films reflecting the toughness of Wellman and Walsh. But these films presented social dramas with a new frankness. Lupino may have been influenced by the postwar Italian neorealist films, or perhaps she simply saw the power the genre of social drama could have when it renounced Hollywood glitz. In any case, *Not Wanted*, *Outrage*, and *The Bigamist* deal with, respectively, unwed mothers, rape, and bigamy. These are topics that were considered taboo by the major studios. At a time when no other woman was directing Hollywood feature films, Lupino was directing—and her films were not feminine powder-puff drivel. She paid detailed attention to the miseries women-as-victims were encountering as underdogs in society. Her success in directing these low-budget but effective and durable films is linked to her prior experience of acting troubled female characters. By then, she knew what worked, and what did not.

As a feminist film theory developed, it was ironic that Lupino actually was scoffed at for presenting women as victims rather than aggressors. Then, the tide turned and she was properly lauded as a significant pioneer among women directors.

From the mid-1950s on, Lupino practically disappeared from the screen. Of her scant celluloid roles during her last years, by far the best is Elvira Bonner, the estranged wife of Ace Bonner (Robert Preston), in *Junior Bonner*. Here she is acting with an intensity reminiscent of her strongest Hollywood roles. Age, however, had added a craggy naturalism to her looks and moves. Once again, critics hailed her acting achievement. Rather than catapult her into another round of first-rate parts, it turned out to be her last important role.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

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MacLAINE, Shirley

Nationality: American. **Born:** Shirley MacLean Beaty in Richmond, Virginia, 24 April 1934; sister of the actor Warren Beatty. **Education:** Attended Washington School of Ballet; Washington and Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia, graduated 1952. **Family:** Married Steve Parker, 1954 (divorced 1977), daughter: Stephanie (known as the actress Sachi Parker). **Career:** In dancing chorus of *Oklahoma*, 1950, *Me and Juliet*, 1952, and understudy to Carol Haney in *The Pajama Game*, 1954; 1954–61—contract with Hal Wallis; 1955—film debut in *The Trouble with Harry*; 1971–72—in TV series *Shirley's World*; 1974—co-directed film *The Other Half of the Sky*; 1974—formed nightclub act for Las Vegas, and in 1976 toured with the act in Europe and Latin America. **Awards:** Best Actress, Berlin Festival, and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Ask Any Girl*, 1959; Best Actress, Venice Festival, and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *The Apartment*, 1960; Best Actress, Berlin Festival, for *Desperate Characters*, 1971; Best Actress, Academy Award, and Best Actress, New York and Los Angeles Film Critics,

for *Terms of Endearment*, 1983. **Agent:** c/o MacLaine Enterprises, 25200 Old Malibu Road, Malibu, CA 90262, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1955 *The Trouble with Harry* (Hitchcock) (as Jennifer Rogers); *Artists and Models* (Tashlin) (as Bessie Sparrowbush)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Princess Aouda)
- 1958 *Hot Spell* (Daniel Mann) (as Virginia Duval); *The Sheepman* (George Marshall) (as Dell Payton); *The Matchmaker* (Anthony) (as Irene Molloy); *Some Came Running* (Minnelli) (as Ginny Moorehead)
- 1959 *Ask Any Girl* (Walters) (as Meg Wheeler); *Career* (Anthony) (as Sharon Kensington)
- 1960 *Can-Can* (Walter Lang) (as Simone Pistache); *The Apartment* (Wilder) (as Fran Kubelik); *Ocean's Eleven* (Milestone) (as tipsy girl)
- 1961 *All in a Night's Work* (Anthony) (as Katie Robbins); *Two Loves* (Walters) (as Anna Vorontosov); *The Children's Hour* (Wyler) (as Martha Dobie)
- 1962 *My Geisha* (Cardiff) (as Lucy Dell/Yoko Mori); *Two for the Seesaw* (Wise) (as Gittel Mosca)
- 1963 *Irma La Douce* (Wilder) (title role)
- 1964 *What a Way to Go!* (Thompson) (as Louisa); *John Goldfarb, Please Come Home* (Thompson) (as Jenny Ericson)
- 1965 *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Mae Jenkins)
- 1966 *Gambit* (Neame) (as Nicole Chang)
- 1967 *Woman Times Seven* (De Sica) (as Paulette)
- 1968 *The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom* (McGrath) (title role)
- 1969 *Sweet Charity* (Fosse) (as Charity Hope Valentine)
- 1970 *Two Mules for Sister Sara* (Siegel) (title role)
- 1971 *Desperate Characters* (Gilroy) (as Sophie Brentwood)
- 1972 *The Possession of Joel Delaney* (Hussein) (as Norah Benson)
- 1977 *The Turning Point* (Ross) (as Deedee Rogers)
- 1979 *Being There* (Ashby) (as Eve Rand)
- 1980 *A Change of Seasons* (Richard Lang) (as Karen Evans); *Loving Couples* (Smight) (as Evelyn)
- 1983 *Terms of Endearment* (James L. Brooks) (as Aurora Greenway)
- 1984 *Cannonball Run II* (Needham) (as Veronica)
- 1988 *Madame Sousatzka* (Schlesinger) (title role)
- 1989 *Steel Magnolias* (Ross) (as Ouiser Boudreaux)
- 1990 *Waiting for the Light* (Monger) (as Zena); *Postcards from the Edge* (Nichols) (as Doris Mann)
- 1991 *Defending Your Life* (Albert Brooks) (as woman at past lives pavillion)
- 1993 *Used People* (Kidron) (as Pearl); *Wrestling Ernest Hemingway* (Haines) (as Helen)
- 1994 *Guarding Tess* (Wilson) (title role)



Shirley MacLaine in *Terms of Endearment*

- 1995 *West Side Waltz* (for TV); *The Celluloid Closet* (Eptsein and Friedman—doc) (as interviewee)
 1996 *The Evening Star* (as Aurora Greenway); *Mrs. Winterbourne* (Benjamin) (as Grace Winterbourne)
 1997 *A Smile Like Yours* (Samples) (as Martha—uncredited)
 1998 *Looking for Lulu* (Paris) (as Narrator)
 1999 *Get Bruce* (Kuehn) (as herself); *Joan of Arc* (Duguay—for TV) (as Madame de Beaurevoir); *Forever Hollywood* (Arnold Glassman and Todd McCarthy) (as herself)

Film as Director:

- 1974 *The Other Half of the Sky: A China Memoir* (doc) (co-d, + pr, sc)
 2000 *Bruno* (+ ro)

Film as Writer:

- 1987 *Out on a Limb* (Butler—for TV) (as herself +co-sc)
 1999 *Kingdom Come*

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Shirley MacLaine’s career has continued to thrive since she won her Academy Award in 1983. *Terms of Endearment* brought MacLaine full recognition as a performer and it also gave the actress an image for the latter stages of her career. The films that follow *Terms of Endearment* tend to present her as a combative person who, like Aurora Greenway in Brooks’s film, struggles to set and maintain the “terms of endearment” of her personal relationships. In such films as *Madame Sousatzka* and *Postcards from the Edge* MacLaine is demanding, irascible, and generally exasperating; yet, by the film’s resolution, she acknowledges that the relationship in question is at base essential and loving. The films illustrate the actress’s willingness to play a difficult person who is in danger of alienating both the film’s other characters and the viewer. MacLaine seems to delight in testing how far she can go before she pulls back and lets the viewer see that her character is in fact sensitive and capable of tenderness.

MacLaine has been highly successful in combining her status as a major star with that of a character actress; and the films are a testament to MacLaine’s ability to sustain a career at an age when most of her contemporaries are no longer professionally active. Of the more recent films, *Madame Sousatzka* is perhaps the most outstanding and it provides MacLaine with an acting challenge she fully meets—Madame Sousatzka, a formidable piano teacher, is, in addition to being intelligent and creative, in equal measure bombastic and contemplative, willful and pliable. And John Schlesinger, who surrounds the actress with a group of strong performers, handles the material with insight and assurance. Similarly, *Postcards from the Edge*, another fine film, allows MacLaine to inject a degree of delicacy into her conception of an overbearing but insecure aging actress. Mike Nichols’s film takes a gentle approach to satirizing Hollywood and tempers the mother-daughter conflict between MacLaine and Meryl Streep with low-key humor and a strong sense of compassion for both of these resilient but highly fragile characters. In these two films MacLaine is given the opportunity to bring depth and dimension to her characterizations; on the other hand, she also appears in *Steel Magnolias* and *Used People*, both shrill and crude films, and the bland *Guarding Tess*.

Besides working regularly as an actor, MacLaine continues to pursue her career as a writer. Her dual identity as actor/author came together most spectacularly with a telefilm dramatization of her book *Out on a Limb* in which she deals with transcendentalism. *Out on a Limb* is, aesthetically, undistinguished. The narrative is soap operaish, the performances are merely adequate and the direction is flat. MacLaine, like the film itself, is highly self-conscious and strains to convince that the material is engrossing and deserving of the time

and money spent on the project. *Out on a Limb*'s primary significance is that it forcefully acknowledges MacLaine's ongoing desire to control her star image. The film is essentially concerned with verifying that MacLaine is a serious thinker, has a social conscience, and aspires to personal growth.

In the film version of *Out on a Limb*, MacLaine wonders if the public is going to take her beliefs seriously or think that she is making a fool of herself; by the time of *Postcards from the Edge*, she manages to make on film a joking reference to her transcendent experiences. Yet, *Out on a Limb* stands as an extraordinary attempt by an actor to fashion her image and MacLaine's ambitious effort deserves credit. And, arguably, the project is influenced by a feminist impulse—MacLaine appears to be indicating that she takes sole responsibility for her actions and identity.

There is recent evidence that suggests MacLaine's screen image is undergoing a modification. Two recent works, *Guarding Tess* and *West Side Waltz*, feature a MacLaine that is stately but without sacrificing her humor and prickly nature. The image she projects evokes the latter day Katharine Hepburn for whom, incidentally, *West Side Waltz* was a star vehicle on Broadway.

Like *Terms of Endearment*, the MacLaine films that have followed are "women's films." In these films, the actress invariably plays an imperfect person. MacLaine does not offer idealized images of women but, instead, she attempts to show that women are complex and very human beings. And, like her filmic creations, MacLaine herself, is a survivor.

—Richard Lippe

MacMURRAY, Fred

Nationality: American. **Born:** Frederick Martin MacMurray in Kankakee, Illinois, 30 August 1908. **Education:** Attended Shattuck Boys Academy; Beaver Dam High School, Wisconsin; Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin. **Family:** Married 1) Lillian Lamont, 1936 (died 1953), daughter: Susan, son: Robert; 2) the actress June Haver, 1954, adopted daughters: Katie and Laurie. **Career:** 1928—singer and saxophone player in The Royal Purples band, Chicago; 1929—film debut as extra in *Girls Gone Wild*; also joined The California Collegians band, and made Broadway debut with the band in *Three's a Crowd*, 1930; 1934—contract with Paramount; 1935—first leading role in *Grand Old Girl*; 1945—contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1946—produced the film *Pardon My Past*; 1959—first of many Disney films, *The Shaggy Dog*; 1960–72—in popular TV series *My Three Sons*. **Died:** 5 November 1991.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Girls Gone Wild* (Seiler) (as extra); *Tiger Rose* (Fitzmaurice) (as rancher)
 1935 *Grand Old Girl* (Robertson) (as Sandy); *The Gilded Lily* (Ruggles) (as Peter Dawes); *Car Ninety-Nine* (Barton) (as Ross Martin); *Men without Names* (Murphy) (as Richard Hood/Richard "Dick" Grant); *Alice Adams* (Stevens) (as Arthur Russell); *Hands across the Table* (Leisen) (as Theodore Drew III); *The Bride Comes Home* (Ruggles) (as Cyrus Anderson)

- 1936 *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine* (Hathaway) (as Jack Hale); *Thirteen Hours by Air* (Leisen) (as Jack Gordon); *The Princess Comes Across* (Howard) (as King Mantell); *The Texas Rangers* (King Vidor) (as Jim Hawkins)
 1937 *Maid of Salem* (Lloyd) (as Roger Coverman); *Champagne Waltz* (Sutherland) (as Buzzy Bellew); *Swing High, Swing Low* (Leisen) (as Skid Johnson); *Exclusive* (Hall) (as Ralph Houston); *True Confession* (Ruggles) (as Kenneth Bartlett)
 1938 *Coconut Grove* (Santell) (as Johnny Prentice); *Sing You Sinners* (Ruggles) (as Joe Beebe); *Men with Wings* (Wellman) (as Pat Falconer)
 1939 *Cafe Society* (Griffith) (as Chick O'Bannon); *Invitation to Happiness* (Ruggles) (as Albert "King" Cole); *Honey-moon in Bali* (Griffith) (as Bill Burnett)
 1940 *Remember the Night* (Leisen) (as John Sargent); *Little Old New York* (Henry King) (as Charles Browne); *Too Many Husbands* (Ruggles) (as Bill Cardew); *Rangers of Fortune* (Wood) (as Gil Farra)
 1941 *Virginia* (Griffith) (as Stonewall Elliott); *One Night in Lisbon* (Griffith) (as Dwight Houston); *New York Town* (Charles Vidor) (as Victor Ballard); *Dive Bomber* (Curtiz) (as Commander Joe Blake)
 1942 *The Lady Is Willing* (Leisen) (as Dr. Corey McBain); *Take a Letter, Darling* (Leisen) (as Tom Verney); *The Forest Rangers* (Marshall) (as Don Stuart); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall)
 1943 *Flight for Freedom* (Mendes) (as Randy Britton); *Above Suspicion* (Thorpe) (as Richard Myles)
 1944 *Standing Room Only* (Lanfield) (as Lee Stevens); *And the Angels Sing* (Binyon) (as Happy Morgan); ***Double Indemnity*** (Wilder) (as Walter Neff); *Practically Yours* (Leisen) (as Lt. Daniel Bellamy)
 1945 *Murder, He Says* (Marshall) (as Pete Marshall); *Where Do We Go from Here?* (Ratoff) (as Bill); *Captain Eddie* (Bacon) (as Edward Rickenbacker)
 1946 *Pardon My Past* (Fenton) (as Eddie York/Francis Pemberton); *Smoky* (Louis King) (as Clint Barkley)
 1947 *Suddenly It's Spring* (Leisen) (as Peter Morely); *The Egg and I* (Erskine) (as Bob MacDonald); *Singapore* (Brahm) (as Matt Gordon)
 1948 *On Our Merry Way* (*A Miracle Can Happen*) (King Vidor and Fenton) (as Al); *The Miracle of the Bells* (Pichel) (as Bill Dunnigan); *Don't Trust Your Husband* (*An Innocent Affair*) (Bacon) (as Vincent Doane); *Family Honeymoon* (Binyon) (as Grant Jordan)
 1949 *Father Was a Fullback* (Stahl) (as George Cooper)
 1950 *Borderline* (Seiter) (as Johnny Macklin); *Never a Dull Moment* (Marshall) (as Chris); *A Millionaire for Christy* (Marshall) (as Peter Lockwood)
 1951 *Callaway Went Thataway* (Panama and Frank) (as Mike Frye)
 1953 *Fair Wind to Java* (Kane) (as Captain Boll); *The Moonlighter* (Rowland) (as Wes Anderson)
 1954 *The Caine Mutiny* (Dmytryk) (as Lt. Tom Keefer); *Pushover* (Quine) (as Paul Sheridan); *Woman's World* (Negulesco) (as Sid)
 1955 *The Far Horizons* (Mate) (as Meriwether Lewis); *The Rains of Ranchipur* (Negulesco) (as Tom Ransome); *At Gunpoint* (Werker) (as Wright)



Fred MacMurray (left) with Errol Flynn and Ralph Bellamy (right) in *Dive Bomber*

- 1956 *There's Always Tomorrow* (Sirk) (as Clifford Groves)
- 1957 *Gun for a Coward* (Biberman) (as Will Keough); *Quantz* (Keller) (as Gentry/John Coventry)
- 1958 *Day of the Bad Man* (Keller) (as Jim Scott); *Good Day for a Hanging* (Juran) (as Ben Cutler)
- 1959 *The Shaggy Dog* (Barton) (as Wilson Daniels); *Face of a Fugitive* (Wendkos) (as Jim Larsen/Kincaid); *The Oregon Trail* (Fowler) (as Neal Harris)
- 1960 ***The Apartment*** (Wildier) (as J. D. Sheldrake)
- 1961 *The Absent-Minded Professor* (Stevenson) (as Prof. Ned Brainard)
- 1962 *Bon Voyage* (Neilson) (as Harry Willard)
- 1963 *Son of Flubber* (Stevenson) (as Prof. Ned Brainard)
- 1964 *Kisses for My President* (Bernhardt) (as Thad McCloud)
- 1966 *Follow Me, Boys!* (Tokar) (as Lemual Siddons)
- 1967 *The Happiest Millionaire* (Tokar) (as Anthony J. Drexel Biddle)
- 1973 *Charley and the Angel* (McEveety) (as Charley Appleby)
- 1974 *The Chadwick Family* (Rich—for TV) (as Ned Chadwick)
- 1975 *Beyond the Bermuda Triangle* (Graham—for TV) (as Harry Ballinger)
- 1978 *The Swarm* (Allen) (as Clarence)

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Fred MacMurray enjoyed one of the longest careers in American filmmaking because of his all-purpose (and enduring) good looks and versatility. On the strength of some song and dance experience on Broadway, he was signed to a long-term contract by Paramount at the beginning of the sound era. One of his first films at the studio, *The Gilded Lily*, marked the beginning of his working relationship with Mitchell Leisen who, during the 1930s and 1940s, was perhaps Hollywood's most expert director of light farce and comedy. MacMurray did his best comedic work for Leisen in three 1940s films: *The Lady Is Willing*, *No Time for Love*, and *Take a Letter, Darling*. For Leisen he developed the lovable schlemiel persona that served him so well (the character's apotheosis comes much later in Disney's *The Absent-Minded Professor*). At the same time MacMurray did competent work in a number of other genres—notably as a supporting actor in action films such as *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine* and *The Texans*.

In dramatic roles, however, he often projected a weakness which undercut the narrative. In *Above Suspicion*, for example, he quite unsuccessfully impersonates an Oxford don called to work for British Intelligence; in a series of contretemps with blustering Nazis he simply cannot respond with the appropriate American toughness. The weakness of his persona—always, of course, an exploitable resource in farce and comedy—was occasionally well used in dramatic films, notably by Billy Wilder. As Walter Neff in *Double Indemnity*, MacMurray quite plausibly falls victim to Barbara Stanwyck's aggressive sexuality. Here his indecisiveness becomes an appropriate response to film noir's inhospitable and uncertain world. In *The Apartment* MacMurray plays a calculating executive who cold-heartedly exploits a series of female employees. As played by MacMurray, however, the character becomes an easily toppled predator, henpecked by an overbearing wife and undone by a jealous secretary, and this reversal admirably suits the film's debunking of social hierarchies.

Giving his finest screen performance, MacMurray plays a similar character in *The Caine Mutiny*. His Lieutenant Keefer is a supercilious intellectual, a man who is able to complain about his captain's inadequacies but who nevertheless lacks moral conviction. MacMurray's spinelessness perfectly expresses the film's underlying McCarthyite politics.

—R. Barton Palmer

MADSEN, Harald, and Carl SCHENSTRØM

MADSEN. Nationality: Danish. **Born:** Silkeborg, Denmark, 20 November 1890. **Career:** Joined the Zirkus Miehe at age 14, and remained with it for 11 years; he formed a trio of clowns called “Die drei Miehes” and toured Scandinavia and Germany with the group; 1917—film debut in *Alexander den store* (Alexander the Great). **Died:** 13 July 1949.

SCHENSTRØM. Nationality: Danish. **Born:** Copenhagen, 13 November 1881. **Career:** Emigrated with his family to Chicago in the 1890s, but the family returned to Denmark after his father was hit by a streetcar; trained as a bookbinder, but went on the stage in 1903, and joined Nordisk Film Company in 1909; 1918—appeared in the Asta Nielsen film *Mod Lyset*. **Died:** 1942.

In 1921—the two comics were brought together by the director Lau Lauritzen, and made over 40 films until 1940; after Schenstrøm's death in 1942, Madsen made one final film, *Hjältar mot sin vilja*.

Films as Actors:

- 1917 *Alexander den store* (*Alexander the Great*) (Madsen only)
- 1918 *Mod Lyset* (Holger-Madsen) (Schenstrøm only)
- 1919 *Vaeddøløberen* (Lauritzen) (Schenstrøm only); *Et sommereventyr* (*De keder sig på landet*) (Lauritzen) (Schenstrøm only)
- 1921 *Tyvepak; Film, flirt og forlovelse* (Lauritzen)
- 1922 *Sol, sommer og studiner* (Lauritzen); *Landligger-idyl vandgang* (Lauritzen); *Han, Hun og Hamlet* (Lauritzen); *Mellem muntre musikanter* (Lauritzen); *Blandt byens børn* (Lauritzen)
- 1923 *Kan kaerlighed kureres?* (Lauritzen); *Dårskab, dyd og driverter* (Lauritzen); *Vore venners vinter* (Lauritzen)
- 1924 *Professor Petersens plejebørn* (Lauritzen); *Lille Lise Letpåtå* (Lauritzen); *Raske Riviera rejsende* (Lauritzen); *Ole Opfinders offer* (Lauritzen)
- 1925 *Takt, tone og tosser* (Lauritzen); *Zwei vagabunden in Prater* (Lowenstein); *Polis Paulus' Påskasmäll* (*Spritsmuglerne*) (Molander); *Grønkøbings glade gavtyve* (Lauritzen)
- 1926 *Dødsbokseren* (Lauritzen); *Ulvejægerne* (Lauritzen); *Ebberøds Bank* (*Ebberød Bank*) (Wallén); *Don Quixote* (Lauritzen); *Die Swiegersöhne* (*Svigersønnerne*) (Steinhoff); *Lykkehjulet* (Gad)
- 1927 *Kongen af Pelikanien* (Andersen); *Vestervovvov* (Lauritzen); *Cocktails* (*For fuld fart*) (Banks); *Tordenstenene* (Lauritzen)
- 1928 *Kraft og Skønhed* (Lauritzen); *Filmens Helte* (Lauritzen)
- 1929 *Kys, Klap og Kommers* (Lauritzen); *Hallo, Afrika forude* (Lauritzen); *Højt på en Kvist* (Lauritzen); *Hr. Tell og Søn* (Lauritzen); *The Rocket Bus* (*Raketbussen*; *Alf's Carpet*) (Kellino)
- 1930 *Tausend Worte Deutsch* (*Taler De tysk?*) (Jacoby); *Pas på Pigerne* (Lauritzen); *Fy og Bi Prøvefilm* (Lauritzen)
- 1931 *Krudt med Knald* (Lauritzen); *Fy og Bi i Kantonement* (Lauritzen)
- 1932 *Han, Hun og Hamlet* (Lauritzen); *Lumpenkavaliere* (*Glade Gøglere*) (Boese)
- 1933 *Med fuld musik* (Lauritzen) (Schenstrøm only)
- 1935 *Knox und die lustigen Vagabunden* (*Zirkus Saran*) (Emo)
- 1936 *Mädchenräuber* (*Kvinderøverne*) (Sauer); *Blinde Passagiere* (*Blinde Passagerer*) (Sauer)
- 1937 *Bleka Greven* (*Raske Detektiver*) (Rodin); *Eine Insel wird entdeckt* (*Pat und Patachon im Paradies*; *Fy og Bi i Paradis*) (Lamác)
- 1938 *Midt i byens hjerte*
- 1940 *I de gode gamle Dage* (Jacobsen)
- 1947 *Hjältar mot sin vilja* (Husberg) (Madsen only)

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Harald Madsen and Carl Schenstrøm were established as a comic team in Danish films in 1921 and through 1940 they made 46 films, 13 of them outside Denmark, in Sweden, Germany, Austria, and England. In Denmark they were known as Fyrtaarnet & Bivognen (literally the Light Tower and the Trailer), abridged to Fy & Bi. They were not the first film comedy team, but they were the earliest to gain international recognition, and in the 1920s they were immensely popular all over Europe. In France they were called Doublepatte and Patachon, in England Long & Short, and in the United States, where only a few of their films were distributed and where they never succeeded in attracting an audience, they were called Ole & Axel. Internationally they were best known by their German names Pat and Patachon.

Schenstrøm was a tall, lean man with a melancholy face and a drooping moustache. Madsen was a short and fat little fellow with a sly or sheepish smile on his childlike moon face. There was a strikingly classic contrast in their visual appearance, which immediately appealed to the cinema-going public, and they were an instant success.

Schenstrøm was the clever and inventive fellow, a kind of father figure to the short and naive Madsen. This simple relationship, once established, never led to more stimulating characterizations of their types. They were likable simpletons and their innocent humor was enjoyed by an audience which found the American slapstick comedies of the period too fast and too violent.

Schenstrøm and Madsen were both born and raised in petit bourgeois families. Schenstrøm was trained as a bookbinder before he went to the stage in 1903 and he had a solid theatrical background before he entered films in 1914. Madsen started in circus as a boy and was a partner in a clown trio before his film career began. Madsen and Schenstrøm were brought together by the director Lau Lauritzen, who had worked for six years at Nordisk Films, making two-reel comedies, before he became the artistic manager and leading director at Palladium, founded in 1921. In 1919 Lauritzen made the short comedy *Vaeddøløberen*, in which he used Schenstrøm and a short actor. This couple made another two-reeler, but in 1921 Lauritzen saw Madsen in a circus, and Fyrtaarnet & Bivognen were born. Lauritzen directed 30 of the comedies made in Denmark, and he also wrote many of the films.

The stories were simplistic tales, often about a young man and a young girl in love, but separated because of social barriers. Fy & Bi, the eternal outsiders, were often marginal characters in the story, but they played an important part as the instruments of love's fulfillment. The films ridiculed the nouveau riches of the time, and were mildly satirical of the upper middle-class establishment. Lauritzen preferred shooting outdoors (the Danish landscape is nicely used as a background), and he also garnished the films with pretty young girls. But as a director Lauritzen was pedestrian and uninventive, the films being loosely structured and slow. The infrequent gags depended on

the simple presentation of the two amiable figures. The films represented an idyllic alternative to the highly professional products of the major film-producing countries, and they mirrored the innocent provinciality of a small country. In the 1930s Fy & Bi's popularity faded in most countries, but they still had a large and loyal audience in Denmark, Sweden, Germany, and Austria.

—Ib Monty

MAGNANI, Anna

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Rome, 7 March 1908. **Education:** Attended a French convent school in Rome; Academy of Dramatic Art, Rome. **Family:** Married the director Goffredo Alessandrini, 1935 (separated), son: Luca. **Career:** Joined a touring repertory company, and made stage debut in 1926; also sang in night clubs; 1934—film debut in *La cieca di Sorrento*; continued theater work; 1954—first American film, *The Rose Tattoo*; later stage successes were *La Lupa*, 1965, and *Medea*, 1966. **Awards:** Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *L'onorevole Angelina*, 1947; Best Actress Academy Award and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Rose Tattoo*; 1955; Best Actress, Berlin Festival for *Wild Is the Wind*, 1958; also received Italian Nastro d'argento Awards for Best Actress, 1945–46, 1947–48, 1948–49, 1951–52, and 1956; Italian Grolle d'oro Award, 1958–59. **Died:** Of cancer in Rome, 26 September 1973.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *La cieca di Sorrento* (Malasomma); *Tempo massimo* (Mattoli)
- 1936 *Cavalleria* (Alessandrini); *Trenta secondi d'amore* (*Trente secondes d'amour*) (Bonnard)
- 1938 *Tarakanowa* (Ozep)
- 1940 *Una lampada alla finestra* (Talamo)
- 1941 *Teresa Venerdi* (De Sica); *Finalmente soli* (Gentilomo); *La fuggitiva* (Ballerini)
- 1943 *La fortuna viene dal cielo* (Rathonyi); *L'avventura di Annabella* (Menardi); *La vita è bella* (Bragaglia); *Campo dei fiori* (Bonnard); *L'ultima carrozella* (Mattoli); *Il fiore sotto gli occhi* (Brignone)
- 1944 *Quartetto pazzo* (Salvani)
- 1945 ***Roma città aperta*** (*Rome, Open City; Open City*) (Rossellini) (as Pina); *Abbasso la miseria* (Righelli)
- 1946 *Devanti a lui tremava tutta Roma* (*Before Him All Rome Trembled*; *Tosca*) (Gallone); *Abbasso la ricchezza* (Righetti); *Un uomo ritorna* (Neufeld); *Il bandito* (Lattuada)
- 1947 *La sconosciuta di San Marino* (Cottafavi); *L'onorevole Angelina* (*Angelina*) (Zampa); *Assunta spina* (Mattoli); *Molti sogni per le strade* (Camerini); *L'Amore* (*Woman; Ways of Love*) (Rossellini)
- 1949 *Vulcano* (Dieterle)
- 1951 *Bellissima* (Visconti)
- 1952 *Camicie rosse* (Alessandrini)
- 1953 ***Le Carrosse d'or*** (*The Golden Coach*) (Renoir) (as Camilla/Colombine); "We, the Women" ep. of *Siamo donne* (Visconti)



Anna Magnani in *Il Miracolo*

- 1955 *The Rose Tattoo* (Daniel Mann)
- 1956 *Suor letizia* (Camerini)
- 1957 *Wild Is the Wind* (Cukor)
- 1958 *Nella città l'inferno* (*And the Wild, Wild Women*) (Castellani)
- 1960 *The Fugitive Kind* (Lumet); *Risate di Gioia* (*The Passionate Thief*) (Monicelli)
- 1962 *Mamma Roma* (Pasolini)
- 1963 *Le Magot de Joséfa* (Autant-Lara)
- 1965 *Made in Italy* (Loy)
- 1969 *The Secret of Santa Vittoria* (Kramer); *Nell' anno del si-gnore* (Magni)
- 1972 *Roma* (Fellini *Roma*) (Fellini)

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Anna Magnani's persona was, above all, that of "great actress"; yet, in relation to her career, that description has to be understood in a very particular way. Conventionally, "actor" and "star" have been defined in an opposing manner: the latter is defined in terms of "presence," of an authentic and immediately recognizable personality, often glamorous and permitting identification on the level of fantasy-fulfillment; the former is defined in terms of the ability to transform the self, to "be" different characters. Magnani was always, irreducibly, Magnani, yet she lacked the most obvious attributes of the female star: though she had a remarkably expressive face, she was by no means conventionally beautiful; neither did she have a body that could be conventionally fetishized; her roles were never of the kind to encourage fantasy-identification. For American audiences, she represented exactly what Hollywood had consistently failed to produce: "reality," the nonglamorous human being. Hence, she could never be successfully promoted in Hollywood beyond a certain point (soon reached); for audiences conditioned by Hollywood expectations, "reality" is exotic, a striking novelty that swiftly palls.

Magnani's persona as a great actress is built, not on transformation, but on emotional authenticity (or, more precisely, on the *signification* of authenticity): she doesn't portray characters but expresses "genuine" emotions, the guarantee of genuineness being the rejection of glamour. There is clearly a problem here, exemplified but never resolved throughout Magnani's career. As an "unknown" in *Rome, Open City*, she was a "real" person, expressing real emotions; yet, overnight, she became a famous actress celebrated for her *acting* of "real" emotions. One might say that she spent the rest of her career acting authenticity. The problem is readily apparent in the films made with Rossellini. In *Rome, Open City* she is one of a team of largely nonprofessional players; her performance is extraordinary, but it is fully integrated in the ensemble. In *The Miracle* she is also extraordinary but in a far more dubious way: the film is so obviously a vehicle for her, and her acting of authenticity is so strenuous that we are impressed not so much by the sense of genuine emotions but by the sheer effort of their expression.

Perhaps her greatest performance is in Renoir's *The Golden Coach*, and there are very particular reasons for this (apart from, though not unconnected with, Renoir's fascination with and sympathy for actors): the entire film plays upon notions of theater and reality, the interaction between them, the relation between roles on stage and roles in real life. Opening and closing with the rise and fall of a theater curtain, it announces itself as "theater" and gives us the *commedia dell'arte* performances of Magnani's troupe as theater-within-theater. Every character, except Magnani the actress, is trapped in a social role or stereotype, and each man wants to impose an identity on Magnani who, in the film's final paradox, retreats back into the theater as the only place where, by consciously acting roles, she can be herself. It is a film that calls into question the very concept of authenticity and asks whether we do not, everywhere and always, act. While the film is centered unequivocally on Magnani, her performance is fully integrated in it, and we never have the sense that the material has been conceived merely as a showcase for her talents.

It is sad but predictable that Hollywood could find nothing more appropriate for her than the spurious pretensions of Tennessee Williams at his worst (*The Rose Tattoo*, *The Fugitive Kind*); and finally wasted her in a thoroughly conventional role in *The Secret of Santa Vittoria*. (What an amazing Cleopatra she might have made to Charlton Heston's Antony.) Her most distinguished work in Hollywood was achieved (again, predictably) under the sympathetic guidance of George Cukor, the American cinema's greatest director of

actresses, whose distinction lies more in his ability to draw out the individual essence of a player than in encouraging the externalities of "great acting." *Wild Is the Wind*, a project Cukor took over at a very late stage of its development, awkwardly scripted, repeatedly sounding like a stage play, transcends such limitations through Magnani's sensitive and inward performance.

—Robin Wood

MAKOVETSKI, Sergei

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Kiev, 13 June 1958. **Education:** Worked as stage-hand at the theatre in Kiev; graduated from Shchukin Theatre School, 1980. **Family:** Married. **Career:** Actor at the Vakhtangov Theatre and, since 1989, at the Theatre of Roman Viktiuk; performed in *Masterclass* (1989), *M Butterfly* (1990), *Lolita* (1993), and *The Catapult* (1993). **Awards:** Honoured Artist of the Russian Federation, 1992; NIKA Award, for Best Actor, Russian Film Academy, for *Makarov*, 1994. **Agent:** MAKs, Larisa Isaeva, Tikhvinsky per. 10/12, k. 7, kv. 18, 103055 Moscow, Russia.

Films as Actor:

- 1984 *The Kids (Mal'va)* (short); *To Take Alive (Vziat' zhivym)* (for TV) (as agent)
- 1986 *The Meeting (Zaveshchanie)* (Gostiev) (as Major Ugarov in his youth)
- 1988 *The Life of Klim Samgin (Zhizn' Klima Samgina)* (for TV) (as Dmitri Samgin)
- 1989 *The Devotee (Posviashchennyi)* (Teptsov) (as Lyokha)
- 1990 *Chernov (Iurskii)* (as Kostia Shliapin); *Mother (Mat')* (Panfilov) (as Gendarme)
- 1991 *The Children of Bitches (Sukiny deti)* (Filatov) (as Boria Siniukhayev)
- 1992 *A Patriotic Comedy (Patrioticheskaya komediya)* (Khotinenko) (as Ilyin); *Moscow Parade (Prorva)* (Dykhovichny) (as friend); *Our American Boris (Nash amerikanskii Boria)* (Bushmelev) (as Boris)
- 1993 *Makarov* (Khotinenko) (as the poet Makarov); *A Child by November (Rebenok k noiabriu)* (Pavlovsky) (as Lyosha); *The Little Men from Bolshevik Alley, or I Want Beer (Malen'kie chelovechki bol'shevistskogo pereulka, ili Khochu piva)* (Maliukov) (as Gnome); *Trotsky* (Mariagin) (as Lev Sedov)
- 1994 *Round Dance (Khorovod)* (Kuchinsky) (as the director of a local theatre)
- 1995 *The Black Veil (Chernaia vual')* (Proshkin) (as Petr Sinev); *A Play for a Passenger (P'esa dlia passazhira)* (Abdrashitov) (as the conductor Oleg); *Summer Folk (Letnie liudi)* (Ursuliak) (as Basov); *Rothschild's Violin* (Cozarinsky) (as Shostakovich); "Trofim" (Balabanov) in *Arrival of a Train (Pribytie poezda)* (as Trofim)
- 1996 "Boiler House No. 6" ("Kotel'naia No. 6") in *Three Stories (Tri istorii)* (Muratova) (as Zhenia)
- 1997 *He Did Not Tie Up His Shoelaces (On ne zaviazyl shnurki)* (Chernykh) (as Stasik)

- 1998 *Of Freaks and Men* (*Pro urodov i liudei*) (Balabanov) (as Johann); *Menage a trois* (*Retro v troem*) (Petr Todorovsky)
- 2000 *The Captain's Daughter* (*Russkiy bunt*) (Proshkin) (as Shvabrin); *The Brother 2* (*Brat 2*) (Balabanov) (as Valentin Edgarovich)

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Sergei Makovetski is first and foremost known for his work in the theatre, which includes numerous parts under the director Roman Viktiuk. He gave an exquisite interpretation of Gallimard in *M Butterfly*, who has finally found love and discovers that the woman he loves—a singer of the Chinese opera—is, in fact, a man. His performance as the young Ilya who discovers his homosexuality and lives in a split reality in *The Catapult* continues the gender issue which can be traced through all the productions of Viktiuk. Makovetski has also a permanent engagement at one of Moscow's leading theatres, the Vakhtangov Theatre, where he has appeared as Shostakovich in Pownell's *Master Class*, directed by Viktiuk. He also played this part in the film *Rothschild's Violin*. In addition, he has offered a splendid interpretation of Kovrin in Kama Ginkas's production of Chekhov's *The Black Monk* at the Moscow Theatre of the Young Spectator, and has worked with the very popular director Vladimir Mirzoev.

It is noteworthy that Makovetski's work in the theatre highlights a characteristic of his roles in the cinema: the ambiguity of character. Makovetski plays the man who is in love with another man (Ilya, Gallimard); he plays the artist torn between dissidence and loyalty to the system (Shostakovich); or he plays the man who wants to create and destroy happiness (Kovrin).

In film, Makovetski has been cast, from early in his career, by highly renowned directors of Russian cinema: Gleb Panfilov, Vladimir Khotinenko, Kira Muratova, Alexei Balabanov, and Vadim Abdrashitov. His breakthrough in film, though, came only with Khotinenko's *Makarov*. One night the poet Alexander Sergeevich—not Pushkin, but Makarov—returns home, having bought a Makarov pistol. The pistol changes the poet's life, depriving him of friends, family, and his muse. Makovetski excels in his psychological portrayal of an intellectual who perceives his everyday life as meaningless, and who develops a relationship with the object that gradually assumes control over his life. Makarov's inner turmoil is rendered through the film's images, while Makovetski's face remains straight: none of his fears and desires are reflected in his appearance.

In Abdrashitov's *Play for a Passenger* Makovetski creates the character of Oleg Kapustin, another secretive figure who hides more of his inner life than he shows, and whose conduct appears almost automated. In one of the novellas of Muratova's *Three Stories*

Makovetski plays the killer Zhenia who has just murdered his neighbor after some trivial argument and who tries to dispose of the body in a boiler house. While the workers are shocked at the crime, Zhenia himself is unmoved: even his face does not twitch. Yet his capacity for facial expression is superbly demonstrated in the first scene of the film, where Zhenia imitates the grimaces of animals he observes in a zoo. Makovetski's strength lies in his facial expression, which can hide the most revolting crime while being able to imitate any twitch.

In Balabanov's *Of Freaks and Men* Makovetski played the character of Johann, a criminal who, released from prison, exploits his sister and a photographer to produce and sell photos of women being flagellated. Behind a straight face and immaculate behaviour he hides his immorality. Set at the turn of the last century, the film comments on the nature of the camera.

There is no common denominator in the roles chosen by Makovetski; this lies rather in the way in which Makovetski acts: his self is hardly ever present in the role, it is annihilated behind the character. Makovetski is, in the words of the critic Tatiana Moskvina, a "nobody" who can take on any role. His facial mask hides his psychological and emotional experiences and gives the character an enigmatic and mysterious appearance.

—Birgit Beumers

MALDEN, Karl

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mladen Sekulovich in Chicago, Illinois, 22 March 1914. **Education:** Attended Emerson High School, Gary, Indiana; the Art Institute of Chicago, 1933–36; Goodman Theatre Dramatic School, Chicago. **Military Service:** U.S. Army Air Force, 1943–45. **Family:** Married the actress Mona Graham, 1938, daughters: Mila and Carla. **Career:** 1937—Broadway debut in *Golden Boy*; 1940—film debut in *They Knew What They Wanted*; 1945—resumed Broadway career following military service; 1947—in Broadway production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and in film version, 1951; 1957—directed the film *Time Limit*; 1966–69—director, Screen Actors Guild; 1972–77—starring role in TV series *The Streets of San Francisco*; 1980—in TV series *Skag*; 1989–93—president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1951. **Address:** 1845 Mandeville Canyon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1940 *They Knew What They Wanted* (Kanin) (as Red)
- 1944 *Winged Victory* (Cukor) (as Adams)
- 1946 *13 Rue Madeleine* (Hathaway) (as flight sergeant)
- 1947 *Boomerang* (Kazan) (as Lt. White); *Kiss of Death* (Hathaway) (as Sgt. William Cullen)
- 1950 *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (Preminger) (as Lt. Thomas); *The Gunfighter* (Henry King) (as Mac); *Halls of Montezuma* (Milestone) (as Doc)



Karl Malden (left) with Marlon Brando and Eva Marie Saint in *On the Waterfront*

- 1951 *The Sellout* (Mayer) (as Buck Maxwell); *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Kazan) (as Mitch); *Decision before Dawn* (Litvak)
- 1952 *Diplomatic Courier* (Hathaway) (as Ernie); *Ruby Gentry* (King Vidor) (as Jim Gentry); *Operation Secret* (Seiler) (as Maj. Latrec)
- 1953 *Take the High Ground* (Richard Brooks) (as Sgt. Laverne Holt); *I Confess* (Hitchcock) (as Larrue)
- 1954 *Phantom of the Rue Morgue* (Del Ruth) (as Dr. Marais); ***On the Waterfront*** (Kazan) (as Father Barry)
- 1956 *Baby Doll* (Kazan) (as Archie Lee)
- 1957 *Fear Strikes Out* (Mulligan) (as John Piersall); *Bombers B-52* (No Sleep till Dawn) (Gordon Douglas) (as Sgt. Chuck Brennan)
- 1959 *The Hanging Tree* (Daves) (as Frenchy Plante)
- 1960 *Pollyanna* (Swift) (as Rev. Paul Ford); *The Great Imposter* (Mulligan) (as Father Devlin)
- 1961 *One-Eyed Jacks* (Brando) (as Dad Longworth); *Parrish* (Daves) (as Judd Raike)
- 1962 *All Fall Down* (Frankenheimer) (as Ralph Willart); *Birdman of Alcatraz* (Frankenheimer) (as Harvey Shoemaker); *Gypsy* (LeRoy) (as Herbie Sommers)
- 1963 "The Rivers" ep. of *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway) (as Zebulon Prescott); *Come Fly with Me* (Levin) (as Walter Lucas)
- 1964 *Dead Ringer (Dead Image)* (Henreid) (as Sgt. Jim Hobbson); *Cheyenne Autumn* (Ford) (as Capt. Wessels)
- 1965 *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (as Shooter)
- 1966 *Nevada Smith* (Hathaway) (as Tom Fitch); *Murderers' Row* (Levin) (as Julian Wall)
- 1967 *The Adventures of Bullwhip Griffin* (Neilson) (as Judge Higgins); *Hotel* (Quine) (as Keycase); *Billion Dollar Brain* (Ken Russell) (as Leo Newbegin)
- 1968 *Blue* (Narizzano) (as Doc Morton); *Hot Millions* (Till) (as Carlton J. Klemper)
- 1969 *Il gatto a nove code (Cat o' Nine Tails)* (Argento) (as Franco Arno)
- 1970 *Patton (Patton: Lust for Glory)* (Schaffner) (as Gen. Omar Bradley)
- 1971 *Wild Rovers* (Edwards) (as Walter Buckman)
- 1972 *The Streets of San Francisco* (Grauman—for TV) (as Det. Lt. Mike Stone)
- 1973 *Summertime Killer* (Isasi) (as John Kiley)

- 1977 *Captains Courageous* (Hart—for TV)
 1979 *Meteor* (Neame) (as Harry Sherwood); *Beyond the Poseidon Adventure* (Irwin Allen) (as Wilbur Hubbard)
 1980 *The Wildcatters* (for TV); *Skag* (Perry—for TV)
 1981 *Miracle on Ice* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV); *Word of Honor* (Damski—for TV)
 1983 *The Sting II* (Kagan) (as Macalinski); *Twilight Time* (Paskaljevic) (as Marko)
 1984 *Fatal Vision* (David Greene—for TV) (as Freddy Kassab); *With Intent to Kill* (Robe—for TV) (as Thomas E. Nolan)
 1985 *Alice in Wonderland* (Harry Harris—for TV) (as Walrus)
 1986 *Billy Galvin* (John Gray) (as Jack Galvin)
 1987 *Nuts* (Ritt) (as Arthur Kirk)
 1988 *My Father, My Son* (Bleckner—for TV) (as Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr.)
 1989 *The Hijacking of the Achille Lauro* (Collins—for TV) (as Klinghoffer)
 1990 *Call Me Anna* (Cates—for TV) (as Dr. Harold Arlen)
 1991 *Absolute Strangers* (Cates—for TV) (as Fred Zusselman)
 1992 *Back to the Streets of San Francisco* (Damski—for TV) (as Mike Stone)
 1993 *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice); *They've Taken Our Children: The Chowchilla Kidnapping* (Gillum—for TV) (as Ed Ray)

Film as Director:

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Karl Malden was already an established young Broadway character actor when he came to Hollywood to do several minor roles in such films as *13 Rue Madeleine* and *Kiss of Death*. Elia Kazan did not (as is often reported) introduce Malden to films, but he did give the actor’s career a new direction by making available to him roles in which Malden’s dramatic intensity and Method-influenced acting style could be displayed. Malden had returned to Broadway to play Mitch

in *A Streetcar Named Desire* for Kazan, and afterward followed the director to Hollywood to appear in his *Boomerang*. A few years later he repeated his role in Kazan’s screen version of *Streetcar*, and won an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor.

His performance in that film revealed an underlying and uneasily repressed well of emotion that was effectively exploited by Kazan. In *On the Waterfront*, Malden plays the parish priest as a man who cannot refrain from either righteous anger or direct involvement in waterfront politics. His intensity suits Kazan’s social message and contrasts nicely with Brando’s subtle characterization of the ex-prizefighter who turns crusader. More often, however, Malden’s energy was channeled into portrayals of an evil bordering on obsession or neurosis. As a crooked sheriff who cannot control his temper, he is once again effectively contrasted with the coolness and self-possession of Brando’s outlaw in *One-Eyed Jacks*. Or if not outright evil, his characters were misguided and obsessive. This especially was so when he played weak-willed parents. As the neurotic father who is determined that his son achieve his own frustrated dream of athletic stardom in *Fear Strikes Out*, Malden is effectively contrasted to the twitchy insecurity of Anthony Perkins’s Jimmy Piersall. As the superficially friendly, semi-alcoholic father of Warren Beatty and Brandon de Wilde in *All Fall Down*, he is just as equally contrasted to Angela Lansbury’s exasperating, clinging mother.

Malden has repeated these characterizations with only minor variations in a number of films, most notably *Birdman of Alcatraz*, *Cheyenne Autumn*, and *Nevada Smith*, where he played off the cooler styles of Burt Lancaster, Richard Widmark, and Steve McQueen respectively. The self-effacing subordination of Mitch in *Streetcar* also has been employed successfully in other roles. As Omar Bradley in *Patton*, for example, he is almost insistently ordinary in a way that contrasts to George C. Scott’s obsessive and self-concerned hero.

But Malden’s best work on screen came in the 1950s, under the guidance of Elia Kazan, a director who has been able to channel and emphasize the subtler qualities of his acting style. His most memorable role is that of Archie Lee in *Baby Doll*, where his acting meshes beautifully with the ensemble work of Carroll Baker and Eli Wallach. Malden lends the character a sense of repressed sexuality which perfectly suits the erotic subtext of Williams’s story.

In later years, Malden has starred on television in a popular weekly crime drama, *The Streets of San Francisco* (not to mention a series of credit card commercials). He has appeared in higher-quality made-for-television movies, often playing fathers who have complex relationships with their sons (such as *My Father, My Son* and *Billy Galvin*) or leaders of younger men (e.g., Coach Herb Brooks in *Miracle on Ice*).

—R. Barton Palmer, updated by Rob Edelman

MALKOVICH, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Christopher, Illinois, 9 December 1953. **Education:** Attended Eastern Illinois State University; Illinois State University. **Family:** Married the actress Glenne Headly, 1982 (divorced 1990); one daughter, Armandine, and one son, Loewy, with Nicoletta Peyran. **Career:** 1976—co-founder of Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theatre Group; 1982—New York theatrical debut in *True West*;



John Malkovich (left) with Gary Sinise in *Of Mice and Men*

1984—theatrical film debut in *Places in the Heart*; 1994—director and producer of *Libra*, Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago. **Awards:** Best Actor, Obie Award, for *True West*, 1983; Best Supporting Actor, National Society of Film Critics and National Board of Review, for *Places in the Heart*, 1984; Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor, for *Death of a Salesman*, 1986. **Agent:** Tracy Jacobs, International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A. **Address:** 346 South Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90020, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1981 <i>American Dream</i> (Damski—for TV) (as Gary); <i>Word of Honor</i> (Damski—for TV)</p> <p>1982 <i>True West</i> (Sinise and Goldstein—for TV) (as Lee)</p> <p>1984 <i>Places in the Heart</i> (Benton) (as Mr. Will); <i>The Killing Fields</i> (Joffé) (as Al Rockoff)</p> <p>1985 <i>Eleni</i> (Yates) (as Nicholas Gage)</p> <p>1986 <i>Death of a Salesman</i> (Schlöndorff—for TV) (as Biff); <i>Rocket to the Moon</i> (John Jacobs—for TV) (as Ben Stark)</p> <p>1987 <i>Making Mr. Right</i> (Susan Seidelman) (as Dr. Jeff Peters/Ulysses); <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> (Paul Newman) (as Tom); <i>Empire of the Sun</i> (Spielberg) (as Basie)</p> | <p>1988 <i>Miles from Home (Farm of the Year)</i> (Sinise) (as Barry Maxwell); <i>Dangerous Liaisons</i> (Frears) (as Vicomte de Valmont)</p> <p>1990 <i>Old Times</i> (Simon Curtis—for TV); <i>The Sheltering Sky</i> (Bertolucci) (as Port Moresby)</p> <p>1991 <i>Queens Logic</i> (Rash) (as Eliot); <i>The Object of Beauty</i> (Lindsay-Hogg) (as Jake)</p> <p>1992 <i>Shadows and Fog</i> (Woody Allen) (as a clown); <i>Jennifer 8</i> (Robinson) (as St. Anne); <i>Of Mice and Men</i> (Sinise) (as Lennie)</p> <p>1993 <i>In the Line of Fire</i> (Petersen) (as Mitch Leary); <i>Alive</i> (Frank Marshall) (as narrator, uncredited); <i>We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story</i> (Zondag and others—animation) (as voice)</p> <p>1994 <i>Heart of Darkness</i> (Roeg—for TV) (as Kurtz)</p> <p>1995 <i>Par dela les nuages (Al di la delle nuvole; Beyond the Clouds)</i> (Antonioni and Wenders) (as director); <i>O Convento (The Convent; Le Couvent)</i> (de Oliveira) (as Michael)</p> <p>1996 <i>Mary Reilly</i> (Frears) (as Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde); <i>Mulholland Falls</i> (Tamahori) (as Gen. Thomas Timms); <i>Der Unhold (The Ogre; Le Rois des aulnes)</i> (Schlöndorff); <i>Portrait of a Lady</i> (Campion)</p> <p>1997 <i>Con Air</i> (West) (as Cyrus "the Virus" Grissom)</p> <p>1998 <i>Rounders</i> (Dahl) (as Teddy KGB); <i>The Man in the Iron Mask</i> (Wallace) (as Athos)</p> |
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- 1999 *Le Temps retrouvé (Time Regained)* (as Charlus); *The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc* (Besson) (Charles VII); *Ladies Room* (Cristiani) (as Roberto Brizzi); *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze) (as John Horatio Malkovich); *RKO 281* (Ross—for TV) (as Herman Mankiewicz)
- 2000 *Shadow of the Vampire* (Merhige) (as F. W. Murnau); *Les Misérables* (Dayan) (as Javert)
- 2001 *Knockaround Guys* (Koppelman and Levien) (as Teddy Deserve)

Other Film:

- 1988 *The Accidental Tourist* (Kasdan) (co-exec pr)

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Before he first appeared on movie screens in Robert Benton’s *Places in the Heart*, John Malkovich had already earned a formidable reputation as a stage actor, a director and as a co-founder of the Steppenwolf Theatre Ensemble in Chicago. In many ways Malkovich is still more identified with the theater than with Hollywood, not only for his considerable successes on the stage, but also for his often disparaging remarks about the film business. (He told *Psychology Today* he never acts in films for artistic expression, that he does it only “for the money.”) Yet with just a few exceptions, his film work seems passionate, daring, and finely crafted. He works in Hollywood films with nary a trace of movie star vanity, disclosing dark and truly

unpleasant aspects of his characters in a way that is almost unknown with other “leading men.” At the same time Malkovich is able to transcend his rebarbative demeanor and make his flawed, angry characters the emotional center of many of the films he appears in. Despite maintaining this precarious balance in his acting for almost a decade, Malkovich’s self-deprecatingly theatrical tendencies have recently shifted him to the place where he has nearly lost his star status to the rank of “character actor” and “heavy”; his recent dual role as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in *Mary Reilly* only exemplifies the conundrum in his acting persona.

John Malkovich’s first two theatrical film appearances—in *Places in the Heart* and *The Killing Fields*—arrived almost back-to-back in the fall of 1984 and he was singled out for praise with both. Malkovich won multiple awards and nominations for *Places in the Heart*, yet even in Benton’s innocent, rural film—as a gentle, blinded World War I veteran—critics noticed something both exciting and troubling in the actor’s work. (Pauline Kael in the *New Yorker* referred to his “great acting” and almost immediately followed the accolade with the comment “he’s so touching he’s creepy.”) The next year Malkovich had a large film role in Peter Yates’s *Eleni*, but was generally considered miscast in a poorly realized production. In that same year, however, he won recognition doing a radically new interpretation of Arthur Miller’s *Biff* opposite Dustin Hoffman in *Death of a Salesman* on Broadway. Malkovich’s haunted, soft-spoken performance would be recreated for a television version in 1986 and his reputation as a major American actor was secured.

Not surprisingly, Malkovich would distinguish himself most in the coming years in cinematic adaptations of theatrical productions: first, in 1987, as Tennessee Williams’s autobiographical Tom in Paul Newman’s version of *The Glass Menagerie* and in 1988 in Stephen Frears’s adaptation of Christopher Hampton’s play *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. In the former Malkovich suggests—not for the first time or the last—a subtle but nearly hypnotic homosexual component to the role. In the latter, as Valmont, the actor triumphs over his seeming miscasting as a sexual games-player who finally falls in love with one of the women he has toyed with. Holding his own against Glenn Close, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Uma Thurman, Malkovich made *Dangerous Liaisons* his greatest (and almost only real) “star turn” in the cinema.

Subsequently Malkovich has had slightly less good fortune in film. His Port Moresby in Bernardo Bertolucci’s problematic *The Sheltering Sky* was arrestingly smug, self-destructive, and mesmerizing; the film never recovered from the character’s death two-thirds of the way through. In *The Object of Beauty* Malkovich astonished again, this time with his ability to play a (merely) likable would-be sophisticate. The film was much more suitable to his talents than the earlier comedy, *Making Mr. Right*, and it raised hopes that the actor might become a postmodern Cary Grant, but few people saw the picture. Malkovich’s role in Woody Allen’s *Shadows and Fog* in 1992 was nearly a cameo and after all the intelligence and self-loathing he had been showing on-screen up to that point, his Lennie in *Of Mice and Men*, directed by his Steppenwolf colleague Gary Sinise, rang a bit false.

To date, Malkovich’s one great film performance in the 1990s was in Wolfgang Petersen’s *In the Line of Fire*. Playing opposite an iconic Clint Eastwood, Malkovich took the clichéd part of a brilliant assassin and created something so frightening and horrifyingly human, that he single-handedly raised the film out of its genre conventions. From there, though, Malkovich was very nearly over the top as Kurtz in Nicolas Roeg’s *Heart of Darkness*. Oddly, he seemed strangely

uninvolved playing Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, working with Frears and Hampton again, in *Mary Reilly*.

—Daniel Humphrey

MALONE, Dorothy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Dorothy Eloise Maloney in Chicago, Illinois, 30 January 1925. **Education:** Student at Ursuline Convent; Highland Park High School, Hockaday Junior College, and Southern Methodist University, all in Dallas; studied dancing and diction in Hollywood. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Jacques Bergerac, 1959 (divorced 1964), two daughters; 2) Robert Tomarkin, 1969 (marriage annulled 1969); 3) Charles H. Bell, 1971. **Career:** 1943—contract with RKO, and film debut in *The Falcon and the Co-Eds*; 1964–68—played Constance in TV series *Peyton Place*; 1976—in TV mini-series *Rich Man, Poor Man*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, Academy Award for *Written on the Wind*, 1956. **Agent:** Ann Waugh Talent Agency, 4731 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Suite 5, North Hollywood, CA 91607, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *The Falcon and the Co-Eds* (Clemens)
- 1944 *One Mysterious Night* (Boetticher); *Show Business* (Marin)
- 1945 *Too Young to Know* (de Cordova); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves)
- 1946 *Janie Gets Married* (Sherman); *The Big Sleep* (Hawks) (as bookshop clerk); *Night and Day* (Curtiz)
- 1948 *To the Victor* (Daves); *Two Guys from Texas* (Butler); *One Sunday Afternoon* (Walsh)
- 1949 *South of St. Louis* (Enright); *Colorado Territory* (Walsh)
- 1950 *The Nevadan* (Douglas); *Convicted* (Levin); *The Killer That Stalked New York* (McEvory); *Law and Order* (Juran)
- 1953 *Scared Stiff* (Marshall); *Jack Slade* (Schuster)
- 1954 *Loophole* (Schuster); *Pushover* (Quine); *Young at Heart* (Douglas); *Private Hell 36* (Siegel)
- 1955 *Five Guns West* (Corman); *Battle Cry* (Walsh); *Artists and Models* (Tashlin); *At Gunpoint* (Werker)
- 1956 *Pillars of the Sky* (Marshall); *Tension at Table Rock* (Warren); *Written on the Wind* (Sirk) (as Marylee Hadley)
- 1957 *Quantez* (Keller); *Man of a Thousand Faces* (Pevney); *Tip on a Dead Jockey* (Thorpe)
- 1958 *The Tarnished Angels* (Sirk); *Too Much, Too Soon* (Napoleon) (as Diana Barrymore)
- 1959 *Warlock* (Dmytryk)
- 1960 *The Last Voyage* (Stone)
- 1961 *The Last Sunset* (Aldrich) (as Belle Breckenridge)
- 1963 *Beach Party* (Asher) (as Marianne)
- 1964 *Fate Is the Hunter* (Nelson) (as Lisa Bond)
- 1969 *Gli insaziabili* (de Martino); *The Pigeon* (Bellamy—for TV)
- 1975 *The Man Who Would Not Die* (*Target in the Sun*) (Chessbro and Taylor—for TV); *Abduction* (Zito)
- 1976 *The November Plan* (Medford)
- 1977 *Little Ladies of the Night* (Chomsky—for TV); *Murder in Peyton Place* (Kessler—for TV); *Golden Rendezvous* (Lazarus)

- 1978 *Katie: Portrait of a Centerfold* (Greenwald—for TV)
- 1979 *Winter Kills* (Richert) (as Emma Kegan); *Good Luck, Miss Wyckoff* (Chomsky) (as Mildred)
- 1980 *The Day Time Ended* (Cardos) (as Ana); *Condominium* (Hyers)
- 1982 *The Being* (Kong) (as Marge Smith)
- 1984 *He's Not Your Son* (Taylor—for TV) (as Dr. Sullivan)
- 1985 *Peyton Place—The Next Generation* (Elikann—for TV) (as Constance MacKenzie Carson)
- 1986 *Descanse en piezas* (*Rest in Pieces*) (Braunstein)
- 1992 *Basic Instinct* (Verhoeven) (as Hazel Dobkins)

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“Dorothy Malone,” in *Stars*, September 1992.

Atkinson, M., “Dorothy Malone in ‘The Tarnished Angels,’” in *Movieline* (Escondido), April 1996.

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In the Hollywood of the 1950s and 1960s, with its system of casting by type, Dorothy Malone came to be identified by her luxurious coil of platinum blonde hair and her provocative, sidling walk. Her appearance defined her screen persona of the ignominious woman, which determined the direction of her career.

She began in pictures in minor roles, but soon was getting larger parts in everything from Westerns to musicals to films noir. In one memorable early role, Malone plays the reserved yet sensuous bookshop clerk in *The Big Sleep* who lets her hair down for private eye Marlowe (Humphrey Bogart). During these years she generally got parts that capitalized on her looks, but did not give her much opportunity for real acting.

If there was a peak in her career it was in the mid-1950s, when, under contract to Universal, she made two films with director Douglas Sirk, whose work set a standard for the genre of American melodrama. Appearing opposite Robert Stack and matinee idol Rock Hudson in *Written on the Wind* and *The Tarnished Angels*, she was afforded the chance to explore the full range of her sultry persona. It explodes with full force in the character of Marylee, the rich girl who cannot get enough stimulation in *Written on the Wind*. She despises her alcoholic brother (Stack) and lustfully pursues their childhood companion (Hudson), who is in love with Stack's wife (Lauren Bacall). Malone's exaggerated appearance provides an effective dramatic contrast to Bacall's reserved, demure beauty.

As a devoted wife and mother in *Tarnished Angels*, her appearance changes only by degrees, as she is ignored by her husband (Stack), a carnival stunt flier, and must continually fend off the naive advances of the newspaper man played by Hudson. One interesting exception to the pattern of Malone's 1950s roles is her portrayal of Diana Barrymore in *Too Much, Too Soon*, a seldomly seen film made in the wake of the success of *Written on the Wind*.

Despite winning the best supporting actress Oscar for her work in *Written on the Wind*, Malone found relatively few good parts coming her way—perhaps it was that her physical beauty lent itself most readily to more decorative roles in the studio executives' eyes. Eventually she shifted to television, where she found success in the

mid-1960s in the long-running melodrama *Peyton Place*. In recent years she has acted in films only occasionally.

—Rob Winning, updated by Frank Uhle

MANGANO, Silvana

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Rome, 21 April 1930. **Education:** Studied as a dancer. **Family:** Married the producer Dino De Laurentiis, 1949, daughters: Veronica Raffaella and Francesca, son: Federico. **Career:** Worked as a model; 1946—won Miss Rome beauty contest; 1947—film debut in *L'elisir d'amore*; 1949—international attention with film *Bitter Rice*; a number of leading roles followed; 1960s-70s—roles in series of films by both Pasolini and Visconti. **Awards:** Italian Nastro d'argento Awards for Best Actress, 1954–55 and 1963, and for Best Supporting Actress, 1971–72; Italian Grolle d'oro Awards for Best Actress, 1962–63 and 1966–67. **Died:** In Madrid, 16 December 1989.

Films as Actress:

- 1947 *L'elisir d'amore* (Costa); *Il delitto di Giovanni Episcopo* (*Flesh Will Surrender*) (Lattuada)
 1948 *Gli uomini sono nemici* (*Carrefour de passion*) (Giannini); *Riso amaro* (*Bitter Rice*) (De Santis)



Silvana Mangano

- 1949 *Cagliostro* (*Black Magic*) (Ratoff)
 1950 *Il lupo della Sila* (*The Lure of the Sila*) (Coletti); *Brigante Musolino* (*Fugitive in 6B*) (Camerini)
 1952 *Anna* (Lattuada)
 1954 *Mambo* (Rossen); *Ulisse* (*Ulysses*) (Camerini) (as Penelope and Circe)
 1955 “Teresa” ep. of *L'oro di Napoli* (*The Gold of Naples; Every Day's a Holiday*) (De Sica)
 1957 *Uomini e lupi* (De Santis)
 1958 *La Diga sul Pacifico* (*The Sea Wall; Angry Age*) (Clément)
 1959 *La tempesta* (*Tempest*) (Lattuada) (as Nasha); *La grande guerra* (*The Great War*) (Monicelli) (as Constantina)
 1960 *Jovanda e le altre* (*Five Branded Women*) (Ritt); *Crimen* (. . . *And Suddenly It's Murder!*; *Killing in Monte Carlo*) (Camerini) (as Marina Strucchi)
 1961 *Il giudizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (De Sica); *Barabba* (*Barabbas*) (Fleischer) (as Rachel); *Una vita difficile* (Risi)
 1963 *Il processo a Verona* (*The Verona Trial*) (Lizzani)
 1964 *La mia signora* (two eps.) (Bolognini and Comencini)
 1965 *Il Disco Volante* (*The Flying Saucer*) (Brass)
 1966 *Io, io, io . . . e gli altri* (*I, I, I . . . and the Others*) (Blasetti)
 1967 *Scusi, lei è favorevole o contrario* (*Excuse Me . . .*) (Sordi); *Edipo Re* (*Oedipus Rex*) (Pasolini) (as Jocasta); *La streghe* (*The Witches*) (Visconti, Bolognini, Pasolini, Rossi, and De Sica) (different roles in each ep.)
 1968 “La Bambinala” ep. of *Capriccio all'italiana* (Monicelli); *Viaggio de lavoro* (Zac); *Teorema* (*Theorem*) (Pasolini) (as the mother)
 1969 *Medea* (Pasolini)
 1971 *Morte a Venezia* (*Death in Venice*) (Visconti) (as Tazio's mother); *Scipione detto anche l'Africano* (Magni); *Il Decamerone* (*The Decameron*) (Pasolini); *Ludwig* (Visconti)
 1972 *Lo scopone scientifico* (Comencini); *D'amore si muore* (Carunchio)
 1975 *Gruppo di famiglia in un interno* (*Conversation Piece*) (Visconti)
 1984 *Dune* (Lynch)
 1987 *Oci ciorinia* (*Dark Eyes*) (Mikhalkov) (as Elisa)

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Ciné Revue (Paris), 7 February 1985.
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 Teunissen, José, “Een tableau in beweging,” in *Skrien* (Amsterdam), February-March 1991.
 Legrand, G., “Silvana Mangano: Il teorema della bellezza: Par Giovanni Cimino et Stefano Masi,” in *Positif* (Paris), July/August 1995.

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Silvana Mangano was trained as a dancer and worked as a model before winning the Miss Rome beauty contest in 1946 which brought her into the movies. In her first starring role, as a migrant farm worker in *Bitter Rice*, caught between social awareness and jealousy born of

a passionate love affair, she was instantly thrust into the international limelight. American critics called her the Italian Rita Hayworth, with an extra 20 pounds; she was the first of the postwar stars to represent the full-figured, fiery Italian beauty.

Her fame brought her offers from Hollywood and Alexander Korda but she turned them down in favor of marriage to Dino De Laurentiis who produced most of her films. Unlike several of her counterparts, Mangano quickly moved beyond the stereotype of an earthy sex symbol, and developed her skills as a dramatic actress. Her role in *The Gold of Naples* as the prostitute trapped in a marriage of honor to a rich uncaring man was critically acclaimed. Another role as a prostitute, in *The Great War*, revealed an ability at satirical comedy, while *Crimean* displayed her as a sophisticate.

She accepted few film offers and chose her roles carefully, usually preferring to collaborate with directors whose work she admired. Pasolini used her as Jocasta in *Oedipus Rex*, in *The Decameron*, and as an upper-middle-class mother whose life is profoundly changed by the visit of a young man to her home in *Theorem*. Pasolini said that she was practically contemptuous of her great beauty and that she worked hard at constantly improving her dramatic capabilities. She often worked with Luchino Visconti, and in fact played in four of his last six films. She reportedly accepted the role of Tadzio's mother in *Death in Venice* for no salary; her portrayal of the impeccably groomed aristocratic woman relied entirely on mime for its effect. At the opposite extreme was her role as a vulgar and pushy nouveau-riche mother in *Conversation Piece*. She played both the grand sophisticate of the past and the reptilian modern mother with equal conviction.

—Elaine Mancini

MARAIS, Jean

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jean Alfred Villain-Maraïs in Cherbourg, 11 December 1913. **Education:** Attended Collège de Saint-Germain-en-Laye; Lycées Condorcet and Janson-de-Sailly; Saint Nicolas, Buzenal. **Military Service:** French Army, beginning in 1939; joined Leclerc division of the American Third Army, 1943. **Family:** One son. **Career:** 1930—apprenticed to a photographer in Le Vésinet, but soon was painting and studying acting with Charles Dullin; 1933—film debut in *L'épervier* (also assistant director); also appeared in walk-on roles in Dullin's productions; 1937—in chorus of Cocteau's *Oedipe* on stage in Paris; beginning of a personal and professional relationship with Cocteau; appeared in several plays written for him by Cocteau, and in films written or directed by Cocteau; stage work included roles at the Comédie Française, and acting in and directing Cocteau's *Les Parents terribles* in 1977. **Awards:** Croix de Guerre. **Died:** of heart attack on 8 November 1998, in Cannes, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *L'épervier* (*Bird of Prey*) (L'Herbier) (+ asst d)
- 1934 *Le Bonheur* (L'Herbier); *Le Scandale* (L'Herbier)
- 1941 *Le Pavillon brûle* (de Baroncelli)

- 1942 *Le Lit à Colonne* (Tual)
- 1943 *L'Éternel Retour* (*The Eternal Return*) (Delannoy) (as Tristan); *Voyage sans espoir* (Christian-Jaque); *Carmen* (Christian-Jaque) (as Don Jose)
- 1946 *La Belle et la bête* (*Beauty and the Beast*) (Cocteau and Clément) (as the Beast/the Prince)
- 1947 *Les Chouans* (Colef); *L'Aigle à deux têtes* (*The Eagle with Two Heads*) (Cocteau) (as Stanislas)
- 1948 *Ruy Blas* (Billon) (title role/Don Cesari); *Les Parents terribles* (*The Storm Within; Intimate Relations*) (Cocteau) (as Michel)
- 1949 *Aux yeux du souvenir* (*Souvenir*) (Delannoy); *Le Secret de Mayerling* (*The Secret of Mayerling*) (Delannoy) (as Crown Prince Rudolph)
- 1950 *Orphée* (*Orpheus*) (Cocteau) (title role); *Le Château de verre* (Clément)
- 1951 *Les miracles n'ont lieu qu'une fois* (Yves Allégret)
- 1952 *La voce del silenzio* (Pabst); *Nez de cuir* (Yves Allégret)
- 1953 *Julietta* (Marc Allégret) (as André Landecourt); *Le Comte de Monte-Cristo* (*Count of Monte Cristo*) (Vernay) (as Edmond Dantes); *Dortoir des grandes* (*Inside a Girls' Dormitory*) (Decoin); *Si Versailles m'était conte* (*Affairs in Versailles; Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as Louis XV)
- 1954 *Le Guérisseur* (Ciampi); *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Count de Montholon)
- 1955 *Futures vedettes* (Marc Allégret); *Si Paris nous était conté* (*If Paris Were Told to Us*) (Guitry) (as François I)
- 1956 *Élena et les hommes* (*Paris Does Strange Things; Elena and Her Men*) (Renoir) (as Gen. François Rollan); *S.O.S. Noronha* (Rouquier); *Typhon sur Nagasaki* (*Typhoon over Nagasaki*) (Ciampi)
- 1957 *Le notti bianche* (*White Nights*) (Visconti) (as Lodger); *Un Amour de poche* (*Nude in His Pocket; Girl in His Pocket*) (Kast) (as Professor Jérôme)
- 1959 *Le Testament d'Orphée* (*The Testament of Orpheus*) (Cocteau) (as Oedipus)
- 1960 *Le Capitain* (Hunebelle); *Austerlitz* (*The Battle of Austerlitz*) (Gance and Richebé) (as Carnot)
- 1961 *La Princesse de Clèves* (Delannoy); *Le Capitain Fracasse* (Gaspard-Huit)
- 1962 *Ponzio Pilato* (*Pontius Pilate*) (Rapper) (title role); *Le Masque de fer* (Decoin) (as D'Artagnan)
- 1964 *Patate* (*Friend of the Family*) (Thomas) (as Noel Carradine); *Fantômas* (Hunebelle) (title role/Fandor)
- 1965 *Fantômas se déchaîne* (*Fantômas Strikes Back*) (Hunebelle) (title role); *Le Gentleman de Cocody* (*Man from Cocody*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Jean-Luc Hervé de la Tommeraye)
- 1966 *Le Saint prend l'affût* (Christian-Jaque) (title role)
- 1967 *Fantômas contre Scotland Yard* (Hunebelle) (title role)
- 1968 *Le paria* (Carliez)
- 1970 *La Provocation* (Charpak); *Le Jouet Criminel* (Thomas); *Peau d'âne* (*The Magic Donkey; Donkey Skin*) (Demy) (as Blue King)
- 1980 *Les Parents Terribles* (Hubert—for TV)
- 1982 *Ombre et secrets* (Delabre)
- 1985 *Parking* (Demy) (as the Devil)
- 1986 *Le lien de Parenté* (*Parental Claim; Next of Kin*) (Rameau) (as Victor Blaise)

- 1988 *Johanna D'Arc of Mongolia* (Ottinger)
 1992 *Les Enfants du Naufrageur* (*Shipwrecked Children*) (Foulon)
 (as old man with a limp)
 1995 *Les Misérables* (Lelouch) (as Monsieur Myriel)
 1996 *Stealing Beauty* (Bertolucci) (as M. Guillaume)
 1997 *Malice, film noir* (Ferrari—doc)
 1999 *Luchino Visconti* (Lizzani) (as himself)

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Few actors have been so lucky as to have their roles tailor-made for them by a writer and director of Jean Cocteau's stature. As screenwriter, director, and often author of the original stage play on which the film was based, Cocteau developed the characters, the milieu, and even the camera techniques around the personality, physical features, and acting capabilities of his intimate friend Jean Marais. But Cocteau was for his part also very fortunate to find in Marais the perfect embodiment of his archetypal heroes.

It is in those films of Cocteau having a clear mythic basis that the collaboration between director and actor reached its height. In *L'Eternel Retour*, scripted by Cocteau, Marais acts the part of the desperately enamored Tristan in a modernized telling of the medieval legend of love and death. *L'Aigle à deux têtes* is a legendary view of a stormily romantic 19th-century world, in which Marais plays an anarchistic student who almost becomes a prince consort; here, too, the ending is a Wagnerian one of love in death. That Marais seems a bit old for the part fits perfectly the Hamlet-like overtones of the film; the student is a youth old in spirit. Marais's chiseled features are

perfect for this film, for they are strong enough to be those of the peasant's son he seems to be and noble enough for the prince he should or even might be. In *La Belle et la bête* Marais's attractive monster changes into an almost too charming prince.

The actor's sublime (if certainly not beautiful) facial features are perfect for portraying a mythological Greek figure such as Orpheus; and no less valuable in this and similar roles is Marais's severe acting style, the result of his classical training as an actor with the Comédie Française. *Orphée*, second of the director's three films on the subject, is the culmination of the collaboration between Cocteau and Marais. The actor conveys perfectly the brooding poet-visionary, seeking to escape the unwanted adulation and the criticism of the hostile and cliquish world of modern Paris. Cocteau adapted the role from that of the chatty Orpheus of a stage play, written long before the two met, into a figure of monumental reticence classically embodied by Marais. A similar effect is achieved in an appearance by the actor, this time as Oedipus in Cocteau's *Testament d'Orphée*. The role is brief and nonspeaking; the effect is eternal.

The actor's other films are disappointing; the closer Marais's roles came to a Cocteauesque poesis—for example, in Visconti's *Le notti bianche*—the better they are. As an actor, Marais has been no more and no less than the lyre of an Orpheus.

—Rodney Farnsworth

MARCH, Fredric

Nationality: American. **Born:** Frederick Ernest McIntyre Bickel in Racine, Wisconsin, 31 August 1897. **Education:** Racine High School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, B.A. in economics. **Military Service:** Served as artillery lieutenant during World War I. **Family:** Married the actress Florence Eldridge, 1927, two adopted children. **Career:** 1920—apprentice at National City Bank, New York, but decided to become an actor: bit part in stage play *Deburau* in Philadelphia; film debut as extra in *Paying the Piper*; 1926—lead in Broadway play *The Devil in the Cheese*; later toured with Theatre Guild Repertory Company; 1928—contract with Paramount to make talking films; 1933—Paramount contract ended, and most later work done on short 2-film contracts or as freelance; 1943—on Broadway stage in *The Skin of Our Teeth*; 1956—on stage in world premiere of O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*, New York and Paris. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, 1931–32; Best Actor Academy Award for *The Best Years of Our Lives*, 1946; Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Death of a Salesman*, 1952; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Inherit the Wind*, 1960. **Died:** 14 April 1975.

Films as Actor:

- 1928 *The Dummy* (Milton) (as Trumbull Meredith); *The Studio Murder Mystery* (Tuttle) (as Richard Hardell)
 1929 *Paris Bound* (Griffith) (as Jim Hutton); *Jealousy* (De Limur) (as Pierre); *Footlights and Fools* (Seiter) (as Gregory)



Fredric March in *Les Misérables*

- Pyne); *The Marriage Playground* (Mendes) (as Martin Boyne); *Sarah and Son* (Arzner) (as Howard Vanning); *The Wild Party* (Arzner)
- 1930 *Ladies Love Brutes* (Lee) (as Dwight Howell); *Paramount on Parade* (as doughboy); *Manslaughter* (Abbott) (as Dan O'Bannon); *Laughter* (D'Arrast) (as Paul Lockridge); *The Royal Family of Broadway* (Cukor) (as Tony Cavendish); *True to the Navy* (Tuttle); *Honor among Lovers* (Arzner) (as Jerry Stafford); *The Night Angel* (Goulding) (as Rudek Berkem); *My Sin* (Abbott) (as Dick Grady)
- 1932 **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** (Mamoulian) (title role); *Strangers in Love* (Mendes) (as Buddy Drake/Arthur Drake); *Merrily We Go to Hell* (Arzner) (as Jerry Corbett); *Make Me a Star* (as himself); *Smilin' Through* (Franklin) (as Jeremy Wayne/Kenneth Wayne); *The Sign of the Cross* (DeMille) (as Marcus Superbus)
- 1933 *Tonight Is Ours* (Walker) (as Sabien Pastal); *The Eagle and the Hawk* (Walker) (as Jerry Young); *Design for Living* (Lubitsch) (as Tom Chambers)
- 1934 *All of Me* (Flood) (as Don Ellis); *The Affairs of Cellini* (La Cava) (as Benvenuto Cellini); *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Franklin) (as Robert Browning); *Death Takes a Holiday* (Leisen); *Good Dame* (Gering); *We Live Again* (Mamoulian)
- 1935 *Anna Karenina* (Brown) (as Vronsky); *The Dark Angel* (Franklin) (as Alan Trent); *Les Misérables* (Boleslawski)
- 1936 *Mary of Scotland* (Ford) (as Earl of Bothwell); *Anthony Adverse* (LeRoy) (title role); *The Road to Glory* (Hawks)
- 1937 *A Star Is Born* (Wellman) (as Norman Maine); *Nothing Sacred* (Wellman) (as Wally Cook)
- 1938 *The Buccaneer* (DeMille) (as Jean Lafitte); *There Goes My Heart* (McLeod) (as Bill Spencer); *Trade Winds* (Garnett) (as Sam Wye)
- 1939 *China's 400,000,000* (doc); *Lights Out in Europe* (doc)
- 1940 *So Ends Our Night* (Cromwell) (as Josef Steiner); *Susan and God* (Cukor)
- 1941 *One Foot in Heaven* (Rapper) (as William Spence); *Bedtime Story* (Hall) (as Lucius Drake); *Victory* (Cromwell)
- 1942 *I Married a Witch* (Lubitsch) (as Wallace Wooley); *Black Sea Fighters* (doc)
- 1944 *The Adventures of Mark Twain* (Rapper) (title role); *Tomorrow the World* (Fenton) (as Mike Frame)

- 1946 *The Best Years of Our Lives* (Wyler) (as Dr. Stephenson)
 1948 *Another Part of the Forest* (Gordon) (as Marcus Hubbard);
Live Today for Tomorrow (Gordon) (as Judge Calvin
 Cooke); *An Act of Murder* (Gordon)
 1949 *Christopher Columbus* (McDonald) (title role); *The Titan-
 Michaelangelo* (doc)
 1951 *Death of a Salesman* (Benedek) (as Willy Loman)
 1952 *It's a Big Country* (Wellman and others) (as Papa Esposito)
 1953 *Man on a Tightrope* (Kazan) (as Karel Cernik)
 1954 *Executive Suite* (Wise) (as Lorne Phineas Snow); *The Bridges
 at Toko-Ri* (Robson) (as Adm. George Tarrant)
 1955 *The Desperate Hours* (Wyler) (as Don Hilward); *Alexander
 the Great* (Rossen) (as Philip of Macedonia); *Albert Schweit-
 tzer* (doc)
 1956 *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* (Johnson) (as Hopkins)
 1959 *Middle of the Night* (Delbert Mann) (as Jerry Kingsley)
 1960 *Inherit the Wind* (Kramer) (as Matthew Harrison Brady)
 1961 *The Young Doctors* (Karlson) (as Dr. Joseph Pearson)
 1963 *The Condemned of Altona* (De Sica) (as Gerlach); *Seven Days
 in May* (Frankenheimer) (as President Jordan Lyman)
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Fredric March was one of the most durable Hollywood perform-
 ers, playing, as a young man, a wide variety of leading roles in
 different genres, and creating, in middle age, a number of notable
 characterizations. The longevity of his career and range of his
 successes are somewhat surprising since he disdained an internal
 Method approach to acting as well as the building of a distinctive
 screen persona. Instead March preferred, in Richard Gehman's inter-
 esting formulation, to put on a role "much as a man fits himself into
 a Grafton street suit." For both stage and screen performances March
 would study the role intensely, memorizing the dialogue early, and let
 the character take shape as a comfortable mask. Thus his screen
 performances are remarkable for their subtlety, and so are all the more
 cinematic, while being dependent for their effectiveness on directorial
 support. In the wrong part March would tend to become stolid and
 weak; this is especially true of his 1930s work as a romantic lead,
 where he was often outplayed by the actresses with whom he
 appeared.

Unlike that of most screen actors, March's career in films devel-
 oped simultaneously with his stage career. In the early 1920s he
 worked as an extra in several films shot in New York and appeared in
 a number of minor theatrical roles, finally landing a leading part in
 a light comedy, *The Devil in the Cheese*. His subsequent impersona-
 tion of John Barrymore in *The Royal Family* brought him to the notice
 of Hollywood. He was signed to a five-year contract by Paramount,
 a studio whose glossy and sophisticated romantic comedies suited
 March's good looks and slightly cynical demeanor. Most notably, he
 repeated the role of John Barrymore in *The Royal Family of Broad-
 way*, where he strikes just the right note of humorous dissolute talent.
 Even in his light comedy roles, however, March always suggests
 a repressed anger or dissatisfaction, a quality exploited especially in
 the Barrymore part. This may explain his somewhat surprising choice
 for the title role in Rouben Mamoulian's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.
 Unlike Spencer Tracy's later version, March's performance is a tour
 de force of impersonation (aided by makeup and directorial touches)
 rather than characterization. March was awarded the Oscar for his
 performance.

In the years immediately following, however, he was not afforded
 another opportunity to play such a complex character. Instead he
 became involved, now as a freelancer, in a number of costume epics
 and historical films, casting decisions influenced by the fact that he
 looked good in period clothes and had a resonant delivery. He was
 competent, if not convincing, as Browning in *The Barretts of Wimpole
 Street*, rather dashing as the picaresque hero of *Anthony Adverse*, and
 a powerful Bothwell in *Mary of Scotland*. He did impressive work,
 always in an essentially supporting capacity, in a number of films
 with contemporary settings, most notably Howard Hawks's *The Road
 to Glory* and William Wellman's *A Star Is Born*, where once again, he
 strikes just the right note of dissolute talent.

In these two roles suggestions of a darker, repressed, and perhaps
 self-destructive energy emerges, a side of March's persona only
 previously exploited in his double role as Jekyll and Hyde. He
 returned to Broadway during the later stages of World War II to

appear in an acclaimed production of *A Bell for Adano*, in which he was a very optimistic (and perhaps one-dimensional) Major Joppolo. In *The Best Years of Our Lives*, however, William Wyler was able to make better use of March's persona. The original treatments of the script had made Al Stephenson a returning veteran who cannot fit back into a comfortable civilian niche, and rejects his job at the bank. In the final version, however, Stephenson is a more complex character—a man whose dissatisfactions are revealed in occasional tiptling but who represses his anger for the sake of social appearances and convention. March's embodiment of the role is near perfect, a triumph of casting and effective direction (particularly Wyler's feel for slowly developed drama). March received the Oscar for his role, which is in a sense a study for his James Tyrone in the stage version of *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

In the 1950s March's career deteriorated, in spite of competent performances as Willy Loman in Benedek's *Death of a Salesman* and as a besieged homeowner in Wyler's *The Desperate Hours*. Even late in his career, however, March was able to turn in a finely conceived characterization as a villainous Indian agent in *Hombre*.

—R. Barton Palmer

MARTIN, Dean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio, 17 June 1917. **Education:** Left school in 10th grade. **Family:** Married 1) Elizabeth Ann McDonald, 1940 (divorced 1949), four



Dean Martin

children; 2) Jeanne Rieggers, 1949 (divorced 1973), three children; 3) Catherine Mae Hawn, 1973 (divorced 1976), adopted daughter: Sasha. **Career:** Amateur boxer as "Kid Crockett," then worked in steel mill and as clerk and croupier; singer, as Dino Martino, with Ernie McKay's Band; then singer and dealer in gambling houses; 1946—booked in Rio Bamba, New York; teamed with Jerry Lewis in double act, and worked in clubs, radio, and television; 1949—film debut in *My Friend Irma*; 1950–55—host, with Lewis, *The Colgate Comedy Hour* on television; 1956—broke with Lewis, and became solo performer as singer and actor; 1965–74—star of *The Dean Martin Show*, on television. **Died:** Of acute respiratory failure, in Beverly Hills, California, 25 December 1995.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *My Friend Irma* (George Marshall) (as Steve Baird)
- 1950 *My Friend Irma Goes West* (Walker) (as Steve Baird); *At War with the Army* (Walker) (as Sgt. Puccinelli)
- 1951 *That's My Boy* (Walker) (as Bill Baker); *Sailor Beware* (Walker) (as Al Crowthers)
- 1952 *Jumping Jacks* (Taurog) (as Chick Allen); *Road to Bali* (Walker) (as himself)
- 1953 *The Stooge* (Taurog) (as Bill Miller); *Scared Stiff* (George Marshall) (as Larry Todd); *The Caddy* (Taurog) (as Joe Anthony); *Money from Home* (George Marshall) (as Honey Talk Nelson)
- 1954 *Living It Up* (Taurog) (as Steve); *Three-Ring Circus* (Pevney) (as Pete Nelson)
- 1955 *You're Never Too Young* (Taurog) (as Bob Miles); *Artists and Models* (Tashlin) (as Rick Todd)
- 1956 *Pardners* (Taurog) (as Slim Mosely, Jr.); *Hollywood or Bust* (Tashlin) (as Steve Wiley)
- 1957 *Ten Thousand Bedrooms* (Thorpe) (as Ray Hunter)
- 1958 *The Young Lions* (Dmytryk) (as Michael Whiteacre); *Some Came Running* (Minnelli) (as Bama Dillert)
- 1959 *Rio Bravo* (Hawks) (as Dude); *Career* (Anthony) (as Maury Novak)
- 1960 *Who Was That Lady?* (Sidney) (as Michael Haney); *Bells Are Ringing* (Minnelli) (as Jeffrey Moss); *Ocean's Eleven* (Milestone) (as Sam Harmon); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *All in a Night's Work* (Anthony) (as Tony Ryder); *Ada* (Daniel Mann) (as Bo Gillis)
- 1962 *Sergeants 3* (John Sturges) (as Sgt. Chip Deal); *The Road to Hong Kong* (Panama) (as himself); *Who's Got the Action* (Daniel Mann) (as Steve Flood)
- 1963 *Come Blow Your Horn* (Yorkin) (as the Bum); *Toys in the Attic* (Hill) (as Julian Berniers); *Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?* (Daniel Mann) (as Jason Steel); *Four for Texas* (Aldrich) (as Joe Jarrett)
- 1964 *What a Way to Go!* (Thompson) (as Leonard Crawley); *Robin and the Seven Hoods* (Douglas) (as Little John); *Kiss Me, Stupid* (Wilder) (as Dino)
- 1965 *The Sons of Katie Elder* (Hathaway) (as Tom Elder); *Marriage on the Rocks* (Donohue) (as Ernie Brewer)
- 1966 *The Silencers* (Karlson) (as Matt Helm); *Texas across the River* (Gordon) (as Sam Hollis); *Murderer's Row* (Levin) (as Matt Helm)
- 1967 *Rough Night in Jericho* (Laven) (as Alex Flood); *The Ambushers* (Levin) (as Matt Helm)

- 1968 *Bandolero!* (McLagen) (as Dee Bishop); *How to Save a Marriage—and Ruin Your Life* (Cook) (as David Sloane); *Five Card Stud* (Hathaway) (as Van Morgan); *The Wrecking Crew* (Karlson) (as Matt Helm)
- 1970 *Airport* (Seaton) (as Vernon Demerest)
- 1971 *Something Big* (McLagen) (as Joe Baker)
- 1973 *Showdown* (Seaton) (as Billy Massey)
- 1975 *Mr. Ricco* (Bogart) (as Joe Ricco)
- 1980 *Cannonball Run* (Needham) (as Jamie Blake)
- 1982 *Bonjour, Monsieur Lewis* (Benayoun—doc)
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- 1985 *Half-Nelson* (Bilson—for TV)

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Like no other act of the late 1940s, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis burst onto and dominated the American show business scene. An immediate hit in nightclubs, the duo was signed by producer Hal

Wallis for Paramount Pictures. With their third film, *At War with the Army*, released in 1951, Martin and Lewis began a six-year run as major movie stars. In 1952, they moved into first place in the annual *Motion Picture Herald* listing of top ten ranking stars. Only *Artists and Models* and *Hollywood or Bust* (both directed by Frank Tashlin), however, are remembered today except by hardcore Martin and Lewis fans.

In 1956 Martin and Lewis split. Lewis continued in the movies, going on to produce and direct his own pictures, and for a time Martin's career seemed to flounder. Ironically, in retrospect, it was during this period of the late 1950s in which Martin produced his most significant work as a motion picture actor. He was good in *The Young Lions*, but superb in Howard Hawks's *Rio Bravo*, in which his reforming drunk demonstrated that in the right part Martin could be a great actor.

Also during this period, Martin shifted away from movies toward other media, principally popular music. In 1958, he produced a pair of million-selling singles in "Return to Me," and "Volare." At that time he also linked up with Frank Sinatra and became a charter member of the so-called "Rat Pack." Sinatra-led films followed: *Ocean's Eleven*, *Sergeants 3*, and *Robin and the Seven Hoods*. This work led Martin to a revitalized film career in the mid-1960s and so he reemerged back onto the ranking of top stars because of a dismal but popular spoof of James Bond in *The Silencers*. Martin again played Matt Helm in the sequel, *Murderer's Row*, but at that point moved to television complete with a popular NBC variety show. This led to gigs in Las Vegas and later Atlantic City so that alone *Rio Bravo*, sadly, will remain the lone monument to an acting talent wasted.

—Douglas Gomery

MARTIN, Steve

Nationality: American. **Born:** Waco, Texas, 14 August 1945. **Education:** Attended Long Beach State College and the University of California, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married the actress Victoria Tennant, 1986 (separated). **Career:** As a child performer, worked with Wally Boag at Disneyland, then at Birdcage Theatre, Knott's Berry Farm; 1967—while at University, accepted contract to write for *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* for CBS TV; from 1970—writer and stand-up comic, working on TV through the 1970s, including *Saturday Night Live*, on tour, and on best-selling records; 1979—feature film debut as writer/performer in *The Jerk*, 1979; partner in Aspen Film Society (an independent production company) and 40 Share Productions (a television production company). **Awards:** Best Actor Awards, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, and New York Film Critics, for *All of Me*, 1984; Best Actor Awards, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, and Los Angeles Film Critics, for *Roxanne*, 1987. **Address:** P.O. Box 929, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *The Absent-Minded Waiter* (Gottlieb—short) (+ co-sc)
- 1978 *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* (Schultz) (as Maxwell Edison); *The Kids Are Alright* (Stein)
- 1979 *The Muppet Movie* (Frawley); *The Jerk* (Carl Reiner) (as Navin, + co-sc)



Steve Martin (left) with John Candy in *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*

- 1981 *Pennies from Heaven* (Ross) (as Arthur)
- 1982 *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid* (Carl Reiner) (as Rigby Reardon, + co-sc)
- 1983 *The Man with Two Brains* (Carl Reiner) (as Dr. Michael Hfuhruhurr, + co-sc)
- 1984 *The Lonely Guy* (Miller) (title role); *All of Me* (Carl Reiner) (as Roger Cobb, + co-sc)
- 1985 *Movers and Shakers* (Asher) (as Fabio Longio)
- 1986 *Little Shop of Horrors* (Oz) (as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S.); *Three Amigos* (Landis) (as Lucky Day, + co-sc, exec pr)
- 1987 *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (Hughes) (as Neal Page); *Roxanne* (Schepisi) (as Charlie "C. D." Bales, + sc)
- 1988 *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Oz) (as Freddy Benson)
- 1989 *Parenthood* (Howard) (as Gil Buckman)
- 1990 *My Blue Heaven* (Ross) (as Vinnie Antonelli)
- 1991 *L.A. Story* (Mick Jackson) (as Harris K. Telemacher, + sc, exec pr); *Father of the Bride* (Shyer) (as George Banks); *Grand Canyon* (Kasdan) (as Davis)
- 1992 *Housesitter* (Oz) (as Newton Davis); *Leap of Faith* (Pearce) (as Jonas Nightengale)
- 1993 *And the Band Played On* (Spottiswoode—for TV) (as Brother)
- 1994 *A Simple Twist of Fate* (MacKinnon) (as Michael McMann, + sc, exec pr); *Mixed Nuts* (Ephron) (as Philip)
- 1995 *Father of the Bride, Part II* (Shyer) (as George Banks)

- 1996 *Sgt. Bilko* (Lynn) (title role)
- 1997 *The Spanish Prisoner* (Mamet) (as Jimmy Dell)
- 1998 *The Price of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner) (as voice of Hotep)
- 1999 *The Venice Project* (Dornhelm) (as himself); *Joe Gould's Secret* (Tucci) (as Charlie Duell); *Out-of-Towners* (Weisman) (as Henry Clark); *Bowfinger* (Oz) (as Bobby Bowfinger +sc)
- 2000 *Novocaine* (David Atkins); *Fantasia 2000* (Algar and Brizzi) (as himself)

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Steve Martin’s status in the American cinema as one of America’s most versatile comic actors and most sensitive screenwriters seemed to be increasingly secure in the early 1990s. But by the beginning of the new millennium, Martin’s film career seems to have somewhat stalled, a victim, perhaps of the kind of Hollywood myopia that Martin himself lampoons in his most recently produced screenplay, *Bowfinger*. Martin began as a writer for other comics and television variety shows, but soon developed for himself an incredibly successful career as a stand-up comedian. His routines tended toward the

zany, his persona that of the jerky, egocentric comic. There was always a clear philosophical intelligence at work in his routines, even when he performed with an arrow through his head. His comic bit of using a single flashcube to take a photo of his large audience worked as a sly comment on misguided photographers among his typical amphitheater crowds. His use of catchphrases, such as “Excuuuuuse me,” and “I’m a wild and crazy guy,” entered popular parlance, although they were as much reflexive ruminations on the concept of the catchphrase, as they were catchphrases. Indeed, his egocentric persona was so self-consciously a put-on that the second level of his routines became structural treatises on the stand-up form: “New Comedy” which was funny because it was sly *parody* of comedy, rather than comedy. His famous “happy feet” bit, whereby Martin’s feet involuntarily start to dance, introduced the theme that would become a primary hallmark of the comedian’s work: the split between the mind and the body.

In his first feature, *The Jerk*, a picaresque tale that marked the first of many collaborations with director Carl Reiner, Martin played a black sharecropper’s adopted son who discovers only as an adult that he is white. *The Jerk* draws heavily on Martin’s stand-up traditions, particularly a sequence in which Martin—in clichéd Mexican *bandido* drag—engages in dastardly cat juggling. *The Man with Two Brains* (co-written by Martin) continued to draw upon his traditions. Wearing a white suit and a headband with fluffy bunny ears, Martin acts the part of the self-deluded yet vulnerable jerk, uttering silly phrases like “Into the mud, scum queen!”

A clear, artistic departure took place with the 1981 *Pennies from Heaven*, directed by Herbert Ross. A very downbeat musical, Martin and co-star Bernadette Peters danced and lip-synced to authentic performances from the Great Depression era. If generally considered a noble failure, *Pennies from Heaven* distinguished Martin as one of the few American comic actors of his time (along with Woody Allen) willing to take chances on risky material. Risky, too, was his 1982 film *Dead Men Don’t Wear Plaid* (again with director Reiner), in which Martin—through the magic of special effects and the most sophisticated Kuleshov-inspired editing—performs opposite stars such as Ingrid Bergman, Humphrey Bogart, and Barbara Stanwyck in scenes borrowed from their greatest period vehicles.

With the exception of occasional films that appear designed to appeal to a juvenile audience (for instance, *Three Amigos*, a disappointing collaboration with John Landis and alumni of the *Saturday Night Live* television show; the slapstick *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, directed by John Hughes; the one-joke TV remake *Sgt. Bilko*, (directed by Jonathan Lynn), Martin’s film choices have tended to show laudable ambitiousness and fascinating inspiration. Several films in which Martin worked only as performer particularly stand out: In the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, directed by Muppet alumnus Frank Oz, Martin turned in an overwhelmingly energetic supporting turn as a sadistic dentist. In *All of Me*, co-starring Lily Tomlin, Martin’s physical mastery was so impressive that he won a number of film critics’ awards for performance. In *Parenthood*, directed by Ron Howard, Martin played a more reflective leading man in a decidedly ensemble piece, although his stand-up tradition is nicely exploited in a scene as “Cowboy Gil,” maker of balloon animals. In *Father of the Bride* and its sequel, Martin showed definitively that he could follow in Spencer Tracy’s footsteps as a totally credible actor, easily capable of exuding warmth and human feeling. And in *The Spanish Prisoner*, a tense thriller directed by David Mamet, Martin turns in a surprisingly chilly performance in his most striking change-of-pace role.

Many of Martin's acting projects alternate, it would seem, between safer works of mass appeal which entertain, and ambitious works of more limited appeal which intellectually engage. *Housesitter*, for instance, with Goldie Hawn, is an absolutely charming comedy in the tradition of the Hollywood screwball, with Martin and Hawn exhibiting considerable chemistry in a well-written formula, while Lawrence Kasdan's *Grand Canyon* (a key film of the nineties) challenges spectators to question their life choices, with Martin willing to take on a relatively serious role and to potentially undermine his star status by appearing in an ensemble context. *The Out-of-Towners*, a very loose 1999 remake of the 1970 Neil Simon screenplay, re-unites Martin with Hawn in a series of wonderfully contrived gags and allows Martin to demonstrate both his witty charm and physical skills, while *Leap of Faith* is much more ambitious and disturbing, with Martin putting his kinetic energy to use as the prancing, dancing, strutting preacher Jonas Nightingale. In *Leap of Faith*, the insincerity which had always been an integral part of Martin's stand-up persona is transferred wholesale to the business of the faith healer, and this satirical portrait of the shamans of Christian fundamentalism is surprisingly hard-hitting and unsentimental.

Almost all of Martin's film work is marked by an incredible physical gracefulness which recalls Keaton and Chaplin; a sweetness and vulnerability which recalls Stan Laurel, but which is often projected through a surface persona of egotism and cloddishness, which recalls Jerry Lewis; and an almost schizophrenic split between the performer's mind and his body. Indeed, Martin is invariably most memorable in scenes that display the actor-writer's incredible physical gracefulness in conflict with his mental state. In *All of Me*, a transmogrified female soul takes control of one side of Martin's body, and in *Roxanne*, Martin acts out a balletic fight using his tennis racket as a weapon and later attempts—hilariously—to drink a glass of wine without his huge nose interfering. On a less conflicted note, one thinks of Martin's triumphant dance with Lily Tomlin in *All of Me* and his moving dance of joy after his son catches a baseball in a Little League game in *Parenthood*. In his professional life, Martin has also demonstrated a not inconsiderable ability to collaborate respectfully with a variety of other skillful artists, a canny eye for quality material, an intelligence which emerges in all his performances, and a generosity as actor to his co-stars. Many of these qualities are in marked contrast to many of his contemporaries, such as Chevy Chase or the early Eddie Murphy, whose film work has too often been rather artless, hypocritical, or opportunistic.

Especially impressive about Martin's development as an artist is his increased activity as screenwriter of his own projects. In *Roxanne*, directed by Australian Fred Schepisi in 1987 from a screenplay by Martin, Martin plays C. D. Bales, a fire chief with a huge nose. A witty and moving updating which sets Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac* in a mountain resort community, *Roxanne* seems Martin's masterpiece so far. More than merely clever, Martin shows the relevance of *Cyrano* to contemporary culture, in the process providing himself a dazzling opportunity for his verbal wit and acrobatic grace. Particularly impressive is Martin's revision of Cyrano's monologue on nose-insults, which offers some continuity with the actor's stand-up tradition. Martin the writer even provides some beautiful, romantic, wistful love scenes which Martin the actor interprets with subtlety and expressiveness. *L.A. Story*, directed by Mick Jackson in 1991, also written by Martin, looks increasingly like a major satirical statement about life in Hollywood: not so bitter as Altman's *The Player*, but certainly as insightful, if more whimsical, and definitely possessing a moral vision—which seems a hallmark of Martin as

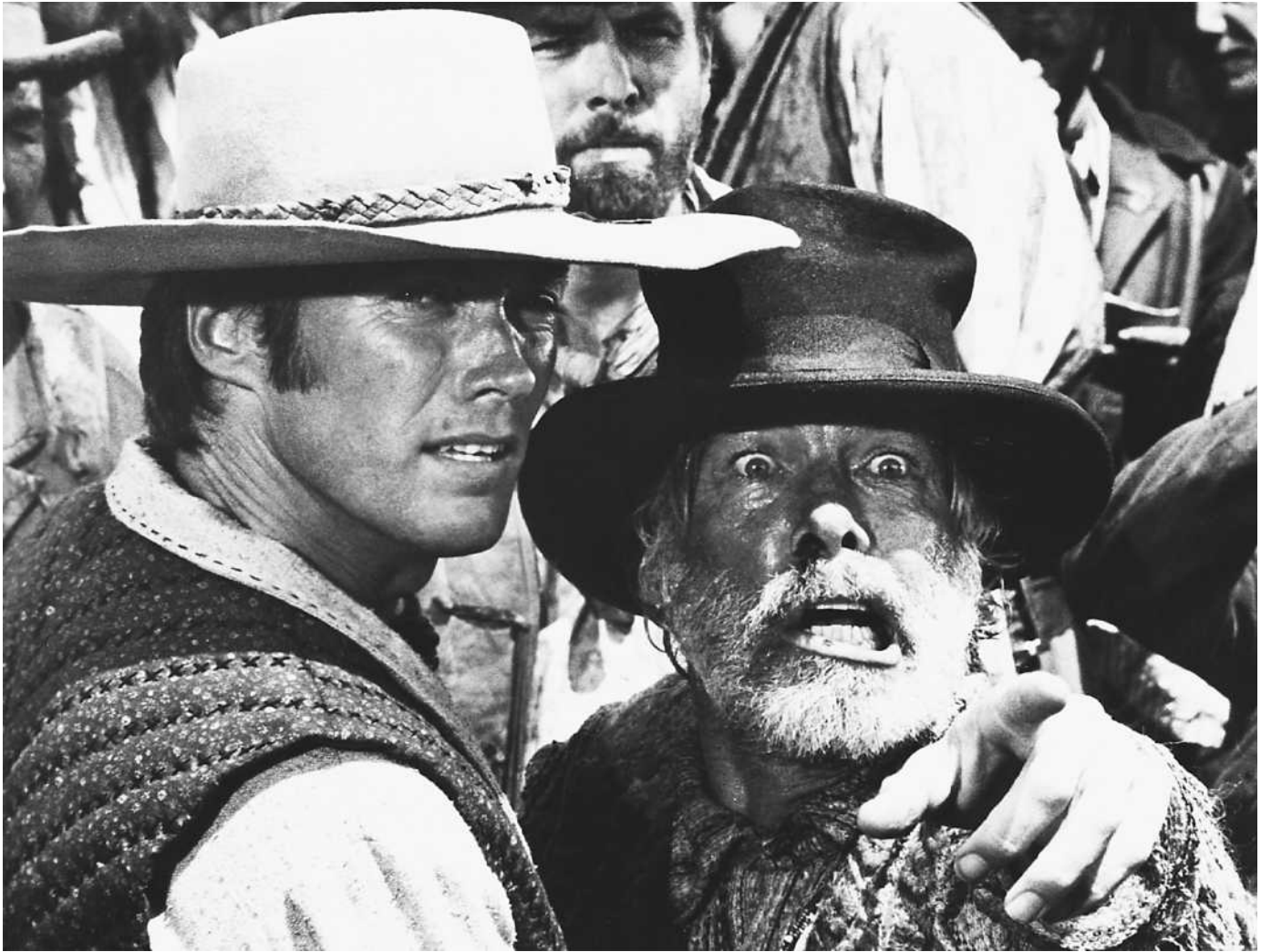
writer. Although *A Simple Twist of Fate*, directed by Gillies MacKinnon in 1994, was—like *Roxanne*—written by Martin as a contemporary updating of a literary classic (in this case, George Eliot's *Silas Marner*), it was not particularly successful with audiences or critics. As a dramatist, Martin fills his story with feeling (one thinks of Martin dancing with his baby girl while doing a deft Harry Belafonte impression or of father and daughter mugging to music as they look into each other's eyes), but never to that sentimental point where he forgets the truth: that in the real world, money, alas, always matters. Unfortunately, a fallow period as a screenwriter followed, and it was not until 1999 that another Martin screenplay reached the screen with *Bowfinger*. Again Martin offered a satirical view of Hollywood, good-naturedly attacking the action-film mentality, actors' vanity, the world of the Hollywood deal and its attendant amoral ambition, and the recent mania for Scientology among some of Hollywood's top stars. Although *Bowfinger* offers an atypical, reflexive performance opportunity for Eddie Murphy in a dual role, the film feels decidedly more mainstream than Martin's previous screenplays and thus is a bit disappointing. For those who hoped Martin would develop an extensive body of comic screenplays like Preston Sturges or Woody Allen, Martin's spare output must be discouraging. One suspects that Martin, who would have profited from the traditional studio system of old, has a variety of sophisticated screenplays stranded in Hollywood turnaround or development-deal-hell; his driving intelligence—informed by great and comprehensive knowledge of contemporary painting, literature, and science—may be precisely what prevents his cinematic success from being greater.

Truthfully, one suspects that Martin's heart may no longer belong to Hollywood; the fact that he has recently turned to writing plays, most notably his very successful *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*—which deals with Einstein, cubism, the theory of relativity, the mysteries of love, and the very workings of time itself—suggests that Martin has accepted the necessary limits to his film aspirations imposed by the nature of the industry. Too, Martin has been writing occasional comic ephemera—witty, intellectual, and culturally prescient essays—for *The New Yorker*, following in the footsteps of humorists like Thurber, Perelman, and Woody Allen. If there remains any other major disappointment from Martin, it is that evidently he has not aspired to direct; for certainly one would welcome films which even more completely were dictated by Martin's own creative impulses.

—Charles Derry

MARVIN, Lee

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 19 February 1924. **Education:** Attended a number of schools, including Public School 165, New York, Lakewood High School, Florida, and St. Leo's Preparatory School, Dade City, Florida. **Family:** Married 1) Betty Edeling, 1952 (divorced 1965), four children; 2) Pamela Freely, 1970. **Career:** Quit school to join the U.S. Marine Corps; wounded, 1944, and hospitalized for 13 months; worked at odd jobs, then became a plumber's apprentice, Woodstock; 1947—stage debut in *Roadside* at Maverick Theatre, Woodstock; then studied at the American Theatre Wing, New York; 1950—film debut in *You're in the Navy Now*; 1951—stage role in Broadway success *Billy Budd*; 1957–60—in TV series *M-Squad*; 1979—involved in landmark legal case



Lee Marvin (right) with Clint Eastwood in *Paint Your Wagon*

concerning “palimony.” **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award and Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Cat Ballou*, 1965; Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *The Killers* and *Cat Ballou*, 1965. **Died:** Of a heart attack in Tucson, Arizona, 29 August 1987.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1951 <i>You're in the Navy Now</i> (Hathaway); <i>Down among the Sheltering Palms</i> (Goulding) (as Snively); <i>Diplomatic Courier</i> (Hathaway) (as an M.P.); <i>The Duel at Silver Creek</i> (Siegel) (as Tinhorn Burgess)</p> <p>1952 <i>We're Not Married</i> (Goulding) (as Pinky); <i>Hangman's Knot</i> (Huggins) (as Ralph Bainter); <i>Seminole</i> (Boetticher) (as Sergeant Magruder); <i>The Glory Brigade</i> (Webb) (as Corporal Bowman); <i>Eight Iron Men</i> (Dmytryk) (as Mooney)</p> <p>1953 <i>Gun Fury</i> (Walsh) (as Blinky); <i>The Stranger Wore a Gun</i> (De Toth) (as Dan Kurth); <i>The Wild One</i> (Benedek) (as Chino); <i>The Big Heat</i> (Fritz Lang) (as Vince Stone); <i>The Caine Mutiny</i> (Dmytryk) (as Meatball); <i>Gorilla at Large</i> (Jones)</p> | <p>1954 <i>The Raid</i> (Fregonese) (as Lt. Keating); <i>A Life in the Balance</i> (Horner) (as the killer); <i>Bad Day at Black Rock</i> (Sturges) (as Hector David); <i>Not as a Stranger</i> (Kramer) (as Brundage)</p> <p>1955 <i>Violent Saturday</i> (Fleischer) (as Dill); <i>I Died a Thousand Times</i> (Heisler) (as Babe Kossuk); <i>Pete Kelly's Blues</i> (Webb) (as Al Gannaway); <i>Shack Out on 101</i> (Dein); <i>Pillars of the Sky</i> (Marshall) (as Sgt. Lloyd Carractart); <i>Seven Men from Now</i> (Boetticher) (as Big Masters); <i>The Rack</i> (Laven) (as Captain John Miller)</p> <p>1956 <i>Attack!</i> (Aldrich) (as Colonel Bartlett); <i>Raintree County</i> (Dmytryk) (as Orville “Flash” Perkins)</p> <p>1957 <i>The Missouri Traveler</i> (Hopper) (as Tobias Brown)</p> <p>1961 <i>The Comancheros</i> (Curtiz) (as Tully Crow); <i>The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance</i> (Ford) (as Liberty Valance)</p> <p>1962 <i>Donovan's Reef</i> (Ford) (as Boots Gilhooley)</p> <p>1963 <i>Sergeant Ryker</i> (Kulik—for TV) (title role); <i>The Killers</i> (Siegel) (as Charlie)</p> <p>1964 <i>Ship of Fools</i> (Kramer) (as Bill Tenny)</p> <p>1965 <i>The Professionals</i> (Brooks) (as Fardan); <i>Cat Ballou</i> (Silverstein) (as Tim Strawn/Kid Shelleen)</p> <p>1966 <i>The Dirty Dozen</i> (Aldrich) (as Major Reisman)</p> |
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- 1967 *Point Blank* (Boorman) (as Walker)
 1968 *Hell in the Pacific* (Boorman) (as the American); *Tonight Let's All Make Love in London* (Whitehead) (as himself); *Paint Your Wagon* (Logan) (as Ben Rumson)
 1969 *Monte Walsh* (Fraker) (title role)
 1971 *Pocket Money* (Rosenberg) (as Leonard); *Prime Cut* (Ritchie) (as Nick Devlin)
 1972 *The Emperor of the North Pole* (*Emperor of the North*) (Aldrich) (as A Number 1)
 1973 *The Iceman Cometh* (Frankenheimer) (as Hickey); *The Spikes Gang* (Fleischer) (as Harry Spikes)
 1974 *The Klansman* (Young) (as the sheriff)
 1975 *Shout at the Devil* (Hunt) (as Flynn O'Flynn)
 1976 *The Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday* (*Big Sam*) (Taylor) (as Sam Longwood)
 1978 *Avalanche Express* (Robson) (as Colonel Harry Wargrave); *The Big Red One* (Fuller) (as Sgt. Possum)
 1980 *Death Hunt* (Hunt) (as Sgt. Edgar Millen)
 1982 *Gorky Park* (Apted) (as Jack Osborne)
 1983 *Canicule* (*Dog Day*) (Boisset) (as Jimmy Cobb)
 1985 *The Dirty Dozen—The Next Mission* (McLaglen—for TV)
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Lee Marvin was one of the greatest practitioners of minimalist American screen acting. He made a memorable appearance in Fritz Lang's *The Big Heat*, playing a sadistic gangster who scorches Gloria Grahame's face with a pot of hot coffee, making Jimmy Cagney's grapefruit assault on Mae Clarke look like a mere chilly caress. This early, shocking role displayed a vicious side to Marvin's screen

personality which continued to simmer just under the surface, and occasionally to erupt, throughout his career.

Marvin is primarily known for his aggressive action roles, many directed by such stalwarts of the American cinema as John Ford, Don Siegel, Robert Aldrich, and Sam Fuller. His screen persona can be described as cold, but with the capacity for sudden, brutal heat. His pale hair, icy blue-gray eyes, and stony face, in later films craggy but no less cruel, added force to his screen image. Like other minimalist actors (Bronson, Eastwood, Norris), Marvin's characters are most frequently verbally terse and emotionally recondite. His roles are often the embodiment of an exaggerated "macho" ideal: tough men seemingly devoid of feelings or vulnerability, figures often impenetrable and remote to movie audiences.

He has played villains, as well as heroes, in war films (*Hell in the Pacific*, *The Big Red One*), in Westerns (*The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *The Professionals*), and in gangster films (*The Killers*, *Prime Cut*). Often in these genre films, Marvin is less a full-bodied character than a one-dimensional force projecting the director's attitude towards violence, revenge, authority, or heroism. In *Point Blank* he gives a shuddering performance as a man betrayed by his gangster cohorts. As the frozen center of this jumpy, cold, modernist film, Marvin portrays a character so emotionally dead that not even murderous revenge can bring him back to life.

Most critics agree that Marvin's other great performances are in *The Dirty Dozen*, as a hard-nosed major unable to conceal his basic decency and fairness, and *Cat Ballou*, a comic tour de force for which he won his only Academy Award. He received excellent notices for his performance as Hickey in the film of Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*; critic Stanley Kaufmann thought it better than Jason Robard's stage version. More recently, a small but effective performance in *Gorky Park* (where he gently closes a woman's eyes before he blows her away) showed he had lost none of his chilly power.

Marvin's screen and television career prospered in the 1950s. His TV series *M-Squad* was a big hit from 1957–60. The success of *M-Squad* boosted his stock with film producers, and in the 1960s Marvin's career hit its stride. He did his best work and achieved his greatest popularity during this period. His career faltered in the 1970s when a younger generation of actors emerged; moviegoers went to see "the new Eastwood film" as they had gone to see his movies a decade earlier. Aside from the powerful screen presence he brought to the movies, Lee Marvin's career can also be seen as a bridge, the cinematic link between the tough guys of the 1930s and 1940s (Cagney, Bogart) and the minimalist heroes of the 1970s and 1980s.

—Joanne Abrams

THE MARX BROTHERS

Nationality: American. **CHICO. Born:** Leonard Marx in New York City, 22 March 1891 (some sources say earlier). **Family:** Married Betty Harp, 1912; one daughter. **HARPO. Born:** Adolph (later used the name Arthur) Marx in New York City, 23 November 1893 (some sources say earlier). **Family:** Married Susan Fleming, 1936, four adopted children. **GROUCHO. Born:** Julius Marx in New York City, 2 October 1890 (some sources say 1895). **Family:** Married 1) Ruth Johnson, 1920 (divorced 1942), one daughter and one son; 2) Kay Marvis Gorcey, 1945 (divorced 1951), one daughter; 3) Eden Hartford, 1954 (divorced 1969). **ZEPP0. Born:** Herbert Marx in



(Left to right) Harpo Marx, Groucho Marx, and Chico Marx in *A Day at the Races*

New York City, 25 February 1901. **Family:** Married 1) Marion Benda, 1927 (divorced), one son; 2) Barbara Blakely, 1959 (divorced 1973). A fifth brother, **Gummo**, born Milton Marx, was involved in some of the early show business career.

Career: Chico, Harpo and Groucho all entered vaudeville as singers; Groucho toured with a “girls” singing group; 1910s—their mother formed the vaudeville act The Three Nightingales, later The Four Nightingales, incorporating the brothers; they left vaudeville for the music stage, 1920s; 1925—first big success with Broadway show *The Cocoanuts* (film version in 1929); 1933—Zeppo left the group to become a theatrical agent and a manufacturer of aircraft parts; 1934—Chico and Groucho appeared in radio show *Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel*; 1940s—both Chico and Harpo appeared with their own bands; 1943–44—Groucho in radio show *The Pabst Blue Ribbon Show*; 1947–58—Groucho hosted radio quiz *You Bet Your Life*, also TV version, 1950–58; 1948—Groucho’s play, *Time for Elizabeth*, written with Norman Krasna, produced on Broadway; 1950–51—Chico in TV series *The College Bowl*; 1962—Groucho in TV series *Tell It to Groucho* and toured in one-man show *An Evening with Groucho*, 1972. **Awards:** (Groucho): Cannes Festival Special Award,

1972; Honorary Oscar, “in recognition of his brilliant creativity and for the unequalled achievements of the Marx Brothers in the art of motion picture comedy,” 1973. **Died:** Chico died 11 October 1961. Harpo died 28 September 1964. Groucho died 19 August 1977. Zeppo died 13 December 1979.

Films as Actors:

- 1925 *Too Many Kisses* (Sloane) (Harpo only)
- 1929 *The Cocoanuts* (Florey and Santley) (Groucho as Mr. Hammer, Harpo as Harpo, Chico as Chico, and Zeppo as Jamison)
- 1930 *Animal Crackers* (Heerman) (Groucho as Capt. Jeffrey T. Spaulding, Harpo as the Professor, Chico as Signor Emanuel Ravelli, and Zeppo as Horatio Jamison)
- 1931 *Monkey Business* (McLeod) (as stowaways)
- 1932 *Horse Feathers* (McLeod) (Groucho as Prof. Quincey Adams Wagstaff, Harpo as Pinky, Chico as Barovelli, and Zeppo as Frank Wagstaff)

- 1933 *Duck Soup* (McCarey) (Groucho as Rufus T. Firefly, Harpo as Pinkie, Chico as Chicolini, and Zeppo as Bob Rolland)
- 1935 *A Night at the Opera* (Wood) (Groucho as Otis B. Driftwood, Harpo as Tomasso, and Chico as Fiorello)
- 1937 *A Day at the Races* (Wood) (Groucho as Dr. Hugo Z. Hackenbush, Harpo as Stuffy, and Chico as Toni)
- 1938 *Room Service* (Weiter) (Groucho as Gordon Miller, Harpo as Faker Englund, and Chico as Harry Binelli)
- 1939 *At the Circus* (Buzzell) (Groucho as J. Cheever Loophole, Harpo as Punchy, and Chico as Antonio Pirelli)
- 1940 *Go West* (Buzzell) (Groucho as S. Quentin Quale, Harpo as Rusty Pannello, and Chico as Joseph Pannello)
- 1941 *The Big Store* (Reisner) (Groucho as Wolf J. Flywheel, Harpo as Wacky, and Chico as Ravelli)
- 1946 *A Night in Casablanca* (Mayo) (Groucho as Ronald Kornblow, Harpo as Rusty, and Chico as Corbaccio)
- 1947 *Copacabana* (Green) (Groucho as Lionel L. Devereaux)
- 1949 *Love Happy* (Miller) (Groucho as Sam Grunion, Harpo as Harpo, and Chico as Faustino the Great)
- 1950 *Mr. Music* (Haydn) (Groucho as himself)
- 1951 *Double Dynamite* (Cummings) (Groucho as Emil J. Kech)
- 1952 *A Girl in Every Port* (Erskine) (Groucho as Benny Linn)
- 1957 *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (Oh! For a Man!)* (Tashlin) (Groucho as surprise guest); *The Story of Mankind* (Irwin Allen) (Groucho as Peter Minuit, Harpo as Isaac Newton, and Chico as Monk)
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The Marx Brothers' irreverent brand of humor has been described as surrealistic, absurdist, and anarchic. Consistently anti-authoritarian, their films mock serious institutions and professions, figures of authority, and "high art," with special abuse reserved for anyone deemed pompous, rich, or respectable. For example, *Horse Feathers* ridicules American colleges, *Duck Soup* takes jabs at governmental officials and international relations, and *A Night at the Opera* lambastes opera and its rich patrons. At their best, the Brothers not only run circles around figures of authority, but also undermine Hollywood film conventions and the authority of language, from official institutional language with its specialized jargon to everyday language ordinarily taken for granted. They have influenced countless filmmakers, comedians, authors, and playwrights.

The Brothers' individual comic personae were established early in their careers and remained consistent: Groucho's sardonic punster, Chico's immigrant with a phony Italian accent who never comprehends social conventions but creates his own logical alternatives, and Harpo's devious mischief-maker who never speaks but communicates brilliantly with facial expressions and props. Two other brothers, Zeppo and Gummo, participated in their vaudeville acts, with Zeppo continuing as a straight man in their first five films before quitting to become a Hollywood agent. Margaret Dumont joined their vaudeville act and remained a regular cast member during their film careers, always playing the role of a rich dowager.

Vaudeville provided the Brothers with the opportunity to develop their personae and their unique way of relating to one another. First as solo performers and then together as a team, the Brothers perfected their vaudeville skits by improvising in response to the exigencies of each audience. Their first two films were actually vaudeville routines adapted for the screen. Even after relinquishing the vaudeville circuit for film careers, the Brothers continued to improvise around their scripts. For *A Night at the Opera* and *A Day at the Races*, they refined their film scenarios by testing them before live audiences. Vaudeville exerted the strongest influence on the Brothers' comedic styles; its quick pace and reliance on visual combined with verbal gags were integral to their development. Other important influences were silent films (especially Chaplin) and the scriptwriters who worked with them over the years.

Working in the film industry gradually altered the Marx Brothers' comedy, a process that some commentators have interpreted as one of restraining the more confrontational aspects of their humor. Their earlier films are generally considered to be their best. In *Monkey Business*, for example, the Brothers are stowaways on an ocean liner, which they terrorize with their pranks before trying to get through

Customs with Maurice Chevalier imitations. *Duck Soup* is considered by many to be their finest, most irreverent film, but it also led to a split from Paramount, their first producer, due to the film's poor box-office performance and to changes in Paramount's administration. Set in the fictional country of Freedonia, *Duck Soup* casts Groucho as the country's intransigent president, Rufus T. Firefly, who insults everyone, whether friend or foe, and capriciously launches a war that he declines to end because "I've paid a month's rent on the battlefield."

After their switch to MGM, the Brothers' films began to soften their barbed wit. *A Night at the Opera* and *A Day at the Races*, their first two MGM releases, were their most financially successful films and displayed some memorable zaniness. In *A Night at the Opera* Harpo and Chico get the orchestra to play "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the overture to *Il trovatore*, Groucho sells popcorn in the aisles, Harpo and Chico join the action on stage while Groucho yells "boogie boogie," and they raise and lower inappropriate backdrops behind the confused singers. Nevertheless, under the guidance of Irving J. Thalberg, the Brothers were restrained by more rigid plots and by serious romantic subplots involving young lovers faced with obstacles to their happiness. Placed within the confines of having to help the romantic couples, who were spared from mockery, the Brothers' humor lost some of its all-inclusiveness. Musical interludes became standard elements as well, and while Groucho's singing, Chico's piano playing, and Harpo's harp playing exhibited talented horseplay, other musical performers tended to plod.

Their films following Thalberg's death in 1936 became increasingly formulaic while still displaying some outstanding comic moments. Hollywood of the 1930s, with its Production Code and Wall Street bosses, was not conducive to unleashed anti-authoritarian humor. Following *Love Happy*, their last film, the Brothers went their separate ways, but all three continued to perform: Groucho as host of a quiz show, *You Bet Your Life*, on radio and television, and Chico and Harpo as guests on televised variety shows.

A few elements in the Marx Brothers films are disturbing, such as the ethnic stereotypes and the limited roles for women characters who exist solely as the objects of the Brothers' jokes and lechery. Ultimately, the Marx Brothers' humor can be characterized as good satirical fun. Rather than construct a vision of a better society, the Brothers ridicule an immutable society before becoming integrated into the world of success by the happy endings. Their genius lies in casting fresh light on social mores by undermining conventional manifestations of seriousness.

—Claudia Springer

MASINA, Giulietta

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Giulia Anna Masina in San Giorgio di Piano, 22 February 1920 (other sources say 1921 or 25 October 1920).

Education: Attended the University of Rome. **Family:** Married the director Federico Fellini, 1943 (died 1993). **Career:** 1939—professional stage debut in Wilder's *Felice Viaggio*, Rome; worked as radio actress; acted with the University of Rome dramatic group; in the university's production of *Angelica*, with Marcello Mastroianni, 1948; 1946—film debut in *Paisà*; 1952—appeared in minor role in her first film directed by Fellini, *Lo sceicco bianco*; this led to critically acclaimed performances in *La strada*, 1954, *Nights of*



Giulietta Masina in *Luci del varietà*

Cabiria, 1956, and *Juliet of the Spirits*, 1965, all for Fellini; late 1960s through mid-1980s—in semi-retirement, appearing in infrequent Italian TV productions, and host of Italian radio show *Open Letters to Giulietta Masina*, 1966–69; 1985—movie comeback; 1986—swansong with *Ginger and Fred*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Nights of Cabiria*, 1957; also Italian Nastro d'argento Awards for Best Actress, 1957 and 1985–6, and for Best Supporting Actress, 1948–49 and 1950–51; Italian Grolle d'oro Award for Best Actress, 1957–58. **Died:** Of cancer, in Rome, 23 March 1994.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1946 <i>Paisà</i> (<i>Paisan</i>) (Rossellini) (bit role)</p> <p>1948 <i>Senza pietà</i> (<i>Without Pity</i>) (Lattuada) (as Marcella)</p> <p>1951 <i>Luci del varietà</i> (<i>Variety Lights; Lights of Variety</i>) (Lattuada and Fellini) (as Melinda Amour); <i>Persiane chiuse</i> (<i>Behind Closed Shutters</i>) (Comencini) (as Pippo); <i>Europa '51</i> (<i>The Greatest Love</i>) (Rossellini) (as Passerotto); <i>Cameriera bella presenza offres</i> (Pastina)</p> <p>1952 <i>Lo sceicco bianco</i> (<i>The White Sheik</i>) (Fellini) (as Cabiria)</p> | <p>1953 <i>Donne proibite</i> (<i>Angels of Darkness; Forbidden Women</i>) (Amato); <i>Cento anni d'amore</i> (De Felice); <i>Ai Margini della Metropoli</i></p> <p>1954 <i>La strada</i> (<i>The Road</i>) (Fellini) (as Gelsomina); <i>Via Padova 46</i> (<i>Lo Scocciatore</i>) (Bianchi)</p> <p>1955 <i>Il bidone</i> (<i>The Swindle; The Swindlers</i>) (Fellini) (as Iris); <i>Buonanotte . . . avvocato!</i> (Bianchi) (as Carla Santi)</p> <p>1956 <i>Le notti di Cabiria</i> (<i>Nights of Cabiria; Cabiria</i>) (Fellini) (as Cabiria)</p> <p>1958 <i>Fortunella</i> (de Filippo); <i>Nella città l'inferno</i> (<i>And the Wild, Wild Women; Hell in the City</i>) (Castellani) (as Lina)</p> <p>1959 <i>Jons und Erdme</i> (Käutner)</p> <p>1960 <i>La Grande Vie</i> (<i>Das kunstseidene Mädchen; La gran vita</i>) (Duvivier)</p> <p>1965 <i>Giulietta degli spiriti</i> (<i>Juliet of the Spirits</i>) (Fellini) (title role)</p> <p>1967 <i>Non stuzzicate la zanzara</i> (<i>Don't Tease the Mosquito</i>) (Wertmuller)</p> <p>1969 <i>The Madwoman of Chaillot</i> (Forbes) (as Gabrielle, the Madwoman of Sulpice)</p> <p>1985 <i>Frau Holle</i> (Jakubisko) (title role); <i>Perinbaba</i> (Jakubisko) (as Perinbaba/Mrs. Winter)</p> |
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- 1986 *Ginger e Fred (Ginger and Fred)* (Fellini) (as Ginger/Amelia Bonetti)
 1991 *Aujourd'Hui Peut-Etre . . . (A Day to Remember)*

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Although she attained a virtually mythic status during the 1950s and 1960s, as the symbolic center of such films as *La strada* and *Juliet of the Spirits*, Giulietta Masina's performances are seldom discussed apart from the considerable directorial achievements of her noted husband, Federico Fellini.

Before she became the focus of his autobiographical outpourings, she was a highly regarded actress. She made her debut in Roberto Rossellini's *Paisà* in 1946 and, two years later, won the Italian film critics' award for best supporting actress in *Senza pietà*. Collaborating with Fellini in films of the early 1950s such as *Luci del varietà* and *Lo sceicco bianco*, she shaped a gamine screen persona often compared to Chaplin's little tramp. Some reviewers have criticized her for simply conveying the superficial feelings and sentimentality on which Fellini's slick and mechanical stories were based, but one need only view her performance in *La strada* to see a sensitivity and subtlety of expression that are anything but mechanical. Again, in *Nights of Cabiria*, she delivered a restrained but heartrending interpretation of a naive prostitute.

During the 1960s her husband elevated her to the status of resident muse in the Fellini household, and her filmic presence in those years

cannot be accounted for by her performance alone. Fellini's films of that decade, particularly the masterpiece *Juliet of the Spirits*, obsessively examine the relationship of Masina to her husband's midlife artistic crises and achievements. Unfortunately, because these films so thoroughly established her as the feminine side of Fellini's psyche, other directors did not offer her the variety of roles deserved by her talent.

As a result, Masina effectively went into semiretirement following 1969's *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, appearing only on Italian radio and television for the next decade and a half. She returned to the screen in 1985, but her swansong occurred the following year in Fellini's nostalgic *Ginger and Fred*, which paired her with Fellini's favorite actor, Marcello Mastroianni, in a highly praised performance. Masina and Fellini became more reclusive after the release of *Ginger and Fred*, both falling into ill health. Fellini died in October 1993, the day after the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; an increasingly despondent Masina succumbed to cancer less than five months later.

—Stephen L. Hanson, updated by David E. Salamie

MASON, James

Nationality: British. **Born:** James Neville Mason in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, 15 May 1909. **Education:** Marlborough College; Cambridge University, degree in architecture. **Family:** Married 1) Pamela Kellino, 1941 (divorced 1964), daughter: Portland, son: Morgan; 2) Clarissa Kaye, 1971. **Career:** Acted with Hull and Croydon repertory companies after leaving university; 1933—West End stage debut in Gallows Glorious; 1935—film debut in *Late Extra*; contract with Fox-British; 1938—formed own production company Gamma Productions; 1946—Broadway debut in *Bathsheba*; 1949—U.S. film debut in *Caught*; 1954–55—host of the TV series *Lux Video Theatre*, and in mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, 1977, and *A.D.*, 1985. 1978—on Broadway in *The Faith Healer*. **Awards:** London Evening Standard Special Award, 1977; Acting Award, UK Critics, for *The Shooting Party*, 1985. **Died:** Of heart attack in Lausanne, Switzerland, 27 July 1984.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Late Extra* (Parker) (as Jim Martin)
 1936 *Twice Branded* (Rogers) (as Henry Hamilton); *Troubled Waters* (Parker) (as John Merriman); *Prison Breaker* (Brunel) (as Bunny Barnes); *Blind Man's Bluff* (Parker) (as Stephen Neville); *The Secret of Stamboul (The Spy in White)* (Marton) (as Larry); *Fire over England* (Howard) (as Ambassador)
 1937 *The Mill on the Floss* (Whelan) (as Tom Tulliver); *Catch as Catch Can (Atlantic Episode)* (Kellino) (as Robert Leyland); *The Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel* (Schwartz) (as Jean Tallion)
 1939 *I Met a Murderer* (Kellino) (as Mark Warrow)



James Mason and Lynn Redgrave in *Georgy Girl*

- 1941 *This Man Is Dangerous* (*The Patient Vanishes*) (Huntington) (as Mick Cardby); *Hatter's Castle* (Comfort) (as Dr. Renwick); *The Night Has Eyes* (*Terror House*) (Arliss) (as Stephen)
- 1942 *Alibi* (Hurst) (as André Laurent); *Secret Mission* (French) (as Raoul de Carnot); *Thunder Rock* (Boulting) (as Streeter)
- 1943 *The Bells Go Down* (Dearden) (as Ted Robbins); *The Man in Grey* (Arliss) (as Marquis de Rohan); *They Met in the Dark* (Lamec) (as Commander Heritage); *Candlelight in Algeria* (George King) (as Alan Thurston)
- 1944 *Fanny by Gaslight* (*Man of Evil*) (Asquith) (as Lord Manderstoke); *Hotel Reserve* (Hanbury, Comfort, and Greene) (as Peter Vadassy)
- 1945 *A Place of One's Own* (Knowles) (as Mr. Smedhurst); *They Were Sisters* (Crabtree) (as Geoffrey); *The Seventh Veil* (Bennett) (as Nicholas); *The Wicked Lady* (Arliss) (as Capt. Jackson)
- 1947 *Odd Man Out* (Reed) (as Johnny McQueen); *The Upturned Glass* (Huntington) (as Michael Joyce)
- 1949 *Caught* (Ophüls) (as Larry Quinada); *Madame Bovary* (Minnelli) (as Gustave Flaubert); *The Reckless Moment* (Ophüls) (as Marlon Donnelly); *East Side, West Side* (LeRoy) (as Brandon Bourne)
- 1950 *One Way Street* (Fregonese) (as Doc Matson)
- 1951 *Pandora and the Flying Dutchman* (Lewin) (as Hendrick van der Zee); *The Desert Fox* (Hathaway) (as Rommel)
- 1952 *Five Fingers* (Mankiewicz) (as Cicero); *Lady Possessed* (Spier and Kellino) (as Del Palma); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Thorpe) (as Rupert); "Secret Sharer" ep. of *Face to Face* (Brahm) (as Captain)
- 1953 *Charade* (Kellino—for TV) (as The Murderer, Major Linden, and Jonah Watson, + co-sc); *The Man Between* (Reed) (as Ivo Kern); *The Story of Three Loves* (Reinhart) (as Charles Coutray); *The Desert Rats* (Wise) (as Rommel); *Botany Bay* (Farrow) (as Capt. Paul Gilbert); *Julius Caesar* (Mankiewicz) (as Brutus)
- 1954 *Prince Valiant* (Hathaway) (as Sir Brack); *A Star Is Born* (Cukor) (as Norman Maine); *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* (Fleischer) (as Capt. Nemo)
- 1956 *Forever Darling* (Hall) (as Guardian Angel); *Bigger than Life* (Ray) (as Ed Avery); *Island in the Sun* (Rossen) (as Maxwell Fleury)

- 1958 *Cry Terror* (Stone) (as Jim Molner); *The Decks Ran Red* (Stone) (as Capt. Edwin Rummill)
- 1959 *North by Northwest* (Hitchcock) (as Phillip Vandamm); *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (Levin) (as Prof. Oliver Lindenbrook); *A Touch of Larceny* (Hamilton) (as Comm. Max Easton)
- 1960 *The Trials of Oscar Wilde* (*The Man with the Green Carnation*) (Hughes) (as Sir Edward Carson)
- 1961 *The Marriage-Go-Round* (Lang) (as Paul Delville); *Escape from Zahrain* (Neame) (as Johnson)
- 1962 *Lolita* (Kubrick) (as Humbert Humbert); *Hero's Island* (Stevens) (as Jacob Webber, + pr); *Tiara Tahiti* (Kotcheff) (as Capt. Brett Aimsley)
- 1964 *Finché dura la tempesta* (*Torpedo Bay*) (Frend) (as Blayne); *The Fall of the Roman Empire* (Anthony Mann) (as Timonides); *The Pumpkin Eater* (Clayton) (as Bob Conway)
- 1965 *Lord Jim* (Brooks) (as Gentleman Brown); *Genghis Khan* (Levin) (as Kam Ling); *Les Pianos mécaniques* (*The Uninhibited*) (Bardem) (as Regnier)
- 1966 *The Blue Max* (Guillermin) (as Count von Klugermann); *Georgy Girl* (Narizzano) (as James Leamington); *The Deadly Affair* (Lumet) (as Charles Dobbs)
- 1967 *Stranger in the House* (Rouve) (as John Lawyer); *The London Nobody Knows* (Cohen) (as narrator)
- 1968 *Duffy* (Parrish) (as Charles Calvert); *Mayerling* (Young) (as Emperor Franz Josef)
- 1969 *Age of Consent* (Powell) (as Bradley Monahan); *The Sea Gull* (Lumet) (as Trigorin)
- 1970 *Spring and Port Wine* (Hammond) (as Rafe Crompton)
- 1971 *L'uomo dalle due ombre* (*Cold Sweat*) (Young) (as Ross)
- 1972 *Bad Man's River* (Martin) (as Montero)
- 1973 *Child's Play* (Lumet) (as Malley); *The Last of Sheila* (Ross) (as Philip); *The Mackintosh Man* (Huston) (as Wheeler)
- 1974 *Frankenstein: The True Story* (Smight—for TV) (as Dr. Polidari); *11 Harrow House* (Avarian) (as Watts); *The Marseille Contract* (Parrish) (as Brizard)
- 1975 *Great Expectations* (Hardy) (as Magwich); *Mandingo* (Fleischer) (as Maxwell)
- 1978 *Heaven Can Wait* (Beatty and Henry) (as Mr. Jordan); *The Boys from Brazil* (Schaffner) (as Eduard Seibert)
- 1979 *Murder by Decree* (Clark) (as Dr. Watson); *Salem's Lot* (Hooper—for TV); *The Passage* (Thompson) (as Professor Bergson)
- 1980 *Ffolkes* (*North Sea Hijack*; *Assault Force*) (McLagen) (as Admiral Brinsden)
- 1982 *The Verdict* (Lumet) (as Ed Concannon); *Evil under the Sun* (Hamilton) (as Odell Gardener); *Ivanhoe* (Camfield—for TV)
- 1983 *Yellowbeard* (Damski)
- 1984 *The Assisi Underground* (Ramati)
- 1985 *Dr. Fischer of Geneva* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (title role); *The Shooting Party* (Bridges) (as Sir Randolph Nettleby)

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- 1954 *The Child*

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James Mason spent a few years on the stage before turning in the late 1930s to the screen. He appeared in a series of quota films in which his dark, somewhat sinister good looks qualified him as a type of ruthless but romantic villain. He was seen in such bravura romances as *The Man in Grey*, *The Seventh Veil*, and *The Wicked Lady*, successful at the box office and distinguished chiefly for his star quality. Apart from a supporting role in *Thunder Rock*, his first important film was Carol Reed's *Odd Man Out*. As Johnny, the Irish

partisan being hunted through the streets of Belfast by both the police and by those seeking to aid him, he achieved the feat of playing a leading character who is mute through much of the action, an odyssey of fear and terror spanning some 24 hours.

It was on the strength of this performance that Mason went to Hollywood, embarking on what proved a busy if somewhat directionless career in which his considerable talent and unusual screen personality were too often wasted in indifferent films. Mason's screen image was of the highly educated English gentleman, with a soft touch of Irish in his speech, and the capacity to reveal a cruel streak, especially in his relations with women. Always an impressive presence, he twice appeared effectively as Field-Marshal Rommel, in *The Desert Fox* and *The Desert Rats*, and was a thoughtful but unexciting Brutus in Joseph Mankiewicz's filming of *Julius Caesar*. In the early 1950s he also returned to the romantic costume genre in which he had originally made his name, playing Rupert of Hentzau in *The Prisoner of Zenda* and bringing sinister authority to the part of Captain Nemo in *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*.

Mason gave one of his best performances in George Cukor's 1954 version of *A Star Is Born*, as husband of the star, Judy Garland. He returned to England to make *The Man Between* and a three-part television film, *Charade*, which he co-scripted. Mason's other notable roles include the charmingly well-bred villain in Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*, his appearance in Ken Hughes's *The Trials of Oscar Wilde*, and Humbert Humbert in Kubrick's *Lolita*, in which Mason is for once the victim. Unfortunately, the censorship of the day required that the eroticism of the relationship between middle-aged man and nymphette be somewhat muted.

—Roger Manvell

MASSEY, Raymond

Nationality: American. **Born:** Raymond Hart Massey in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 30 August 1896; became U.S. citizen, 1944. **Education:** Attended Appleby School, Oakville, Ontario; Canadian Officers' Training Corps, University of Toronto, 1915; Balliol College, Oxford. **Military Service:** Canadian Field Artillery, 1915–19; wounded at Ypres, 1916; Canadian Army, 1942: major. **Family:** Married 1) the stage designer Peggy Fremantle (divorced), son: Geoffrey; 2) the actress Adrienne Allen, 1929 (divorced 1939), children: Daniel and Anna; 3) Dorothy Ludington Whitney, 1939. **Career:** About 1920—worked in family business, Massey-Harris Agricultural Implement Company, Toronto; 1922—moved to London to pursue stage career: debut in Eugene O'Neill's *In the Zone*; 1926—with Allan Wade and George Carr, began managing Everyman Theatre, Hampstead; 1931—New York debut in title role of Norman Bel Geddes's production of *Hamlet*; talking film debut as Sherlock Holmes in *The Speckled Band* (may have appeared in English silents as early as 1923); 1934—returned to New York in his own production of *The Shining Hour*; continued alternating between London and New York theaters; worked in both British and American films; 1939—created title role in Robert Sherwood's play *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, and in film version, 1942; long-term contract with Warners; 1952—his play *The Hanging Judge* presented in London; 1961–66—played Dr. Gillespie in TV series *Dr. Kildare*. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 29 July 1983.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *The Speckled Band* (Raymond) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1932 *The Old Dark House* (Whale) (as Philip Waverton); *The Face at the Window* (Hiscott) (as Paul le Gros)
- 1935 *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Korda) (as Chauvelin)
- 1936 *Things to Come* (Menziès) (as John and Oswald Cabal); *Fire over England* (William K. Howard) (as Philip of Spain)
- 1937 *Under the Red Robe* (Seastrom) (as Cardinal Richelieu); *Dreaming Lips* (Czinner) (as Miguel del Vayo); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Cromwell) (as Black Michael); *The Hurricane* (Ford) (as Gov. Eugene De Laage)
- 1938 *The Drum (Drums)* (Zoltan Korda) (as Prince Ghul)
- 1939 *Black Limelight* (Stein) (as Peter Charrington)
- 1940 *Abe Lincoln in Illinois (Spirit of the People)* (Cromwell) (title role); *Santa Fe Trail* (Curtiz) (as John Brown)
- 1941 *Dangerously They Live* (Florey) (as Dr. Ingersoll); *49th Parallel (The Invaders)* (Powell) (as Andy Brock)
- 1942 *Desperate Journey* (Walsh) (as Maj. Otto Baumeister); *Reap the Wild Wind* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as King Cutler)
- 1943 *Action in the North Atlantic* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Capt. Steve Jarvis)
- 1944 *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Capra) (as Jonathan Brewster); *The Woman in the Window* (Fritz Lang) (as Frank Lalor)
- 1945 *God Is My Co-Pilot* (Florey) (as General Chennault); *Hotel Berlin* (Godfrey) (as Arnim Von Dahnwitz)
- 1946 *A Matter of Life and Death (Stairway to Heaven)* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Abraham Farlan)
- 1947 *Mourning Becomes Electra* (Dudley Nichols) (as Brig. Gen. Ezra Mannon); *Possessed* (Bernhardt)
- 1949 *The Fountainhead* (King Vidor) (as Gail Wynand); *Roseanna McCoy* (Reis) (as Old Randall McCoy)
- 1950 *Barricade* (Godfrey) (as Boss Kruger); *Challenge—Science against Cancer* (Parker—doc) (as narrator); *Dallas* (Heisler); *Chain Lightning* (Heisler) (as Leland Willis)
- 1951 *Sugarfoot* (Marin) (as Jacob Stint); *Come Fill the Cup* (Gordon Douglas) (as John Ives); *David and Bathsheba* (Henry King) (as Nathan the Prophet)
- 1952 *Carson City* (De Toth) (as "Big Jack" Davis)
- 1953 *The Desert Song* (Humberstone) (as Yousseff)
- 1955 *Battle Cry* (Walsh) (as Gen. Snipes); *Seven Angry Men* (Warren) (as John Brown); *Prince of Players* (Dunne) (as Junius Brutus Booth); *East of Eden* (Kazan) (as Adam Trask)
- 1956 *The True Story of the Civil War* (Stoumen) (as narrator)
- 1957 *Omar Khayyam (The Life, Loves and Adventures of Omar Khayyam)* (Freeman) (as the Shah); *The Naked Eye* (Stoumen) (as narrator); rerelease of 1927 *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (as narrator); *Mayerling* (Litvak—for TV) (as prime minister)
- 1958 *The Naked and the Dead* (Walsh) (as General Cummings)
- 1960 *The Great Imposter* (Mulligan) (as Abbott Donner) (as Abbott Donner)
- 1961 *The Fiercest Heart* (Sherman) (as Willem); *The Queen's Guards* (Powell) (as Capt. Fellowes)
- 1962 *Jacqueline Kennedy's Asian Journey* (Seltzer) (as narrator)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Ford) (as Abraham Lincoln); *Report on China* (as narrator)
- 1969 *Mackenna's Gold* (J. Lee Thompson) (as the Preacher)
- 1971 *The President's Plane Is Missing* (Duke—for TV)

- 1972 *All My Darling Daughters* (Rich—for TV) (as Matthew Cunningham)
 1973 *My Darling Daughters' Anniversary* (Pevney—for TV) (as Matthew Cunningham)

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The thunder and the lightning became Raymond Massey more than any other screen actor of his day. His booming, authoritative voice, grand manner, and tall, broad-shouldered body were made for command, and Massey exploited them with skill and intelligence.

Prophets and driven men were his meat. He hunted the Scarlet Pimpernel with the full messianic fury of the Terror, and as Black Michael intrigued so ruthlessly for the throne of Zenda that his hatchet man Rupert of Hentzau said admirably, "There are times in the presence of your majesty when I feel myself an amateur." His monocled arrogance as Black Michael made him a natural to play villainous Nazi generals during World War II, which he did, most memorably, in Raoul Walsh's *Desperate Journey*. His capacity for personal menace was also used by Frank Capra in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a lumbering Massey replacing Boris Karloff, who created the role on stage of the murderous Brewster brother who is constantly mistaken for Karloff himself.

Massey's definitive Abraham Lincoln, and his preaching abolitionist John Brown capture the charismatic personalities of men who know they are born to change history. He played both roles twice on film, Lincoln in *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* and *How the West Was Won* and Brown in *Santa Fe Trail* and *Seven Angry Men*. He was no less convincing in *Things to Come* as John and Oswald Cabal, members of a dynasty committed to a new order of scientific government. The last shot in the Korda fantasy, with Massey intoning a technocratic prayer over scenes of the first moon voyage—"All the universe or nothingness. . . Which shall it be?"—makes him seem a kind of god.

Michael Powell liked Massey's radical Canadian belligerence, and used the actor three times: as the hero of the War of Independence

who prosecutes David Niven in the heavenly court of *A Matter of Life and Death*; more briefly, but to good effect, as a Canadian soldier in *49th Parallel*, stuck in a railroad truck with fleeing Nazi Eric Portman, whom he gleefully demolishes; and last in *The Queen's Guards*, Powell's ill-fated attempt at a comeback following the critical disaster of *Peeping Tom*, which almost wrecked the director's career.

Massey rose to the demands of even the fruitiest melodrama. His newspaper magnate in *The Fountainhead*, as pathologically pig-headed as the Gary Cooper with whom he competes for Patricia Neal; the patriarch of the acting Booth clan in *Prince of Players*, and the father of James Dean in *East of Eden*; even his roles as routine heavy in a dozen 1950s Westerns and period films never lost the sense that, as he spoke, thunder rumbled somewhere beyond the horizon. That thunder was relatively muted, however, in his final screen appearances in the sitcomlike made-for-television movies *All My Darling Daughters* and *My Darling Daughters' Anniversary*, where he played second fiddle to star Robert Young's harried judge whose four vivacious daughters get married, and subsequently celebrate their first wedding anniversaries, on the same day.

—John Baxter, updated by John McCarty

MASTROIANNI, Marcello

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Fontana Liri, 28 September 1924. **Family:** Married the actress Flora Carabella, 1950, daughter: Barbara; one daughter by the actress Cathérine Deneuve. **Career:** Worked in his father's carpentry shop; put to work by the Germans drawing maps during World War II, and imprisoned in a forced-labor camp, 1943–44; 1944—cashier for Eagle Lion Films, Rome; also acted with the University of Rome dramatic group: in the university's production of *Angelica*, with Giulietta Masina, 1948; 1948—hired by Visconti for his theatrical troupe; also acted in radio plays; 1949—first substantial film role in *Una domenica d'agosto*; 1966—formed independent film production company, Master Films; 1984—on stage in *Tchin Tchin*, Paris. **Awards:** Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *Divorce, Italian Style*, 1963; and for *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, 1964; Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Drama della gelosia*, 1970, and for *Oci ciornie*, 1986; also Italian Nastro d'argento Awards for Best Actor, 1954–55, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1985–86, and 1987–88; Italian Grolle d'oro Awards for Best Actor, 1954–55, 1975–76, and 1977–78; Lifetime Achievement Award, European Film Awards, 1988. **Died:** of pancreatic cancer on 19 December, 1996 in Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *Marionette* (Gallone)
 1940 *La colonna di ferro* (Blasetti)
 1942 *Una storia d'amore* (Camerini); *I bambini ci guardano* (De Sica)
 1947 *I miserabili* (Freda)
 1950 *A Tale of Five Cities* (Marcellini); *Una domenica d'agosto* (Emmer); *Vita da cani* (*A Dog's Life*) (Steno and Monicelli); *Cuori sul mare* (Bianchi); *Contro la legge* (Calzavara)



Marcello Mastroianni in *Divorzio all'italiana*

- 1951 *Parigi e sempre Parigi* (Emmer); *Atto di accusa* (Gentilomo)
- 1952 *Sensualità (Barefoot Savage)* (Fracassi) (as Carlo); *La ragazze di Piazza di Spagna (Three Girls from Rome)* (Emmer); *Tragico ritorno* (Faraldo); *Penne nere* (Biancoli); *Gli eroi della domenica* (Camerini); *Il viale della speranza* (Risi); *Febbre di vivere* (Gora)
- 1953 *Non e mai troppe tardi* (Ratti); *Lulu* (Cerchio)
- 1954 *Cronache di poveri amanti* (Lizzani); *Giorni d'amore* (De Santis); *Casa Ricordi (House of Ricordi)* (Gallone) (as Donizetti); *La muta di Portici* (Ansoldi); *La principessa delle Canarie* (Moffa and Serrano de Osma)
- 1955 *Peccato che sia una canaglia (Too Bad She's Bad)* (Blasetti) (as Paolo); *La belle mugnaia (The Miller's Beautiful Wife)* (Camerini) (as Luca); *Tam-Tam Mayumbe* (Napolitano)
- 1956 *Il bigamo (The Bigamist)* (Emmer); *La fortuna di essere donna (Lucky to Be a Woman)* (Blasetti) (as Corrado)
- 1957 *Pari e figli (A Tailor's Maid)* (Monicelli); *Il momento più bello (The Most Wonderful Moment)* (Emmer); *Le notti bianchi (White Nights)* (Visconti) (as Mario); *La ragazza della Salina* (Cap); *Il medico e lo stregone* (Monicelli)
- 1958 *I soliti ignoti (Big Deal on Madonna Street)* (Monicelli) (as Tiberio); *Racconti d'estate (Love on the Riviera; Summer Tales)* (Francolini) (as police inspector); *Un ettaro di cielo* (Casadio); *Amore e guai* (Dorigo)
- 1959 *Il legge (La Loi; Where the Hot Wind Blows)* (Dassin) (as engineer); *Il nemico di mia moglie (My Wife's Enemy)* (Puccini) (as Marco); *Tutti innamorati* (Orlandini); *Ferdinando I, re di Napoli* (Francolini)
- 1960 *La dolce vita* (Fellini) (as Marcello Rubino); *Il bell'Antonio* (Bolognini) (as Antonio Magnano); *Adua e la compagne (Love à la Carte)* (Pietrangeli) (as Piero)
- 1961 *La notte (The Night)* (Antonioni) (as Giovanni Pontano); *Fantasmia a Roma (Ghosts of Rome)* (Pietrangeli); *L'assassino (The Lady Killer of Rome)* (Petri) (as Nello Poletti); *Divorzio all'italiana (Divorce, Italian Style)* (Germi) (as Ferdinando Cefalù)
- 1962 *La Vie privée (A Very Private Affair)* (Malle) (as Fabio); *Cronaca familiare (Family Diary)* (Zurlini) (as Enrico)
- 1963 *Otto e mezzo (8 1/2)* (Fellini) (as Guido Anselmi); *I compagni (The Organizer)* (Monicelli) (as Prof. Sinigaglia); *Il giorno più corto (The Shortest Day)* (Corbucci) (as himself); *Ieri, oggi, domani (Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow)* (De Sica) (as Carmine/Renzo/Augusto Rusconi)

- 1964 *Matrimonio all'italiana (Marriage Italian Style)* (De Sica) (as Domenico Soriano)
- 1965 *Casanova '70* (Monicelli) (as Maj. Andrea Rossi-Colombetti); *La decima vittima (The Tenth Victim)* (Petri) (as Marcello Polletti); *Oggi, domani, dopodomani* (Ferreri, De Filippo, and Salce)—eps. released as *Kill the Other Sheik* and *The Man with the Balloons*; *L'uomo dai cinque palloni* (Ferreri—revised version of ep. in previous film)
- 1966 *The Poppy Is Also a Flower* (Young) (as Insp. Mosca); *Spara forte, piu forte . . . non capisco (Shoot Loud, Louder . . . I Don't Understand)* (De Filippo) (as Alberto Saporito); *Io, io, io . . . e gli altri (I, I, I . . . and the Others)* (Blasetti)
- 1967 *Questi fantasmi (Ghosts—Italian Style)* (Castellani); *La straniero (The Stranger)* (Visconti) (as Arthur Meursault)
- 1968 *Diamonds for Breakfast* (Morahan); *Gli amanti (A Place for Lovers)* (De Sica) (as Valerio)
- 1969 *I girasoli (Sunflower)* (De Sica) (as Antonio); *Block-Notes di un regista (A Director's Notebook)* (Fellini—for TV)
- 1970 *Leo the Last* (Boorman) (as Leo); *Drama della gelosia (The Pizza Triangle)* (Scola) (as Oreste); *Giochi particolari* (Indovina)
- 1971 *La moglie del prete (The Priest's Wife)* (Risi); *Permette? Rocco Papaleo (Rocco Papaleo)* (Scola); *Ca n'arrive qu'aux autres (It Only Happens to Others)* (Trintignant); *Scipione detto anche l'africano* (Magni); *Fellini Roma* (Fellini)
- 1972 *La cagna (Liza)* (Ferreri); *Che? (What?; Diary of Forbidden Dreams)* (Polanski); *Mordi e fuggi* (Risi)
- 1973 *Rappresaglia (Massacre in Rome)* (Cosmatos); *Salut l'artiste* (Robert); *La Grande Bouffe (Blow-Out)* (Ferreri); *L'Evènement le plus important que l'homme a marché sur la lune (A Slightly Pregnant Man)* (Demy)
- 1974 *Touchez pas le femme blanche* (Ferreri); *Poopsie* (Capitani) (as Charlie the Collar); *Allonsanfàn* (P. and V. Taviani) (as Fulvio Imbriani)
- 1975 *Per le antiche scale (Down the Ancient Stairs)* (Bolognini); *C'eravamo tanto amati (We All Loved Each Other So Much)* (Scola); *La pupa del gangster* (Capitani)
- 1976 *La donna della domenica (The Sunday Woman)* (Comencini); *La divina creatura (The Divine Nymph)* (Griffi) (as Michele Barra); *Todo modo* (Petri); *Culastrice nobile veneziano* (Mogherini); *Signore e signori buonanotte* (Comencini and others)
- 1977 *Una giornata speciale (A Special Day)* (Scola); *Mogliamante (Wifemistress)* (Vicario) (as Luigi DeAngelis)
- 1978 *Doppio delitto* (Steno); *Bye Bye Monkey* (Ferreri); *Così come sei (Stay as You Are)* (Lattuada) (as Giulio); *Ciao maschio* (Ferreri); *Le mani sporche* (Petri—for TV); *Fatto di sangue fra due uomini per causa di una vedova (Blood Feud; Revenge)* (Wertmüller) (as Lawyer Spallone)
- 1979 *L'ingorgo (Bottleneck; Traffic Jam)* (Comencini); *La città delle donne (City of Women)* (Fellini) (as Snaporaz); *Shimmy Lugano e tarantelle e vino* (Wertmüller); *Giallo napoletano* (Corbucci); *La terrazza* (Scola) (as Luigi)
- 1980 *Fantasma d'amore (Ghost of Love)* (Risi) (as Nino); *Oopsie Poopsie* (Capitani) (as Charlie the Collar)
- 1981 *La pelle (The Skin)* (Cavani) (as Curzio Malaparte); *La Nuit de Varennes (That Night in Varennes)* (Scola) (as Casanova)
- 1982 *Oltre la porta (Beyond the Door)* (Cavani); *La Storia di Piera (The Story of Piera)* (Ferreri) (as Lorenzo, Piera's father); *Le Général de l'armée morte* (Tovoli)
- 1983 *Gabriela* (Barreto) (as Nacib Saad)
- 1984 *Enrico IV (Henry IV)* (Bellochio) (title role)
- 1985 *Maccheroni (Macaroni)* (Scola) (as Antonio Jasiello); *La due vita di Mattia Pascal (The Two Lives of Mattia Pascal)* (Monicelli) (as Mattia); *I soliti ignoti vent'anni dopo (Big Deal on Madonna Street . . . Twenty Years Later)* (Todini) (as Tiberio)
- 1986 *Ginger e Fred (Ginger and Fred)* (Fellini) (as Fred); *O Melissokomos (The Beekeeper)* (Angelopoulos) (as Spyros); *Melissokomos Patheni—O Alles Mythos (A Beekeeper Dies—The Other Tale)* (Papilou)
- 1987 *Intervista (The Interview)* (Fellini) (as himself); *Oci ciornie (Dark Eyes)* (Mikhalkov) (as Romano); *Globalny Pressing* (Boronin)
- 1988 *Miss Arizona* (Sandor) (as Rozsnyai); *Vacanza* (Guillot); *O Samba* (Constantini); *Il mitico Gianluca* (Lazotti)
- 1989 *Splendor (The Last Movie)* (Scola) (as Jordan)
- 1990 *Che ora e? (What Time Is It?)* (Scola) (as Father); *Stanno tutti bene (Everybody's Fine)* (Tornatore) (as Matteo Scuro); *Verso sera* (Archibugi) (as Prof. Bruschi)
- 1991 *To Meteoro Vima tou Pelargou (Le Pas Suspendu de la Cigogne; Suspended Step of the Stork)* (Angelopoulos) (as the vanished politician); *La Voleur d'enfants (The Children Thief)* (as Bigua/the Colonel)
- 1992 *Used People* (Kidron) (as Joe); *A Fine Romance (Tchin-Tchin)* (Saks) (as Cesareo Gramaldi)
- 1993 *Do Eso No Se Habla (I Don't Want to Talk about It)* (Bemberg) (as Ludovico D'Andrea); *1, 2, 3, Soleil (1, 2, 3, Sun)* (Blier) (as Constantin); *El Ladron de Ninos* (De Chalonge)
- 1994 *Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)* (Altman) (as Sergei); *La Vera Vita di Antonio H. (The True Life of Antonio H.)* (Monteleone) (as himself)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une Nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)* (Varda) (as the Italian friend); *Par dela les nuages (Aldila della nuvole; Beyond the Clouds)* (Antonioni and Wenders) (as Maestro)
- 1996 *Trois Vies et une Seule Mort* (Raul Ruiz); *Sostiene Pereira (Afirma Pereira; Pereira Declares)* (Roberto Faenza)
- 1997 *Viagem ao Princípio do Mundo (Journey to the Beginning of the World)* (de Oliveira) (as Manoel); *Marcello Mastroianni: mi ricordo, sì, io mi ricordo (Marcello Mastroianni: I Remember, Yes I Remember)* (Tatò) (as himself)
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Since the 1950s, Marcello Mastroianni has been Italy’s favorite leading man, as well as one of his country’s finest actors. Until the emergence of Gérard Depardieu on the international film scene, Mastroianni also was the most famous European actor in America. This renown is symbolized by his earning the astonishing total of three Academy Award nominations (for *Divorce, Italian Style, A Special Day*, and *Dark Eyes*), quite an accomplishment for an actor working in non-English-language films.

After World War II, Mastroianni joined Luchino Visconti’s repertory company, which was bringing to Italy a new kind of theater and novel ideas of staging. The young actor played Mitch in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Happy in *Death of a Salesman*, Stanley Kowalski in Visconti’s second staging of *Streetcar*, and roles in Chekhov’s *Three*

Sisters and *Uncle Vanya*. At this time, he also was appearing on-screen, with his roles gradually increasing in importance. Mastroianni permanently sealed his stardom in Italy in 1957, playing a timid clerk whose love is not reciprocated, in Visconti’s *White Nights*. Three years later, he graduated to international superstardom with his role as the jaded, world-weary journalist in Fellini’s *La dolce vita*, a film that changed the look and direction of Italian cinema. Since then, he has remained a major box-office draw around the world.

From the 1960s on, Mastroianni regularly worked with the top Italian and French filmmakers (including Antonioni, Malle, and De Sica, in addition to Fellini and Visconti), in some of the highest profile foreign-language releases (beginning with *Il bell’Antonio* in 1960 and *The Night* in 1961). While he was to become known for playing Latin lover roles, his characters often were far more complexly drawn. They were not one-dimensional pretty boys; rather, beneath their handsome exteriors they were lazy, world-weary, and doubt-ridden. But Mastroianni also was adept at spoofing the image of the Casanova, as he did so memorably in *Divorce, Italian Style*. With waxed moustache and glossy, matted-down hair, he plays a married man who schemes to rid himself of his witless and unattractive wife so that he may marry his sexy young cousin. He further played against his image in *A Special Day*, cast as a lonely homosexual. Earlier on, he had displayed a light touch for comedy in *Big Deal on Madonna Street*, playing the exasperated member of an inept group of burglars. His seemingly detached air was perfectly suited to satire as well, as he demonstrated in films as diverse as *The Tenth Victim*, *Allonsanfan*, and *City of Women*. Yet he remained perfectly capable of playing highly dramatic roles, as he did so well in *The Organizer*, cast as a highborn but now indigent professor who becomes involved in union organizing activities in turn-of-the-twentieth-century Italy.

Mastroianni was the logical choice to star as Fellini’s film director/alter-ego in *8½*; one cannot imagine any other actor in this role. But he is perhaps best remembered for his pairings with Sophia Loren, with whom he was cast in the deliciously funny three-part sex farce *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow* and the equally amusing sex comedy *Marriage Italian Style*. In both these films, Mastroianni’s masculinity blends perfectly with Loren’s exuberant earthy personality. After these successes, the two appeared together in the less-successful drama *Sunflower*, playing a couple separated by war, and *A Special Day*, in which Mastroianni’s homosexual and Loren’s oppressed wife come together on the day in 1938 when Hitler was cheered on the streets of Rome during his visit to Mussolini.

In the latter stages of his career, Mastroianni continued to take serious dramatic roles. For instance, in *The Suspended Step of the Stork*, he is quietly poignant as an obscure man who may have once been an important Greek politician who had disappeared years earlier. The actor was especially effective in roles as aging romantics. In *Used People*, one of his few English-language films, he plays a man who begins courting the woman he has admired from afar for two decades. Sometimes he is romantically entangled with women young enough to be his daughter (or even granddaughter). In *I Don’t Want to Talk about It*, he is a suave bachelor who becomes involved with two women, a young dwarf and her physically attractive but obnoxiously manipulative mother. In both of these films, Mastroianni is never anything less than charming.

He also played the senior citizen who simply looks back on his past. In *Everybody’s Fine*, he is an elderly man who is absorbed in his memories, and who travels through Italy to call on his five adult children. In *Dark Eyes*, he gives a tour-de-force performance as

a once young and idealistic aspiring architect, who married a banker's daughter, fell into a lifestyle of afternoon snoozes and philandering, and proved incapable of holding onto what was important to him. His on-screen presence has also been directly linked to his earlier screen characterizations. In *Ready to Wear*, he is reunited with Sophia Loren, and at one point in the scenario, she recreates her famous steamy striptease sequence from *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. Loren is as beguiling as she had been 30 years earlier but Mastroianni is no longer the attentive young lover, so Sophia's seductive moves only put him to sleep. Mastroianni's appearance in two of Fellini's final features is especially sentimental. *Ginger and Fred* is sweetly nostalgic for its union of Mastroianni and Giulietta Masina, two of the maestro's then-aging but still vibrant stars of the past. In *Intervista*, he appears as himself with Anita Ekberg, with whom he had starred decades before in *La dolce vita*. Mastroianni's entrance is especially magical; the sequence in which he and Ekberg (who, he remarks, he has not seen since making *La dolce vita*) observe their younger selves in some famous clips from that film is wonderfully nostalgic.

In his long and prolific career, Mastroianni almost singlehandedly defined the contemporary type of Latin lover, then proceeded to redefine it a dozen times and finally parodied it and played it against type. He remains unsurpassed as one of the most universally popular and beloved of all motion picture personalities.

—Elaine Mancini, updated by Rob Edelman

MATTHAU, Walter

Nationality: American. **Born:** Walter Matuschanskayasky (some sources say Matasschanskayasky) in New York City, 1 October 1920. **Education:** Attended the New School for Social Research Dramatic Workshop under Irwin Piscator. **Military Service:** U.S. Air Force as a radioman-gunner, 1942–45. **Family:** Married 1) Grace Johnson, 1948 (divorced 1958), one son and daughter; 2) Carol Marcus Saroyan, 1959, one son: the director Charles Matthau. **Career:** Worked as a child actor in the New York Yiddish theater; made professional adult stage debut, 1946; worked in summer stock and on Broadway, 1948; later stage work includes roles in *Once More, with Feeling*, 1958, *A Shot in the Dark*, 1962, and *The Odd Couple*, 1965; made film debut in *The Kentuckian*, 1955; appeared in the TV series *Tallahassee 7000*, 1959; directed the film *Gangster Story*, 1960. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *The Fortune Cookie*, 1966; Best Actor British Academy Award, for *Pete 'n' Tillie* and *Charley Varrick*, 1973; Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy Golden Globe, for *The Sunshine Boys*, 1975; American Comedy Awards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1997. **Died:** Santa Monica, California, of a heart attack, 1 July 2000.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *The Kentuckian* (Lancaster) (as Sam Bodine); *The Indian Fighter* (De Toth) (as Wes Todd)
 1956 *Bigger Than Life* (Nicholas Ray) (as Wally Gibbs)
 1957 *A Face in the Crowd* (Kazan) (as Mel Miller); *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue* (Laven) (as Al Dahlke)

- 1958 *King Creole* (Curtiz) (as Maxie Fields); *Voice in the Mirror* (Keller) (as Dr. Leon Karnes); *Onionhead* (Taurog) (as Red Wildoe); *Ride a Crooked Trail* (Hibbs) (as Judge Kyle)
 1960 *Strangers When We Meet* (Quine) (as Felix Andrews)
 1962 *Lonely Are the Brave* (Miller) (as Sheriff Johnson); *Who's Got the Action?* (Daniel Mann) (as Tony Gagoots)
 1963 *Island of Love* (De Costa) (as Tony Dallas); *Charade* (Donen) (as Hamilton Bartholomew/Carson Dyle)
 1964 *Ensign Pulver* (Logan) (as Doc); *Fail-Safe* (Lumet) (as Groeteschel); *Goodbye Charlie* (Minnelli) (as Sir Leopold Sartori)
 1965 *Mirage* (Dmytryk) (as Ted Caselle)
 1966 *The Fortune Cookie* (Wilder) (as Willie Gingrich)
 1967 *A Guide for the Married Man* (Kelly) (as Paul Manning)
 1968 *The Odd Couple* (Saks) (as Oscar Madison); *The Secret Life of an American Wife* (Axelrod) (as Movie Star "Charlie"); *Candy* (Marquand) (as Gen. Smight)
 1969 *Hello, Dolly!* (Kelly) (as Horace Vandergelder); *Cactus Flower* (Saks) (as Julian Winston)
 1971 *A New Leaf* (May) (as Henry Graham); *Plaza Suite* (Hiller) (as Sam Noah/Jesse Kiplinger/Roy Hubley); *Kotch* (Lemmon) (title role)
 1972 *Pete 'n' Tillie* (Ritt) (as Pete)
 1973 *Charley Varrick* (Siegel) (title role); *The Laughing Policeman* (*An Investigation of Murder*) (Rosenberg) (as Jake Martin)
 1974 *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three* (Sargent) (as Garber); *Earthquake* (Robson) (as token drunk); *The Front Page* (Wilder) (as Walter Burns)
 1975 *The Sunshine Boys* (Ross) (as Willy Clark); *The Gentleman Tramp* (Patterson—doc) (as narrator)
 1976 *The Bad News Bears* (Ritchie) (as Morris Buttermaker)
 1978 *House Calls* (Zieff) (as Dr. Charley Nichols); *Casey's Shadow* (Ritt) (as Lloyd Bourdell); *California Suite* (Ross) (as Marvin Michaels)
 1979 *Sunburn* (Serafian)
 1980 *Little Miss Marker* (Bernstein) (as Sorrowful Jones); *Hopscotch* (Neame) (as Miles Kendig); *Portrait of a 60% Perfect Man* (Trescott—doc) (as himself)
 1981 *First Monday in October* (Neame) (as Dan Snow); *Buddy Buddy* (Wilder) (as Trabucco)
 1982 *I Ought to Be in Pictures* (Ross) (as Herbert Tucker)
 1983 *The Survivors* (Ritchie) (as Sonny Paluso)
 1985 *Movers and Shakers* (Asher) (as Joe Mulholland)
 1986 *Pirates* (Polanski) (as Capt. Thomas Bartholomew Red)
 1988 *The Couch Trip* (Ritchie) (as Donald Becker); *Il piccolo diavolo* (*The Little Devil*) (Benigni) (as Maurice)
 1990 *The Incident* (Sargent—for TV) (as Harmon Cobb)
 1991 *Visitor* (Newman); *JFK* (Stone) (as Sen. Russell Long); *Mrs. Lambert Remembers Love* (Charles Matthau—for TV) (as Clifford)
 1992 *Against Her Will: An Incident in Baltimore* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Harmon Cobb)
 1993 *Dennis the Menace* (Castle) (as Mr. Wilson); *Grumpy Old Men* (Petrie) (as Max Goldman)
 1994 *Incident in a Small Town* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Harmon Cobb); *I.Q.* (Schepisi) (as Albert Einstein)
 1995 *The Grass Harp* (Charles Matthau) (as Judge Cool); *Grumpier Old Men* (Deutsch) (as Max Goldman);
 1996 *I'm Not Rappaport* (Gardner) (as Nat Moyer)



Walter Matthau (left) with Inger Steven and Robert Morse in *A Guide for the Married Man*

- 1997 *Out to Sea* (Coolidge) (as Charlie Gordon)
 1998 *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* (Kempner) (doc) (as himself); *The Odd Couple II* (Deutch) (as Oscar Madison);
The Marriage Fool (Charles Matthau) (as Frank Walsh)
 2000 *Hanging Up* (Keaton) (as Lou Mozell)

Films as Director:

- 1960 *Gangster Story* (+ ro as Jack Martin)

Publications

By MATTHAU: articles—

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Walter Matthau was one of the motion picture industry's solid, respected character actors. He has 70 films to his credit, commencing—after years of acting on the stage, where he honed his craft—with *The Kentuckian* and *The Indian Fighter* in 1955. He was at his beloved best playing comically persnickety characters, generally opposite Jack Lemmon, his longtime co-star.

Early in his career, Matthau displayed his versatility in roles as dissimilar as Mel Miller, the astutely perceptive writer who sees through the sham of cynically manipulative television personality Lonesome Rhodes, in *A Face in the Crowd*; Maxie Fields, the crime boss who menaces Elvis Presley, in *King Creole*; and Sheriff Johnson, the Western lawman who doggedly pursues Kirk Douglas, in *Lonely Are the Brave*. At this stage of his career, Matthau did some extraordinary work in otherwise slight, forgettable films. In the Audie Murphy Western *Ride a Crooked Trail*, he offers a spirited performance as a flamboyant, dipsomaniacal judge.

Matthau did not transcend his status as all-purpose character actor until, in an inspired bit of casting, he and Jack Lemmon played opposite each other in *The Fortune Cookie*. Matthau won an Oscar for his role as a crooked lawyer who fast-talks television cameraman Lemmon into an insurance fraud. In their best pairings, Lemmon and Matthau are cast as opposite character types who are contrasted to comic effect. Perhaps their best film is *The Odd Couple*, with its humor deriving from the disparate characters of slob-supreme Oscar Madison (a role which Matthau originated on Broadway) and fastidious neatnik Felix Ungar (Lemmon). Over the course of three-plus decades, Matthau and Lemmon became as famous a team as Tracy and Hepburn and Hope and Crosby. A Matthau-Lemmon-like relationship is the basis of the comedy in *The Sunshine Boys*, in which Matthau and George Burns play two cantankerous former vaudevillains induced into reuniting for a television show.

Matthau was at his funniest playing the gloriously ornery slob whom you might find sitting across a card table, with cigar in one hand and beer can in the other as he hangs out with his cronies. The comedy is derived from his characters' becoming involved in unlikely situations. In *The Odd Couple*, Matthau's Oscar Madison becomes the roommate of Felix Ungar. In *The Bad News Bears*, Matthau's Morris Buttermaker, another slob-supreme, is coerced into coaching a team of Little League misfits. In these films, he combines a sort of grouchy shiftiness with soul, wit, cunning, nonjudgmental forbearance, and obstinate persistence. Later on in his career, he caricatured this persnickety persona in *Dennis the Menace*, playing the forever-flustered Mr. Wilson.

He was also expert at playing drawing room comedy, cast in roles that in an earlier era would have been tailor-made for Spencer Tracy. In these films, Matthau effectively plays on the tensions between social coexistence and masculine awkwardness. Indeed, in *First Monday in October*, he and co-star Jill Clayburgh, playing Supreme Court justices with contrasting political philosophies, closely replicate a Tracy-Hepburn relationship. In *Plaza Suite*, he offers a tour de force playing three disparate roles, teamed with three different actresses: the jaded, adulterous husband of Maureen Stapleton; a Hollywood producer attempting to seduce ex-girlfriend Barbara Harris; and

a father of the bride, married to Lee Grant. He also has played the older man who becomes a romantic object. In *Hello, Dolly!*, he is a brusque self-made man matrimonially targeted by Barbra Streisand. In *Cactus Flower*, he is a defensively overworked dentist targeted by Ingrid Bergman. In *House Calls*, he is a widowed doctor targeted by Glenda Jackson.

By the early 1970s, Matthau had become a top ten box-office star, quite an accomplishment for a craggy-faced actor with an unpolished gait and drooping posture, not to mention his trademark New York snarl. Lemmon, feeling that no film had really tapped Matthau's depths, directed him in *Kotch*, a humanistic comedy in which he plays an irascible grandfather put to pasture by his family. He also has appeared in several straight dramatic roles, as cops (*The Laughing Policeman*, *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three*), a stunt pilot-turned-luckless bank robber (*Charley Varick*), and an ex-CIA agent defying official embargoes on his memoirs (*Hopscotch*).

All-too-often, Matthau's late-career roles were comedies in which he was prone to self-caricature. In addition to playing Mr. Wilson in *Dennis the Menace*, he re-teamed with Lemmon in *Grumpy Old Men*. In the latter, the twosome play endlessly quarreling long-time friends who are senior citizen variations of *The Odd Couple*'s Oscar and Felix. The film's success led to their pairing in a ho-hum follow-up, *Grumpier Old Men*, the idiotic *Out to Sea*, and the stale and needless *Odd Couple II*. Then in 2000 Matthau—looking every one of his eighty years—was cast in *Hanging Up* as the feisty, inconsiderate father of the film's three heroines.

Matthau's better late-career parts were roles as sage (rather than self-absorbed) senior citizens. In *I.Q.*, he brought warmth to his role as Albert Einstein, who plays matchmaker for his niece and a garage mechanic. In *The Grass Harp*, directed by his son Charles—who looks like a younger, leaner, less craggier version of his dad—he is a wizened, widowed retired judge who idles away his hours sitting in his small town's barbershop and drugstore. As the scenario progresses, he comes to share a deeply moving relationship with a gentle-souled maiden aunt. Here, Matthau displays his ability to play tender as well as persnickety, as his character talks of his late wife, and the meaning of love and how difficult and elusive it is to find. These sequences seem to be gifts that a devoted director-son would aspire to present to a beloved actor-father.

—Raymond Durnat, updated by Rob Edelman

MAURA, Carmen

Nationality: Spanish. **Born:** Madrid, 1945; greatniece of the politician Antonio Maura. **Education:** Attended University of Madrid. **Family:** Married, 1965 (marriage annulled), two children. **Career:** From mid-1960s—actress in Madrid and on tour, becoming leading actress of the Maria Guerrero Theatre; presenter of TV show *Esta noche*, 1980s. **Awards:** National Prize of Cinematography, Spanish Ministry of Culture, 1988; Goya Award for Best Actress, and European Felix Award for Best Actress, for *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, 1988; European Felix Award for Best Actress, 1990, and Goya Award for Best Lead Actress, 1991, for *-Ay, Carmela!*. **Agent:** c/o Agence Myriam Bru, 80 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92200 Neuilly sur Seine, France.



Carmen Maura

Films as Actress:

- 1977 *Tigres de Papel (Paper Tigers)* (Colomo) (as Carmen)
- 1980 *Pepi, Luci, Bom y otras chicas del montón (Pepi, Luci, Bom, and Other Girls on the Heap)* (Almodóvar) (as Pepi); *Aquella Casa en las Afueras (That House in the Outskirts)* (Martin)
- 1983 *Entre Tinieblas (Into the Dark; The Sisters of Darkness)* (Almodóvar) (as Sister); *Sal Gordo (Garbage)* (Colomo); *Chi Trova, un Amico, Trova un Tesoro (Who Finds a Friend Finds Treasure)* (Corbucci)
- 1984 *¿Qué he hecho yo para merecer esto? (What Have I Done to Deserve This?)* (Almodóvar) (as Gloria)
- 1985 *Extramuros* (Picazo); *Se infiel y no mires con quien* (Trueba)
- 1986 *Matador* (Almodóvar) (as Julia); *Tata Mia (Nanny Dear)* (Borau) (as Elvira)
- 1987 *La Ley del Deseo (Law of Desire)* (Almodóvar) (as Tina Quintero)
- 1988 *Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios (Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown)* (Almodóvar) (as Pepa Marcos); *Baton Rouge* (Moleon) (as Isabel Harris)
- 1990 *¡Ay, Carmela!* (Saura) (title role)
- 1991 *Como ser Mujer y no morir en el intento (How to Be a Woman and Not Die Trying)* (Belen) (as Carmen); *Chatarra* (as Zabu); *Extramuros (The Outskirts)* (Picazo) (as Sister Ana)
- 1992 *La Reina Anonima (The Anonymous Queen)* (Suarez) (as Ana Luz)
- 1993 *Entre el cielo y la tierra (In Heaven as on Earth; Sur la terre comme au ciel)* (Hansel) (as María García); *Louis, L'enfant du roi (Louis, the Child King)* (Planchon) (as Queen Anne of Austria); *Sombras en una Batalla (Shadows in a Conflict)* (Mario Camus) (as Ana)
- 1994 *Cómo Ser Infeliz y Disfrutarlo (How to Be Miserable and Enjoy It)* (Urbizu) (as Carmen)
- 1995 *El Rey de ríp* (as Carmen Costa); *Una Pareja de Tres* (Verdaguer) (as Ana); *El Paloma Cojo* (De Arminan); *Amores que matan* (Chumilla); *Le bonheur est dans le pré* (Chatiliez)
- 1996 *Tres Desejos* (Luis Galvao Teles)
- 1997 *Tortilla y cinema* (Provost) (as Carmen Maura, movie star); *Alliance cherche doigt* (Mocky) (as Geneviève Lechat); *Elles (Women)* (Teles) (as Linda); *Vivir después* (Galettini)

- 1998 *Alice et Martin* (Téchiné) (as Jeanoine Sauvagnac); *El Entusiasmo* (*Enthusiasm*) (Larrain) (as Maria); *Superlove* (Janer) (as Teresa); *El Cometa* (*The Comet*) (Buil, Sistach)
- 1999 *Lisboa* (Hernández) (as Berta)
- 2000 *Le harem de Mme. Osmane* (*The Harem of Madame Osmane*) (Moknèche) (as Madame Osmane)

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By MAURA: articles—

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Interview, in *Films and Filming* (London), June 1989.

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Bloom, Phillipa, article in *Empire* (London), no. 62, 1994.

Lafarga, Rafael, “Cómo ser Carmen Maura y no morir en el intento,” in *Cinemanía* (Mexico), vol. 2, no. 16, January 1998.

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Simply put, Carmen Maura is Spain’s most popular screen actress, and one of her country’s most famous and acclaimed international movie stars. But her career remains inexorably linked to that of the director who cast her in some of her best roles, Pedro Almodóvar. If, cinematically speaking, Almodóvar is the prince of *La Movida* (The Movement), a term referring to Spain’s burgeoning pop culture in the post-Franco era, then Maura is its undisputed queen.

Maura began her screen career a decade before she first was directed by Almodóvar. She had roles in various films that barely were seen outside Spain, made by such directors as Javier Aguirre, Pilar Muro, Miguel Angel Diaz, and Jaime Bayarri, who are familiar only to the most ardent aficionado of Spanish cinema. She also appeared on Spanish television, for a year even hosting a weekly talk show, *Esta Noche*.

Maura’s career was to be inexorably altered upon meeting Almodóvar, then an aspiring director, around the time that both were cast in a stage production of Sartre’s *Dirty Hands*. Because of her age—Maura was close to 30 at Franco’s demise, and 35 when she first worked with Almodóvar in *Pepi, Luci, Bom, and Other Girls on the Heap*—the director could not cast her as young, self-assured women reaching their prime in a censorship-free society. Her most typical characters came to maturity in a prefeminist, Franco-influenced era, a time in which passion—especially for women—was considered antisocial. The claws of fascism and chauvinism have entrapped them, causing them to be “on the verge of nervous breakdowns.” But it now is the time of *La Movida*. Franco is dead. It is the destiny of women to break free from bondage, to defiantly thrust off their shackles, to learn to live for themselves and become their own persons.

While the Maura/Almodóvar heroines struggle with liberation, to the point where they are driven to commit murder or change their

sexual preference (or even their sex), they also are deliciously sexy and charmingly off-kilter. And Maura is a perfect presence in Almodóvar’s best black comedies, most especially *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, in which she plays a desperate actress who responds in a most outrageous manner upon learning, by a message on her telephone answering machine, that she has been abandoned by her lover; and *What Have I Done to Deserve This?*, cast as an off-the-wall housewife who undergoes various trials and crises in a contemporary Madrid that is depicted as a repressive hell of pavement, bricks and stones, and prisonlike apartment buildings.

Sexuality, and a woman’s reaction to the sexual brutality of men at a time of sexual and political liberation, is at the core of most Maura/Almodóvar characters. In *What Have I Done to Deserve This?*, the frustrated heroine’s ultimate response to her boorish husband is a murderous whack with the handiest nearby object. In *Pepi, Luci, Bom, and Other Girls on the Heap*, her character becomes a lesbian after her husband rapes their neighbor. Finally, in *Law of Desire*, Maura offers a bravura performance as a free-spirited, man-hating transsexual, formerly named Tino but now called Tina.

None of these characters are staunchly political, nor are they dictated by doctrine. They simply respond to their life situations; their ideology manifests itself in their actions. These women have come to feel passion, the only emotion that can give meaning to their existence. And for them, passion quickly transforms itself into anger at the manner in which they have been treated by society, and by men. That anger eventually transforms itself into revenge, as they evolve from repressed, passive victims into autonomous individuals who think and act freely—and, often, outrageously.

While shooting *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, Maura and Almodóvar had a falling out and did not speak for two years. His most recent film, the well-received *The Flower of My Secret*, features Almodóvar regulars Marisa Paredes, Rossy de Palma, and Chus Lampreave—but not Maura.

But this did not slow down Maura’s career, as she has been a star presence playing a wide spectrum of roles in her non-Almodóvar-directed films. They include *Baton Rouge*, in which she plays a wealthy, married middle-aged woman who has an affair with a duplicitous younger man; *Extramuros*, chronicling the secret endeavors of two nuns, who also are lovers, at the time of the Spanish Inquisition; *Louis, L’enfant du roi*, as Anne of Austria; *Shadows in a Conflict*, as a rural woman who becomes lovers with an ex-con; *In Heaven as on Earth*, playing a globe-trotting television journalist who becomes pregnant and whose unborn child speaks to her, informing her that all fetuses have decided not to be born; and especially *¡Ay, Carmela!*, cast as a tempestuous, highly principled—and, ultimately, heroic—vaudevillian who gets lost behind enemy lines while entertaining the partisans during the Spanish Civil War.

—Rob Edelman

McCREA, Joel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joel Albert McCrea in South Pasadena, California, 5 November 1905. **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School; Pomona College, graduated 1928. **Family:** Married the actress Frances Dee, 1933, sons: Jody, David, Peter. **Career:** Extra in several films in mid-1920s; 1928—stock contract with MGM, followed by 1929 contract with RKO; 1930—first



Joel McCrea (left) with Humphrey Bogart in *Dead End*

featured film role in *The Silver Horde*; followed by a succession of starring roles; later worked with Paramount and Samuel Goldwyn; after 1946—played only in Western films; 1959–60—in TV series *Wichita Town*. **Awards:** Life Achievement Award, Los Angeles Film Critics, 1987. **Died:** In Woodland Hills, California, 20 October 1990.

Films as Actor:

- 1927 *The Fair Co-Ed* (Wood); *The Enemy* (Niblo)
- 1929 *The Jazz Age* (Shores) (as Tod Sayles); *Single Standard* (Robertson); *Dynamite* (DeMille) (as Marco); *So This Is College* (Wood)
- 1930 *The Silver Horde* (Archainbaud) (as Boyd Enerson); *Lightnin'* (King) (as John Marvin)
- 1931 *Once a Sinner* (McClintic) (as Tommy Mason); *Kept Husbands* (Bacon) (as Dick Brunton); *Born to Love* (Stein) (as Barry Craig); *The Common Law* (Stein) (as John Neville, Jr.); *Girls about Town* (Cukor) (as Jim Baker)
- 1932 *Business and Pleasure* (Butler) (as Lawrence Ogle); *The Last Squadron* (Archainbaud) (as Red); *Bird of Paradise* (Vidor) (as Johnny Baker); *The Most Dangerous Game* (Pichel and Schoedsack) (as Bob Whitney); *Rockabye* (Cukor) (as Jacob Van Riker Pell); *The Sport Parade* (Murphy) (as Sandy Baker)
- 1933 *The Silver Chord* (Cromwell) (as David Phelps); *Scarlet River* (Brower) (as himself); *Bed of Roses* (La Cava) (as Dan Walters); *One Man's Journey* (Robertson) (as Jimmy Watt); *Chance at Heaven* (Seiter) (as Blacky Gorman)
- 1934 *Gambling Lady* (Mayo) (as Garry Madison); *Half a Sinner* (Alias the Deacon) (Neumann) (as John Adams); *The Richest Girl in the World* (Seiter) (as Tony Travers)
- 1935 *Private Worlds* (La Cava) (as Dr. Alex MacGregor); *Our Little Girl* (Robertson) (as Dr. Donald Middleton); *Woman Wanted* (Manhattan Madness) (Seitz) (as Tony Baxter); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as James Carmichael); *Splendor* (Nugent) (as Brighton Lorrimore)
- 1936 *These Three* (*The Loudest Whisper*) (Wyler) (as Dr. Joseph Cardin); *Two in a Crowd* (Green) (as Larry Stevens);

- Adventure in Manhattan* (Ludwig) (as George Melville);
Come and Get It (Wyler and Hawks) (as Richard Glasgow);
Banjo on My Knee (Cromwell) (as Ernie Holley)
- 1937 *Interns Can't Take Money* (Santell) (as Dr. Jimmie Kildare);
Woman Chases Man (*The Woman's Touch*) (Blystone) (as Kenneth Nolan); *Dead End* (Wyler) (as Dave Connell);
Wells Fargo (Lloyd) (as Ramsay MacKay)
- 1938 *Three Blind Mice* (Seiter) (as Van Smith); *Youth Takes a Fling*
(Mayo) (as Joe Meadows)
- 1939 *Union Pacific* (DeMille) (as Jeff Butler); *They Shall Have*
Music (*Melody of Youth*) (Mayo) (as Peter McCarthy);
Espionage Agent (Bacon) (as Barry Corvall)
- 1940 *He Married His Wife* (Del Ruth) (as "Randy" Randall); *The*
Primrose Path (La Cava) (as Ed Wallace); *Foreign Corre-*
spondent (Hitchcock) (as Johnny Jones)
- 1941 *Reaching for the Sun* (Wellman) (as Russ Elliot); *Sullivan's*
Travels (Sturges) (as John Sullivan)
- 1942 *The Great Man's Lady* (Wellman) (as Ethan Hoyt); *The Palm*
Beach Story (Sturges) (as Tom Jeffers)
- 1943 *The More the Merrier* (Stevens) (as Joe Carter)
- 1944 *Buffalo Bill* (Wellman) (title role); *The Great Moment* (Sturges)
(as W. T. G. Morton)
- 1945 *The Unseen* (Allen) (as David Fielding)
- 1946 *The Virginian* (Gilmore) (title role)
- 1947 *Ramrod* (De Toth) (as Dave Nash)
- 1948 *Four Faces West* (Green) (as Ross McEwan)
- 1949 *South of St. Louis* (Enright) (as Kip Davis); *Colorado Terri-*
tory (Walsh) (as Wes McQueen)
- 1950 *Stars in My Crown* (Tournear) (as Josiah Doziah Grey); *The*
Outriders (Rowland) (as Will Owens); *Saddle Tramp*
(Fregonese) (as Chuck Conner); *Frenchie* (King) (as Tom Banning)
- 1951 *Hollywood Story* (Castle) (as himself); *Cattle Drive* (Neu-
mann) (as Dan Matthews)
- 1952 *The San Francisco Story* (Parrish) (as Rick Nelson)
- 1953 *Lone Hand* (Sherman) (as Zachary Hallock); *Shoot First*
(*Rough Shoot*) (as Lt. Colonel Robert Tanie)
- 1954 *Border River* (Sherman) (as Clete Mattson); *Black Horse*
Canyon (Hibbs) (as Dee Rockwell)
- 1955 *Stranger on Horseback* (Tournear) (as Rick Thorne); *Witchita*
(Tournear) (as Wyatt Earp)
- 1956 *The First Texan* (Haskins) (as Sam Houston)
- 1957 *The Oklahoman* (Lyon) (as Dr. John Brighton); *Trooper Hook*
(Warren) (as Sgt. Hook); *Gunsight Ridge* (Lyon) (as Mike Ryan); *The Tall Stranger* (Carr) (as Ned Bannon)
- 1958 *Cattle Empire* (Warren) (as John Cord); *Fort Massacre*
(Newman) (as Vinson)
- 1959 *The Gunfight at Dodge City* (Newman) (as Bat Masterson)
- 1962 *Ride the High Country* (*Guns in the Afternoon*) (Peckinpah)
(as Steve Judd)
- 1970 *Cry Blood, Apache* (Starrett) (as Pitcairn)
- 1974 *The Great American Cowboy* (doc—for TV) (as narrator)
- 1977 *Mustang Country* (Champion) (as Dan)
- 1980 *The Oklahoma* (Lyon)
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Of the great American male film stars, Joel McCrea is arguably the most underrated. In a career that lasted over 30 years, his characters ranged from tuxedoed escorts for the likes of Kay Francis and Constance Bennett in *Girls about Town* and *Bed of Roses* to adventurers in *The Most Dangerous Game* and *Bird of Paradise*, from Western "heroes" in *Colorado Territory* and *Ramrod* to comic leading men in *The Palm Beach Story* and *The More the Merrier*. But in spite of his extraordinary filmography, it is unlikely that McCrea will ever become a screen icon of the order of a John Wayne or a Gary Cooper, since, among film heroes, he is one of the least prone to self-mythologizing—with the possible exception of his role in Peckinpah's *Ride the High Country*; and perhaps not coincidentally, he virtually retired after its completion. His search for adventure is seldom more than that and largely free of any sort of neurotic drives. It is this fundamental sanity of McCrea's that probably appealed to Gregory La Cava and Preston Sturges, and which forms the emotional center in the extraordinary series of films that McCrea collaborated on with these two directors. The dramatic tone of the La Cava and Sturges films could range from melodrama (*Private Worlds*) to comedy (*The Palm Beach Story*), or an audacious mixture of the two (*Primrose Path*, *Sullivan's Travels*), but in most of them McCrea remains an essentially passive male figure surrounded by chaos and insanity. The narratives tend to be controlled by either the female or the subsidiary male characters, and even when they are not, McCrea's attempts at control (as in *Sullivan's Travels*) generally result in total disorder.

While McCrea projects an obvious heterosexuality, it is so relaxed that, in fleeting moments, a film will eroticize him. He becomes the object of an aging widow's affections in *Sullivan's Travels* and she hopefully peers down at him from a second-story window as he chops

wood for her, shirtless and sweating. His highly photogenic torso is also featured prominently in *The More the Merrier* as he takes a shower while beating his arms against his chest and barking like a seal, a primeval mating call that is answered in the film by a sexually unfulfilled Jean Arthur. And *Bird of Paradise* is one of the most erotic of the pre-Production Code films, in which McCrea and Dolores Del Rio set up an idyllic romance, largely unhampered by dress codes.

McCrea appeared in a few films after *Ride the High Country* but they are less than memorable and he seems to have done them more as a lark than anything else. Ultimately, these late films emerge as nothing more than postscripts in his career rather than presenting any sort of revisionist portraits of him. For those who traffic in puncturing the “myths” of popular culture, Joel McCrea was given precious little with which to work.

—Joe McElhaney

MCDORMAND, Frances

Nationality: American. **Born:** Illinois, 23 June 1957. **Education:** Attended Bethany College, West Virginia, and Yale University School of Drama. **Family:** Married film director Joel Coen, 1984; one adopted son: Pedro McDormand Coen. **Career:** First acting job was with poet Derek Walcott in Trinidad in the West Indies; successful New York stage career including Tony nomination for the role of Stella in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1988. **Awards:** National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Mississippi Burning*, 1988; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup for Best Ensemble Cast, for *Short Cuts*, 1993; Lone Star Film and Television Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Lone Star*, 1996; Academy Award for Best Actress, NBR Award for Best Actress, American Comedy Award, Funniest Actress in a Motion Picture (Leading Role), Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, Chicago Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, Golden Satellite Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama, Independent Spirit Award for Best Female Lead, London Critics Circle ALFS Award for Actress of the Year, Screen Actors Guild SAG Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role, and Southeastern Film Critics Association Award for Best Actress, all for *Fargo*, 1997; Gotham Acting Award, 1998. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 1009–6026, USA.

Films as Actor:

- 1984 *Blood Simple* (Coen) (as Abby)
- 1985 *Scandal Sheet* (Rich—for TV); *Crimewave (Broken hearts and Noses, The XYZ Murders)* (Raimi) (as Nun)
- 1986 *Vengeance: The Story of Tony Cimo (Vengeance)* (Daniels—for TV) (as Brigitte)
- 1987 *Raising Arizona* (Coen) (as Dot)
- 1988 *Mississippi Burning* (Parker) (as Mrs. Pell)
- 1990 *Miller's Crossing* (Coen) (as Secretary [uncredited]); *Hidden Agenda* (Loach) (as Ingrid); *Chattahoochee* (Jackson) (as Mae Foley); *Darkman* (Raimi) (as Julie Hastings)
- 1991 *The Butcher's Wife* (Hughes) (as Grace)

- 1992 *Passed Away* (1992) (as Nora Scanlan); *Crazy in Love* (Coolidge—for TV) (as Clare)
- 1993 *Luck, Trust & Ketchup: Robert Altman In Carver Country* (Dorr and Kaplan); *Short Cuts* (Altman) (as Betty Weathers)
- 1995 *The Good Old Boys* (Jones—for TV) (as Eve Calloway); *Beyond Rangoon* (Boorman) (as Andy)
- 1996 *Plain Pleasures* (Kalin); *Hidden in America* (Bell—for TV) (as Gus); *Fargo* (Coen) (as Marge Gunderson); *Primal Fear* (Hoblit) (as Dr. Molly Arrington); *Lone Star* (Sayles) (as Bunny); *Palookaville* (Taylor) (as June)
- 1997 *Paradise Road* (Beresford) (as Dr. Verstak)
- 1998 *Johnny Skidmarks* (Raffo) (as Alice); *Madeline* (Meyer) (as Miss Clavel); *Talk of Angels* (Hamm) (as Conlon)
- 2000 *Almost Famous* (Crowe) (as Elaine); *Wonder Boys* (Hanson) (as Chancellor Sara Gaskell); *Scottsboro: An American Tragedy* (Anker and Goodman—doc) (voice)

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An accomplished leading character actress who has worked mainly on “indie” projects, Frances McDormand has appeared in nearly thirty films in her seventeen-year film career. Her first step into movies came when actress Holly Hunter, a friend from Yale Drama School, suggested she audition for *Blood Simple*, the first feature produced and directed by Ethan and Joel Coen. When filming finished she and Joel Coen moved in together and later married, but McDormand has deliberately sought to work on films made by other directors, notably Robert Altman, Alan Parker, John Boorman, and Ken Loach. So determined has she been to work on her own terms that Coen is reputed not to have considered McDormand when he was casting *Miller's Crossing*, even though she wanted a part. Despite her many successful appearances, McDormand has preferred to steer clear of high profile Hollywood projects, seeing herself as a working actor rather than a star.

Blood Simple is a dark variation on the story of *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, involving a bar owner who hires a hit man to kill



Frances McDormand (left) and Hatty Jones in *Madeline*

his adulterous wife. Taking the plot further in terms of vicious twists than any mere remake, it established Joel and Ethan Coen as exciting new filmmakers. McDormand's role as the duplicitous wife may have overshadowed her early film career, however: the critical success of the film promised a rapid rise to stardom, but other offers were slow in coming. As a result she spent a few years working in theatre and on TV projects before accepting a small character part in the Coen brothers' comedy, *Raising Arizona*. It was in Alan Parker's *Mississippi Burning* in 1988 that McDormand made an impact on Hollywood, when her efforts to perfect the accent and mannerisms of the wife of a racist deputy sheriff paid off in the form of an Oscar nomination. Even then, however, she shied away from celebrity, taking parts in a series of small-scale movies such as Ken Loach's *Hidden Agenda*, and the bizarre *Darkman*, by the director of the "Evil Dead" films, Sam Raimi. McDormand had more widespread success as Betty Weathers, an adulterous wife in Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*, a series of connected tales adapted from stories by Raymond Carver.

It is in playing strangely offbeat individuals that McDormand excels, and she was able to show her abilities to the full in the character of Marge Gunderson in *Fargo*, her best-known role. Marge is a kind, understanding woman with an iron core; she embodies the

untroubled, sensible toughness that the film lovingly mocks. Set in the snowfields of Minnesota, where its director Joel Coen grew up, *Fargo* has a complicated plot involving inept thugs hired to kidnap a car dealer's wife. But its comic strength comes from the contrast between the increasing bloodiness of the thugs' successive failures, and the steady politeness of the residents of the small Minnesotan town. Marge, the pregnant police chief, takes everything in her stride, from dealing with a series of killings to organizing her unworldly husband: it is exactly this calmness, combined with the bleak, snow-covered landscape, that unravels the evil plots and manic activity of the hit men.

Since the mid-1980s McDormand has had no shortage of work, often having to be persuaded to take parts she is offered. Yet despite winning an Oscar for her performance in *Fargo*, she remains outside of the Hollywood mainstream, and has no interest in being a star. Although she has not always chosen films wisely—*The Butcher's Wife* and *Paradise Road*, among others, have vanished almost without trace—her own performances are of a consistently high standard. McDormand continues to work in theatre, playing Blanche in Robin Lefevre's acclaimed 1998 production of Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. With a reputation as a consummate professional actor, more interested in doing her best for the part she happens

to be working on than looking to her career, she told Rebecca Ascher-Walsh in 1996 that being a movie star is “a different job, and it’s not the one I want.”

—Chris Routledge

McDOWALL, Roddy

Born: Roderick Andrew McDowall in London, England, 17 September 1928. **Education:** Attended St. Joseph’s School, London; 20th Century-Fox school for child actors. **Career:** 1938—film debut as child actor in *Murder in the Family*; 1941—U.S. film debut in *Man Hunt*; 1946—stage debut in *Young Woodley* in Westport, Connecticut; 1955—in *Julius Caesar* and *The Tempest* at Stratford, Connecticut, Shakespeare Festival; other stage work in roles in *No Time for Sergeants*, 1952, *Compulsion*, 1957, *Look After Lulu*, 1959, and *Camelot*, 1960; 1970s—in several TV mini-series, and the series *The Planet of the Apes*, 1974, and *Fantastic Journey*, 1977; 1971—directed the film *Tam Lin*; 1980s and 1990s—in TV mini-series *Around the World in 80 Days*, 1989, *An Inconvenient Woman*, 1991, *The Sands of Time*, 1992. **Died:** of cancer on 3 October 1998 in Studio City, California.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *Murder in the Family* (Banks) (as Peter Osborne); *Scruffy* (Faye); *Hey! Hey! USA!* (Varnel); *I See Ice* (Kimmins); *Convict Ninety-Nine* (Varnel); *Yellow Sands* (Brenon); *John Halifax, Gentleman* (George King); *Sarah Siddons*
- 1939 *Just William* (Cutts) (as Ginger); *Dirt*; *Dead Men’s Shoes* (Bentley); *Poison Pen* (Stein); *Brother’s Keeper*; *Murder Will Out* (Neill)
- 1940 *The Outsider* (Stein); *Saloon Bar* (Forde)
- 1941 *You Will Remember* (Raymond) (as young Bob Slater); *This England* (MacDonald); *Man Hunt* (Fritz Lang) (as Vaner, the cabin boy); *How Green Was My Valley* (Ford) (as Huw Morgan); *Confirm or Deny* (Mayo) (as Albert Perkins)
- 1942 *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Benjamin as a boy); *The Pied Piper* (Pichel) (as Ronny Cavanaugh); *On the Sunny Side* (Schuster) (as Hugh Aylesworth)
- 1943 *My Friend Flicka* (Schuster) (as Ken McLaughlin); *Lassie Come Home* (Wilcox) (as Joe Carraclough)
- 1944 *The Keys of the Kingdom* (Stahl) (as Francis as a boy); *The White Cliffs of Dover* (Brown) (as John Ashwood II as a boy)
- 1945 *Thunderhead—Son of Flicka* (Louis King) (as Ken McLaughlin); *Molly and Me* (Seiler) (as Jimmy Graham); *Hangover Square* (Brahm) (as voice)
- 1946 *Holiday in Mexico* (Sidney) (as Stanley Owen)
- 1948 *Green Grass of Wyoming* (Louis King); *Rocky* (Barry); *Macbeth* (Welles) (as Malcolm); *Kidnapped* (Beaudine) (as David Balfour, + assoc pr)
- 1949 *Tuna Clipper* (Beaudine) (as Alec, + assoc pr); *Black Midnight* (Boetticher) (as Scott Jordan)
- 1950 *Everybody’s Dancing* (Berke); *Killer Shark* (Boetticher) (as Ted); *Big Timber* (Tall Timber) (Yarbrough) (as Jimmy)
- 1951 *The Steel Fist* (Barry) (as Erik)
- 1960 *Midnight Lace* (Miller) (as Malcolm); *The Subterraneans* (MacDougall) (as Yuri Gligoric)
- 1962 *The Longest Day* (Annakin and others) (as Pvt. Morris)
- 1963 *Cleopatra* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Octavian)
- 1964 *Shock Treatment* (Sanders) (as Martin Ashly)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as Matthew); *The Loved One* (Richardson) (as D. J., Jr.); *That Darn Cat!* (Stevenson) (as Gregory Benson); *The Third Day* (Smight) (as Oliver Parsons); *Inside Daisy Clover* (Mulligan) (as Walter Baines)
- 1966 *Lord Love a Duck* (Axelrod) (as Alan “Mollymauk” Musgrave); *The Defector* (L’Espion; *Lautlose Waffen*) (Levy) (as CIA Agent Adam); *Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)* (Clément)
- 1967 *The Adventures of Bullwhip Griffin* (Neilson) (title role); *It! (Return of the Golem)* (Leder) (as Arthur Pimm); *The Cool Ones* (Nelson) (as Tony)
- 1968 *Planet of the Apes* (Schaffner) (as Cornelius); *Five Card Stud* (Hathaway) (as Nick Evers)
- 1969 *Hello Down There* (Arnold) (as Nate Ashbury); *The Midas Run* (A Run on Gold) (Kjellin) (as Wister); *Angel, Angel, Down We Go* (Cult of the Damned) (Thom) (as Santoro); *Night Gallery* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1971 *Pretty Maids All in a Row* (Vadim) (as Mr. Proffer); *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* (Taylor) (as Cornelius); *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (Stevenson) (as Mr. Jelk); *Terror in the Sky* (Kowalski—for TV); *A Taste of Evil* (Moxey—for TV); *Corky (Lookin’ Good)* (Horn)
- 1972 *The Poseidon Adventure* (Neame) (as Acres); *Conquest of the Planet of the Apes* (Thompson) (as Caesar); *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (Huston) (as Frank Gass); *What’s a Nice Girl Like You . . . ?* (Paris—for TV)
- 1973 *Battle for the Planet of the Apes* (Thompson) (as Caesar); *The Legend of Hell House* (Hough) (as Ben Fischer); *Arnold* (Fenady) (as Robert)
- 1974 *The Elevator* (Jameson—for TV); *Miracle on 34th Street* (Cook—for TV); *Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry* (Hough) (as Stanton)
- 1975 *Funny Lady* (Ross) (as Bobby)
- 1976 *Mean Johnny Barrows* (Williamson) (as Tony DaVinci); *Embryo* (Nelson) (as Riley); *Flood* (Bellamy—for TV)
- 1977 *Sixth and Main* (Cain) (as Skateboard)
- 1978 *Laserblast* (Rae) (as Dr. Mellon); *The Cat from Outer Space* (Tokar) (as Stallwood); *Rabbit Test* (Rivers) (as Gypsy Grandmother/Dr. Fishbind)
- 1979 *The Thief of Baghdad* (Conner—for TV); *Hart to Hart* (T. Mankiewicz—for TV); *Nutcracker Fantasy* (Nakamura—animation) (as voice of Franz Fritz); *Scavenger Hunt* (Michael Schultz) (as Jenkins); *Circle of Iron* (The Silent Flute) (Moore) (as White Robe); *The Martian Chronicles* (Anderson—for TV)
- 1980 *The Memory of Eva Ryker* (Grauman—for TV)
- 1981 *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* (Clive Donner) (as Gillespie)
- 1982 *Evil under the Sun* (Hamilton) (as Rex Brewster); *Mae West* (Phillips—for TV)
- 1983 *Class of 1984* (Lester) (as Terry Corrigan); *This Girl for Hire* (Jameson—for TV)



Roddy McDowell (left), Gayle Hunnicutt and Clive Revill in *The Legend of Hell House*

- 1984 *Zany Adventures of Robin Hood* (Austin—for TV)
- 1985 *Fright Night* (Holland) (as Peter Vincent); *Deceptions* (Chaenault—for TV)
- 1986 *GoBots: Battle of the Rock Lords* (Patterson—animation) (as voice of Nuggit)
- 1987 *Dead of Winter* (Arthur Penn) (as Mr. Murray); *Overboard* (Garry Marshall) (as Andrew, the butler, + exec pr)
- 1988 *Doin' Time on Planet Earth* (Charles Matthau) (as Minister)
- 1989 *Fright Night Part 2* (Wallace) (as Peter Vincent); *The Big Picture* (Guest) (as the Judge); *Cutting Class* (Pallenberg) (as Dr. Dante)
- 1990 *Shakma* (Parks) (as Sorenson); *The Color of Evening* (Stafford); *Carmilla* (Beaumont)
- 1991 *Going Under* (Travis) (as secretary of defense/Mr. Neighbor); *Earth Angel* (Napolitano—for TV) (as Mr. Tatum); *Deadly Game* (Wright—for TV) (as Dr. Aaron/Osiris); *Los Gusanos no Llevan Bufanda* (*The Naked Target*) (Elorrieta) (as Ernest Peabody)
- 1992 *The Magical World of Chuck Jones* (Daugherty—doc) (as himself); *Double Trouble* (Paragon) (as Chamberlain)
- 1994 *Hart to Hart: Home Is Where the Hart Is* (Peter R. Hunt—for TV) (as Jeremy Sennet); *Mirror Mirror 2: Raven Dance* (Lifton); *Heads* (Shapiro—for TV) (as Fibris Drake); *Angel 4: Undercover* (Axmith) (as Geoffrey Kagen)
- 1995 *The Alien Within* (for TV) (as Dr. Henry Lazarus); *Last Summer in the Hamptons* (Jaglom) (as Thomas)
- 1996 *It's My Party* (Kleiser) (as Damian Knowles); *Dead Man's Island* (as Trevor Dunnaway—for TV)
- 1997 *The Second Jungle Book: Mowgli & Baloo* (McLachlan) (as King Murphy)
- 1998 *A Bug's Life* (Lasseter, Stanton) (as voice of Mr. Soil); *Something to Believe In* (Hough); *Behind the Planet of the Apes* (Burns, Comtois—for TV) (as Host/Narrator)
- 1999 *Keepers of the Frame* (McLaughlin) (as himself)

Film as Director:

- 1971 *Tam Lin* (*The Devil's Widow*)

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Although Roddy McDowall has appeared in more than 100 motion pictures playing a variety of roles and characters (and has an equal number of television credits) he seems to have been plagued by typecasting during much of his career. He began acting in films at the age of nine in Great Britain. His family emigrated to America in 1940 when he was signed to a movie contract by Darryl F. Zanuck at Twentieth Century-Fox. His first major role in an American film was in John Ford’s *How Green Was My Valley*. Soon afterwards followed *My Friend Flicka* and *Lassie Come Home*. These films helped to establish McDowall as a major child star, generally playing the role of sensitive, winsome youngsters. He kept extremely busy making two or three films each year throughout the 1940s. Although McDowall was growing into an adult during this period, producers and audiences continued to think of him as a “child” star. His youthful appearance allowed him to play characters much younger than his actual years (the most outlandish situation coming in 1965 with *Lord Love a Duck* in which the 35-year-old McDowall played a high school teenager), but it limited the kinds of film roles he was being offered. His initial stardom in America had typecast him into one specific kind of role that he had now outgrown.

Many child stars fade away after this period in their careers, but McDowall was able to continue with his acting by moving to the New York stage. Live television was another medium that enabled McDowall to expand his acting talents with a variety of roles. While he has not been honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, McDowall has won both Emmy and Tony awards for his work in these other mediums.

In the early 1960s he cautiously ventured back into motion pictures as an “adult” actor, taking mainly character roles. In 1967 his career took a different turn with *Planet of the Apes*. McDowall, in Oscar-winning ape makeup, played Cornelius, a chimpanzee scientist sympathetic to human time traveler Charlton Heston in a future world

where humans are subservient to apes. The film was extremely popular at the box office, and there were four sequels, plus a short-lived television series. Although he continued to take other film roles during this period, McDowall’s name became synonymous with the ape series. And while it is true that McDowall has appeared in several science-fiction films (such as *The Legend of Hell House*, *Arnold*, *Embryo*, *Laserblast*, and *The Martian Chronicles*), he also continued to play many varying roles in other films. A quick glance at his screen credits shows an amazing diversity of films, and McDowall should perhaps be considered more of a character actor than one who has been typecast in any one specific role.

—Linda J. Obalil, updated by Frank Uhle

McDOWELL, Malcolm

Nationality: British. **Born:** Leeds, 15 June 1943. **Education:** Attended Cannock College, Kent. **Family:** Married 1) Margot Bennett Dullea, 1975 (divorced 1980); 2) the actress Mary Steenburgen, 1980 (divorced 1990), two children: Lilly and Charlie; 3) Kelley Kuhr. **Career:** Early 1960s—worked in coffee factory, then as coffee salesman in Yorkshire; actor in regional repertory companies in Shanklin, Isle of Wight, and Torquay; mid-1960s—with Royal Shakespeare Company for 18 months; 1967—film debut in *Poor Cow*; 1975—on stage in *Entertaining Mr. Sloane*, London, and in *Look Back in Anger*, New York, 1980. **Agent:** Cauden Inc., 822 South Robertson Boulevard, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90035, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *Poor Cow* (Loach) (as Billy, scene was deleted from released film)
 1968 *If . . .* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Mick Travis)
 1970 *Figures in a Landscape* (Losey) (as Ansell)
 1971 *The Raging Moon (Long Ago Tomorrow)* (Forbes) (as Bruce Pritchard); *A Clockwork Orange* (Kubrick) (as Alex)
 1973 *O Lucky Man!* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Mick Travis)
 1975 *Royal Flash* (Lester) (as Capt. Harry Flashman)
 1976 *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Max Gunter)
 1977 *Aces High* (Gold) (as Gresham)
 1978 *She Fell among Thieves* (Clive Donner—for TV); *The Cat from Outer Space* (Tokar) (as Mr. Stallwood)
 1979 *The Passage* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Capt. Von Berkow); *Time after Time* (Meyer) (as H. G. Wells)
 1980 *Caligula* (Brass—produced in 1977) (title role); *Look Back in Anger* (David Jones)
 1981 *Britannia Hospital* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Mick Travis)
 1982 *The Compleat Beatles* (Montgomery—doc) (as narrator); *Cat People* (Schrader) (as Paul Gallier); *Hardcore* (James Kenelm Clark)
 1983 *Get Crazy (Flip Out)* (Arkush) (as Reggie Wanker); *Blue Thunder* (Badham) (as Col. Cochrane); *Cross Creek* (Ritt) (as Maxwell Perkins)

Malcolm McDowell in *A Clockwork Orange*

- 1985 *Arthur the King (Merlin and the Sword)* (Clive Donner—for TV, produced in 1983) (as Arthur); *Gulag* (Roger Young—for TV) (as the Englishman)
- 1986 *Monte Carlo* (Page—for TV) (as Christopher Quinn)
- 1988 *Buy & Cell* (Boris) (as Warden Tennant); *Sunset* (Edwards) (as Alfie Alperin)
- 1989 *The Caller* (Arthur Allan Seidelman—produced in 1987) (title role); *Il Maestro* (Hansel) (as Walter Goldberg); *The Hateful Dead (Mortacci)* (Citti)
- 1990 *Disturbed* (Charles Winkler) (as Dr. Derek Russell); *Moon 44 (Intruder)* (Emmerich) (as Major Lee); *Class of 1999* (Mark Lester) (as Dr. Miles Langford); *Jezebel's Kiss* (Keith) (as Ben Faberson); *Snake Eyes* (Reid); *Happily Ever After* (Howley—animation, for TV) (as voice of Lord Maliss)
- 1991 *Tsarevitsa (Assassin of the Tsar)* (Shakhnazarov) (as Timofeef/Yurovsky); *The Light in the Jungle (Schweitzer)* (Hofmyer) (as Dr. Albert Schweitzer)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as himself)
- 1993 *Chain of Desire* (Lopez) (as Hubert Bailey); *Bopha!* (Freeman) (as De Villiers); *Night Train to Venice* (Quinterio) (as stranger); *Vend d'est (East Wind)* (Enrico) (as Gen. Smyslowosky); *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* (as Gabriel)
- 1994 *Milk Money* (Benjamin) (as Waltzer); *Star Trek Generations* (David Carson) (as Dr. Tolian Soran); *Seasons of the Heart* (Lee Grant—for TV) (as Alfred McGinnis); *Fatal Pursuit* (Louzil)
- 1995 *Dangerous Indiscretion* (as Roger Everett); *Tank Girl* (Talalay) (as Kesslee); *Exquisite Tenderness* (Schenkel) (as Dr. Roger Stein); *The Man Who Wouldn't Die* (for TV) (as Bernard Drake); *Kids of the Round Table* (Tinnell) (as Merlin); *Fist of the North Star* (Randel)
- 1996 *The Little Riders* (Connor) (as Capt. Kessel); *Superman: The Last Son of Krypton* (Beda, Jeralds—for TV) (as voice of John Corbin); *Captain Simian & The Space Monkeys* (Rader, Schwartz—series for TV) (as voice of Rhesus 2); *Pearl* (Burrows, Chakos—series for TV) (as Professor Stephen Pynchon); *Wing Commander Academy* (as voice of Commodore Geoffrey Tolwyn—series for TV)
- 1997 *Star Trek: Generations* (Finch, Louie) (Dr. Tolian Soran); *2103: The Deadly Wake* (Jackson) (as Captain Sean Murdoch); *Lexx: The Dark Zone* (Donovan, Matsutani—mini for TV) (as Yottskry); *Hugo Pool* (Robert Downey Sr.) (as Henry Dugay); *Mr. Magoo* (Tong) (as Austin Cloquet)
- 1998 *Nazis: The Occult Conspiracy* (Atkinson, Barron) (as Narrator); *The Gardener (Silent Screams)* (Hickox) (as Ben); *The*

- First 9 ½ Weeks* (Wright) (as Francois Dubois); *Beings* (Matthews) (as Ian); *Fantasy Island* (Adler, Cragg—series for TV) (as Mr. Roarke)
- 1999 *Y2K* (Pepin) (as Seward); *Southern Cross* (Becket) (as Felipe Solano); *My Life So Far* (Hudson) (as Morris Macintosh); *Love Lies Bleeding* (Tannen); *Can of Worms* (Schneider) (as Barnabus)
- 2000 *The David Cassidy Story* (Bender) (as Jack Cassidy); *St. Patrick: The Irish Legend* (Robert Hughes) (as Quentin)

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- “Something More,” interview with G. Gow, in *Films and Filming* (London), October 1975.
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- Beeler, M., “O Lucky Man!” in *Cinefantastique* (Forest Park), vol. 27, no. 3, 1995.
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Malcolm McDowell began his film career in the late 1960s and early 1970s in highly regarded and frequently daring British films. Later following in the tradition of the “working actor,” McDowell moved often and without apology from highly praised work to less artistically justifiable appearances in mediocre productions. His major collaborative relationship has been with the late director Lindsay Anderson, who discovered him and gave him the role of Mick Travis in *If . . .*: a metaphorical examination of conformity and rebellion among young gentlemen in boarding school. McDowell went on to work with Anderson (playing a completely dissimilar Mick Travis) in the satire *O Lucky Man!*, the script of which was based in part on the actor’s own experiences as a coffee salesman. Subsequently McDowell made his New York stage debut in Anderson’s off-Broadway revival

of *Look Back in Anger*. The two collaborated a final time in 1981 with *Britannia Hospital*, where—again as a “Mick Travis”—McDowell had one of the most spectacularly violent and funny death scenes in cinema.

The role McDowell has been most associated with, however, is the raping, murderous gang-leader Alex in Stanley Kubrick’s *A Clockwork Orange*. Now considered a key performance of seventies cinema, McDowell’s Alex is a character both winsome and appalling, pathetic and high-spirited. Despite the fact that this performance was followed by one as a suddenly sweet Mick in *O Lucky Man!*, McDowell would never completely avoid the typecasting set in place by his bloodthirsty characters in *If . . .* and *A Clockwork Orange*. This reputation for villainy would be cemented by McDowell’s turn as the eponymous Roman Emperor in the ballyhooed *Caligula*, a pornographic cult film financed by Penthouse magazine.

Although he maintains a reputation for on-screen carnage and sexually explicit material, McDowell has played other types of characters with alacrity. McDowell starred in *Long Ago Tomorrow* as a gentle paraplegic and had other notable roles during the 1970s in *Royal Flash*, *Voyage of the Damned*, and *Aces High*, in which the actor essayed the role of a disillusioned World War I officer in the Royal Flying Corps.

During the 1980s and 1990s McDowell worked on both sides of the Atlantic, but to sporadic and fading accolades. His last memorable roles were once more at polar extremes. He played H. G. Wells opposite his future wife Mary Steenburgen in the fantasy *Time after Time*. Here again, McDowell was a master of conflicting qualities; his Wells was both innocent and shrewdly brilliant as he attempted to capture Jack the Ripper in modern day San Francisco. Also arresting was his role as Nastassja Kinski’s disturbed brother in Paul Schrader’s *Cat People*, where incest was a key motivation behind his character. Unfortunately, McDowell’s luck seemed to run out in the mid-eighties. *Blue Thunder* was a financial success but gave McDowell only a conventional villain’s role. His other parts in that period were usually as supporting characters or in uninteresting films, many made for television.

McDowell seemed the perfect choice to “kill off” Captain James T. Kirk in *Star Trek Generations*, but his Soran in that film was a stock character with only McDowell’s piercing eyes to distinguish him in an overcrowded cast. Virtually all of McDowell’s roles since *Cat People* hint at what he could contribute to the cinema if given an opportunity. His Mick Jagger parody in *Get Crazy* would have seemed hilarious if given better lines, while the awful *Night Train to Venice* suggests how good he might have been as Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*.

—Daniel Humphrey

McGREGOR, Ewan

Nationality: British. **Born:** Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland, 31 March 1971; nephew of theatre director Denis Lawson. **Education:** Guildhall School of Music and Drama. **Family:** Married production designer Eve Mavrakis, July 1995; one daughter: Clara Mathilde. **Career:** Began acting at Perth Repertory Theatre before going to Guildhall School; co-founded production company, Natural Nylon; appeared



Ewan McGregor (right) with Rhys Meyers in *Velvet Goldmine*

on American television series *ER*, 1994, for which he was nominated for an Emmy Award. **Awards:** London Critics Circle ALFS Award for British Actor of the Year, for *Trainspotting*, 1996. **Agent:** John Altaras Associates, 13 Shorts Gardens, London WC2H 9AT, United Kingdom.

Films as Actor:

- 1993 *Family Style* (for TV) (as Jimmy)
- 1994 *Being Human* (Forsyth) (as Alvarez); *Shallow Grave* (Boyle) (as Alex Law); *Doggin' Around* (Davis—for TV) (as Tom Clayton)
- 1995 *Blue Juice* (Prechezer) (as Dean Raymond)
- 1996 *Trainspotting* (Boyle) (as Mark "Rent-boy" Renton); *Emma* (McGrath) (as Frank Churchill); *The Pillow Book* (Greenaway) (as Jerome); *Brassed Off* (Herman) (as Andy)
- 1997 *The Serpent's Kiss* (*Le Baiser du Serpent*) (Rousellot) (as Meneer Chrome); *A Life Less Ordinary* (Boyle) (as Robert)
- 1998 *Desserts* (Stark) (as Stroller); *Nightwatch* (Bornedal) (as Martin Bells); *Velvet Goldmine* (Haynes) (as Curt Wild); *Little Voice* (Herman) (as Billy)
- 1999 *Nora* (Murphy) (as James Joyce); *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace* (Lucas) (as Obi-Wan Kenobi); *Rogue Trader* (Dearden) (as Nick Leeson); *Eye of the Beholder* (Elliott) (as The Eye)
- 2000 *Killing Priscilla* (Gardiner—doc) (as himself)
- 2002 *Star Wars: Episode II* (Lucas) (as Obi-Wan Kenobi)

Publications:

By MCGREGOR: articles—

- Interview with John Naughton, in *Empire* (London), March 1996.
- Interview with Dean Evans and Darren Vaughn, in *Total Film* (London), November 1997.
- Interview with Matt Wolf, "Great Scot: Feisty McGregor Is On a Roll," in *Chicago Sun-Times* (Chicago), 20 December 1998.
- Interview with Tom Roston, in *Premiere* (New York), May 1999.
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- Svetkey, Ben, "It Had to be Ewan," in *Entertainment Weekly* (New York), 13 June 1997.
- Edwards, Gavin, "From Junkie to Jedi," in *Details* (New York), November 1997.
- Heller, Zoe, "A Star's Wars," in *Vanity Fair* (London), December 1998.
- Collins, R., "The New Star Wars: Special Collector's Issue," in *The Sunday Times Magazine* (London), 16 May 1999.

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Now famous for playing the young Obi-Wan Kenobi in *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace*, Ewan McGregor made his name in low-budget British films like *Shallow Grave* and *Trainspotting*. Although he has appeared in an astonishing variety of films in his short career, his trademark characters are men whose ill-advised bravado takes them out of their depth. But whatever role he is playing, McGregor exudes an enthusiasm for acting and filmmaking that is almost palpable. His versatility means he has been equally successful in small-scale dramas such as *Little Voice*, art-house films like *The Pillow Book*, and blockbusters like *Star Wars*. McGregor first became widely known in the United Kingdom with the menacing comic thriller *Shallow Grave*, funded by Channel Four, a British television company with a reputation for producing unusual films which often combine dark humour with acute observation. *Shallow Grave* is a cautionary tale of three Edinburgh flat sharers who find a large

amount of money after the death of their mysterious new tenant. The plot centres on the gruesome disposal of the body in a shallow grave, and the friends' subsequent involvement with local gangsters as they try to keep the money for themselves and double-cross each other.

McGregor's role as the most greedy and manipulative of the flatmates established him as a major talent in only his third feature, but it was as heroin addict Mark "Rent-boy" Renton in the hit *Trainspotting* that he emerged as a star in the making. The film itself received mixed reviews from the critics, but its dark humour suited McGregor in the lead role. Supposedly an ironic treatment of the image of heroin and other illegal drugs, McGregor's high profile among his young audience led to worries that the film contributed to the popularity of a look that, in the 1990s, became known as "heroin chic."

The notoriety of *Trainspotting* might have damaged the career of a less versatile actor than McGregor, whose next project, playing Frank Churchill in an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel *Emma*, introduced him to an entirely new audience, and revealed an English accent comparable with Gwyneth Paltrow's in the title role. Peter Greenaway's beautifully photographed *The Pillow Book* saw McGregor return to controversy playing Jerome, the bisexual lover of a Japanese woman seeking revenge against her father's publisher, and determined to write a "pillow book" of her own through having her lovers paint calligraphic script on her body. Because of its slow pace, explicit sex scenes, and stylized imagery the film provoked enthusiasm and derision in equal measures, but McGregor's fourth film of 1996, the sentimental romantic comedy *Brassed Off* returned him to mainstream cinema audiences.

McGregor's break into American cinema came with *A Life Less Ordinary*. Directed by Danny Boyle, the British director responsible for *Trainspotting*, McGregor starred with Cameron Diaz in a romantic comedy involving a fake kidnap plot that saw him unable to curb Diaz's little rich girl antics despite his being threatened and eventually shot. He has continued to work in challenging and smaller scale film roles, playing the writer James Joyce in *Nora*, for example, but in *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace*, McGregor became a world wide celebrity.

While his film career has gathered momentum, McGregor has also been successful in television, in Dennis Potter's dramas *Karaoke* (1996) and *Lipstick On Your Collar* (1993), and making an Emmy nominated guest appearance as a convenience store gunman in *ER* in 1997. He made his debut as a director in 1999 with a segment of the TV film *Tube Tales* entitled "Bone." The diversity of McGregor's career suggests an enthusiasm for the work rather than an interest in any particular type of film. He continues to specialize in likeable rogues, but while his career has not suffered from his making controversial choices in film roles, it seems certain to be affected by his involvement in the *Star Wars* saga. Should he decide to go that way, one wonders how he will manage the difficult transition from character actor to movie star.

—Chris Routledge

McGUIRE, Dorothy

Born: Dorothy Hackett McGuire in Omaha, Nebraska, 14 June 1918. **Family:** Married John Swope (a photographer), 18 July 1943 (deceased); children: Topo Garrett, Mark Swope. **Career:** Stage debut, A

Kiss for Cinderella, Little Theatre, Omaha, 1930; began acting on stage in New York, 1938; toured with theatre productions as Portia, *My Dear Children*, 1939, as Kitty, *The Time of Your Life*, 1940, as Dear Ruth, USO tour of Europe, 1945, *Tonight at 8:30*, USO tour, 1947, as Alma Winemiller, *Summer and Smoke*, U.S. cities, 1950. Appeared on *Big Sister*, radio series, 1937; played Mary Jordache, *Rich Man, Poor Man* TV series, 1976; played Marmee March, *Little Women*, TV series, 1979; played Cora Miller, *The Young and the Restless*, TV series, 1985; appeared on numerous episodes of TV series, 1938–1988. **Awards:** National Board of Review Award, for best actress, for *Friendly Persuasion*, 1956. **Address:** 121 Copley Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *Claudia* (Goulding) (as Claudia Naughton)
- 1944 *Reward Unlimited* (McCall Jr.)
- 1945 *The Enchanted Cottage* (Cromwell) (as Laura Pennington); *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Kazan) (as Katie Nolan)
- 1946 *Till the End of Time* (Dmytryk) (as Pat Ruscomb); *Claudia and David* (Lang) (as Claudia Naughton); *The Spiral Staircase* (Siodmak) (as Helen Capel)
- 1947 *Gentleman's Agreement* (Kazan) (as Kathy Lacey)
- 1950 *Mister 880* (Goulding) (as Ann Winslow); *Mother Didn't Tell Me* (Binyon) (as Jane)
- 1951 *Callaway Went Thataway* (Frank and Panama) (as Deborah Patterson); *I Want You* (Robson) (as Nancy Greer)
- 1952 *Invitation* (Reinhardt) (as Ellen Pierce)
- 1954 *Make Haste to Live* (Seiter) (as Crystal Benson); *Three Coins in the Fountain* (Negulesco) (as Miss Frances)
- 1955 *Trial* (Robson) (as Abbe)
- 1956 *Friendly Persuasion* (Wyler) (as Eliza Birdwell)
- 1957 *Old Yeller* (Stevenson) (as Katie Coates)
- 1959 *The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker* (Levin) (as Ma Pennypacker); *This Earth Is Mine* (King) (as Martha Fairon); *A Summer Place* (Daves) (as Sylvia Hunter)
- 1960 *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs* (Mann) (as Cora Flood); *Swiss Family Robinson* (Annakin) (as Mother Robinson)
- 1961 *Susan Slade* (Daves) (as Leah Slade)
- 1963 *Summer Magic* (Neilson) (as Margaret Carey)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens, Negulesco [uncredited], Lean [uncredited]) (as The Virgin Mary)
- 1969 *Hollywood: The Selznick Years* (Flaum—for TV) (as Herself)
- 1971 *Flight of the Doves* (Nelson) (as Granny O'Flaherty); *She Waits* (Mann—for TV) (as Sarah Wilson)
- 1973 *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* (Bartlett) (as voice of Mother)
- 1975 *The Runaways* (Harris—for TV) (as Angela Lakey)
- 1978 *Little Women* (Rich—for TV) (as Marmee)
- 1979 *The Incredible Journey of Doctor Meg Laurel* (Green—for TV) (as Effie)
- 1983 *Ghost Dancing* (Greene and Taylor—for TV) (as Sarah Bowman)
- 1985 *Between the Darkness and the Dawn* (Levin—for TV) (as Beryl Foster); *Amos* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Hester Farrell)
- 1986 *American Geisha* (Philips—for TV) (as Ann Suzuki)
- 1987 *Summer Heat* (Gleason) (as Narrator)



Dorothy McGuire with Thornton Wilder (center) and John Craven on the set of *Our Town*

1988 *I Never Sang for My Father* (O'Brien—for TV) (as Margaret Garrison)

1990 *The Last Best Year* (Erman—for TV) (as Anne); *Caroline?* (Sargent—for TV) (as Caroline's Grandmother)

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One of Hollywood's most versatile leading ladies, Dorothy McGuire combined beauty, talent, and temerity to become a star during the twilight of the studio era. Graced with the easy good looks of the girl-next-door, McGuire was nonetheless willing to play against type, portraying real people with real problems in movies that often provided social commentary. As she matured into a beautiful woman

with an inner strength that shone through on screen, and she made a seemingly effortless transition from leading lady to respected character actress.

Despite being nominated for an Academy Award, appearing in such screen classics as *Gentleman's Agreement* and *Friendly Persuasion*, and starring opposite such household names as Gregory Peck, Robert Mitchum, and Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire's fame was a steady, but quiet one. In 1931, she made her professional theatrical debut at age 13 opposite Henry Fonda at the Omaha Playhouse. But it would be another seven years of junior college and summer stock productions before McGuire reached Broadway, where she starred as Emily in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Our Town*. McGuire's big break came when she won the starring role in *Claudia*, a part which allowed the young actress to capitalize on both her sex appeal and her toughness of character, to demonstrate her ability to play both drama and comedy, and to express juvenile innocence and nascent maturity.

McGuire's success as *Claudia* attracted the notice of Hollywood. Film mogul David O. Selznick signed the 25-year-old actress to a personal contract and brought her to Hollywood. But even as McGuire prepared to recreate the role of *Claudia* on film, Selznick

engaged in a typical Hollywood ruse. In an attempt to duplicate the press frenzy over the casting of Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind*, Selznick announced that he had no intention of casting McGuire, and proceeded to test many well-known actresses for the role. In the end, McGuire played the part opposite Robert Young. Directed by veteran Edmund Goulding, the 1943 film was well received and McGuire was poised for stardom. But her tenure on Hollywood's A-list would be filled with diverse and often difficult roles in challenging pictures, as McGuire was often cast against type.

In 1945, McGuire appeared in acclaimed New York director Elia Kazan's first film, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. Kazan's gritty approach brought a raw power and heightened honesty to filmmaking in this rare Hollywood portrayal of the working class. Some critics felt that the pretty McGuire was miscast as the Irish Catholic tenement mother, but Hollywood continued to give the young actress demanding roles in their A-list productions.

During the latter half of the decade, McGuire played a very plain spinster who falls in love with a disfigured Robert Young in *The Enchanted Cottage*, a deaf-mute servant pursued by a serial killer in *The Spiral Staircase*, and a troubled war widow in *Till the End of Time*. But her most famous performance came in her second film for Elia Kazan, *Gentleman's Agreement*. The Oscar-winning picture was Hollywood's groundbreaking attempt to deal with anti-Semitism in America, and McGuire played the fiancé of a magazine writer, played by Gregory Peck, who decides to write an exposé on anti-Semitism by pretending to be Jewish. Her nuanced performance of a society woman caught between her love of Peck and her fear of losing her social standing by marrying a Jew earned McGuire an Oscar nomination for Best Actress.

McGuire's association with difficult roles in risk-taking films made her popular but never quite as famous as other actresses of her era, who were cast in more glamorous roles. Nonetheless, Dorothy McGuire became one of Hollywood's top stars during the late 1940s and early 1950s, though she remained a modest figure who generally avoided the glamour that most Hollywood stars adored. McGuire also remained true to her theatrical roots. In 1949 she and fellow artists Gregory Peck and Mel Ferrer enlisted David O. Selznick's financial backing to start a repertory theatre company in Peck's hometown of La Jolla.

During the early 1950s McGuire worked consistently, infusing light comedy into her repertoire with *Mister 880* while continuing to take on the challenging roles of a wife whose husband is fighting in the Korean War in *I Want You*, and a woman whose criminal husband comes back to seek his revenge in *Make Haste to Live*. In the mid-1950s, as McGuire reached her late thirties—an age when many Hollywood leading ladies found themselves no longer in demand—her popularity increased, undoubtedly due to the fact that she had been willing to play against her looks at the height of her beauty. In 1954, McGuire played a secretary who finds romance in Jean Negulesco's romance, *Three Coins in the Fountain*; in 1956 she starred as the devout Quaker wife in William Wyler's *Friendly Persuasion*, both screen classics.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, McGuire's ease in taking on character roles enabled her to make a graceful transition into more mature roles, and she became the perennial understanding mother in such family favorites as *Old Yeller* and *Swiss Family Robinson*. As her film career began to wane in the 1970s, McGuire made the transition into television, appearing in the popular miniseries *Rich Man, Poor Man*, the critically acclaimed special *Amos*, and the top-rated series *Saint Elsewhere*. She also returned to the theatre, appearing

on Broadway in the highly praised 1976 *Circle in the Square* production of *Night of the Iguana*, and on tour in the 1980s with *I Never Sang for My Father*. In the early 1990s, Dorothy McGuire suffered a hip injury, which finally ended her magnificent sixty-year acting career.

—Victoria Price

McKELLEN, Ian

Nationality: British. **Born:** Burnley, England, 25 May 1939; grew up in Wigan. **Education:** B.A. in English, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, 1961. **Career:** Began acting in school plays; after graduation began acting professionally in London; Cameron Mackintosh Professor of Contemporary Theatre, Oxford, 1990; Advisor, Drama and Dance Panel for the British Council, 1991–96; Board of the Royal National Theatre Company, 1998. **Awards:** Clarence Derwent Award, for *A Scent of Flowers*, 1964; Plays and Players' Most Promising Actor, 1966; New York Drama Desk Award, for *King Lear* and *The Wood Demon*, 1974; Plays and Players' London Theatre Critics' Award for Best Actor, for *Macbeth*, 1976; Society of West End Theatres (SWET) Award for Comedy Performance of the Year, for *The Alchemist*, 1977; Society of West End Theatres (SWET) Award for Best Actor of the Year, for *Pillars of the Community*, 1978; Society of West End Theatres (SWET) Award for Best Actor of the Year (Bent), 1979; Commander of the British Empire, 1979; New York Drama Desk Award, for *Amadeus*, 1980; New York Drama



Ian McKellen (left) with Brendan Fraser in *Gods and Monsters*

League Delia Austrian Medal for Most Distinguished Performance by an Actor or Actress on the Broadway Stage, for *Amadeus*, 1980; Outer Critics' Circle Award, for *Amadeus*, 1980; Tony Award for Best Actor, for *Amadeus*, 1980; Royal Television Society Performer of the Year, for *Walter and June*, 1982; New York Drama Desk Award for Shakespeare acting, 1983; Plays and Players' Award, for Shakespeare acting, 1983; Society of West End Theatres (SWET) Award for Best Actor in a Revival, for *Wild Honey*, 1984; Peabody Award for Broadcasting, for Shakespeare Birthday Programme, 1984; Knighthood of the British Empire for services to the performing arts, 1991; Society of West End Theatres (SWET) Award for Best Actor of the Year, for *Richard III*, 1992; Cable Ace Best Supporting Actor, for *And The Band Played On*, 1993; Golden Globe Award Best Supporting Actor, for *Rasputin*, 1996; Felix Award, for European Actor of the Year, for *Richard III*, 1996; Golden Quill—the Sir John Gielgud Award for Excellence in the Dramatic Arts, Shakespeare Guild, 1996; Audie Award for Best Solo Performance 1997, for *The Odyssey*, 1997; Lifetime Achievement Ovation Award, Theatre L.A., 1998; The Independent Spirit Award, National Board of Review, Broadcast Film Critics Association, British Independent Film Awards, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, Chicago Film Critics Association, Florida Film Critics Circle, San Diego Film Critics Society, Toronto Film Critics Association, International Film Festival San Sebastian, The Saturn Award, The Chlotrudis Award, all for Best Actor, for *Gods and Monsters*, 1998 and 1999.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *A Touch of Love* (*The Millstone; Thank You All Very Much*) (Hussein) (as George Matthews); *Alfred the Great* (Donner) (as Roger)
- 1969 *The Promise* (Hayes) (as Leonidik)
- 1981 *Priest of Love* (Miles) (as D. H. Lawrence)
- 1983 *The Keep* (Mann) (as Dr. Theodore Cuza)
- 1985 *Zina* (McMullen) (as Professor Kronfeld); *Plenty* (Schepisi) (as Sir Andrew Charleson); *Walter and June* (*Loving Walter*) (Frears) (as Walter)
- 1989 *Scandal* (Caton-Jones) (as John Profumo, M.P.)
- 1993 *The Ballad of Little Jo* (Greenwald) (as Percy Corcoran); *Last Action Hero* (McTiernan) (as Death); *Six Degrees of Separation* (Schepisi) (as Geoffrey); *And the Band Played On* (Spottiswoode) (as Bill Kraus)
- 1994 *I'll Do Anything* (James L. Brooks) (as John Earl McAlpine); *To Die For* (Litten) (Quilt Documentary Narrator); *The Shadow* (Mulcahy) (as Dr. Reinhardt Lane)
- 1995 *Cold Comfort Farm* (Schlesinger) (as Amos Starkadder); *Restoration* (Hoffman) (as Will Gates); *Thin Ice* (Cunningham-Reid) (as Himself); *Jack and Sarah* (Sullivan) (as William); *Richard III* (Loncraine) (as Richard III) (+ co-pr, co-sc)
- 1997 *Surviving Friendly Fire* (Nelson) (as Narrator); *BENT* (Matthias) (as Uncle Freddie); *Swept for the Sea* (Kidron) (as Dr. James Kennedy)
- 1998 *Apt Pupil* (Singer) (as Kurt Dussander); *Gods and Monsters* (Condon) (as James Whale)
- 2000 *X-Men* (Singer) (as Erik Magnus Lehnsherr/Mageto)

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During the 1990s, Sir Ian McKellen emerged as Britain's preeminent film actor on the strength of his electrifying performances in such films as *Richard III* and *Gods and Monsters*. Demonstrating extraordinary versatility—playing classics and contemporary roles, from a fascist dictator to a gay Hollywood director—McKellen raised his long and highly acclaimed acting career to new heights, culminating in a 1999 Oscar nomination for Best Actor.

In his native country, McKellen has long been recognized as one of England's greatest actors. His mastery of Shakespeare has made him the Bard's greatest late twentieth-century interpreter. He has played most of the great Shakespearean roles, often in productions set in modern dress. But his film career was slow to take off.

The 27-year-old McKellen made his screen debut in 1966 playing a soldier in the unfinished and unreleased Mirisch Brothers World War I epic, *The Bells of Hell Go Ting-A-Ling-A-Ling*, starring Gregory Peck. It would be another two years before McKellen found his way into a film that made it to the theatres. In 1968, McKellen played the fur-clad, Viking-fighting Roger the Bandit in Clive Donner's *Alfred the Great*, starring David Hemmings and Michael York. That same year, McKellen played a more contemporary role, the small but pivotal part of a gay television host in *A Touch of Love*, a film about single motherhood in the 1960s. It would be another ten years before the actor was cast in a film role. In the interim, McKellen cemented his reputation on the stage, earning a CBE from Queen Elizabeth for his contributions to the theatre.

In 1979, Ian McKellen finally found a role worthy of his talent—playing D.H. Lawrence in *Priest of Love*, with Janet Suzman, Ava Gardner, John Gielgud, and Sarah Miles. Looking uncannily like the real Lawrence, McKellen's performance as the celebratedly sexual author centered on his tempestuous relationship with his wife and his censors. He followed up his film performance with a Tony Award-winning portrayal of Salieri in Broadway's *Amadeus* in 1981.

During the 1980s, McKellen appeared in four films, only two of which received any kind of significant theatrical release. In David Hare's *Plenty* (1986), McKellen had a supporting role as a British Foreign Service officer, Sir Andrew Charleson. But it was in *Scandal* that McKellen showed off his range by played John Profumo, M.P. Having just come out as a gay man, McKellen eagerly tackled one of history's most notorious heterosexuals in an effort to prove that gay actors can convincingly play straight roles.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II knighted Ian McKellen—the first openly gay actor to be so honored. Following his knighthood, McKellen's film career skyrocketed. During the 1990s, he made seventeen films, almost doubling his entire film output of the previous three decades. The highlights from the decade were undeniably *Richard III* and *Gods and Monsters*, but McKellen also turned in dazzling performances in a wide range of films such as *Swept from the Sea*, *Restoration*, *And the Band Played On*, and *Six Degrees of Separation*. In John Schlesinger's *Cold Comfort Farm*, McKellen

played the depressive head of the Snakeadder clan turned fire-and-brimstone traveling preacher with a subtle lampooning wit and great good gusto. McKellen had starred as the Max in two productions of *Bent*, including the world premiere. For Sean Mathias's film version, McKellen played the supporting role Max's Uncle Freddie. In the Emmy Award-winning HBO miniseries, *Rasputin*, McKellen's nuanced portrayal of the doomed and desperate, yet tyrannical Tsar Nicolas II earned the actor a Golden Globe and an Emmy nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

But it was McKellen's sizzling performance as Richard III in the 1996 film that finally brought the actor's world-class Shakespearean talent to the big screen. Based on McKellen's stage production, *Richard III* was set in the 1930s, with the famed hunchback monarch transformed into a charismatic yet malcontent fascist dictator whose global ambitions are supported by his black-shirted thugs.

The successful *Richard III* seemed to open Hollywood's eyes to the extraordinary possibilities of Ian McKellen, film star, and the 59-year-old actor was cast as Nazi war criminal-in-hiding, Kurt Dussander, in *Apt Pupil*. But it was McKellen's exquisitely moving and subtle portrayal of gay Hollywood director James Whale in *Gods and Monsters* that earned the British actor the widespread admiration of American audiences. In the twilight of his life, the retired Whale's fascination with his handsome and very heterosexual gardener (Brendan Fraser) is movingly yet unsentimentally portrayed by McKellen, who earned a Best Actor nomination from the Motion Picture Academy.

Now in his sixties, McKellen continues to be a Hollywood darling, slated to star as Gandalf in *Lord of the Rings* and he portrayed the mutant leader Magneto in *X-Men* in 2000. One can only wonder what film performances McKellen could have given had his cinematic talents been recognized as quickly as his theatrical gifts were. Fortunately, he has many more decades to construct a lasting film legacy.

—Victoria Price

McLAGLEN, Victor

Nationality: British. **Born:** Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, 10 December 1886. **Military Service:** Boy soldier during the Boer War; served as Captain in Irish Fusiliers during World War I: Provost Marshal of Bagdad. **Family:** Married 1) Mary Lamont, 1919, son: the director Andrew McLagen, daughter: Sheila; 2) Suzanna Maria Brueggemann, 1943. **Career:** Prizefighter in Canada, and vaudeville and circus performer; 1920—film debut in *The Call of the Road*; 1924—U.S. film debut in *The Beloved Brute*; 1925—appeared in the first of many films of the director John Ford, *The Fighting Heart*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award for *The Informer*, 1935. **Died:** 7 November 1959.

Films as Actor:

- 1920 *The Call of the Road* (Coleby)
- 1921 *The Sport of Kings* (Rooke); *Carnival* (Knolles) (as Baron); *Corinthian Jack* (Rowden)
- 1922 *The Glorious Adventure* (Blackton) (as Bulfinch); *A Romance of Old Bagdad* (Foss)
- 1923 *In the Blood* (West) (as Tony Crabtree); *The Romany* (Thornton); *M'Lord of the White Road* (Rooke)

- 1924 *The Beloved Brute* (Blackton) (as Charles Hinges)
- 1925 *The Unholy Three* (Browning) (as Hercules); *The Gay Corinthian* (Rooke); *Winds of Chance* (Lloyd) (as Poleon Doret); *The Fighting Heart* (Ford) (as Soapy Williams)
- 1926 *The Isle of Retribution* (Hogan) (as Doomsdorf); *Men of Steel* (Archainbaud) (as Pete Masarick); *Beau Geste* (Brenon) (as Hank); *What Price Glory* (Walsh) (as Capt. Flaggy)
- 1927 *Loves of Carmen* (Walsh) (as Escamillo)
- 1928 *A Girl in Every Port* (Hanks) (as Spike Madden); *Mother Machree* (Ford) (as Terrence O'Dowd); *Hangman's House* (Ford) (as Citizen Hogan); *The River Pirate* (Howard) (as Sailor Fritz)
- 1929 *Captain Lash* (Blystone) (title role); *Strong Boy* (Ford) (title role); *The Black Watch* (Ford) (as Capt. Donald Gordon King); *The Cock-Eyed World* (Walsh) (as Sgt. Flaggy); *Hot for Paris* (Walsh) (as John Patrick Duke)
- 1930 *On the Level* (Cummings) (as Biff Williams); *A Devil with Women* (Cummings) (as Jerry Maxton); *Three Rogues*
- 1931 *Dishonored* (von Sternberg); *Women of All Nations* (Walsh); *Annabelle's Affairs* (Werker); *Wicked* (Dwan)
- 1932 *The Gay Caballero* (Werker); *While Paris Sleeps* (Dwan); *Devil's Lottery* (Taylor); *Guilty as Charged* (Kenton); *Rackety Rax* (Werker)
- 1933 *Hot Pepper* (Blystone); *Laughing at Life* (Beebe); *Dick Turpin* (Stafford and Hanbury) (title role)
- 1934 *No More Women* (Rogell); *The Lost Patrol* (Ford); *The Wharf Angel* (Menzies and Somnes); *Murder at the Vanities* (Leisen); *The Captain Hates the Sea* (Milestone)
- 1935 *Under Pressure* (Walsh); *The Great Hotel Murder* (Forde); *The Informer* (Ford) (as Gypo Nolan)
- 1936 *Professional Soldier* (Garnett); *Klondike Annie* (Walsh); *Under Two Flags* (Lloyd); *The Magnificent Brute* (Blystone)
- 1937 *Nancy Steele Is Missing* (Marshall); *Sea Devils* (Stoloff); *This Is My Affair* (Seiter); *Wee Willie Winkie* (Ford); *Battle of Broadway* (Marshall)
- 1938 *The Devil's Party* (McCarey); *We're Going to Be Rich* (Banks)
- 1939 *Pacific Liner* (Landers); *Gunga Din* (Stevens); *Let Freedom Ring* (Conway); *Ex-Champ* (Rosen); *Captain Fury* (Roach); *Full Confession* (Farrow); *Rio* (Brahm); *The Big Guy* (Lubin)
- 1940 *South of Pago-Pago* (Green); *Diamond Frontier* (Schuster)
- 1941 *Broadway Limited* (Douglas)
- 1942 *Call Out the Marines* (Ryan and Hamilton); *Powder Town* (Lee)
- 1943 *China Girl* (Hathaway)
- 1944 *Tampico* (Mendes); *Roger Touhy—Gangster* (Florey); *The Princess and the Pirate* (Butler)
- 1945 *Rough, Tough, and Ready* (Lloyd)
- 1946 *Whistle Stop* (Moguy)
- 1947 *The Foxes of Harrow* (Stahl); *Calendar Girl* (Dwan)
- 1948 *Fort Apache* (Ford)
- 1949 *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* (Ford) (as Sgt. Quincannon)
- 1950 *Rio Grande* (Ford)
- 1952 *The Quiet Man* (Ford) (as "Red" Will Danaher)
- 1953 *Fair Wind to Java* (Kane)
- 1954 *Prince Valiant* (Hathaway); *Trouble in the Glen* (Wilcox) (as Parlan)
- 1955 *Many Rivers to Cross* (Rowland); *City of Shadows* (Witney); *Lady Godiva* (Lubin); *Bengazi* (Brahm)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Helmsman)
- 1957 *The Abductors* (Andrew McLagen)
- 1958 *Sea Fury* (Endfield) (as Capt. Bellew)



Victor McLaglen (second from left) in *The Lost Patrol*

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There is something essentially mindless in the expressionistic style of acting; in it actors are just short of being automatons who express puppet-like the artistic vision of the auteur. In this respect, Victor McLaglen is the perfect lead for the two American filmic masterpieces in this style—John Ford’s *The Lost Patrol* and *The*

Informer. The frenetic vision of a group of soldiers lost in a patrol in the Mesopotamian desert finds central focus in the sergeant played by McLaglen. His exaggerated gestures seem appropriate when viewed against the otherworldly backdrop of sand dunes and tortuous palms. This realm of heat-induced hallucinations and even insanity provides an excuse for an actor whose body and voice function best at their extremes. One of the reasons that *The Informer* has fallen out of the high critical esteem in which it was once held is that its pervasive expressionism, above all in McLaglen’s Academy-Award-winning performance, has been overborne by the movement to film outside the studio and the corresponding turn to a self-conscious, indeed intellectual approach inherent in the Stanislavsky method which, since the 1940s and 1950s has come to dominate English-language films.

Given this change in style and given his acting strengths, McLaglen could only continue to flourish as the comic character actor—his oscillation between farce and sentimentality in the role of sergeant in John Ford’s cavalry films such as *Fort Apache*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, and *Rio Grande*. This role was a continuation of that of the sergeant in *Wee Willie Winkie* in the 1930s—which was in many ways a parody of his role in *The Lost Patrol*. It may be a fulsome but not inappropriate analogy to compare McLaglen’s sergeant in the cavalry films and his role of the overbearing squire in *The Quiet Man* to some of Shakespeare’s clowns, if in no other way than their common exuberance and almost excessive sense of life.

Outside of John Ford's realm—when McLaglen is playing neither the *acharné* role of the 1930s nor the ingratiating buffoon of the later films—he is nothing beyond mere histrionic grimaces and gestures. This fact is a tribute to Ford's choice of actor for his ensemble pieces—McLaglen's absence from the director's vision would be like a Franz Hals low-life canvas without its drunken, wide-mouthed clown.

—Rodney Farnsworth

McQUEEN, Steve

Nationality: American. **Born:** Terence Steven McQueen in Slater, Missouri (or Indianapolis, Indiana), 24 March 1930. **Military Service:** Marine Corps, 1947–50. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Neile Adams, 1956 (divorced), children: Terry Leslie and Chadwick Steven; 2) the actress Ali McGraw, 1973 (divorced). **Career:** Abandoned by father while an infant; spent part of childhood at Boys' Republic, Chino, California, a reform school; 1950—worked at various jobs, lumberjack, sailor, oil field worker; 1952—began studying at Uta Hagen-Herbert Berghof School of Acting, New York; stage debut in walk-on role in a Second Avenue Yiddish theater; early 1950s—appeared in summer stock and on TV; 1956—film debut in bit role in *Somebody Up There Likes Me*; replaced Ben Gazzara on Broadway in *A Hatful of Rain*; 1957—first featured film role in *Never Love a Stranger*; 1958–61—in TV series *Wanted: Dead or Alive*; early 1960s—formed production company Socar; 1969—co-founder, First Artists Production Company. **Died:** Of cancer at clinic Santa Rosa in Juarez, Mexico, 7 November 1980.

Films as Actor:

- 1956 *Somebody Up There Likes Me* (Wise) (as Fidel)
- 1957 *Never Love a Stranger* (Stevens) (as Martin Cabell)
- 1958 *The Blob* (Yeaworth) (as Steve); *The Great St. Louis Bank Robbery* (Guggenheim and Stix) (as George Fowler)
- 1959 *Never So Few* (John Sturges) (as Bill Ringa)
- 1960 *The Magnificent Seven* (John Sturges) (as Vin)
- 1961 *The Honeymoon Machine* (Thorpe) (as Lieutenant Fergie Howard)
- 1962 *Hell Is for Heroes* (Siegel) (as Reese); *The War Lover* (Leacock) (as Buzz Rickson)
- 1963 *The Great Escape* (John Sturges) (as Hilt); *Love with the Proper Stranger* (Mulligan) (as Rocky Papasano); *Soldier in the Rain* (Nelson) (as Sergeant Eustis Clay)
- 1964 *Baby the Rain Must Fall* (Mulligan) (as Henry Thomas)
- 1965 *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (title role)
- 1966 *Nevada Smith* (Hathaway) (as Max Sand/Nevada Smith); *The Sand Pebbles* (Wise) (as Holman)
- 1968 *The Thomas Crown Affair* (Jewison) (title role); *Bullitt* (Yates) (as Frank Bullitt)
- 1969 *The Reivers* (Rydell) (as Boon Hogganbeck)
- 1971 *Le Mans* (Katzin) (as Michael Delaney); *On Any Sunday* (Bruce Brown—doc)
- 1972 *Junior Bonner* (Peckinpah) (title role); *The Getaway* (Peckinpah) (as Doc McCoy)
- 1973 *Papillon* (Schaffner) (title role)

- 1974 *The Towering Inferno* (Guillermin and Irwin Allen) (as Michael O'Hallorhan)
- 1978 *An Enemy of the People* (Schaefer—never released theatrically) (as Dr. Thomas Stockmann)
- 1980 *Tom Horn* (Wiard) (title role, + exec pr); *The Hunter* (Kulik) (as Ralph "Papa" Thorson)

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Steve McQueen (center) in *The Blob*

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Stories of Steve McQueen's troubled childhood and roustabout adolescence never squared with the fastidiousness of his screen persona, the aristocracy of his best roles. McQueen did not need to act snobbery and elitism; his whole being vibrated with a sense of natural superiority. Only once, in *The Thomas Crown Affair*, did he play the wealthy and powerful man he was in real life, and then the role fitted him as perfectly as his tailoring.

Even as early as his 1958 role in a cheap sci-fi feature, *The Blob*, it was possible to see something different about Steve McQueen. This actor could play people who instigated events rather than simply responded to them. Undeterred by civic disbelief and police disapproval, he almost single-handedly rouses the town to the menace from outer space, even emptying the local cinema one step ahead of the flood of red jelly.

His Vin in *The Magnificent Seven* is one of the great roles of Western cinema, an intricate portrait of youthful professionalism which may draw on McQueen's early days as a student actor in New York. It is not the callow Horst Buchholz but McQueen who is the real

tyro of the group. A Hemingway hero, his experience of life has not caught up with his expertise, and for much of the film he is concerned to define himself by the standards of the job he has been given. The other gunmen either sympathize with the Mexicans or are antagonistic; only McQueen is indifferent to them. But he is enough of a romantic to wonder at the absence of women, and when a cache of them is discovered, hidden by anxious relatives, his response is a touching solicitude. As Buchholz unceremoniously heaves Rosenda Monteros over his saddle McQueen murmurs, "Gently, boy . . . gently."

Repressed loners in search of standards were McQueen's speciality. His wintry blue eyes, neat movements, and clipped unemotional voice told you everything you needed to know about life on the road, in the trenches, in prison, or on the trail. He did not mind being unsympathetic; audiences knew he was a cut above those around him, and identified with his locked-tongue loneliness, his private obsession—something Peckinpah explored (and exploited) to great effect in *The Getaway*.

The best McQueens are in the 1960s. His ambitious young professional gambler in *The Cincinnati Kid*, psychopathic World War II G.I. in *Hell Is for Heroes*, World War II pilot in *The War Lover*, itinerant jazz musician in *Love with the Proper Stranger*, and rootless wanderer in *Baby the Rain Must Fall* all flirt with villainy, particularly in their callous attitude toward the women who love these driven

men. His Frank Bullitt in *Bullitt* is no better, but when, in the final enigmatic scene, he returns to his apartment after the bloody airport shootout, sees his mistress sleeping, and impassively washes his hands before joining her, the line between hero and clod is decisively drawn.

Yearning for critical respectability as a versatile actor, not just a film star, McQueen grew a beard and took on the change-of-pace role of the whistleblowing title character who earns the enmity of the society he is trying to protect in an ambitious film version of Ibsen's *The Enemy of the People*, financed by his own company. No one but McQueen, it seemed, believed the arty film had a chance of finding an audience, and it was never released to theaters; it languished on the shelf for several years before being shuttled to television.

McQueen bounced back in a pair of films more in harmony with his traditional image, the Western *Tom Horn* (ironically a sort of cowboy variation on *The Enemy of the People*) and the action film *The Hunter*, in which he played a real-life tracker of crooks who jump bail. *Horn* was a flop but *The Hunter* proved the commercial shot in the arm the actor needed to maintain his star status. Unfortunately, he had earlier been diagnosed with cancer and spent the last months of his life seeking miracle cures in Mexico and elsewhere before succumbing to the disease at the young age of 50.

—John Baxter, updated by John McCarty

MEN'SHIKOV, Oleg

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Serpukhov, 8 November 1960. **Education:** Graduated from Shchepkin Theatre School, Moscow, 1982. **Career:** Film debut, 1980; actor at the Maly Theatre, 1981–82, the Central Theatre of the Soviet Army, 1982–85, the Ermolova Theatre, 1985–89, and in theatres abroad after 1992; director of the theatrical production of *Woe from Wit*, 1998. **Awards:** Laurence Olivier Award, for play *When She Danced*, 1992; State Prize for *Burnt by the Sun*, 1996; Triumph Award for outstanding contribution to national culture, 1996; State Prize, and NIKA Award for Best Actor, Russian Film Academy, for *The Prisoner of the Mountains*, 1996. **Agent:** Valeri Chikhlayev, Teatralnoe tovarishchestvo 814, Strastnoi boulevard 6/2, Moscow, Russia.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *I Am Waiting in Hope* (*Zhdu i nadeius'*) (Shakhbazian) (as Shurok)
- 1981 *Kinfolk* (*Rodnia*) (Mikhalkov) (as Kirill)
- 1982 *Pokrovsky Gates* (*Pokrovskie vorota*) (Kozakov—for TV) (as Kostik); *Dream Flights* (*Polety vo sne i naiavu*) (Balayan) (as young man)
- 1983 *The Kiss* (*Potselui*) (Balayan) (as young officer)
- 1984 *Captain Fracasse* (Vladimir Soloviev—for TV) (as Fracasse); *An Area of Obstacles* (*Polosa prepiatstvi*) (Tumanishvili) (as Vladimir Mezhirov)
- 1986 *Mikhailo Lomonosov* (Proshkin) (as Dmitri Vinogradov); *With the Orchestra along the Main Road* (*Po glavnoi ulitse s orkestrom*) (Petr Todorovsky) (as Korol'kov); *My Favourite Clown* (*Moi liubimyi kloun*) (Kushnerev) (as Sergei Sinitsyn);

- Big Volodia—Small Volodia* (*Volodia bol'shoi, Volodia malen'kii*) (Krishtofovich) (as small Volodia)
- 1987 *Moonsund* (*Moonzund*) (Muratov) (as Arteniev)
- 1989 *Splashes of Champagne* (*Bryzgi shampanskogo*) (Govorukhin) (as Sergei); *Life on the Limits* (*Zhizn' po limitu*) (Rudakov) (as new lodger); *The Staircase* (*Lestnitsa*) (Alexei Sakharov) (as Piroshnikov)
- 1990 *The Pit* (*Iama*) (Ilyinskaya) (as Likhonin)
- 1992 *Diuba-diuba* (Khvan) (as Andrei Pletnev)
- 1994 *Burnt by the Sun* (*Utomlennye solntsem*) (Mikhalkov) (as Dmitri)
- 1996 *The Prisoner of the Mountains* (*Kavkazskii plennik*) (Bodrov) (as Sasha Kostylin)
- 1999 *The Barber of Siberia* (*Sibirskii tsiriulnik*) (Mikhalkov) (as Andrei Tolstoi); *Mama* (Evstigneev) (as Lyonia); *East-West* (Regis Wargnier) (as Alexei Golovin)

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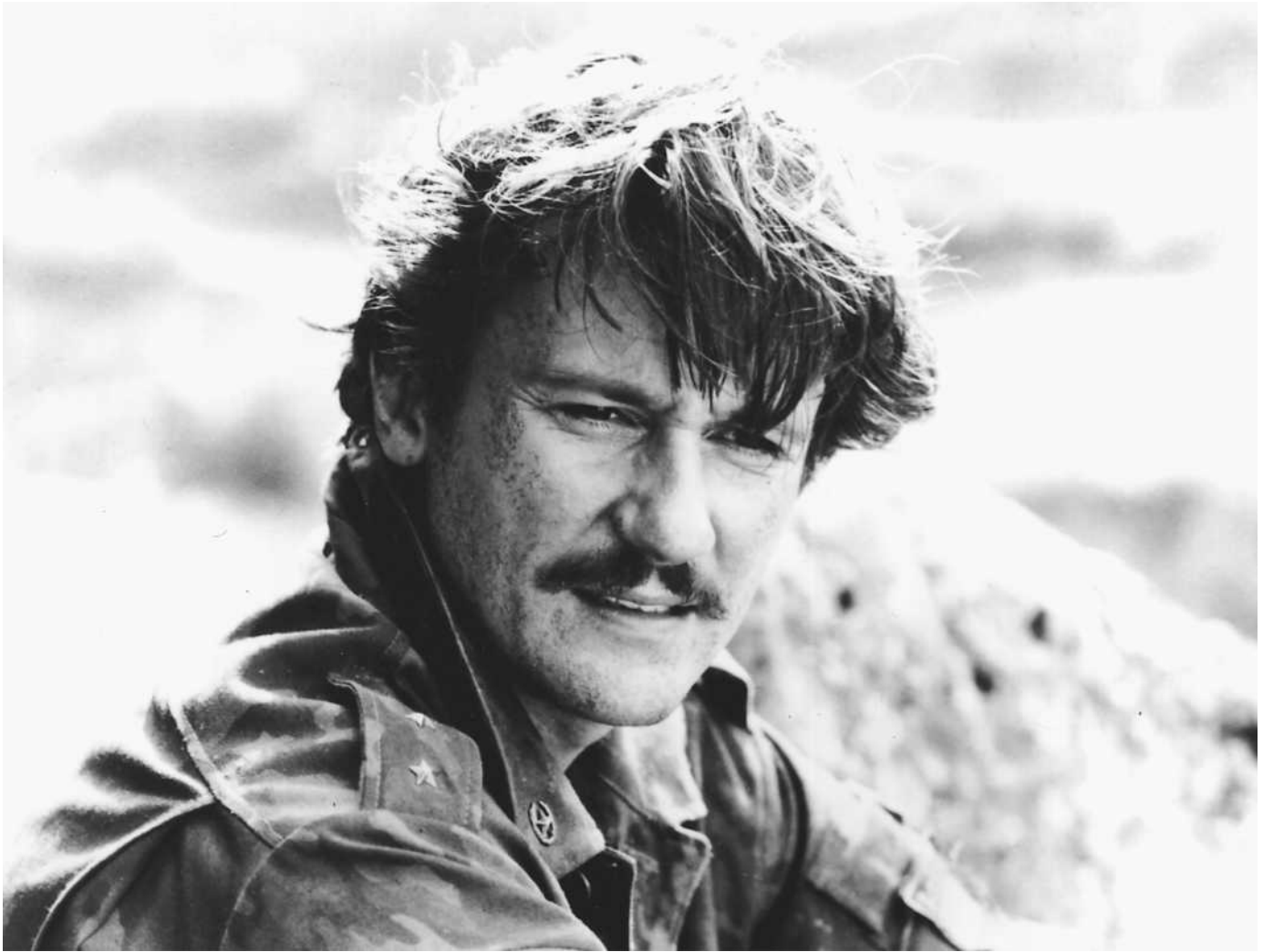
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Oleg Men'shikov is doubtless one of the very few Russian actors who is a star in his own country and who has performed in a number of international projects.

Men'shikov is a theatre actor by training who worked with some of the most reputable Russian theatre directors early on in his career. He played in two of Valeri Fokin's productions which marked the advent of *glasnost* in the arts: *Sportive Scenes of 1981*, and *Speakp*. Later he worked with Petr Fomenko on a production of *Caligula* (1991). He performed the part of the poet Sergei Esenin in a London production of *When She Danced* (1992) alongside Vanessa Redgrave. He devised his own performance of *Nijinski* (1993) and fully took charge of a production in 1998 when he made his debut as a director with Griboedov's *Woe from Wit*, in which he also played Chatsky.

Although Men'shikov has worked in film since the early 1980s, and has been extremely popular with both directors and audiences, his fame did not come until the 1990s, when he won international acclaim for his work in the theatre, received invitations from abroad, and was cast in major parts by Russian film-makers.

In the early 1990s Men'shikov often played characters who need to forge a mask for themselves in order to create, at least artificially, a sense in their lives. The character of Andrei Pletnev in Alexander Khvan's *Diuba-Diuba* (1992) offers the potential for playing with the notion of identity. Pletnev is a scriptwriter who devises a plan to help his ex-girlfriend escape from prison, only to realize that she does not love him any longer. However, Pletnev plays to the end the role he has written for himself, a role that turns him into a cold-blooded and calculating killer. In the end, though he has completed his mission, he has lost his girlfriend. He leaves for a scriptwriting course abroad, where he will probably write the next role to fill his otherwise



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meaningless life. Pletnev is both killer and victim, and these diametrically opposed roles can be found at the basis of a number of roles Men'shikov has created since.

Men'shikov had worked with Nikita Mikhalkov on *Kinfolk*, but would come to international fame for his part of the secret service officer Dmitri (Mitia) in Mikhalkov's Oscar-winning *Burnt by the Sun* (1994). Mitia's history is that of a White officer who left Russia after the Revolution and who, in order to return to the Soviet Union, has to prove his loyalty to the new system by becoming a secret agent. Mitia returns to the Soviet Union, but his love Marusia is married to another man, the Red Army commander Kotov. Mitia has lost the one important thing in his life: love. The film covers one single day, during which Mitia returns to Marusia's house, and to the past, before arresting Kotov. The character of Mitia is thus from the outset that of a man with different faces, roles, and identities, whose job does not allow him to tell the truth. Mitia's only way of returning to the past is by putting on masks, one after the other: he turns from a blind man to a wizard to a teller of fairy-tales that disguise the truth; he is a dancer, singer, and entertainer; and he is also a cold-blooded secret agent who will do his job and arrest Kotov in the end, destroying the happiness of Marusia's family. Men'shikov's skill in transforming himself from

a clown to a killer, from a disappointed lover to an entertainer, from a suicidal man to a commanding officer is superbly deployed in this film.

In Sergei Bodrov's *The Prisoner of the Mountains* (1996) Men'shikov plays the part of the soldier Sasha Kostylin, who falls into captivity along with a younger army recruit, Vania Zhilin (Sergei Bodrov Jr). Whereas Zhilin is hoping for his mother's assistance to be released, Kostylin has no family to turn to; nevertheless, he endlessly invents stories about his 'family', although he has neither family ties nor any ideals to fight for in a senseless war; therefore, he loses his life. Men'shikov may not have been the most obvious actor to be cast as a soldier, yet this part gives him ample room to demonstrate how vain it is to built facades that cover the absence of family ties and national identity.

Men'shikov's role as the cadet Andrei Tolstoi in Mikhalkov's *The Barber of Siberia* (1999) is probably the most controversial part he has played. Critics have persistently argued that Men'shikov, aged almost forty, is simply too old to be cast in the role of an 18-year-old cadet, especially when the other cadets are played by student actors. It may be understandable that Mikhalkov, who had scripted *The Barber* in the late 1980s, had wanted to stick with the actor he had chosen for

this part then. Although Men'shikov performs the naïve conduct of the young cadet extremely well, his real-life experience cannot be wiped from his face. The part of Tolstoi has given Men'shikov scope to explore aspects of a role he had not pursued before, such as the romantic line in his relationship with the American Jane Callaghan. While Callaghan sacrifices her love for the sake of an intrigue designed to procure the Irish inventor McCracken the funds for further work on his invention, Tolstoi defends both Jane and his love with the honor expected in the late 19th century. Men'shikov's talent, though, really lies in exploring the different facets of a character's history, in playing with facades, and inventing identities rather than in the romantic tradition of the hero he plays in *The Barber*. In *East-West*, Menshikov excels in his portrayal of a Russian emigre who returns with his French wife and his son to Stalin's Soviet Union. When he realizes that his wife will never be able to live her life to the fullest under the Soviet regime, he sacrifices his love for her and assists her escape to the West, while he himself has to bear the repercussions of her return to her native country.

—Birgit Beumers

MERCOURI, Melina

Nationality: Greek. **Born:** Maria Amalia Mercouris in Athens, 18 October 1925. **Education:** Studied acting at the Academy of the National Theatre, Athens, 1943–46. **Family:** Married 1) Panayiotis Harakopos, 1942; 2) the director Jules Dassin, 1966. **Career:** 1946—stage debut in modern play by Alexis Solomos followed by a series of modern plays on the Greek stage; 1955—film debut in *Stella*; 1960—international attention in role in *Never on Sunday*; then appeared in several international productions; 1967—debut on Broadway, in *Ilya, Darling*; 1977—earlier political activity against the regime of the “colonels” led to being elected to Parliament; 1981—named Minister of Culture and Sciences; 1985—became Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports; 1989—lost post when her party was voted out of office; regained post in 1993 when her party was returned to power. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Never on Sunday*, 1960. **Died:** Of lung cancer, in New York City, 6 March 1994.

Films as Actress:

- 1955 *Stella* (Cacoyannis) (title role)
- 1957 *Celui qui doit mourir* (*He Who Must Die*) (Dassin) (as Mary Magdalene)
- 1958 *The Gypsy and the Gentleman* (Losey) (as Belle)
- 1959 *La Loi* (*Where the Hot Wind Blows*; *Le legge*; *The Law*) (Dassin) (as Donna Lucrezia)
- 1960 *Pote tin kryiaki* (*Never on Sunday*) (Dassin) (as Ilya)
- 1961 *Vive Henri IV, Vive l'amour* (Autant-Lara); *Il giudizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (de Sica)
- 1962 *Phaedra* (Dassin) (title role)
- 1963 *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Magda)
- 1964 *Topkapi* (Dassin) (as Elizabeth Lipp)
- 1965 *Les Pianos mécaniques* (*The Uninhibited*) (Bardem) (as Jenny)
- 1966 *A Man Could Get Killed* (Neame and Owen) (as Aurora-Celeste da Costa); *10:30 P.M. Summer* (Dassin) (as Maria)
- 1969 *Gaily, Gaily* (*Chicago, Chicago*) (Jewison) (as Queen Lil)

- 1970 *La Promesse de l'aube* (*Promise at Dawn*) (Dassin) (as Nina Kacew)
- 1975 *Once Is Not Enough* (Guy Green) (as Karla)
- 1976 *Nasty Habits* (*The Abbess*) (Lindsay-Hogg) (as Sister Gertrude)
- 1978 *A Dream of Passion* (Dassin) (as Maya/Medea)
- 1980 *Diving for Roman Plunder: The Cousteau Odyssey* (doc) (as commentator)
- 1984 *Keine zufällige Geschichte* (*Not by Coincidence*) (Kerr)

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“To be born Greek,” Melina Mercouri once wrote, “is to be magnificently cursed.” The statement is wholly in character; like her acting, it is unashamedly larger than life, and its bearing on literal truth is beside the point. As an actress, Mercouri was a phenomenon, and objecting that she overacted is like pointing out that the Parthenon would make an uncomfortable living room.

With *Never on Sunday* Mercouri burst upon an undefended world. It was her third film with the expatriate American director Jules Dassin, though their first Greek film together. They had previously teamed for *Where the Hot Wind Blows*, a neorealist love triangle

drama set in Italy co-starring Yves Montand and Gina Lollobrigida, and the Christ story parable *He Who Must Die*, based on the novel by her fellow countryman Nikos Kazantzakis. Suggestions that she lured Dassin into pretension may be unjustified, since *He Who Must Die* was well into preparation before she was cast as the Magdalene figure. There was nothing pretentious about *Never on Sunday*, though—it was glorious hokum, frank and unabashed, and Mercouri as the tart with a heart was loud, brash, and irresistible. Dassin himself took the part of the sailor who falls for her. Made for \$150,000 (and looking it), it raked in \$15 million worldwide.

Tawny-haired, green-eyed, with a husky voice extending well down the baritone range, Mercouri could handle melodrama or broad comedy, but hardly high tragedy, as *Phaedra*, another of her films with Dassin, proved conclusively. *Topkapi* worked better for both of them. In it, Dassin recycled elements from his earlier classic about a not-so-perfect crime, *Rififi*, into a comedy about an even more intricate heist of a diamond in an Istanbul museum. The film was a crowd pleaser and critical hit. Mercouri acted up a storm, though Peter Ustinov stole the film and won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar as the bumbling member of the gang.

Mercouri and Dassin's final collaborations were *10:30 P.M. Summer*; *Promise at Dawn*, from writer Romain Gary's memoir about his mother; and *A Dream of Passion*, a modern-day version of the classic Greek tragedy *Medea*. None fared well with either audiences or critics. Mercouri remained in demand as an international star, however, appearing in a string of high-profile American and European films that did little to satisfy her artistic appetite. She played a roaring twenties Chicago prostitute in Jewison's *Gaily, Gaily*—and was mercifully lost among the slumming ensemble cast of *Once Is Not Enough*, a jet-set soap opera from the pen of Jacqueline Susann.

Politics were in Mercouri's blood. Her grandfather had been mayor of Athens, her father minister of the interior, and Dassin, whom she married, was a victim of the Hollywood blacklist—as was director Joseph Losey, with whom she also made a film, *The Gypsy and the Gentleman*. When the Colonels seized power she quit Greece and, despite threats to her life, campaigned tirelessly against them all over the world. The regime revoked her citizenship, incurring her resplendent scorn: "I was born Greek and I shall die Greek. They were born fascists and they will die fascists."

After returning to Greece she made only three more films; increasingly, politics took over. Appointed minister of culture in the Socialist government, she temporarily renounced acting, turning her energies to revitalizing the rickety Greek film industry. Mercouri once numbered among her ambitions "to win an Oscar, and become President of Greece." She died in 1994, both goals having eluded her.

—Philip Kemp, updated by John McCarty

MEREDITH, Burgess

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cleveland, Ohio, 16 November 1908. **Education:** Attended Cathedral Choir School, Cleveland; Hoosac Falls Preparatory School, New York; Amherst College, Massachusetts. **Military Service:** Air Force, 1942–45; then transferred to the

Office of War Information and involved in making films for G.I.s. **Family:** Married 1) Helen Berrian Derby, 1932 (divorced 1935); 2) Margaret Perry, 1936 (divorced 1938); 3) the actress Paulette Goddard, 1944 (divorced 1948); 4) Kaja Sundsten, 1952 (separated 1976), two children. **Career:** 1930–33—member of Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory Theatre, debut in *Romeo and Juliet*; 1933—in Broadway production of *The Threepenny Opera*; 1934—radio debut in the program *Red Davis*; 1935—successful role in *Winterset*, written by Maxwell Anderson with Meredith in mind; made film debut in the film version the following year; 1939—in stage production of Orson Welles's *Five Kings*, based on Shakespeare's history plays; host for radio program *Pursuit of Happiness*; 1949—directed the film *The Man on the Eiffel Tower*; 1950—directed and acted in *Happy as Larry* on television; 1963—on London stage in title role of *Hughie*; 1964–65—in TV series *Mr. Novak*, as The Penguin in *Batman*, 1966–68, *Search*, 1972–73, host of *Those Amazing Animals* series, 1980–81, and *Gloria*, 1982–83. **Awards:** Emmy, for *Tail Gunner Joe*, 1977. **Died:** Of Alzheimer's disease on 9 September 1997 in Malibu, California.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *Winterset* (Santell) (as Mio)
- 1937 *There Goes the Groom* (Santley) (as Dick Mathews)
- 1938 *Spring Madness* (Simon) (as the Lippencott)
- 1939 *Idiot's Delight* (Brown) (as Quillery); *Of Mice and Men* (Milestone) (as George Milton)
- 1940 *Castle on the Hudson* (*Years without Days*) (Litvak) (as Steven Rockford); *Second Chorus* (Potter) (as Hank Taylor)
- 1941 *San Francisco Docks* (Lubin) (as Johnny Barnes); *The Forgotten Village* (Kline) (as narrator); *That Uncertain Feeling* (Lubitsch) (as Sebastian); *Tom, Dick, and Harry* (Kanin) (as Harry)
- 1942 *Street of Chance* (Hively) (as Frank Thompson)
- 1944 *Tunisian Victory* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1945 *The Story of G.I. Joe* (*G.I. Joe; War Correspondent*) (Wellman) (as Ernie Pyle)
- 1946 *Diary of a Chambermaid* (*Le Journal d'une femme de chambre*) (Renoir) (as Capt. Mauger, + co-pr, sc); *Magnificent Doll* (Borzage) (as James Madison); *Hymn of Nations* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1948 *On Our Merry Way* (*A Miracle Can Happen*) (King Vidor and Fenton) (as Oliver Pease, + co-pr); *Mine Own Executioner* (Kimmins) (as Felix Milne)
- 1949 *Jigsaw* (Markle) (as bartender)
- 1953 *Golden Arrow* (*The Gay Adventure; Three Men and a Girl*) (Parry) (as Dick)
- 1957 *Albert Schweitzer* (Hill) (as narrator); *Joe Butterfly* (Hibbs) (title role)
- 1958 *Sorcerer's Village* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1961 *Universe* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1962 *Advise and Consent* (Preminger) (as Herbert Gelman)
- 1963 *The Cardinal* (Preminger) (as Father Ned Halley)
- 1964 *The Kidnappers* (*Man on the Run*) (Romero) (as Louis Halliburton)



Burgess Meredith (right) and Sylvester Stallone in *Rocky*

- 1965 *In Harm's Way* (Preminger) (as Cmdr. Egan Powell)
- 1966 *Crazy Quilt* (Korty) (as narrator); *A Big Hand for the Little Lady* (Cook) (as Doc Scully); *Madame X* (Rich) (as Dan Sullivan); *Batman* (Martinson) (as the Penguin)
- 1967 *Discover America* (doc) (as narrator); *Hurry Sundown* (Preminger) (as Judge Purcell); *Torture Garden* (Francis) (as Dr. Diablo)
- 1968 *Stay Away, Joe* (Peter Tewksbury) (as Charlie Lightcloud); *Skidoo* (Preminger) (as the warden)
- 1969 *MacKenna's Gold* (J. Lee Thompson) (as storekeeper); *The Reivers* (Rydell) (as narrator); *Hard Contract* (Pogostin) (as Ramsey Williams)
- 1970 *There Was a Crooked Man* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as the Missouri Kid)
- 1971 *Such Good Friends* (Preminger) (as Bernard Kalman); *Clay Pigeon* (Tom Stern and Slate) (as the sculptor); *Lock, Stock, and Barrel* (Thorpe—for TV); *The Strange Monster of Strawberry Cove* (Shea—for TV)
- 1972 *The Man* (Sargent—for TV but released theatrically) (as Sen. Watson); *Probe* (Search) (Mayberry—for TV); *A Fan's Notes* (Till) (as Mr. Blue); *Getting Away from It All* (Philips—for TV)
- 1973 *Hay que matar a B. (B. Must Die)* (Borau)
- 1974 *Golden Needles* (Clouse) (as Winters)
- 1975 *The Day of the Locust* (Schlesinger) (as Harry); *Ninety-Two in the Shade* (McGuane) (as Goldsboro); *The Hindenburg* (Wise) (as Emilio Pajetta)
- 1976 *Rocky* (Avildsen) (as Mickey); *Burnt Offerings* (Dan Curtis) (as Brother)
- 1977 *The Last Hurrah* (Sherman—for TV); *Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye* (Cates—for TV); *Golden Rendezvous* (Lazarus) (as Van Heurden); *The Great Georgia Bank Hoax* (*The Great Bank Hoax*; *Shenanigans*) (Jacoby) (as Jack Stutz); *SST—Death Flight* (*SST—Disaster in the Sky*; *Death Flight*) (Rich—for TV); *The Manitou* (Girdler) (as Dr. Ernest Snow); *Tail Gunner Joe* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Joseph N. Walsh); *The Sentinel* (Winner) (as Charles Chazen)
- 1978 *Foul Play* (Higgins) (as Hennessey); *Magic* (Attenborough) (as Ben Greene); *Kate Bliss and the Ticker Tape Kid* (Kennedy—for TV); *The Amazing Captain Nemo* (March) (as Prof. Waldo Cunningham)
- 1979 *Rocky II* (Stallone) (as Mickey)
- 1980 *When Time Ran Out* (*Earth's Final Fury*) (Goldstone) (as Rene Valdez); *Final Assignment* (Almond) (as Zak)
- 1981 *True Confessions* (Grosbard) (as Seamus Fargo); *The Last Chase* (Burke) (as Capt. J. G. Williams); *Clash of the Titans* (Desmond Davis) (as Ammon)
- 1982 *Rocky III* (Stallone) (as Mickey)

- 1983 *Twilight Zone—The Movie* (Landis, Spielberg, and Dante) (as narrator)
 1984 *Wet Gold* (Lowry—for TV) (as Sampson)
 1985 *Santa Claus: The Movie* (Szwarc) (as Ancient Elf)
 1986 *Outrage!* (Grauman—for TV) (as Judge Aaron Klein); *Elephant Games* (Blumberg—for TV)
 1987 *King Lear* (Godard) (as Don Learo); *Mr. Corbett's Ghost* (Danny Huston)
 1988 *Full Moon in Blue Water* (Masterson) (as the General); *Hot to Trot* (Dinner) (as voice of Don's dad, uncredited)
 1990 *Rocky V* (Avildsen) (as Mickey); *State of Grace* (Joanou) (as Finn)
 1991 *Oddball Hall* (Hunsicker) (as Ingersol); *Night of the Hunter* (David Greene—for TV) (as Birdy); *Preminger: Anatomy of a Filmmaker* (Robins—doc) (as narrator)
 1992 *Mastergate* (for TV) (as Wylie Slaughter); *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—doc for TV) (as Winfield Scott)
 1993 *Grumpy Old Men* (Petrie) (as Grandpa Gustafson); *Jean Renoir* (David Thompson—doc)
 1994 *Camp Nowhere* (Prince) (as Fein); *Across the Moon* (Gottlieb) (as Barney)
 1995 *Grumpier Old Men* (Deutch) (as Grandpa Gustafson); *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Robinson) (as himself)
 1996 *Ripper* (Parmet) (as Hamilton Wofford/Covington Wofford)

Films as Director:

- 1944 *Salute to France* (co-d); *Welcome to Britain* (co-d); *Rear Gunner*
 1947 *A Yank Came Back* (co-d, + ro as narrator)
 1949 *The Man on the Eiffel Tower* (+ ro as Huertin)
 1969 *The Third Eye* (*The Ying and the Yang*) (+ ro)

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Burgess Meredith has, for the most part, always played the eccentric on screen; his roles have included everything from Tweedledee in *Alice in Wonderland* to “The Penguin” in *Batman* to a ninetysomething whippersnapper in the *Grumpy Old Men* films. Nevertheless, his screen career has been an off-and-on affair. He once remarked, ever-so-aptly, “I disappear from the public eye and get rediscovered quite often.”

Meredith made his film debut as the idealistic, revenge-seeking Mio in the highly stylized screen version of Maxwell Anderson's verse-play *Winterset*, a role he created on Broadway. Some of his best roles came early in his career: George, the migrant worker and protector of the simple-minded, oversized Lennie, in *Of Mice and Men*; the nonconformist suitor in *Tom, Dick, and Harry*; the malcontent pianist in *That Uncertain Feeling*; and the loony neighbor in Renoir's *Diary of a Chambermaid*. For Hollywood's purposes, Meredith's small frame made him more appropriately cast as the war correspondent, rather than the warrior; he was the personal choice of Ernie Pyle to star as the fabled war reporter in *The Story of G.I. Joe*.

Still, Meredith never did make a full commitment to film. Between the 1930s and mid-1960s, he often could be found on the stage, appearing in the likes of *High Tor*, *The Threepenny Opera*, *Liliom*, and *Candida*, and writing and directing *Ulysses in Nighttown* and *A Thurber Carnival*.

His most famous screen role—the pugnacious fight manager in *Rocky*—came exactly four decades after his screen debut. Meredith then became a major Hollywood personality, and was very much in demand. He gave a masterful performance as attorney Joseph N. Walsh on television in *Tail Gunner Joe*, although his other screen and television appearances, ranging from hosting *Those Amazing Animals* to playing a vet on *Gloria*, a short-lived spin-off of *All in the Family*, have been less than impressive.

Back in 1937, critic Wolcott Gibbs hailed Meredith, in *The New Yorker*, as “brilliant, impressive, heartbreaking, vibrant and eloquent.” Gibbs was, of course, talking of Meredith the stage performer. Sadly, there are only a handful of film roles that live up to that estimation.

—Anthony Slide, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

MIDLER, Bette

Nationality: American. **Born:** Honolulu, Hawaii (some sources say Paterson, New Jersey), 1 December 1945. **Education:** Attended the University of Hawaii; studied acting at the Berghof Studio. **Family:** Married Martin von Haselberg, 1984, daughter: Sophie. **Career:**



Bette Midler and Dennis Farina in *That Old Feeling*

1966—film debut in bit part in *Hawaii*, then returned to Hollywood with unit; moved to New York, worked off-Broadway (including *Salvation*, 1969) and in Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof*; 1970—singer/entertainer (with Barry Manilow) at The Continental Bathhouse, Manhattan; 1971—recording contract; 1979—film debut in starring role in *The Rose*; 1985—signed three-picture contract with Touchstone Pictures (extended 1987); also co-founder, All Girls Productions. **Address:** c/o Rick Nicita, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

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| 1966 | <i>Hawaii</i> (George Roy Hill) (as passenger) | 1986 | <i>Down and Out in Beverly Hills</i> (Mazursky) (as Barbara Whiteman); <i>Ruthless People</i> (Abrahams) (as Barbara Stone) |
| 1969 | <i>Goodbye, Columbus</i> (Peerce) (bit part) | 1987 | <i>Outrageous Fortune</i> (Hiller) (as Sandy Brozinsky) |
| 1974 | <i>The Divine Mr. J</i> (Alexander—filmed record of 1969 off-Broadway musical <i>Salvation</i>) (as the Virgin Mary) | 1988 | <i>Big Business</i> (Abrahams) (as Sadie Ratliff/Sadie Shelton); <i>Oliver & Company</i> (Scribner—animation) (as voice of Georgette); <i>Beaches</i> (Garry Marshall) (as C. C. Bloom, + co-mus, co-pr) |
| 1979 | <i>The Rose</i> (Rydell) (as Rose) | 1990 | <i>Stella</i> (Erman) (as Stella Claire) |
| 1980 | <i>Divine Madness!</i> (Ritchie—filmed record of a concert) | 1991 | <i>For the Boys</i> (Rydell) (as Dixie Leonard, + co-pr); <i>Scenes from a Mall</i> (Mazursky) (as Deborah Fifer) |
| 1982 | <i>Jinxed!</i> (Siegel) (as Bonita Friml) | 1993 | <i>Hocus Pocus</i> (Ortega) (as Winifred Sanderson); <i>Gypsy</i> (Ardolino—for TV) (as Rose Hovick); <i>Earth and the American Dream</i> (Couturie—doc) (voice only) |
| | | 1995 | <i>Get Shorty</i> (Sonnenfeld) (as Doris) |
| | | 1996 | <i>The First Wives Club</i> (Hogan) |
| | | 1997 | <i>Bette Midler in Concert: Diva Las Vegas</i> (Callner) (as herself + ex pr); <i>That Old Feeling</i> (Carl Reiner) (as Lilly Leonard) |
| | | 1999 | <i>Isn't She Great</i> (Bergman) (as Jacqueline Susann); <i>Get Bruce</i> (Kuehn) (as herself); <i>Jackie's Back</i> (Robert Townsend) (as herself) |
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Bette Midler represents one of the best examples of a movie star during the sharply focused business mentality of the “New Hollywood” of the 1980s. Developing a persona based on eight previous years of hit records and sold-out concerts, Midler became one of the major film stars of the late 1980s (in 1986 and 1988 she ranked as the top female box-office attraction).

Before entering the film industry, Midler established a devout following focused on her singing and an outrageous personality modeled after Mae West, Sophie Tucker, and Rosalind Russell. Known as “The Divine Miss M,” she projected an image of brassy vulgarity, aggressive humor, and bawdy sexuality. Not surprisingly, her film debut as *The Rose* (constructed as a “fictionalized biography” of Janis Joplin) emphasized these traits. Besides showcasing her well-known talents as a singer/comedienne, the film also demonstrated she could act; she received an Academy Award nomination for

Best Actress. After the ironically titled *Jinxed!* nearly ended her film career, Midler signed an exclusive contract with Disney (Touchstone Pictures) in 1985. While working for Disney, Midler achieved her greatest success, mostly because she also began to modify her image. Her first six Touchstone films tamed and contained her earlier over-the-top persona to fit the Disney mold and appeal to a wider audience. Midler’s characters begin as vulgar, abrasive, and egocentric, but end, after contact with characters exhibiting opposing qualities, as genteel, ingratiating, and cooperative. In *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* she plays a crass, nouveau riche housewife struggling with sexual frigidity. Once “cured” by a homeless man, she softens and contributes to the fight against social inequality. In *Ruthless People* she starts as an unattractive, ostentatious, spoiled, and loudmouthed heiress whose contact with working-class kidnappers reveals generosity, beauty, and self-assured independence. In *Outrageous Fortune*, her vulgarity and overt sexuality become refined and romantic after a series of adventures with an upper-class actress. This interplay between opposites receives its fullest expression in *Big Business*. Midler plays identical twins separated at birth: one a demure daydreamer and the other a ruthless business executive. Each adopts qualities of the other to produce two well-balanced individuals.

Big Business also signaled Midler’s move away from comedy and into melodrama. Both *Beaches* and *Stella* functioned as “Women’s Films,” using a strong, well-known star to address notions of friendship, romance, children, work, self-sacrifice, and death. The synthesis of contradictory personality traits remains however. In *Beaches*, an independent, extroverted celebrityhood turns into a mature sense of private responsibility when her best friend dies and she adopts the orphaned daughter. The film also featured Midler’s No. 1 Grammy award winning song (“The Wind beneath My Wings”) reinforcing her legacy as a singer. In *Stella* (the third film adaptation of Olive Higgins Prouty’s *Stella Dallas*), Midler arranges for her daughter’s upward social mobility by sacrificing their relationship. These two films, with their emphasis on romance, work, and children, occurred soon after the birth of her daughter. To make the point even clearer, Midler also played “Mother Earth” on an Earth Day 1990 television special.

This maternal inflection of her star image manifests itself in her most recent films. In *Hocus Pocus*, she parodies herself as a witch who must sacrifice children for her own immortality. In *Gypsy* (a remake of the Rosalind Russell film), she plays the ultimate stage mother whose obsessive nature nearly alienates her daughter; the songs are also tailor-made for Midler’s typical performance style. *For the Boys* is perhaps the most revealing of her recent films. Produced by her own company (All Girls Productions), the film combines ribald humor, song and dance, and maternal melodrama. Tracing 50 years in the life of a very popular entertainer and her relationship to her husband, son, and partner, the film highlights and synthesizes every facet of Midler’s stardom (and resulted in her second Oscar nomination for Best Actress).

Midler continues to record music, tour, write, and star in films and television specials (her farewell song to Johnny Carson, “Dear Mr. Carson,” was the highlight of Carson’s televised retirement and won her an Emmy). This ability to successfully perform in a number of interrelated media should secure her stardom in the even more business-oriented Hollywood of the twenty-first century.

—Greg S. Faller

MIFUNE, Toshiro

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Tsingtao, China, of Japanese parents, 1 April 1920. **Education:** Attended Schools in China, and was graduated from Port Arthur High School; studied aerial photography. **Military Service:** Japanese Army, 1939–45. **Family:** Married Takeshi Shiro, 1950, two sons, one daughter. **Career:** 1946—joined Toho Film Company, and made debut in *These Foolish Times*; also studied acting in the Toho drama school; 1948—first of several films for the director Kurosawa, *Drunken Angel*; 1963—formed Mifune Productions; also directed the first film of the company, *The Legacy of the 500,000*; 1966—appeared in first English-language film, *Grand Prix*; 1981—in TV mini-series *Shogun*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Yojimbo*, 1961; Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Red Beard*, 1965; also Kinema Jumo Awards for Best Actor, 1961 and 1968. **Died:** 24 December 1997, in Tokyo, Japan, of organ failure.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *Shin baka jidai (The New Age of Fools; These Foolish Times)* (Yamamoto) (as Genzaburo Ohno)
 1947 *Ginrei no hate (Snow Trail)* (Taniguchi) (as Ejima)
 1948 *Yoidore tenshi (Drunken Angel)* (Kurosawa) (as Matsunaga)
 1949 *Jaokman to Tetsu (Jackoman and Tetsu)* (Taniguchi) (as Tetsu); *Shizukanaru ketto (The Quiet Duel; A Silent Duel)* (Kurosawa) (as Dr. Kyoki Fujisaki); *Norainu (Stray Dog)* (Kurosawa) (as Det. Murakami)



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- 1950 *Datsugoku (Escape from Prison)* (Yamamoto) (as Shinkichi); *Shubun (Scandal)* (Kurosawa) (as Ichiro Aoe); *Konyaku yubiwa (Engagement Ring)* (Kinoshita) (as Takeshi Ema); *Kaizoki-sen (Pirates)* (Inagaki) (as Tora); *Ishinaka-sensei gyojoki datsugoku (Conduct Report on Professor Ishinaka)* (Naruse) (as Nagasawa); *Rashomon (In the Woods)* (Kurosawa) (as Tajomaru)
- 1951 *Ai to nikushimi no kaneta e (Beyond Love and Hate)* (Taniguchi) (as Goru Sakata); *Hakuchi (The Idiot)* (Kurosawa) (as Denkichi Akama); *Bakuro ich-dai (Life of a Horse-Trader)* (Kimura) (as Yonetaro Katayama); *Kanketsu Sasaki Kojiro (Kojiro Sasaki)* (Inagaki) (as Musashi Miyamoto); *Onnagokoro dare ga shiru (Who Knows a Woman's Heart?)* (Yamamoto) (as Mizuno); *Ereji (Elegy)* (Yamamoto); *Sengoha obake taikai (The Meeting of the Ghost of Après Guerre)* (Saeki)
- 1952 *Tokyo no koibito (Jewels in Our Hearts; Tokyo Sweetheart)* (Chiba) (as Kurokawa); *Sengoku-burai (Sword for Hire)* (Inagaki) (as Hayatenosuke Sasa); *Saikaku ichidai onna (Life of Oharu; Diary of Oharu)* (Mizoguchi) (as Katsunosuke); *Ketto kagiya no tsuji (Vendetta of Samurai)* (Mori) (as Mataemon Araki); *Muteki (Foghorn)* (Taniguchi) (as Chiyokichi); *Gekiryu (A Swift Current)* (Taniguchi) (as Shunsuke Kosugi); *Minato e kita otoko (The Man Who Came to the Port)* (Honda) (as Goro Shinnuma)
- 1953 *Himawari-musume (Love in a Teacup; Sunflower Girl)* (Chiba) (as Ippei Hitachi); *Taiheiyo no washi (Eagle of the Pacific)* (Honda) (as Lt. Tomonage); *Fukeyo harukaze (My Wonderful Yellow Car; Blow! The Spring Breeze)* (Taniguchi) (as Matsumura); *Hoyo (The Last Embrace)* (Makino) (as Shinkichi and Hayakawa)
- 1954 *Shichi-nin no samurai (Seven Samurai)* (Kurosawa) (as Kikuchiyo); *Mitsuyu-sen (The Black Fury)* (Sugie) (as Eiichi Tsuda); *Miyamoto Musashi (Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as Shinmen Musashi); *Shiosai (The Surf)* (Taniguchi)
- 1955 *Zoko Miyamoto Musashi (Duel at Ichijoji Temple)* (Inagaki) (as Musashi Miyamoto); *Dansei No. 1 (A Man among Men)* (Yamamoto); *Ikimoto no kiroki (I Live in Fear; Record of a Living Being; What the Birds Knew)* (Kurosawa) (as Kiichi Nakajima); *Tenka taihai (All Is Well)* (Sugie) (as Daikichi Rissun); *Ichijoji no ketto (Samurai, Part II)* (Inagaki) (as Miyamoto Musashi); *Otoko arite (No Time for Tears)* (Maruyama) (as Mitsuo Yano)
- 1956 *Ketto ganryu-jima (Musashi and Kojiro; Samurai, Part III)* (Inagaki) (as Miyamoto Musashi); *Kuroobi sangokushi (Rainy Night Duel)* (Taniguchi) (as Masahiko Koseki); *Ankoku-gai (The Underworld)* (Kamamoto) (as Det. Kumada); *Aijo no kessan (Settlement of Love; Accounts of Affection)* (Saburi) (as Shuntaro Ohira); *Tsuma no kokoro (A Wife's Heart)* (Naruse) (as Kenkichi Takemura); *Narazumono (Scoundrel; A Rascal)* (Aoyagi) (as Kanji); *Shujin-sen (Rebels of the High Sea)* (Inagaki) (as Tokuzo Matsuo)
- 1957 *Kumonosu-jo (Throne of Blood; Cobweb Castle; The Castle of the Spider's Web; Macbeth)* (Kurosawa) (as Taketoki Washizu); *Shitamachi (Downtown)* (Chiba) (as Yoshio Tsuruishi); *Donzoko (The Lower Depths)* (Kurosawa) (as Sutebichi); *Arashi no naka no otoko (The Man in the Storm)* (Taniguchi) (as Saburo Wataki); *Yagyu bugei-cho (The Yagyu; Secret Scrolls)* (Inagaki) (as Tasaburo); *Kono*

- futari ni sachi are (Be Happy These Two Lovers)* (Honda) (as Toshio Maruyama); *Kiken no eiyu (Dangerous Hero)* (Suzuki) as Kawata)
- 1958 *Muhomatsu no issho (The Rickshaw Man)* (Inagaki) (as Matsugoro Tomishima); *Soryu hiken (Ninjutsu; Secret Scrolls, Part II)* (Inagaki) (as Tasaburo); *Tokyo no kyujitsu (Holiday in Tokyo)* (Yamamoto) (as Jiro); *Jinsei gekijo seishun-hen (Theatre of Life)* (Sugie) (as Hishakaku); *Kakushi toride no san akunin (The Hidden Fortress; Three Bad Men in a Hidden Fortress)* (Kurosawa) (as Rokurota Makabe)
- 1959 *Ankokugai no kaoyaku (The Big Boss)* (Okamoto) (as Daisuke Kashimura); *Aru kengo no shogai (Samurai Saga)* (Inagaki) (as Heihachiro Komaki); *Sengoku gunto-sen (Saga of the Vagabonds)* (Sugie) (as Rokuro); *Nippon tanjo (The Three Treasures)* (Inagaki) (as Prince Yamato Takeru); *Dokuritsu gurenta (Desperado Outpost)* (Okamoto) (as Capt. Kodama)
- 1960 *Ankoku-gai no taiketsu (The Last Gunfight)* (Okamoto) (as Saburo Fujioka); *Kunisada Chuji (The Gambling Samurai)* (Taniguchi) (title role); *Otoko tai otoko (Man against Man)* (Taniguchi) (as Kaji); *Taiheiyo no arashi (I Bombed Pearl Harbor)* (Matsubayashi) (as Adm. Yamaguchi); *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru (The Bad Sleep Well; The Rose in the Mud; The Worse You Are, the Better You Sleep)* (Kurosawa) (as Koichi Nishi)
- 1961 *Animas Trujano (The Important Man)* (Rodríguez) (title role); *Yojimbo (The Bodyguard)* (Kurosawa) (as Sanjuro Kuwabatake); *Osaka-jo monogatari (Daredevil in the Castle)* (Inagaki) (as Mohei); *Gen to Fudo-myoh (The Youth and His Amulet)* (Inagaki) (as Fudo-myoh)
- 1962 *Tsubaki Sanjuro (Sanjuro)* (Kurosawa) (title role); *Toburoku no Tatsu (Tatsu)* (Inagaki) (as Tatsu); *Chushingura (Loyal 47 Ronin; 47 Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as Genban Tawaraboshi)
- 1963 *Taiheiyo no tsubasa (Attack Squadron)* (Matsubayashi) (as Commander Senda); *Tengoku to-jigoku (High and Low; Heaven and Hell; The Ransom)* (Kurosawa) (as Kingo Gondo)
- 1964 *Daitozuku (Samurai Pirate; The Lost World of Sinbad)* (Taniguchi) (as Sukazaemon/Luzon); *Dai-tatsumaki (Whirlwind)* (Inagaki) (as Morishige Niino)
- 1965 *Samurai (Samurai Assassin)* (Okamoto) (as Tsuruchiyo Niino); *Akahiige (Red Beard)* (Kurosawa) (as Dr. Niide); *Sugata sanshiro (Judo Saga)* (Uchikawa) (as Shogoro Yano); *Taiheyo kiseki no sakusen Kiska (The Retreat from Kiska)* (Maruyama) (as Adm. Kawashima); *Chi to suna (Fort Graveyard)* (Okamoto) (as Sgt. Kosugi)
- 1966 *Abare Goemon (Rise against the Sword)* (Inagaki) (title role); *Daibosatsu toge (The Sword of Doom)* (Okamoto) (as Toranosuke Shimada); *Kiganjo no boken (Adventures of Takla Makan)* (Taniguchi) (as Oosumi); *Doto ichi man kairi (The Mad Atlantic)* (Fukuda) (as Heihachiro Murakami); *Grand Prix* (Frankenheimer) (as Izo Yamura)
- 1967 *Joi-uchi (Rebellion)* (Kobayashi) (as Isaburo Sasahara); *Nippon no ichiban nagai hi (The Emperor and a General)* (Maruyama) (as War Minister Anami)
- 1968 *Yamamoto Isoroku (Admiral Yamamoto)* (Maruyama) (title role); *Gion matsuri (The Day the Sun Rose)* (Yamanuchi) (as Kuma); *Korube no taiyo (Tunnel to the Sun)* (Kumai) (as Kitagawa)
- 1969 *Hell in the Pacific (The Enemy)* (Boorman) (as Japanese soldier); *Furin kaza (Samurai Banners; Under the Banner of Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as Kansuke Yamamoto); *Nippon-kai dai-kaisen (Battle of the Japan Sea)* (Maruyama) (as Adm. Togo); *Akage (Red Lion)* (Okamoto) (as Gonzo, + co-pr); *Shinsen-gumi (Band of Assassins)* (Sawashima) (as Isami Kondo); *Eiko eno 5000 kiro (Safari 5000)* (Kurahara) (as Tuichiro Takase)
- 1970 *Bakumatsu (The Ambitious)* (Itoh) (as Shojiro Goto); *Machibuse (The Incident at Blood Pass; The Ambush)* (Inagaki) (as Tosaburo Hanawa); *Gunbatsu (The Militarists)* (Horikawa) (as Isoroku Yamamoto); *Zatoichi to Yojimbo (Zatoichi Meets Yojimbo)* (Okamoto) (as Yojimbo)
- 1971 *Soleil rouge (Red Sun)* (Terence Young) (as Kuroda)
- 1974 *Paper Tiger* (Annakin) (as Ambassador Kagoyama)
- 1976 *Midway (Battle of Midway)* (Smight) (as Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto)
- 1977 *Ningen no shomei (Proof of the Man)* (Sato)
- 1978 *The Bushido Blade* (Kotani) (as Shogun's commander)
- 1979 *Winter Kills* (Richert) (as Keith); *1941* (Spielberg) (as Commander Mitamura); *Oginsawa (Love and Death of Ogin)* (Kumai)
- 1981 *Inchon* (Terence Young) (as Saito-San)
- 1982 *The Challenge (Sword of the Ninja)* (Frankenheimer) (as Toru Yoshida)
- 1984 *Sanga Moyu*
- 1985 *No More God, No More Love* (Murakawa) (as Kozo Kanzaki)
- 1987 *Taketori monogatari (Princess from the Moon)* (Ichikawa) (as Taketore-no-Miyatsuko); *Otoko wa tsuraiyo: Shiretoko bojo (Tora-San Goes North)* (Yamada) (as Junkichi Ueno)
- 1989 *Sen no Rikyu (The Death of a Tea Master)* (Kumai)
- 1991 *Shogun Mayeda (Journey of Honor)* (Hessler) (as Lord Takugawa Ieyasu); *Strawberry Road*
- 1993 *Map of the Human Heart (Le Carte du Tendre)* (Vincent Ward); *Shadow of the Wolf (Agakuk)* (Dorfman) (as Ramoof)
- 1994 *Picture Bride* (Hatta) (as the Benshi)
- 1995 *Deep River* (Kumai) (as Tsukada)

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- 1963 *Goju man-nin no isan (The Legacy of the 500,000)* (as Takeichi Matsuo)

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Akira Kurosawa said this of Toshiro Mifune’s acting: “Many contemporary actors unfortunately do not bother too much with creative process. They acquired several acting procedures and they then use them whether it is suitable or not. I often remember Mifune. When we worked together on the film *Shichi-nin no samurai* [*Seven Samurai*] we shot the scene in which he explains to the samurais the disgrace of the peasants, and he cries. ‘My hero is a peasant, and therefore he must cry like a peasant,’ Mifune said to me. I was totally fascinated when he performed for me in front of the camera. In his acting performances there was always such remarkable sincerity and truth.”

Kurosawa and Mifune met for the first time in 1947 during the shooting of the film *Yoidore tenshi* [*Drunken Angel*]. It was a tragic story of a doctor in a postwar city, and Mifune splendidly played the character of a gangster ill with tuberculosis. It was his first great chance, after a short career of photography and two unimportant films. From that time on he only rarely missed playing in Kurosawa’s films. The pairing is among the most famous in cinema, like that of John Ford and John Wayne and Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro. Under Kurosawa’s direction, Mifune gradually became Japan’s premier film actor. His fame, and Kurosawa’s, spread abroad with *Rashomon*, a masterly treatment of a samurai story of love and revenge narrated in five different forms.

Mifune managed economically to interpret the characteristics of his heroes, their motivations, efforts, and ideas. He was boyishly direct and sensitive in *Seven Samurai*; magnificent and cruel in *Throne of Blood*, Kurosawa’s reworking of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* in a Japanese setting; heroic and courageous in a series of Samurai dramas (*Yojimbo*, *Sanjuro*); and self-complacent but at the same time morally upright and courageous in Kurosawa’s absorbing crime film *High and Low*, based on a novel by the American writer Ed McBain. The collaboration was more than that of actor and director. Mifune and Kurosawa understood one another and complemented each other perfectly. Mifune contributed ideas to the realization of particular scenes—for example, the filming of the duels in *Sanjuro*. He also contributed to entire films; for example, Kurosawa’s *Ran*, a version of *King Lear*, is virtually Mifune’s conception, even though he did not act in the film itself.

An international star since 1966 when he appeared for director John Frankeheimer in the epic racing film *Grand Prix*, Mifune has acted in numerous films outside his native Japan. They include John Boorman’s World War II epic *Hell in the Pacific*, opposite Lee Marvin; the Euro-Western *Red Sun* opposite Charles Bronson; the Kennedy conspiracy thriller *Winter Kills*; and the epic television mini-series *Shogun*. More recently he appeared as an Eskimo in the Canadian-French adventure film *Shadow of the Wolf*. His most recent Japanese film, for director Kayo Hatta, was *Picture Bride*, a period tale set in the early years of this century, where he had a cameo as a narrator for silent films. Mifune and Kurosawa teamed for the last time as actor and director on *Red Beard* in 1965, a medical drama not unlike *Drunken Angel*, the film that brought the two together.

—Vacláv Merhaut, updated by John McCarty

MILLAND, Ray

Born: Reginald Truscott-Jones in Neath, Glamorganshire, Wales, 3 January 1907; as a child took the name of his stepfather, Mullane, and was known in early career as Jack Mullane, then Raymond Milland. **Education:** Attended King’s College, Cardiff. **Military Service:** Served in the Household Cavalry, 1925–28. **Family:** Married Muriel Weber, 1932, son: Daniel David, daughter: Victoria Francesca. **Career:** Actor in several provincial repertory companies; 1929—film debut; 1934–53—contract with Paramount; 1944—entertained the troops in the South Pacific; 1953–54—in TV series *Meet Mr. McNutley*, later renamed *The Ray Milland Show*, 1954–55; 1954—contract with Republic as actor-director; then independent producer and sometime director; 1958—host of TV series *Trails West*; 1959–60—in TV series *Markham*, and in the mini-series *Rich Man, Poor Man*, 1976, and *Seventh Avenue*, 1977. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *The Lost Weekend*, 1945. **Died:** In Torrance, California, 10 March 1986.

Films as Actor:

(as Raymond Milland)

- 1929 *The Plaything* (Knight) (as Ian); *The Informer* (Robinson); *The Flying Scotsman* (Knight) (as Jim Edwards); *The Lady from the Sea* (Knight) (as Tom Roberts)
 1930 *Way for a Sailor* (Wood) (as ship’s officer); *Passion Flower* (William DeMille) (bit role)
 1931 *The Bachelor Father* (Leonard); *Just a Gigolo* (Conway) (as Freddie); *Bought* (Mayo) (as Charles Carter); *Ambassador Bill* (Taylor) (as Lothar); *Blonde Crazy* (Del Ruth) (as Joe Reynolds)
 1932 *The Man Who Played God* (Adolfi) (as Eddie); *Polly of the Circus* (Santell) (as a rich young man); *Payment Deferred* (Mendes) (as James Medland)
 1933 *Orders Is Orders* (Forde) (as Dashwood); *This Is the Life* (de Courville) (as Bob Travers)
 1934 *Bolero* (Ruggles) (as Lord Coray); *We’re Not Dressing* (Taurog) (as Prince Michael Stofani); *Many Happy Returns* (McLeod)



Ray Milland (left) in *Dial M for Murder*

(as Ted Mabert); *Charlie Chan in London* (Forde) (as Neil Howard); *Menace* (Murphy) (as Freddie Bastion)
 1935 *One Hour Late* (Murphy) (as Tony St. John); *The Gilded Lily* (Ruggles) (as Charles Gray/Granville)

(as Ray Milland)

1935 *Four Hours to Kill* (Leisen) (as Carl); *The Glass Key* (Tuttle) (as Taylor Henry); *Alias Mary Dow* (Neumann) (as Peter Marshall)
 1936 *Next Time We Love* (Edward Griffith) (as Tommy Abbott); *The Return of Sophie Lang* (Archainbaud) (as Jimmy Lawson); *The Big Broadcast of 1937* (Leisen) (as Bob Miller); *The Jungle Princess* (Thiele) (as Christopher Powell); *Three Smart Girls* (Koster) (as Lord Michael Stuart)
 1937 *Bulldog Drummond Escapes* (Hogan) (title role); *Wings over Honolulu* (Potter) (as Lt. Stony Gilchrist); *Easy Living* (Leisen) (as John Ball, Jr.); *Ebb Tide* (Hogan) (as Robert Herrick); *Wise Girl* (Jason) (as John O'Halloran)
 1938 *Her Jungle Love* (Archainbaud) (as Bob Mitchell); *Tropic Holiday* (Reed) (as Ken Warren); *Men with Wings* (Wellman)

(as Scott Barnes); *Say It in French* (Stone) (as Richard Carrington, Jr.)
 1939 *French without Tears* (Asquith) (as Alan Howard); *Hotel Imperial* (Florey) (as Lt. Nemassy); *Beau Geste* (Wellman) (as John Geste); *Everything Happens at Night* (Cummings) (as Geoff Thompson)
 1940 *Irene* (Wilcox) (as Don Marshall); *The Doctor Takes a Wife* (Hall) (as Dr. Timothy Sterling); *Untamed* (Archainbaud) (as William Crawford); *Arise, My Love* (Leisen) (as Tom Martin)
 1941 *I Wanted Wings* (Leisen) (as Jeff Young); *Skylark* (Sandrich) (as Tony Kenyon)
 1942 *The Lady Has Plans* (Lanfield) (as Kenneth Harper); *Reap the Wild Wind* (Cecil DeMille) (as Stephen Tolliver); *Are Husbands Necessary?* (Taurog) (as George Cugat); *The Major and the Minor* (Wilder) (as Major Kirby); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall) (as himself)
 1943 *The Crystal Ball* (Nugent) (as Brad Cavanaugh); *Forever and a Day* (Goulding and others) (as Bill Trimble)
 1944 *The Uninvited* (Allen) (as Roderick Fitzgerald); *Lady in the Dark* (Leisen) (as Charley Johnson); *Till We Meet Again*

- (Borzage) (as John); *Ministry of Fear* (Fritz Lang) (as Stephen Neale)
- 1945 *The Lost Weekend* (Wilder) (as Don Birnam)
- 1946 *Kitty* (Leisen) (as Sir Hugh Marcy); *The Well-Groomed Bride* (Lanfield) (as Lt. Briggs)
- 1947 *California* (Farrow) (as Jonathan Trumbo); *The Imperfect Lady* (Allen) (as Clive Loring); *The Trouble with Women* (Lanfield) (as Professor Gilbert Sedley); *Variety Girl* (Marshall) (as himself); *Golden Earrings* (Leisen) (as Colonel Ralph Denistour)
- 1948 *The Big Clock* (Farrow) (as George Stroud); *So Evil My Love* (Allen) (as Mark Bellis); *Miss Tatlock's Millions* (Haydn) (as himself); *Sealed Verdict* (Allen) (as Major Robert Lawson)
- 1949 *Alias Nick Beale* (Farrow) (title role); *It Happens Every Spring* (Bacon) (as Vernon Simpson)
- 1950 *A Woman of Distinction* (Buzzell) (as Alec Stevenson); *A Life of Her Own* (Cukor) (as Steve Harleigh); *Copper Canyon* (Farrow) (as Johnny Carter)
- 1951 *Circle of Danger* (Tourneur) (as Clay Douglas, + co-pr); *Night into Morning* (Markle) (as Phillip Ainley); *Close to My Heart* (Keighley) (as Brad Sheridan)
- 1952 *Bugles in the Afternoon* (Rowland) (as Kern Shafter); *Something to Live For* (Stevens) (as Alan Miller); *The Thief* (Rouse) (as Allan Fields)
- 1953 *Jamaica Rum* (Foster) (as Patrick Fairlie); *Let's Do It Again* (Hall) (as Gary Stuart)
- 1954 *Dial M for Murder* (Hitchcock) (as Tom Wendice)
- 1955 *The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing* (Fleischer) (as Stanford White)
- 1956 *Three Brave Men* (Dunne) (as Joe di Marco); *The River's Edge* (Dwan) (as Nardo Denning); *High Flight* (Gilling) (as Commander David Rudge)
- 1962 *Premature Burial* (Corman) (as Guy Carrell)
- 1963 *The Man with the X-Ray Eyes* (Corman) (title role)
- 1964 *The Confession* (*Quick, Let's Get Married. Seven Different Ways*) (Dieterle) (as Mario Farni)
- 1968 *Rose rosse per il Führer* (*Red Roses for the Führer*) (Di Leo)
- 1970 *Daughter of the Mind* (Grauman—for TV) (as Professor Constable); *Company of Killers* (Thorpe) (as George DeSalles); *Love Story* (Hiller) (as Oliver Barrett III)
- 1971 *River of Gold* (Friedkin—for TV) (as Evelyn Rose); *Black Noon* (Kowalski—for TV)
- 1972 *The Big Game* (Day); *Frogs* (McCowan) (as Jason Crockett); *The Thing with Two Heads* (Frost) (as Dr. Maxwell Kirshner); *Embassy* (Hessler) (as the Ambassador)
- 1973 *The House in Nightmare Park* (*Crazy House*) (Sykes) (as Stewart Henderson); *Terror in the Wax Museum* (Fenaday) (as Henry Flexner)
- 1974 *Gold* (Hunt) (as Hurry Hirschfield)
- 1975 *The Dead Don't Die* (Harrington—for TV) (as Jim Moss); *Escape to Witch Mountain* (Hough) (as Aristotle Bolt); *Ellery Queen* (*Too Many Suspects*) (Greene—for TV)
- 1976 *Aces High* (Gold); *Look What's Happened to Rosemary's Baby* (*Rosemary's Baby II*) (O'Steen—for TV); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan); *Mayday at 40,000 Feet* (Butler—for TV)
- 1977 *Slavers* (Goslar); *Blackout* (Matalon) (as Mr. Stafford); *Survival Run* (Spiegel); *The Swiss Conspiracy* (Arnold); *The Uncanny* (Heroux) (as Frank Richards)
- 1978 *La ragazza in Pigiama Giallo* (*The Girl in the Yellow Pajamas*) (Mogherini); *Cruise into Terror* (Kessler—for TV);

- Oliver's Story* (Korty) (as Oliver Barrett III); *Battlestar Galactica* (Colla)
- 1979 *The Darker Side of Terror* (Trikonis—for TV); *Cave In!* (Fenaday); *Game for Vultures* (Fargo)
- 1980 *The Attic* (Edwards)
- 1982 *The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana* (Levin—for TV)

Films as Director:

- 1955 *A Man Alone* (+ ro as Wes Steele)
- 1956 *Lisbon* (+ pr, ro as Captain Robert John Evans)
- 1958 *The Safecracker* (+ ro as Colley Dawson)
- 1962 *Panic in Year Zero* (+ ro as Harry Baldwin)
- 1967 *Hostile Witness* (+ ro as Simon Crawford)

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Ray Milland had made over 60 feature films by the time he won an Oscar for his role as an alcoholic in Billy Wilder's *The Lost Weekend*. The surprise shown by the critical establishment at Milland's proficiency in the role suggests that nothing much had ever been expected of him. It is now clear, however, that *The Lost Weekend* simply reveals a more obvious aspect of Milland's style; he had already built an impressive body of work and was to go on to deliver performances of increasing depth, vitality, variety, and originality.

Milland first appeared in films in 1929 and his easy charm and smooth good looks proved appropriate to many sorts of roles. He

regularly turned in competent, sometimes excellent performances in comedies (*Easy Living*), musicals (*Three Smart Girls*), adventures (*Beau Geste*), and exotic romances (*The Jungle Princess* and its Technicolor remake *Her Jungle Love*, both with Dorothy Lamour). Milland signed a contract with Paramount in 1934 and the studio kept him continually busy; the actor averaged five features per year throughout the 1930s. He worked with most of Paramount's top directors—Taurog, Ruggles, Tuttle, Wellman, Florey, Sandrich, Borzage—but the two who would make the films most representative of Milland's styles were Mitchell Leisen and John Farrow.

Not only did Milland work often with the two directors (six features with Leisen, four with Farrow), his stylistic development can be seen clearest when his roles for them are compared. The quintessential Milland performances of the "leading man" variety are contained in Leisen's delightful *Easy Living* and *Kitty*. The darker, more sinister side of his personality first came to the fore in Farrow's *Alias Nick Beal*, a film in which Milland plays the Devil himself. It was, undoubtedly, *The Lost Weekend* that first suggested the less savory aspects of Milland's character, but it was Farrow who developed and nurtured the duality of a suave, handsome gentleman who contains within himself the suggestion of blackest evil. In Farrow's Westerns *California* and *Copper Canyon*, Milland portrays an ostensible hero, but with the suggestion of a cruel and violent past; in *The Big Clock*, he essays the role of an "innocent" man in the intriguing position of trying to track himself down in a murder investigation.

There had been, throughout his career, a certain element of smugness behind the Milland smile, though earlier it was generally used for comedic effect. As Milland grew older and his value as a romantic lead began to wane, the more sinister aspects of this self-assuredness became more evident. Once this rich vein had been tapped by Farrow, Wilder, and Lang (in the excellent *Ministry of Fear*), other directors turned to Milland for parts that demanded this sort of coloring: Hitchcock's *Dial M for Murder*, Rouse's *The Thief*, and Fleischer's *The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing* each exploited the murderous glint in Milland's eloquent eyes.

In 1955 Milland directed his first film, *A Man Alone* (in which he also starred) and proved that his increasingly original and iconoclastic style was a personal creation, not simply the result of eccentric interpretations of routine scripts. The five films he signed as director show the influence of personalities as diverse as Farrow, Russell Rouse and (particularly in his handling of *Panic in Year Zero*) Roger Corman, but all five are ultimately highly personal, subversive expressions of his unique vision. *Panic in Year Zero* and *The Safecracker* are marvelously tense, moody and imaginative; *Hostile Witness* and *Lisbon* are not as accomplished but are similarly intriguing.

Between directing stints Milland continued to take whatever acting jobs came his way. Two Corman quickies—*The Premature Burial* and *The Man with the X-Ray Eyes*—are fascinating, the latter providing Milland with the wittiest, most energetic role of his later career, but he appeared in a cavalcade of terrible films. One of the worst, the inexplicably popular *Love Story*, temporarily found a wide audience for Milland. One of the best of a bad lot is the surprisingly entertaining *Frogs*.

Hollywood never quite knew what it had in Ray Milland, but he continuously showed himself to be an adventurous artist, always interested in exposing his established image to radical and surprising lights.

—Frank Thompson

MILLER, Ann

Nationality: American. **Born:** Johnny Lucille Collier in Houston, Texas, 12 April 1923. **Family:** Married 1) Reese Miller (divorced); 2) William Moss, 1958 (divorced); 3) Arthur Cameron, 1961 (marriage annulled). **Career:** Dancer as child: entered show business playing clubs; 1937—contract with RKO; 1939—Broadway debut in *George White's Scandals*; 1942—contract with Columbia; 1948—contract with MGM after success in *Easter Parade*; late 1950s—mainly in television and nightclub appearances; 1960s—toured in musicals *Can-Can*, *Dolly*, and others; 1969—in Broadway run of *Mame*; 1972—appeared in *Anything Goes* in St. Louis, and later on tour; 1979–82—on Broadway in *Sugar Babies* with Mickey Rooney, and toured with it, 1982–85. **Awards:** 1980—Tony nomination for *Sugar Babies*; 1996—Women's International Center Living Legacy Award. **Agent:** c/o Artists Group, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd no. 305, Los Angeles, CA 90067, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *The Devil on Horseback* (Wilbur)
- 1937 *New Faces of 1937* (Jason); *Stage Door* (La Cava) (as Annie); *The Life of the Party* (Seiter) (as Betty)
- 1938 *Radio City Revels* (Stoloff) (as Billie Shaw); *Having Wonderful Time* (Santell) (as Vivian); *You Can't Take It with You* (Capra) (as Essie Carmichael); *Room Service* (Seiter) (as Hilda Manney); *Tarnished Angel* (Goodwins) (as Violet McMaster)
- 1940 *Too Many Girls* (Abbott) (as Pepe); *Hit Parade of 1941* (Auer) (as Annabelle Potter)
- 1941 *Melody Ranch* (Santley) (as Julie Shelton); *Time Out for Rhythm* (Salkow) (as Kitty Brown); *Go West, Young Lady* (Strayer) (as Lola); *True to the Army* (Rogell) (as Vicki Marlow)
- 1942 *Priorities on Parade* (Rogell) (as Donna D'Arcy)
- 1943 *Reveille with Beverly* (Barton) (title role); *What's Buzzin' Cousin?* (Barton) (as Ann Crawford)
- 1944 *Jam Session* (Barton) (as Terry Baxter); *Hey Rookie* (Barton) (as Winnie Clark); *Carolina Blues* (Jason) (as Julie Carver)
- 1945 *Eve Knew Her Apples* (Jason) (as Eve Porter); *Eadie Was a Lady* (Dreifuss) (title role)
- 1946 *The Thrill of Brazil* (Simon) (as Linda Lorens)
- 1948 *The Kissing Bandit* (Benedek) (as fiesta dancer); *Easter Parade* (Walters) (as Nadine Gale)
- 1949 *On the Town* (Kelly and Donen) (as Claire Huddesen)
- 1950 *Watch the Birdie* (Donohue) (as Miss Lucky Vista)
- 1951 *Two Tickets to Broadway* (Kern) (as Joyce Campbell); *Texas Carnival* (Walters) (as Sunshine Jackson)
- 1952 *Lovely to Look At* (LeRoy) (as Bubbles Cassidy)
- 1953 *Small Town Girl* (Kardos) (as Lisa Bellmount); *Kiss Me Kate* (Sidney) (as Bianca)
- 1954 *Deep in My Heart* (Donen)
- 1955 *Hit the Deck* (Rowland) (as Ginger)
- 1956 *The Opposite Sex* (David Miller) (as Gloria Dell); *The Great American Pastime* (Hoffman) (as Mrs. Doris Patterson)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner) (cameo)



Ann Miller in *Kiss Me Kate*

- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan) (as host)
 1999 *The Stan Freberg Commercials* (Donavan & Stan Freberg) (as wife); *Mulholland Drive* (Lynch—for TV) (as Coco)

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Ann Miller's reputation as Hollywood's virtuoso female tap dancer is challenged only by Eleanor Powell, whose career was ending as Miller's was beginning. It is a tribute to Miller's ability—and her long, shapely legs, and spirited personality—that she is as well known as she is, given that her roles were often second leads in minor musicals. Indeed, in only four of her films (*Easter Parade*, *On the Town*, *Lovely to Look At*, and *Kiss Me Kate*) did she work with other significant performers of the genre. Nevertheless, she managed to achieve a long and respectable career within the Hollywood studio system and subsequently on stage.

Although Miller's dancing was limited to tap (she had to learn basic ballet steps to play Essie Carmichael in *You Can't Take It with You*), within that form she incorporated almost limitless variations.

Since speed was her particular skill, she was able to include extra heel and toe in standard tap steps. Moreover, the dynamic quality of her dancing was often heightened by the spectacular nature of the routines. Many of her roles, particularly those at Columbia, were as a singer-dancer in nightclubs or vaudeville, and a climactic musical number highlighted Miller's tapping. "Thumbs Up and V for Victory" in *Reveille with Beverly* and "No Name Jive" in *Jam Session* are examples; in each, she is backed by a chorus that, through arrangement of the sets and choreography, makes her dancing the center of attention.

When she worked with major figures of the genre (Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly, for example), Miller's acting and singing as well as dancing became part of the MGM ensemble approach. Although she shares the screen in *On the Town*, for instance, she contributes to the whole film; there is at least one number that presents each character through song and dance. In hers, "Prehistoric Man," she captures the libidinous nature of Claire Huddesen precisely because she *dances* that character. Without diminishing the air of glamour that Miller had cultivated throughout her career, her roles at MGM also allowed her to contribute to the musical genre while displaying her always stunning tap dancing ability.

Miller's screen career, for all intents and purposes, ended with the death of the studio system and the decline of the Hollywood musical. This is a shame, because the persona she had established, which mainly won her the parts of comic (albeit attractive) ladies and bitches, might have sustained her well into middle age.

In recent years, she (along with her old MGM cohort, Mickey Rooney) has been touring in the musical revue *Sugar Babies*, demonstrating that after all these years her natural charm and dancing talents have not failed her.

—Jerome Delamater, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

MILLS, (Sir) John

Nationality: British. **Born:** Felixstowe, Suffolk, England, 22 February 1908. **Military Service:** Royal Engineers, 1940, began making propaganda films; medical discharge for duodenal ulcer, 1941. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Aileen Raymond, 1931 (divorced 1940); 2) the actress Mary Hayley Bell, 1941, daughters: the actresses Juliet and Hayley, son: Jonathan. **Career:** At 16, clerk with Ipswich corn merchant; 1927—London stage debut in chorus of *The Five O'Clock Revue*; joined repertory company The Quaints, tour of Far East; 1931—in stage version of Noël Coward's *Cavalcade*; 1932—film debut opposite Jessie Matthews in *The Midshipmaid*; 1938—invited by Tyrone Guthrie to join Old Vic company; 1949–50—produced and appeared in two films, *The History of Mr. Polly* and *The Rocking-Horse Winner*; 1961—on Broadway in Terence Rattigan's *Ross*; 1967—in TV series *Dundee and the Culhane*; 1977—on stage in *Separate Tables*, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, 1982, *Little Lies*, 1983, and *Pygmalion*, 1987; 1989—in TV mini-series *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Night of the Fox*, 1990, and *The Sands of Time*, 1992. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Tunes of Glory*, 1960; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Ryan's Daughter*, 1970; knighted,

1977; London Evening Standard Special Award, 1979. **Agent:** ICM, 388 Oxford Street, London W1, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *The Midshipmaid* (*Midshipmaid Gob*) (de Courville) (as Golightly)
- 1933 *Britannia of Billingsgate* (Hill) (as Fred); *The Ghost Camera* (Vorhaus) (as Ernes Elton)
- 1934 *A Political Party* (Norman Lee) (as Tony Smithers); *The River Wolves* (Pearson) (as Peter Farrell); *The Lash* (Henry Edwards) (as Arthur Haughton); *Doctor's Orders* (Norman Lee) (as Ronnie Blake); *Those Were the Days* (Bentley) (as Bobby); *Blind Justice* (Vorhaus) (as Ralph Summers)
- 1935 *Brown on Resolution* (*Forever England*; *Born for Glory*; *Torpedo Raider*) (Forde) (as Able Seaman Albert Brown); *Car of Dreams* (Melford and Cutts) (as Robert Miller); *Royal Cavalcade* (*Regal Cavalcade*) (Bentley and others) (as boy); *Charing Cross Road* (de Courville) (as Tony)
- 1936 *First Offence* (*Bad Blood*) (Mason) (as Johnnie Penrose); *Tudor Rose* (*Nine Days a Queen*; *Lady Jane Grey*) (Stevenson) (as Lord Guildford Dudley)
- 1937 *O.H.M.S. (You're in the Army Now)* (Walsh) (as Cpl. Bert Dawson); *The Green Cockatoo* (*Four Dark Hours*; *Race Gang*) (Menzies and William K. Howard) (as Jim Connor)
- 1939 *Goodbye Mr. Chips* (Wood) (as Peter Colley as a young man)
- 1940 *Old Bill and Son* (Dalrymple) (as young Bill Busby); *All Hands* (Carstairs—short); *Dangerous Comment* (short); *Now You're Talking* (short)
- 1941 *Cottage to Let* (*Bombsight Stolen*) (Asquith) (as Lt. George Perrey); *The Black Sheep of Whitehall* (Hay and Dearden) (as Bobby)
- 1942 *The Young Mr. Pitt* (Reed) (as William Wilberforce); *In Which We Serve* (Coward and Lean) (as Shorty Blake); *The Big Blockade* (Frend) (as Tom)
- 1943 *We Dive at Dawn* (Asquith) (as Lt. Freddie Taylor)
- 1944 *Victory Wedding* (Matthews—short); *This Happy Breed* (Lean) (as Billy Mitchell); *Waterloo Road* (Gilliat) (as Jim Colter)
- 1945 *Total War in Britain* (Rotha—doc) (as narrator); *The Way to the Stars* (*Johnny in the Clouds*) (Asquith) (as Peter Penrose)
- 1946 *Great Expectations* (Lean) (as Pip Pirrip); *Land of Promise* (Rotha—doc) (as voice)
- 1947 *So Well Remembered* (Dmytryk) (as George Boswell); *The October Man* (Baker) (as Jim Ackland)
- 1948 *Scott of the Antarctic* (Frend) (as Capt. Robert Falcon Scott)
- 1949 *The History of Mr. Polly* (Pelissier) (as Alfred Polly, + pr); *Friend of the Family* (Hill—doc) (as narrator); *The Flying Skyscraper* (short) (as narrator)
- 1950 *The Rocking-Horse Winner* (Pelissier) (as Bassett, + pr); *Morning Departure* (*Operation Disaster*) (Baker) (as Lieut. Comdr. Armstrong)
- 1951 *Mr. Denning Drives North* (Kimmins) (as Tom Denning)
- 1952 *The Gentle Gunman* (Relph and Dearden) (as Terence Sullivan)
- 1953 *The Long Memory* (Hamer) (as Davidson)
- 1954 *Hobson's Choice* (Lean) (as Willie Mossop)
- 1955 *The Colditz Story* (Hamilton) (as Pat Reid); *The End of the Affair* (Dmytryk) (as Albert Parkis); *Above Us the Waves* (Thomas) (as Commander Frazer); *Escapade* (Leacock) (as John Hampden)

- 1956 *War and Peace* (King Vidor) (as Platon Karatayev); *It's Great to Be Young* (Frankel) (as Mr. Dingle); *The Baby and the Battleship* (Jay Lewis) (as "Puncher" Roberts); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as London cabbie)
- 1957 *Town on Trial* (Guillermin) (as Supt. Mike Halloran); *The Circle (The Vicious Circle)* (Thomas) (as Dr. Howard Latimer)
- 1958 *Dunkirk* (Norman) (as Corporal Tubby Binns); *Ice Cold in Alex (Desert Attack)* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Capt. Anson); *I Was Monty's Double (Hell, Heaven or Hoboken)* (Guillermin) (as Major Harvey)
- 1959 *Tiger Bay* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Superintendent Graham); *Season of Passion (Summer of the 17th Doll)* (Norman) (as Barney)
- 1960 *Swiss Family Robinson* (Annakin) (as Mr. Robinson); *Tunes of Glory* (Neame) (as Lt. Col. Basil Barrow)
- 1961 *The Singer Not the Song* (Baker) (as Father Keogh)
- 1962 *Flame in the Streets* (Baker) (as "Jacko" Palmer); *The Valiant* (Baker) (as Captain Morgan); *Tiara Tahiti* (Kotcheff) (as Lt. Col. Clifford Southey)
- 1964 *The Chalk Garden* (Neame) (as Maitland)
- 1965 *The Truth about Spring* (Thorpe) (as Tommy Tyler); *King Rat* (Forbes) (as Smedley-Taylor); *Operation Crossbow (The Great Spy Mission)* (Anderson) (as General Boyd)
- 1966 *The Wrong Box* (Forbes) (as Masterman Finsbury)
- 1967 *The Family Way* (Boulting) (as Ezra Fitton); *Chuka* (Gordon Douglas) (as Colonel Stuart Valois); *Africa—Texas Style!* (Marton) (as Wing Commander Howard Hayes)
- 1969 *Run Wild, Run Free* (Sarafian) (as Moorman); *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig); *Lady Hamilton (Emma Hamilton; The Making of a Lady)* (Christian-Jaque) (as Sir William Hamilton); *La morte non ha sesso (A Black Veil for Lisa)* (Dallamano) (as Insp. Franz Bulov)
- 1970 *Adam's Woman (Return of the Boomerang)* (Leacock) (as Sir Philip); *Ryan's Daughter* (Lean) (as Michael)
- 1971 *Dulcima* (Nesbitt) (as Mr. Parker)
- 1972 *Lady Caroline Lamb* (Bolt) (as Canning); *Young Winston* (Attenborough) (as General Kitchener)
- 1973 *Oklahoma Crude* (Kramer) (as Cleon Doyle)
- 1975 *The Human Factor* (Dmytryk) (as Mike McCallister)
- 1976 *Dirty Knight's Work (Trial by Combat; Choice of Weapons)* (Connor) (as Bertie Cook)
- 1977 *The Devil's Advocate* (Green) (as Blaise Meredith)
- 1978 *The Big Sleep* (Winner) (as Inspector Jim Carson); *The Thirty-Nine Steps* (Sharp) (as Colonel Scudder); *Dr. Strange* (De Guere—for TV)
- 1979 *Zulu Dawn* (Hickox) (as Sir Henry Bartle Frere); *Quatermass Conclusion* (Haggard) (as Prof. Bernard Quatermass)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (as Lord Chelmsford)
- 1983 *Sahara* (McLaglen) (as Cambridge); *A Woman of Substance* (Sharp—for TV) (as Henry Rossiter)
- 1984 *Masks of Death* (Baker)
- 1985 *Murder with Mirrors* (Lowry—for TV) (as Lewis Serrocold); *Edge of the Wind* (Ives—for TV)
- 1986 *When the Wind Blows* (Murukami—animation) (as voice of Jim Bloggs); *Hold the Dream* (Sharp—for TV) (as Henry Rossiter); *Witnesses*
- 1987 *Who's That Girl?* (Foley) (as Montgomery Bell)
- 1989 *The Lady and the Highwayman* (Hough) (as Sir Lawrence Dobson); *A Tale of Two Cities* (Monnier)
- 1990 *Ending Up* (Sasdy—for TV) (as Bernard)
- 1991 *The Last Straw*
- 1992 *Galaxies Are Colliding*
- 1993 *Harnessing Peacocks* (James Cellan Jones—for TV) (as Bernard); *Frankenstein* (Wickes—for TV) (as DeLacey)
- 1994 *Deadly Advice* (Fletcher) (as Jack the Ripper)
- 1996 *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Old Norway)
- 1997 *Bean* (Mel Smith) (as Chairman)
- 1998 *Cats* (Mallet—for Video) (as Gus the Theatre Cat)
- 1999 *The Best of British Cinema* (as himself—for Video)

Film as Director and Producer:

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Whether stuck in the middle of the desert (*Ice Cold in Alex*) or stuck in the frozen climes of the South Pole (*Scott of the Antarctic*) or stuck at sea (*In Which We Serve*) or stuck in a prisoner-of-war camp (*The Colditz Story*), John Mills is so unfailingly cheerful, brave, and decent one gets the sense that were he to be cast against type, perhaps to play Adolf Hitler or Genghis Khan, we would warm to his performance and have him home to tea nonetheless.

It is surely significant that Mills first came to prominence in the war years, a period of consensus in British politics when decency—as embodied in 1946 by the Attlee government—was briefly fashionable, and where class, privilege, and good looks were not the sole criteria on which the British movie star was judged. As Jeffrey Richards has observed, Mills's great achievement has been "to show the qualities of English decency operating at every level of society." In 1947, Mills toppled Gainsborough Studios' aristocratic "cad and rotter," James Mason, from his perch at the top of the popularity polls. It is quite inconceivable that Mills would ever have bludgeoned Margaret Lockwood with an iron poker (as Mason did in *The Man in Grey*). Nor, in later life, would Mills have been happy corrupting nymphets (as Mason did in *Lolita*). Whether as character actor or leading man, Mills maintained morals, principles, and basic humanity. Given the opportunity to follow Granger and Mason to Hollywood, he plumped for Britain.

Sometimes, Mills could exude an irritating sanctimony and smugness. As Pip in David Lean's *Great Expectations*, he is dull and bland beside the gallery of Dickensian grotesques (Finlay Currie as the shaven-headed convict, Mr. Jaggers, Miss Havisham, and company); it seems very unlikely that Jean Simmons would ever have fallen for such a lackluster hero. And in Lean's *This Happy Breed*, Mills's decency and loyalty to Noël Coward's quaint ideal of the family—Mills's portrayal of the boy-next-door—as in *In Which We Serve*, is faintly grating.

In the 1950s, as prosperity set in, and as Churchill and then Macmillan attempted to gnaw away at the "consensual decency" of the previous decade, Mills stood as a totem of the old values. Generally, British 1950s war films are seen as symptomatic of imperial anxiety, of Albion attempting to cope with its loss of significance in the world, with the growing pains of Suez and the disappearing empire. As British world influence dwindles, British filmmakers try to reinvoke martial myths of the recent past. Seen in such a light, Mills, forever dressed in khaki, seems a reactionary figure in such films as *Tunes of Glory*, which was, of course, that film's point about his character.

It comes as something of a surprise to discover that Mills, like Cagney (to whom, although gentler with grapefruits, he is in some sense a British parallel), started off his career in musical comedy. Somehow, one does not think of him singing and dancing. In later years, Mills tried to break away from his Mr. Decent type; he played a deformed deaf-mute in Lean's *Ryan's Daughter*, a performance that won him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, although it borders on the freakish. He marvelously played the stiff-necked dad of newlyweds Hywell Bennett and daughter Hayley in *The Family Way*. And he has even attempted to play the villain from time to time—as in the serial killer omnibus *Deadly Advice*, where he played Jack the Ripper. As General Haig, the butcher of the Somme who sent hundreds of thousands of British soldiers to their death, in the earlier *Oh! What a Lovely War*, he laced his villainy with sympathy to create a realistic human portrait. In all these films, he demonstrated that he is a far more versatile actor than his war-hero persona often allowed. Nonetheless, he will always be remembered as brave Shorty Blake with the stiff upper lip or as Courageous Captain Scott—as the chivalric and conscientious protagonist of a dozen British war movies.

—G. C. Macnab, updated by John McCarty

MINEO, Sal

Nationality: American. **Born:** Salvatore Mineo, Jr. in the Bronx, New York, 10 January 1939. **Education:** Attended Christopher Columbus High School, New York. **Career:** Child actor on Broadway in *The Rose Tattoo*; 1952—appeared in *The King and I* on Broadway; 1955—film debut in *Six Bridges to Cross*; also appeared on television; 1969—director of stage play *Fortune and Men's Eyes* in New York. **Died:** Stabbed by robber, 12 February 1976.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Six Bridges to Cross* (Pevney); *Rebel without a Cause* (Ray) (as Plato); *The Private War of Major Benson* (Hopper)
- 1956 *Crime in the Street* (Siegel); *Rock Pretty Baby* (Bartlett); *Somebody up There Likes Me* (Wise); *Giant* (Stevens)
- 1957 *Dino* (Carr); *The Young Don't Cry* (Werker)
- 1958 *Tonka* (Foster)
- 1959 *A Private Affair* (Walsh); *The Gene Krupa Story* (Weiss) (title role)
- 1960 *Exodus* (Preminger) (as Dov Landau)
- 1962 *Escape from Zahrain* (Neame) (as Tahar); *The Longest Day* (Annakin and others) (as Private Martini)
- 1964 *Cheyenne Autumn* (Kellogg) (as Red Shirt)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as Uriah); *Who Killed Teddy Bear?* (Cates) (as Lawrence)



Sal Mineo

- 1966 *The Dangerous Years of Kiowa Jones* (March—for TV)
 1967 *Stranger on the Run* (Siegel—for TV)
 1969 *Eighty Steps to Jonah* (Oswald) (as Jerry Taggart); *Krakatoa, East of Java* (Kowalski) (as Leoncavallo Borghese)
 1970 *The Challengers* (Martinson—for TV)
 1971 *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* (Taylor); *In Search of America* (Bogart—for TV); *How to Steal an Airplane* (Martinson—for TV)
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Sal Mineo’s career was dominated by a single role that swiftly achieved the status of icon or myth: his Plato in Nicholas Ray’s *Rebel without a Cause*. Ray’s film, its intense and powerful dramatic inspiration intermittently transcending its “textbook sociology” basis, is a striking example of a great opportunity almost seized and then fumbled: it opens up the possibility of constructing an alternative, nonrepressive and nonauthoritarian sexual/familial structure then opts for restoring “normality” at the end. Significantly, the vital move for completing this operation is the elimination of Plato, the character who, far more than Jim (James Dean) and Judy (Natalie Wood), resists assimilation into the norms of bourgeois culture.

Rebel is the only film in which Mineo’s character is clearly coded as gay. Typically, as with the film’s other teenage characters, his “problem” is “explained” in terms of an unsatisfactory family background; nevertheless, during the central sequences in the abandoned mansion, Plato’s gayness achieves a resonance that escapes the film’s glib sociologizing. The three characters move towards becoming an alternative family, mutually caring and protective, Jim as father, Judy as mother, Plato as child. Yet this is disturbed and complicated by the continual threat (produced as much by the sexual ambiguity of the Dean persona as by the presence of Mineo) of a sexual dimension to the men’s relationship: the implications of connecting the familial and the sexual in this way could scarcely be more radical. The strategy by which the film repudiates (rather than resolves) those implications is interesting: Jim becomes preoccupied with Judy at Plato’s expense, subsequently rendering him impotent by removing the bullets from his gun, hence unintentionally abetting in his death at the hands of patriarchal authority (in the form of the

police). Thereafter, in the film’s famous last line, the heterosexual couple can be definitively reestablished and reintegrated into bourgeois normality.

Mineo’s persona has two aspects, vulnerability and aggressiveness. If *Rebel* offers the most complete realization of the former, the latter perhaps received fullest expression in *Cheyenne Autumn*, where Mineo played a transgressive and intractable Indian brave. It was Preminger who made possible the ideal fusion of the two sides: the young Irgun initiate of *Exodus* is surely Mineo’s finest performance, though achieved through the explicit repudiation of the persona’s gay connotations. (“They used me as you would use a woman.”) The extraordinary intensity of the interrogation scene is due as much to Mineo’s vulnerable/aggressive dualism as to Preminger’s iron control over editing and mise-en-scène.

—Robin Wood

MINNELLI, Liza

Nationality: American. **Born:** Liza May Minnelli in Los Angeles, California, 12 March 1946; daughter of the director Vincente Minnelli and the actress Judy Garland; sister of the actress Lorna Luft. **Education:** Attended public and private schools. **Family:** Married 1) Peter Allen, 1967 (divorced); 2) Jack Haley Jr., 1974 (divorced 1979); 3) Mark Gero, 1979 (divorced 1992). **Career:** Appeared as a small child in her mother’s film *In the Good Old Summertime*, 1949, and on stage with her mother at the Palace Theatre, New York, 1953; 1960—toured with her school production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*; 1963—in Broadway production of *Best Foot Forward*; 1964—made first recording, and appeared as singer with her mother at London Palladium; 1965—cabaret debut; 1968—dramatic role in film *Charlie Bubbles*; 1972—successful television special *Liza with a Z*; 1978–80—with the Martha Graham Dance Co., New York. **Awards:** Best Actress, Academy Award and Best Actress, British Academy, for *Cabaret*, 1972. **Agent:** c/o PMK Public Relations, 1776 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1949 *In the Good Old Summertime* (Leonard) (as herself)
 1968 *Charlie Bubbles* (Finney) (as Eliza)
 1969 *The Sterile Cuckoo* (Pookie) (Pakula) (as “Pookie” Adams);
Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon (Preminger)
 (title role)
 1972 *Cabaret* (Fosse) (as Sally Bowles)
 1974 *That’s Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.—compilation) (as host);
Journey Back to Oz (Sutherland—animation, produced in
 1964) (as voice of Dorothy)
 1975 *Lucky Lady* (Donen) (as Claire)
 1976 *A Matter of Time* (Vincente Minnelli) (as Nina); *Silent Movie*
 (Mel Brooks) (as herself)
 1977 *New York, New York* (Scorsese) (as Francine Evans)
 1981 *Arthur* (Gordon) (as Linda Marolla)
 1983 *The King of Comedy* (Scorsese) (as herself)
 1984 *A Great Wind Cometh* (Golan); *The Muppets Take Manhattan*
 (Oz) (cameo)

- 1985 *That's Dancing!* (Haley Jr.—compilation) (as host); *A Time to Live* (Wallace—for TV) (as Mary-Lou Weisman)
- 1987 *Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night* (Sutherland—animation) (voice only); *Minnelli on Minnelli: Liza Remembers Vincente* (Schickel—doc for TV)
- 1988 *Rent-a-Cop* (London) (as Della Roberts); *Arthur 2: On the Rocks* (Yorkin) (as Linda Marolla Bach)
- 1991 *Stepping Out* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Mavis Turner)
- 1994 *Parallel Lives* (Yellen—for TV) (as Stevie Merrill); *Unzipped* (as herself)
- 1995 *West Side Waltz* (for TV)
- 1999 *Jackie's Back!* (Robert Townsend—for TV) (as herself)

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Liza Minnelli has not had much of a film career since *New York, New York* and her output, including the telefilms, is slight. Nevertheless, she has appeared in works that have been important in illustrating that she remains a major talent who continues to evolve. Most striking in this regard is *A Time to Live*, Minnelli's first telefilm, in which she plays the role of a middle-class suburban woman whose son has muscular dystrophy. Playing a wife/mother who, in addition to fulfilling the caretaker role, struggles to accept the fact that her son will die young, Minnelli's role represents a radical departure. While she brings her familiar emotional intensity to the characterization, Minnelli tempers the character's emotionalism by emphasizing her innate intelligence, determination, and discipline. Minnelli's performance is deeply felt, she is given strong support by her co-stars and the script has an integrity which lifts it above the inherent melodramatics of the subject matter.

In contrast to the unrelenting dramatics of *A Time to Live*, *Stepping Out* is a musical that makes wonderful use of Minnelli's identity as a dancer, singer, and theatrical personality: an ideal Minnelli project allowing her to integrate her musical talents into a comedy/drama narrative. Unlike her previous musicals, the film has a contemporary setting and gives her a character who interacts with other women. It should have revived Minnelli's film career but both the critics and the public were indifferent. Perhaps the film lacked sufficient star power and Minnelli, while surrounded by a strong supporting cast, did not have a name co-star; in any case, *Stepping Out* is Minnelli's sole theatrical feature of quality and substance since *New York, New York*. The low point of the more recent projects is *Rent-a-Cop*, a film which clumsily tries to combine the genres of the action film and the romantic comedy. Minnelli's flamboyant performance as a brassy prostitute is a disaster and in great part because the film's writers and director give her no help whatsoever in integrating the character into what is clearly a Burt Reynolds vehicle.

Aside from their being strong projects and the opportunities they afford Minnelli as an actor, *A Time to Live* and *Stepping Out* are of interest in that both films present Minnelli as a person who accepts responsibility and makes a commitment to those who need help. Clearly, Minnelli's screen persona has grown considerably from the early 1970s. The image of a mature and caring person is present as early as *Tell Me That You Love Me*, *Junie Moon* but it was obscured by the unstable characters she played in *The Sterile Cuckoo* and *Cabaret*. *New York, New York* presents Minnelli as the responsible person in a relationship and in *Stepping Out*, Minnelli, playing a dance teacher, makes a professional and personal commitment to her students.

Minnelli's on-screen image as a more mature person is reinforced by her offscreen identity. From early on in her career, Minnelli publicly acknowledged her parents, their talent and creativity. *Minnelli on Minnelli: Liza Remembers Vincente* is an intelligent and affectionate documentary on her father's films; and Minnelli in concert and print has repeatedly honored her mother as a singer and actor. From another perspective, Minnelli has shown herself to be a caring person giving of her time and energy to the raising of money for AIDS victims. She has also been a high profile supporter of gay and lesbian rights.

There is no obvious explanation as to why Minnelli's film career has not fully succeeded. Possibly, she chose to make live performance work her priority and channeled her efforts to that end; or, it may be that her persona is a bit at odds with a popular image of the contemporary woman. Minnelli tends to display a highly emotional

sensibility which counters the notion that today's women are in control of their feelings. Also, Minnelli has cultivated, through the ties to her parents, an identity that connects her image to the classical Hollywood cinema. The reference to Hollywood's past may cause some confusion in the public's mind as to what era Minnelli's presence personifies.

Minnelli keeps active doing live performances. She maintains an enthusiasm and energy and has managed not to be locked into playing the diva. In her most recent film project, the telefilm *West Side Waltz*, she undertakes a character part enacting the role of a naive and insecure middle-aged woman who discovers that she is capable of taking on responsibilities and, in doing so, begins to value herself. While Minnelli provides a charming and distinctive characterization in *West Side Waltz*, she should not be relegated to older women character parts. Minnelli is a vibrant and attractive woman and what she deserves is the opportunity to fully utilize her talents on-screen and grow as a person and artist.

—Richard Lippe

MIOU-MIOU

Nationality: French. **Born:** Sylvette Herry, Paris, 22 February 1950. **Education:** French public school until 1966. **Family:** Daughters Angel (with Patrick Dewaere) and Jeanne (with Julien Clerc). **Career:** Worked as an upholsterer's apprentice in Paris, 1966; founder



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and actor, Café de la Gare theater, 1968; film debut in *La Cavale*, 1971. **Awards:** César Award for Best Actress, for *La Dérobade* (*The Getaway*), 1979; Institut Lumière Award for Best Actress, for *Nettoyage à sec* (*Dry Cleaning*), 1997. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 avenue George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1971 *La Cavale* (Mitrani)
- 1972 *Themroc* (Falardo); *Quelques messieurs trop tranquilles* (Lautner) (as Anita); *Elle court, elle court la banlieue* (Pirès)
- 1973 *Granges brûlées* (*The Investigator*) (Chapot) (as Monique); *Les Aventures de Rabbi Jacob* (*The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob*) (Oury) (as Antoinette Pivert)
- 1974 *Les Valseuses* (*Going Places*) (Blier) (as Marie-Ange)
- 1975 *Tender Dracula* (Grunstein); *Pas de problème* (*No Problem*) (Lautner) (as Anita); *Un Genio, due compari, un pollo* (*The Genius*) (Damiani) (as Lucy)
- 1976 *On aura tout vu* (*We Will Have Seen it All*) (Lautner) (as Christine); *Jonas qui aura 25 ans en l'an 2000* (*Jonah Who Will Be 25 in the Year 2000*) (Tanner) (as Marie); *F comme Fairbanks* (Dugowson) (as Marie); *Marcia trionfale* (*Victory March*) (Bellocchio) (as Rosanna)
- 1977 *Dîtes-lui que je l'aime* (*This Sweet Sickness*) (Miller) (as Juliette)
- 1978 *Les Routes du sud* (*Roads to the South*) (Losey) (as Julia); *L'Ingorgo—Una storia impossibile* (*Traffic Jam*) (Comencini) (as Angela)
- 1979 *La Dérobade* (*The Getaway*) (Dival) (as Marie); *Au revoir à lundi* (*Bye, See You Monday*) (Dugowson) (as Nicole); *La Femme flic* (*The Lady Cop*) (Boisset) (as Inspecteur Corinne Levasseur)
- 1982 *Josephine* (Frank) (title role); *Guy de Maupassant* (Drach) (as Gisèle d'Estoc)
- 1983 *Coup de foudre* (*Entre Nous*) (Kurys) (as Madeleine); *Attention! Une femme peut en cacher une autre* (*My Other Husband*) (Lautner) (as Alice); *Canicule* (*Dog Day*) (Boisset) (as Jessica)
- 1984 *Blanche et Marie* (Renard) (as Marie); *Le Vol du Sphinx* (*Flight of the Phoenix*) (Ferrier) (as Laura)
- 1985 *Une vie comme je veux* (Goron—for TV) (as Laurence)
- 1986 *L'Argent* (Rouffio—for TV) (as Caroline Hamelin); *Tenue de soirée* (*Ménage*) (Blier) (as Monique)
- 1988 *Les Portes tournantes* (*The Revolving Doors*) (Mankiewicz) (as Lauda); *La Lectrice* (*The Reader*) (Dewille) (as Constance/Marie)
- 1989 *Milou en mai* (*May Fools*) (Malle) (as Camille)
- 1991 *Nethcaïev est de retour* (*Netchaiev Is Back*) (Deray) (as Brigitte); *La Totale* (*The Jackpot*) (Zidi) (as Hélène)
- 1992 *Patrick Dewaere* (Esposito); *Le Bal des casse-pieds* (Robert) (as Louise Sherry)
- 1993 *Tango* (Leconte) (as Marie); *Germinal* (Berri) (as Maheude)
- 1994 *Une femme dans la tourmente* (Moati); *Un Indien dans la ville* (*Little Indian, Big City*) (*An Indian in Paris*) (Palud) (as Patricia); *Montparnasse-Pondichéry* (Robert) (as Julie)
- 1995 *Ma femme me quitte* (*My Woman is Leaving Me*) (Kamimka) (as Joanna Martin)

- 1996 *Le Huitième jour (The Eighth Day)* (Van Dormael) (as Julie)
 1997 *Nettoyage à sec (Dry Cleaning)* (Fontaine) (as Nicole Kunstler)
 1998 *Elles (Women)* (Galvao Teles) (as Eva); *Hors-jeu (Foul Play)* (Dridi)
 1999 *Jamais trop tard (Never Too Late)* (Gaget)
 2000 *Légères absences (Minor Absences)* (Mouriéras); *Tout va bien, on s'en va (Everything's Fine, We're Leaving)* (Mouriéras) (as Laure)

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In 1974, after six years of stage acting and unremarkable movie parts, Miou-Miou was offered the part of Marie-Ange in Bertrand Blier’s picaresque tale of life in the French suburbs, *Les Valseuses (Going Places)*. The film became a French classic, and Miou-Miou, along with her co-stars Gérard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaere, was on her way to becoming an icon. Pure “gamine” or “waif” in every sense of the word, Miou-Miou (who was given the name by legendary French comedian and former lover Coluche) conveyed body and soul the repressed sexuality of hairdresser Marie-Ange. This sexuality later explodes in the film through Marie Ange’s adventures with wanderers Jean-Claude and Pierrot, and it established the frail and delicate Miou-Miou as an emblem of popular womanhood. French film critic Jean-Michel Frodon wrote that Miou-Miou’s performance in the film is marked by “a disturbing submission, a dead spirit in a heavy body, burdened with vulgarity, all followed by a sublime vitality.” This unlikely combination of grit, fragility, and masked sexuality guaranteed Miou-Miou’s place in French cinematic history.

Following her explosive performance in this landmark film, Miou-Miou went on to make some 16 more films in the 1970s alone, including *Dites-lui que je l’aime (This Sweet Sickness)* in which she, again, played opposite Depardieu, and *La Dérobade (The Getaway)*, for which she was granted a César for best actress. Yet, despite the

award, it was not until 1983 that Miou-Miou was again able to demonstrate her force as an actress. This time, it was in Diane Kurys’s semi autobiographical film, *Coup de foudre (Entre Nous)*. In the film, Miou-Miou plays Madeleine, a submissive housewife in post-war France, who meets Léna (played by Isabelle Huppert), a Jewish woman married to a man she does not love. Over the course of the film, a passionate friendship develops between the two women, as both neglect their children and lie to their husbands in order to be together. Again, Miou-Miou gives a remarkable performance, showing the quiet torment of Madeleine, stuck in the middle-class female role assigned to her by society. As Madeleine evolves, Miou-Miou makes visible not only the resigned sadness, which had marked Madeleine’s married life, but the evolving strength, independence, and even selfishness that the contact between she and Léna ignites. With this performance, Miou-Miou gained a great deal of international attention, and the film itself was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

In 1988, Miou-Miou gave another highly acclaimed performance as an atypical woman in Michel Deville’s *La Lectrice (The Reader)*. In this film, she plays Constance, a woman reading, and Marie, a character in one of the books that Constance reads. Marie, in the book, is a professional reader, who visits clients and reads to them the book of their choice. This portrayal of two (overlapping) women in the same film, as well as Miou-Miou’s acting out of the act of reading, give the film unusual depth. Also noteworthy is the alternation between Marie’s sizzling sexuality and her intelligence, especially when men attempt to turn this sexuality against her. In a particularly riveting scene, for example, Marie is coerced into reading the Marquis de Sade for men who clearly wish to dominate her through her reading. Through her cold, distant interpretation of these highly pornographic works, Miou-Miou gives a strength and dignity to a character who might otherwise be seen as a prostitute (she has sex with many of her clients). Instead of a sexy type, Miou-Miou creates a female character who overcomes her seeming weakness with an iron will and a determined mind.

In 1993, Miou-Miou played one of the most assexual and gritty roles of her career in Claude Berri’s epic version of Émile Zola’s *Germinal*. As Maheude, the wife of a coal miner, and a coal miner herself, Miou-Miou goes through the entirety of the film in soot-covered rags. The coal dust, however, is not sufficient to mask the raw courage and latent anger Miou-Miou brings to Maheude. It is clear from her portrayal that the character lies very close to Miou-Miou’s own experience, a fact that she has admitted. Her near complete identification with this misery of Maheude’s existence, and her embodiment of the battered dignity of this nineteenth-century heroine, reveal that her own working class background has not been forgotten.

Miou-Miou’s most recent award winning performance was in 1997 in Anne Fontaine’s *Nettoyage à sec (Dry Cleaning)*. Anne Fontaine hand-picked Miou-Miou for the role of Marie Kunstler, the wife of a dry-cleaner. In the film, Marie, bored with her marriage and with her life, falls passionately for Loïc, a young transvestite. Eventually, Loïc moves in with the Kunstlers, and steamy affairs begin with both husband and wife. In the film, Miou-Miou gives not only another wildly sexual performance, she again depicts the emotional and psychological complexity of an unhappy woman, who has not allowed herself to recognize or admit her own unhappiness.

Although she is no longer acting in four to five films per year, as she did earlier in her career, and although known as much in recent years for her political activism as for her film career, Miou-Miou, now

in her late forties, still manages to find challenging roles. In 1999, for example, she won acclaim in Luis Galvão Teles' film *Elles (Women)* and she is currently featured in Claude Mouriéras film *Légères absences*. It seems that, despite her age, Miou-Miou, whom director Anne Fontaine once called "the most popular actress of her generation," has lost none of her force and none of her appeal.

—Dayna Oscherwitz

MIRANDA, Carmen

Nationality: Brazilian. **Born:** Maria do Carmo Miranda da Cunha in Libson, Portugal, 9 February 1909; grew up in Rio de Janeiro. **Career:** Radio singer and recording star in Brazil from late 1920s; 1939—debut on Broadway in *The Streets of Paris*; also appeared at the Waldorf-Astoria; 1940—U.S. film debut in *Down Argentine Way* as featured act; also appeared on television. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Beverly Hills, California, 5 August 1955.

Films as Actress:

- 1933 *A voz do carnaval* (Gonzaga and Mauro)
- 1935 *Alô, alô, Brasil!* (Downey, de Barro, and Ribeiro); *Estudantes* (Downey)
- 1936 *Alô, alô carnaval!* (Gonzaga)
- 1939 *Banana da terra* (de Barro)



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- 1940 *Down Argentine Way* (Cummings) (as herself)
- 1941 *That Night in Rio* (Cummings) (as Carmen); *Weekend in Havana* (Walter Lang) (as Rosita Rivas)
- 1942 *Springtime in the Rockies* (Cummings) (as Rosita Murphy)
- 1943 *The Gang's All Here (The Girls He Left Behind)* (Berkeley) (as Dorita)
- 1944 *Four Jills in a Jeep* (Seiter) (as herself); *Greenwich Village* (Walter Lang) (as Princess Querida); *Something for the Boys* (Seiler) (as Chiquita Hart)
- 1946 *Doll Face (Come Back to Me)* (Seiler) (as Chita); *If I'm Lucky* (Seiler) (as Michele O'Toole)
- 1947 *Copacabana* (Alfred E. Green) (as Carmen Navarro)
- 1948 *A Date with Judy* (Thorpe) (as Rosita Cochellas)
- 1950 *Nancy Goes to Rio* (Leonard) (as Marina Rodriguez)
- 1953 *Scared Stiff* (George Marshall) (as Carmelita Castinha)

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Carmen Miranda's phenomenal but limited success in Hollywood seems closely linked to the United States's Good Neighbor Policy during World War II and Twentieth Century-Fox's skill at showcasing musical talent. The Good Neighbor Policy encouraged economic, cultural, and military alliance between the United States and Central and South America. Within this political climate, Miranda would fulfill the role of musical "ambassador" between Latin America and

the United States, giving American audiences a taste of Brazilian culture. This “taste” however, as nurtured by Fox, proved narrow, highly stereotyped, and offensive to Brazilian audiences.

The most popular singer in Brazil during the 1930s, Miranda recorded more than 100 records, appeared in five films, and conducted nine sold-out South American tours. These credentials brought her to New York City in 1939 to appear in *The Streets of Paris*. Her stereotyping as a Brazilian “bimbo” began with her first American interview. Hoping to impress with her sparse English she exclaimed, “I say money, money, money and I say hot dog! I say yes, no, and I say money, money, money. . . .” When asked why she learned to say money, Miranda answered, through an interpreter, that everyone who comes to the United States must learn to say money. Financially insightful, but probably not the best first impression to make. Nevertheless, after her six-minute performance garnered unanimous rave reviews, she became the toast of the town. Her costumes set a fashion trend and the samba dominated New York City dance floors.

Her return to Brazil after the show closed proved significantly less triumphant. Held responsible for “Americanizing” and betraying Brazilian culture, Miranda’s popularity plummeted. A cruel response from her own people to her Broadway success, but one that became prophetic. When she signed an exclusive contract with Twentieth Century-Fox, she remained essentially a “novelty act” perpetuating her star image as the “Brazilian Bombshell” in film after film.

From *Down Argentine Way* to *Scared Stiff*, Miranda was carefully placed as a well-known and tempestuous Latin performer who spoke broken English (her first three films were set in Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba to legitimize her accent) and sang in Portuguese. Her frenetic and incessant gesturing, whether performing or not, suggested a human whirligig. Her clothing copied her Broadway costumes which she brought from South America: Brazilian native dress modeled on the “bahiana,” the African vendors of Bahia, Brazil. Their clothing features many layers of brightly colored and differently textured fabric topped with glittering jewelry and flower/fruit hats. Twentieth Century-Fox modified and exaggerated this folk dress until her exotic millinery became her trademark. Busby Berkeley created the ultimate image of Miranda when he made her “The Lady in the Tutti-Frutti Hat,” in *The Gang’s All Here*. Standing under a forced-perspective set painting that suggested an impossibly gigantic banana hat, Miranda became the stereotyped embodiment of Brazil her people feared.

Even when top-billed, Miranda was never cast as the romantic lead, her non-American mannerisms and sexuality being “unsuitable” for the hero. Miranda’s volatile nature juxtaposed the introverted demeanor (hence cultural “acceptability”) of the romantic female leads with whom she was often paired: Alice Faye and Vivian Blaine. The only time she was cast as the romantic lead, in *Copacabana*, she played a dual role that demonstrated her typical position, fluctuating between her usual “Brazilian” performing style and a refined French chanteuse.

Remarkably, given the near caricature of her persona, Miranda became a major musical star and the highest-paid female performer in the United States during World War II. Even though she made only 14 Hollywood films, Miranda’s star image is still readily recognized in the United States today. She has been parodied by everyone including Mickey Rooney in *Babes on Broadway*, Bugs Bunny, Milton Berle, and a number of Gary Larson cartoons. That she should be best remembered for her hats undercuts her talent. Her Brazilian legacy as

one of that country’s most popular performers provides a more fitting epithet.

—Greg S. Faller

MIRREN, Helen

Nationality: British. **Born:** Ilynea Lydia Mironoff in London, England, 26 July 1945. **Education:** Attended St. Bernard’s Convent, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex; also attended teacher training college in North London. **Family:** Married producer-director Taylor Hackford, 1997. **Career:** 1963–64—member National Youth Theatre; 1967—member Manchester Repertory Theatre; 1967–71, 1974–75, 1977–78, 1982—member Royal Shakespeare Company; 1967—film debut in *Herostratus*; 1972—attended Peter Brook’s International Centre of Theatre Research in Paris; in TV mini-series *Cousin Bette*; 1972–73—toured Africa and the United States with Peter Brook’s company; 1991–96—starring role in “Prime Suspect” series of TV productions, including the mini-series *Prime Suspect*, 1991, *Prime Suspect 2*, 1992, and *Prime Suspect 3*, 1994, the TV movies *Prime Suspect: The Lost Child*, 1995, and *Prime Suspect: Inner Circles*, 1996; 1992—Los Angeles stage debut in *Woman in Mind*; 1995—Broadway debut in *A Month in the Country*. **Awards:** Best Actress Award, Cannes Film Festival, and Best Actress, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, for *Cal*, 1984; Best Actress Awards, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, for *Prime Suspect*, 1991, 1992, 1993; Best Actress Award, Cannes Film Festival, for *The Madness of King George*, 1995. **Agent:** Ken McReddie Ltd., 91 Regent Street, London W1R 7TB, England. **Address:** c/o ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1967 *Herostratus* (Don Levy)
- 1968 *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (Peter Hall) (as Hermia)
- 1969 *Age of Consent* (Michael Powell) (as Cora Ryan)
- 1972 *Savage Messiah* (Ken Russell) (as Gosh Smith-Boyle); *Miss Julie* (Phillips and Glenister) (title role)
- 1973 *O Lucky Man!* (Lindsay Anderson) (as Patricia)
- 1976 *Hamlet* (Coronado)
- 1978 *As You Like It* (Basil Coleman—for TV) (as Rosalind); *The Collection* (for TV)
- 1979 *S.O.S. Titanic* (William Hale—for TV) (as Stewardess May Sloan); *Blue Remembered Hills* (Brian Gibson—for TV)
- 1980 *Caligula* (Brass—produced in 1977) (as Cesonia); *Hussy* (Chapman) (as Beaty Simons); *The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu* (Haggard) (as Alice Rage); *The Long Good Friday* (Mackenzie) (as Victoria)
- 1981 *Excalibur* (Boorman) (as Morgana); *Priest of Love* (Christopher Miles); *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Titania)
- 1982 *Cymbeline* (Moshinsky—for TV) (as Imogen)
- 1984 *Cal* (O’Connor) (as Marcella Morton); *2010* (Hyams) (as Tanya Kirbuk); *The Little Mermaid* (Iscoe—for TV)



Helen Mirren

- 1985 *White Nights* (Hackford) (as Galina Ivanova); *The Gospel According to Vic* (*Heavenly Pursuits*) (Gormley) (as Ruth Chancellor); *Coming Through* (Barber-Fleming—for TV) (as Frieda von Richtofer Weekly)
- 1986 *The Mosquito Coast* (Weir) (as Mother)
- 1987 *Invocation: Maya Deren* (doc) (as narrator); *Cause Celebre* (Gorrie—for TV) (as Alma Rattenbury)
- 1988 *Pascali's Island* (Dearden) (as Lydia Neuman)
- 1989 *When the Whales Came* (Rees) (as Clemmie Jenkins); *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Lover* (Greenaway) (as Georgina Spica, the Wife); *Red Knight, White Knight* (Geoff Murphy—for TV) (as Anna)
- 1990 *Bethune: The Making of a Hero* (*Dr. Bethune*) (Borsos—released in U.S. in 1993) (as Frances Penny Bethune)
- 1991 *The Comfort of Strangers* (Schrader) (as Caroline); *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (Sturridge) (as Lilia Herriton); *People of the Forest: The Chimps of Gombe* (TV doc) (as narrator)
- 1993 *The Hawk* (Hayman) (as Annie Marsh)
- 1994 *Prince of Jutland* (Axel) (as Queen Geruth); *The Madness of King George* (Hytner) (as Queen Charlotte)
- 1995 *Prime Suspect: The Lost Child* (John Madden—for TV) (as Supt. Jane Tennison)
- 1996 *Prime Suspect: Inner Circles* (Sarah Pia Anderson—for TV) (as Supt. Jane Tennison); *Losing Chase* (Kevin Bacon); *Some Mother's Son* (Terry George) (as Kathleen Quigley + assoc. pr); *Prime Suspect 5: Errors of Judgment* (Philip Davis—mini for TV) (as Supt. Jane Tennison)
- 1997 *Critical Care* (Lumet) (as Stella); *Painted Lady* (Jarrold—mini for TV) (as Maggie Sheridan + assoc. pr)
- 1998 *Sidoglio Smithee* (Molina) (as herself)
- 1999 *Teaching Mrs. Tingle* (Williamson) (as Mrs. Tingle); *Prime Suspect* (as DCI Jane Tennison); *The Passion of Ayn Rand* (Menaul) (as Ayn Rand); *Green Fingers* (Hershman)

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Helen Mirren’s career has been a remarkable blend of prestige and trashy roles, befitting an actress who has enjoyed long-term membership in the Royal Shakespeare Company and highly publicized exposés of her Bohemian lifestyle and romantic involvements with, most notably, Liam Neeson and Taylor Hackford (with whom Mirren has lived in Los Angeles since the mid-1980s). In the 1970s, she was known as “the Sex Bomb of the RSC,” once quoted as proudly proclaiming, “I like sex; I’m extremely sensual.” In her first major screen role, in Michael Powell’s Australian feature, *Age of Consent*, she snorkeled nude along the Great Barrier Reef. She was provocatively naked in Ken Russell’s *Savage Messiah*, and on stage in the 1971 Royal Shakespeare Company production of Jean Genet’s *The Balcony*. Mirren was at ease, and superb, in Shakespearian roles, including Hermia and Titania in 1968 (film) and 1982 (stage) productions of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Lady Macbeth on stage in 1974, and Rosalind in the BBC’s *As You Like It*. At the same time, she enjoyed shocking the critics and her fans by performing in Gore Vidal’s *Caligula*, but not, as she points out, “in the naughty bits.”

Splendid as she was as Queen Charlotte, opposite Nigel Hawthorne, in the film adaptation of Alan Bennett’s play, *The Madness of George III*, it is in the medium of television in recent years that Helen

Mirren has garnered most praise and an international following. She first attracted the attention of American audiences in 1987 in Anglia Television’s adaptation of Terence Rattigan’s *Cause Celebre*, playing the real-life Alma Rattenbury, who, in 1935, took her 18-year-old chauffeur as her lover and encouraged him to murder her husband. From that performance as a lonely and confused middle-aged woman, Mirren moved on to an entirely different role, that of Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison in Lynda La Plante’s *Prime Suspect*. Here, Mirren is cast as the highest ranking policewoman in the United Kingdom, fighting both sexism and the intrusion of her private life. Mirren’s characterization is of a strong woman, plagued by self doubts and one whose place in the system forces her to display an unpleasant edge. Thanks to Alma Rattenbury and Jane Tennison, Mirren has become, in the words of James Wolcott in the *New Yorker*, “the heiress to Glenda Jackson as the queen of the quality mini-series.”

From a major British stage performer of the 1970s, Helen Mirren graduated to secondary film roles in the 1980s and starring television performances in the late 1980s and 1990s. In middle age, the actress gives little indication as to what the future holds. The prurient will note that her body, as well displayed as it was in *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Lover*, shows no signs of aging, while her facial features have developed from a somewhat vacuous expression to those of a woman who has obviously enjoyed a very interesting life and whose few lines are suggestive of an intellectual interior rather than the aging process.

—Anthony Slide

MITCHUM, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Robert Charles Duran Mitchum in Bridgeport, Connecticut, 6 August 1917. **Education:** Attended Haaren High School, New York, left at age 14. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, 1945. **Family:** Married Dorothy Spence, 1940, three children, including the actor Christopher. **Career:** Worked at a variety of jobs during the 1930s, including heavyweight boxing; joined Long Beach Civic Theatre as stage hand and actor in late 1930s, and worked for Lockheed Aircraft in early 1940s; 1943—film debut in *Hoppy Serves a Writ*; 1944—contract with RKO, later shared with David O. Selznick, then bought by Howard Hughes; 1945—starring role in *G.I. Joe*; 1948—well-publicized arrest for possession of marijuana; 1954—formed own production company, DRM Productions, later changed to Talbot Productions; 1980—in TV mini-series *The Winds of War*, *North and South*, 1985, and *War and Remembrance*, 1988; 1990—in TV series *A Family for Joe*. **Died:** 1 July 1997, in Santa Barbara, California, of lung cancer.

Films as Actor:

(as Bob Mitchum)

1943 *Hoppy Serves a Writ* (Archainbaud) (as Rigney); *The Leather Burners* (Henabery) (as Randall); *Border Patrol* (Selander)



Robert Mitchum and Sally Jane Bruce in *The Night of the Hunter*

(as a henchman); *Follow the Band* (Yarbrough) (as Tate Winters); *Aerial Gunner* (Pine) (as Sergeant); *Colt Comrades* (Selander) (as Bart); *Cry Havoc!* (Thorpe) (as groaning man); *The Human Comedy* (Brown) (as Horse); *Minesweeper* (Berke) (as Chuck); *We've Never Been Licked* (*Texas to Tokyo*) (Rawlins) (as Panhandle Mitchell); *Beyond the Last Frontier* (Bretherton) (as Trigger Dolan); *Bar Twenty* (Selander) (as Richard Adams); *Doughboys in Ireland* (Landers) (as Earnie Jones)

(as Robert Mitchum)

- 1943 *Corvette K-225* (Rossen) (as Shephard); *The Lone Star Trail* (Taylor) (as Ben Slocum); *False Colors* (Archainbaud) (as Rip Austin); *Dancing Masters* (St. Clair) (as Mickey); *Riders of the Deadline* (Selander) (as Drago); *Gung Ho!* (Enright) (as Pigion Matthews)
- 1944 *Johnny Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (And So They Were Married) (Joe May) (as Jeff Daniels); *Mr. Winkle Goes to War* (*Arms and the Woman*) (Alfred E. Green) (as corporal); *When Strangers Marry* (*Betrayed*) (Castle) (as Fred);

Girl Rush (Gordon Douglas) (as Jimmy Smith); *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo* (LeRoy) (as Bob Gray); *Nevada* (Killy) (as Jim "Nevada" Lacy)

- 1945 *West of the Pecos* (Killy) (as Pecos Smith); *The Story of G.I. Joe* (*G.I. Joe; War Correspondent*) (Wellman) (as Lt. Walker)
- 1946 *Till the End of Time* (Dmytryk) (as William Tabeshaw); *Undercurrent* (Minnelli) (as Michael Garraway); *The Locket* (Brahm) (as Norman Clyde)
- 1947 *Pursued* (Walsh) (as Jeb Rand); *Crossfire* (Dmytryk) (as Sgt. Peter Keeley); *Desire Me* (Cukor and LeRoy, both uncredited) (as Paul Albert); *Out of the Past* (*Build My Gallows High*) (Jacques Tourneur) (as Jeff Bailey)
- 1948 *Rachel and the Stranger* (Norman Foster) (as Jim Fairways); *Blood on the Moon* (Wise) (as Jimmy Garry)
- 1949 *The Red Pony* (Milestone) (as Billy Buck); *The Big Steal* (Siegel) (as Lt. Duke Halliday); *Holiday Affair* (Hartman) (as Steve Mason)
- 1950 *Where Danger Lives* (Farrow) (as Jeff Cameron)
- 1951 *My Forbidden Past* (Stevenson) (as Dr. Mark Lucas); *His Kind of Woman* (Farrow) (as Dan Miller); *The Racket* (Cromwell) (as Captain Thomas McQuigg)

- 1952 *Macao* (von Sternberg) (as Nick Cochran); *One Minute to Zero* (Garnett) (as Colonel Steve Janowski); *The Lusty Men* (Nicholas Ray) (as Jeff McCloud); *Angel Face* (Preminger) (as Frank Jessup)
- 1953 *White Witch Doctor* (Hathaway) (as Lonnie Douglas); *Second Chance* (Maté) (as Russ Lambert)
- 1954 *She Couldn't Say No* (Beautiful but Dangerous) (Lloyd Bacon) (as Doc); *River of No Return* (Preminger) (as Matt Calder); *Track of the Cat* (Wellman) (as Curt Bridges)
- 1955 *Not as a Stranger* (Kramer) (as Lucas Marsh); ***The Night of the Hunter*** (Laughton) (as Preacher Harry Powell); *Man with the Gun* (*The Trouble Shooter*) (Wilson) (as Clint Tollinger)
- 1956 *Foreign Intrigue* (Sheldon Reynolds) (as Dave Bishop); *Bandido* (Fleischer) (as Richard Wilson)
- 1957 *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison* (Huston) (title role); *Fire Down Below* (Parrish) (as Felix); *The Enemy Below* (Powell) (as Captain Murrell)
- 1958 *Thunder Road* (Ripley) (as Lucas Doolin, + pr, co-sc); *The Hunters* (Powell) (as Maj. Cleve Seville)
- 1959 *The Angry Hills* (Aldrich) (as Mike Morrison); *The Wonderful Country* (Parrish) (as Martin Brady)
- 1960 *Home from the Hill* (Minnelli) (as Captain Wade Hunnicut); *The Night Fighters* (*A Terrible Beauty*) (Garnett) (as Dermot O'Neill); *The Grass Is Greener* (Donen) (as Charles Delacro); *The Sundowners* (Zinnemann) (as Paddy Carmony)
- 1961 *The Last Time I Saw Archie* (Webb) (as Archie Hall)
- 1962 *Cape Fear* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Max Cady); *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as Brig. Gen. Norman Cota); *Two for the Seesaw* (Wise) (as Jerry Ryan)
- 1963 *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as Jim Slattery); *Rampage* (Karlson) (as Harry Stanton)
- 1964 *Man in the Middle* (Hamilton) (as Lt. Colonel Barney Adams); *What a Way to Go!* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Rod Anderson)
- 1965 *Mr. Moses* (Neame) (title role)
- 1967 *The Way West* (McLaglen) (as Dick Summers); *El Dorado* (Hawks) (as J. D. Harrah)
- 1968 *Lo sbarco di Anzio* (*Anzio*; *The Battle for Anzio*) (Dmytryk) (as Dick Ennis); *Villa Rides* (Kulick) (as Lee Arnold); *Five Card Stud* (Hathaway) (as Jonathan Rudd)
- 1969 *Secret Ceremony* (Losely) (as Albert); *Young Billy Young* (Kennedy) (as Ben Kane); *The Good Guys and the Bad Guys* (Kennedy) (as James Flag)
- 1970 *Ryan's Daughter* (Lean) (as Charles Shaughnessy)
- 1971 *Going Home* (Leonard) (as Harry K. Graham)
- 1972 *The Wrath of God* (Nelson) (as Van Horne)
- 1973 *The Friends of Eddie Coyle* (Yates) (as Eddie Coyle)
- 1975 *The Yakuza* (Pollack) (as Harry Kilmer); *Farewell, My Lovely* (Richards) (as Philip Marlowe)
- 1976 *Midway* (*Battle of Midway*) (Smight) (as Admiral William Halsey); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Pat Brady)
- 1977 *The Amsterdam Kill* (Clouse) (as Quinlin)
- 1978 *Matilda* (Daniel Mann) (as Duke Parkhurst); *The Big Sleep* (Winner) (as Philip Marlowe)
- 1979 *Breakthrough* (*Sargent Steiner*) (McLaglen) (as Col. Rogers)
- 1980 *Night Kill* (Post—for TV) (as Donner)
- 1981 *Agency* (Kaczender) (as Ted)
- 1982 *That Championship Season* (Miller) (as Coach Delaney); *One Shoe Makes It Murder* (Hole—for TV) (as Harold Shillman)
- 1983 *A Killer in the Family* (Heffron—for TV) (as Gary Tison)
- 1984 *The Ambassador* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Peter Hacker)
- 1985 *Maria's Lovers* (Konchalovsky) (as Ivan's father); *The Hearst and Davies Affair* (Rich—for TV) (as William Randolph Hearst); *Reunion at Fairborough* (Wise—for TV); *Promises to Keep* (Black)
- 1986 *Thompson's Last Run* (Freedman—for TV)
- 1988 *Mr. North* (Danny Huston) (as James McHenry Bosworth); *John Huston: The Man, the Movies, the Maverick* (Martin—doc) (as narrator); *Scrooged* (Richard Donner) (as Preston Rhineland); *Jake Spanner*, *Private Eye* (Katzin—for TV)
- 1989 *Brotherhood of the Rose* (Chomsky—for TV) (as John Eliot)
- 1990 *Presumé dangereux* (*Believed Violent*) (Lautner) (as Prof. Forrester); *A Family for Joe* (Melman—for TV) (as Joe)
- 1991 *Bis ans Ende der Welt* (*Until the End of the World*) (Wenders); *Cape Fear* (Scorsese) (as Lt. Elgart)
- 1993 *Tombstone* (Cosmatos) (as narrator); *Midnight Ride* (Bralver); *Woman of Desire* (Ginty) (as Walter J. Hill)
- 1995 *Backfire* (A. Dean Bell) (as Marshal Marc Marshall)
- 1996 *Dead Man* (Jarmusch) (as John Dickinson); *Pakten* (*The Sunset Boys*) (Risan); *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Robinson)
- 1997 *James Dean: Race with Destiny* (Rustam) (as George Stevens)

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Whether due to natural modesty or shrewdness, Robert Mitchum has cultivated an image as Hollywood's I Don't Care Boy. A self-proclaimed graduate of the I-Just-Show-Up-and-Read-My-Lines School of Acting, Mitchum presents the media and his devotees with a portrait of himself as a no-nonsense underachiever who lucked into his career. For a man whose first minor break came when he volunteered to ride a horse that had just killed another bit player, the truth about his casual attitude might be complex enough for the kind of treatment Kurosawa gave *Rashomon*.

Brimming with the sort of he-man sexuality that swept away women's better judgment, Mitchum might have been stuck playing muscle-bound rascals if he had come to prominence sooner, but his ascendancy coincided with the postwar turmoil encapsulated in film noir. A man of few words, all of them packed with dynamite, the terse Mitchum was a minimalist actor; since he did not call attention to

himself with Oscar-grabbing flourishes, his economical methods make his cleanly delivered performances seem all the more modern today. Winning his first and only Oscar nomination for *The Story of G.I. Joe*, Mitchum always had the luxury of alternating hero and villain roles as he effortlessly changed his wardrobe from leather chaps to soldier fatigue to P.I. trench coat, with an innate fashion sense of what the well-dressed antihero wore. Never letting up with his official line about not taking his career seriously, Mitchum outlasted his more highly regarded contemporaries until he was the last Golden Age male superstar still billed above the title.

At the time when he was RKO's resident screwed-over everyman, his notorious drug bust actually enhanced his reputation by jazzing up his social outlaw image. Ingrid Bergman, Tom Neal, Rory Calhoun and many others were not so fortunate in an era when *Confidential* magazine began invading stars' homes to look for skeletons in their closets.

Perpetuating his persona as a frontiersman with a past (*Rachel and the Stranger*, *Blood on the Moon*), Mitchum brought an equally haunted quality to bear on RKO's other genre staple, the fatalistic urban thriller in which Mitchum hinted that resignation to corruption was often an antihero's only recourse. If *Out of the Past* engraves the tough, soul-sick Mitchum image in stone, his other RKO standouts hint at something more sinister than entrapment in a cycle of crime. What is endlessly fascinating about movies such as *Angel Face*, *The Locket*, *Where Danger Lives*, and *My Foolish Past* is that the solidly built male star at the center of these whirlpools is primarily a fall guy for women. In the provocative *Angel Face*, Mitchum is the heterosexual's worst nightmare, a man of action turned impotent by a controlling beauty. Less perilously paired with Jane Russell in a series of robust adventures, Mitchum's lighter side received a workout, but he continued adding to his star luster with straightforward leading-man roles opposite Deborah Kerr, Marilyn Monroe, and others, in exciting romantic films that explored his good-natured skepticism while exercising his broad appeal to men and women.

In the course of easing into his own played-down legend, Mitchum broadened his range with subtle turns in sophisticated misfires such as *Secret Ceremony*, singlehandedly salvaged the epic *Ryan's Daughter* with his quiet authority, and brought heartbreaking purity to bear on his portrayal of an Australian sheep farmer cursed with wanderlust but blessed with Deborah Kerr in *The Sundowners*.

Knocking the socks off even his admirers, Mitchum also made chilled-to-the-marrow moviegoers shudder with his interpretations of rotten villains in *Cape Fear* and *The Night of the Hunter*. The former is a taut psycho-thriller about a sadist conversant with legal technicalities; Mitchum fashions a stalker monster clearly ahead of his time—an achievement all the more impressive since critics-darling Robert De Niro failed to outdo Mitchum in the dreadful Scorsese remake. Even finer is Mitchum's venal bible-thumper in *The Night of the Hunter*, Charles Laughton's expressionist fairy tale now regarded as a horror classic. If these two performances do not clinch the argument that Mitchum is a great screen actor then the definition of great screen acting needs to be modified.

Late in his career, Mitchum's seen-it-all wariness and offhanded gallantry redefined forties detective iconography for contemporary times with *Farewell, My Lovely*. In a fitting career capstone, the mini-series *The Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance* consolidated Mitchum's position as one of Hollywood's durable icons. It is fortunate that Mitchum endured to receive accolades for a body of work that he consistently undervalued. Somewhere behind those heavy-lidded eyes and are-you-kidding exterior, Mitchum have felt

secretly vindicated. Although filmgoers have enjoyed this late bloomer's laconic presence for years, the critical and popular consensus has finally caught up with Mitchum's greatness as a screen star.

—Robert Pardi

MONROE, Marilyn

Nationality: American. **Born:** Norma Jean Mortenson (or Baker) in Los Angeles, California, 1 June 1926. **Education:** Studied acting at Actors Lab in Los Angeles and Actors Studio in New York. **Family:** Married 1) James Dougherty, 1942 (divorced 1948); 2) the baseball player Joe DiMaggio, 1954 (divorced 1954); 3) the writer Arthur Miller, 1956 (divorced 1961). **Career:** During World War II worked in aircraft factory, then began modeling; 1946—short contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1948—film debut in *Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay!*; 1950—success in films *The Asphalt Jungle* and *All about Eve* led to long-term contract with Fox. **Died:** Probable suicide, 5 August 1962.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay!* (*Summer Lightning*) (Herbert) (as extra); *Dangerous Years* (Pierson) (as Evie); *Ladies of the Chorus* (Karlson) (as Peggy Martin)
1949 *Love Happy* (Miller) (as extra)



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- 1950 *A Ticket to Tomahawk* (Sale) (as Clara); *The Asphalt Jungle* (Huston) (as Angela Phinlay); *All about Eve* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Miss Caswell); *The Fireball* (*The Challenge*) (Garnett) (as Polly); *Right Cross* (John Sturges) (as girl at nightclub)
1951 *Home Town Story* (Pierson) (as Miss Martin); *As Young as You Feel* (Harmon Jones) (as Harriet); *Love Nest* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Roberta Stevens); *Let's Make It Legal* (Sale) (as Joyce)
1952 *Clash by Night* (Fritz Lang) (as Peggy); *We're Not Married* (Goulding) (as Annabel Norris); *Don't Bother to Knock* (Roy Ward Baker) (as Nell); *Monkey Business* (Hawks) (as Lois Laurel); "The Cop and the Anthem" ep. of *O. Henry's Full House* (*Full House*) (Koster) (as streetwalker)
1953 *Niagara* (Hathaway) (as Rose Loomis); *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (Hawks) (as Lorelei Lee); *How to Marry a Millionaire* (Negulesco) (as Pola Debevoise)
1954 *River of No Return* (Preminger) (as Kay Weston); *There's No Business Like Show Business* (Walter Lang) (as Vicky)
1955 *The Seven Year Itch* (Wilder) (as the Girl)
1956 *Bus Stop* (Logan) (as Cherie)
1957 *The Prince and the Showgirl* (Olivier) (as Elsie Marina)
1959 *Some Like It Hot* (Wilder) (as Sugar Kane)
1960 *Let's Make Love* (Cukor) (as Amanda Dell)
1961 *The Misfits* (Huston) (as Roslyn Tabor)

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More pages have been written about Marilyn Monroe than any other movie star. She has inspired all sorts of fellow artists, from novelists to painters to rock songwriters. In 1996, 34 years after Monroe's death (at age 36), HBO brought Oscar winner Mira Sorvino to the small screen in yet another retelling of Monroe's life. Representations of femininity, sexuality, and American ambition created by and around Monroe continue to fascinate, indicating that tensions among these factors continue to exist.

To some she was a gifted comedienne, to others a sexual joke, but there is no doubt that Marilyn Monroe staked a claim for herself in film history as the quintessential "dumb" blond, the biggest of the blond bombshells. She had, according to Billy Wilder, "flesh impact." And her face was her fortune as much as her voluptuous figure (Wilder again): "The luminosity of that face! There has never been a woman with such voltage on the screen, with the exception of Garbo."

Monroe's appeal lay in more than her physical attributes. Another director, Joshua Logan, described her as "naive about herself and touching, rather like a little frightened animal." Lee Strasberg saw "a combination of wistfulness, radiance, yearning [that] set her apart and [made] everyone wish to . . . share in the childish naivete which was at once so shy and yet so vibrant." Or, in the words given to Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers in Monroe's film *Monkey Business*, she was "half child, but not the half that shows."

Monroe's triumphs in projecting the woman-as-child arose in part from the traumas of her personal life. Orphaned as a child by her father's desertion and mother's insanity, brought up in an orphanage and foster homes, and married at 16 to a boy of 20, she developed, according to critic Molly Haskell, a "painful, naked, and embarrassing need for love." Moreover, her mother's insanity, and the fact that both her mother's parents had also been committed to institutions, may have deepened fears of abandonment instilled by her childhood experiences. Certainly her genetic heritage did nothing to encourage her to envision a future as a responsible adult.

Yet she was adult enough to work throughout her life to develop her control over her psycho-physical actor's instrument. Most of all, Monroe engaged with Constantin Stanislavski's ideas—that an actor's job is to make every physical move meaningful, to embrace and embody the world as it is for her, not for convention—variations of which she studied in the early 1950s with Michael Chekhov and, more famously, in the mid-1950s with Lee and Paula Strasberg. To further clarify for herself ways to physicalize her characters' inner states, Monroe kept with her Mabel Elsworth Todd's book *The Thinking Body*. Once Monroe had the "handle" for a role or scene, she was, according to Montgomery Clift, "an incredible person to act with. . . . Playing a scene with her . . . was like an escalator. You'd do something, and she'd catch it and would go like that, just right up."

Her first films relegated her display of such talents to modeling jobs and acting classes. Under contract at Twentieth Century-Fox in 1946–47, she had bit parts in two forgettable films (*Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay!* and *Dangerous Years*). In 1948 Columbia gave her a six-month contract and an introduction to the studio's head acting teacher Natasha Lytess, a former member of Max Reinhardt's company. Until the mid-1950s, Lytess would be Monroe's personal drama coach and a fixture on her sets. Monroe's official debut was a leading role in a B picture, *Ladies of the Chorus*. Though she showed promise, it wasn't until her first film for MGM, *The Asphalt Jungle*, that she made a real impact with both the public and the critics. Small parts in *All about Eve* and in several B pictures led to more substantial roles in *We're Not Married* and *Monkey Business*.

For her biggest role yet, in *Don't Bother to Knock*, Monroe received mixed reviews playing a psychotic babysitter obsessed with her dead lover. As Carl Rollyson notes, Monroe in this film builds perhaps too obviously upon what her second acting instructor, Stanislavski's associate Michael Chekhov, called "the psychological gesture." Such a keystone gesture—here Monroe's twisting together of her fingers—not only encapsulates a character's mental state but allows changes in it to be revealed over time. Throughout her career, as pinup girl, on-stage USO diva in Korea, and movie star, Monroe can be seen carefully framing her own body—using her hands, arms and hips especially—for maximum emotional resonance. Her appeal as a screen actress and archetypal image rests upon this self-composition more than is commonly acknowledged.

Monroe's first starring role was in *Niagara*, which elevated her to the ranks of 1953's top-grossing stars. As a faithless wife, she delivered a credible performance while projecting a great deal of sex appeal. Her undulations across some cobblestones represented the longest walk in cinema history—116 feet of film.

Niagara was followed by other rich roles. As Lorelei in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, she showed she could sing and anchored the first of many delightful production numbers. (These redeemed such lesser films as *River of No Return* and *Let's Make Love*.) *How to Marry a Millionaire* further proved her comic talents. As the innocent myopic Pola Debevoise, a gold digger reluctant to wear glasses, she walked into walls and read books upside down with comic aplomb.

Monroe's next big film was *The Seven Year Itch*, in which she played a lightly parodic media sex goddess with subtle sensitivity. But by then she was disillusioned with her success and bored with her "dumb blond" image. Wanting to continue her artistic growth as a working actress, she left Hollywood for New York and the Actors Studio. Public reaction was unkind. *Life* magazine called the move "irrational," and *Time* found her all wet: "her acting talents, if any, run a needless second" to her truest virtues—"her moist 'come-on' look . . . moist, half-closed eyes and moist, half-opened mouth."

But Monroe spent a year with Lee Strasberg, director of the Actors Studio, learning to tap her own experience to work into her characters. At the Strasbergs' prompting, she entered psychoanalysis to negotiate her new self-knowledge. By the end of the year she had more sophisticated tools for exploring her characters—but she was gradually disintegrating as a person. The ego she had so carefully assembled in her early twenties came unglued in her increasing, drug-fueled fears of something lacking in herself.

Still, *Bus Stop*, her first film upon returning to Hollywood, was a revelation to the critics: "get set for a surprise. Marilyn Monroe has finally proved herself an actress" (Bosley Crowther, *New York Times*). Working for the first time with a southern accent, Monroe caught the delicate balance the script sets between her character's self-image and her limitations, especially in her songs. Critics disagreed over whether Monroe's modulated, realistic portrayal was due to the Strasbergs' influence or to the fact that it was her first role of any depth.

Her next film was made by her own company, which she had set up with Milton Greene. Although she and Laurence Olivier, her co-star and director, delivered good performances in *The Prince and the Showgirl*, problems between them on the set exacerbated Monroe's growing insecurity and addictions and did little to offset her distress over a troubled third marriage, to playwright Arthur Miller.

Monroe's sex appeal and comic timing were happily arrayed again in *Some Like It Hot*. But her next film, *Let's Make Love*, was a critical failure that brought her into an unhappy romance with her co-star,

Yves Montand. By the time she did *The Misfits* (written for her by Miller), although she delivered a multifaceted, poignant performance, her chronic lateness and addiction to alcohol and pills were out of control. These afflictions caused her removal from a subsequent film, *Something's Got to Give*, and she died two months later of a drug overdose.

Her death was a tragic conclusion to a promising career. According to director John Huston, something disturbing happened to Monroe between *The Asphalt Jungle* and *The Misfits*, but it deepened her responses; now her acting came from inside. As a child, Monroe "used to playact all the time. For one thing, it meant I could live in a more interesting world than the one around me." But the magnificent life she brought to the screen finally eluded her in reality.

—Catherine Henry, updated by Susan Knobloch

MONTAND, Yves

Nationality: French. **Born:** Ivo Livi in Monsummano Alto, Tuscany, Italy, 13 October 1921; raised in Marseilles, France, from age two. **Family:** Married the actress Simone Signoret, 1951 (died 1985), stepdaughter (adopted following Signoret's death): the actress Catherine Allégret; son with Carole Amiel: Valentin. **Career:** Left school at age 11, and worked at a variety of jobs before becoming a singer in Marseilles and Paris; 1945—performed at Moulin Rouge; Edith Piaf helped him in his career; 1946—feature film debut in *Étoile sans lumière* with Piaf; 1950–51—six-month musical tour of Europe and North Africa; 1953—breakthrough role in *Le Salaire de la peur*; 1954—appeared with Signoret in stage play *The Crucible*, and in film version, 1957; 1958—highly publicized and criticized tour of Soviet Union and Eastern-bloc countries, with Signoret; 1959—one-man show on Broadway; 1965—co-starred with Signoret in *Compartiment tueurs*, first of several films by Costa-Gavras; 1968—acclaimed one-man show in Paris; late 1970s—released enormously popular album of songs, *Montand d'hier à aujourd'hui* (*Montand, from Yesterday to Today*); 1982—became first popular singer to perform solo at New York's Metropolitan Opera House, followed by U.S. cabaret tour, then tour of Brazil and Japan; 1986—acclaimed performance in pair of international hits, *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des sources*; produced and starred in one-man TV special, *Montand à la une*; 1987—named president, Cannes Film Festival; 1988—long politically active, received serious mention as a possible French presidential candidate, but he declined to pursue; 1991—at time of death, was preparing a singing tour. **Awards:** Best Actor awards, French Étoile de cristal and New York Film Critics Circle, for *La Guerre est finie*, 1966; special tribute, Film Society of Lincoln Center, 1988. **Died:** Of a heart attack, in Senlis, France, 9 November 1991.

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 1946 *Étoile sans lumière* (*Star without Light*) (Blistène) (as Pierre);
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 1948 *L'Idole* (*The Idol*) (Esway) (as Luc Fenton)

- 1950 *Souvenirs perdus* (Christian-Jaque) (as singer); *Paris chante toujours* (Montazel) (as singer); *Parigi e sempre Parigi* (Emmer) (as singer)
 1953 *Le Salaire de la peur* (*The Wages of Fear*) (Clouzot) (as Mario); "Mara" ep. of *Tempi nostri* (*Our Time; The Anatomy of Love*) (Blasetti)
 1954 *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Marshal Lefebvre)
 1955 *Les Heros sont fatigués* (*Heroes and Sinners*) (Ciampi) (as Michel Rivière)
 1956 *Marguerite de la nuit* (Autant-Lara) (as Mephistopheles); *Uomini e lupi* (De Santis) (as Ricuccio)
 1957 *Les Sorcières de Salem* (*The Witches of Salem; The Crucible*) (Rouleau) (as John Proctor); *Poet Iv Montan* (*Yves Montand chante en U.S.S.R.*) (Sloutky and Yutkevitch)
 1958 *La lunga strada azzura* (*La Grande Strada Azzura; The Wide Blue Road*) (Pontecorvo) (as Squarcio)
 1959 *Le Père et l'enfant* (*Premier Mai*) (Saslavsky) (as Jean); *La Loi* (*Where the Hot Wind Blows; Le legge; The Law*) (Dassin) (as Matteo Brigante)
 1960 *Let's Make Love* (*The Billionaire; The Millionaire*) (Cukor) (as Jean-Marc Clément); *Yves Montand Chante* (filmed concert/doc)
 1961 *Sanctuary* (Richardson) (as Candy Man); *Aimez-vous Brahms?* (*Goodbye Again*) (Litvak) (as Roger Desmarest)
 1962 *My Geisha* (Cardiff) (as Paul Robaix)
 1963 *Le Joli Mai* (Marker—doc) (as narrator)
 1965 *Compartiment tueurs* (*The Sleeping Car Murder*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Insp. Grazi)
 1966 *La Guerre est finie* (*The War Is Over*) (Resnais) (as Diego); *Paris-brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément) (as Marcel Bizien); *Grand Prix* (Frankenheimer) (as Jean-Pierre Sarti)
 1967 *Vivre pour vivre* (*Live for Life*) (Lelouch) (as Robert Colomb)
 1968 *Un soir, un train* (*One Night, a Train*) (Delvaux) (as Mathias); *Le Diable par la queue* (*The Devil by the Tail*) (de Broca) (as Cesar Maricorne)
 1969 *Mister Freedom* (Klein) (cameo as Capt. Formidable); *Z* (Costa-Gavras) (as Deputy Z); *Le Deuxième Procès d'Arthur London* (Marker—doc); *Jour de tournage* (Marker and Depouey—doc)
 1970 *L'Aveu* (*The Confession*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Gerard); *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever* (Minnelli) (as Dr. Marc Chabot); *Le Cercle rouge* (*The Red Circle*) (Melville) (as Jansen)
 1971 *La Folie des grandeurs* (*Delusions of Grandeur*) (Oury) (as Blaze)
 1972 *César et Rosalie* (*César and Rosalie*) (Sautet) (as César); *Le Fils* (Granier-Deferre) (as Ange Orahona)
 1973 *Tout va bien* (*Just Great*) (Godard and Gorin) (as He); *Etat de siège* (*State of Siege*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Philip Michael Santore)
 1974 *Le Hasard et la violence* (Labro) (as Laurent Berman); *Vincent, Francois, Paul, et les autres* (*Vincent, Francois, Paul and the Others*) (Sautet) (as Vincent); *La Solitude du chanteur de fond* (*The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Singer*) (Marker—doc) (as himself); *T'es fou, Marcel* (Rocheffort—doc)
 1975 *Le Sauvage* (*The Savage; Lovers Like Us*) (Rappeneau) (as Martin Coutances); *Section spéciale* (*Special Section*) (Costa-Gavras) (cameo)



Yves Montand in *The Crucible*

- 1976 *Police Python 357* (Corneau) (as Marc Ferrot); *La Grand Escogriffe* (Pinoteau) (as Emile Morland)
- 1977 *Le Menace (The Threat)* (Corneau) (as Henri Savin)
- 1978 *Les Routes du sud (The Roads to the South)* (Losey)
- 1979 *Clair de femme (Womanlight)* (Costa-Gavras) (as Michel); *I comme Icarus (I as in Icarus)* (Verneuil)
- 1980 *The Case against Ferro* (Corneau) (title role)
- 1981 *Le Choix des armes (Choice of Arms)* (Corneau) (as Noel Durieux)
- 1982 *Tout feu tout flamme (All Fired Up)* (Rappeneau) (as Victor Valance)
- 1983 *Garçon! (Waiter!)* (Sautet) (as Alex)
- 1986 *Jean de Florette* (Berri) (as César "Le Papet" Soubeyran); *Manon des sources (Jean de Florette 2; Manon of the Spring)* (Berri) (as César "Le Papet" Soubeyran)
- 1988 *Trois places pour le 26 (Three Seats for the 26th)* (Jacques Demy) (as himself)
- 1990 *Netchaïev est de retour (Netchaïev Is Back)* (Deray) (as Pierre Marroux)
- 1992 *IP5: L'île aux Pachydermes (IP5: The Island of Pachyderms)* (Beineix) (as Leon Marcel)

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After a brilliant beginning as a cabaret singer, helped along the way by Edith Piaf, Yves Montand made a number of films that were disappointing. In fact, just at the time when he was about to abandon his film career, he accepted a role in Clouzot's *Le Salaire de la peur* that made him famous as a film star. The film, full of dramatic tension, depicts the desperately courageous trip of four drivers with a dangerous load on a treacherous road, and is now reckoned to be—because of its subject, its technical qualities, and its performances—one of the finest films of its time. Yet for the next decade Montand's films were not successful. Only in the late 1960s did he manage to move in a natural way before the camera, and from the time of his making *Compartment tueurs* onwards, his acting took on an authority it lacked before. *La Guerre est finie*, *Vivre pour vivre*, and *Un soir, un train* show this, especially the last, about the complicated relations of a couple seemingly on the boundary of dream and reality.

With his association with the director Costa-Gavras, which began in 1965 with *Compartment tueurs*, his acting reached a mid-career peak. His participation in Costa-Gavras's politically oriented works reflected his own political convictions, about which he was never silent. *Z* and *Etat de siège* deal with the restriction of civil rights in Greece and Chile, respectively. In *L'Aveu*, based on a book by Arthur London, one of the accused in Slansky's trial in Czechoslovakia, he created with a shocking persuasiveness the character of a man who suffers the monstrous power of a state determined to make good its charges of conspiracy, betrayal, and class and racial hatred.

Montand also made comedies and love stories as well as crime stories. In *Le Fils* he created the character of a mafioso who returns to Corsica from America and is involved in a vendetta, and in *La Choix des armes* he played a man in whose house two escaped convicts take shelter. He acted with Cathérine Deneuve in *Le Sauvage*, with Romy Schneider in *César et Rosalie* and *Clair de femme*, and with Isabelle Adjani in *Tout feu, tout flamme*.

Although he had a notable late-career comedic role in 1983's highly praised light comedy *Garçon!* playing the waiter, Montand's film career had hit a valley in the late 1970s and early 1980s. A final climax would come in 1986, however, with his scheming village elder in the wonderful two-part multicontinent smash hit *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des sources*. Based on novels by Maurice Pagnol, the films were made back-to-back by director Claude Berri in the costliest production in France up to that time. For his part, Montand drew on his rural Italian roots in perfectly capturing a proud old peasant whose greed leads ultimately to an ending reminiscent of Greek tragedy. In one of his best performances ever, Montand held the central role through both films, even next to Gérard Depardieu's strong portrayal of Montand's nemesis in *Jean de Florette*—a fitting culmination to the career of an actor beloved by his fellow French and unusually popular outside France as well.

—Karel Tabery, updated by David E. Salamie

MONTGOMERY, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Henry Montgomery, Jr. in Beacon, New York, 21 May 1904. **Education:** Attended Pawling School for Boys, New York. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1941–45; Commander. **Family:** Married 1) Elizabeth Bryan-Allen, 1928 (divorced 1950), daughter: the actress Elizabeth, son: Robert Jr.; 2) Elizabeth Grant Harkness, 1950. **Career:** Worked as mechanic for New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and as an oiler on a Standard Oil tanker; 1924—stage debut in *The Mask and the Face*, New York; actor for Rochester repertory company; Broadway debut in *Dawn*; 1926—film debut in *College Days*; 1929—contract with MGM, and sound film debut in *So This Is College*; 1930s—influential in establishing Screen Actors Guild; 1942—founder with Elliott Nugent, Neptune Productions; 1945—helped with direction of film *They Were Expendable*, and solo director of film *Lady in the Lake*, 1946; 1948—contract with CBS radio for series of mystery dramas; 1949—on radio series *Robert Montgomery Speaking*, later called *A Citizen Views the News*; 1950–57—host, director, producer,



Robert Montgomery

and sometime actor, *Robert Montgomery Presents* TV series; 1952–60—media consultant to President Eisenhower. **Died:** In New York City, 27 September 1981.

Films as Actor:

- 1926 *College Days* (Thorpe)
 1929 *So This Is College* (Wood) (as Biff); *Untamed* (Conway) (as Andy McAllister); *Their Own Desire* (Hopper) (as Jack Marlett); *Three Live Ghosts* (Freeland) (as William Foster)
 1930 *Free and Easy* (Sedgwick) (as Larry); *The Divorcee* (Leonard) (as Don); *The Big House* (Hill) (as Kent Marlowe); *Sins of the Children* (Wood) (as Nick Higginson); *Our Blushing Brides* (Beaumont) (as Tony); *Love in the Rough* (Reisner) (as Kelly); *War Nurse* (Selwyn) (as Wally)
 1931 *Inspiration* (Brown) (as Andre Martel); *The Easiest Way* (Conway) (as Johnny Madison); *Strangers May Kiss* (Fitzmaurice) (as Steve); *Shipmates* (Pollard) (as Jonesy); *The Man in Possession* (Wood) (as Raymond Dabney); *Private Lives* (Franklin) (as Elyot Chase)
 1932 *Lovers Courageous* (Leonard) (as Willie Smith); *But the Flesh Is Weak* (Conway) (as Max Clement); *Letty Lynton* (Brown) (as Hale Darrow); *Blondie of the Follies* (Goulding) (as Larry Belmont); *Faithless* (Beaumont) (as William Wade)
 1933 *Hell Below* (Conway) (as Lt. Thomas Knowlton); *When Ladies Meet* (Beaumont) (as Jimmy Lee); *Made on Broadway* (*The Girl I Made*) (Beaumont) (as Jeff Bidwell);

- Another Language* (Edward Griffith) (as Victor Hallam); *Night Flight* (Brown) (as Auguste Pellerin); *Fugitive Lovers* (Boleslawsky) (as Paul Porter)
 1934 *The Mystery of Mr. X* (Selwyn) (as Nicholas Revel); *Riptide* (Goulding) (as Tommy Trent); *Hide-Out* (Van Dyke) (as Lucky Wilson); *Forsaking All Others* (Van Dyke) (as Dill Todd)
 1935 *Biography of a Bachelor Girl* (Griffith) (as Kurt); *Vanessa: Her Love Story* (Howard) (as Benjie); *No More Ladies* (Griffith) (as Sherry Warren)
 1936 *Petticoat Fever* (Fitzmaurice) (as Dascom Dinsmore); *Trouble for Two* (Rubin) (as Prince Florizel); *Piccadilly Jim* (Leonard) (as Jim Crocker)
 1937 *The Last of Mrs. Cheyney* (Boleslawsky) (as Lord Arthur Dilling); *Night Must Fall* (Thorpe) (as Danny); *Ever Since Eve* (Bacon) (as Freddy Matthews); *Live, Love, and Learn* (Fitzmaurice) (as Bob Graham)
 1938 *The First 100 Years* (Thorpe) (as David Conway); *Yellow Jack* (Seitz) (as John O'Hara); *Three Loves Has Nancy* (Thorpe) (as Malcolm Niles)
 1939 *Fast and Loose* (Marin) (as Joel Sloane)
 1940 *The Earl of Chicago* (Thorpe) (as Silky Kilmount); *Haunted Honeymoon* (Woods) (as Lord Peter Wimsey)
 1941 *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (Hitchcock) (as David Smith); *Rage in Heaven* (Van Dyke) (as Phillip Monrell); *Here Comes Mr. Jordan* (Hall) (as Joe Pendleton); *Unfinished Business* (La Cava) (as Tommy Duncan)
 1948 *The Saxon Charm* (Binyon) (as Matt Saxon); *The Secret Land* (doc) (as narrator); *June Bride* (Windust) (as Carey Jackson)

Films as Director:

- 1945 *They Were Expendable* (co-d with Ford, + ro as Lt. John Brickley)
 1946 *Lady in the Lake* (+ ro as Philip Marlowe)
 1947 *Ride the Pink Horse* (+ ro as Blackie Gagin)
 1949 *Once More, My Darling* (+ ro as Collier Laing)
 1950 *Your Witness* (*Eye Witness*) (+ ro as Adam Heywood)
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Robert Montgomery's career is unique. He achieved success as actor and director in film, television, theater, and radio, and also gained considerable recognition in politics. In addition, he started what might be seen as a media dynasty by fathering a bona fide second generation star, his daughter, Elizabeth.

The arrival of sound to motion pictures brought many young men like Montgomery to Hollywood—men of good looks, polish, and enough stage experience to deliver dialogue well. After being placed under contract to MGM, Montgomery became a "tennis, anyone?" leading man for that studio's stable of beautiful actresses. His apprentice years found him supporting Norma Shearer (*The Divorcee*, *Riptide*), Joan Crawford (*Our Blushing Brides*, *Letty Lynton*), Marion Davies (*Blondie of the Follies*), and Greta Garbo (*Inspiration*), among others. Montgomery, however, was too intelligent and too versatile to be typecast with the limited range such roles afforded him. He undertook such parts as the frightened prison squealer in the key genre film, *The Big House*, as well as that of a homicidal maniac with a civilized veneer in *Night Must Fall*, a role which earned him an Oscar nomination. As a result of his own initiative, there were many Robert Montgomerys on screen—the arch comedian, the dapper cad, the crazy killer, the hard-boiled detective, the noble war hero. He was not one persona, but many.

Montgomery was also not content to be an idle screen actor in his private life. Always rebellious, he is said to have told Louis B. Mayer, when refused a deserved salary increase, "If you were a younger man, Mr. Mayer, I'd give you a beating." In 1933 he helped organize the Screen Actors Guild, and served four terms as its president. He proved an effective negotiator for better working conditions, higher pay, and steadier work for bit players. During World War II he saw action in PT boat service, an experience he used in John Ford's *They Were Expendable*, part of which he actually directed himself. He earned a Bronze Star for his destroyer service on D-Day.

After the war Montgomery turned to directing as well as acting. His most famous film is *Lady in the Lake*, in which he experimented with "first-person camera," allowing the camera to serve as the actual eyes of the leading character, Raymond Chandler's private-eye Philip Marlowe (played by Montgomery himself). This film, an experiment in the subjective point of view, stands as a landmark. Montgomery became executive producer-director-advisor to NBC, and created one of television's first anthology series, *Robert Montgomery Presents*. On stage, he directed *The Desperate Hours*, earning a Tony Award. Having been active in politics since his early days with SAG, he undertook the prestigious job as media adviser to President Eisenhower, a man he greatly admired. His book, *Open Letter from a Television Viewer*, denounced the networks as insisting on "fairy tales for grown-up children," and was ahead of its time in defining the media wasteland.

Montgomery was not only successful in four media, a capable director, an innovative producer, and a versatile actor, he was ahead of his own time in being an actor who understood that politicians would have to become masters of the media to win. He was in many

ways a visionary and an experimentalist, but in all ways a man of intelligence.

—Jeanine Basinger

MOORE, Demi

Nationality: American. **Born:** Demetria Guynes in Roswell, New Mexico, 11 November 1962. **Education:** Left school at age 16.

Family: Married 1) Freddy Moore, 1980 (divorced 1984); 2) the actor Bruce Willis, 1987 (separated 1998), daughters: Rumer Glenn, Scout Larue, and Tallulah Belle. **Career:** 1981—film debut in *Choices*; 1982–83—played Jackie Templeton in TV daytime drama *General Hospital*; 1984—in TV series *The Master*; 1987—stage role in *The Early Girl*; on cover of August 1991 issue of *Vanity Fair*, nude and pregnant, again on cover of August 1992 issue, nude and painted. **Awards:** People's Choice Award, Favorite Actress in a Movie Drama, 1996. **Agent:** Ron Meyer, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1981 *Choices* (Narizzano)
- 1982 *Young Doctors in Love* (Garry Marshall) (cameo); *Parasite* (Band) (as Patricia Welles)



Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze in *Ghost*

- 1984 *No Small Affair* (Schatzberg) (as Laura Victor); *Blame It on Rio* (Donen) (as Nicole Hollis)
- 1985 *St. Elmo's Fire* (Schumacher) (as Jules)
- 1986 *Wisdom* (Estevez) (as Karen Simmons); *One Crazy Summer* (Savage Steve Holland) (as Cassandra); *About Last Night . . .* (Zwick) (as Debbie)
- 1988 *The Seventh Sign* (Schultz) (as Abby Quinn)
- 1989 *We're No Angels* (Neil Jordan) (as Molly)
- 1990 *Ghost* (Jerry Zucker) (as Molly Jensen)
- 1991 *Nothing but Trouble* (Aykroyd) (as Diane Lightston); *Mortal Thoughts* (Rudolph) (as Cynthia Kellogg, + co-pr); *The Butcher's Wife* (Terry Hughes) (as Marina)
- 1992 *A Few Good Men* (Rob Reiner) (as Lt. Cmdr. JoAnne Galloway)
- 1993 *Indecent Proposal* (Lyne) (as Diana Murphy)
- 1994 *Disclosure* (Levinson) (as Meredith Johnson)
- 1995 *The Scarlet Letter* (Brian Gibson) (as Hester Prynne); *Now and Then* (Glatter) (as Samantha, + co-pr)
- 1996 *The Juror* (Brian Gibson) (as Annie Laird); *Striptease* (Andrew Bergman) (as Erin Grant); *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Truesdale and Kirk Wise—animation) (as voice of Esmerelda); *If These Walls Could Talk* (Cher, Savoca—for TV) (+ exec pr) (as Claire); *Beavis and Butthead Do America* (Judge) (as Dallas Grimes's uncredited voice)
- 1997 *G. I. Jane* (Ridley Scott) (as Lt. Jordan O'Neill) (+ pr); *Deconstructing Harry* (Allen) (as Helen); *Destination Anywhere* (Pellington) (as Janie)
- 2000 *Passion of Mind* (Berliner) (as Marty/Marie)

Films as Producer:

- 1991 *Mortal Thoughts* (co-pr)
- 1995 *Now and Then*
- 1997 *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery* (co-pr)
- 1999 *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (co-pr)

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Demi Moore's steady rise to superstar status by the early 1990s may appear surprising when the number of unsuccessful films she had made is compared to the hits, but her great popularity and increased power in Hollywood are undeniable. By 1996's *Striptease*, she could command a woman's-salary-record of \$12.5 million, a figure which might look foolish after the box-office disappointments of *The Juror* and *The Scarlet Letter*, and especially *Striptease* itself. Nevertheless, Moore's potential to deliver hit films still makes her one of the few female stars in contemporary Hollywood to have films custom-tailored to her desires. Her increased activity as a producer has also allowed her to play a significant role behind the scenes.

After an unremarkable film debut, Moore was noticed on the popular television soap opera *General Hospital* (which led to her

cameo in the parody *Young Doctors in Love*), and then identified as one of Hollywood's 1980s "brat pack" of young actors, most notably through her role in the *Big Chill*-imitation *St. Elmo's Fire*. She finally achieved widespread recognition in *Ghost*, a huge hit in which her ability to generate audience sympathy while retaining her independence and strength established her popular image; while her co-stars worked with the special effects, Moore provided realistic emotional grounding for the story at the heart of the film's supernatural nonsense. Taking advantage of her new on-screen prominence, she began to take greater control of her career behind the scenes, co-producing *Mortal Thoughts*, in which she co-starred with husband Bruce Willis. *A Few Good Men* elevated Moore into the company of two male superstars, Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise, but could not find much to do with her character.

Alongside her early television and film career, Moore's early marriage and divorce, drug problems, and brief engagement to Emilio Estevez (her co-star and director of the dreadful *Wisdom*) kept her frequently in the gossip columns. Her marriage to fellow superstar Bruce Willis in 1987, their public appearances at the openings of Planet Hollywood restaurants (of which they are co-owners), and especially her nude portraits on the cover of *Vanity Fair*—first in the eighth month of pregnancy, later with her figure regained and clothing only painted on—generated even more offscreen attention that continued into the late 1990s with her separation from Bruce Willis. Such activities have allowed Moore to successfully negotiate a range of otherwise contradictory identities: she appears as "the last pinup," an unabashedly sexy woman in a "postfeminist" age, as well as an ideal mother, supportive spouse, and shrewd businesswoman, whose advice and personal experiences are regularly featured in popular women's magazines. *Indecent Proposal* perhaps exploited the fantasies underlying these tensions most explicitly, with Moore playing a loyal wife who might nevertheless be purchased by millionaire Robert Redford for at least one night of sexual play. Her role in *Disclosure* as an aggressive businesswoman who sexually exploits male colleague Michael Douglas dealt with similar contradictions, but with a more distastefully reactionary twist.

The Scarlet Letter was a much-derided mistake, with Moore justifying the absurd changes in Hawthorne's classic plot by insisting that most people had not read the book, and *Now and Then* (her second co-production), while more successful, misled fans somewhat, since Moore and her adult co-stars appear only briefly in a film devoted to flashbacks of their characters as children. Advance publicity for *Striptease* suggested that Moore's erotic dancing would be the film's principal draw, with display of her body once again possibly diverting attention from whatever acting skills her role may demonstrate (yet another nude portrait for the film's poster created yet another minor controversy). But, in the end, the film did not draw much of an audience for any reason. In the unexceptional but commercially successful military drama *G. I. Jane*, the camera, for a change, emphasized Moore's impressively muscular body, along with the unusual attraction of her shaved head. Moore also played a small part in a Woody Allen film, but only her distinctive, husky voice, was featured in the Disney animated adaptation of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and more briefly in an uncredited vocal cameo—along with Bruce Willis—in the MTV-derived *Beavis and Butthead Do America*. Following her separation from Willis (and the breakup of the Planet Hollywood chain), Moore has almost disappeared from the public eye, though from time to time her plans to open a doll museum to display her own large collection are reported. However, in

an industry that has always rewarded male stars with higher salaries and greater career control, Moore remains in an unusual position to decide her future direction as a performer and producer. Her determination to succeed seems unshakable, but the wisdom of her choices remains to be seen; in any case, there is little question that the rise, fall, or steady continuation of her career will be fully documented by an attentive media.

—Corey K. Creekmur

MOOREHEAD, Agnes

Nationality: American. **Born:** Agnes Robertson Moorehead in Clinton, Massachusetts, 6 December 1906. **Education:** Attended school in Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Muskingum College, Ohio; University of Wisconsin, Madison, M.A. in English and public speaking. **Family:** Married 1) John Griffith Lee, 1930 (divorced 1951), son: Sean; 2) Robert Gist, 1953 (divorced 1958). **Career:** Taught public speaking at Soldiers Grove High School, Wisconsin; radio singer in St. Louis (stations KSO and KMOX), and appeared as dancer and singer with Municipal Opera, St. Louis, for three seasons; taught dramatics at Dalton School, and studied at American Academy of Dramatic Arts, both in New York; also appeared on Broadway in *Marco Millions*, 1928, and other plays; 1930s—radio actress; 1937—joined Orson Welles's Mercury Theater; 1941—film debut in *Citizen Kane*; contracts with Warner Brothers and MGM during next few years; 1948—on stage with Orson Welles in *Macbeth*; 1954—toured with one-woman show *An Evening with Agnes Moorehead*; 1964–71—in TV series *Bewitched*; 1973—on Broadway in *Gigi*. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Magnificent Ambersons*, 1942. **Died:** 30 April 1974.

Films as Actress:

- 1941 *Citizen Kane* (Welles) (as Mary Kane)
- 1942 *The Magnificent Ambersons* (Welles) (as Fanny Minafer); *The Big Street* (Reis) (as Violette); *Journey into Fear* (Norman Foster) (as Mrs. Mathews)
- 1943 *The Youngest Profession* (Buzzell) (as Miss Featherstone); *Government Girl* (Dudley Nichols) (as Mrs. Wright)
- 1944 *Jane Eyre* (Stevenson) (as Mrs. Reed); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Emily Hawkins); *Dragon Seed* (Conway) (as cousin's wife); *The Seventh Cross* (Zinnemann) (as Mme. Marelli); *Mrs. Parkington* (Garnett) (as Aspasia Conti); *Tomorrow the World* (Fenton) (as Jessie)
- 1945 *Keep Your Powder Dry* (Buzzell) (as Lt. Colonel Spottiswoode); *Our Vines Have Tender Grapes* (Rowland) (as Ma Jacobson); *Her Highness and the Bellboy* (Thorpe) (as Countess Zoe)
- 1947 *Dark Passage* (Daves) (as Madge Rapf); *The Lost Moment* (Gabel) (as Juliana)
- 1948 *Summer Holiday* (Mamoulian) (as Cousin Lillie); *The Woman in White* (Godfrey) (as Countess Fosco); *Station West* (Lanfield) (as Mrs. Caslon); *Johnny Belinda* (Negulesco) (as Aggie McDonald)
- 1949 *The Stratton Story* (Sam Wood) (as Ma Stratton); *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak) (as Emma Getzel)

- 1950 *Without Honor* (Pichel) (as Katherine Williams); *Caged* (Cromwell) (as Ruth Benton)
- 1951 *Fourteen Hours* (Hathaway) (as Mrs. Cosick); *Show Boat* (Sidney) (as Parthy Hawks); *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt) (as Mrs. Palfrey); *The Adventures of Captain Fabian* (William Marshall) (as Aunt Jezebel); *Captain Blackjack* (Duvivier) (as Mrs. Birk)
- 1952 *The Blazing Forest* (Ludwig) (as Jessie Crane)
- 1953 "The Jealous Lover" ep. of *The Story of Three Loves* (Reinhardt) (as Aunt Lydia); *Scandal at Scourie* (Negulesco) (as Sister Josephine); *Those Redheads from Seattle* (Lewis R. Foster) (as Mrs. Edmonds); *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as Mildred Waterbury)
- 1954 *Magnificent Obsession* (Sirk) (as Nancy Ashford)
- 1955 *Untamed* (Henry King) (as Aggie); *The Left Hand of God* (Dmytryk) (as Beryl Sigman); *All that Heaven Allows* (Sirk) (as Sara Warren)
- 1956 *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Viva Las Vegas) (Rowland) (as Miss Hattie); *The Conqueror* (Powell) (as Hunlun); *The Revolt of Mamie Stover* (Walsh) (as Bertha Parchman); *The Swan* (Charles Vidor) (as Queen Maria Dominika); *Pardners* (Taurog) (as Matilda Kingsley); *The Opposite Sex* (Miller) (as the Countess)
- 1957 *The True Story of Jesse James* (Nicholas Ray) (as Mrs. Samuel); *Jeanne Eagels* (Sidney) (as Mme. Nielson); *Raintree County* (Dmytryk) (as Ellen Shawnessy); *The Story of Mankind* (Irwin Allen) (as Queen Elizabeth)
- 1958 *La tempesta* (*Tempest*) (Lattuada) (as Vassilissa)
- 1959 *Night of the Quarter Moon* (Haas) (as Cornelia Nelson); *The Bat* (Wilbur) (as Cornelia Van Gorder)
- 1960 *Pollyanna* (Swift) (as Mrs. Snow)
- 1961 *Twenty Plus Two* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Mrs. Delaney); *Bachelor in Paradise* (Arnold) (as Judge Peterson)
- 1962 *Jessica* (Negulesco) (as Maria Lombardo)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Ford, Marshall, and Hathaway) (as Rebecca Prescott); *Who's Minding the Store?* (Tashlin) (as Mrs. Phoebe Tuttle)
- 1964 *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (Aldrich) (as Velma Cruther)
- 1966 *The Singing Nun* (Koster) (as Sister Cluny); *Alice through the Looking Glass* (Handley—for TV) (as the Red Queen)
- 1969 *The Ballad of Andy Crocker* (McCowan—for TV)
- 1971 *What's the Matter with Helen?* (Harrington) (as Sister Alma); *Marriage: Year One* (Graham—for TV); *Suddenly Single* (Taylor—for TV); *The Strange Monster of Strawberry Cove* (Shea—for TV)
- 1972 *Rolling Man* (Hyams—for TV); *Night of Terror* (Szwarc—for TV); *Dear, Dead Delilah* (Farris) (title role)
- 1973 *Frankenstein—The True Story* (Smight—for TV) (as Mrs. Blair); *Charlotte's Web* (Charles A. Nichols and Takamoto—animation) (as voice of the Goose)

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One might define hysteria as the response to the continual and irreversible frustration of the desire for power, authority, or (at least) personal dignity, which is why, within patriarchal culture, it is an ailment predominantly associated with women. Agnes Moorehead was one of Hollywood's most impressive spokespersons for female hysteria (whether overtly expressed or precariously and agonizingly controlled), linked in many of her most fully characteristic roles to an explicitly sexual frustration, the ignominious condition of the "spinster."

In the definitive role of her career in *The Magnificent Ambersons*, her Aunt Fanny—sexually repressed, tormented by physicality in all its forms, disappointed in love, her formidable energies permitted no other outlet in a world where power is by definition *male*—is the cinema's most eloquent realization of the term "spinster" and of its logical accompaniment of hysteria. Deviation from this prototype into heroine's friend roles (*All that Heaven Allows*) and even into motherhood (*The Stratton Story*), Agnes had her share of ignominious parts but intermittently displayed strength and intelligence in roles that position her outside direct male determination (*Caged*, *The Revolt of Mamie Stover*). An exemplary character actress, Moorehead received four Academy Award nominations, soldiered on histrionically when those she "supported" succumbed to flimsy material, and remained impossible to ignore even when going stratospherically over the top in big-budget flops such as the pseudo-Oriental turkey *The Conqueror*.

Before her Hollywood employment, the resonant Moorehead voice made her one of radio's most durable interpreters and the creator of the warhorse, *Sorry, Wrong Number*. Later as an antidote to the limitations of her contractual characterdom, she toured to great advantage onstage, particularly in Shaw's *Man and Superman*, with Boyer, Laughton, and Hardwicke. A Queen of all media, Moorehead tackled a diversity of parts on-screen from her debut as *Citizen Kane*'s pragmatic mother. Unfettered by a set image, her range extended from a tightly coiled murderess taking a classic tumble out the window in *Dark Passage* to a comic gadfly in *Pollyanna* in which her heart is

melted by an orphan. Although intensity was the keynote of her acting, she could be salt of the earth as in *Johnny Belinda* or airily upper crust as in *Mrs. Parkington*, a countess role which prefigured her glamorous resurgence on television's *Bewitched*. Fondly remembered for another television role on a *Twilight Zone* episode as an outer space giantess peevishly crushing U.S. astronauts, she completely conquered television with her stylishly supernatural Endora on *Bewitched*; her interpretation of the ultimate mother-in-law joke armed with magical powers of reprisal won her the deserved celebrity that eluded her as a premiere character star in the movies. Prior to *Bewitched*, she tackled one of her unlikeliest assignments as the white trash Velma in the Grand Guignol picnic, *Hush . . . Hush, Sweet Charlotte*; it was an outrageous send-up of a fugitive from *Tobacco Road*, the thickest ham Moorehead ever sliced, and it should have won her the Academy Award. Always a bridesmaid in the Oscar race, Moorehead possessed a flinty versatility which even such drive-in trash as *Dear, Dead Delilah* could not demean. Her place in film history is guaranteed by her sterling work in her first two films, and it is for these (especially *Ambersons*) that she will be most vividly remembered.

—Robin Wood, updated by Robert Pardi

MORDYUKOVA, Nonna

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Noyabrina Victorovna Mordyukova in Konstantinovsk, Soviet Union (now Russia), 25 November 1925. **Awards:** FIPRESCI Award, Otto Dibelius Film Award, and Special Jury Prize, all Berlin International Film Festival, and Silver Spur Award, Flanders International Film Festival, for *Komissar* (1967), 1988.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *Molodaja gvardia* (*The Young Guard*) (Sergei Gerasimov) (as Uliana Gromova)
- 1952 *Vozvrashcheniye Vasiliya Bortnikova* (*The Return of Vasili Bortnikov*) (Vsevolod Pudovkin)
- 1953 *Kalinovaya roshcha* (*Snowball-Tree Grove*) (Timofei Levchuk)
- 1955 *Chuzhaya rodnya* (*Other People's Relatives*) (Mikhail Shvejtser)
- 1957 *Yekaterina Voronina* (1957) (Isidor Annensky)
- 1958 *Dobrovoltsy* (*Volunteers*) (Yuri Yegorov)
- 1959 *Khmuroye utro* (*Grey Dawn*) (Grigori Roshal); *Otchij dom* (*Parental Home*) (Lev Kulidzhinov) (as Stepanida)
- 1960 *Prostaya istoriya* (*A Simple Story*) (Yuri Yegorov); *Vsyo nachinayetsya s dorogi* (*Everything Begins with Hitting the Road*) (Vilen Azarov and Nikolai Dostal)
- 1964 *Zhenitba Balzaminova* (*Balzaminov's Marriage*) (Konstantin Voinov) (as Belotelova); *Predsedatel* (*The Chairman*) (Aleksei Saltykov)
- 1965 *Tridsat tri* (*Nenauchnaya fantastika*) (*Thirty Three*) (Georgii Danelia)
- 1966 *Voyna i mir II: Natasha Rostova* (*War and Peace*, part II) (Sergei Bondarchuk) (as Anissya Fyodorovna); *Dyadyushkin son* (*Dream of an Uncle*) (Konstantin Voinov)
- 1967 *Komissar* (*The Commissar*) (Aleksandr Askoldov) (as Klavdia Vavilova)

- 1968 *Voyna i mir, I* (*War and Peace*, part I) (Sergei Bondarchuk) (as Anissya Fyodorovna); *Brilliantovaya ruka* (*Diamond Arm*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as House manager); *Zhuravushka* (*A Little Crane*) (Nikolai Moskalenko)
- 1969 *Dvoryanskoye gnezdo* (*A Nest of Gentlemen*) (Andrei Konchalovsky); *Gori, gori, moyaya zvezda* (*Burn, Burn, My Star*) (Aleksandr Mitta)
- 1970 *Ballada o Beringe i ego druz'yah* (*The Ballad of Bering and His Friends*) (Yuri Shvyryov); *Sluchay s Poluninym* (*The Polunin Case*) (Aleksei Sakharov)
- 1971 *Molodye* (*Young People*) (Nikolai Moskalenko); *Russkoye pole* (*Russian Field*) (Nikolai Moskalenko)
- 1973 *Dva dnya trevogi* (*Two Days of Anxiety*) (Aleksandr Surin); *Vozvrata net* (*No Return*) (Aleksei Saltykov)
- 1974 *Lev Gur'yev Sinichkin* (Aleksandr Belinsky—for TV)
- 1975 *Oni srazhalis za rodinu* (*They Fought for the Motherland*) (Sergei Bondarchuk); *Semya Ivanovikh* (*The Ivanov Family*) (Aleksei Saltykov)
- 1977 *Inkognito iz Peterburga* (*Incognito from St. Petersburg*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as Anna Andreyevna Skvoznic-Dmukhanovskaya)
- 1978 *Tryasina* (*Quagmire*) (Grigori Chukhrai) (as Matryona)
- 1979 *Veroy i pravdoy* (*With Faith and Truth*) (Andrei Smirnov)
- 1981 *Rodnya* (*Kinfolk*) (Nikita Mikhalkov)
- 1982 *Etyud dlya domino s royalem* (*Etude for Dominoes and Piano*) (Yevgeniya Golovina); *Vokzal dlya dvoikh* (*A Railway Station for Two*) (Eldar Ryazanov)
- 1986 *Ot zarplaty do zarplaty* (*From Pay To Pay*) (Aida Manasarova)
- 1987 *Ssuda na brak* (*Loan for a Marriage*) (Konstantin Voinov)
- 1988 *Zapretnaya zona* (*Forbidden Zone*) (Nikolai Gubenko)
- 1988 *Beguschaya mishen'* (*Running Target*) (Talgat Temenov)
- 1992 *Luna Park* (Pavel Lungin)
- 1995 *Shirli-Myrli* (*What a Mess!*) (Vladimir Menshov)
- 1999 *Mama* (Denis Yevstigneyev) (as Polina)

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Her sturdy appearance, stout demeanor, and forceful screen presence have made Nonna Mordyukova the quintessential Russian actress. In a career spanning over half a century, this "towering woman" has been cast in a number of heart-breaking war-time dramas, has become a symbol of Russian peasant womenfolk, and has come to be regarded as one of the best female comedians. Her large face, seemingly nondescript but nonetheless able to convey a multitude of feelings and be beautiful at times, makes her equally suited for complex dramatic roles as well as for comedies. Mordyukova has come to be seen as an epitome of "Russianness" whatever multiple meanings the concept may convey. It is no wonder that many of the films she has been cast in were literary adaptations of novels by

leading Russian and Soviet authors, such as Leo Tolstoy, Ivan Turgenev, Alexei Tolstoy, Vladimir Tendryakov, Anatoli Rybakov, Yevgeni Dolmatovsky, and Yuri Nagibin.

Mordyukova, whose first name, Nonna, is a short version of Noyabrina (after the month of her birth, November, but also alluding a revolutionary legacy), spent her youth during the difficult years of World War Two (1941–1945). She debuted in cinema at the age of 23 in the 1948 screen adaptation of the classical war-time novel by Aleksandr Fadeyev, *Molodaya gvardia* (1948), the story of a group of young people who organize an underground resistance against the Nazi invaders. The film was directed by veteran Sergei Gerassimov, and Mordyukova was entrusted with the female lead of Uliana Gromova, a beloved role model for Soviet youth at the time. This role immediately positioned her at the forefront of the younger generation of actors. From early on she attracted attention with her unusual appearance, as if conceived by a modernist sculptor: a sturdy large woman with a rough face able to display a much wider range of feelings than an ordinary good-looking female actress.

Mordyukova has often been cast in films about the war, like Sergei Bondarchuk's World War Two epic *Oni srazhalis za rodinu* (1975), based on Mikhail Sholokhov's novel, where she played alongside Vasili Shukshin, Vyacheslav Tikhonov, Yevgeni Samoilov, Lidiya Fedoseyeva-Shukshina, and Innokenti Smoktunovskiy.

Mordyukova's most regular work is with directors Aleksei Saltykov and Nikolai Moskalenko, in whose dramatic films she has been a regular lead or key supporting actress. Her impressive filmography reveals, however, that while she has had the chance to work with a constellation of the best Soviet directors, it has usually been for one project only. There is no high profile director with whom she has a continuous working relationship. After her work for Gerassimov on *Molodaya gvarida*, she was cast in the last movie of veteran Vsevolod Pudovkin *The Return of Vasiliya Bortnikova* (1952). Other one-time collaborations with well-known directors have been with Mikhail Shvejtser for *Chuzhaya rodnya* (1955), Lev Kulidzhyanov for *Otchij dom* (1959), with Andrei Konchalovsky for the Turgenev adaptation *Dvoryanskoye gnyezdo* (1969), with Grigori Chukhrai for *Tryasina* (1978), and with Nikolai Gubenko for *Zapretnaya zona* (1988). She only played once in a film by Nikita Mikhalkov, who structured his village comedy-drama *Kinfolk* (1981) entirely around the personality of the actress, who had by that time established herself as an epitome of the Russian peasant woman.

Some of Mordyukova's one-time collaborations have been with well-known comedy directors who have put her talents to best use. For two of these comedies, the grotesque absurdist sketch *Thirty Three* (1965, directed by Georgi Danelia), and the romantic revolutionary tale *Gori, gori, moya zvezda* (1969, directed by Aleksandr Mita), the big-boned Mordyukova was paired with the short and plump Yevgeni Leonov, another Soviet comedy star. The very discrepancy in their appearances produced a comic effect further strengthened by the ensuing reversal of traditional gender roles.

In her capacity of leading female comedian Mordyukova delivered a great performance as the house-manager, a key supporting role in Leonid Gaidai's *Brilliantovaya ruks* (1968), believed to be the most popular Soviet comedy of all times. Here she played alongside leading comedy stars Yuri Nikulin, Anatoliy Papanov, and Andrei Mironov. A decade later, Gaidai paired her once again with Papanov for his adaptation of Nikolai Gogol's comedy *Revizor, Incognito from St. Peterburg* (1977). Eldar Ryazanov, the other leading Soviet comedy director, also used Mordyukova for a key supporting role. In his bittersweet prison comedy *Railway Station for Two* (1983), she

played alongside Lyudmilla Gurchenko, Oleg Basilashvili, and Nikita Mikhalkov. The film, which was seen by millions across the Soviet Union and is one of the most popular films of the 1980s, was nominated for a Golden Palm at the Cannes Film Festival in 1983.

The role of Klavida Vavilova in Aleksandr Askoldov's *Komissar* (1967) is Mordyukova's most memorable work. It is difficult to judge, however, to what extent it impacted her career, as the film, shot in 1966, was shelved and was only released in 1988. By that time Mordyukova was over sixty and had starred in over twenty other films. The wide critical acclaim and appreciation for what is probably her best performance came too late to have any definitive effect on her profile as an actor.

Komissar was the impressive first (and only) film by Alexander Askoldov, whose career was ruined by the shelving of this debut work. The screenplay for this avant-gardist project was based on the 1934 short story *In the Town of Berdichev* by Vassili Grossman, and the music was composed by Alfred Schnittke. The film is set during the civil war (1918–1920). Nonna Mordyukova is Klavdia Vavilova, a robust and boisterous Red Army Commissar who has accidentally become pregnant. She is too busy fighting to even notice her pregnancy, and when she does, it is too late to abort as she would normally do. Compelled to give birth, Klavdia is placed for the last weeks of her pregnancy in the care of a poor Jewish family while the war rages outside. Vavilova's presence puts Yefim Magazannik's (Rolan Bykov) large family in immediate danger, and their relations are tense and adverse. As days go by, Vavilova grows fond of the simple joys of family life, and her rough war persona becomes kind and humane. When she gives birth, she is unable to care for the baby, and returns to the front. In a surreal scene Vavilova has a nightmarish premonition of Holocaust, a vision of a group of Jews, including all members of her host family, taken off to a death camp.

During the period of perestroika, Mordyukova appeared in a number of supporting roles in a range of comedy-dramas. Similarly, she has been a highly visible presence throughout the 1990s, with supporting roles in some of the most-popular Russian features, such as Pavel Lungin's *Luna Park* (1992) and Vladimir Menshov's *Shirli-Myrli* (1995). In 1999 she played the leading role in *Mama* (1999), directed by Denis Yevstigneyev (son of respected Russian actor Yevgeni Yevstigneyev), a family saga loosely based on a real story, mixing action, melodrama and comedy elements and spanning several decades. In *Mama*, Mordyukova is Polina, a single mother of four, whose continuous efforts to keep the family together are doomed as her sons scatter all over the vast Soviet empire, from Vladivostok to Tadjikistan, and from the Far North to Donbas. Critics have celebrated Mordyukova's return to the spotlight by calling her "a sacred Russian kinozaurus."

—Dina Iordanova

MOREAU, Jeanne

Nationality: French. **Born:** Paris, 23 January 1928. **Education:** Attended the Lycée Edgar Quinet, Paris; Conservatoire National d'Art Dramatique, Paris. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Jean-Louis Richard, 1949 (divorced), son: Jérôme; 2) the director William Friedkin, 1977 (divorced 1980). **Career:** 1948–52—member of the Comédie Française: debut in *A Month in the Country*; 1948—film



Jeanne Moreau (right) with Claire Danes in *I Love You, I Love You Not*

debut in *Dernier amour*; 1952—joined Théâtre National Populaire; 1975—president, Cannes Film Festival; 1976—directed the film *Lumière*; 1982—co-founder, with Klaus Hellwig, Moreau Productions; 1994—in TV mini-series *Catherine the Great*; also recorded several albums of songs. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Moderato Cantabile*, 1960; Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Viva Maria*, 1966; Chevalier, Légion d'honneur; Ordre Nationale du Merite et des Arts et Lettres. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 av Georges V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *Dernier amour* (Stelli)
- 1950 *Meurtes (Three Sinners)* (Pottier); *Pigalle Sainte-Germain-des-Près* (Berthomieu)
- 1951 *L'Homme de ma vie* (Lefranc)
- 1952 *Il est minuit, Docteur Schweitzer* (Haguet)
- 1953 *Touchez pas au grisbi (Grisbi; Don't Touch the Loot)* (Jacques Becker) (as Josy); *Dortoir des grandes (Inside a Girls'*

Dormitory) (Decoin); *Julietta* (Marc Allégret) (as Rosie Facibey); *Les Intrigantes* (Decoin); *La Reine Margot* (Dréville)

- 1954 *Secrets d'alcôve (The Bed; Il Letto)* (Decoin, Delannoy, Habib, and Franciolini) (as Mother)
- 1955 *Les Hommes en blanc (The Doctors)* (Habib) (as Marianne); *Gas-Oil* (Grangier); *M'sieur la caille* (Pergament)
- 1956 *La Salaire du péché (de la Patellière)*; *Jusqu'au dernier* (Billon)
- 1957 *Les Louves (Demoniaque; The She Wolves)* (Saslavsky) (as Agnes); *L'Etrange Mr. Steve* (Vailly); *Trois jours à vivre* (Grangier); *Echec au porteur* (Grangier)
- 1958 *Ascenseur pour l'échafaud (Elevator to the Gallows; Frantic)* (Malle) (as Florence Carala); *Le Dos au mur (Back to the Wall)* (Molinaro); *Les Amants (The Lovers)* (Malle) (as Jeanne Tournier)
- 1959 *Les Liaisons dangereuses (Dangerous Love Affairs; Relazioni Pericolose)* (Vadim) (as Juliette de Merteuil); *Le Dialogue des Carmélites* (Bruckberger); *Five Branded Women* (Ritt) (as Ljuba); ***Les Quatre Cents Coups (The 400 Blows)*** (Truffaut) (as woman with dog)

- 1960 *Moderato Cantabile* (*Seven Days . . . Seven Nights*) (Brook) (as Ann Desbaredes); ***La notte*** (*The Night*) (Antonioni) (as Lidia)
- 1961 *Une Femme est une femme* (*A Woman Is a Woman*) (Godard) (as woman in bar)
- 1962 ***Jules et Jim*** (*Jules and Jim*) (Truffaut) (as Catherine); *Eva* (Losey) (as Eva Olivier); *La Baie des anges* (*Bay of Angels*) (Demy) (as Jackie Demaistre); *Le Feu follet* (*The Fire Within*) (Malle) (as Jeanne)
- 1963 *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Frenchwoman); ***Le Procès*** (*The Trial*) (Welles) (as Miss Burstner)
- 1964 *Peau de banane* (*Banana Peel*) (Marcel Ophüls) (as Cathy); *Le Journal d'une femme de chambre* (*Diary of a Chambermaid*) (Buñuel) (as Celestine); *Le Train* (*The Train*) (Frankenheimer) (as Christine); *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Marchioness Eloise of Frinton)
- 1965 *Viva Maria* (Malle) (as Maria I); *Mata Hari—Agent H-21* (Richard) (title role)
- 1966 *Mademoiselle* (*Summer Fires*) (Richardson) (title role); ***Campanadas a Medianoche*** (*Chimes at Midnight*; *Falstaff*) (Welles) (as Doll Tearsheet)
- 1967 *The Sailor from Gibraltar* (Richardson) (as Anna); “Made-moiselle Mimi” ep. of *Le Plus Vieux Métier du monde* (*The Oldest Profession*) (de Broca) (as Mimi)
- 1968 *La Mariée était en noir* (*The Bride Wore Black*) (Truffaut) (as Julie Kohler); *Great Catherine* (Fleming) (title role); *Une Histoire immortelle* (*The Immortal Story*) (Welles—for TV) (as Virginie Ducrot)
- 1969 “When Love Dies” ep. of *Le Petit théâtre de Jean Renoir* (*The Little Theater of Jean Renoir*) (Renoir—for TV) (as the singer); *Le Corps de Diane* (*Diane's Body*) (Richard) (title role)
- 1970 *Monte Walsh* (Fraker) (as Martine Bernard); *Alex in Wonderland* (Mazursky) (as herself); *Comptes à rebours* (Pigaut)
- 1971 *L'Humeur vagabonde* (Luntz)
- 1972 *Chère Louise* (de Broca); *Nathalie Granger* (Duras) (as other woman)
- 1973 *Joanna Francesca* (Diegues) (title role); *Je t'aime* (*I Love You*) (Duceppe) (as Elisa Boussac); *Les Valseuses* (*Going Places*) (Blier) (as Jeanne Pirolle)
- 1974 *La Race des seigneurs* (Granier-Deferre); *Hu Man* (Laperrousaz); *Le Jardin qui bascule* (Gilles)
- 1975 *Souvenirs d'en France* (*French Provincial*) (Téchiné)
- 1976 *Mr. Klein* (Losey) (as Florence); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Didi)
- 1980 *Your Ticket Is No Longer Valid* (Kaczender); *Plein sud* (*Heat of Desire*) (Beraud) (as Helene)
- 1981 *Lucien chez les barbares* (Bernardi); *Mille milliards de dollars* (Berneuil)
- 1982 *La Truite* (*The Trout*) (Losey) (as Lou); *Querelle* (Fassbinder) (as Lysiane); *Autour de l'arbre* (Dillon)
- 1983 *Der Bauer von Babylon* (*The Wizard of Babylon*) (Schidor—doc)
- 1984 *Jean-Louis Barrault—Man of the Theatre* (Balash—doc)
- 1985 *Le Plus Grande Musée* (Lander—for TV); *Vicious Circle* (Ives—for TV)
- 1986 *Le Paltoquet* (Deville) (as the Proprietress); *Sauve-toi Lola* (Drach) (as Marie-Aude); *Le Tiroir secret* (Molinaro—for TV); *François Simon—La présence* (Simon—doc); *Last Seance* (Wyndham-Davies—for TV)
- 1987 *Le Miraculé* (Mocky) (as Sabine); *Renoir, les portraits de la beauté* (Shigenobu—doc); *Hotel Terminus* (Ophüls)
- 1988 *Calling the Shots* (Cole and Dale—doc); *La Nuit de l'océan* (Perset)
- 1989 *La Femme fardée* (Pinheiro) (as La Doria)
- 1990 *La femme Nikita* (Besson) (as Amande); *Alberto Express* (Joffé) (as the Baroness)
- 1991 *Suspended Step of the Stork* (*To Meteoro Vima tou Pelargou*) (Angelopoulos) (as the wife); *Anna Karamazoff*; *The Architecture of Doom* (as narrator); *Bis ans Ende der Welt* (*Until the End of the World*) (Wenders) (as Edith Farber)
- 1992 *The Lover* (*L'Amant*) (Annaud) (as voice of Marguerite Duras); *A Demain* (as Tete); *La Vielle qui marchait dans le mer* (*The Old Lady Who Walked in the Sea*) (Heynemann) (as Lady M)
- 1993 *The Absence* (Handke) (as wife of the old man); *Map of the Human Heart* (*La carte du tendre*) (Ward) (as Sister Banville); *Je M'Appelle Victor* (*My Name Is Victor*) (Jacques) (as Rose); *The Summer House* (Hussein) (as Lili); *A Foreign Field* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Angelique)
- 1995 *Les Cent et Une Nuits* (*A Hundred and One Nights*) (Varda) (as Actor for a Day); *Par dela les nuages* (Antonioni and Wenders)
- 1996 *I Love You, I Love You Not* (Hopkins) (as Nana); *The Proprietor* (Ismail Merchant) (as Adrienne Mark)
- 1997 *Amour et confusions* (*Love & Confusions*) (Braoudé) (as Libra); *Un amour de sorcière* (*Witch Way Love*) (Manzor) (as Eglantine)
- 1998 *Ever After* (Tennant) (as Grande Dame)
- 1999 *Il Manoscritto del principe* (Andò) (as Lady Tomasi di Lampedusa); *Balzac* (Dayan) (as Charlotte-Laure)
- 2000 *Les Misérables* (Dayan—for TV)

Films as Director:

- 1976 *Lumière* (*Light*) (+ sc, ro as Sarah Dedieu)
- 1979 *L'adolescente* (+ co-sc)
- 1984 *Lillian Gish* (co-d, + pr)

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Jeanne Moreau's canonization coincided with the assault of the French New Wave on stale professional craftsmanship and conventional movie stardom. Toiling in the theater and forgettable movies for more than a decade, Moreau was no spring chicken when Louis Malle helped mold her image as the femme d'un certain age. At a chronological age when American leading ladies were put out to the pasture of television sitcoms and summer stock, Moreau flourished not because she was refreshingly foreign but because, judged particularly against the backdrop of the rotting American studio system, she was unique. Not cast as disposable used goods like Piper Laurie in *The Hustler* or as a perennial spinster like Geraldine Page in *Summer and Smoke*, the no-longer fresh-faced Moreau of *Jules and Jim* and *Frantic* was a vitally sexy woman far from ready for consignment to a sexist junk heap. Defying bourgeois standards of propriety in *Les Amants* or deliberately bastardizing social intercourse in *Les Liaisons dangereuses* for her own pleasure, Moreau excited film buffs because she played by her own rules which were subject to change dictated by her will.

The charting of one's destiny was a luxury denied most of the actresses working in Hollywood films of this same period. Adopted as a patron saint by Truffaut, Malle, and Godard, and embraced by the intelligentsia as a love goddess who did not insult their IQs, Moreau followed the same course in her career as her characters did in her movies: wherever your heart leads you, never compromise once you reach the destination. By insisting on placing herself in the hands of the top filmmakers of the era, her career span exceeded those who thought they were being clever just by alternating a commercial hit with an Oscar-nominated drama. Not constrained by an image, she became a tabula rasa for innovators. If she was the embodiment of soul-sickness for Antonioni in his unsparing dissection of a marriage in *La notte*, she could also be perceived as the saucy spirit of plaisir for Demy's *Bay of Angels* or the brutally frank spokesperson for the superiority of the serving class in Buñuel's *Diary of a Chambermaid*. If her American vehicles reveal her at half-mast, that may have been the consequence of not aligning herself with major Yankee filmmakers (save for Welles, who was by this point an expatriate far out of the Hollywood mainstream). In Europe, however, even intriguing misfires by Britishers Richardson and Brook, only enhanced her legend as a femme fatale with the soul of a poet. All the diverse aspects of Moreau's personality mesh seamlessly in Truffaut's masterpiece, *Jules and Jim*, which could be called Moreau's *Camille*. Still exhilarating today, this gloriously untidy film presents Moreau's maddeningly modern Catherine as part unfettered child, part calculating vixen. Bewitching the viewers just as she captivates her lovers, Moreau crystallizes the movie's romantic tragedy for us by creating a mystery woman who never surrenders to either man the complete abandonment they desire.

Sometimes languidly sensual, sometimes raging with volcanic force, the Empress of Art Cinema capped off the first phase of her stardom with an enchanting rendition of a bittersweet song in *Le Petit théâtre de Jean Renoir*, a valedictory to him and a tribute to her loveliness which time seemed powerless to dim. As a character actress she continued to spark excitement, notably passing on the New Wave baton from Truffaut to Blier in *Going Places* and instructing a déclassé assassin in social graces in *La femme Nikita*. Although space defeats anyone trying to summarize all of Moreau's acting benedictions, one can point out that as of 1993, her histrionic passion could still attain rapturous heights on the evidence of *The Summer House*. Fittingly for an actress who hitched her star to so many auteurs, she made a graceful transition to directing. Beginning with a contemplation of acting and friendship in the luminous *Lumière*, progressing through a lovely coming-of-age tale, *L'adolescente*, and culminating in an inspired documentary about Lillian Gish, Moreau proves that she is still the searching artist no matter where she positions herself on a movie set. The restless drive for self-expression which fueled some of her favorite moviemakers' greatest works now lives on in her own highly personal and adventurous efforts.

—Robert Pardi

MORGAN, Michèle

Nationality: French. **Born:** Neuilly-sur-Seine, 29 February 1920. **Education:** Studied acting under René Simon. **Family:** Married 1) William Marshall, 1942 (divorced 1949), one son; 2) Henri Vidal,

1950 (died 1959). **Career:** 1936—film debut in bit part in *Mademoiselle Mozart*; also worked on stage; 1937—contract with the director Marc Allégret; 1942–46—made several films in the United States under contract to RKO; 1966—exhibition of her paintings at Galerie Dina Vierny; 1978–80—on stage in *Le Tout pour le tout*, and in *Chéri*, 1982–83. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *La Symphonie pastorale*, 1946. Chevalier, Legion of Honor, 1969. **Address:** 5 rue Jacques Dulud, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *Mademoiselle Mozart* (Noé) (bit role); *La Vie parisienne* (Siodmak) (bit role); *Mes tantes et moi* (Noé) (as Michèle); *Le Mioche* (*Forty Little Mothers*) (Moguy) (as student); *Une Fille à papa* (Guissart) (bit role)
- 1937 *Gigolette* (Noé) (bit role); *Gribouille* (*Heart of Paris*) (Marc Allégret) (as Natalie Roguin); *Orage* (Marc Allégret) (as Pascaud)
- 1938 *Quai des brumes* (*Port of Shadows*) (Carné) (as Nelly); *Le Récif de corail* (Gleize) (as Lilian White)
- 1940 *L'Entraîneuse* (Valentin) (as Suzy); *Les Musiciens du ciel* (Lacombe) (as Lte. Saulnier)
- 1941 *Remorques* (*Stormy Waters*) (Grémillon) (as Catherine)
- 1942 *La Loi du nord* (Feyder) (as Jacqueline Bert); *Joan of Paris* (Stevenson) (title role)
- 1943 *Untel Père et Fils* (*The Heart of a Nation*) (Duvivier—produced in 1939) (as Marie Froment-Léonard); *Two Tickets to London* (Marin) (as Jeanne); *Higher and Higher* (Whelan) (as Millie)
- 1944 *Passage to Marseilles* (Curtiz) (as Paula)
- 1946 *La Symphonie pastorale* (Delannoy) (as Gertrude); *The Chase* (Ripley) (as Lorna Roman)
- 1948 *The Fallen Idol* (*The Lost Illusion*) (Reed) (as Julie); *Fabiola* (Blasetti) (title role); *Aux yeux du souvenir* (*Souvenir*) (Delannoy) (as Claire Magny)
- 1950 *Maria Chapdelaine* (*The Naked Heart*) (Marc Allégret—released in U.S. in 1955) (title role); *La Belle que voilà* (Le Chanois) (as Jeanne Morel); *Le Château de verre* (Clément) (as Evelyne Bertal)
- 1951 *L'Etrange Madame X* (Grémillon) (as Irène)
- 1952 “L’Orgueil” (“Pride”) ep. of *Les Sept Péchés Capitaux* (*The Seven Deadly Sins*) (Autant-Lara) (as Anne-Marie de Pallières); *La Minute de vérité* (*The Moment of Truth*) (Delannoy) (as Madeleine Richard)
- 1953 *Les Orgueilleux* (*The Proud and the Beautiful*) (Yves Allégret) (as Nellie)
- 1954 “Jeanne” ep. of *Destinées* (*Daughters of Destiny*; *Love, Soldiers and Women*; *Lysistrata*) (Yves Allégret) (as Jeanne d’Arc); *Obsession* (Delannoy) (as Helene Giovanni)
- 1955 *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Joséphine); *Oasis* (Yves Allégret) (as Francoise Lignières); *Les Grandes Manoeuvres* (*The Grand Maneuver*; *Summer Manoeuvres*) (Clair) (as Marie-Louise Rivière); *Si Paris nous était conté* (*If Paris Were Told to Us*) (Guitry) (as Gabrielle d’Estrées)
- 1956 *Marguerite de la nuit* (Autant-Lara) (as Marguerite); *Marie-Antoinette* (Delannoy) (title role)
- 1957 *The Vintage* (Hayden) (as Léonne Morel); *Retour de Manivelle* (*There’s Always a Price Tag*) (de la Patellière) (as Hélène Freminger)
- 1958 *Le Miroir à deux faces* (*The Mirror Has Two Faces*) (Cayatte) (as Marie-José); *Maxime* (Verneuil) (as Jacqueline Monneron); *Racconti d’estate* (*Love on the Riviera*; *Summer Tales*; *Femmes d’un été*) (Francolini) (as Micheline)
- 1959 *Pourquoi viens-tu si tard?* (Decoin) (as Catherine Ferrer); *Vacanze d’inverno* (Mastrocinque) (as Steffa Tardier)
- 1960 *Menschen im Hotel* (*Grand Hotel*) (Reinhardt) (as La Grusinskaya); *Les Scélérats* (Hossein) (as Thelma Roland); *Fortunat* (Joffé) (as Juliette Valecourt)
- 1961 *Le Puits aux trois vérités* (*Three Faces of Sin*) (Villiers) (as Renée Plèges); *Les Lions sont lâchés* (Verneuil) (as Cecile)
- 1962 *Un Coeur gros comme ça* (Reichenbach) (as herself); *Rencontres* (Agostini) (as Bella Krasner); “The Hugues Case” ep. of *Le Crime ne paie pas* (*Crime Does Not Pay*; *The Gentle Art of Murder*) (Oury) (as Jeanne Hugues 2)
- 1963 *Landru* (*Bluebeard*) (Chabrol) (as Célestine Buisson); *Méfiez-vous mesdames* (Hunebelle) (as Gisèle Duparc)
- 1964 *Il fornaretto di Venezia* (Tessari) (as Comtesse Sofia Zeno); *Constance aux enfers* (*Web of Fear*) (Villiers) (as Constance Brunel); *Les Pas perdus* (Robin) (as Yolande Simonnet); *Les Yeux cernés* (Hossein) (as Florence Vollmer)
- 1965 *Dis-moi qui tuer* (Périer) (as Geneviève Monthannet)
- 1966 *Lost Command* (*Not for Honor and Glory*) (Robson) (as Comtesse Nathalie de Clairefons)
- 1967 *La Bien-aimée* (Doniol-Valcroze—for TV) (as Fanny)
- 1968 *Benjamin ou Les mémoires d’un puceau* (*Benjamin*; *The Diary of an Innocent Boy*) (Deville) (as Comtesse Gabrielle de Valandry)
- 1975 *Le Chat et la souris* (*Cat and Mouse*) (Lelouch) (as Mme. Richard)
- 1978 *Robert et Robert* (Lelouch) (as herself)
- 1984 *Chéri* (Hubert—for TV)
- 1986 *Un Homme et une femme: vingt ans déjà* (*A Man and a Woman: 20 Years Later*) (Lelouch); *Le Tiroir secret* (Molinaro—for TV)
- 1990 *Stanno tutti bene* (*Everybody’s Fine*) (Tornatore) (as woman on train)
- 1995 *La Veuve de l’architecte* (Monnier—for TV) (as Helena Kramp)
- 1997 *Des gens si bien élevés* (Nahum) (as Geneviève)
- 1998 *La Rivale* (Nahum) (as Judith)

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After a successful debut in the 1930s as an affecting, ill-fated heroine, Michèle Morgan survived a disappointing wartime period in Hollywood to become France's most acclaimed actress of the 1950s. With her honest expression, serene open face, and fine features, she possessed an almost unworldly beauty which seemed the outward manifestation of untainted virtue and intrinsic moral strength. In the bleak mood of pre-war Europe she came to represent the contemporary romantic heroine doomed through implacable adversity to unhappiness.

Morgan's first triumph came in *Gribouille* as the fetchingly innocent Natalie, unjustly accused of murdering her lover. Pathetic, self-sacrificing roles followed. In *Orage* an impossible affair leads to suicide; in *L'Entraîneuse*, revelation of her dubious past destroys her happiness, while in *La Loi du nord* and *Les Musiciens du ciel* a martyr's death is her reward for loyalty and devotion. It was with Jean Gabin as a romantic partner, however, that she achieved distinction. If in *La Récif de corail* misfortune is conquered, in *Quai des brumes* and *Remorques* their chance encounter secures only fleeting happiness. As the hapless heroine, Morgan gave outstanding performances, particularly for Carné as Nelly, the precociously mature young woman trapped in a corrupt society and experiencing love with the fugitive Gabin. Her assorted and indifferent Hollywood performances included that of a servant masquerading as a debutante in Whelan's comedy-musical *Higher and Higher*, a romanticized Resistance heroine in *Joan of Paris*, and in *Two Tickets to London* a widow romantically involved with a serviceman.

Critical acclaim marked Morgan's return to French cinema in a sensitive and restrained performance as the blind girl Gertrude in *La Symphonie pastorale*. Reestablishing herself as the romantic heroine, she now assumed professional roles as an air hostess dogged by memories in *Aux yeux du souvenir* and as a terminally ill ballerina in *La Belle que voilà*. The postwar era brought co-productions and historical roles, notably as a haughty aristocrat in *Fabiola*, a spirited Joan of Arc in *Destinées*, as Joséphine de Beauharnais in *Napoléon*, the beautiful leading lady in *Marie-Antoinette*, and in *Si Paris nous était conté* as mistress to Henri IV. European directors cast her successively as the tearful mistress of *The Fallen Idol*, the fading, suicidal ballerina of *Menschen im Hotel*, and as a seductive thief in *Racconti d'estate*.

Invariably elegant and wealthy, in her 1950s roles she remained the victim, now bored and frustrated in her stifling ease. Escape is sought in adultery, as in *Le Château de verre*, *L'Etrange Madame X*, with a proletarian lover, and with an artist in *La Minute de vérité*. An alternative solution to personal unhappiness is found in alcohol in *Les Scélérats*, *Oasis*, and, most powerfully, as the unhappily married hard-drinking lawyer of *Pourquoi viens-tu si tard?* Distinguishing this era were roles as Gérard Philipe's courageous medical helper in *Les Orgueilleux* and, particularly, as the sincere, sophisticated, and suffering divorcée he seeks to seduce in *Les Grandes Manoeuvres*.

Rarely convincing as a wicked woman, Morgan was nevertheless cast as a defrauding vamp in *Retour de Manivelle*, a murderess in *Les Yeux cernés*, and in *Le Puits aux trois vérités* as a negligent, jealous mother. Lighter roles saw her as a witty partner to Bourvil in

Fortunat, a would-be murderess in *Méfiez-vous mesdames*, an adventuress in *Dis-moi qui tuer*, and a murder suspect in *Le Chat et la souris*.

As a traditional star closely identified with established directors such as Yves Allégret and Delannoy, Michèle Morgan was all but ignored by the New Wave iconoclasts. Extending over five decades, her largely distinguished, if uneven, film career survived indifferent roles in nonindigenous productions. Eight years after her last screen appearance, as herself in *Robert et Robert*, she made a triumphant return to the stage in Colette's *Chéri*. More recently, she has enjoyed a popular following in the television serial *Le Tiroir secret* as a psychologist delving into her dead husband's past. She will be remembered for her exceptional beauty, her discreet, composed acting as the desirable young heroine, and her intelligent, sensitive performances as the sophisticated lady of later years.

—R. F. Cousins

MORI, Masayuki

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Yukimitsu Arishima in Sapporo City, Hokkaido, 13 January 1911; son of the writer Takeo Arishima. **Education:** Attended Imperial University, Kyoto, to 1932. **Family:** Married Toshie Yoshida, 1946; sons: Takeo and Junkichi. **Career:** 1929–31—member of the Tsukiji Sho-gekijo theater group, and later worked with Teruko Nagaoko's Teatoro Comedia, 1932–36, the Bungaku-za theater group, 1937–44, and the Tokyo Geijutsu Gekijo theater group Mingei, 1945; then freelance stage actor; 1942—film debut in *Haha no chizu*; 1950—international recognition for role in *Rashomon*. **Awards:** Japanese Kinema Jumbo Award for Best Actor, for *Floating Clouds*, 1955; also Mainichi Eiga Concourse Awards, 1947 and 1960. **Died:** Of cancer in Tokyo, 7 October 1973.

Films as Actor:

- 1942 *Haha no chizu* (Shimazu)
- 1943 *Susume dokuritsu-ki* (Kinugasa and Imai)
- 1944 *Dengeki Shutsudo*
- 1945 *Zoku Sugata Sanshiro* (*Sanshiro Sugata; Judo Saga, Part II*) (Kurosawa) (as Yoshima Dan); *Toro-no-o o fumu otokotachi* (*Men Who Tread on the Tiger's Tail*) (Kurosawa) (as Kamei)
- 1946 *Asu o tsukuru hitobito* (*Those Who Make Tomorrow*) (Kurosawa, Tamamoto, and Sekigawa)
- 1947 *Anjo-ke no buto-kai* (Yoshimura) (as eldest son)
- 1948 *Kofuku no isu; Ware nakinurete; Jutai* (Shibuya); *Hakai* (*Apostasy*) (Kinoshita)
- 1949 *Waga shogai no kagayakeru hi* (Yoshimura) (as ex-officer); *Kyo ware ren-ai su; Guddobai* (Shima); *Dai-tokai no ushimitsu-doki; Chijin no ai* (Kimura); *Yabure-daiko* (Kinoshita)
- 1950 *Ma no ogon; Kazan-myaku; Rashomon* (Kurosawa) (as Takehiro); *Senka no hate; Tokyo no hiroin; Re-mizeraburu* (two parts); *Okusama ni goyojin*

- 1951 *Kyūjo hiroba* (Hisamatsu); *Zemma* (Kinoshita); *Hakuchi* (*The Idiot*) (Kurosawa) (as Myshkin); *Nusumareta koi*; *Junpaku no yoru*; *Musashinofujin* (*Lady Musashino*) (Mizoguchi) (as Tadao Akiyama); *Tokyo hika*
- 1952 *Joobachi*; *Taki no Shiraito*; *Bijo to tozoku* (Kimura); *Anote konote*
- 1953 *Senba-zuru* (Yoshimura); *Yosei wa hana no nioi ga suru* (Hisamatsu); *Ugetsu monogatari* (*Ugetsu*) (Mizoguchi) (as Genjuro); *Saikai*; *Ani imoto* (Naruse) (as older brother); *Kani-ko sen* (Yamamura); *Asakusa monogatari*; *Koibumi* (Tanaka)
- 1954 *Moeru Shanhai*; *Aru onna* (Toyoda) (as ship's captain); *Ai Midori no nakama*; *Aku no tanoshisa*
- 1955 *Ukigumo* (*Floating Clouds*) (Naruse); *Yokichi* (*The Princess Yang Kwei-fei*) (Mizoguchi) (as Emperor); *Kokoru* (Ichikawa) (as teacher); *Yushima no shiraume* (Kinugasa) (as Shuzo Sakai); *Nyūbo yo, eien nare* (Tanaka)
- 1956 *Fusen*; *Iro-zange*; *Ai wa furu hoshi no kanata ni*; *Ningen gyorai shutsugeki su*
- 1957 *Arakure* (Naruse); *Kyo no inochi*; *Banka* (Gosho) (as Setsuo Katsuragi)
- 1958 *Onna de arukoto* (Kawashima); *Shiroi akuma*; *Yoru no tsuzumi* (Imai) (as drummer)
- 1959 *Suzukake no sampomichi* (Horikawa); *Dai-san no shikaku*; *Fubuki to tomo ni keiyukinu*; *Onna-gokoro*; *Kotan no kuchibue* (Naruse); *Aru rakujitsu*; *Kizoku no kaidan*; *Yogiri no ketto*
- 1960 *Onna ga kaidan o noburu toku* (*When a Woman Ascends the Stairs*) (Naruse) (as Nobuhiko); *Musume tsuma haha* (Naruse); *Gametsui yatsu* (*This Greedy Old Skin*) (Chiba); *Otouto* (*Her Brother*) (Tchikawa) (as father); *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru* (*The Bad Sleep Well*) (Kurosawa) (as Iwabuchi)
- 1961 *Onna wa yoru kesho-suru* (Inoue); *Tsuma to shite onnato shite* (Naruse); *Ai to honoo to* (*Challenge to Live*) (Sugawa); *Onna no kunsho* (Yoshimura); *Nyobo gakko*; *Shamisen to otobai* (Shinoda)
- 1963 *Bushido zankoku monogatari* (*Bushido*) (Imai) (as Lord Hori); *Taiheiyō hitoribotchi* (*Alone on the Pacific*; *My Enemy the Sea*) (Ichikawa) (as father); *Hikaru umi* (Nakahira)
- 1964 *Otoko-girai*; *Kikyo*
- 1966 *Haru ramman* (Chiba); *Kamo to negi*
- 1967 *Midaregumo* (*Scattered Clouds*) (Naruse)
- 1968 *Yamamoto Isoroku* (*Admiral Yamamoto*) (Maruyama); *Sogeki* (*Sun Above, Death Below*) (Horikawa) (as Katakura)
- 1969 *Hi mo tsuki* (*Through Days and Months*) (Nakamura) (as father); *Aa, kaigun* (*Gateway to Glory*) (Murayama)
- 1970 *Zatoichi*; *Abare Himatsuri* (Misumi)
- 1972 *Ken to hana*

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The Shingeki (modern theater) actor Masayuki Mori first impressed the Japanese film audience with his performance as the nihilistic son of an aristocratic family in Yoshimura's 1947 film, *Anjo-ke no buto-kai*. His intellectual and sophisticated characterization attracted critical attention, as well as establishing his career as

a successful film star. His collaboration with Yoshimura continued through the 1950s: another of their masterpieces is *Waga shogai no kagayakeru hi*, in which Mori played an ex-officer with whom the heroine falls in love without knowing he has assassinated her father. The film vividly conveyed the confusing and disillusioned mood of postwar Japan, emphasized by Mori's skillful and explosively powerful performance.

He began to work with Kurosawa during the war, and Mori's international fame came when he played the husband in *Rashomon*. Despite the rather static acting style demanded by Mori's role (contrasting with the stormy performances of Mifune and Kyo), he projected an intensity at least equaling that of the more dramatic characters. As Myshkin in Kurosawa's adaptation of *The Idiot*, Mori created a character of sublime purity, enriched by his strong theater background. Especially skillful with his sense of timing and subtle expressions which made this almost nonhuman abstract character so convincing.

Of his several roles in Naruse's films, the most representative is that of the middle-aged man in *Ukigumo*. Mori played a disillusioned intellectual constantly betraying the heroine, who cannot leave him. This fatalistic character became incredibly rich and even sympathetic despite his negative aspects, as Mori created a sort of sincerity of the weak man in him. His achievement elicited an enthusiastic response from the critics and audience. For Mizoguchi, Mori portrayed the potter enchanted by the ghost princess in *Ugetsu monogatari* and the loving Emperor in *Yokichi*. The former role portrayed the extreme form of the doomed lover, contrasting with the calm style of the pure lover in the latter film. In both cases, Mori gave solid, well-rounded performances despite the director's harsh pursuit of realism.

In addition to the role of disillusioned intellectual, Mori was also admired as a romantic lover (Gosho's *Banka*), a simple but humanistic laborer (Naruse's *Ani imoto*), a poor Ainu man victimized by discrimination (Naruse's *Kotan no kuchibue*), and others in a wide range of melodrama, social drama, and comedy.

—Kyoko Hirano

MOZHUKIN, Ivan

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Ivan Ilyitch Mozhukin in Penza, 26 September 1887 (some sources give 1889); adopted the spelling Mosjoukine in France. **Education:** Studied law at the University of Moscow, two years. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Nathalie Lissenko; 2) Agnes Peterson; illegitimate son: the writer Romain Gary. **Career:** 1910—actor with stage company in Kiev, also toured in the provinces; 1911—moved to Moscow; became famous for his roles in Dumas's *Kean* and Rostand's *L'Aiglon*; film debut in *The Kreutzer Sonata*; then made films for the Khanyonkov studios and for the director Evgeni Bauer; 1915—began long association with the director Yakov Protazanov; formed production company with Protazanov and the producer Joseph Ermoliev; 1917–19—during the revolution, Ermoliev relocated the company in Yalta, then in Istanbul and Paris; company re-formed as Société des Films Ermoliev; 1921—directed the film *L'Enfant du carnaval*. **Died:** In Neuilly, France, 17 January 1939.

Films as Actor:

- 1911 *Kreitzerova sonata* (*The Kreutzer Sonata*) (Chardynin); *Zhizn na Tzarya* (*A Life for the Czar*) (Goncharov); *Oborono Sevastopolya* (*The Defense of Sebastopol*) (Goncharov) (as Napoleon III)
- 1912 *Kubok zhizni i smerti* (*The Cup of Life and Death*) (Hansen); *Mirele Efros* (Gai); *Bratya razbotchniki* (*Brother Brigands*) (Goncharov); *Strasnia pokoynik* (*The Redoubtable Deceased*) (Yuriev); *Snotchak* (*The Daughter-in-Law*) (Gai); *Chelovek, drama nachidnya* (*Man: A Modern Drama*) (Chardynin); *Bratya* (*Brothers*) (Chardynin); *Krestyanskaya dolia* (*A Peasant's Fate*) (Goncharov); *Rabotchaia slobodka* (*Workers' Quarters*) (Goncharov); *Voina i mir* (*War and Peace*) (Chardynin); *Givoi troup* (*The Living Corpse*) (Chardynin); *Dourman* (*Vertigo*) (Chardynin); *Falchivi kupon* (*The False Note*) (Chardynin)
- 1913 *Tchaz Boulat* (Goncharov); *Gorre Sarri* (*The Sorrows of Sarah*) (Arkato); *Pianstvo i yevo pozledstvia* (*Drunkenness and Its Consequences*) (Dvoretzky); *Obryv* (*The Precipice*) (Chardynin); *Domik v Kolomna* (*The Little House in Kolomna*) (Chardynin); *Vot mchitza troika potchtovaia* (*The Troika*) (Bauer); *Diadiouskina kvartira* (*In the Maiden's Room*) (Bauer); *Straschnaia miest* (*Terrible Vengeance*) (Starevitch); *Notch pered Rozdestvom* (*Christmas Eve*) (Starevitch) (as the Devil)
- 1914 *Revnost* (*Jealousy*) (Chardynin); *V roukatch bespotchadnogo roka* (*In the Hands of a Pitiless Destiny*) (as Chardynin); *Zhemtshina zavtrashevo dnia* (*Woman of Tomorrow*) (Chardynin); *Ditya bolchogo goroda* (*Children of the City*) (Bauer); *Krisantemi* (*Chrysanthemums*) (Chardynin); *Tainstvennie neko* (*The Beggar*) (Chardynin); *Sorvanetch* (*The Ballad*) (Chardynin); *Ty pomnis li?* (*Do You Remember?*) (Chardynin); *Shazka o spiathek* (*Sleeping Beauty*) (Bauer); *V polnotch na kladbische* (*At Midnight in the Tomb*) (Bauer); *Rozdennie polzat utat ne mozet* (*The Silent Witnesses*) (Bauer); *Zlatcha notch* (*The Terrible Night*) (Bauer); *Zhizn na smerti* (*Life in Death*) (Bauer); *Slava nam, smert vragam!* (*Glory to Me, Death to the Enemy!*) (Bauer); *Taina Germanskovo posolstva* (*The Secrets of the German Ambassador*) (Bauer); *Ei gerochsky podvig* (*His Heroic Action*; *Honor of the Nation*) (Bauer)
- 1915 *Ruslan i Ludmila* (*Ruslan and Ludmila*) (Starevitch); *Natasha Rostova* (Chardynin); *Vlast tmy* (*The Powers of Darkness*) (Chardynin); *Vozrozhdenia* (*Resurrection*) (Chardynin); *Potop* (*The Deluge*) (Chardynin); *Klub nrvstvennosti* (*The Suicide Club*) (Bauer); *Petersburgskiya trushchobi* (*Petersburg Slums*) (Protazanov and Gardin); *Komedia smerti* (*The Comedy of Death*) (Chardynin); *Nikolai Stavrogin* (Protazanov); *Taina niegorodskoi yamarki* (*The Mysteries of the Novgorod Fair*) (Protazanov); *Vot vspynulo utro* (*The Other Love*) (Sabinsky); *Vsyu zhizn pod maskoi* (*Life behind a Mask*) (Sabinsky); *Deti Vanyousina* (*The Girl of Vaniousine*) (Protazanov); *Para gnedyh* (*Diary of a Madman*) (Protazanov); *Kaitchka* (*The Seagull*) (Protazanov); *Smerti doma* (*The House of Death*) (Protazanov); *The Silent Bell-Ringer* (Protazanov); *Vo vlasti gretcha* (*Under the Yoke of Sin*) (Protazanov and Asagarov)
- 1916 *Lyubov silna na strastyu potseluya* (*The Strange Passion of a Kiss*) (Sabinsky); *V boynoi slepote strastei* (*Blind*

Passion) (Sabinsky); *Zhizn mig iskusstvo vetchno* (*Life Is Short but Art Is Eternal*) (Sabinsky); *A shchastiya bylo tak vozmotzno* (*And Happiness Will Be Possible*) (Asagarov); *Uchveli uz davno krisantemi v sadu* (*When the Chrysanthemums Fade*) (Arkato); *Pikovaya dama* (*The Queen of Spades*) (Protazanov); *Zhenshchina s kinzhalom* (*Woman with a Dagger*) (Protazanov); *Shkval* (*The Squall*) (Protazanov); *Le Parlementaire* (Volkov); *Na vierishina slavy* (*The Height of Glory*) (Volkov); *Kulissi ekrana* (*Behind the Screen*) (Volkov) (+ sc); *Tanyets smerti* (*Danse Macabre*) (Protazanov) (+ sc); *Ugolok* (*The Right Sort*) (Sabinsky)

- 1916–17 *Grekh* (*Sin*) (Protazanov and Asagarov—serial) (+ co-sc)
- 1917 *Prokuror* (*Public Prosecutor*) (Protazanov) (+ sc); *Otets i syn* (*Father and Son*) (Perestiani); *Torguvi dom Karski* (*Karsky and Company*) (Sabinsky); *Dots Izrila* (*The Idol*; *The Daughter of Israel*) (Tourjansky); *Andrei Kozhukhov* (Protazanov); *Ni nado krui* (*Blood Need Not Be Spilled*) (Volkov); *Prokliatiye millioni* (*Cursed Millions*) (Protazanov); *Satana likuyushchii* (*Satan Triumphant*) (Protazanov) (+ co-sc); *Otets Sergii* (*Father Sergius*) (Protazanov)
- 1918 *Taina korolevy* (*The Queen's Secret*) (Protazanov)
- 1919 *Justice d'abord* (*The Public Prosecutor*) (Protazanov) (+ sc); *La Nuit du 11 Septembre* (Protazanov); *L'Angoissante Aventure* (*The Agonizing Adventure*) (Protazanov)
- 1921 *Tempêtes* (Boudrioz)
- 1922 *La Maison du mystère* (Volkov—serial)
- 1924 *Kean* (*Edmund Kean—Prince among Lovers*) (Volkov); *Les Ombres qui passent* (Nadejdine and Asagarov); *Le Lion des Mogols* (Epstein) (+ sc)
- 1925 ***Feu Mathias Pascal*** (*The Late Mathias Pascal*; *The Living Dead Man*) (L'Herbier)
- 1926 *Michel Strogoff* (*Michael Strogoff*) (Tourjansky)
- 1927 *Casanova* (Volkov); *The Surrender* (Sloman)
- 1928 *Der Präsident* (*The President*) (Righelli); *Der geheime Kurier* (*Le Rouge et le noir*) (Righelli)
- 1929 *Adjudant des Zaren* (*Au service du Tsar*) (Striljevsky); *Manolescu* (*Manolesco, roi des voleurs*) (Tourjansky)
- 1930 *Der weisse Teufel* (*The White Devil*) (Volkov)
- 1931 *Le Sergent X* (Striljevsky)
- 1932 *La Mille et Deuxième Nuits* (Volkov)
- 1933 *Les Amours de Casanova* (Barberis)
- 1934 *L'Enfant du carnaval* (Volkov) (+ sc)
- 1936 *Nitchevo* (de Baroncelli)

Films as Director:

- 1921 *L'Enfant du carnaval* (+ sc, ro)
- 1923 *Le Brasier ardent* (co-d, + sc, ro)

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Ivan Mozhukin was always more than an actor. He was a man of the cinema, a very remarkable actor, scriptwriter, and director. Of his two careers one was as leading star of the Czarist cinema, matinee idol, and focal point of an early Russian film culture. The early Russian cinema was perfervid, highly emotional, and melodramatic. It also drew on classic Russian writers. Its standards were high, and it produced directors of the caliber of Volkov, Protazanov, Bauer, and Tourjansky. Many of its actors were later to enrich the cinema of Western Europe. When the Ermoliev company emigrated in 1919 with their actors, designers, and cameramen, Mozhukin came with them, adopting the name “Mosjoukine,” by which he is best known.

Mozhukin was born in Penza in 1887 and was intended for a law career. Drawn to the stage, he gained experience in provincial and Moscow theaters and soon drifted into films. In many of these his leading lady was his wife, the talented Nathalie Lissenko. His first film, in 1911, was *The Kreutzer Sonata*. In 1913 he had the good luck to be directed by Evgeni Bauer, who influenced his acting style, giving it subtlety and depth. In 1915 he joined the Ermoliev company with whose destiny he was to be closely linked. Outstanding films of 1916 were Arkatov’s *When the Chrysanthemums Fade*, Protazanov’s *The Queen of Spades*, and Volkov’s *Behind the Screen*, with a script by Mozhukin. 1917 was a critical year for Russia but Mozhukin registered some of his greatest successes, *Public Prosecutor*, *Satan Triumphant*, and *Father Sergius*. In the last film, based on Tolstoy and directed by Protazanov, Mozhukin gave a virtuoso performance as the young officer who becomes a monk and resists in his old age the temptations of the flesh. His last Russian film was an adaptation of Elinor Glynn’s novel *Three Weeks*, retitled *The Queen’s Secret*. The Ermoliev company, having relocated in Yalta, fled from there to France via Istanbul. The film *L’Angoissante Aventure* was made en route and finished in Paris. Mozhukin, Lissenko, and Nicolai Koline were its leading players, and it was directed by Protazanov. It is about a lighthearted young man-about-town who has a run of bad luck and experiences misery and dejection. It gave Mozhukin an opportunity

for a versatile performance. The Russians settled in the old studios of Montreuil near Paris and Protazanov directed a remake of *Public Prosecutor* under the title *Justice d’abord*. In Volkov’s serial *La Maison du mystère* he established his French reputation and himself directed *L’Enfant du carnaval*. His most striking work as a director, was however, in the avant-garde *Le Brasier ardent*, a delightful comedy, dreamlike in its fantasy, in which he played a whole range of characters.

Alexander Kamenka continued the work of Ermoliev with his Albatros company for which many brilliant young French directors worked. In *Kean*, based on the life of the great English tragedian, Mozhukin had a wonderful opportunity to bring the story of the actor to life and interpret Hamlet and Romeo, even if in silent mime. Jean Epstein directed him in *Le Lion des Moguls* with designs by Bilinsky. L’Herbier’s *Le Feu Mathias Pascal* gave him a Pirandello role which he played with memorable skill. *Michel Strogoff* by Tourjansky introduced him to the world’s screens in a spectacular film widely distributed by Universal. Volkov’s *Casanova*, also handled by Universal gave him similar exposure but a visit to Hollywood was not a success, and Edward Sloman’s *The Surrender* did not enhance his reputation. He now played in several German films, *Manolescu*, directed by Tourjansky, and *Le Rouge et le noir* by Righelli, featuring Agnes Peterson whom he married, deserting his old partner Nathalie Lissenko. It is interesting to note that he was first choice for Gance’s *Napoléon* but chose instead to take the role of *Michel Strogoff*.

He appeared in Volkov’s sound film *Der weisse Teufel* (based on Tolstoy’s *Hadshi Murad*) with some success, but from now on his star was in decline. Inferior remakes of past successes and minor roles in French films followed, and the once proud Russian star drifted into poverty and obscurity. He died destitute in the public ward of a Neuilly hospital and is buried with the brother Alexander in the lovely Russian Orthodox graveyard of Ste. Geneviève du Bois just south of Paris. He was a giant among silent screen actors, refined in his playing and dynamic and haunting in his personality. The second title of his great film *Kean* was *Désordre et genie* and that, alas, was true of him. He lived life to the fullest. Everyone I had asked who had known him always said “Mosjoukine, il était fou.”

—Liam O’Leary

MUELLER-STAHl, Armin

Nationality: German. **Born:** Tilsit, East Prussia (now Sovetsk, Russia), 17 December 1930. **Education:** Studied violin at Berlin Conservatory; attended drama school, starting in 1952. **Family:** Married Gabriele Scholz, 1973, son: Christian. **Career:** Concert violinist, then became actor; 1954—began long association with the Volksbühne, Berlin; 1956—film debut in *Heimliche Ehen*; 1960—in TV series *Fluchte aus der Hölle*; 1965—in TV mini-series, *Wolf unter Wölfen*, *Wege übers Land*, 1968, and *Die sieben Affären der Dona Juanita*, 1973; 1976—blacklisted from East German show business because of political activities; 1980—having been encouraged to leave the country, emigrated with family to West Germany; 1981—West German film debut in Fassbinder’s *Lola*; in TV mini-series *Collin*, *Wohin und zurück*, 1984, *Jokehnen oder Wie lange fährtman von Ostpreussen nach Deutschland?*, 1987, and *Amerika (Topeka, Kansas . . . USSR)*, also 1987; 1989—American film debut in Costa-Gavras’s *Music Box*, continued to work in Hollywood

thereafter. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis for Acting, for *Lola*, 1982; Silver Bear, Berlin Film Festival, for *Utz*, 1993. **Address:** Gartnweg 31, 2430 Sirkisdorf, Germany. **Agent:** Paul Kohner, Inc., 9169 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1956 *Heimliche Ehen (The Secret Marriage)* (Wagenheim)
 1960 *Fünf Patronenhülsen* (Beyer) (as the Frenchman)
 1962 *Königskinder* (Beyer); . . . *und deine Liebe auch* (Vogel)
 1963 *Nackt unter Wölfen (Naked among the Wolves)* (Beyer) (as Höfel); *Christine* (Dudow)
 1964 *Alaskafüchse* (Wallroth); *Preludio 11* (Maetzig)
 1967 *Ein Lord am Alexander-Platz* (Reisch)
 1970 *Tödlicher Irrtum* (Petzold)
 1972 *Der Dritte (The Third; The Blind Man)* (Günter) (as the blind man); *Januskopf* (Maetzig)
 1973 *Die Hosen des Ritters von Bredow* (Petzold)
 1974 *Kit & Co.—Lockruf des Goldes* (Petzold)
 1975 *Jakob der Lügner (Jacob the Liar)* (Beyer) (as Roman Schtamm)
 1976 *Nelken in Aspek* (Reisch)
 1977 *Die Flucht (The Flight)* (Gräf) (as Dr. Volkmar Schmith)
 1978 *Geschlossene Gesellschaft* (Beyer—for TV) (as Robert)
 1980 *Die längste Sekunda* (Kühn—for TV)
 1981 *Lola* (Fassbinder) (as Von Bohm); *An uns glaubt Gott nicht mehr* (for TV); *Der Wessten leuchtet (Lite Trap)* (Schilling) (as Harald Liebe); *Ja und Nein* (Tölle—for TV)
 1982 *Die Sehnsucht der Veronika Voss (Veronika Voss)* (Fassbinder) (as Max Rehbein); *Viadukt (Matushka)* (Sandor) (as Tetzlaff); *Un Dimanche de flics (A Cop's Sunday)* (Vicines) (as the lawyer); *Ich werde warten* (Barabas—for TV); *Die Gartenlaube* (Ballmann—for TV); *Die Flügel der Nacht (Wings of Night)* (Noever) (as Gödel); *Flucht aus Pommern (Flight from Pomerania)* (Schubert—for TV) (as Lyssek); *Der Fall Sylvester matuska* (Simo—for TV); *Ausgestossen* (Corti—for TV); *An uns glaubt Gott nicht mehr* (Corti—for TV)
 1983 *Glut (Glut im Herzen; Embers)* (Koerfer) (as François Korb/Andres Korb); *Eine Liebe im Deutschland (A Love in Germany; Un Amour en Allemagne)* (Wajda) (as SS-Untersturmführer Mayer); *L'Homme blesse* (Chereau) (as Father); *Trauma* (Kubach) (as Sam); *Ruhe sanft, Bruno* (Gies—for TV)
 1984 *Die Mitläufer (Following the Fuhrer)* (Leiser) (as Kurz); *Tausend Augen (Thousand Eyes)* (Blumenberg) (as Arnold); *Tatort—Freiwillig* (Staudte—for TV) (as Dr. Konrad Ansbach); *Rita Ritter* (Achterbusch)
 1985 *Der Angriff der Gegenwart auf die übrige Zeit (The Blind Director)* (Kluge) (as Blind Movie Director); *Zabudnite na Mozarta (Vergesst Mozart; Forget Mozart!)* (Luther) (as Count Pergen); *Redl Ezredes (Oberst Redl; Colonel Redl)* (Szabó) (as Crown Prince Franz-Josef); *An uns glaubt Gott nicht mehr (God Doesn't Believe in Us Anymore)* (Corti) (as Gandhi)
 1986 *Bittere Ernte (Angry Harvest)* (Agnieszka Holland) (as Leon); *Hautnah* (Schulze-Rohr—for TV); *Unser Mann im Dschungel (The Jungle Mission)* (Steiner and Stripp—for TV) (as Mr. Kehlmann); *Momo* (Schaaf) (as Chief Grey Man); *Der Fall Franza (Franza)* (Schwarzenberger—for TV) (as Dr. Jordan/Dr. Korener); *Gauner im Paradies* (Fantl—for TV); *Auf den Tag genau* (Laehn)
 1987 *Der Joker (Lethal Obsession)* (Patzak) (as Axel Baumgartner)
 1988 *Das Spinnennetz (Spider's Web)* (Wicki) (as Baron von Rastschuk); *Der Gorilla* (Rusnale); *Tagebuch für einen Mörder* (Gottlieb—for TV) (as Max Telligan)
 1989 *Music Box* (Costa-Gavras) (as Michael Laszlo); *Midnight Cop (Killing Blue)* (Patzak) (as Inspector Alex Glas); *Schweinergold* (Kückelmann); *Ein Märchen der Gebrüder Nimm Schweinergold (C.A.S.H.: A Political Fairy Tale)* (as Maxwell); *A Hecc (Just for Kicks)* (as Marno)
 1990 *Avalon* (Levinson) (as Sam Krichinsky)
 1991 *Kafka* (Soderbergh) (as Inspector Grubach); "New York" ep. of *Night on Earth* (Jarmusch) (as Helmut Grokenberger); *Bronsteins Kinder (Bronstein's Children)* (Kawalerowicz) (as Arno Bronstein)
 1992 *The Power of One* (Avildsen) (as Doc); *Far from Berlin* (McNally) (as Otto Linder)
 1993 *Utz* (Sluizer) (as Baron Kaspar Joachim von Utz); *Der Kinoerzähler (The Movie Teller)* (Sinkel) (as the movie teller); *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Severo)
 1994 *Holy Matrimony* (Nimoy) (as Uncle Wilhelm); *The Last Good Time* (Balaban) (as Joseph Kopple)
 1995 *A Pyromaniac's Love Story* (Brand) (as Mr. Linzer); *T. Rex (Theodore Rex)* (Betuel)
 1996 *Taxandria* (Servais); *Shine* (Hicks) (as Peter); *Der Unhold (The Ogre)* (Schlöndorff) (as Count von Kaltenborn); *Conversation with the Beast (Gespräch mit dem Biest)* (as Adolf Hitler, + dir, sc)
 1997 *The Assistant* (Petrie) (as Mr. Bober); *12 Angry Men* (Friedkin—for TV) (as Juror #4); *The Peacemaker* (Leder) (as Dimitri Vertikoff)
 1998 *The Commissioner* (Sluizer) (as Hans König); *The X Files* (Bowman) (as Conrad Strughold)
 1999 *The Third Miracle* (Holland) (as Archbishop Werner); *Pilgrim* (Cokliss) (as Mac); *Jakob the Liar* (Kassovitz) (as Kirschbaum); *Jesus* (Young—mini for TV) (as Joseph); *The Thirteenth Floor* (Rusnak) (as Hannon Fuller)
 2000 *Mission to Mars* (De Palma) (as Ramier Beck)

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Armin Mueller-Stahl's acting career began in East Germany with theatrical roles in a romantic vein: Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*, the Prince in Lessing's *Emilia Galotti*, and Andrei in the stage version of *War and Peace*. In 1956 he made his cinema debut, and has subsequently had the opportunity to display his rare talent for projecting highly dramatic characters who unite the tragic and the everyday, the romantic and the down-to-earth.

He first attracted notice in the role of the Frenchman in *Fünf Patronenhülsen* by Frank Beyer (Mueller-Stahl was to appear in many of Beyer's later films). In the story of a group of soldiers forced to try and make their way out of an ambush during the Spanish Civil War, Mueller-Stahl was praised for the realism of his performance and for the fluidity and at the same time restraint of his dramatic talent. His part in the 1960 television series *Flucht aus der Hölle* brought him tremendous acclaim. His success was confirmed in the film version of Bruno Apiz's novel *Nackt unter Wölfen* in which he once again worked with Beyer as well as Erwin Geschonek. Hefel (Mueller-Stahl) sacrifices himself with dignity in order to save the Jewish child whom the prisoners have hidden in the beech woods.

After having been blacklisted in East Germany for his political activities, Mueller-Stahl was encouraged to emigrate, whereupon he took his family to West Germany. Although virtually unknown in the West, he soon worked with Fassbinder in *Lola* and *Die Sehnsucht der Veronika Voss*—films that formed a part of the director's great fresco in which he attempted to depict the social and spiritual development of Germany from the war years to the present. In *Lola* Mueller-Stahl laconically traces, almost as if from a distance, the downfall of a city administrator who becomes prey to the seductions of Lola (an obvious allusion to Josef von Sternberg's *The Blue Angel*) and the temptations of money and corruption.

In 1983 Mueller-Stahl reached a high point in his dramatic career with the film *Glut*, which deals with one of the central themes of the Swiss cinema: the wound left behind in the national consciousness by Swiss neutrality during World War II. Mueller-Stahl has a double role as a father, an arms producer actively involved with the Fascists in Germany, and his son, who bears the spiritual "wound" of his childhood. The family seem prosperous and content, but they are not spared the tragedy of war: the grandfather, a colonel in the Swiss Reserves, dies while trying to save a Polish prisoner of war, and the arms factory is shelled by the Allies. The son is made painfully aware of his "wound" when he meets a girl who was taken into a comfortable Swiss home during the war years—a little Polish girl, saved from annihilation in the ghetto and now grown into a beautiful, independent woman (Krystyna Janda). The collapse of a human life is shown here by Mueller-Stahl with great realism, and at the same time with that distancing irony that characterizes his best screen roles.

In the late 1980s, Hollywood discovered Mueller-Stahl, who soon played two astonishingly different characters in two of his first American films, Costa-Gavras's *Music Box* and Barry Levinson's *Avalon*. In the former he had to learn English and take on a Hungarian accent as a Nazi war criminal who has spent decades as a patriotic immigrant in the United States before his past crimes come to light. In the latter Mueller-Stahl spiced his English with some Yiddish to touchingly capture the patriarch of an extended family of Jewish immigrants to America who is unable to hold the family together against the strong currents of suburbanization and American culture. After a supporting role as an inspector in Steven Soderbergh's somewhat disappointing *Kafka*, Mueller-Stahl had an endearing comic role as the just-off-the-boat immigrant taxi driver who can barely drive or speak English but finds a friendly face in a streetwise Brooklynite fare in the "New York" episode of Jim Jarmusch's wildly uneven *Night on Earth*. Of special note is Mueller-Stahl's deft touch at capturing his character's amazement at the sights he sees on the way to Brooklyn—it is little wonder that so many of his characters for Hollywood have been immigrants. His best later career role to date, however, is not in any of his Hollywood films, but in the international co-production *Utz*, directed by George Sluizer and based on the novel by Bruce Chatwin. Here Mueller-Stahl brings to vivid life a very eccentric Czechoslovak baron whose life obsession is collecting porcelain figurines. (The actor's son Christian also appears, portraying the baron at age 18.)

—Maria Racheva, updated by David E. Salamie

MUNI, Paul

Nationality: American. **Born:** Muni Weisenfreund in Lemberg, Austria (now Lvov, Ukraine), 22 September 1895; emigrated with his family to the United States, 1902. **Family:** Married Bela Finkel, 1921. **Career:** 1908—first stage appearance in *Two Corpses at Breakfast*, Cleveland; beginning 1910—toured with Samuel Grossman's theater troupe; 1914–17—worked with burlesque company, Philadelphia; 1917–18—worked with Molly Picon's company, Boston; 1918—joined Yiddish Art Theatre in New York; became star of Yiddish theater in 1920s; 1926—Broadway debut in *We Americans*; 1929—first film appearance in *The Valiant*; 1932—contract with Warner Brothers; 1939—on Broadway in *Key Largo*; 1955—stage success in *Inherit the Wind*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Academy Award, and Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *The Story of Louis Pasteur*, 1936; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *The Life of Emile Zola*, 1937. **Died:** In Santa Barbara, California, 25 August 1967.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *The Valiant* (Howard) (as Dyke); *Seven Faces* (Viertel) (as Papa Chibou)
- 1932 *Scarface* (Hawks) (as Tony Camonte); *I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang* (LeRoy) (as James Allen)
- 1933 *The World Changes* (LeRoy) (as Nordholm)



Paul Muni

- 1934 *Hi, Nellie!* (LeRoy)
 1935 *Bordertown* (Mayo) (as Johnny Rodriguez); *Black Fury* (Curtiz) (as Joe Radek); *Dr. Socrates* (Dieterle) (title role); *The Story of Louis Pasteur* (Dieterle) (title role)
 1937 *The Good Earth* (Franklin) (as Wang Lung); *The Woman I Love* (Litvak) (as Lieutenant Claude Maury); *The Life of Emile Zola* (Dieterle) (title role)
 1939 *Juarez* (Dieterle) (as Benito Pablo Juarez); *We Are Not Alone* (Goulding) (as Dr. David Newcome)
 1940 *Hudson's Bay* (Pichel) (as Pierre Radisson)
 1942 *The Commandos Strike at Dawn* (Farrow) (as Eric Torenson)
 1943 *Stage Door Canteen* (Borzage) (as himself)
 1944 *A Song to Remember* (Charles Vidor) (as Joseph Elsner)
 1945 *Counter-Attack* (Zoltan Korda) (as Alexei Kulkov)
 1946 *Angel on My Shoulder* (Mayo) (as Eddie Kagle)
 1952 *Imbarco a mezzanotte* (*Embarkation at Midnight*; *Stranger on the Prowl*; *Encounter*) (Losey) (as The Man)
 1959 *The Last Angry Man* (Daniel Mann) (as Dr. Sam)

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During the 1930s Paul Muni was one of the most respected names in acting. He was a perfectionist and extremely selective in the scripts he would choose to do. (Muni’s contracts at both Fox and Warner Brothers gave him script approval.)

Once a script was agreed upon, Muni required months to research his character and prepare for his performance. If the character was a historical figure, he would read every available book on the subject. If the character required a certain dialect, he would rehearse into a recorder until he was satisfied with his accent. Once filming began he would remain in character between takes and even when he was off the studio lot. Muni would literally become the person in the script, which helped to build his reputation as one of the finest character actors of his time.

Muni began his acting career on the Yiddish stage in New York City. As a teenager he developed an affinity for makeup and often played characters much older than his real years. In 1926 he appeared on Broadway in *We Americans* which brought him to the attention of Hollywood. He started at Fox, and his first film, *The Valiant*, brought him his first of four Academy nominations. Unfortunately, the film bombed at the box office. His second film, *Seven Faces*, was also a financial failure. During the production of *Scarface* the project received a lot of criticism from the censors. Their main objection was the glorification of the gangster, so the studio added a subtitle to the film—“the shame of the nation.” When the film was finally released, it was a huge box-office success, and Muni decided to remain in Hollywood to make more films. (His new contract with Warner Brothers also allowed him to act on the stage between pictures.)

Muni’s next film was *I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang*, based on the autobiography of Robert E. Burns. The film not only was

a critical and financial success (both the film and Muni received Academy nominations), but also helped bring about public awareness of prison conditions in the south. Needless to say, the southern portion of the country did not take well to the film.

Muni's next milestone picture was *The Story of Louis Pasteur*. It took some good arguing on the part of Muni, the producer Henry Blanke, and the director William Dieterle to persuade Warner Brothers to back the film. The studio finally agreed, although they consented with a minimum budget and shooting schedule. The film was the sleeper of the year, and Muni won an Oscar for his role. After this film Muni appeared in several other historical films, such as *The Life of Emile Zola* and *Juarez*.

Although Muni did not make many pictures during his career (23 in all), he did appear in several significant films. *Scarface* was the first (and often considered to be the best) of the major gangster films of the 1930s. Other films, such as *I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang* and *Black Fury* dealt with social injustice, while historical films (although often containing more fiction than fact) were promoted as "important" and prestigious pictures. All of these films are based on strong leading characters, and Muni's ability to give substance to these parts helped to create several memorable roles for the screen.

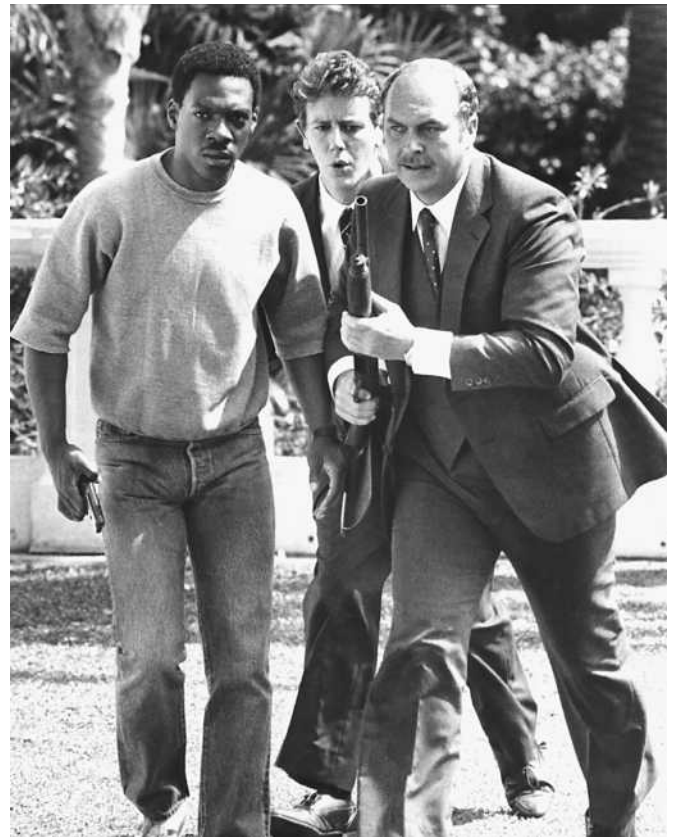
—Linda J. Obalil

MURPHY, Eddie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edward Regan Murphy in Brooklyn, New York, 3 April 1961. **Education:** Attended Roosevelt High School. **Family:** Married Nicole Mitchell, 1993, children: Bria, Miles Mitchell, Shayne Audra. **Career:** First public performance at a youth center on Long Island, 1976; regular on *Saturday Night Live* for NBC TV, 1980–84; film debut in *48 HRS.*, 1982; signed multi-film deal with Paramount, 1985; formed own film production company; formed Eddie Murphy Television Enterprises, 1986; directed first film, *Harlem Nights*, 1989. **Address:** c/o Eddie Murphy Productions, Inc., 152 West 57th Street, 47th Floor, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *48 HRS.* (Walter Hill) (as Reggie Hammond)
- 1983 *Trading Places* (Landis) (as Billy Ray Valentine)
- 1984 *Best Defense* (Huyck) (as Landry); *Beverly Hills Cop* (Brest) (as Axel Foley)
- 1986 *The Golden Child* (Ritchie) (as Chandler Jarrell)
- 1987 *Beverly Hills Cop II* (Tony Scott) (as Axel Foley, + story); *Eddie Murphy Raw* (concert performance)
- 1988 *Coming to America* (Landis) (as Prince Akeem/Clarence/Saul/Randy Watson, + story)
- 1990 *Another 48 HRS.* (Walter Hill) (as Reggie Hammond)
- 1992 *The Distinguished Gentleman* (Lynn) (as Thomas Jefferson Johnson); *Boomerang* (Hudlin) (as Marcus Graham, + story)
- 1994 *Beverly Hills Cop III* (Landis) (as Axel Foley)
- 1995 *Vampire in Brooklyn* (Craven) (as Maximillian/Preacher Pauley/Guido, + pr, story)
- 1996 *The Nutty Professor* (Shadyac) (as Sherman Klump/Buddy Love and the Klump Family)



Eddie Murphy (left), Judge Reinhold (center), and John Ashton in *Beverly Hills Cop*

- 1997 *The Metro* (Carter) (as Scott Roper + pr)
- 1998 *Mulan* (Bancroft, Cook) (as voice of Mushu); *Doctor Dolittle* (Betty Thomas) (as Dr. John Dolittle); *Holy Man* (Herek) (as G.)
- 1999 *Life* (Ted Demme) (as Rayford Gibson + exec pr); *The PJs* (Gustafson, series for TV) (as voice of Superintendent Thurgood Orenthal Stubbs + exec pr); *Bowfinger* (Oz) (as Kit Ramsey/Jiff Ramsey)
- 2000 *The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (Segal) (as Sherman Klump/Buddy Love); *Shrek* (Adamson/Asbury) (voice)

Film as Actor and Director:

- 1989 *Harlem Nights* (as Quick, + exec pr, sc)

Other Film:

- 1990 *The Kid Who Loved Christmas* (exec pr)

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By MURPHY: articles—

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Young and ambitious, black comedian Eddie Murphy rose from the ranks of stand-up comedy and television to become one of the top box-office film stars of the 1980s only to see his career and popularity take a precipitous nosedive in the 1990s.

While still a teenager, Murphy began haunting the comedy clubs in New York City, honing his craft at night while attending school during the day. After high school, he was selected to join the cast of *Saturday Night Live*, the late-night television series that had launched the careers of celebrated comic actors John Belushi, Bill Murray, and Dan Aykroyd. The show offered a forum for Murphy to showcase his talent for mimicry as well as to develop a series of memorable characters, including Gumby, Buckwheat, and Mr. Robinson, which were biting takeoffs on television favorites from the past. A starring role opposite Nick Nolte in the action film *48 HRS.* helped to construct his distinctive film persona—that of the sassy, self-confident, often abrasive con artist who is fast on his feet.

From *48 HRS.* to *Harlem Nights*, each of Murphy's roles has made use of this image, even the character of Officer Axel Foley in *Beverly Hills Cop* (a role originally slated for Sylvester Stallone) and its lackluster sequels, *Beverly Hills Cop II* and *III*. Like the fast-talking con-man characters in all of Murphy's films, Axel easily assumes other identities in order to get past some obstacle. Murphy's adeptness at mimicry—whether it is a recognizable character such as Buckwheat or a stereotype such as a fastidious government inspector—is his trademark. His roles emphasize this talent, which places most of his films in the category of star vehicles.

Other aspects of Murphy's comic persona, particularly as displayed in his stand-up routines earlier in his career, include a proclivity toward provocative, masculine humor. His speech is peppered with expletives and street slang, while his self-assured demeanor is assertive. Yet his comedy and his image do not threaten his white audiences. The best of Murphy's humor and the best of his film roles create a tension between the dangerously provocative and the brashly humorous: he makes a potentially volatile joke but tempers the delivery with a wide grin and a unique belly laugh.

Comparisons to Richard Pryor, the biggest black star of the last generation, are inevitable. Though Murphy claims Pryor as a major influence, profound differences mark their comedy styles and personas. Pryor's stand-up routines derive from growing up on society's margins. The characters—winos, junkies, prostitutes—he plays in his routines mirror that society. Murphy grew up in a lower-middle-class neighborhood on Long Island; the primary source for many of his routines and comic impersonations is television. No matter how many four-letter words he uses, Murphy has an immediate bond with mainstream audiences who grew up with the tube.

Toward the end of the 1980s, Murphy experienced a backlash in the media. As occurs to many popular figures who suddenly become superstars, he began to be criticized by a press that had previously been friendly. Reviewers attacked such films as *Beverly Hills Cop II* and *Another 48 HRS.* for being uninspired vehicles chosen to cash in on his fame and the success of their forerunners, while stories about his numerous bodyguards, enormous wealth, frequent womanizing, and galloping ego added to the media-based perception that success had gone to his head and altered his personality. This criticism culminated in the beating he took for his vanity production *Harlem Nights*, an action comedy he wrote, co-produced, directed, and starred in. The film was poorly executed, but reviewers unfairly dismissed Murphy's interest in working behind the camera as the actions of an ego-driven superstar, conveniently forgetting that he had expressed a desire to produce and direct as far back as 1983. Suddenly,

Murphy's self-confidence was deemed arrogance; his mainstream appeal was termed "a slick, Hollywood package."

All this negative press had repercussions at the box office. Murphy rebounded slightly with *The Distinguished Gentleman* in which he took his con-artist persona of the *Beverly Hills Cop I* and *II*, *48 HRS.*, *Another 48 HRS.*, and other films to Washington, D.C., to cash in on the gravy train as a freewheeling, wheeler-dealer member of the House of Representatives. The film was warmly received by reviewers for its satiric edge and was a moneymaker at the box office, albeit not in the blockbuster class of earlier Murphy films. *Boomerang*—a prefeminist if somewhat crass comedy which traded on Murphy's image as a womanizer who, in the film, sees the error of his ways when he runs up against maneater Robin Givens—inspired neither good reviews nor good box office. A third installment in the popular *Beverly Hills Cop* series, which seemed like a sure bet, was an unexpected flop with audiences. As was *Vampire in Brooklyn*, a Wes Craven horror comedy in which Murphy played several roles, including the bloodsucker of the title. But Murphy bounced back big time with his remake of the old Jerry Lewis vehicle *The Nutty Professor*, a comic spin on the Robert Louis Stevenson tale *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* in which Lewis had played dual roles—that of a goofy, childlike professor and his chemically-induced alter ego: smooth talking lounge lizard and sleazeball Buddy Love. A huge critical and audience success for Lewis (it is considered his best film), the remake was just the shot in the arm Murphy needed to regain his crown as the king of comedy. Not to be outdone by Lewis, Murphy not only plays Buddy Love and the socially backward scientist Sherman Klump but Klump's entire family—who, at one point in the film, appear together (hilariously) in the same scene with the use of clever special effects.

In *Life*, a comedy-drama about two convicts who grow old together in prison, Murphy plays just one part (Martin Lawrence plays the other), but the part tests his skills (and range) not only as a comedian but as an actor for he is required to age convincingly throughout the film—a trick he brings off adroitly in what many critics consider to be his best screen performance to date.

Murphy was back to playing dual roles again in *Bowfinger*, a satire about low budget filmmakers on Hollywood's periphery hoping to catch the brass ring. In it, Murphy plays a black superstar of action films named Kit Ramsey, and Kit's endearingly unsuccessful brother Jiff—whose resemblance to Kit exploitation producer-director Steve Martin trades on to get his latest poverty row extravaganza off the ground. The film, which Martin scripted, is surprisingly bereft of comic high points. Laughs are infrequent—except when Murphy is on the screen; he steals the movie with his hilarious performances in both parts.

—Susan M. Doll, updated by John McCarty

MURRAY, Bill

Nationality: American. **Born:** Evanston, Illinois, 21 September 1950. **Family:** Married 1) Mickey Kelly, 1981 (divorced 1994), sons: Homer and Luke; 2) Jennifer Butler, 1997, two sons. **Education:** Attended Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois, and Regis College, Denver, as a premed student. **Career:** Acted in plays in high school and worked summers as caddy; after dropping out of college joined his brother Brian Doyle-Murray in the Chicago improv troupe Second City, winning a scholarship to its workshop, and then traveling with

its road company; appeared on radio in *The National Lampoon Radio Hour*; 1975—in off-Broadway revue *The National Lampoon Show*; 1976—on *Saturday Night Live with Howard Cosell*; 1977—gained fame on *Saturday Night Live* in its second season; 1996—played Geppetto in TV series *Stories from My Childhood*. **Agent:** Jay Moloney, Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1975 *Shame of the Jungle* (Picha and Szulzinger) (as voice)
- 1977 *Things We Did Last Summer* (Weis)
- 1978 *All You Need Is Cash (The Rutles)* (Idle and Weis—for TV (as Bill Murray the K)
- 1979 *Meatballs* (Reitman) (as Tripper); *Mr. Mike's Mondo Video* (O'Donoghue); *The Main Event* (Zieff) (as Mantilla's cornerman)
- 1980 *Where the Buffalo Roam* (Linson) (as Dr. Hunter S. Thompson); *Caddyshack* (Ramis) (as Carl Spackler); *Loose Shoes* (Ira Miller) (as Lefty Schwartz)
- 1981 *Stripes* (Reitman) (as John Winger)
- 1982 *Tootsie* (Pollack) (as Jeff Slater, unbilled)
- 1984 *Nothing Lasts Forever* (Schiller) (as Lunar Cruise Director Ted Breughel); *Ghostbusters* (Reitman) (as Dr. Peter Venkman); *The Razor's Edge* (Byrum) (as Larry Darrell, + co-sc)
- 1986 *Little Shop of Horrors* (Oz) (as Arthur Denton)
- 1988 *Scrooged* (Richard Donner) (as Frank Cross); *She's Having a Baby* (John Hughes) (cameo, uncredited)
- 1989 *Ghostbusters II* (Reitman) (as Dr. Peter Venkman)
- 1991 *What about Bob?* (Oz) (as Bob Wiley)
- 1993 *Groundhog Day* (Ramis) (as Phil Connors); *Mad Dog and Glory* (McNaughton) (as Frank Milo)
- 1994 *Ed Wood* (Tim Burton) (as Bunny Breckinridge)
- 1996 *Kingpin*; *Space Jam* (Kahn, Pytko, and Bruce Smith); *Larger than Life* (Franklin) (as Jack Corcoran)
- 1997 *The Man Who Knew Too Little* (Amiel) (as Wallace Ritchie)
- 1998 *With Friends Like These* (Messina) (as Maurice Melnick); *Rushmore* (Anderson) (as Herman Blume); *Wild Things* (McNaughton) (as Ken Bowden)
- 1999 *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Tommy Crickshaw); *Scout's Honor* (Leifer) (as Jack Vardell); *Company Man* (Askin, McGrath)
- 2000 *Michael Jordan to the Max* (Kempf and James D. Stern) (as himself)

Film as Director:

- 1990 *Quick Change* (co-d with Howard Franklin) (+ ro as Grimm, co-pr)

Publications

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Bill Murray (right) and Dan Ackroyd in *Ghostbusters*

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Like the original cast members of *Saturday Night Live*, whom he joined in 1977, Bill Murray developed his routines in response to the irradiating phoniness of post-World War II suburban culture. The Not Ready for Prime Time Players were expert at parodying the voice of both sententious and commercial fraudulence—the gelatinous precepts learned in home, school, and church (and in the homes, schools, and churches on television and in the movies), the nearly hysterical

pitches of television advertising, the oiliness of show biz “intimacy.” John Belushi flared out fast, while Dan Aykroyd was too manic a parodist for the big screen, and Chevy Chase quickly became another self-satisfied purveyor of low-grade product. Only Murray was able to broaden his counterculture cabaret attitude enough to be a popular movie comedian without becoming smug or another example of what he professed to despise. In the service comedy *Stripes* he took nothing seriously and still galvanized that scrappy production. In *Stripes* and the much more expensive *Ghostbusters* he used the concepts of the movies to goof on the movies themselves, without killing joy. He did his duty by *Ghostbusters* without getting implicated in the jumbo Hollywood machinations that engineered it.

He served the same function in *Tootsie* as Dustin Hoffman’s roommate, in which his hilarious deadpan (and reportedly improvised) comments on Hoffman’s scam turned the audience’s disbelief to the movie’s advantage. At the time he seemed oddly cast as an incorruptible, experimental playwright, but this does in fact tie in to Murray’s deeper concerns, which for a while he had trouble bringing to the screen. The head-on approach produced *The Razor’s Edge*, which Murray tried to enliven and make personal by anachronistic wisecracking in the role of the man shaken to his spiritual foundations. Murray’s 1970s shtick was out of place, and he did not know how to animate Larry Darrell otherwise. But the main problem was that he seemed intellectually susceptible to a middle-brow epic like Maugham’s novel in the first place; wanting to be profound he just got portentous.

Murray did come across in a slapstick turn in character (that is, a character other than his own put-on persona) in the nifty musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, but it was not until his breakthrough performance as Frank Cross in *Scrooged* that he found a way to play a fuller

character in the kind of comedy that audiences wanted to see him in. He deepened his screen persona not by going around it but by going through it. Murray used this updated *Christmas Carol* to stage his career redemption—he learned how to play the emotional scenes straight without betraying his 1970s rejection of show biz fakery. He went even further as the burnt-out weatherman Phil Connors in *Groundhog Day*, allegorically doomed to replay his least favorite day of the year forever. Frank Cross is a hyperbolic monster; Phil’s disgust with himself seems more life-sized, and it makes personal sense for Murray to play a man who has been drained of life in front of rather than behind the camera. *Groundhog Day* is, if anything, too enjoyable for the good of its reputation. Murray is not just good as the jaded television-caster, he is phenomenal. He knows in his bones how to show us what it is like to be encased in a media image, how remote your own and other people’s responses become. Murray uses the disruption of Phil’s routine to flip his own professional lid and to show us the emotional springs of his comedy, exactly what he always protected with comic cynicism. His performance in *Mad Dog and Glory* as the ruthless loan shark who wants to be a stand-up comic combines the scary and funny elements of Phil’s remoteness. Murray convincingly integrates the stand-up comic’s aggression as part of the gangster’s hovering threat, but the script never comes together, and once again De Niro kills a teaming by his own kind of remoteness as an actor. But by drilling down to *genuine* sources of comic redemption in *Scrooged*, *Ghostbuster II*, *Quick Change*, and *Groundhog Day*, Murray has fulfilled a promise we never expected him to make.

—Alan Dale

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NAZIMOVA, Alla

Nationality: American. **Born:** Yalta, Russia (now Ukraine), 4 June 1879; became U.S. citizen, 1927. **Education:** Attended private Catholic school, Montreux, Switzerland; studied music at Philharmonic Music Academy, Yalta; Academy of Acting, Moscow. **Family:** Married Paul Orleneff, 1904; lived with the actor Charles Bryant. **Career:** Apprenticeship at Stanislavsky's Moscow Art Theatre; then acted in repertory companies in Kostroma, Kerson, and Vilna; 1903—leading actress at Nemetti Theatre, St. Petersburg; 1904–05—toured Berlin and London with the play *The Chosen People*, banned in Russia; 1905—presented *The Chosen People* in Russian in New York, followed by other successful plays in Russian; 1906—studied English with the mother of Richard Barthelmess; debut in first English-speaking role in *Hedda Gabler*; her fame in New York became so great that a theater was named for her (later renamed the 39th Street Playhouse); 1912—presented *Bella Donna* in New York and on a year-long tour; 1916—film debut in *War Brides*; contract with Metro Company, and made several films written by June Mathis; 1922—made the film *A Doll's House* with her own money for release by United Artists; 1928—joined Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory Company, New York, and later the Theatre Guild, 1929. **Died:** In Los Angeles 13 July 1945.

Films as Actress:

- 1916 *War Brides* (Brenon) (as Joan)
- 1918 *Revelation* (Baker) (as Joline); *Toys of Fate* (Baker) (as Hagar and Azah); *An Eye for an Eye* (Capellani) (as Hassouna)
- 1919 *Out of the Fog* (Capellani) (as Faith and Eve); *The Red Lantern* (Capellani) (as Mahlee and Blanche Sackville); *The Brat* (Blaché)
- 1920 *Stronger Than Death* (Blaché) (as Sigrid Fersen); *The Heart of a Child* (Smallwood) (as Sally Snape); *Madame Peacock* (Smallwood) (as mother and daughter) (+ sc); *Billions* (Smallwood) (as Princess Tirloff)
- 1921 *Camille* (Smallwood) (as Marguerite Gauthier, + pr)
- 1922 *A Doll's House* (Bryant) (as Nora, + pr, sc)
- 1923 *Salome* (Bryant) (title role, + pr, sc)
- 1924 *Madonna of the Streets* (Carewe)
- 1925 *The Redeeming Sin* (Blackton); *My Son* (Carewe) (as Ana Silva)
- 1940 *Escape* (LeRoy) (as Emmy Ritter)
- 1941 *Blood and Sand* (Mamouliau)
- 1944 *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* (Lee) (as Marquesa de Montmayor); *In Our Time* (Sherman) (as Zofya Orvid); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Koslowska)

Film as Consultant and Research Adviser:

- 1939 *Zaza* (Cukor)

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- Kirkland, Alexander, “The Woman from Yalta,” in *Theatre Arts* (New York), December 1949.
- Ashby, Clifford, “Alla Nazimova and the Advent of the New Acting in America,” in *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, April 1954.
- Bodeen, DeWitt, “Nazimova,” in *Films in Review* (New York), December 1972.
- “Alla Nazimova,” in *Rebellen in Hollywood: 13 Porträts des Eigensinns*, Frankfurt, 1986.

Kanin, Garson, "Memoir: Garson Kanin: Tales from the Garden of Allah," in *Architectural Digest* (Los Angeles), April 1990.

Film Dope (Nottingham), March 1991.

Golden, Eve, "Alla Nazimova: Mother Russia Goes to Hollywood," in *Classic Images* (Muscatine), February 1995.

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Alla Nazimova, one of the most exotic actresses of the late 1910s and 1920s, had an exotic Russian background to begin with. Born of Jewish parents in Yalta, and educated in a Swiss Catholic convent, she took up the violin and in her school orchestra played under Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. Her acting aspirations led her to Moscow and an apprenticeship with Stanislavsky's Art Theatre. She found leading roles in the provinces and settled in St. Petersburg where she married her theater partner Paul Orloff. Eventually the pair took the Zionist play *The Chosen People* on a European tour, and to America in 1905.

She decided to remain in the United States while her husband and the company returned home. Success on the New York stage, after she had learned English, led to a film version of her stage triumph *War Brides* under the direction of Herbert Brenon. (In the film she introduced Richard Barthelmess, the son of her English coach.) Diminutive, but with a dynamic personality, she struck a new note in American films. The Irish actor Michael MacLiammóir described her quality as "agonized ecstasy."

Her next film, *Revelation*, confirmed her talent, and she soared to stardom. Charles Bryant, her lover and leading man in many of her films, helped her to set up a palatial establishment in Hollywood known as the Garden of Allah. She was now known simply as Nazimova, in the way one would speak of Bernhardt or Duse. Three films directed by the talented Paul Capellani, *An Eye for an Eye*, *Out of the Fog*, and *The Red Lantern*, featured some of her finest work, the last being outstanding.

From this point on, her work takes on an eclectic virtuosity. An association with the designer Natacha Rambova led to highly stylized productions of *Camille* (with Valentino) and *Salome* with designs based on Beardsley. *Salome* was made with no concessions whatever to popular taste, and was poorly received, though it is actually a courageous experiment aesthetically, and remains remarkable for Nazimova's catlike grace.

In the mid-1920s she returned to her first love, the theater, and had a most distinguished career in classic Russian plays at the New York Civic Repertory Company. She played in a few sound films, always in small character parts though they were impeccably done. Her last years were restless and not particularly happy, though she lived to see her nephew Val Lewton make his name in films. Those who remember her stage performance speak of her with respect and love.

—Liam O'Leary

NEAL, Patricia

Nationality: American. **Born:** Patsy Louise Neal in Packard, Kentucky, 20 January 1926. **Education:** Attended Knoxville High School, Tennessee; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 1944–45.



Patricia Neal in *The Day the Earth Stood Still*

Family: Married the writer Roald Dahl, 1953 (divorced 1983), five children (one deceased). **Career:** Coached in acting as a child, and made stage debut at age 15 at Barter Theatre, Virginia; 1944—understudy on tour in *The Voice of the Turtle*, and in short Broadway run; 1946—Tony-Award winning performance in Broadway production of *Another Part of the Forest*; 1947—joined Strasberg's Actors Studio, New York; 1949—film debut in *John Loves Mary*; contract with Warner Brothers; 1952—on stage in *The Children's Hour*; 1958—in *Suddenly Last Summer* in London; 1964–68—series of strokes and long rehabilitation period; 1968—returned to films in *The Subject Was Roses*; 1978—in TV mini-series *The Bastard*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, New York Film Critics, and Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Hud*, 1963; Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *In Harm's Way*, 1965. **Address:** P.O. Box 1043, Edgartown, MA 02539, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1949 *John Loves Mary* (David Butler) (as Mary McKinley); *The Fountainhead* (King Vidor) (as Dominique Francon); *It's a Great Feeling* (David Butler) (as herself)
- 1950 *The Hasty Heart* (Sherman) (as Sister Margaret Parker); *Bright Leaf* (Curtiz) (as Margaret Jane Singleton); *Three Secrets* (Wise) (as Phyllis Horn); *The Breaking Point* (Curtiz) (as Leona Charles)
- 1951 *Operation Pacific* (Waggner) (as Mary Stuart); *Raton Pass* (*Canyon Pass*) (Marin) (as Ann); *The Day the Earth Stood*

- Still* (Wise) (as Helen Benson); *Weekend with Father* (Sirk) (as Jean Bowen)
- 1952 *Diplomatic Courier* (Hathaway) (as Joan Ross); *Something for the Birds* (Wise) (as Anne Richards); *Washington Story* (*Target for Scandal*) (Pirosh) (as Alice Kingsly)
- 1954 *La tua donna* (Paolucci); *The Stranger from Venus* (*Immediate Disaster*) (Burt Balaban) (as Susan North)
- 1957 *A Face in the Crowd* (Kazan) (as Marcia Jeffries)
- 1961 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (Edwards) (as "2E")
- 1963 *Hud* (Ritt) (as Alma Brown)
- 1964 *Psyche '59* (Singer) (as Allison)
- 1965 *In Harm's Way* (Preminger) (as Lt. Maggie Haynes)
- 1968 *The Subject Was Roses* (Grosbard) (as Nettie Cleary)
- 1971 *The Road Builder* (*The Night Digger*) (Reid) (as Maura Prince); *The Homecoming: A Christmas Story* (Cook—for TV) (as Olivia Walton)
- 1973 *Baxter* (Jeffries) (as Dr. Clemm); *Hay que matar a B. (B. Must Die)* (Borau) (as Julia); *Happy Mother's Day—Love George* (*Run, Stranger, Run*) (McGavin) (as Cara)
- 1974 *Things in Their Season* (Goldstone—for TV)
- 1975 *Eric* (Goldstone—for TV) (as Lois Swenson)
- 1977 *Widow's Nest* (*Nido de viudas*) (Navarro) (as Lupe); *Tail Gunner Joe* (Jud Taylor—for TV)
- 1978 *A Love Affair: The Eleanor and Lou Gehrig Story* (Cook—for TV) (as Mrs. Gehrig)
- 1979 *The Passage* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Ariel Bergson); *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Paul's mother)
- 1981 *Ghost Story* (Irvin) (as Stella Hawthorne)
- 1984 *Glitter* (Beaumont—for TV); *Love Leads the Way* (Delbert Mann—for TV); *Shattered Vows* (Bender—for TV) (as Sister Carmelita)
- 1989 *An Unremarkable Life* (Chaudri) (as Frances McEllany)
- 1990 *Caroline?* (Sargent—for TV) (as the headmistress)
- 1992 *A Mother's Right: The Elizabeth Morgan Story* (Otto—for TV) (as Antonia Morgan)
- 1993 *Heidi* (Rhodes—for TV) (as Grandmother)
- 1999 *Cookie's Fortune* (Altman) (as Jewel Mae "Cookie" Orcutt)

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As modern teachers of naturalistic acting would ask of her, Patricia Neal personifies true openness: to her characters' impulses both intellectual and sexual, to her fellow players, to all acting media, to the pursuit of work even after deep personal affliction and loss. Never a major star, she rose to prominence when Hollywood's "classical" period—characterized by the interlocking systems of studio/star/genre—was ending. She is in fact one of the earliest members of an ongoing post-1950s sorority of "working" actresses. These women's mastery of contemporary acting techniques clearly works in their every on-screen moment, but, unless they turn to television, they remain fairly anonymous working actors—nonstars—their film roles usually small or lost in low-quality productions.

The reasons femininity and Hollywood movie stardom became comparatively estranged between the studio era and the recent age of the blockbuster are complex: at the root is a perceived shift in movie viewership by the 1970s to young men, connected to the Hollywood commonplace that only male actors can turn films into megahits by virtue of their mere presence. But surely also a factor is some resistance to women, like Neal, able to combine practical control and a post-Production Code, expandingly erotic heat: one of her own favorite examples comes in *Hud* when her character swats a fly—which Neal fortuitously noticed on the set—in response to Paul Newman's kiss.

Neal was well-received on Broadway in the mid-1940s, having worked in local theaters and summer stock through high school and college. She was invited to be a founding member of the Actors Studio, the New York collective which would become the most famous workshop devoted to expanding the ideas of Constantin Stanislavski in the United States—although she writes that she was expelled temporarily when she went to Hollywood. There she met more critical than commercial success between 1949 and 1952, her two most memorable roles coming in *The Fountainhead* and *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. She studied screen acting with George Shdanoff and later Shdanoff's teacher Michael Chekhov, Stanislavski's associate.

Neal returned to Broadway in 1952 and spent the mid-1950s dividing her time between New York and England, occupied with a new marriage, children, renewed work at the Actors Studio, and jobs on-stage and in television. Her best run of film work began in 1957 with *A Face in the Crowd*, as she moved into innocuous, reliable, supportive (and supporting) women's roles, including *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *In Harm's Way*, and *Hud*, for which she won an Oscar.

Her career was drastically interrupted in the mid-1960s by a series of strokes. Her courageous attempts to reestablish herself across the 1970s and 1980s often found her characters also dealing with illness. Unsurprisingly, given developing industry patterns, her best recent

roles have come on television. She brings a motherly, astute depth especially to 1990's *Caroline?*, with television star Stephanie Zimbalist and working actress Pamela Reed. Patricia Neal soldiers on, an actress of intelligence and fire never fully exploited by Hollywood film.

—Robin Wood, updated by Susan Knobloch

NEESON, Liam

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Balleymena, Northern Ireland, 7 June 1952. **Family:** Married the actress Natasha Richardson, 3 July 1994, one son: Micheal Richard Antonio. **Career:** Film debut in *Excalibur*, 1981; theatrical appearances include (Broadway) *Anna Christie*, 1993. **Agent:** Susan Culley & Associates, 150 S. Rodeo Drive, Suite 220, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1981 *Excalibur* (Boorman) (as Sir Gawain)
- 1983 *Krull* (Yates) (as Kegan); *A Woman of Substance* (Sharp—for TV) (as Blackie O'Neil)
- 1984 *The Bounty* (Donaldson) (as Churchill); *The Innocent* (MacKenzie) (as John Carns); *Ellis Island* (London—for TV) (as Kevin Murray)
- 1985 *Arthur the King* (Donner—for TV) (as Grak)
- 1986 *The Mission* (Joffe) (as Fielding); *Hold the Dream* (Sharp—for TV) (as Blackie O'Neil); *Duet for One* (Konchalovsky) (as Totter); *Lamb* (Gregg) (as Brother Sebastian); *If Tomorrow Comes* (London—for TV) (as Inspector Trignant)
- 1987 *Suspect* (Yates) (as Carl Wayne Anderson); *A Prayer for the Dying* (Hodges) (as Liam Docherty); *Sworn to Silence* (Levin—for TV) (as Vincent Cauley); *Sweet As You Are* (Pope—for T) (as Martin PerryV)
- 1988 *Satisfaction* (Freeman) (as Martin Flacon); *The Dead Pool* (Van Horn) (as Peter Swan); *The Good Mother* (Nimoy) (as Leo Cutter); *High Spirits* (Jordan) (as Martin Brogan)
- 1989 *Next of Kin* (Irvin) (as Briar)
- 1990 *Darkman* (Raimi) (as Peyton Westlake/Darkman); *Crossing the Line* (Leland) (as Danny Scoular)
- 1992 *Under Suspicion* (Moore) (as Tony Aaron); *Shining Through* (Seltzer) (as Franz-Otto Dietrich); *Leap of Faith* (Pearce) (as Will); *Husbands and Wives* (Allen) (as Michael)
- 1993 *Ethan Frome* (Madden) (Ethan Frome); *Deception* (aka *Ruby Cairo*) (Clifford) (as Fergus Lamb); *Schindler's List* (Spielberg) (as Oskar Schindler)
- 1994 *Nell* (Apted) (as Jerome Lovell); *Out of Ireland* (Wagner—for TV) (voice)
- 1995 *Rob Roy* (Caton-Jones) (as McGregor)
- 1996 *Michael Collins* (Jordan) (as Michael Collins); *Before And After* (Schroeder) (as Ben Ryan); *The Great War* (Byker/ Goldfarb—for TV) (Narrator); *Clark Gable: Tall, Dark and Handsome* (Walker—for TV) (Narrator)
- 1997 *Alaska: Spirit of the Wild* (Casey—for TV) (Narrator)
- 1998 *Everest* (Breashers/Judson—for TV) (Narrator); *Les Misérables* (August) (as Jean Valjean)

- 1999 *The Haunting* (de Bont) (as Dr. David Marlowe); *Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace* (Lucas) (as Qui-Gon Jinn)
- 2000 *Gun Shy* (Blakeney) (as Charlie)

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Irish-born Liam Neeson has the features and presence of a film star of the 1930s or 1940s—a Paul Muni, perhaps, or Robert Mitchum. A laborer before becoming an actor, he cuts a strapping figure that makes him ideal for over-the-top hero roles in the grand tradition of Hollywood's Golden Age. But there's a vulnerability about him that makes him equally suitable for today's sensitive hero types, as well.



Liam Neeson in *Darkman*

He brought both of these characteristics to his star-making, and Oscar-nominated, performance in Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, a film that accentuated Neeson's old-style Hollywood looks by being shot in noirish black and white. Neeson's Schindler, who saves the lives of more than one thousand Jews from the extermination by the Nazis, is shady but honest, pragmatic but altruistic—the quintessential noir hero, a man walking a tightrope down some very dark, very mean streets. He is also a man with a desperate need to feel accepted—the protoypical Spielberg hero.

The real Oskar Schindler was an enigma. History still can't put a finger on the actual motives that prompted him to save the lives of so many of his Jewish employees. Was he a humanist who saw a terrible wrong and did his best to right it? A charismatic scoundrel? Or a savvy exploiter who saw no profit in sending productive workers to the gas chambers? And does it really matter, for what counts is that he did save lives when others in a position similar to his sat back and did nothing.

For most of the film, Neeson plays Schindler as just such an enigma, a genuine man in the middle—until Spielberg blows the character's fascinating ambiguity at the conclusion by having him

break down in front of the Jews he has saved and despairing at not having been able to save more of them. This behavior is simply inconsistent with the character Neeson, the screenwriter, and Spielberg have created for us up to this point; it strikes such a false note of strained sentimentality (and trademark Spielbergian pathos) that one can almost feel the actor gritting his teeth to get through the scene. Tellingly, it is his only unconvincing moment in the three-hours-plus of the film.

Neeson made his screen debut as one of the knights of the round table among an ensemble cast of (then) largely unknown British and Irish players in John Boorman's *Excalibur*, an exquisite recounting of the Arthurian legend; the role required little of him except a hardy build and a sense of physical and moral strength—his trademarks to this day. He is virtually unidentifiable behind beard and armor; one can see the film even now and not realize he's in it, though his role is not insubstantial.

One year later he was back in Camelot, and identifiable this time, among the ensemble cast of Clive Donner's TV epic *Arthur the King*, a decided come-down from the Boorman film that mixed medieval derring-do with Lewis Carroll and sat on the shelf for three years until the network aired it.

This seemed to form the pattern of much of Neeson's first decade of film work—substantial if not noticeable roles in high-profile action/period pieces (*The Bounty*, *The Mission*) and noticeable, high-profile roles in action-filled duds (*Next of Kin*, *A Prayer for the Dying*).

Sam Raimi's cartoonish *Darkman* changed Neeson's fortunes. As the gentle giant scientist turned avenging phantom of the title, Neeson revealed that he could not only handle action scenes but register the kind of sensitivity audiences seemed to want in movie heroes of the 1990s. He started getting major parts in major films that stressed this aspect of his talent—the understanding lover who awakens Diane Keaton's sensuality in *The Good Mother*; the nice guy local who woos traveling huckster Debra Winger in *Leap of Faith*; the wily but vulnerable German soldier romanced and (improbably) manipulated by spy Melanie Griffith in *Shining Through*; the down-on-his-luck private eye accused of murder who must prove his innocence in *Under Suspicion*; the romantic farmer trapped in a loveless marriage in *Ethan Frome*; the persecuted bread thief Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*; the compassionate small town doctor who nurtures—and is nurtured by—a backwoods wild child in *Nell*—where Neeson ably supported star Jodie Foster's (failed) bid for another best actress Oscar.

As the legendary Scottish folk hero *Rob Roy* who revenges himself on the English who raped his wife (Jessica Lange) and oppress his people, Neeson returned to the lusty, swashbuckling hero type he'd played early on in his career—yet brought to it many of the same qualities of his later roles. His Scottish chieftain is both a man of action and pillar of integrity, as well as kind and loving husband and father. His duel with villain Tim Roth in one of the best screen swordfights since the halcyon days of Flynn and Rathbone. Apart from Neeson's charismatic performance, it is also one of the few highlights in this otherwise dull and routine costume adventure, which had the misfortune to be released the same year as Mel Gibson's similar-themed but more exciting *Braveheart*, and came in second with both audiences and critics.

Neeson segued from *Rob Roy* to another period piece, though a more modern one, also about an historical figure. As the title character in *Michael Collins*, he is again a rebel leader fighting to free his people (here, the Irish) from English oppression, circa 1916. Neeson's charismatic, multi-faceted performance is the glue that holds this very uneven but occasionally quite powerful film about the politics of idealism and destruction together.

Neeson's next film—*The Haunting*, a dreadful remake of the 1963 classic of the same title—required little of the actor (or anyone else in the cast) except not getting lost amid the relentless razzle-dazzle of its computer-generated special effects. The same was true of Neeson's follow-up: the George Lucas money-machine *Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, a prequel to Lucas's previous *Star Wars* adventures and the launch of a new trilogy of *Star Wars* space operas. Neeson's character is called upon to do not much more than spout more of Lucas' "The Force is with you" philosophy, and to wield a mean light saber—both of which the actor handles well.

Perhaps because of the over-reliance of these two films on special effects rather than acting, Neeson chose as his next project the offbeat character-driven crime comedy *Gun Shy*—in which he turned his back on heroics to play a (very un-Neeson-like) character best described as a dolt. Laugh-free, the film was an embarrassing misfire

for all concerned—but especially for Neeson, whose performance in the change-of-pace role was singled out by critics as a squandering of his considerable talents.

—John McCarty

NEGRI, Pola

Nationality: American. **Born:** Barbara Apollonia Chalupiec in Janowa, Poland, 31 December 1894 (or 1899). **Education:** Attended the boarding school of Countess Platen, Warsaw; studied at the Imperial Ballet School, St. Petersburg; Philharmonia drama school, Warsaw. **Family:** Married 1) Count Popper (died); 2) Count Eugene Donski, 1919 (divorced 1921); 3) Prince Serge Mdivani, 1927 (divorced 1931). **Career:** 1913—stage debut in Hauptmann's *Hannele* in Warsaw; 1914—film debut in *Niewolnica Zmyslow*; 1917—went to Berlin at urging of Max Reinhardt; acted in *Sumurun* in Berlin; 1918–20—series of German films, including several by Lubitsch; 1923—first U.S. film, *Bella Donna*; late 1920s—career faltered with advent of sound; made films in Germany, Austria, and England; returned to the United States at outbreak of World War II. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis, 1964. **Died:** In San Antonio, Texas, 1 August 1987.

Films as Actress:

- 1914 *Niewolnica Zmyslow* (Pawlowski)
- 1915 *Pokoj no. 13* (Hertz); *Bestia* (Hertz); *Czarna Ksiazka* (Hertz)
- 1916 *Jego Ostatni Czyn* (Hertz); *Zona* (Hertz); *Studenci* (Hertz); *Arabella* (Hertz)
- 1917 *Küsse, die man in Dunkeln stiehlt* (Matull?); *Nicht lange täuschte mich das Glück* (Matull?); *Rosen, die der Sturm entblättert* (Matull?); *Zügelloses Blut* (Gypsy Blood); *Die toten Augen* (Matull?)
- 1918 *Der gelbe Schein* (*The Yellow Ticket*) (Janson); *Wenn das Herz in Hass erglüht* (Matull?); *Mania* (*Mad Love*) (Illes); *Die Augen der Mumie Ma* (*The Eyes of the Mummy*) (Lubitsch); *Carmen* (Lubitsch) (title role)
- 1919 *Das Karussell des Lebens* (Jacoby); *Kreuziget sie!* (Jacoby); *Madame DuBarry* (*Passion*) (Lubitsch) (title role); *Camille* (*The Red Peacock*); *Comtesse Dody* (Jacoby)
- 1920 *Geschlossene Kette* (Stein); *Medea* (Lubitsch); *Das Martyrium* (Stein); *Die Marchesa d'Arminiani* (Halm); *Sumurun* (*One Arabian Night*) (Lubitsch); *Vendetta* (Jacoby)
- 1921 *Die Bergkatze* (Lubitsch); *Sappho* (Buchowetski); *Die Damme in Glashaus* (Janson); *Arme Violetta* (Stein)
- 1922 *Die Flamme* (*Montmartre*) (Lubitsch)
- 1923 *Bella Donna* (Fitzmaurice) (title role); *The Cheat* (Fitzmaurice) (as Carmelita De Córdoba); *Hollywood* (Cruze) (as guest); *The Spanish Dancer* (Brenon) (as Maritana)
- 1924 *Shadows of Paris* (Brenon) (as Clair); *Men* (Buchowetski) (as Cleo); *Lily of the Dust* (Buchowetski) (as Lily Czepanek); *Forbidden Paradise* (Lubitsch) (as Catherine the Great)
- 1925 *East of Suez* (Walsh) (as Daisy Forbes); *The Charmer* (Olcott) (as Mariposa); *Flower of Night* (Bern) (as Carlota y Villalon); *A Woman of the World* (St. Clair) (as Countess Elnora)

- 1926 *The Crown of Lies* (Buchowetski) (as Olga Kriga); *Good and Naughty* (St. Clair) (as Germaine Morris)
- 1927 *Hotel Imperial* (Stiller) (as Anna Sedlak); *Barbed Wire* (Lee) (as Mona); *The Woman on Trial* (Stiller) (as Julie)
- 1928 *Three Sinners* (Lee) (as Baroness Gerda Wallentin); *The Secret Hour* (Lee) (as Amy); *Loves of an Actress* (Lee) (as Rachel); *The Woman from Moscow* (Berger) (as Princess Fedora); *Are Women to Blame?*
- 1929 *Street of Abandoned Children*
- 1930 *The Woman He Scorned* (Czinner)
- 1932 *A Woman Commands* (Czinner)
- 1934 *Fanatisme* (Ravel and LeKain)
- 1935 *Mazurka* (Forst)
- 1936 *Moskau-Shanghai* (Wegener)
- 1937 *Madame Bovary* (Lamprecht) (title role)
- 1938 *Rudolph Valentino* (short); *Die Nacht der Entscheidung* (Malasomma); *Tango notturno* (Kirchhoff); *Die fromme Lüge* (Malasomma)
- 1943 *Hi Diddle Diddle* (Stone)
- 1964 *The Moon-Spinners* (Neilson)

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Pola Negri—the very name summons up the exoticism that was her stock-in-trade. This image sometimes got in the way of the undeniable fact that she was one of the silent screen’s more gifted actresses. But drama moved offscreen for Pola Negri, and as her film career in the United States faded, her life kept her in the public eye. As a personality, she was one of those characters that may justifiably be called “the self-enchanted.” This is the part of her reputation that endures today, obscuring the fact that her film career was a long and notable one.

She began performing in Poland as an ingenue with the Rozmaitoci Theatre, scoring early successes as Hedwig in Ibsen’s *Wild Duck*, and in the title role of Hauptmann’s *Hannele*. Her stage work brought her to the attention of Alexandr Hertz, the pioneer Polish film producer, who made several of her earliest films. She was also the star of Max Reinhardt’s pantomime *Sumurun*, first in Poland and then in Berlin. While there, she met a member of Reinhardt’s coterie, the fledgling movie director Ernst Lubitsch. After a series of wonderful comic short films (the best of which is *Die Bergkatze*), she was featured in one of the early historical spectacles, *Passion (Madame DuBarry)*. Her vital and uninhibited portrayal of the French courtesan won her the admiration of Europe, and also impressed the Hollywood studios. She was soon on her way to America, under contract to Paramount. Unfortunately, the caliber of her work in the United States was nowhere near that of her German pictures.

Negri was an excellent performer when guided by a forceful director such as Lubitsch, but was given to excess when unharnessed. The Americans who directed her 1920s silents were not able to contain her rebellious energy. She gained a reputation for being temperamental, and her pictures never rivaled the success of *Passion*. There were a few high points though: she was teamed with Lubitsch once more, and produced a brilliant comic character in *Forbidden Paradise*. Her dramatic performance as a hotel maid in Mauritz Stiller’s *Hotel Imperial* was a pinnacle of silent-screen dramatics. These occasional triumphs did little to enhance her career, and she retired from the screen in 1928 (ostensibly because of her marriage to Prince Mdivani).

An English picture, *Street of Abandoned Children*, was made in 1929, and she returned to the United States for her first talkie, *A Woman Commands*, in which her good performance was wasted on a poor film. No other offers were forthcoming, so she made one film in France, *Fanatisme*. Her career was given a second life by a long-term contract with ufa in 1935. She was starred in a series of strong

films: as the cafe singer in Willi Forst's musical *Mazurka*, as a cocaine addict in *Tango notturno*, and in the title role of Gerhard Lamprecht's *Madame Bovary*. More comfortable with the German language, she proved herself to be a restrained and tasteful performer, as well as a distinctive cabaret singer. World War II interrupted her career there, and she returned to the United States, working only twice thereafter, in *Hi Diddle Diddle* and *The Moon-Spinners*.

—Joseph Arkins

NEILL, Sam

Nationality: Irish/New Zealander. **Born:** Nigel John Dermot Neill in Northern Ireland, 14 September 1947; raised in New Zealand from age seven. **Education:** Attended University of Canterbury, New Zealand. **Family:** Married 1) Lisa Harrow (divorced), son: Tim; 2) the makeup artist Noriko Watanabe, 1989, daughter: Elena, stepdaughter: Maiko. **Career:** 1970s—member of New Zealand's National Film Unit as documentary filmmaker; 1977—feature film debut as actor in *Sleeping Dogs*; 1983—enhanced leading man status with PBS series *Reilly, Ace of Spies*; 1985—in TV mini-series *Kane and Abel*; 1987—in TV mini-series *Amerika*; 1996—returned to documentary roots with his film *Cinema of Unease*. **Awards:** Order of the British Empire, 1992. **Agent:** Ed Limato, ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.



Sam Neill and Ariana Richards in *Jurassic Park*

Films as Actor:

- 1975 *Landfall* (Maunder); *Ashes* (Barclay) (as priest)
- 1977 *Sleeping Dogs* (Roger Donaldson) (as Smith)
- 1979 *My Brilliant Career* (Gillian Armstrong) (as Harry Beecham); *Just Out of Reach* (Blagg) (as Mike); *The Journalist* (Thornhill) (as Rex)
- 1980 *Lucinda Brayford* (Gauci—for TV) (as Tony Duff)
- 1981 *Attack Force Z* (Burstall) (as Sgt. Danny J. Costello); *The Final Conflict* (*Omen III: The Final Conflict*) (Graham Baker) (as Damien Thorn); *Z dalekiego kraju* (*From a Far Country: Pope John Paul II*) (Zanussi—for TV) (as Marian); *Possession* (Zulawski) (as Marc)
- 1982 *Enigma* (Szwarc) (as Dimitri Vasilkov); *Ivanhoe* (Camfield—for TV) (as Brian de Bois-Guilbert)
- 1983 *The Country Girls* (Desmond Davis—for TV) (as Mr. Gentleman)
- 1984 *Robbery under Arms* (Crombie and Hannam—for TV) (as Captain Starlight); *Le Sang des autres* (*The Blood of Others*) (Chabrol—for TV) (as Dieter Bergman)
- 1985 *Plenty* (Schepisi) (as Lazar); *For Love Alone* (Stephen Wallace) (as James Quick)
- 1986 *The Good Wife* (*The Umbrella Woman*) (Ken Cameron) (as Neville Gifford); *Strong Medicine* (Guy Green—for TV) (as Vince Lord)
- 1988 *A Cry in the Dark* (*Evil Angels*) (Schepisi) (as Michael Chamberlain); *Leap of Faith* (*Question of Faith*) (Gyllenhaal—for TV) (as Oscar Ogg)
- 1989 *Dead Calm* (Noyce) (as John Ingram); *La Révolution Française* (*The French Revolution*) (Enrico and Heffron) (as Lafayette)
- 1990 *The Hunt for Red October* (McTiernan) (as Capt. Vasily Borodin)
- 1991 *Death in Brunswick* (*Nothing to Lose*) (Ruane) (as Carl Fitzgerald); *Bis ans Ende der Welt* (*Until the End of the World*) (Wenders) (as Eugene Fitzgerald); *Fever* (Elikann—for TV) (as Elliott Mandel); *One against the Wind* (Elikann—for TV) (as Capt. James Leggatt); *Shadow of China* (Yanagimachi) (as TV reporter, credited as John Dermot)
- 1992 *Hostage* (Robert Young) (as John Rennie); *Memoirs of an Invisible Man* (Carpenter) (as David Jenkins)
- 1993 *Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Dr. Alan Grant); *The Piano* (Campion) (as Stewart); *Family Pictures* (Saville—for TV) (as David Eberlin)
- 1994 *Sirens* (Duigan) (as Norman Lindsay); *Rainbow Warrior* (*The Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior*) (Tuchner) (as Allan Galbraith); *The Jungle Book* (Sommers) (as Col. Brydon)
- 1995 *In the Mouth of Madness* (Carpenter) (as John Trent); *Victory* (Peplow) (as Mr. Jones)
- 1996 *Restoration* (Michael Hoffman) (as King Charles II)
- 1997 *Snow White* (Cohn) (as Lord Friedrich Hoffman); *Event Horizon* (Paul Anderson) (as Dr. William Weir)
- 1998 *The Revengers' Comedies* (Mowbray) (as Henry Bell); *Merlin* (Barron—for TV) (as title role); *The Horse Whisperer* (Redford) (as Robert MacLean)
- 1999 *My Mother Frank* (Lamprell) (as Professor Mortlock); *Bicentennial Man* (Columbus) (as Sir); *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien* (Cox) (as Walter Murray Gibson)
- 2000 *Numero Bruno* (La Hood) (as himself)

Films as Director:

- 1974 *Telephone Etiquette* (doc) (+ sc, ed)
 1975 *Four Shorts on Architecture* (doc) (+ sc, ed)
 1977 *On the Road with Red Mole* (doc); *Architect Athfield* (doc)
 1996 *Cinema of Unease (A Personal Journey by Sam Neill)* (doc)
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Self-effacing thinking woman’s sex symbol, Sam Neill is the closest commodity resembling James Mason that we have in contemporary cinema. That is high praise indeed. As a vis-à-vis for magnetic actresses round the world, Neill is in the business of making Meryl Streep, Holly Hunter, and Judy Davis look good; it could be argued that these unshrinking violets have given their finest performances opposite him. Only a few quietly authoritative film actors (such as Neill, Arliss Howard, and David Strathairn) can support female powerhouses without being burned up by their reflecting glory. Whether Neill packs the kind of attention-getting virility that will make him a household name is in doubt; he certainly did not stand out as the heroic centerpiece of *Jurassic Park*, in which he is dwarfed by state-of-the-art special effects and juvenile thrills befitting a theme park methodology. He does, however, exhibit a charisma that sneaks up on you unlike the bravado of such superstars as Bruce Willis and Mel Gibson; he is sort of the boy next door whom you wish would move back in as a man.

Beginning his cinematic career in the fledgling New Zealand film industry as a documentary filmmaker (a pursuit he has reactivated with 1996’s *Cinema of Unease*), the boyishly appealing Neill stood out immediately but garnered international attention as the liberal-minded plum that feminist author Judy Davis lets slip through her fingers in *My Brilliant Career*. In his own neck of the woods, Neill’s unaggressive masculinity was equally at home in the trenches of *Attack Force Z* and the glorious outback of *Robbery under Arms* as well as in the boudoirs of *For Love Alone* and *The Good Wife*. What is remarkable about these down-under vehicles is that the Australian industry allowed Neill to tackle some robust hero roles, whereas Hollywood second bananas him in its macho free-for-alls such as *The Hunt for Red October* and *The Jungle Book*.

If television has typecast him as a generic sensitive type in a slew of mini-series and movies, he can point with peacock pride to the PBS series *Reilly, Ace of Spies*, which contains his sexiest performance as he fills out evening clothes better than anyone since Cary Grant. Reunited memorably with Judy Davis in the haunting *One against the Wind*, he subtly underplays the high-voltage Anjelica Huston right off the television screen in the bitter breast-beating of *Family Pictures*, as a family man scrambling like Houdini to free himself of domestic chains. Varying his range previously with a villain role in *Ivanhoe* failed for the simple reason that Neill cannot camouflage his innate decency. Even when his characters disappoint or betray, Neill’s likable persona blunts the impact of the transgression.

On the big screen, Neill always distinguishes himself except in roles requiring over-the-top flamboyance; on the evidence of *The Final Conflict*, *Possession*, and *In the Mouth of Madness* he would be wise to check out of horror venues forever. Because Neill has never disgraced himself with a bad performance, he often gets overlooked in the distribution of kudos in favor of more obvious performers. Not only is he the only actor keeping the audience from snoozing during the ten-ton, asleep-in-the-deep thriller, *The Hunt for Red October*, he also is so irresistibly bewildered in the pretentious *The Piano* that one loses all patience with Holly Hunter’s intransigent mute. In Fred Schepisi’s tricky media attack, *A Cry in the Dark*, Neill brilliantly complements Streep with a heartrending display of stoicism. This portrait of a grieving father vilified by the press and public is his finest performance to date. Lest the misconception persist that Neill is only a stalwart support system for bigger egoed film stars of both sexes, consider his exemplary work in the flawed *Death in Brunswick*, a searing delineation of an irresponsible man imbibing to drown out a surfeit of self-doubt (an acting turn even more noteworthy because it exists in a vacuum of a black comedy film). In a 360-degree reversal, Neill charmed audiences with his freethinking artist who admires female flesh as religiously as he loathes hypocrisy in the colorful fable, *Sirens*. In that movie’s hothouse atmosphere, Neill’s sex appeal has its most expansive workout since his womanizer role in *The Good Wife*. Neither extinct dino-monsters nor formidable female stars can cow this pliable performer who rarely gets his proper due. Neill is one of the rare male stars able to unapologetically make emotional expressiveness not seem like a challenge that real he-men must meet and rise above. In all of his performances, psychological openness and virility go hand in hand. The contemporary cinema is richer for having nurtured a male star who confronts crises with intelligence before resorting to violence and who unabashedly admires women even when he cannot fathom their mysteries.

—Robert Pardi

NEWMAN, Paul

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cleveland, Ohio, 26 January 1925. **Education:** Attended Shaker Heights High School; Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, degree in economics and dramatics, 1949; Yale Drama School, New Haven, Connecticut, 1951–52. **Military Service:** U.S. Navy on torpedo planes as radioman, 1943–46; **Family:** Married 1) Jackie Witte, 1949, three children (one deceased); 2) the actress Joanne Woodward, 1958, three daughters. **Career:** 1949—acted in repertory company in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, and with Woodstock Players, Illinois; 1950–51—ran the family sporting-goods business in Cleveland after the death of his father; 1952—worked in television in New York; 1953—Broadway debut in *Picnic*; 1954—contract with Warner Brothers, and film debut in *The Silver Chalice*; on New York stage in *The Desperate Hours*; 1959—on Broadway in *Sweet Bird of Youth*; 1968—directed first feature film, *Rachel, Rachel*, starring Joanne Woodward; 1969—founder, with Barbra Streisand and Sidney Poitier, First Artists Production Company; also professional race car driver and owner of food manufacturing company, Newman's Own Inc.; 1995—part owner of *The Nation*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *The Long Hot Summer*, 1958; Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *The Hustler*, 1961; Best Direction, New York Film Critics, for *Rachel, Rachel*, 1968; Honorary Oscar, "in recognition of his many memorable and compelling screen performances and for his personal integrity and dedication to his craft," 1985; Best Actor, Academy Award, for *The Color of Money*, 1986; Doctor of Humane Letters, Yale University, 1988. **Address:** 1120 5th Avenue #1C, New York, NY 10128, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1954 *The Silver Chalice* (Saville) (as Basil the Defender)
- 1956 *The Rack* (Laven) (as Capt. Edward Hall Jr.); *Somebody Up There Likes Me* (Wise) (as Rocky Graziano)
- 1957 *The Helen Morgan Story (Both Ends of the Candle)* (Curtiz) (as Larry); *Until They Sail* (Wise) (as Capt. Jack Harding)
- 1958 *The Long Hot Summer* (Riff) (as Ben Quick); *The Left-Handed Gun* (Arthur Penn) (as Billy Bonney); *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Richard Brooks) (as Brick); *Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!* (McCarey) (as Harry Bannerman)
- 1959 *The Young Philadelphians (The City Jungle)* (Sherman) (as Tony Lawrence)
- 1960 *From the Terrace* (Robson) (as Alfred Eaton); *Exodus* (Preminger) (as Ari Ben Canaan)
- 1961 *Paris Blues* (Ritt) (as Ram Bowen); *The Hustler* (Rossen) (as "Fast Eddie" Felson)
- 1962 *Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man (Adventures of a Young Man)* (Ritt) (as Ad Francis); *Sweet Bird of Youth* (Richard Brooks) (as Chance Wayne)
- 1963 *Hud* (Ritt) (as Hud Bannon); *A New Kind of Love* (Shavelson) (as Steve Sherman); *The Prize* (Robson) (as Andrew Craig)
- 1964 *What a Way to Go!* (Thompson) (as Larry Flint); *The Outrage* (Ritt) (as Juan Carrasco)
- 1965 *Lady L* (Ustinov) (as Armand)
- 1966 *Harper (The Moving Target)* (Smight) (as Lew Harper); *Torn Curtain* (Hitchcock) (as Professor Michael Armstrong)
- 1967 *Hombre* (Ritt) (as John Russell); *Cool Hand Luke* (Rosenberg) (as Luke Jackson)

- 1968 *The Secret War of Harry Frigg* (Smight) (title role)
- 1969 *Winning* (Goldstone) (as Frank Capua); *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (Hill) (as Butch Cassidy)
- 1970 *WUSA* (Rosenberg) (as Rheinhardt)
- 1972 *Pocket Money* (Rosenberg) (as Jim Kane); *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (Huston) (title role)
- 1973 *The Mackintosh Man* (Huston) (as Rearden); *The Sting* (Hill) (as Henry Gondorff)
- 1974 *The Towering Inferno* (Guillerman and Irwin Allen) (as Doug Roberts)
- 1975 *The Drowning Pool* (Rosenberg) (as Lew Harper)
- 1976 *Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson* (Altman) (as Buffalo Bill); *Silent Movie* (Mel Brooks) (cameo)
- 1977 *Slapshot* (Hill) (as Reggie Dunlop)
- 1979 *Quintet* (Altman) (as Essex)
- 1981 *Absence of Malice* (Pollack) (as Gallagher); *Fort Apache, the Bronx* (Petrie) (as Murphy); *When Time Ran Out (Earth's Final Fury)* (Goldstone) (as Hank Anderson)
- 1982 *The Verdict* (Lumet) (as Frank Galvin)
- 1986 *The Color of Money* (Scorsese) (as Eddie Felson)
- 1987 *Hello Actors Studio* (Tresgot—doc)
- 1989 *Fat Man and Little Boy (Shadow Makers)* (Joffé) (as Gen. Leslie R. Groves); *Blaze* (Shelton) (as Earl K. Long)
- 1990 *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge* (Ivory) (as Walter Bridge)
- 1991 *Why Havel?* (as himself)
- 1994 *The Hudsucker Proxy* (Coen) (as Sidney J. Mussburger); *Nobody's Fool* (Benton) (as Donald "Sully" Sullivan)
- 1998 *Twilight* (Benton) (as Harry Ross)
- 1999 *Message in a Bottle* (Mandoki) (as Dodge Blake)
- 2000 *Where the Money Is* (Kanievsky) (as Henry)

Films as Director:

- 1959 *On the Harmfulness of Tobacco*
- 1968 *Rachel, Rachel* (+ pr)
- 1971 *Sometimes a Great Notion (Never Give an Inch)* (+ ro as Hank Stamper)
- 1972 *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* (+ pr)
- 1980 *The Shadow Box* (for TV)
- 1984 *Harry and Son* (+ ro as Harry, co-pr, co-sc)
- 1987 *The Glass Menagerie*

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Paul Newman (left) with Robert Redford in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*

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 Dowd, Maureen, "Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward: A Lifetime of Shared Passions," in *McCall's*, January 1991.
 Carter, Betsy, "Paul Newman Acts His Age," in *Harper's Bazaar*, April 1994.
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 Ansen, David, "American's Own," in *Newsweek*, 19 December 1994.
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Of his movie debut in *The Silver Chalice*, Paul Newman has been quoted as saying, "to have the honor of being in the worst picture of the fifties and surviving is no mean feat." Whether it really is the worst film of the 1950s is a matter for some debate; the fact of Newman's quite remarkable survival is not.

For in spite of a clutch of poor reviews for his role as "Basil the Defender" in that ignoble epic, Newman—fresh from the Actors Studio and some success in a Broadway production of *Picnic*—was to become one of the most accomplished of film actors. Reversing the customary relation between the sublime and the ridiculous, he went straight from *The Silver Chalice* to the role of Rocky Graziano in *Somebody Up There Likes Me*, and from that film until *Hud* in 1963 Newman did nothing but learn and improve. In his best performances of these years (*The Left-Handed Gun*, *The Hustler*, and *Hud* rather than the more theatrical material such as *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* or *Sweet Bird of Youth*) he rose to the challenge of movie acting with apparently effortless skill.

Take *The Left-Handed Gun*. Arthur Penn's neurotically intense Freudian Western presents a young man constantly on the very edge of insanity, a Billy the Kid with all the traditional accoutrements but none of the heroics. Newman, typically, built his performance on detailed physical impressions, his every movement convoluted, his gestures conveying impossible tensions. He really is like a spring ready to snap. This Billy is clearly of the Actors Studio, of a piece with the work of Brando, Steiger, Wallach, and Clift. Expression of character comes from within, "absorbing other people's personalities and adding some of your own," as Newman once put it. The difficulty with this approach, the so-called Method, is that it was designed primarily for the stage and therefore all too easily led its exponents into overstatement on screen. It was essential to tone down Method techniques to meet the singular requirements of movie acting.

For Newman, unlike Rod Steiger and to some extent Marlon Brando, that proved no great problem, and by 1961 and *The Hustler* he had found the perfect balance. Newman's performance as Fast Eddie Felson, the consummately ambitious pool hustler who ultimately finds self-respect, harnesses the sheer physicality of Method technique to the understatement required of actors playing on the big screen. In *The Hustler* Newman uses many of the little contrivances on which he was to come to rely: suddenly looking away and turning back with a quizzical expression; restraining that luminous smile then

switching it on like a spotlight; furrowing his brow in a way that breathes seriousness into the most trivial exchange. In this film, however, there is much more to his performance than skillful deployment of these techniques.

Partly, of course, that is a product of quality and depth in *The Hustler's* writing and direction. Looks and smiles convey much more when writer, director, and cinematographer are as skilled as the actor, and it is likely that Fast Eddie would have been fascinating whoever played the role. But there is also a strong sense of involvement from Newman, an engagement with character which has not been found in many of his performances since. In *The Hustler* Newman the actor is subjugated to Eddie the character: all his considerable skills are placed in the service of the film. In his later big successes (*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Sting*, and even the rather better *Cool Hand Luke*) everything is built upon an already established Newman persona. These films are vehicles. Not in the sense that they are made solely to display him, but that they are movies in which his written character is sufficient of a tabula rasa to allow him to play it by resorting to the now familiar array of Newman techniques and mannerisms. These are roles molded by the requirements of the star system and played by reflex.

This is not to suggest that Newman has not given audiences and filmmakers excellent value. He has probably provided more consistent service than any other actor of the Method generation. It is only when you view his work of the 1970s and 1980s in the light of his best performances that you realize how much was lost when he was transformed from actor into star. Fortunately, it is no longer necessary to return to *The Hustler* to make that comparison. Since he turned 60 he seems to have found new commitment and energy, gracing several films with impeccable performances. One such is his hugely enjoyable portrait of the extrovert and eccentric Earl K. Long in *Blaze*. Another, perhaps the biggest delight to long-term admirers, is his recreation of Eddie Felson 25 years on in *The Color of Money*, for which he finally received the Academy Award that he merited for its prequel, *The Hustler*. Scorsese's film may not have the classical narrative qualities of Robert Rossen's original but it does have Newman giving an object lesson in refined movie acting. And the early 1990s have produced a little run of quality performances in *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*, and, best of all, as Sully in *Nobody's Fool*, for which he received yet another Oscar nomination.

—Andrew Tudor

NICHOLSON, Jack

Nationality: American. **Born:** Neptune, New Jersey, 22 April 1937. **Education:** Attended Manasquan High School in Neptune; studied acting in Los Angeles with Jeff Corey, 1957. **Family:** Married Sandra Knight, 1961 (divorced 1966), child: Jennifer; two children with actress Rebecca Broussard. **Career:** 1957—office boy in MGM cartoon department; some television appearances; 1957–58—stage work with Players Ring Theater; 1958—film debut in *The Cry Baby Killer*; 1963—first screenwriting credit for *Thunder Island*; 1971—directed first film, *Drive, He Said*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Easy Rider*, 1969; Best Actor, British Academy, for *Chinatown* and *The Last Detail*, 1974; Best Actor,



Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt in *As Good As It Gets*

Cannes Festival, for *The Last Detail*, 1974; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Chinatown* and *The Last Detail*, 1974; Best Actor, Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, Golden Globe Award, and Best Actor, British Academy, for *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 1976; Best Supporting Actor, Academy Award, for *Terms of Endearment*, 1983; Golden Globe Award, for *Prizzi's Honor*, 1986; Best Actor Awards, New York Film Critics and Los Angeles Film Critics, 1987; American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, 1994; Best Actor, Academy Award, American Comedy Award, Broadcast Film Critics Association Award, Golden Globe Award, for *As Good as It Gets*, 1998; Cecil B. DeMille Award, for outstanding contribution to the field of entertainment, 1999. **Agent:** Sandy Bressler and Associates, 15760 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1730, Encino, CA 91436, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| 1958 | <i>The Cry Baby Killer</i> (Addis) (as Jimmy) | 1961 | <i>The Broken Land</i> (Bushelman) (as Will Broicous) |
| 1959 | <i>Too Soon to Love</i> (Rush) (as Buddy) | 1962 | <i>The Raven</i> (Corman) (as Roxford Bedlo) |
| 1960 | <i>The Wild Ride</i> (Corman) (as Johnny Varron); <i>Studs Lonigan</i> (Lerner) (as Weary Reilly); <i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> (Corman) (as Wilbur Force) | 1963 | <i>The Terror</i> (Corman) (as Andre Duvalier) |
| | | 1964 | <i>Ensign Pulver</i> (Logan) (as crew member); <i>Back Door to Hell</i> (Hellman) (as Burnett) |
| | | 1966 | <i>The Shooting</i> (Hellman) (as Billy Spear, + co-pr) |
| | | 1967 | <i>Hell's Angels on Wheels</i> (Rush) (as Poet) |
| | | 1968 | <i>Psych-Out</i> (Rush) (as Stoney) |
| | | 1969 | <i>Easy Rider</i> (Dennis Hopper) (as George Hanson) |
| | | 1970 | <i>On a Clear Day You Can See Forever</i> (Minnelli) (as Tad Pringle); <i>Five Easy Pieces</i> (Rafelson) (as Robert Eroica Dupea) |
| | | 1971 | <i>Carnal Knowledge</i> (Nichols) (as Jonathan); <i>A Safe Place</i> (Jaglom) (as Mitch) |
| | | 1972 | <i>The King of Marvin Gardens</i> (Rafelson) (as David Staebler) |
| | | 1973 | <i>The Last Detail</i> (Ashby) (as Billy Buddusky) |
| | | 1974 | <i>Chinatown</i> (Polanski) (as J. J. Gittes); <i>The Fortune</i> (Nichols) (as Oscar Sullivan) |
| | | 1975 | <i>Professione: Reporter</i> (<i>The Passenger</i>) (Antonioni) (as David Locke); <i>Tommy</i> (Russell) (as Doctor); <i>One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> (Forman) (as Randall P. McMurphy) |
| | | 1976 | <i>The Missouri Breaks</i> (Arthur Penn) (as Tom Logan); <i>The Last Tycoon</i> (Kazan) (as Brimmer) |
| | | 1980 | <i>The Shining</i> (Kubrick) (as Jack Torrance) |

- 1981 *The Border* (Richardson) (as Charlie Smith); *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (Rafelson) (as Frank Chambers); *Reds* (Beatty) (as Eugene O'Neill)
- 1983 *Terms of Endearment* (James L. Brooks) (as Garrett Breedlove)
- 1985 *Prizzi's Honor* (Huston) (as Charlie Fontana)
- 1986 *Heartburn* (Nichols) (as Mark)
- 1987 *Broadcast News* (James L. Brooks) (as Bill Rorich); *Ironweed* (Babenco) (as Francis Phelan); *The Witches of Eastwick* (Miller) (as Daryl Van Horne)
- 1989 *Batman* (Burton) (as the Joker/Jack Napier)
- 1992 *Hoffa* (DeVito) (title role); *Man Trouble* (Rafelson) (as Harry Bliss); *A Few Good Men* (Rob Reiner) (as Col. Nathan R. Jessup)
- 1994 *Wolf* (Nichols) (as Will Randall)
- 1995 *The Crossing Guard* (Sean Penn) (as Freddy Gale)
- 1996 *The Evening Star* (as Garrett Breedlove); *Mars Attacks!* (Tim Burton) (as President James Dale)
- 1997 *As Good As It Gets* (Brooks) (as Melvin Udall); *Blood and Wine* (Rafelson) (as Alex)

Films as Scriptwriter:

- 1963 *Thunder Island* (Leewood)
- 1966 *Ride the Whirlwind* (Hellman) (+ pr, ro as Wes); *Flight to Fury* (Hellman) (+ ro as Jay Wickham)
- 1967 *The Trip* (Corman)
- 1968 *Head* (Rafelson) (co-sc, + co-pr, ro as himself)

Films as Director:

- 1970 *Drive, He Said* (+ co-pr, co-sc)
- 1978 *Goin' South* (+ ro as Henry Moon)
- 1990 *The Two Jakes* (+ ro as J. J. Gittes)

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It is surprising that an actor of such obvious charisma as Jack Nicholson remained mired for so long in low-budget films made

about and for the fringes of American society. During his early years, he appeared in a steady stream of quickies for Roger Corman and others. His masochistic dental patient in Corman's classic two-day wonder *Little Shop of Horrors* remains a high point, although it did little to advance Nicholson's career at the time. Only when the counterculture became a less peripheral force toward the end of the 1960s did Nicholson begin to exert widespread appeal.

Nicholson's background (a broken home) and intense personality suited him for roles as an alienated, rebellious biker and as a horror film hero always on brink of slipping into psychosis. Significantly, his break came in *Easy Rider*, where he plays an alcoholic lawyer only too ready to hit the road and leave behind a meaningless settled life. Nicholson's *tour-de-force* performance in the role, which he took over at the last minute when the already cast Rip Torn himself hit the road, earned him a supporting Oscar nomination. Like Richard Rush's *Hell's Angels on Wheels*, in which he appeared two years before, *Easy Rider* presented bikers as the image of nonconformity. The difference was that the ideas of freedom from responsibility and a dedication to self-enjoyment now found a wider audience which Nicholson was at last able to tap.

In subsequent films, Nicholson has made his drifter character more resonant. In *Five Easy Pieces* his Bobby Dupea is a man caught between the claims of different cultures. At the end, he sets out like Huck Finn for the frontier. But the character will undoubtedly find only another dead end in Alaska, only another correlative of his own incapacities. For demythologizing the character he had so vividly etched the year before in *Easy Rider*, Nicholson earned his first Oscar nomination as best actor. He has since taken his screen persona in the direction of continuing popular appeal, determined not to find himself for the second time on the outside of mainstream cinema.

In Mike Nichols's *Carnal Knowledge* he played a successful, Ivy League-educated lawyer whose youthful joy in sex, poisoned by male chauvinism, becomes a pitiful impotence. For Hal Ashby's *The Last Detail* he portrayed a dim-witted military policeman who instinctively grasps the injustices of his world but is only able to stage an ineffective (if heartwarming) protest against them. In Polanski's *Chinatown* Nicholson is a jaded detective whose "matrimonial work" is nevertheless an attempt to preserve innocence and indict the guilty (he fails at both). As McMurphy in Forman's *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* he offers a variation on his character of the unrepressed outsider, who doubles as a healer of psychic wounds (a performance that won him an Oscar). In both *The Missouri Breaks* (opposite Brando) and *Reds* (as Eugene O'Neill, receiving another Oscar nomination), he is again an outsider battling or protesting against an unjust system. In Kubrick's *The Shining*, he returned to a character much like those he had played for Corman—the potential psychopath who goes over the brink into madness—but pulled out all the stops in a creatively daring performance.

His role in *Terms of Endearment* further softened the rebel character he had created for the turbulent 1960s and 1970s. As a womanizing, alcoholic former astronaut, he is a comic and not a tragic figure, a man who does his own thing, hurts no one, and can be melodramatically transformed into a sensitive human being. The part won him another supporting actor Oscar. His cameo reprise of the role in Brooks's even more melodramatic sequel, *Evening Star*, is a nostalgic gesture toward the bad boy charm that characterized much of his early work in mainstream film. This is an element of his screen persona exploited most successfully by James L. Brooks, who specializes in sentimentalizing quirkiness. Nicholson among contemporary actors could make convincing the inner changes demanded

Brooks by in *As Good as It Gets*, where his misanthropic loner, trapped by compulsive behaviors, reaches out to love a young woman, befriend his gay neighbor, and even form an attachment to a hitherto pesky dog. His dedicated *semper fi* colonel in *A Few Good Men*, in contrast, restrains his anger at and frustration with confining regulations until prompted into self-revelation by relentless cross-examination.

In recent years, Nicholson has been taking his career in another direction, now conceiving himself more as a character actor. He is absurdly horrific, yet charming and sexy, as the devil in *The Witches of Eastwick*. The same engaging duality is evident in *Batman* where, like all the villains in that series, his Joker is a good man twisted toward evil by an unfortunate metamorphosis. In *Wolf*, a similar transformation is caused by a midlife crisis that is both professional and sexual. In Rafelson's *Blood and Wine*, an homage to James M. Cain, Nicholson's frustrated, unsuccessful businessman is unable to make a new life for himself; his elaborate caper ends in bloody disaster for nearly everyone. The antihero of his earlier career, it seems, can now only be recreated—as the nostalgic performances in *The Two Jakes* (a flawed sequel to *Chinatown*) and *Ironweed* make clear. His impersonation of the union leader in *Hoffa*, however, is a mature *tour de force*, a demonstration of how rebellious dissatisfaction can be directed toward a good end, but then betrayed and squandered. Similarly, Nicholson plays a tragic figure in Sean Penn's underrated *Crossing Guard*, a man, undone by grief, who lets his life be ruined by the death of his young daughter; the performance is intense and affecting, a key to the film's devastating anatomy of love, hate, and deliverance. Nicholson's recent work shows that even in advanced middle age he continues to be one of the most talented and bankable stars in the American film industry.

—R. Barton Palmer

NIELSEN, Asta

Nationality: Danish. **Born:** Copenhagen, 11 September 1881. **Education:** Attended the children's school of the Royal Theatre, Copenhagen. **Family:** Married 1) the director Urban Gad, 1910 (divorced); four later marriages. **Career:** Actress in chorus of the Kongelige Theatre; stage debut at the Dagmar Theatre, then leading lady at the New Theatre; 1910—film debut in *Afgrunden*, directed by Gad; 1911–36—worked in Germany first with the producer Paul Davidson: directed by Lubitsch, Gerlach, Wiene, Pabst, and others; 1932—only sound film, *Unmögliche Liebe*; 1936—returned to Denmark. **Awards:** Deutscher filmpreis, 1963. **Died:** In Copenhagen, 24 May 1972.

Films as Actress:

- 1910 *Afgrunden* (Gad); *Den sorte Drom* (Gad); *Balletdanserinden* (Blom); *Nachtfalter* (Gad); *Heissen Blut* (Gad); *Im grossen Augenblick* (Gad); *Zigeunerblut* (Gad); *Der fremde Vogel* (Gad)
- 1912 *Die Arme Jenny* (Gad); *Die Match des Goldes* (Gad); *Zum Tode gehetzt* (Gad); *Der Totentanz* (Gad); *Die Kinder*

- des Generals (Gad); *Wenn die Maske fällt* (Gad); *Das Mädchen ohne Vaterland* (Gad); *Jugend und Tollheit* (Gad); *Komodiaten* (Gad); *Die Sunden der Väter* (Gad)
- 1913 *Der Tod in Sevilla* (Gad); *Die Suffrageten* (Gad); *S.I.* (Gad); *Die Filmprimadonna* (Gad); *Engelein* (Gad)
- 1914 *Das Kind ruft* (Gad); *Zapatas Bande* (Gad); *Das Feuer* (Gad); *Die Tochter der Landstrasse* (Gad); *Vordertreppe-Hintertreppe* (Gad); *Engeleins Hochzeit* (Gad); *Die ewige Nacht* (Gad); *Aschenbrödel* (Gad); *Weisse Rosen* (Gad)
- 1916 *Dora Brandes* (Stifter); *Das liebes A.B.C.* (Stifter)
- 1917 *Das Waisenhauskind* (Schmidthassler); *Die Rose der Wildnes* (Schmidthassler); *Das Eskimo-Baby* (Schmidthassler); *Die Börsenkönigin* (Edekl)
- 1918 *Mod Lyset* (Holger-Madsen)
- 1919 *Nach dem Gesetz* (Grunwald); *Graf Sylvains Rache* (Grunwald); *Das Ende von Liede* (Grunwald); *Rausch* (Lubitsch)
- 1920 *Hamlet* (Gade); *Steuerman Holk* (Wolff); *Der Reigen* (Oswald); *Kurfurstendamm* (Oswald); *Brigaten Rache* (Bruck)
- 1921 *Sklaven der Sinne* (Irrende Seelen) (Froelich); *Die Spionin* (Mata Hari) (Wolff); *Die geliebte Roswolskys* (Basch and Galeen); *Fräulein Julie* (Jessner)
- 1922 *Vanina* (Vanina Vanini) (von Gerlach); *Der Absturz* (Wolff); *Die Tänzerin Navarro* (Wolff)
- 1923 *Erdgeist* (Jessner); *INRI* (Wiene)
- 1924 *Das am Meer* (Kaufmann); *Liebende Buddhas* (Wegener); *Die Frau im Feuer* (Bose); *Die Schmetterlingsschlacht* (Eckstein); *Hedda Gabler* (Eckstein) (title role); *Die Gesunkenen* (Walther-Fein)
- 1925 *Athleten* (Zelnik); *Die freudlose Gasse* (Pabst)
- 1927 *Laster den Menschheit* (Meinert); *Dirnentragödie* (Rahn); *Gehetzte Frauen* (Oswald); *Kleinstadtsunder* (Rahn); *Das gefährliche Alter* (Illés)
- 1932 *Unmögliche Liebe* (Vera Holgk und ihre Töchter) (Waschneck)

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Asta Nielsen, muse of silence, began her career with *Afgrunden*, and from 1910 to 1916 (her formative period), carried fully the style of the cultivated Dane in cinema. Contrary to the practice of actors of the time toward excessive and emphatic gestures, Nielsen launched a style more suited to the cinematographic medium, characterized by her strife, by the play of various expressions which she completed with a distant gaze, holding generally to one point of view and then cut away, in contrast to the montage editing of America.

With *Afgrunden* Asta Nielsen naturally introduced one of the fundamental components of her representational style. Here emerges a sense of dance, and her eroticism, touched with an aura of spirituality, commands a metaphysical fatalism—the marked Nordic presence—which made Nielsen so disturbing. When she created the vamp (preceding Musidora and Theda Bara) she came to be a sorceress and one of the forces of cinema, conveying innermost feelings in her melodramas. Her admirable use (similar to what Lillian Gish began to create much later) of her face and her gaze—a tremor of the eyelids or her immense eyes spoke concisely—made audiences feel a dialogue was transmitted despite the silence of the film.

Her relationship with Urban Gad symbolized a model of identification between actress and director which film history continually reproduces (for example, Stiller-Garbo, Sternberg-Dietrich, and Godard-Karina). Between the acting power of Nielsen and the mastery of mise-en-scène of Gad, a style completely appropriate and self-sustaining emerged. For example, *Vordertreppe-Hintertreppe*, in particular through the technique of lighting and stylized decor, shows

the contribution of their relationship to the development of a type of worldly drama which foreshadowed what would be seen much later as “Lubitsch’s touch.”

Berlin did not delay in summoning her. With the support of the producer Paul Davidson, Nielsen became established as one of the key figures of the German cinema. Especially in the second stage of her career, after cutting away from Gad, Nielsen brought to the German screen the burden of tragic and mystic Scandinavian culture, and one can hear the echo of both Ibsen (not only by chance in the film *Hedda Gabler*) and Strindberg (by filming *Fräulein Julie* with Jessner).

This period gave her, consequently, the chance to make her major contributions to the art of cinematic representation. In one case we see her utilizing the slightest expressions of her visage (her “painted face” in front of the mirror in *Der Absturz*) as she is to receive her lover after ten years in prison. Her deceptively passive attitude toward the scene, in *Die freudlose Gasse*, of the jeweler making experimental jewels, while Nielsen fails to notice what is really seen, is a sovereign example of multiexpressive mimicry. And she is working not only with her face but also with her hands, which resignedly tumble down on long arms from her body, and which she uses to accent her voluntary mechanized portrayal. These are the same hands which “spoke” in *Vanina*, in a most typical product of “caligari-ism,” as she waits to escape with her lover.

As others have said about Nielsen, she reminds one of a female Hamlet, a woman who worked with men who had a sense of dynasty, a fragile woman with melancholy ambiguity, reminding us of Mary Magdalene in Wiene’s *INRI*, with a piousness of dynastic volume, or the Lulu of Jessner’s *Erdgeist*. In her work with Jessner, Reinhardt’s great rival in the development of German theater, she began her second phase. Nielsen worked with a variety of directors who chose theatrical texts of undeniable quality, from Ibsen and Strindberg to Wedekind and Schnitzler.

In the 1920s Nielsen also developed a persona in characteristic decline, changing from her old passion to the figure of an old dignified prostitute, quoting from *Der Absturz* in two noted “street films,” *Die freudlose Gasse* of Pabst and *Dirnentragödie* of Bruno Rahn. Extracting life from the world of myth, Nielsen now herself seems mythic.

—M. S. Fonseca

NIELSEN, Leslie

Nationality: Canadian. **Born:** Regina, Saskatchewan, 11 February 1926; nephew of Jean Hersholt (an actor). **Education:** Attended Victoria High School, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; attended Lorne Greene’s Academy of Radio Arts, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; studied at the Neighborhood Playhouse, New York City. **Family:** Married 1) Monica Bayar (some sources say Boyer), 1950 (divorced 1955, some sources say 1956); 2) Alisande Ullman, 1958 (divorced 1973); 3) Brooks Oliver, 1981 (divorced 1983); (some sources say he was once married to woman named Maura); 4) Barbaree Earl. **Career:** Worked as a radio announcer in Canada; played General Francis Marion, *The Swamp Fox* TV series, 1959–60; played Police Lieutenant Price Adams, *The New Breed* TV Series, 1961–62; played Dr.



Leslie Nielsen (right) in *Forbidden Planet*

Vincent Markham/Kenneth Markham, *Peyton Place* TV Series, 1964; played Deputy Police Chief Sam Danforth, *The Bold Ones: The Lawyers* TV series, 1969–70; played John Bracken, *Bracken’s World* TV series, 1970; host, *The Explorers* TV series, 1972; played Vincent Corbino, *Kung Fu* TV series, 1975; played Det. Frank Drebin, *Police Squad!* TV series, 1982; played Buddy Fox, *Shaping Up* TV series, 1984. **Awards:** Special Award, male comedy star of the year, ShoWest Convention, National Association of Theatre Owners, 1989. **Agent:** Bresler, Kelly, and Associates, 15760 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1730, Encino, CA 91436, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *The Battle of Gettysburg* (as Narrator)
- 1956 *The Opposite Sex* (as Steve Hilliard); *Ransom!* (as Charlie Telfer); *The Vagabond King* (as Thilbault); *Forbidden Planet* (as Commander John J. Adams)
- 1957 *Hot Summer Night* (as William Joel Partain); *Tammy and the Bachelor* (as Peter Brent)
- 1958 *The Sheepman* (as Colonel Stephen Bedford/Johnny Bledsoe) (Stranger with a Gun)
- 1964 *Night Train to Paris* (as Alan Holiday); *See How They Run* (— for TV) (as Elliott Green)
- 1965 *Dark Intruder* (as Brett Kingsford)
- 1966 *The Plainsman* (as Colonel George Armstrong Custer); *Beau Geste* (as Lieutenant De Ruse)

- 1967 *Code Name: Heraclitus* (—for TV); *Companions in Nightmare* (—for TV) (as Dr. Neesden); *The Reluctant Astronaut* (as Major Fred Gifford); *Gunfight in Abilene* (as Grant Evers)
- 1968 *Dayton's Devils* (as Frank Dayton); *How to Steal the World* (as General Maximilian Harmon); *Hawaii Five-O* (—for TV) (as Brent); *Rosie!* (as Cabot); *Shadow Over Elveron* (—for TV) (as Sheriff Verne Drover); *Counterpoint* (as Victor Rice)
- 1969 *Four Rode Out*; *How to Commit Marriage* (as Phil Fletcher); *Change of Mind* (as Sheriff Webb); *Deadlock* (—for TV) (as Lieutenant Sam Danforth); *Trial Run* (—for TV) (as Jason Harkness)
- 1970 *Night Slaves* (—for TV) (as Sheriff Henshaw); *Incident in San Francisco* (—for TV) (as Lieutenant Brubaker); *Hauser's Memory* (—for TV) (as Joseph Slaughter); *The Aquarians* (—for TV) (as Official); *Deep Lab* (—for TV)
- 1971 *The Resurrection of Zachary Wheeler* (as Harry Walsh); *They Call It Murder* (—for TV) (as Frank Antrim)
- 1972 *Columbo: Lady in Waiting* (—for TV) (as Peter Hamilton); *The Poseidon Adventure* (as Captain Harrison)
- 1973 . . . *And Millions Die!* (*And Millions Will Die*) (as Gallagher); *The Letters* (—for TV) (as Derek Childs); *Snatched* (—for TV) (as Bill Sutter)
- 1974 *Can Ellen Be Saved?* (—for TV) (as Arnold Lindsey)
- 1975 *Columbo: Identity Crisis* (—for TV) (as Geronimo/A.J. Henderson); *Threshold: The Blue Angels Experience* (as Narrator); 1976 *Brinks: The Great Robbery* (—for TV) (as Agent Norman Houston)
- 1977 *Day of the Animals* (*Something Is Out There*) (as Paul Jensen); *Viva Knievel!* (*Seconds to Live*) (as Stanley Millard); *Grand Jury* (as John Williams); *Sixth and Main*; *The Amsterdam Kill* (as Riley Knight)
- 1978 *Little Mo* (—for TV) (as Nelson Fisher)
- 1979 *Institute for Revenge* (—for TV) (as Counselor Hollis Barnes); *The Return of Charlie Chan* (*Happiness Is a Warm Clue*) (—for TV) (as Alex Hadrachi); *City on Fire* (as Mayor William Dudley); *Riel* (as Major Crozier); *Backstairs at the White House* (mini—for TV) (as Ike Hoover/Narrator)
- 1980 *Project: Kill* (as Jonathan Trevor); *The Night the Bridge Fell Down* (—for TV); *Airplane!* (*Flying High*) (as Doctor Rumack); *Prom Night* (as Mr. Hammond); *OHMS* (—for TV) (as Governor)
- 1981 *The Creature Wasn't Nice* (*Naked Space, Spaceship*) (as Captain Jamieson)
- 1982 *Foxfire Light* (as Reece Morgan); *Wrong Is Right* (*The Man with the Deadly Lens*) (as Mallory); *Creepshow* (*Something to Tide You Over*) (as Richard Vickers)
- 1983 *Cave-In!* (—for TV) (as Joseph "Joe" Johnson)
- 1985 *Reckless Disregard* (—for TV) (as Bob Franklin); *Striker's Mountain* (—for TV) (as Jim McKay); *Blade in Hong Kong* (—for TV) (as Harry Ingersoll)
- 1986 *Race for the Bomb* (mini—for TV) (as Lewis Strauss); *The Patriot* (as Admiral Frazer); *Soul Man* (as Mr. Dunbar)
- 1987 *Home Is Where the Hart Is*; *Nightstick* (*Calhoun*) (—for TV) (as Thad Evans); *Nuts* (as Allen Green); *Fatal Confession: A Father Dowling Mystery* (—for TV) (as Senator erdain)
- 1988 *Dangerous Curves* (as Greg Krevske); *The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!* (*The Naked Gun*) (as Lt. Frank Drebin)
- 1989 *Circus of the Stars #14* (—for TV) (as Ringmaster)
- 1990 *Repossessed* (as Father Mayii)
- 1991 *Circus of the Stars #16* (—for TV) (as Ringmaster); *Chance of a Lifetime* (—for TV) (as Lloyd Dixon); *All I Want for Christmas* (as Santa); *The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear* (as Lt. Frank Drebin)
- 1993 *Digger* (as Arthur); *Leslie Nielsen's Bad Golf Made Easier* (as Himself); *The Unknown Marx Brothers* (—for TV) (as Narrator); *Surf Ninjas* (*Surf Warriors*) (as Colonel Chi)
- 1994 *Bad Golf My Way* (*Leslie Nielsen's Bad Golf My Way*) (as Himself); *Circus of the Stars Goes to Disneyland* (—for TV) (as Ringmaster); *S.P.Q.R. 2.000 e 1/2 anni fa* (*S.P.Q.R.: 2,000 and a Half Years Ago*) (as Lucio Cinico); *Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult* (as Lt. Frank Drebin)
- 1995 *Dracula: Dead and Loving It* (as Count Dracula); *Rent-a-Kid* (as Harry Haber); *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* (—for TV) (as Willowby's butler)
- 1996 *Harvey* (—for TV) (as Dr. Chumley); *Spy Hard* (as Dick Steele—Agent WD-40) (+ exec pr)
- 1997 *Family Plan* (as Harry Haber); *Leslie Nielsen's Stupid Little Golf Video* (as Himself); *Mr. Magoo* (as Mr. Quincy Magoo)
- 1998 *Wrongfully Accused* (as Ryan Harrison); *Safety Patrol* (—for TV) (as Mr. Penn)
- 1999 *Camouflage* (as Jack Potter); *Pirates: 3D Show* (as Captain Lucky)
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Leslie Nielsen became a leading comedian with his role in 1980's *Airplane!* "Surely you can't be serious!" a man demanded of Nielsen's character. "I *am* serious. And don't call me Shirley!" a straight-faced Nielsen responded. As *Airplane!* audiences groaned, one of the unlikeliest career transformations in Hollywood history began, almost equal to that autumn's election of a cowboy actor to the

presidency. Leslie Nielsen, heretofore known as a consummate dramatic leading man and sidekick of three decades' standing, reinvented himself into a star of over-the-top movie parodies during the 1980s and 1990s.

The Canadian-born Nielsen (whose uncle was screen legend Jean Hersholt) acted in literally hundreds of movies and television programs from the 1950s through the 1970s, invariably in dramatic roles—Commander John J. Adams in the sci-fi classic *Forbidden Planet* (1956) and as a crewman in *The Poseidon Adventure* (1972)—or as the set-up man in light comedies; he was Debbie Reynolds' square-jawed beau in *Tammy and the Bachelor* (1957), and Bob Hope's romantic rival in *How to Commit Marriage* (1969). On television, he was best known for dual roles of a doctor and his twin brother on the long-running prime time soap opera *Peyton Place*. His deep, resonant voice and silvery hair allowed him to play authoritative figures unusually well. Often appearing in low-budget movies, Nielsen was usually the best thing about them; his role as a sleazy drug kingpin lent *Viva Knievel!* (1977) its sole touch of competence.

Moviegoers were surprised, therefore, to see Nielsen in one of the most uproarious films ever, *Airplane!* Abrahams and the Zuckers consciously wanted this parody of 1970s disaster films to star such actual 1960s and 1970s TV dramatic stars as Nielsen, Robert Stack, Lloyd Bridges and Peter Graves, deadpanning their way through atrocious puns, double entendres and scatological jokes. "It's like they said to me, 'Leslie, come out and play,'" Nielsen told the *New York Times*. "Thank God for them." The *MAD* Magazine/National Lampoon style of humor appealed to filmgoers of all ages; against the much-hyped *Caddyshack* and *The Blues Brothers*, *Airplane!* was the sleeper comedy hit of 1980.

Nielsen worked with the *Airplane!* trio again on *Police Squad!*, a brilliant 1982 situation comedy spoofing *Dragnet* '67 and *The FBI*. As Lt. Frank Drebin, Nielsen perfectly satirized the genre he'd worked in for so many years; at the end of each episode he'd freeze in mid-laugh while behind (and in front of) him his coworkers (and criminals) went about their work. The series lasted just six episodes, but enjoyed a cult following. Nielsen returned to serious work in *Creepshow* (1982) and *Soul Man* (1986), but audiences were beginning to expect irreverence from him.

In 1988 Nielsen reprised his role of Frank Drebin in the first of three *Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad* theatrical movies, produced by Abrahams and the Zuckers. Alongside such B-movie stars as Priscilla Presley, George Kennedy and O. J. Simpson, Nielsen skewered the police movie genre and most others as well, proving equally adept in both physical comedy (practicing safe sex with a full body condom) and verbal jousting (Presley: "Can I interest you in a nightcap?" Nielsen: "No, thank you, I don't wear them"). The *Naked Gun* films were successful in the theaters, and their rapid-fire style held up well on video and TV, one reason why *Naked Gun 2 1/2* (1991) actually outgrossed its predecessor.

The comedic success liberated Nielsen, and he played similarly manic roles in other film spoofs during the 1990s, including *Dracula: Dead and Loving It* (1995), *Spy Hard* (1996) and *Wrongfully Accused* (1998). If these films weren't as successful as *Airplane!*, it might have been because by the 1990s, Nielsen was overly familiar as a wacky comedic lead. When he appeared in *Airplane!*, audiences knew him from dramatic work, and were thus surprised to see him doing comedy. By the late 1990s, audiences already expected him to do

comedy. The element of surprise was gone, and so were some of the laughs.

At the turn of the century, Nielsen is also in his mid-70s, and the public might not wish to see a man at his age doing excessive physical shtick. He might now be best suited to doing more cerebral, verbal-based work. Indeed, Nielsen has, in fact, been performing throughout America a one-man show about one of the more cerebral, less ironic figures of the 20th century—Clarence Darrow. Surely, Leslie Nielsen *can* be serious.

—Andrew Milner

NIKULIN, Yuri

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Smolensk, Soviet Union (now Russia), 18 December 1921. **Family:** Son: Maksim Nikulin. **Career:** Clown in the Moscow Circus, from mid-1950s; director of Tsvetnoy Boulevard circus, Moscow, from mid-1980s. **Died:** Moscow, Russia, 21 August 1997, after heart operation.

Films as Actor:

- 1958 *Devushka s gitaroy* (*A Girl with a Guitar*) (Aleksandr Fajntsimmer)
- 1959 *Nepoddayushchiyesya* (*The Unamenable*) (Yuri Chulyukin and Yuli Raizman) (as Klyachkin)
- 1961 *Sovershenno seryozno* (*Absolutely Seriously*) (Leonid Gaidai); *Kogda derevya byli bol'shimi* (*When the Trees Were Tall*) (Lev Kulidzhinov) (as Kuzma Kuzmich Iordanov); *Drug moy Kolka* (*My Friend, Kolka!*) (Aleksandr Mita and Aleksei Saltykov); *Samogonshchiki* (*Bootleggers*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as Booby)
- 1962 *Bez strakha i upryoka* (*No Fear, No Blame*) (Aleksandr Mita); *Molodo-zelyono* (*Young-Green*) (Konstantin Voinov)
- 1963 *Delovye lyudi* (*Business People*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as the Robber)
- 1964 *Daye zhalobnuyu knigu* (*Give Me the Complaints Book*) (Eldar Ryazanov) (as Booby); *Ko mne, Mukhtar!* (*Come Here, Mukhtar!*) (Semyon Tumanov) (as Glasyshev)
- 1965 *Fantazyory* (*Fantasizing*) (Isaak Magiton); *Operatsiya Y i drugiye priklucheniya Shurika* (*Operation Y and Other Shurik's Adventures*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as Booby)
- 1966 *Malen'kiy beglets* (*Little Fugitive*) (*Chiisana tobosha*) (Eduard Bocharov and Teinosuke Kinugasa); *Kavkazskaya plennitsa, ili Novye priklucheniya Shurika* (*Prisoner of the Caucasus, or Shurik's New Adventures*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as Booby)
- 1968 *Brilliantovaya ruka* (*Diamond Arm*) (Leonid Gaidai) (as Semyon Gorbunkov); *Novenkaya* (*The Rookie*) (Pavel Lyubimov); *Sem starikov i odna devushka* (*Seven Old Men and a Girl*) (Yevgeni Karelov—for TV) (as Booby)
- 1969 *Andrei Rublyov* (*Andrei Rublev*) (Andrei Tarkovsky) (as Monk Patrikey)

- 1971 *12 stulyev (Twelve Chairs)* (Leonid Gaidai) (as Dvornik Tikhon); *Stariki-razboyniki (Old Men: Robbers)* (Eldar Ryazanov); *Telegramma (Telegram)* (Rolan Bykov)
- 1972 *Tochka, tochka, zapyataya. . . (Point, Point, Comma. . .)* (Aleksandr Mitta)
- 1975 *Oni srazhalis za rodinu (They Fought for the Motherland)* (Sergei Bondarchuk)
- 1976 *Priklyucheniya Travki (The Adventures of Travka)* (Arkadi Kordon); *Dnevnoy poyezd (Daytime Train)* (TV) (Inessa Seleznyova); *Dvadtsat dney bez voyny (Twenty Days Without War)* (Alexei German) (as Lopatin)
- 1982 *Ne khochu byt vzroslym (I Don't Want To Be an Adult)* (Yuri Chulyukin)
- 1983 *Chuchelo (Scarecrow)* (Rolan Bykov)
- 1985 *Poludennyi vor (Midday Thief)* (Viktor Turbin—for TV)
- 1994 *Kapitan Krokus (Captain Crocus)* (Vladimir Onishchenko)

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Yuri Nikulin was a leading Soviet circus clown who turned a great comic actor and who then went on to become one of the best dramatic actors of Russian cinema. While he retained a life-long commitment to the circus, he knew how to keep the fine balance between the foolish and the bittersweet elements in a cinematic comedy. The scope of his roles and his appearance make him somewhat comparable to French comedy star Fernandel.

Nikulin started his career in circus. For the cinema he debuted in a supporting role in the Lyudmilla Gurchenko vehicle *Devushka s gitaroi* (1958), a musical comedy, and then starred in a variety of supporting roles in a range of comedies in the early 1960s. It was around this time when one of his main cinematic personae, Booby, came into being. Nikulin appeared as Booby in a series of comedies he made throughout the decade.

His best comedy performances for the cinema were delivered under the direction of Leonid Gaidai. Their collaboration started with smaller roles for Nikulin, who came to the lead only for the comedy-hit *Kavkazskaya plennitza* (1966), a film which broke all popularity records at the time. A romantic screwball comedy set in the mountains of the Caucasus and revolving around the ancient mountaineer

tradition of bride abduction, the humor of the film relied on jokes of the clash of cultures-type.

Gaidai and Nikulin’s next comedy, however, *Brilliantovaya ruka* (*Diamond Arm*, 1968) surpassed the success of *Kavkazskaya plennitza* and is believed to be the most popular Soviet comedy ever made. It is a comedy of errors, where Nikulin’s protagonist Semyon Gorbunkov goes on a cruise, breaks his arm in an accident, and by mistake gets a cast filled up with stolen jewelry and diamonds. From there on the gangsters (played by Anatoliy Papanov and Andrei Mironov, both leading stars on the Soviet comedy scene) try to reclaim their jewels from the arm cast of the naive Gorbunkov. In both *Kavkazskaya plennitza* and *Brilliantovaya ruka* Nikulin performed songs by Alexander Zatsepin and Leonid Derbenyov which became classical favorites of Soviet popular music.

A particularly important artistic partnership for Nikulin was his collaboration with Anatoliy Papanov. They were first cast together in a fragment of the film *Sovershenno Seriezno* (1961) and in the short *Samogonschiki* (1961), and later on in *Daye zhalobnuyu knigu* (1964) and in the musical comedy *Sem starikov i odna devushka* (1968). Their most popular partnership, however, was in *Brilliantovaya ruka* (1968).

Beyond his work for Gaidai, Nikulin was also acclaimed for his lead in *Stariki-razboyniki* (1971), yet another blockbuster by the team Emil Braginsky and Eldar Ryazanov, also starring other Soviet stars such as Yevgeni Yevstigneyev and Andrei Mironov. The story involves an aging detective who stages crimes he can then easily solve. In 1971 Nikulin also appeared in the small but important role of Dvornik Tikhon in one of the many adaptations of Ilf and Petrov’s comedy blockbuster *Twelve Chairs* (1971, directed by Leonid Gaidai). Nikulin continued to play for the circus and in comedies for another twenty-five years. His last appearance was in the Ukrainian comedy adventure *Captain Crocus* (1994).

Simultaneously with his comedy roles, Nikulin appeared in dramas. One of his most memorable roles of this type was of the monk Patrikey in Andrei Tarkovsky’s classical *Andrei Rublyov* (1969), the story of the Russian icon-painter, and believed to be one of the top masterpieces of world cinema.

In 1975 Nikulin was cast in Sergei Bondarchuk’s war epic *Oni srazhalis za rodinu* (1975). The film, which was nominated for the Golden Palm at Cannes, was based on the well-known war novel by Mikhail Sholokhov and featured an all-star cast including such leading names of Soviet cinema like Vasiliy Shukshin, Vyacheslav Tikhonov, Nonna Mordukova, Lidiya Fedoseyeva-Shukshina, and Innokenti Smoktunovsky. It was in another war-themed film, however, where Nikulin reached the widest appreciation for his dramatic acting. Aleksei German’s *Dvadtsat dney bez voyny (Twenty Days Without War*, 1976) was based on Konstantin Simonov’s *Lopatin’s Notes*, and it was Simonov himself who narrated the film. It is the simple and sad story of weary soldier Lopatin, who spends three weeks in Tashkent far from the trenches, falls in love with a woman he accidentally meets (Lyudmilla Gurchenko), and then has to return to fight in the war. Both lead actors deliver superb performances, and it is this film which brought Nikulin’s dramatic talents to full recognition.

Nikulin was often asked to play in adventure or comedy films for and about children and adolescents. This line of his work culminated in Rolan Bykov’s auteurist film *Chuchelo (Scarecrow)*, 1983). Bykov, an actor who occasionally wrote and directed, and who turned into

a culture sponsor in post-communist times, shot *Chuchelo* in 1983. But the film was not released until several years later due to objections from the teachers' union. When finally released in 1986, this sensitive coming-of-age drama of adolescent cruelty, occasionally described as the Russian equivalent of *Lord of Flies*, became the most seen film of the year, a remarkable achievement provided this was the time when many other important *perestroika* films were released. The protagonist of *Chuchelo* is a thirteen-year-old Lena, nicknamed Scarecrow, played remarkably by a pale and fragile Kristina Orbakaite, daughter of the Russian pop singer Alla Pugacheva. A new arrival in a small Russian town, Lena only has her grandfather (Yuri Nikulin)—a harmless art-collector of extremely limited means—who often has to endure the disrespect of the townsfolk because of his elevated affection for local artwork. In her new environment, Lena is confronted by a cruel world of teenage power mechanics. Failing to play by the popularity rules, she is soon ostracized and bullied by her classmates. Soon thereafter, a heartbroken Lena and her grandfather, having donated his collection of ancestral artwork to an unappreciative city council, leave town. Nikulin delivers a memorable performance as the sensitive grandfather confronting the brutality of children in his subtle ways.

Nikulin's role in *Chuchelo* was his last high-profile cinematic appearance. Since the mid-1980s he worked primarily in the circus until his death after a heart operation in 1997.

—Dina Iordanova

NIVEN, David

Nationality: British. **Born:** James David Graham Niven in Kirriemuir, Scotland (some sources say London, England), 1 March 1910. **Education:** Attended Stowe House boarding school, near Buckingham, 1923–26; Royal Military College, Sandhurst, 1927–29: commissioned lieutenant in Highland Light Infantry: served in Malta and England to 1932. **Military Service:** Rifle Brigade, 1939–45: lieutenant colonel. **Family:** Married 1) Primula Rollo, 1940 (died 1946), sons: the producer-director David Jr. and James Graham; 2) Hjordia Tersmeden, 1948, adopted daughters: Kristina and Fiona. **Career:** After resigning commission, roamed Canada and United States; 1932—first role as extra in *There Goes the Bride*; 1935—contract with Samuel Goldwyn, first speaking role in film *Without Regret*; 1939—leading role in *Wuthering Heights*; 1946—returned to Hollywood after the war ended; 1951—on Broadway in *Nina*; 1952—on stage in *The Moon Is Blue* in Hollywood, and in film version, 1953; 1952—formed Four Star Playhouse, with Charles Boyer, Ida Lupino, and Dick Powell, and appeared in the TV series *Four Star Playhouse*, 1952–56, and *Alcoa Theatre*, 1957–58; 1959—host of TV series *The David Niven Show*; 1960—moved to Chateau-d'Oex, Switzerland; 1964–65—in TV series *The Rogues*; 1979—in TV mini-series *A Man Called Intrepid*, 1979. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Separate Tables*, 1958; London Evening Standard Special Award, 1980. **Died:** Of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), in Chateau-d'Oex, Switzerland, 29 July 1983.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *There Goes the Bride* (De Courville) (as extra)
- 1934 *All the Winners* (Malins) (as extra)
- 1935 *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Lloyd) (as extra); *Without Regret* (Harold Young) (as Bill Gage); *A Feather in Her Hat* (Santell) (as Leo Cartwright); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as sailor); *Splendor* (Nugent) (as Clancey Lorrimore)
- 1936 *Rose Marie* (Van Dyke) (as Teddy); *Palm Springs (Palm Springs Affair)* (Scotto) (as George Brittel); *Dodsworth* (Wyler) (as Maj. Clyde Lockert); *Thank You, Jeeves (Thank You, Mr. Jeeves)* (Arthur Greville Collins) (as Bertie Wooster); *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Curtiz) (as Capt. James Randall); *Beloved Enemy* (Potter) (as Gerald Preston)
- 1937 *We Have Our Moments* (Werker) (as Joe Gilling); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Cromwell and Van Dyke) (as Capt. Fritz von Tarlenheim); *Dinner at the Ritz* (Schuster) (as Paul de Brack)
- 1938 *Bluebeard's Eighth Wife* (Lubitsch) (as Albert de Regnier); *Four Men and a Prayer* (Ford) (as Christopher Leigh); *Three Blind Mice* (Seiter) (as Steve Harrington); *The Dawn Patrol* (Goulding) (as Lt. Scott)
- 1939 *Wuthering Heights* (Wyler) (as Edgar Linton); *Bachelor Mother* (Kanin) (as David Merlin); *The Real Glory* (Hathaway) (as Lt. McCool); *Eternally Yours* (Garnett) (as Tony); *Raffles* (Wood and Wyler) (title role)
- 1942 *The First of the Few (Spitfire)* (Leslie Howard) (as Geoffrey Crisp)
- 1944 *The Way Ahead (The Immortal Battalion)* (Reed) (as Lt. Jim Perry)
- 1946 *A Matter of Life and Death (Stairway to Heaven)* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Squadron Leader Peter D. Carter); *Magnificent Doll* (Borzage) (as Aaron Burr); *The Perfect Marriage* (Lewis Allen) (as Dale Williams)
- 1947 *The Other Love* (de Toth) (as Dr. Anthony Stanton); *The Bishop's Wife* (Koster) (as Henry Brougham)
- 1948 *Bonnie Prince Charlie* (Kimmins) (title role); *Enchantment* (Reis) (as Gen. Sir Roland "Rolle" Dane)
- 1949 *A Kiss in the Dark* (Daves) (as Eric Phillips); *A Kiss for Corliss (Almost a Bride)* (Wallace) (as Kenneth Marquis)
- 1950 *The Elusive Pimpernel (The Fighting Pimpernel)* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Sir Percy Blakeney); *The Toast of New Orleans* (Taurog) (as Jacques Riboudeaux)
- 1951 *Happy Go Lovely* (Humberstone) (as B. G. Bruno); *Soldiers Three* (Garnett) (as Capt. Pindenny); *The Lady Says No!* (Ross) (as Bill Shelby); *Appointment with Venus (Island Rescue)* (Thomas) (as Maj. Valentine Moreland)
- 1953 *The Moon Is Blue* (Preminger) (as David Slater); *The Love Lottery* (Charles Crichton) (as Rex Allerton)
- 1954 *Happy Ever After (Tonight's the Night)* (Zampi) (as Jasper O'Leary); *Carrington, V.C. (Court Martial)* (Asquith) (title role)
- 1955 *The King's Thief* (Leonard) (as Duke of Brampton)
- 1956 *The Birds and the Bees* (Taurog) (as Col. Harris); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as Phileas Fogg); *The Little Hut* (Herbert and Robson) (as Henry Brittingham-Brett)



David Niven (right) with Gregory Peck in *The Guns of Navarone*

- 1957 *Oh Men! Oh Women!* (Nunnally Johnson) (as Dr. Alan Coles); *My Man Godfrey* (Koster) (title role); *The Silken Affair* (Kellino) (as Roger Tweakham, new accountant)
- 1958 *Bonjour Tristesse* (Preminger) (as Raymond); *Separate Tables* (Delbert Mann) (as Maj. Pollock); *Glamorous Hollywood* (Staub—short) (as himself)
- 1959 *Ask Any Girl* (Walters) (as Miles Doughton); *Happy Anniversary* (David Miller) (as Chris Walters)
- 1960 *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* (Walters) (as Laurence Mackay)
- 1961 *The Guns of Navarone* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Corporal Miller); *I due nemici (The Best of Enemies)* (Hamilton) (as Major Richardson)
- 1962 *La città prigioniera (The Captive City; The Conquered City)* (Anthony) (as Maj. Peter Whitfield); *The Road to Hong Kong* (Panama) (cameo as Tibetan monk); *Guns of Darkness* (Asquith) (as Tom Jordan)
- 1963 *55 Days at Peking* (Nicholas Ray) (as Sir Arthur Robertson); *Il giorno più corto (The Shortest Day)* (Corbucci) (as himself)
- 1964 *The Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Sir Charles Litton); *Bedtime Story* (Levy) (as Lawrence Jamieson)
- 1965 *Lady L* (Ustinov) (as Lord Lendale [Dicky]); *Where the Spies Are* (Guest) (as Dr. Jason Love)
- 1967 *Eye of the Devil* (J. Lee Thompson—produced in 1966) (as Philippe de Montfaucon); *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as Sir James Bond)
- 1968 *The Extraordinary Seaman* (Frankenheimer) (as Lt. Cmdr. Finchhaven, R.N.); *Prudence and the Pill* (Cook and Neame) (as Gerald Hardcastle); *The Impossible Years* (Michael Gordon) (as Jonathan Kingsley)
- 1969 *Before Winter Comes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Maj. Giles Burnside); *Le Cerveau (The Brain)* (Oury) (as Col. Matthews [“The Brain”])
- 1970 *The Statue* (Amateau) (as Alex Bolt)
- 1972 *King, Queen, Knave (Herzbube)* (Skolimowski) (as Charles Dreyer)
- 1974 *Vampira (Old Dracula)* (Clive Donner) (as Count Dracula); *Paper Tiger* (Annakin) (as Walter Bradbury)
- 1976 *No Deposit, No Return* (Tokar) (as J. W. Osborne); *Murder by Death* (Robert Moore) (as Dick Charleston)
- 1978 *Candlehoe* (Tokar) (as Priory); *Death on the Nile* (Guillerman) (as Colonel Rice)

- 1979 *Escape to Athena* (Cosmatos) (as Professor Blake); *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square* (*The Biggest Bank Robbery; The Big Scam; The Mayfair Bank Caper*) (Thomas) (as Ivan/Gen. Bernard Drew)
- 1980 *Rough Cut* (Siegel) (as Chief Inspector Cyril Willis)
- 1981 *The Sea Wolves* (McLaglen) (as Col. W. H. Grice)
- 1982 *Better Late than Never* (*Ménage à Trois; Whose Little Girl Are You?*) (Forbes) (as Nicholas "Nick" Cartland); *Trail of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Sir Charles Litton)
- 1983 *Curse of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Sir Charles Litton)

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Graceful and urbane David Niven excelled at light comedy and playing the gentleman rogue. He possessed considerable charm, not unlike Cary Grant or Errol Flynn, but his sexuality was presented in a more subtle style. Niven could be sexy by just clinking his champagne glass lightly against the tip of his partner's glass, or by tentatively clearing his throat and then half-smiling with a bright, searching gaze toward his leading lady.

Niven came from a long line of military men, but, after tough years at Sandhurst military academy and a stint in the British army, he chose a life of drifting and adventuring which eventually led him to find work as a \$2.50-per-day Hollywood extra in 1934. These early years, as well as his later career, are chronicled in two eloquent, best-selling memoirs.

Niven quickly ingratiated himself with the influential British colony in Hollywood, and it was not long before his social contacts paid off. Samuel Goldwyn put him under contract at \$100 per week, and he began working regularly. From an inexperienced and rather stiff bit player, he rose to minor dramatic roles in a variety of films, including quality pictures such as *Dodsworth*, *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, and *The Prisoner of Zenda*. Rapidly, his acting improved, and in *The Dawn Patrol* Niven played his first truly memorable part as Errol Flynn's flying buddy. A flair for drawing-room comedy surfaced in *Dinner at the Ritz*, and peaked in *Bachelor Mother*, in which his high-toned British dignity was a perfect foil to Ginger Rogers's working-class American brassiness.

At the onset of World War II, Niven was one of the first film stars to join (or, in his case, reenlist in) the military. Recruited twice for dramatic propaganda films, *First of the Few* and *The Way Ahead*, he was otherwise inactive in pictures for almost six years. Discharged as a colonel, he returned to Goldwyn and appeared in a number of forgettable films, with the exception being the silly but heartwarming comedy *The Bishop's Wife*, which has become a Christmas classic. His growing dissatisfaction with the studio resulted in a contractual release. Now middle-aged, Niven began his freelancing period without much luck; poor choices of scripts damaged his box-office drawing power.

Two films during the late 1950s reestablished his critical reputation and popularity. As the precise and unflappable Phileas Fogg, the character most closely associated with him, Niven held together the all-star extravaganza *Around the World in Eighty Days*. His pathetic bogus major in *Separate Tables* epitomized grace under pressure and proved that Niven could sustain a dramatic role. For the film, he was awarded a Best Actor Oscar.

At the beginning of the 1960s, he appeared in two very different but memorable motion pictures. In *Please Don't Eat the Daisies*, he

gave a florid, funny performance as a drama critic with family ties. The part of the dry-witted corporal with an expertise in explosives in *The Guns of Navarone* catered to Niven's screen personality while allowing him an opportunity to play in a big-budget, macho story of brave saboteurs on an all-but-impossible endeavor. Unfortunately, however, his last years are littered with too many appearances in second-rate fare.

David Niven's career stands as credit to his persistence and versatility. He made transitions from decade to decade gracefully, bridging the old Hollywood and the new. He meshed well with any co-star; his effortlessly urbane style and distinctive sense of timing were unforgettable in his good films, and served him well in those that were less than memorable.

—Richard Sater, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

NOIRET, Philippe

Nationality: French. **Born:** Lille, 1 October 1930. **Education:** Attended Lycée Janson-de-Sailly, Paris; and Coll. Des oratoriens, Juilly; studied theater under Roger Blin, and at the Dramatic Centre of the West, and the Théâtre National Populaire. **Family:** Married the actress Monique Chaumette, 1962, daughter: Frédérique. **Career:** Worked in cabaret with the comedian Jean-Pierre Darras; 1948—film



Philippe Noiret (right) with Troisi Massimo in *Il Postino*

debut in *Gigi*; 1951—stage debut; then member of the Théâtre National Populaire; announcer on TV show *Discorama*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Thérèse Desqueyroux*, 1962; Étoile de cristal for Best Actor, for *L'Horloger de Saint-Paul*, 1974; Césars for Best Actor, for *Le Vieux Fusil*, 1975, and *La Vie et rien d'autre*, 1989; European Film Award for Best Actor, 1989. **Address:** 104 rue des Sablons, Mareil-Marly 78750, France. **Agent:** Artmédia, 10 av George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Gigi* (Audry) (bit role)
- 1950 *Olivia* (Audry) (bit role)
- 1951 *Agence matrimoniale* (Le Chanois)
- 1955 *La Pointe courte* (Varda)
- 1960 *Zazie dans le métro* (Zazie; *Zazie in the Underground*) (Malle) (as Uncle Gabriel); *Ravissante* (Lamoureux) (as Maurice)
- 1961 *Le Capitaine Fracasse* (Gaspard-Huit) (as Hérode); "Lauzun" ep. of *Les Amours célèbres* (Boisrond) (as Louis XIV); *Le Rendez-vous* (Delannoy) (as Inspector Maillard); *Tout l'or du monde* (*All the Gold in the World*) (Clair) (as Victor Hardy)
- 1962 *Comme un poisson dans l'eau* (Michel) (as Lucien Barlemont); "L'affaire Hugues" ("The Hugues Case") ep. of *Le Crime ne paie pas* (*Crime Does Not Pay*; *The Gentle Art of Murder*) (Oury) (as Clovis Hugues); *Thérèse Desqueyroux* (Thérèse) (Franju) (as Bernard Desqueyroux); *Le Massaggiatrici* (Fulci) (as Bellini)
- 1963 *Ballade pour un voyou* (Bonnardot) (as Inspector Mathieu); *Clémentine Chérie* (Chevalier) (as Director General); *La Porteuse de pain* (Cloche) (as Jacques Garaud/Paul Harmant)
- 1964 *Cyrano et d'Artagnan* (Gance) (as Louis XIII); *Mort, où est ta victoire?* (*Death, Where Is Thy Victory?*) (Bromberger) (as Brassy); *Les Copains* (Robert) (as Bénin); *Monsieur* (Le Chanois) (as Edmond Bernadac)
- 1965 *Lady L* (Ustinov) (as Ambroise Gérôme)
- 1966 *La Vie de château* (*A Matter of Resistance*) (Rappeneau) (as Jérôme); *Qui êtes-vous, Polly Magoo?* (Klein) (as Jean-Jacques Georges); *Les Sultans* (Delannoy) (as gynecologist); *Tendre Voyou* (*Tender Scoundrel*) (Jean Becker) (as Bibi Dumonceux); *Le Voyage du père* (de la Patellière) (as traveler)
- 1967 *The Night of the Generals* (*La Nuit des généraux*) (Litvak) (as Inspector Morand); *L'Une et l'autre* (*The Other One*) (Allio) (as André); "Snow" ep. of *Woman Times Seven* (*Sette volta donna*; *Sept fois femme*) (De Sica) (as Victor)
- 1968 *Alexandre le bienheureux* (*Very Happy Alexander*; *Happy Alexander*) (Robert) (title role); *Adolphe, ou l'âge tendre* (Toublanc-Michel) (as de Pourtalain)
- 1969 *The Assassination Bureau* (Dearden) (as Lucoville); *Mister Freedom* (Klein) (as Moujik Man); *Justine* (Strick and Cukor) (as Pombal); *Clérambard* (Robert) (title role); *Topaz* (Hitchcock) (as Henri Jarré)
- 1970 *Les Caprices de Marie* (*Give Her the Moon*) (de Broca) (as Gabriel)

- 1971 *Time for Loving (Paris Was Made for Lovers)* (Miles) (as Marcel); *Les Aveux les plus doux* (Molinaro) (as Inspector Muller); *Murphy's War* (Yates) (as Louis Brézan)
- 1972 *La Vieille Fille* (Blanc) (as Gabriel Marcassus); *La Mandarine* (Molinaro) (as Georges); *Le Trèfle à cinq feuilles (Five-Leaf Clover)* (Freess) (as Alfred); *L'Attentat (Plot; The French Conspiracy)* (Boisset) (as Garcin); *Siamo tutti in libertà provvisoria* (Scarpelli) (as Judge Jannacone)
- 1973 *Poil de carotte* (Graziani) (as M. Lepic); *Le Serpent (The Serpent; Night Flight from Moscow)* (Verneuil) (as Berthon); *La Grande Bouffe (The Big Feast; Blow-Out)* (Ferreri) (as Philippe); *Touche pas à la femme blanche (Don't Touch White Women)* (Ferreri) (as Gen. Terry)
- 1974 *L'Horloger de Saint-Paul (The Clockmaker; The Watchmaker of Lyon)* (Tavernier) (as Michel Descombe); *Un Nuage entre les dents* (Pico) (as Malisard); *Les Gaspards* (Tchernia) (as Gaspard de Montfermeil); *Le Secret (The Secret)* (Enrico) (as Thomas Berthelot)
- 1975 *Le Jeu avec le feu* (Robbe-Grillet) (as Georges de Saxe); "Les Nobles" ep. of *Que la fête commence! (Let Joy Reign Supreme)* (Tavernier) (as Philippe d'Orléans); *Le Vieux Fusil (The Old Gun)* (Enrico) (as Julien Dandieu)
- 1976 *Amici miei (My Friends)* (Monicelli) (as Giorgio Perozzi); *Monsieur Albert* (Renard) (title role); *Le Juge et l'assassin (The Judge and the Assassin)* (Tavernier) (as Judge Emile Rousseau); *Il comune senso del pudore (A Common Sense of Modesty)* (Sordi) (as Constanzo); *Une Femme à sa fenêtre (A Woman at Her Window)* (Granier-Deferre) (as Raoul Malfosse); *Coup de foudre* (Enrico) (as Ladislav)
- 1977 *Le désert des Tartares (Il deserto dei tartari; The Desert of the Tartars)* (Zurlini) (as "The General"); *Un Taxi mauve (The Purple Taxi)* (Boisset) (as Philippe Marchal)
- 1978 *La Barricade du point du jour* (Richon) (as Eugène Pottier); *Tendre poulet (Dear Detective; Dear Inspector)* (de Broca) (as Antoine Lemerrier); *Le Témoin (The Witness; Il Testimone)* (Mocky) (as Robert Maurisson); *Due pezzi di pane* (Citti); *Who Is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe? (Too Many Chefs)* (Kotcheff) (as Jean-Claude Moulineau)
- 1979 *Salto nel vuoto (A Leap into the Void)* (Bellocchio); *La Mort en direct (Deathwatch)* (Tavernier)
- 1980 *On a volé la cuisse de Jupiter (Jupiter's Thigh)* (de Broca) (as Antoine Lemerrier); *Une Semaine de vacances (A Week's Vacation)* (Tavernier) (as Michel Descombe); *Pile ou face (Heads or Tails)* (Enrico) (as Baroni)
- 1981 *Tre fratelli (Three Brothers)* (Rosi) (as Raffaele Giuranna); *Il faut tuer Birgitt Haas (Birgitt Haas Must Be Killed)* (Heynemann); *Coup de torchon (Clean Slate)* (Tavernier) (as Lucien Cordier)
- 1982 *L'Étoile du nord (The North Star)* (Granier-Deferre) (as Edouard Binet); *Amici miei, atto due* (Monicelli) (as Giorgio Perozzi)
- 1983 *L'Africain (The African)* (de Broca) (as Victor); *Un Ami de Vincent (A Friend of Vincent)* (Granier-Deferre); *Le Grand Carnaval* (Arcady) (as Étienne Labrousche)
- 1984 *Aurora* (Ponzi—for TV); *Fort Saganne* (Corneau) (as Dubreuilh); *Les Ripoux (My New Partner; Le Cop)* (Zidi) (as René); *Souvenirs, souvenirs* (Zeitoun)
- 1985 *Le Quatrième Pouvoir (The Fourth Power)* (Leroy) (as Yves Dorget); *Speriamo che sia femmina (Let's Hope It's a Girl)* (Monicelli) (as Count Leonardo); *L'Été prochain (Next Summer)* (Trintignant) (as Edouard); *Qualcosa di biondo (Aurora)* (Ponzi)
- 1986 *La Femme secrète (The Secret Wife)* (Grall) (as Pierre Franchin); *Masques* (Chabrol) (as Christian Legagneur); *Twist Again a Moscou (Twist Again in Moscow)* (Poure) (as Igor Tatiatchev); *Autour de minuit ('Round Midnight)* (Tavernier) (as Redon)
- 1987 *Noyade interdite (Widow's Walk)* (Granier-Deferre) (as Molinat); *La famiglia (The Family)* (Scola) (as Jean-Luc); *Gli occhiali d'oro (The Gold Rimmed Glasses; Les Lunettes d'or)* (Montaldo) (as Dr. Fadigati)
- 1988 *Chouans!* (de Broca) (as Savinien de Kerfardec); *Il Frullo del passero* (Mingozzi); *Cinema Paradiso (Nuovo Cinema Paradiso)* (Tornatore) (as Alfredo)
- 1989 *La Vie et rien d'autre (Life and Nothing But)* (Tavernier) (as Maj. Dellaplanne); *The Return of the Musketeers* (Lester) (as Cardinal Mazarin)
- 1990 *Ripoux contre ripoux (My New Partner II; Le Cop 2)* (Zidi) (as René); *Faux et l'usage de Faux (Forgery and the Use of Forgeries)* (Heynemann) (as Anatole Hirsch)
- 1991 *Uranus* (Berri) (as Watrin); *Dimenticare Palermo (The Palermo Connection)* (Rosi) (as the hotel manager); *J'embrasse pas (I Don't Kiss)* (Téchiné) (as Romain); "The Blue Dog" ep. of *La Domenica specialmente (Especially on Sunday)* (Tornatore) (as Amleto); *Rossini, Rossini* (as Gioacchino Rossini)
- 1992 *Nous Deux (The Two of Us)* (Graziani) (as Toussaint); *Max et Jérémie (Max and Jeremy)* (Devers) (as Robert "Max" Maxendre); *Contre l'oubli (Against Oblivion)* (Akerman and others) (as himself); *Zuppa Di Pesce (Fish Soup)* (Infascelli) (as Alberto)
- 1993 *Tango* (Leconte) (as François, the elegant man)
- 1994 *Il Postino (The Postman)* (Radford) (as Pablo Neruda); *Veillées d'armes (The Troubles We've Seen: A History of Journalism in Wartime)* (Marcel Ophüls—doc) (as himself); *Grosse Fatigue (Dead Tired)* (Blanc) (as himself); *La Fille de D'Artagnan (D'Artagnan's Daughter)* (Tavernier) (as D'Artagnan); *Les Milles* (Grall) (as Le General)
- 1995 *Le Roi de Paris (The King of Paris)* (Maillet) (as Victor Derval); *Facciamo paradiso* (Monicello) (as Bertelli)
- 1996 *Les Grands ducs* (Leconte) (as Victor Vialat); *Fantôme avec chauffeur* (Oury) (as Philippe Bruneau-Tessier); *Le Veilleur de nuit* (TV) (de Broca) (as Monsieur Philippe le bienheureux (TV) (as himself); *Marianna Ucrìa* (Faenza)
- 1997 *Soleil* (Hanin) (as Joseph Lévy); *Le Bossu (On Guard)* (de Broca) (as Philippe d'Orléans); *Les Palmes de Monsieur Schutz* (Pinoteau) (as Monsieur Schutz)
- 1999 *Mio figlio ha 70 anni*
- 2000 *Le Pique-nique de Lulu Kreutz*

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A tall, heavily built actor who only established himself in his thirties, Philippe Noiret has no youthful role to his credit and has usually depicted middle-aged, and often middle-class, characters. Though initially cast in fairly predictable secondary roles such as the outsmarted property developer in *Tout l'or du monde*, he gradually made his mark both in comic creations and more serious roles. He excelled as the complacent, sanctimonious husband of *Thérèse Desqueyroux* and as the ruthless self-seeking businessman of *La Porteuse de pain*, while his comic gifts were revealed as the diffident, city-fearing Jérôme of *La Vie de château*; as the transvestite artiste of *Zazie dans le métro*; and as the bogus priest giving sex sermons in *Les Copains*. With his endearing performance as the idle, misogynistic farmer of *Alexandre le bienheureux*, Noiret confirmed his position as a leading comic actor.

His already varied career now became international. Noiret's first English part came as a libertine politician in *Lady L.* before playing a politician-cum-brothel keeper in *The Assassination Bureau*, a Nazi-hunter in *The Night of the Generals*, and in *Woman Times Seven* an

unhappily married bourgeois. In America he was the sexually deficient diplomat of *Justine*, the NATO economist of *Topaz*, and the timid engineer of *Murphy's War*. Now a commercial star, Noiret generously appeared for emerging directors, but despite good performances the films were invariably commercial failures.

It was not until the 1970s that he worked regularly with Italian directors, often in co-productions and initially in outrageous satirical roles. His performances for Ferreri in *La Grande Bouffe* and *Touche pas à la femme blanche* were landmarks: in the former as a degenerate oedipal judge hosting a decadent party; in the latter as General Terry in a loose parody of Custer's last stand. Weightier roles came as the cynical reporter in Pico's *Un Nuage entre les dents*, as Judge Jannaccone in Scarpelli's *Siamo tutti in libertà provvisoria*, or as the magistrate in Rosi's *Tre fratelli*. For Enrico in *Le Vieux Fusil* he gave an intensely moving portrayal of a surgeon dedicated to avenging the murder of his family by the Nazis. Further notable interpretations came as the homosexual professor driven to suicide in Montaldo's *Gli occhiali d'oro* and, for Tornatore, two sensitive portrayals of atypical relationships: in *Cinema Paradiso* as Alfredo, the avuncular projectionist at a failing provincial cinema affectionately sharing his love of film with an adolescent enthusiast, and in *La Domenica specialmente*, as Amleto, a dog-hating village barber-cum-cobbler who, eventually won over by a persistent, friendly stray, is devastated at the dog's cruel death. Now in his sixties, Noiret was cast by other Italian directors in a series of roles reflecting his age. For Monicello he was the older Rossini in *Rossini, Rossini!* and as the middle-class father coping with his daughter's rebellious conduct in *Facciamo paradiso*; for Infascelli, he was Alberto, a mercurial film producer, again having trouble with his daughter in *Zuppa di pesce*; for Graziani, playing opposite his wife Monique Chaumette, he became Toussant, a former subway worker, enjoying retirement in Corsica (*Nous Deux*). Minor roles during this period saw him as a traditional Sicilian patriarch in Faenza's 18th-century costume drama *Marianna Ucrìa* and as the hotel director Gianna Mucci in Rossi's political thriller *Dimenticare Palermo*. However, his most commanding Italian role of the decade came in Radford's touching study of friendship in *Il Postino*, as the exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, acting as sympathetic confidant and wise counsellor to his dedicated postman, innately gifted for poetry, but too shy to declare himself to his childhood sweetheart.

Over his long career Noiret has worked with a host of French directors, notably with de Broca in highly successful comic roles, Granier-Deferre in darker crime dramas or with Zidi as the charming, cynical and corrupt policeman René of *Les Ripoux* and the sequel *Ripoux contre Ripoux*. It has been through Tavernier, however, that Noiret's depth of talent has been revealed. In *L'Horloger de Saint-Paul* he was outstanding as Michel Descombe, the quiet widower protecting his criminal son, yet finding friendship with the investigator; in *Que la fête commence!* he brilliantly conveyed the human complexity of the Regent as a public and private person; in *Le Juge et l'assassin* he was the domineering and chillingly cruel investigating magistrate; and in *Coup de torchon* he was masterful as a cunning, authoritarian, and lubricious colonial policeman. There were only minor roles in *Une Semaine de vacances* (again as Michel Descombe) and as Redon in *Autour de minuit*, but in *La Vie et rien d'autre* Noiret again triumphed as the dedicated Major Dellaplanne intent on identifying the war-dead, despite official opposition. In a pastiche of the swashbuckling genre, *La Fille de D'Artagnan*, Noiret resumed his

association with Tavernier as a now shabby, out-of-favor D'Artagnan, living as a fencing master.

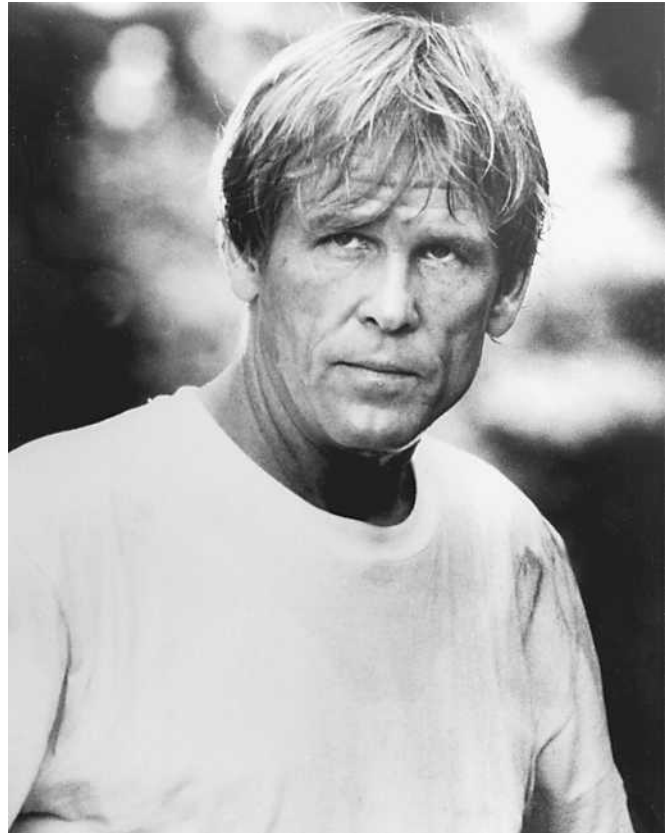
Memorable roles, both major and minor, have come with other directors: as the nasty, petty crook of *Monsieur Albert* (Renard); as the child murderer of *Le Témoin* (Mocky); as the principled journalist in *Le Quatrième Pouvoir* (Leroy); and as the corrupt television presenter of Chabrol's *Masques*. In *La Vieille Fille* (Blanc), Noiret gave one of his finest performances as the shy Gabriel Marcassus tentatively building a relationship with a withdrawn spinster. Among minor, but masterfully executed, roles he has appeared as an actor in *L'Une et l'autre*; the headmaster of *Souvenirs, souvenirs*; and, untypically, as a morbid artist in *La Femme secrète*.

In the last decade Noiret has worked successfully with well established directors such as Berri and Oury and relative newcomers like Devers, Leconte and Techiné. In Berri's Occupation drama *Uranus* he excelled as Watrin, a shy, humanist teacher suffering in the knowledge of his dead wife's infidelity, while in a less successful comic role for Oury he played a murdered businessman who, now invisible, returns with his argumentative driver to watch over his family and friends (*Fantôme avec chauffeur*). For Techiné he played a relatively minor but key role as a gay, sharp-witted TV presenter in *J'embrasse pas*, while for Leconte he enjoyed two substantial comic roles: as the eccentric, misogynist judge addicted to porn films and prepared to condone murder (*Tango*) and as a self-confident, but unsuccessful, boulevard artist, Victor Vialat, on tour with a corrupt manager (*Les Grands Ducs*). He appeared as himself in Blanc's film about acting *Grosse Fatigue* and in the directorial debut of his biographer Dominique Maillet, *Le Roi de Paris*, as the popular actor Victor Derval, the toast of thirties Parisian society, involved with a stage struck young actress. In *Faux et usage de faux* (Heynemann) he was the larger than life figure Anatole Hirsch, a cigar-chewing writer successfully publishing under a pseudonym in a reworking of Romain Gary's career. Further notable roles came as Schutz, a research institute director desperate for recognition in Pinoteau's *Les Palmes de M. Schuz*; as Max a sophisticated and meticulous former professional killer who befriends his would-be assassin Jérémie in Devers' *Max et Jérémie*, and in Graal's account of German detainees in France during the Armistice he played the General prepared to hand over refugees to the Nazis. He has also appeared in documentaries about war-reporting, Ophul's *Veillées d'armes* and Amnesty International's film about political detainees, *Contre l'oubli*. In a career exploring more than 130 disparate roles, Philippe Noiret has, in turn, appalled as the vicious, depraved, or despicable; reassured as the solid, dependable authority figure; disturbed and amused with his subversive presence in comedy, satire, and farce or revealed with consummate delicacy complex facets of human nature in studies of individual relationships. His contribution to European cinema has been outstanding, not only in high performance standards but also in his encouragement of talented newcomers.

—R. F. Cousins

NOLTE, Nick

Nationality: American. **Born:** Omaha, Nebraska, 8 February 1941. **Education:** Attended Pasadena City College and Phoenix City College. **Family:** Married 1) Sheila Page, 1965–1971; 2) Sharon



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Haddad, 1978–1983; 3) Rebecca Linger, 1984–1997, child: Brawley King. **Career:** Worked on stage in Phoenix, Denver, Minneapolis, and Chicago; 1974—TV film debut in *Winter Kill*; 1975—feature film debut in *Return to Macon County*; 1976—in TV mini-series *Rich Man, Poor Man*. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award, for *The Prince of Tides*, 1991. **Address:** c/o Kingsgate Films Inc., 29555 Rainsford Place, Malibu, CA 90265, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1974 *Winter Kill* (Taylor—for TV); *The California Kid* (Heffron—for TV); *Death Sentence* (Swackhamer—for TV)
- 1975 *Return to Macon County* (Compton) (as Bo Hollinger); *The Runaway Barge* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1977 *The Deep* (Yates) (as David Sanders)
- 1978 *Who'll Stop the Rain* (Reisz) (as Ray Hicks); *North Dallas Forty* (Kotcheff) (as Phillip Elliott)
- 1980 *Heart Beat* (Byrum) (as Neal Cassidy)
- 1982 *48 Hrs.* (Walter Hill) (as Jack Cates); *Cannery Row* (Ward) (as Doc)
- 1983 *Under Fire* (Spottiswoode) (as Russell Price)
- 1984 *The Ultimate Solution of Grace Quigley* (Grace Quigley) (Harvey) (as Seymour Flint); *Teachers* (Hiller) (as Alex)
- 1986 *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* (Mazursky) (as Jerry Baskin)
- 1987 *Extreme Prejudice* (Walter Hill) (as Jack Benteen, Texas Ranger); *Weeds* (Hancock) (as Lee Umstetter)

- 1989 *Three Fugitives* (Veber) (as Daniel Lucas); "Life Lessons" ep. of *New York Stories* (Scorsese) (as Lionel Dobie); *Farewell to the King* (Milius) (as Learoyd)
- 1990 *Everybody Wins* (Reisz) (as Tom O'Toole); *Q & A* (Lumet) (as Lieut. Mike Brennan); *Another 48 Hrs.* (Walter Hill) (as Jack Cates)
- 1991 *Prince of Tides* (Streisand) (as Tom Wingo); *Cape Fear* (Scorsese) (as Sam Bowden)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman); *Lorenzo's Oil* (George Miller) (as Augusto Odone)
- 1993 *Gettysburg* (Maxwell)
- 1994 *I Love Trouble* (Shyer) (as Peter Brackett); *Blue Chips* (Friedkin) (as Pete Bell); *I'll Do Anything* (James L. Brooks) (as Matt Hobbs)
- 1995 *Jefferson in Paris* (Ivory) (title role)
- 1996 *Mulholland Falls* (Tamahori) (as Max Hoover); *Mother Night* (Gordon) (as Howard W. Campbell Jr.)
- 1997 *U Turn* (Stone) (as Jake McKenna); *Afterglow* (Rudolph) (as Lucky "Fix-it" Mann); *Affliction* (Schrader) (as Wade Whitehouse)
- 1998 *The Thin Red Line* (Malick) (as Lt. Col. Gordon Tall); *Nightwatch* (Bornedal) (as Inspector Thomas Cray)
- 1999 *Trixie* (Rudolph) (as Senator Avery); *Simpatico* (Warchus) (as Vinnie); *Breakfast of Champions* (Rudolph) (as Harry Le Sabre); *The Best of Enemies*
- 2000 *The Golden Bowl* (Ivory) (as Adam Verver); *Trixie*

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After his first leading role in *The Deep*, Nick Nolte resurfaced with an amazing performance in *Who'll Stop the Rain*, playing a Marine in Vietnam caught up in a dope scam by his disillusioned intellectual friend, Michael Moriarty. Moriarty's trafficking is a *gesture* of disgust; he creates a mess he cannot clean up. Nolte, harking back to a pre-counterculture style of self-reliant heroic alienation, takes responsibility regardless of fault. He is sick of being pushed around, and his taking on of crooked federal agents hits a nerve in audiences. Nolte's Ray Hicks is not above corruption—we see him take petty revenge on a party of swingers—but we are drawn to him as an action hero whose character is lent a deeper dimension by the film's morally complex view of the 1970s drug culture—a complexity appreciated and conveyed by the actor.

Nolte followed this with *North Dallas Forty*, as Phillip Elliott, a pro football receiver with the best hands in the game but unable to play the more important game of kissing the asses of corporate owners and managers. A sports melodrama redolent of 1940s boxing pictures (Elliott even sneaks around with the girls with one of the hostile managers), but Nolte's relaxed, expansive presence makes a melodramatic bind seem like a naturalistic essay. In *Who'll Stop the Rain* the actor starts out reading Nietzsche in Vietnam and ends up dead; in *North Dallas Forty* he starts out sleepless with pain and ends up unemployed, but unencumbered and in love. Nolte's simmering magnificence can plausibly move either way.

Some of his finest performances, perhaps surprisingly given his macho image, have been as artists. In Roger Spottiswoode's *Under Fire*, about photojournalists in Nicaragua during the Sandinista revolution, Nolte plays a photographer who agrees to aid the leftists by faking a photo but, with his thoroughgoing commitment as a performer, he makes clear the character's moral dilemma in reaching this decision, both in his dealings with his colleagues, and with the guerrillas and mercenaries. In "Life Lessons," Martin Scorsese's segment in *New York Stories*, Nolte is Lionel Dobie, an abstract-expressionist painter trying to keep his assistant from quitting but inadequate to giving her the necessary reassurance. It's a gem of a performance, with Nolte's massive frame housing a nervy, lumberingly foolish, obsessive man, who is at once a palpably inspired artist.

For such a big man and big-guy star, Nolte is extraordinarily versatile, convincing as the bearlike bum who liberates Richard Dreyfuss and Bette Midler's Beverly Hills household in Paul Mazursky's *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, and as the stolid small-town sheriff in Walter Hill's *Extreme Prejudice*. He can play sensitive without playing educated, as in *Weeds*, without allowing his sensitivity to block the route to effective action. He can also play men who are

outmaneuvered, as he is by Debra Winger in *Everybody Wins*, without losing his force. And in a big-budget romance such as *Prince of Tides*, he eloquently combines the characteristics of an overgrown adolescent, baiting his wife, with the sleek, solid romantic wooing Barbra Streisand's swank Manhattan psychoanalyst, but able later to collapse weeping in her arms.

At times, however, he has played weak men in films whose scripts have blunted his opportunity to excel. *Cape Fear*, for example, strings him up to satisfy Scorsese's meretricious insistence on turning a revenge thriller into a redemption story, and Nolte seems beset less by De Niro's psycho than by a script that presents him with compromises and failures. Likewise, James L. Brooks's *I'll Do Anything* diminishes Nolte in his role as an out-of-work actor hoping to star in a remake of *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*, while the revisionist script for *Jefferson in Paris*, while forcing Nolte's Jefferson to confront the contradiction of being both slave owner and freedom fighter leaves him floundering without a rejoinder.

But Nolte, more than any other current star, leaves his bad roles behind him, and the fact that he does not seem overexposed is a tribute to the fundamental honesty of his acting.

Weathered into an aging leonine presence of undiminished animal magnetism, whose appetite for wide-ranging work sees him into the good, the bad and the indifferent, Nolte always gives of his best, contributing noteworthy portrayals to too-little-seen films. There is his libidinous, charming handyman, avoiding unforgiving wife Julie Christie's emotional devastation in Alan Rudolph's *Afterglow*; and his performances in Keith Gordon's *Mother Night* and Rudolph's *Breakfast of Champions*, both ambitious stabs at adapting Kurt Vonnegut. In the former, Nolte excels as the somber, incarcerated Nazi propagandist/Allied spy withdrawn into reflections on personal responsibility; in the latter, he is hilarious as a closeted cross-dressing car salesman.

Affliction, Paul Schrader's bleak and painful exploration of men's violence, is made bearable because of the star's courageous and selfless performance as a hard-drinking, pot-smoking, small-town sheriff, whose investigation of a suspicious death becomes bound up with the feelings of inadequacy instilled in him by a terrifying father. This weak, wretched man is so disturbingly well-observed that he commands sympathy. Schrader's inspired casting of James Coburn as the abusive father allows the virile, physically imposing Nolte to play off another icon of masculinity and, in the sinister presence of Coburn, Nolte, intimidated and cringing, makes one—as so often—feel the scars he bears. One might have to seek Nick Nolte out a little, but once found, there are no barriers—he is as generous as nature made him.

—Alan Dale, updated by Robyn Karney

NORTON, Edward

Nationality: American. **Born:** Boston, Massachusetts, 18 August 1969; raised in Columbia, Maryland. **Education:** Yale University, B.A. in History, 1991. **Career:** Stage actor, early 1990s; appeared

on Broadway in *Waiting for Lefty*, 1992; recorded audiotope of Tom Clancy's *Ambush at Fort Bragg*, 1997. **Address:** International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA, 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1996 *Everyone Says I Love You* (Allen) (as Holden Spence); *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (Forman) (as Alan Isaacman); *Primal Fear* (Hoblit) (as Aaron Stampler)
- 1998 *Out of the Past* (doc) (Dupre) (as narrator); *American History X* (Kaye) (as Derek Vinyard); *Rounders* (Dahl) (as Lester "Worm" Murphy)
- 1999 *Fight Club* (Fincher) (as Narrator/Jack); *Forever Hollywood* (doc) (Glassman and McCarthy) (as Himself); *A Salute to Dustin Hoffman* (doc) (Gowers—for TV) (guest)
- 2000 *Keeping the Faith* (as Brian Finn, + d, pr)

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Edward Norton is that extreme rarity among modern actors: someone who actually seems more interested in becoming an actor than becoming a star—though he seems destined for both. Having received two Academy Award nominations in his first six film roles, Norton has reason to believe that stardom can actually detract from an actor's ability to act, since the more the audience knows about an actor, the harder it is for them to suspend their disbelief.

An excellent example of this is Norton's first role, in *Primal Fear* (1996), where nothing stood in the way of the audience's believing in his Aaron Stampler, the mentally unbalanced Appalachian choirboy accused of killing an archbishop who is defended by a smarmy Richard Gere. Reviewers and friends always pride themselves on not giving away a film's surprise ending but, by doing so, they are giving



Edward Norton (left, seated) with Richard Gere in *Primal Fear*

away the fact that there *is* a surprise ending; it's surprising to be surprised, but it's even more surprising if you're not expecting a surprise. Norton is right in saying that the makers of *Primal Fear* were lucky that this was his first film; if it were his second or third role and people were aware of what a good actor he is, they might be expecting some surprising twist at the end. But because they weren't expecting anything, the ending—and Norton's performance—blew them away. "The potency of the revelation about who my character really was in that film was in part reliant on the fact that people had absolutely no prior knowledge of me," he has said. Leonardo DiCaprio was originally cast as Stampler, but he pulled out fearing the intensity of the material. Over 2,000 actors tried out for the part, and while some were fine at playing one side of the character, no one could play both sides. Director Gregory Hoblit felt the role to be so crucial he was ready to abandon the film if a suitable replacement could not be found. Finally Norton submitted a screen test that was so impressive, it circulated around town and secured him his next two roles—in Woody Allen's *Everyone Says I Love You* and Milos Forman's *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (both 1996)—even before *Primal Fear* was released. The role of Stampler earned him a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award nomination.

In *Everyone Says I Love You* and *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, Norton moved effortlessly from a backwoods psycho to a singing and dancing boy-next-door, and then on to an idealistic attorney in a performance to which *The New York Times* said Norton brought "a Jimmy Stewart-like sincerity." In *Rounders* (1998), Norton reversed directions again, playing Worm, a fast-talking card shark addicted to the dangerous world of high-stakes poker. While working on his character—whom he saw to be like Bugs Bunny: a merry prankster with a chaotic impulse—he went with a friend to a Rolling Stones concert, and seeing Keith Richards on stage gave Norton that aspect of the role he had been missing: the strutting cowboy.

No role he has undertaken has caused as much controversy as the part of Derek Vinyard in *American History X*, in which Norton goes from a hate-mongering skinhead with a swastika tattoo to someone who has renounced his past and hopes to save his little brother (Edward Furlong). Norton realized that to be intimidating as a skinhead, he needed to be more of a physical presence, so (à la Robert De Niro) he worked out for three months, toning and sculpting his thin body and gaining 30 pounds of muscle. Meanwhile, he was reading hate literature and visiting on the Internet and in person with current and former skinheads. Most of the film's controversy centered on the fear

that, by portraying a skinhead and making him seem more human, Norton would be glamorizing that lifestyle. The fears were misplaced. While his transformation, as written, may be a little too pat, there is no question that Norton's performance is frighteningly good and that the filmmakers' hearts were in the right place. For his work, Norton received a Best Actor Oscar nomination.

Fight Club also had its share of controversy, creating a generalized fear that this macho comedy was advocating anarchy. Norton plays the narrator, who is suffocating in a white-collar job until he meets his alter ego, Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), and the two form a fight club where men pummel one another just so they can feel *something*. No longer needing his muscle mass, Norton lost half the weight he had gained for *American History X*. The movie received widely varying reviews; *The New York Times* reviewer wrote: "The teamwork of Mr. Norton and Mr. Pitt is as provocative and complex as it's meant to be. Mr. Norton, an ingenious actor, is once again trickier than he looks."

If Norton keeps playing roles extraordinarily well, he may find it harder and harder to avoid stardom, though few actors have been so eloquent in discussing its dangers. He has no interest in being fodder for the rumor mill because, on a personal level, it "can be corrosive to leading a good and happy life" and can cheapen personal moments through "the sharing of them randomly, arbitrarily, with everybody," and, as an actor, "it could corrode what I think I have to offer as an actor, who can do different parts that are as unrecognizable from one another as possible. Every little thing that people know about you as a person impedes your ability to achieve that kind of terrific suspension of disbelief that happens when an audience goes with an actor and character that they're playing." His goal is to create characters—like Travis Bickle in *Taxi Driver* or Ratso Rizzo in *Midnight Cowboy*—who seem to live on in the collective unconscious entirely independent of the actors who played them. If any actor today has a shot at creating such characters, it is probably Edward Norton

—Bob Sullivan

NOVAK, Kim

Nationality: American. **Born:** Marilyn Pauline Novak in Chicago, Illinois, 13 February 1933. **Education:** Attended Farragut High School, Chicago; Wright Junior College, Chicago; Los Angeles City College. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Richard Johnson, 1965 (divorced 1966); 2) Dr. Robert Malloy, 1977. **Career:** Model in Chicago, then with the Caroline Leonetti Modeling Agency in Hollywood; 1954—film debut in *The French Line*; Columbia contract led to publicity build-up as a sex symbol; 1961—formation of production company Kimco; 1970—acted and sang her own composition in the TV documentary *This Land Is Mine*; 1986–87—in TV series *Falcon Crest*. **Address:** c/o William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1954 *The French Line* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Paris model); *Pushover* (Quine) (as Lona McLane); *Phffft!* (Robson) (as Janis)
 1955 *Picnic* (Logan) (as Madge Owens); *Five against the House* (Karlson) (as Kay Greylek); *Son of Sinbad* (Nights in



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- a Harem*) (Tetzlaff) (as daughter of the 40 thieves); *The Man with the Golden Arm* (Preminger) (as Molly)
 1956 *The Eddy Duchin Story* (Sidney) (as Marjorie Oelrichs)
 1957 *Jeanne Eagels* (Sidney) (title role); *Pal Joey* (Sidney) (as Linda English)
 1958 *Vertigo* (Hitchcock) (as Madeleine Elster/Judy Barton); *Bell, Book and Candle* (Quine) (as Gillian Holroyd)
 1959 *Middle of the Night* (Delbert Mann) (as Betty Preisser)
 1960 *Strangers When We Meet* (Quine) (as Maggie Gault); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as herself)
 1962 *Boys' Night Out* (Michael Gordon) (as Cathy); *The Notorious Landlady* (Quine) (as Carlye Hardwicke)
 1964 *Of Human Bondage* (Hathaway, Forbes, and Hughes) (as Mildred Rogers); *Kiss Me, Stupid* (Wilder) (as Polly the Pistol)
 1965 *The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders* (Terence Young) (title role)
 1968 *The Legend of Lylah Clare* (Aldrich) (as Elsa Brinkmann/ title role)
 1969 *The Great Bank Robbery* (Averback) (as Lyda Kabanov)
 1973 "Luau" ep. of *Tales that Witness Madness* (Francis) (as Auriol Pagaent); *The Third Girl from the Left* (Medak—for TV)
 1974 *The Celebrity Art Portfolio* (D'Anjolell—short)
 1975 *Satan's Triangle* (Roley—for TV) (as Eva)
 1977 *The White Buffalo* (Hunt to Kill) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Poker Jenny Schermerhorn)
 1979 *Just a Gigolo* (Hemmings) (as Helga)

- 1980 *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Lola Brewster)
 1983 *Malibu* (Swackhamer—for TV)
 1987 *Es Hat Mich Sehr Gefreut* (as “Musikerinnen”)
 1990 *The Children* (Tony Palmer) (as Rose Sellars)
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Kim Novak has often been disparaged as the last star manufactured by the studio system. In 1953, when Harry Cohn realized that

Columbia’s reigning sex goddess, Rita Hayworth, was becoming too rebellious, he supposedly decided to “create” a replacement. He selected Novak and, having her groomed and promoted through a huge publicity campaign, cast her in several films meant to display her sex appeal. Cohn’s investment actually offered Novak an opportunity: she achieved stardom by developing an individualistic screen persona, and through her own accomplishments as an actress.

Whatever Cohn’s intentions may have been, Novak did not conform to the sex goddess concept. This is apparent in her first starring role, in Richard Quine’s *Pushover*. Cast as a femme fatale, she undermines the implications of the character’s destructive sexual appeal by projecting an extreme vulnerability. In Mark Robson’s *Phffft!* her unease at playing a Marilyn Monroe-like dumb blond is very apparent. In *Picnic* and *The Man with the Golden Arm* she sensitively portrays characters who resist being treated merely as sex objects, and *Jeanne Eagels* remains interesting, despite George Sidney’s crude direction and a clichéd script, because of Novak’s ability to project the subjective identity of the character.

Although her performance as Madeleine/Judy in Hitchcock’s *Vertigo* was considered perfunctory, it is, in hindsight, a remarkable contribution to what is, arguably, the director’s finest achievement. Novak’s reflective and essentially introverted personality, and undeniable screen presence, are ideally suited to the many nonverbal scenes involving the Madeleine character. Given the film’s conception, Madeleine must convey both aloofness and intimacy to be effective, and Novak manages to sustain the resulting tension. The vulnerability implied by Madeleine’s intimacy is given full expression in the Judy character, lending substance to a characterization crucial for the film’s emotionally devastating climax. Her performance in *Vertigo* deserves as much acclaim as Jimmy Stewart’s.

Richard Quine’s *Bell, Book and Candle* and *Strangers When We Meet* also gave Novak splendid opportunities. To some extent, her work in the former, where she gives a muted performance in counterpoint to the film’s comic aspects, is a variation on her *Vertigo* role. Again there is a contrast between her appearance and identity, and the question of her ability to deceive the hero into falling in love with an image. In *Strangers When We Meet* Quine uses Novak’s sensitivity to give dimension to a character seeking fulfillment of emotional needs.

Novak’s comic timing is outstanding in Wilder’s *Kiss Me, Stupid*. To a typical 1950s Marilyn Monroe role Novak adds a self-awareness that makes the character more touching and stronger than Monroe could have managed. This trait is again evident in Novak’s portrayal of an aging chorus girl in the made-for-television movie *The Third Girl from the Left*.

Novak’s career faltered in the 1960s and by the end of the decade she had decided to be professionally less active. Nevertheless, Novak has not ceased to be serious about her identity as an actor. Several of the projects she has undertaken, including *Tales that Witness Madness*, *Satan’s Triangle*, and *The White Buffalo*, turned out to be inferior works which, aside from giving her exposure, were unworthy of her effort. That Novak undertook these projects suggests that she was having difficulty finding quality material; but, it also may have been that she was uncertain as to what image she wanted to project. In both *Tales that Witness Madness* and *The White Buffalo*, Novak’s participation is dependent on her status as a star but the films allow her to play character parts.

Novak’s early 1980s films, *The Mirror Crack’d* and *Just a Gigolo*, also reflect this indecision as to what direction her career was taking.

In the former, she is part of an ensemble cast; Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson have bigger parts but Novak and Tony Curtis give better performances. Novak is cast as a vulgar and bitchy 1950s Hollywood star who sees herself as Taylor's rival. She plays the role to the hilt and is extremely convincing as a totally unlikable person. While her characterization functions to enliven an otherwise bland film and Novak demonstrates an ability to play broad comedy, the role offers her no scope. *Just a Gigolo* is another film with an intriguing star cast. Novak, in a supporting role, again plays an unsympathetic woman—a predatory widow who seduces David Bowie. As in *The Mirror Crack'd*, Novak here is sending up the sex goddess image that she had been identified with in the earlier stages of her career. (*Just a Gigolo* was drastically cut after its initial screening in an attempt to make the film more commercial.)

More recently, *The Children* and *Liebestraum* provided Novak with strong parts and the two films contain some of her finest work; in fact, her tour-de-force performance in the remarkable *Liebestraum* should have garnered her an Academy Award nomination. Unfortunately, neither film has received much exposure: *Liebestraum* because of its highly demanding nature. On the other hand, *The Children*, which never received a North American release, was heavily cut and reedited in its video version as the distributor had no faith in the film. In *The Children*, Novak portrays a cultured, reserved widow who has been courted by a man promising love and a commitment; instead, his attention is diverted and she is abandoned. Although *The Children* is centered on the Ben Kingsley character, Novak's role, which utilizes her skill in projecting vulnerability, is equally relevant to the film's theme of disillusionment and loss. In *Liebestraum*, Novak plays a bedridden woman dying of cancer who, when reunited with her now adult son, confronts the past in which she killed her husband. In contrast to the demands of *The Children*, *Liebestraum* gives her a much more demonstrative character who is physically and emotionally in anguish. Novak, in a series of short, intense scenes, constructs a forceful and compelling characterization. The performance is extremely disciplined; without sentimentalizing the character and her situation, Novak conveys the underlying sadness of this woman's identity.

Kim Novak has not made a film since *Liebestraum*. As her work has long shown, she is an intelligent, creative actor who has an extraordinary screen presence. Ideally, Novak will be back on-screen.

—Richard Lippe

NOVARRO, Ramon

Born: Durango, Mexico, 6 February 1899. **Career:** Emigrated to the United States, and worked as singing waiter and dancer with the Marion Morgan Dancers on Orpheum Circuit; 1916—extra in film *Joan the Woman* and many others; 1922—helped by Rex Ingram, and given part in *The Prisoner of Zenda*; 1930—directed Spanish and French versions of his film *Call of the Flesh*, and the original film *Contra la corriente*, 1936; 1935—on stage in the operetta *A Royal Exchange* in London; continued to act in small parts after World War II. **Died:** Killed by intruders, 31 October 1968.

Films as Actor:

- 1917 *The Hostage*; *The Little American*; *Joan the Woman*; *The Jaguar's Claws*
- 1918 *The Goat* (Crisp)
- 1921 *Small Town Idol* (Kenton); *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Ingram)
- 1922 *Mr. Barnes of New York* (Schertzinger) (as Antonio); *Trifling Women* (Ingram) (as Henri/Ivan de Maupin); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Ingram) (as Rupert of Hentzau)
- 1923 *Where the Pavement Ends* (Ingram) (as Motauro); *Scaramouche* (Ingram) (as André-Louis Moreau)
- 1924 *The Arab* (Ingram) (as Jamil Abdullah Azam); *Thy Name Is Woman* (Niblo) (as Juan Ricardo); *The Red Lily* (Niblo) (as Jean Leonnec)
- 1925 *The Midshipman* (Cabanne) (as James Randall); *A Lover's Oath* (Earle) (as Ben Ali)
- 1926 *Ben-Hur* (Niblo) (title role)
- 1927 *Lovers?* (Stahl) (as José/Ernesto); *The Road to Romance* (Robertson) (as José Armando); *The Student Prince in Old Heidelberg* (Lubitsch) (as Prince Karl Heinrich)
- 1928 *Across to Singapore* (Nigh) (as Joel Shore); *A Certain Young Man* (Henley) (as Lord Gerald Brinsley); *Forbidden Hours* (Beaumont) (as Michael IV)
- 1929 *The Flying Fleet* (Hill) (as Tommy); *The Pagan* (Van Dyke) (as Henry Shoesmith Jr.)
- 1930 *Devil-May-Care* (Franklin) (as Armand); *In Gay Madrid* (Leonard) (as Ricardo); *Call of the Flesh* (Brabin) (as Juan)
- 1931 *Daybreak* (Feyder); *Son of India* (Feyder); *Mata Hari* (Fitzmaurice)
- 1932 *Huddle* (Wood); *Son-Daughter* (Brown)
- 1933 *The Barbarian* (Wood)
- 1934 *The Cat and the Fiddle* (Howard); *Laughing Boy* (Van Dyke); *The Night Is Young* (Murphy)
- 1937 *The Sheik Steps Out* (Pichel)
- 1938 *A Desperate Adventure* (Auer)
- 1940 *La Comédie du bonheur* (L'Herbier)
- 1942 *La Virgen que forjó una Patria* (Bracha)
- 1949 *We Were Strangers* (Huston); *The Big Steal* (Siegel)
- 1950 *The Outriders* (Rowland); *Crisis* (Brooks)
- 1960 *Heller in Pink Tights* (Cukor)

Films as Director:

- 1930 *La sevillana* and *Le Chanteur de Seville* (Spanish and French versions of *Call of the Flesh*)
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Ramon Novarro came to fame as a rival to Rudolph Valentino: he was the biggest name in a group of Latin Lovers that also included Antonio Moreno and Ricardo Cortez. He was less pretentious than Valentino and there was a natural style to his acting which to some extent removed Novarro from the “just a pretty face” class of performer. Despite the ease and charm of his performances, however, one is very much aware that he was a decidedly feminine actor, almost too beautiful to be taken seriously. He was a former male model, and his homosexuality was a fairly open secret in Hollywood. Presumably, his sexual preference did have some influence on his acting style, did persuade him to use a little too much facial makeup, and

(most unfortunate of all) did encourage him to indulge in a considerable amount of seminude posing on-screen at a time when he was developing what looked suspiciously like a paunch.

Rex Ingram, who discovered and directed Rudolph Valentino in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, also discovered Novarro and worked hard to make him a screen idol the equal of Valentino. From the villainous Rupert of Hentzau in *The Prisoner of Zenda*, Ingram transformed Novarro into the tragic lover of *Trifling Women*, and co-starred him in a series of romantic pictures with his wife, Alice Terry. With the title role in *Ben-Hur*, Novarro reached the pinnacle of his career, although he gave a better performance the following year in Ernst Lubitsch's *The Student Prince in Old Heidelberg*. Age began to take its toll, and despite Novarro's trying desperately to look youthful in his early talkies, it was pathetic to see the aging matinee idol playing a parody of himself in such films as *The Sheik Steps Out*.

—Anthony Slide

NOVELLO, Ivor

Nationality: British. **Born:** David Ivor Davies in Cardiff, Wales, 15 January 1893. **Education:** Attended Magdalen College Choir School, Oxford, and chorister of Magdalen College, 1905–11; studied composition with Dr. Brewer, Gloucester. **Career:** Published his first song at age 17; his World War I song “Keep the Home Fires Burning” made him famous; wrote songs for revues; 1920—film debut in *L'Appel du sang*; 1921—stage debut as actor; 1923—wrote successful play *The Rat* with Constance Collier; made U.S. film *The White Rose* for D. W. Griffith, but international career did not materialize; 1924—actor-manager, sometimes in collaboration; 1930–31—contract screenwriter for MGM; 1935—beginning of a series of stage musicals written, composed, and acted by Novello. **Died:** 6 March 1951.

Films as Actor:

- 1920 *L'Appel du sang* (*The Call of the Blood*) (Mercanton) (as Maurice Delarey); *Miarka, fille l'ours* (*Miarka, Daughter of the Bear*) (Mercanton) (as Ivor)
- 1921 *Carnival* (Knoles) (as Count Andrea Scipione)
- 1922 *The Bohemian Girl* (Knoles) (as Thaddeus)
- 1923 *The White Rose* (Griffith) (as Joseph Beaugarde); *Bonnie Prince Charlie* (Calvert) (title role)
- 1925 *The Rat* (Cutts) (as Pierre Boucheron)
- 1926 *The Triumph of the Rat* (Cutts) (as Pierre Boucheron); *The Lodger* (*The Case of Jonathan Drew*) (Hitchcock) (as Jonathan Drew)
- 1927 *Downhill* (*When Boys Leave Home*) (Hitchcock) (as Roddy Berwick); *The Vortex* (Brunel) (as Nicky Lancaster)
- 1928 *The Constant Nymph* (Brunel) (as Lewis Dodd); *A South Sea Bubble* (Hunter) (as Vernon Wilson); *The Gallant Hussar* (von Bolvary) (as Lt. Alrik); *The Return of the Rat* (Cutts) (as Pierre Boucheron)
- 1930 *Symphony in Two Flats* (Gundry) (as David Kennard)
- 1931 *Once a Lady* (McLintic) (as Bennett Cloud)
- 1932 *The Lodger* (*The Phantom Fiend*) (Elvey) (as Angeloff, + co-sc)

- 1933 *Sleeping Car* (Litvak) (as Gaston)
- 1934 *Autumn Crocus* (Dean) (as Andreas Steiner)

Film as Producer:

- 1923 *The Man without Desire* (*The Man without a Soul*) (Brunel) (+ ro as Vittorio Dandolo)

Film as Scriptwriter:

- 1933 *I Lived with You* (Elvey) (+ ro as Prince Felix Lenieff)

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Comparisons between Ivor Novello and Noël Coward are inevitable. Both were virtual one-man shows, equally adept at writing, composing, acting, and directing. Indeed, the story is told of Coward's asking for complimentary tickets at a suburban theater box

office, explaining that he had written, composed, and directed the production currently playing there, and the woman in the box office responding with “A regular little Ivor Novello, aren’t we.” Of the two, Coward was unquestionably the better composer and writer; his dialogue could be brittle and witty while Novello’s was basically sentimental. Novello was the more handsome, but he was a little too beautiful and fey, almost too handsome to be taken seriously as an actor. The major difference is in the two men’s film careers. While Coward made an easy transition to films as actor, writer, and director, Novello was only a leading man on screen, immensely popular in Britain, but only moderately so in the United States.

Novello’s attitude towards all aspects of show business was very straightforward and unadventurous. In 1949 he commented, “I’m no highbrow. The theater is a place of entertainment, and I’m an entertainer. I don’t believe in using the theater for moralizing lectures on social behavior.” After appearances in a few minor British and French features, Novello made his first major screen appearance under the direction of D. W. Griffith in *The White Rose*. He was well cast as the weak clergyman who impregnates and then betrays the heroine, Mae Marsh. Perhaps without intending, Novello plays the role with a total lack of spirit, and thus makes the part believable. Aside from his performance in *The White Rose*, Novello is best remembered as a screen actor for his title role in Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Lodger*. He gives an extraordinarily languid performance but is not helped by what appears to be an overuse of heavy white makeup. Novello fares worse in the remake, with dialogue making the characterization ludicrous.

In Britain, Novello became a popular matinee idol with a series of films built around a French apache, the Rat, who steals from the rich. His love is a homely working-class girl who protects him from harm and is even willing to die for him when he is accused of murder. Novello provided the script for the first film, *The Rat*, which is notable for Graham Cutts’s direction and Hal Young’s fluid camerawork. In later “Rat” films Novello was paired with Mabel Poulton and Ruth Chatterton, but none of his leading ladies looked as beautiful as the hero.

Novello tried once again for Hollywood stardom in 1931 with *Once a Lady*, but his part opposite Ruth Chatterton was small and made no impact. He starred in a half-dozen more British features, but decided he was better off in the theater where his fans were unable to come too close to their effete idol.

—Anthony Slide

NOWICKI, Jan

Nationality: Polish. **Born:** Kawal, 5 November 1939. **Family:** Married the director Marta Mészáros. **Education:** Attended the School of Theatre and Film, Kraków. **Career:** 1965—film debut in *Ashes*; in TV series *Dyrektorzy*.

Films as Actor:

- 1965 *Popiół (Ashes)* (Wajda)
- 1966 *Bariera (Barrier)* (Skolimowski) (as He)
- 1967 *Password: Korn* (Podgórski)

- 1968 *Pan Wołodyjowski (Colonel Wolodyjowski)* (Hoffman) (as Ketling)
- 1969 *Dziura w ziemi (A Hole in the Ground)* (Kondratiuk)
- 1970 *Doktor Eva* (Żuławski—for TV)
- 1971 *Życie rodzinne (Family Life)* (Zanussi); *The Third Part of the Night* (Zulawski)
- 1972 *Anatomy of Love* (Zaluski); *Skorpion, panna, i lucznik (Scorpio, Virgo, and Sagittarius)* (Kondratiuk); *Sanatorium pod klepsydra (The Hour-Glass Sanatorium)* (Has); *A Wasted Night* (Majewski—for TV)
- 1973 *Story in Scarlet* (Kluba)
- 1974 *Hour after Hour* (Zaluski)
- 1976 *Kilenc hónap (Nine Months)* (Mészáros); *Red Thorns* (Dziedzina)
- 1977 *Ok ketten (The Two of Them; Two Women)* (Mészáros)
- 1978 *Olyan, mint otthon (Just Like at Home)* (Mészáros) (as Andras Novak); *Spirála (The Spiral)* (Zanussi); *Moloch* (Szulkin)
- 1979 *Útkösbén (On the Move)* (Mészáros) (+ co-sc)
- 1980 *Orökség (The Heiresses)* (Mészáros); *W. Bialy dzie in(In Broad Daylight)* (Zebrowski); *Golem* (Szulkin)
- 1981 *Anyá és leánya (Mother and Daughter)* (Mészáros); *Spokojne lata* (Kotkowski)
- 1982 *Napló gyermekeimnek (Diary for My Children)* (Mészáros) (as Janos/Juli’s father); *Kettevalt Mennyezet* (Pal Gabor)
- 1983 *Wielki Szu (The Great Szu)* (Chęciński); *Délibábok országa (The Land of Mirages)* (Mészáros)
- 1984 *Spassenieto* (Paunchev)
- 1985 *O-bi, O-bi—Koniec cywilizacji (O-bi, O-bi—The End of Civilization; Ga, Ga—chwala bohaterom)* (Szulkin); *Hulyeseg nem Akadály* (Xantus) (as Dr. Korosi)
- 1986 *Biała Wizytówka* (Bajon); *Zygfryd (Siegfried)* (Domalik) (as Waldo, circus owner)
- 1987 *Magnat (The Magnate)* (Bajon) (as Książe Hans von Teuss); *Napló szerelmeimnek (Diary for My Loves)* (Mészáros) (as Janos)
- 1988 *Schodami w Gore, Schodami w Dol (Upstairs, Downstairs)* (Domalik); *Piroska és a farkas (Bye-Bye Red Riding Hood)* (Mészáros) (as ornithologist)
- 1989 *Notater om Korlighedon* (Leth); *Lawa*
- 1990 *Napló apamanak, anyamnak (Diary for My Father and Mother)* (Mészáros) (as Janos); *Potyautasok* (as prison boss)
- 1991 *Konyortelen Idol* (Sara)
- 1993 *The Great Post Office Robbery* (as Bogdan, the cop); *A Magzat (Fetus)* (Mészáros); *Magneto* (Kolski) (as Zanik)
- 1995 *Siódmy pokój (The Seventh Room)* (Mészáros) (as Heller); *Młode Wilki* (Zamojda)
- 1996 *Dzieci I ryby* (Bromski); *Deszczowy żołnierz* (Saniewski) (as Jan Szymanski);
- 1997 *Sztos* (Olaf Linde Lubaszenko); *Młode Wilki ½* (Zamojda)
- 1998 *Historia kina w Papielawach (History of Cinema in Papielawach)* (Jan Jakub Kolski)

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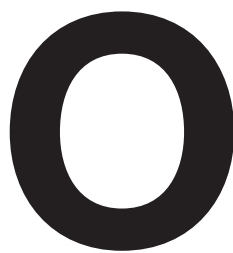
Jan Nowicki first won wide critical acclaim for his portrayal of a member of the "lost generation" in Jerzy Skolimowski's *Bariera*. He was labeled the "Polish James Dean" and considered heir to the legacy of Zbigniew Cybulski. In subsequent roles, however, Nowicki demonstrated a range of characterizations that denied this early attempt at classification and cut against the grain of the young Polish film heroes of the time. In *Dziura w ziemi* he played a well-adjusted, energetic young man who charms people with his love of life. In *Życie rodzinne* he portrayed a cynical and introspective man plagued by a series of profound doubts. In *Spirála* his portrait of a man hopelessly awaiting an unheroic and undignified death was accomplished with an economy of gesture and an immobile face in which only the eyes showed animation. After this part, which was difficult for the audience, demanding almost the limit of what a spectator can bear, a number of others followed. It seems there is no character that

Nowicki could not play. In *Wielki Szu* he acts with restraint the part of a confidence trickster whose dubious fame is nearing its bitter end. In three of Piotr Szulkin's films he adjusted to a future fantasy world. Finally, the figure of a powerful count of a Polish-German house in Filip Bajon's *Magnat* represents the culmination of his acting career. Here Nowicki portrays a man who over the course of dozens of years bears witness both to the gradual disappearance of old values and to growing fascism in Europe and in his own family.

A special chapter in Nowicki's career has been his involvement in several Hungarian films directed by Marta Mészáros, his wife. In *Útkösbén* he portrays an actor whose obsession is his profession. The role is frequently seen as a personal statement because of the similarity between Nowicki and the character and the fact that Nowicki collaborated on the screenplay.

Nowicki's list of film credits is rich and without interruption. He creates his characters either with mimicry or a deadpan face, and according to the character he applies irony, cynicism, metaphor, or a grotesque exaggeration. In spite of all this, in all of the characters he portrays he remains himself. Nowicki has also gained official recognition and popularity for his work in television and, more notably, in the theater.

—Blažena Urgošková



OATES, Warren

Nationality: American. **Born:** Depoy, Kentucky, 5 July 1928. **Education:** Attended high school in Louisville, Kentucky; University of Louisville, 1950–53. **Family:** Married Vickery (Oates) (second marriage), two children. **Career:** 1948–50—served in the U.S. Marine Corps; studied drama in New York, worked as hat-check at 21 Club and tested gags on *Beat the Clock* TV show; worked on New York stage: roles in *Who's Happy Now?* and *The Wisteria Trees*; 1958—film debut in *Up Periscope!*; 1962–63—regular appearances in TV series *Stoney Burke*; 1978—in TV mini-series *Black Beauty*, and *East of Eden*, 1981. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Los Angeles, 3 April 1982.

Films as Actor:

- 1958 *Up Periscope!* (Douglas)
- 1959 *Yellowstone Kelly* (Douglas) (as Cavalry corporal); *The Rise and Fall of Legs Diamond* (Boetticher) (as Eddie Diamond); *Private Property* (Stevens) (as Boots)
- 1961 *Hero's Island (The Land We Love)* (Stevens) (as Wayte); *Ride the High Country* (*Guns in the Afternoon*) (Peckinpah) (as Henry Hammond)
- 1963 *Mail Order Bride* (Kennedy) (as Jace)
- 1964 *The Rounders* (Kennedy); *Major Dundee* (Peckinpah) (as O. W. Hadley)
- 1966 *Return of the Seven* (Kennedy) (as Colbee); *The Shooting* (Hellman) (as Willet Gashade); *Welcome to Hard Times (Killer on a Horse)* (Kennedy) (as Jenks)
- 1967 *In the Heat of the Night* (Jewison) (as Sam Wood)
- 1968 *The Split* (Fleming) (as Marty Gough); *Something for a Lonely Man* (Taylor—for TV) (as Angus Duren)
- 1969 *The Wild Bunch* (Peckinpah) (as Lyle Gorch); *Smith!* (O'Herlihy) (as Walter Charlie); *Crooks and Coronets (Sophie's Place)* (O'Connolly) (as Marty Miller)
- 1970 *Barquero* (Douglas) (as Jake Remy); *There Was a Crooked Man* (Mankiewicz) (as Floyd Moon); *The Movie Murderer* (Sagal—for TV) (as Alfred Fisher)
- 1971 *Two-Lane Blacktop* (Hellman) (as "G.T.O."); *The Hired Hand* (Fonda) (as Harris); *Chandler* (Magwood) (title role); *The Reluctant Heroes* (Day—for TV) (as Corporal Leroy Sprague)
- 1973 *The Thief Who Came to Dinner* (Yorkin) (as Dave Reilly); *Tom Sawyer* (Taylor) (as Muff Potter); *Kid Blue* (Frawley) (as Reese Ford); *Dillinger* (Milius) (title role); *Badlands* (Malick) (as Holly's father)
- 1974 *The White Dawn* (Kaufman) (as Billy); *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* (Peckinpah) (as Bennie); *Cockfighter* (Hellman) (as Frank Mansfield)
- 1975 *Race with the Devil* (Starrett) (as Frank); *Ninety-Two in the Shade* (McGuane) (as Nichol Dance)

- 1976 *Dixie Dynamite* (Frost) (as Mack); *Drum* (Carver) (as Hammond Maxwell)
- 1977 *Sleeping Dogs* (Donaldson) (as Willoughby); *Prime Time (American Raspberry)* (Swirnoff) (as Celebrity Sportsman); *The African Queen* (Sarafian—for TV) (as Charlie Allnot)
- 1978 *Amore, piombo, e furore (China 9, Liberty 37)* (Hellman) (as Matthew Hellman); *The Brink's Job* (Friedkin) (as "Specs" O'Keefe); *True Grit* (Heffron—for TV) (as Rooster Cogburn)
- 1979 *1941* (Spielberg) (as Maddox); *And Baby Makes Six* (Hussein—for TV); *My Old Man* (Erman—for TV)
- 1981 *Stripes* (Reitman) (as Sergeant Hulka)
- 1982 *The Border* (Richardson) (as Red)
- 1983 *Blue Thunder* (Badham) (as Braddock); *Tough Enough* (Fleischer) (as James)

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The character actor Warren Oates has been described by the critic David Thomson as "... on first sight grubby, balding, and unshaven.

You can smell whisky and sweat on him, along with that mixture of bad beds and fallen women. He's toothy, he's small . . . and he has a face like prison bread, with eyes that have known too much solitary confinement. But the eyes bulge and shrink in a sweet game of fear and courage. And for some of us Oates is the only human being in pictures." The essential believability of Oates's characters is one of the most notable aspects of his film career. Rather than a simple projection of a man-on-the-street identity, however, his believability rests on a more sophisticated use of nuance and unpredictability, which, in combination with his unpolished physical appearance, gives his screen roles a substance that succeeds in suspending the audience's disbelief.

Whatever his role, Oates always manages to convey a certain degree of familiarity on the screen, as opposed to portraying an impossibly perfect hero. A case in point is his performance in the title role of *Dillinger*. At a time when roaring twenties desperadoes were being glamorized on film (for example, Warren Beatty's Clyde Barrow in *Bonnie and Clyde*), Oates's conception of "Public Enemy Number One" is neither glamorous nor romanticized. Instead, his swagger is offset by his insecurity, making his eruptions of violence seem the inevitable result of human frustration and frailty.

In an interview, Oates once expressed his feelings of insecurity about playing major figures, particularly in Westerns. In his opinion, John Wayne had become the model for that sort of mythic figure, and he himself possessed none of the requisite visual attributes. This "inadequacy" may be responsible for Oates's career as a supporting player, but all of Oates's characters are nonetheless memorable, because each has its idiosyncracies and quirks. The ability to project such qualities is indispensable for a supporting actor, as his roles are often fragmented and do not evolve over the duration of the film.

A particularly good example is Terrence Malick's *Badlands*, in which Oates plays Sissy Spacek's domineering father, who is brutally murdered by Spacek's boyfriend, played by Martin Sheen. Oates's appearance in the film is brief, and his characterization must therefore be drawn quickly. Rather than playing a more standard supporting role, Oates's character instead actually extends the film's plot. Just when Oates seems to be the most predictable, he explodes in a fashion which foreshadows the violence of Sheen's character. Oates's performance gives the film a cutting edge suggesting that Spacek's relationship with Sheen is not in fact escape, but a continuation of her relationship with her father.

To film enthusiasts, Oates's signature performances were undoubtedly those in his three films for director Sam Peckinpah. In *Ride the High Country*, *The Wild Bunch*, and *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia*, Oates got perhaps his widest exposure. These were certainly the only instances in which it could be said that Oates was in big-budget films. In fact, the final shoot-out in *The Wild Bunch* had a longer shooting schedule (about 25 days) than most of the rest of the films he appeared in. In *Alfredo Garcia* Oates played what may be his only major role. His character is central to the action and is sustained for the film's duration. Oates himself cited this as his favorite role for that very reason. *Alfredo Garcia* typifies Oates's role as the "bad guy," yet even his bad guys are charming, and not without a level of humor and humanity. Human, then, is the word for Warren Oates on screen. Not "real," necessarily, but believable and charming, because his characters possess a range of qualities the viewer can identify as his or her own.

—Rob Winning

OBERON, Merle

Born: Estelle Merle O'Brien Thompson in Bombay, India, 19 February 1911 (birthplace, date, and name vary in different sources).

Education: Attended La Martinère College, Calcutta. **Family:** Married 1) the director Alexander Korda, 1939 (divorced 1945); 2) the camera-man Lucien Ballard (divorced); 3) Bruno Pagliai, 1957 (divorced), two adopted children: Bruno, Jr. and Francesca; 4) Robert Wolders, 1978. **Career:** Dance hostess at Cafe de Paris in London; 1930—film debut in *Alf's Button*; 1932—contract with London Film Productions; 1933—lead in film *The Private Life of Henry VIII*; followed by films for United Artists produced by Samuel Goldwyn, notably *Wuthering Heights*, 1939; 1957—host for TV series *Assignment Foreign Legion*; 1973—producer and co-editor of film *Interval*.

Died: Of stroke in Los Angeles, 23 November 1979.

Films as Actress:

(as Estelle Thompson)

- 1930 *Alf's Button* (Kellino)
- 1931 *Never Trouble Trouble* (Lane); *Fascination* (Mander)
- 1932 *Service for Ladies (Reserved for Ladies)* (Korda); *For the Love of Mike* (Banks); *Ebb Tide* (Rosson); *Aren't We All* (Lachman); *Wedding Rehearsal* (Korda) (as Miss Hutchinson); *Men of Tomorrow* (Sagan) (as Ysobel d'Aunay)

(as Merle Oberon)

- 1933 *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (Korda) (as Anne Boleyn)
- 1934 *The Battle (Hara-Kiri; Thunder in the East)* (Farkas) (as Marquise Yorisaka); *The Broken Melody (Vagabond Violinist)* (Vorhaus) (as Germaine); *The Private Life of Don Juan* (Korda) (as Antonia)
- 1935 *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Young) (as Marguerite Blakeney); *Beloved Enemy* (Potter) (as Helen Drummond); *Folies Bergeres* (Del Ruth) (as Baroness Genevieve Cassini); *The Dark Angel* (Franklin) (as Kitty Vane)
- 1936 *These Three* (Wyler) (as Karen Wright)
- 1937 *Over the Moon* (Freeland, Howard) (as June Benson)
- 1938 *The Divorce of Lady X* (Whelan) (as Leslie Steel); *The Cowboy and the Lady* (Potter) (as Mary Smith)
- 1939 *Wuthering Heights* (Wyler) (as Cathy Linton); *The Lion Has Wings* (Powell and Hurst) (as Mrs. Richardson)
- 1940 *'Til We Meet Again* (Goulding) (as Joan Ames)
- 1941 *That Uncertain Feeling* (Lubitsch) (as Jill Baker); *Affectionately Yours* (Bacon) (as Sue Mayberry); *Lydia* (Duvivier) (title role)
- 1943 *Forever and a Day* (Goulding and others) (as Marjorie); *Stage Door Canteen* (Borzage) (as herself); *First Comes Courage* (Arzner) (as Nicole Larsen)
- 1944 *The Lodger* (Brahm) (as Kitty); *Dark Waters* (de Toth) (as Leslie Calvin)



Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier in *Wuthering Heights*

- 1945 *A Song to Remember* (Charles Vidor) (as George Sand); *This Love of Ours* (Dieterle) (as Karin)
- 1946 *A Night in Paradise* (Lubin) (as Delerai); *Temptation* (Pichel) (as Ruby)
- 1947 *Night Song* (Cromwell) (as Cathy)
- 1948 *Berlin Express* (Tourneur) (as Lucienne)
- 1951 *Pardon My French* (Vorhaus) (as Elizabeth Rockwell)
- 1952 *Twenty-Four Hours in a Woman's Life* (*Affair in Monte Carlo*) (Saville) (as Linda Venning)
- 1954 *Todo es posible en Granada* (de Heredia) (as Margaret Fobson); *Desirée* (Koster) (as Empress Josephine); *Deep in My Heart* (Donen) (as Dorothy Donnelly)
- 1956 *The Price of Fear* (Biberman) (as Jessica Warren)
- 1963 *Of Love and Desire* (Rush) (as Katherine Beckman)
- 1966 *The Oscar* (Rouse) (as herself)
- 1967 *Hotel* (Quine) (as The Duchess)

Film as Producer:

- 1973 *Interval* (Daniel Mann) (+ ro as Serena Moore)

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Queenie, television mini-series directed by Larry Pearce, 1987.

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Merle Oberon represents a classical case of the woman whose sheer beauty secured her the kind of attention that eventually brought her into films. Raised in India, she did not come to London until she was 17; she then progressed from cafe hostess (name Queenie O'Brien) to film extra. This in turn led to minor roles in undistinguished British films during 1930–32 (name Estelle Thompson), until she finally caught the eye of the Hungarian-British producer, Alexander Korda.

Korda gave her the opportunity, personal patronage, and training which was to establish her as a beautiful star (name Merle Oberon) and acceptable actress. She was later to become his wife. Her first role of importance was as Anne Boleyn in Korda's film, *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, where her dark beauty and svelte grooming made a marked, if short-lived, impression among the King's succession of wives. Her appearance and panache won her many star roles in both London and Hollywood productions, including those in Korda's *The Private Life of Don Juan*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *The Dark Angel*.

Her career seemed threatened when she was in a severe car accident during the shooting of *I, Claudius*, in which she was to have played Messalina opposite Charles Laughton. (Korda made her accident his reason for closing down this troubled production.) After successful facial surgery, however, she was able to return to the screen, and starred from 1938 through to the 1960s in a range of films, largely American. The more notable, perhaps, are *The Divorce of Lady X*, *Wuthering Heights* (with Laurence Olivier), Ernst Lubitsch's *That Uncertain Feeling*, René Clair's *Forever and a Day*, and as George Sand in the Chopin biographical film *A Song to Remember*. Daniel Mann directed her last film, *Interval*, which she produced herself and co-edited, about an older woman who finds happiness with a younger man, played by Robert Wolders. He went on to become her husband in real life.

—Roger Manvell

O'BRIEN, Margaret

Nationality: American. **Born:** Angela Maxine O'Brien in San Diego, California, 15 January 1937. **Education:** Attended University High School, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married 1) Harold R. Allen Jr., 1959 (divorced 1968); 2) Roy T. Thorsen, 1974, daughter: Mary. **Career:** Child model at age three; 1941—film debut at age four in *Babes on Broadway*; made some films after 1951, but has worked since mainly on stage and television, including the mini-series *Testimony of Two Men*, 1977; 1979—civilian aide to Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander. **Awards:** Special Academy Award, as "outstanding child

actress of 1944," 1944; Women's International Center Living Legacy Award, 1996. **Address:** 1250 La Preres Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1941 *Babes on Broadway* (Berkeley)
- 1942 *Journey for Margaret* (Van Dyke) (title role)
- 1943 *Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case* (Goldbeck) (as Margaret); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney); *Madame Curie* (LeRoy) (as Irene at age 5)
- 1944 *Lost Angel* (Rowland) (as Alpha); *Jane Eyre* (Stevenson) (as Adele); *The Canterville Ghost* (Dassin) (as Lady Jessica de Canterville); *Meet Me in St. Louis* (Minnelli) (as Tootie Smith); *Music for Millions* (Koster) (as Mike)
- 1945 *Our Vines Have Tender Grapes* (Rowland) (as Selma Jacobson)
- 1946 *Bad Bascomb* (Simon) (as Emmy); *Three Wise Fools* (Buzzell) (as Sheila O'Monohan)
- 1947 *The Unfinished Dance* (Koster)
- 1948 *Tenth Avenue Angel* (Rowland) (as Flavia Mills); *Big City* (Taurog) (as Midge)
- 1949 *Little Women* (LeRoy) (as Beth March); *The Secret Garden* (Wilcox) (as Mary Lennox)
- 1951 *Her First Romance* (Friedman) (as Betty Foster)
- 1956 *Glory* (David Butler) (as Clarabel Tilbee)
- 1960 *Heller in Pink Tights* (Cukor) (as Della Southby)
- 1968 *Split Second to an Epitaph* (Horn—for TV)
- 1971 *Diabolical Wedding*
- 1972 *Annabelle Lee*
- 1981 *Amy* (McEveety) (as Hazel Johnson)
- 1984 *Tales from the Darkside* (Balaban, Blackburn—series for TV); *Murder, She Wrote* (Abroms, Allen—for TV) (as Jane)
- 1996 *Sunset After Dark*
- 1998 *Hollywood Mortuary* (Ford) (as herself)

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Margaret O'Brien received a special Oscar in 1944 for being an "outstanding child actress," a distinction she shared with Shirley Temple, Jackie Cooper, and others. Unlike most of her contemporaries and subsequent child actors, however, O'Brien was not particularly "cute." Her success lay in her ability to stir the emotions of her audience in dramatic scenes rather than with childish charm or



Margaret O'Brien (right) in *Meet Me in St. Louis*

musical talent. Beginning with her first hit, and only her second film, *Journey for Margaret*, which was made at her home studio, MGM, O'Brien relied on scowls and cynicism as much as her dimples. She invariably wore a pointed cap and usually was deadly serious as she seemed to carry the weight of the world on her little shoulders.

Her two best films, both made in 1944, were *The Canterville Ghost* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*. In the former, O'Brien captured the audience, playing the pivotal role of a young duchess whose courage inspires both a 400-years-dead ghost played by Charles Laughton and a brash American G.I. played by Robert Young. In *Meet Me in St. Louis* O'Brien had a relatively minor role in comparison with star Judy Garland and many well-known members of the MGM stock company, but her big scene in which she hysterically destroys the snowmen on the front lawn on Christmas Eve has become famous, and led to her Oscar.

O'Brien appeared in a number of productions after the war, including *Little Women*, but her career declined dramatically, like so many other child stars, as she reached puberty. While she was in her prime, O'Brien was considered one of the best child actors on the screen, although in retrospect most of her films show her in a whiny,

unattractive light. She has continued to act sporadically over the years, but has never risen above minor featured parts. Her most widely seen role as an adult was that of an overweight housewife in Robert Young's television series, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*

—Patricia King Hanson

O'CONNOR, Donald

Nationality: American. **Born:** Donald David Dixon Ronald O'Connor in Chicago, Illinois, 28 August 1925. **Family:** Married 1) Gwendolyn Carter, 1944 (divorced 1954), daughter: Donna; 2) Gloria Noble, 1956, three children. **Career:** Member of "The O'Connor Family" circus and vaudeville act as a child; 1937—film debut in *Melody for Two*; 1938–39—made films under contract with Paramount; then resumed family act; 1941—contract with Universal; 1944–46—served in entertainment division of the U.S. Army; 1949—starred in



Donald O'Connor with Francis in *Francis in the Navy*

the film *Francis*, followed by five more in the series; 1951–54—star of the TV series *The Colgate Comedy Hour*, and *The Donald O'Connor Show: Here Comes Donald*, 1954–55; performed in night-clubs and cabarets; 1956—his first symphony performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra; 1981—Broadway debut in musical *Bring Back Birdie*; 1982—in *Show Boat*, Houston and New York. **Address:** P.O. Box 4524, Valley Village Station, North Hollywood, CA 91607, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Melody for Two* (Louis King)
- 1938 *Sing You Sinners* (Ruggles) (as Mike Beebe); *Sons of the Legion* (Hogan) (as Butch Baker); *Men with Wings* (Wellman) (as Pat Falconer at age 10); *Tom Sawyer—Detective* (Louis King) (as Huck Finn)
- 1939 *Unmarried* (Neumann) (as Ted Streaver at age 12); *Night Work* (Archainbaud) (as Butch Smiley); *Boy Trouble* (Archainbaud) (as Butch); *Million Dollar Legs* (Grinde) (as Sticky Boone); *Beau Geste* (Wellman) (as Beau as a child); *Death of a Champion* (Florey) (as Small Fry); *On Your Toes* (Enright) (as Phil as a boy)
- 1942 *What's Cookin'?* (Cline) (as Tommy); *Private Buckaroo* (Cline) (as Donny); *Give Out Sisters* (Cline) (as Don); *Get Hep to Love* (Lamont) (as Jimmy Arnold)
- 1943 *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* (Lamont) (as Frankie); *It Comes Up Love* (Lamont) (as Ricky); *Strictly in the Groove* (Keays); *Mister Big* (Lamont) (as Donald); *Top Man* (Lamont) (as Don Warren)
- 1944 *Chip Off the Old Block* (Lamont) (as Donald Corrigan); *Follow the Boys* (Thorpe); *This Is the Life* (Feist) (as Jimmy Plum); *Bowery to Broadway* (Lamont); *The Merry Monahans* (Lamont) (as Jimmy Monahan)
- 1945 *Patrick the Great* (Ryan) (as Pat Donague Jr.)
- 1947 *Something in the Wind* (Pichel) (as Charlie Read)
- 1948 *Are You with It?* (Hively) (as Milton Haskins); *Feudin', Fussin', and A-Fightin'* (Sherman) (as Wilbur McMurty)
- 1949 *Yes Sir, that's My Baby* (Sherman) (as William Waldo Winfield); *Francis (Francis the Talking Mule)* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling)
- 1950 *Curtain Call at Cactus Creek* (Lamont) (as Edward Timmons); *The Milkman* (Barton) (as Roger Bradley)
- 1951 *Double Crossbones* (Barton) (as Dave Crandall); *Francis Goes to the Races* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling)
- 1952 *Singin' in the Rain* (Kelly and Donen) (as Cosmo Brown); *Francis Goes to West Point* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling)

- 1953 *Call Me Madam* (Walter Lang) (as Kenneth); *I Love Melvin* (Weiss) (as Melvin Hoover); *Francis Covers the Big Town* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling); *Walkin' My Baby Back Home* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Jigger Millard)
- 1954 *Francis Joins the Wacs* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling); *There's No Business Like Show Business* (Walter Lang) (as Tim Donahue)
- 1955 *Francis in the Navy* (Lubin) (as Peter Stirling/Slicker Donovan)
- 1956 *Anything Goes* (Robert Lewis) (as Ted Adams)
- 1957 *The Buster Keaton Story* (Sheldon) (title role)
- 1961 *Cry for Happy* (George Marshall) (as Murray Prince); *Le meraviglie di Aladino* (*Les Mille et une nuits*; *The Wonders of Aladdin*) (Levin) (as Aladdin)
- 1965 *That Funny Feeling* (Thorpe) (as Harvey Granson)
- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.—compilation) (as host)
- 1981 *Ragtime* (Forman) (as Evelyn's dance teacher)
- 1982 *Pandemonium* (*Thursday the 12th*) (Sole)
- 1985 *The Last Great Vaudeville Show* (Iscoe—for TV); *Alice in Wonderland* (Harry Harris—for TV) (as Lory Bird)
- 1986 *Irving Berlin's America* (Dubose—for TV)
- 1987 *A Mouse, a Mystery and Me* (Nichols—for TV)
- 1990 *A Time to Remember* (Travers) (as Father Walsh)
- 1992 *Toys* (Levinson) (as Kenneth Zevo)
- 1993 *The Building* (Bowab, Kreppel—series for TV); *Frasier* (Ackerman, Beren—series for TV) (as Harlow Stafford); *The Nanny* (Day, Drescher—series for TV) (as Fred)
- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan—compilation); *Bandit: Bandit's Silver Angel* (Needham—for TV) (as Uncle Cyrus)
- 1997 *Out to Sea* (Coolidge) (as Jonathan)

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Donald O'Connor's vaudeville background has been in evidence throughout his film career. Bing Crosby allegedly asked, "Isn't there anything he can't do?" Singer, dancer, and comedian, O'Connor played in many low-budget musicals and established his reputation by proving that, indeed, he could do just about everything. Perhaps his most popular role was as the straight man to a talking mule in six films of the *Francis* series. He was never stereotyped by that role, however,

and throughout the several years of production of those films, he appeared in a number of important musicals and continued his vaudeville exploits in two successful television shows. It was fitting that, in one of his later films, he played Buster Keaton, whose multiple physical talents and vaudeville background were similar to O'Connor's.

During the early 1940s, under contract to Universal, O'Connor was cast in a number of musicals, often directed by Charles Lamont, that exploited his vaudeville talents and teenage charm. In *Top Man*, *Chip Off the Old Block*, and *The Merry Monahans*, for example, he was teamed with Peggy Ryan in films that seemed Universal's answer to MGM's Garland-Rooney films. Often called on to assume adult responsibilities, O'Connor's characters won their way in the world (and the girl's heart) by show-business expertise. Later, in more mature roles in *Singin' in the Rain*, *I Love Melvin*, and *Call Me Madam*, he retained some of that youthful quality and spirit of delight in performing.

"Make 'em Laugh" from *Singin' in the Rain* displays all of O'Connor's inventive vaudeville-based skills. As he sings the song, itself a paean to the virtues of popular entertainment, O'Connor performs a series of body maneuvers and slapstick gags: he gets hit by a plank, walks into a wall, gets his feet entangled and falls, and, finally, runs up a wall and backflips off it. Each of these displays him as the limber-legged and rubber-faced vaudeville comedian. Other numbers show his tapping ability, as well. In *I Love Melvin* he is required to tap on roller skates and, a frequent O'Connor trademark, to assume a variety of identities with quick costume changes.

Although he brought his trademark panache to the *Francis* series, O'Connor is more happily remembered partnering peppy Debbie Reynolds than a quadruped. It is regrettable that MGM could not have given O'Connor a permanent home after *Singin' in the Rain*: what other dancer stole scenes from Gene Kelly? Of O'Connor's five major shots at big studio musical comedy immortality, only one (*Singin' in the Rain*) is an undisputed masterwork. Whereas *I Love Melvin* is mere breezy escapism (a sort of upscale version of his Universal Studio romps), *Anything Goes* is a regrettably garish shortchanging of Cole Porter; yet O'Connor bucks and wings his way through both until their limitations evaporate. Blessed with a partner of equal merit in Vera-Ellen, O'Connor helps Ethel Merman turn *Call Me Madam* into one of the sunniest transfers of a Broadway hit to the screen. And if nothing in *There's No Business Like Show Business* matches his silken dancing to "It's a Lovely Day Today" in *Call Me Madam*, *Show Business* does provide him with ample opportunities to dazzle aficionados. Despite contending with squeaky-clean Johnny Ray and resistibly upbeat Mitzi Gaynor, not to mention the daunting prospect of coming face to face with Monroe's bosom, O'Connor energetically steals the film by dancing with the exuberance of someone born in a trunk, who could dance before he could walk. If it had been filmed earlier, he would have been the definitive leprechaun in *Finian's Rainbow*, but such major roles were sadly not his lot; lending class to vulgarly conceived production numbers was his forte.

Not faring well after the demise of the Hollywood musical, O'Connor failed to storm Broadway in a foolish sequel called *Bring Back Birdie*. Nevertheless, he continued to wow his fans in summer stock, embarked on a second career as a composer, and made a graceful all-too-brief comeback as a dance instructor in *Ragtime*. Watching his clowning around on a standout episode of *Frasier*'s 1995–96 season and struck by his galvanizing routines showcased in *That's Entertainment! III*, one can only regret the waste of his talents for the past 30 years. Despite the extinction of the film musical, O'Connor, one of the last movie stars to have trained in vaudeville,

has achieved a special place as an indispensable link among various types of popular American entertainment.

—Jerome Delamater, updated by Robert Pardi

O'HARA, Maureen

Nationality: American. **Born:** Maureen Fitzsimmons in Milltown, Ireland, 17 August 1921; became U.S. citizen, 1946. **Education:** Attended Burke's School of Elocution; Abbey Theatre School, Dublin; Guildhall School of Music, London; London College of Music. **Family:** Married 1) the director George Hanley Brown, 1939 (divorced 1941); 2) the director Will Price, 1941 (divorced 1952), one daughter: Bronwyn; 3) Charles F. Blair 1968 (died 1978). **Career:** Radio performer from age 12; 1938—film debut in *Kicking the Moon Around*; 1939—leading role in *Jamaica Inn*; Hollywood contract with 20th Century-Fox/RKO; 1951—Co-Founder, Price Merman Productions; 1953—contract with Columbia; television work from 1960.

Films as Actress:

- 1938 *Kicking the Moon Around* (*The Playboy*; *Millionaire Merry-Go-Round*) (Forde) (as secretary)
- 1939 *My Irish Molly* (Bryce) (as Eileen O'Shea); *Jamaica Inn* (Hitchcock) (as Mary); *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Dieterle) (as Esmeralda)
- 1940 *A Bill of Divorcement* (Farrow) (as Sydney Fairfield); *Dance, Girl, Dance* (Arzner) (as Judy)
- 1941 *They Met in Argentina* (Goodwins and Hively) (as Lolita); *How Green Was My Valley* (Ford) (as Angharad Morgan)
- 1942 *To the Shores of Tripoli* (Humberstone) (as Mary Carter); *Ten Gentlemen from West Point* (Hathaway) (as Carolyn Bainbridge); *The Black Swan* (King) (as Margaret Denby)
- 1943 *The Immortal Sergeant* (Stahl) (as Valentine); *This Land Is Mine* (Renoir) (as Louise Martin); *The Fallen Sparrow* (Wallace) (as Toni Donne)
- 1944 *Buffalo Bill* (Wellman) (as Louis Cody)
- 1945 *The Spanish Main* (Borzage) (as Francisca)
- 1946 *Sentimental Journey* (Walter Lang) (as Julie); *Do You Love Me?* (Ratoff) (as Katherine Hilliard)
- 1947 *Sinbad the Sailor* (Wallace) (as Shireen); *The Homestretch* (Humberstone) (as Leslie Hale); *Miracle on 34th Street* (Seaton) (as Doris Walker); *The Foxes of Harrow* (Stahl) (as Odalie)
- 1948 *Sitting Pretty* (Walter Lang) (as Tracey)
- 1949 *The Forbidden Street* (*Britannia Mews*) (Negulesco) (as Adelaide Culver); *A Woman's Secret* (Ray) (as Marian Washburn); *Father Was a Fullback* (Stahl) (as Elizabeth Cooper); *Bagdad* (Lamont) (as Princess Marjan)
- 1950 *Comanche Territory* (Sherman) (as Katie); *Tripoli* (Price) (as Countess D'Arneau); *Rio Grande* (Ford) (as Kathleen Yorke)
- 1951 *Flame of Araby* (Lamont) (as Princess Tanya)
- 1952 *At Sword's Point* (Allen) (as Claire); *Kangaroo* (Milestone) (as Dell McGuire); *The Quiet Man* (Ford) (as Mary Kate Danaher); *Against All Flags* (Sherman) (as Spitfire Stevens)
- 1953 *The Redhead from Wyoming* (Sholem) (as Kate Maxwell)

- 1954 *War Arrow* (Sherman) (as Elaine Corwin); *Malaga* (*Fire over Africa*) (Benedek) (as Joanna Dane)
- 1955 *The Long Gray Line* (Ford) (as Mary O'Donnell); *The Magnificent Matador* (Boetticher) (as Karen Harrison); *Lady Godiva* (Lubin) (title role)
- 1956 *Lisbon* (Milland) (as Sylvia Merrill); *Everything but the Truth* (Hopper) (as Joan Madison)
- 1957 *The Wings of Eagles* (Ford) (as Minnie Wead)
- 1959 *Our Man in Havana* (Reed) (as Beatrice Severn)
- 1961 *The Parent Trap* (Swift) (as Maggie McKendrick); *The Deadly Companions* (*Trigger Happy*) (Peckinpah) (as Kit Tilden)
- 1962 *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation* (Koster) (as Peggy Hobbs)
- 1963 *Spencer's Mountain* (Daves) (as Olivia Spencer); *McLintock!* (McLaglen) (as Katherine McLintock)
- 1965 *The Battle of the Villa Fiorita* (Daves) (as Moira)
- 1966 *The Rare Breed* (McLaglen) (as Martha Price)
- 1970 *How Do I Love Thee?* (Gordon) (as Elsie Waltz)
- 1971 *Big Jake* (Sherman) (as Martha McCandles)
- 1973 *The Red Pony* (Totten—for TV) (as Ruth Tiflin)
- 1991 *Only the Lonely* (Columbus) (as Rose Muldoon)
- 1995 *The Christmas Box* (for TV)
- 1998 *Cab to Canada* (Leitch) (as Katherine Eure)

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The essential screen persona of Maureen O'Hara found its famous, if truncated, embodiment in the films of John Ford. Her persona usually follows the same pattern: she is an explosive Irish lass who rebels against an essentially patriarchally structured society, yet



Maureen O'Hara with Tyrone Power in *Black Swan*

in the end is tamed into a type of submission by the John Wayne character.

But those critics who say there is nothing behind this strong, if only temporarily so, facade are wrong. In *Rio Grande*, for example, her acting during those scenes where she resists Wayne contain far more effective acting than those where she finally capitulates. In *The Quiet Man* she again plays the volatile woman who puts up a good fight, but, in the finale, is brought to heel—but it is her intransigence over her dowry that sticks in one's mind. Only in *The Wings of Eagles*, with Wayne, and in *The Long Gray Line*, without him, does Ford allow the Maureen O'Hara personality a certain dignity in something like an adult relationship—perhaps because in both films Ford was bound by the biographical bases of the narratives.

Is it heresy to suggest the most compelling reason to watch a John Ford movie today is the chance to glory in Maureen O'Hara? Much heralded by a hierarchy of male critics, Ford's cinema boasts undisputed masterpieces such as *The Searchers*, along with sentimental blarney and wearying sexism that would be unbearable without O'Hara.

Long dismissed as the Queen of Technicolor, O'Hara has been undervalued by critics who cannot see the forest for the Titian tresses.

A bewitching Esmeralda in *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, O'Hara displayed a haunted duality as the tragically pragmatic Angharad in *How Green Was My Valley*, and gave a delicate performance as an artistically inclined ballerina in *Dance, Girl, Dance*. In O'Hara's canon of work, however, such showcase dramas took a backseat to rip-roaring escapism.

However much one laments the curve-hugging aesthetic strait-jacket O'Hara was forced to model in male-dominated film after film, it is her vitality that outshines all studio era constraints. Whereas other Hollywood wenches were simply mannequins with cleavage, O'Hara heaved her bosom and hitched up her skirts in order to swashbuckle with the best of them (Power, Fairbanks Jr., Cornell Wilde). Nowhere in the action genre arena was she more suitably cast than as D'Artagnan's daughter in *At Sword's Point*, because she got to dress up like a man and raise hell. The essential O'Hara is a free spirit who refuses to behave like a lady. A force of nature born in a shamrock patch, she is a joy to behold even in escapist claptrap; what prevents exotic adventures such as *Sinbad the Sailor* and *Flame of Araby* from aging painfully is the tongue-in-cheek relish with which O'Hara attacked these roles.

Maturing gracefully, she played mothers who did not sacrifice their sexuality at the birthing stool in such films as *Parent Trap* and *Battle of the Villa Florita*. And then, after years of retirement, O'Hara delivered a deliciously unsympathetic turn in *Only the Lonely* which should have netted her critics' prizes and an Oscar. Perhaps it is her fate to be underrated for acting that is naturally graceful and aligned with an ageless beauty. As the controlling matriarch manipulating the apron strings wound around her adult son in *Only the Lonely*, O'Hara gets a cinematic revenge for all the occasions when male co-stars underestimated her and filmmakers misused her gifts.

—Rodney Farnsworth, updated by Robert Pardi

OLBRYCHSKI, Daniel

Nationality: Polish. **Born:** Lowicz, 27 February 1945. **Education:** Attended the School of Drama, Warsaw, graduated 1971. **Family:** Married, one son: Rafał. **Career:** 1964—film debut in *Ranny v lesie*; 1970—in title role of stage production of *Hamlet*; 1978—appeared in the Peter Handke play *Die Unvernünftigen sterben aus* in Nanterre, France; 1987—in TV mini-series *The Secret of the Sahara*. **Awards:** Bronze Lion of Gdansk, for *The Deluge*, 1974; Chevalier de l'Order des Arts et des Lettres, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1964 *Ranny v lesie* (*The Wounded in the Forest*) (Nasfeter) (as Lieutenant)
- 1965 *Popioły* (*Ashes*) (Wajda) (as Rafał)
- 1966 *Potem nastpi cisza* (*The Silence Will Reign*) (Morgenstern); *Bokser* (*The Boxer*) (Dziedzina) (title role)
- 1967 *Jowita* (*Jovita*) (Morgenstern) (as Marc Arens); *Małżeństwo z rozsądku* (Bareja)
- 1968 *Hrabina Cosel* (Antczak)
- 1969 *Pan Wołodyjowski* (*Colonel Wolodyjowski*) (Hoffman) (as Azja); *Polowanie na muchy* (*Hunting Flies*) (Wajda); *Skok* (*Bank Robbery*) (Kutz); *Wszystko na sprzedaż* (*Everything for Sale*) (Wajda) (as Daniel); *Struktura kryształu* (Zanussi); *Różaniec z granatów* (Rutiewicz)
- 1970 *Brzezina* (*The Birch-wood*) (Wajda); *Egy Barany* (*Angel of Death*) (Jancso); *Krajobraz po bitwie* (*Landscape after the Battle*) (Wajda) (as Tadeusz); *La Pacifista* (Jancso); *Sól ziemi czarnej* (*The Salt of This Black Earth*) (Kutz)
- 1971 *Życie rodzinne* (*Family Life*) (Zanussi) (as Wit); *Liberation* (Ozierow); "Poslednii chturm" ep. of *Osvobodzenie* (Ozierow)
- 1973 *Wesele* (*The Wedding*) (Wajda) (as bridegroom); *Roma riuuole Cesare* (*Rome Wants Another Cacsar*) (Jancso) (as Claudius)
- 1974 *Potop* (*The Deluge*) (Hoffman)
- 1975 *Pilatus und andere—ein Film für Karfreitag* (*Pilate and Others*) (Wajda—for TV) (as Matthew the Levite); *Ziemia obiecana* (*The Promised Land*) (Wajda) (as Karol Borowiecki)
- 1976 *Dagny* (Sandoy) (as Przybyszewski); *Zdjęcia próbne* (Holland, Kędzierski, and Domaradzki)
- 1978 *Panny z Wilka* (*The Young Ladies from Wilko*) (Wajda) (as Wiktor Ruben); *Die Blechtrommel* (*The Tin Drum*) (Schlöndorff) (as Jan Bronski)
- 1980 *Kung-Fu* (Kijowski); *Wizja lokalna 1901* (*Inspection of the Crime Scene 1901*) (Bajon)
- 1981 *Les Uns et les autres* (*Bolero*) (Lelouch) (as Karl); *La Derelitta* (Igoux)
- 1982 *Roza* (Christofis); *Przгоды pana Michala* (Komorowski)
- 1983 *Si j'avais mille ans* (Enkell); *La Truite* (*The Trout*) (Losey) (as Saint-Genis)
- 1984 *La Diagonale du fou* (*Dangerous Moves*) (Dembo) (as Tac-Tac); *Casablanca, Casablanca* (Nutti); *Elakoon Itsemurhaaja* (Jasny); *Lieber Karl* (Knilli) (as teacher)
- 1985 *Der Bulle und das Mädchen* (*The Cop and the Girl*) (Keglevic) (as Fritz); *O-bi, O-bi—Koniec cywilizacji* (*O-bi, O-bi—The End of Civilization*; *Ga, Ga—chwala bohaterom*) (Szulkin); *Mariage blanc* (Kassovitz); *Le Monde desert* (Beuchot); *Music Hall* (Bluwal); *Pad Italje* (*The Fall of Italy*) (Zafranovic); *Eine Liebe in Deutschland* (*A Love in Germany*) (Wajda) (as Wiktorczyk)
- 1986 *Objection* (Trzos-Rastawiecki) (as Grzegorz); *Rosa Luxemburg* (von Trotta) (as Leo Jogiches); *Siekierezada* (Axiliad) (Leszczynski) (as Katny)
- 1987 *Mosca addio* (Bolognini) (as Yuli); *Telefaiio Stichima* (Zirnis)
- 1988 *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (Kaufman) (as Interior Ministry Official); *Notturmo* (Lehner); *Dekalog 3* (Kieślowski—for TV)
- 1989 *L'Orchestre rouge* (Rouffio) (as Giering); *Bugiarda* (Giraldi); *La Boutique de l'orfever* (as Adam)
- 1990 *Le Silence d'ailleurs* (Mouyal)
- 1992 *Das Lange Gespräch mit dem Vogel* (Zanussi—for TV) (as Angelo)
- 1993 *Ivan and Abraham* (as Stepan); *Kolejnosc uczuc* (*Sequence of Feelings*) (Piwowarski) (as Rafał Nawrot); *Jobb Szepnek es Gazdagnak Lenni* (*Better to Be Pretty and Rich*) (Bajon)
- 1995 *Transatlantis* (as Neuffer); *Bastard* (as Geza); *Pestka* (Janda) (as Borys); *Pestka* (*The Pip*) (Janda) (as Borys)
- 1996 *Truck Stop* (Muschner); *Dzieje mistrza Twardowskiego* (Gradowski); *Dzieci I ryby* (Bromski); *Hommes, femmes, mode d'emploi* (*Men, Women: A User's Manual*) (Lelouch)
- 1997 *Szökés* (*Escape*) (Gyarmathy)
- 1998 *Sibirskij tsiryulnik* (*The Barber of Siberia*) (Mikhalkov) (as Kopnovsky); *Il Figlio di Sandokan* (Eastman, Mamolo—mini for TV)
- 1999 *Ogniem I mieczem* (*With Fire and Sword*) (Jerzy Hoffman) (as Tuhaj-Bej); *Pan Tadeusz* (Wajda) (as Gerwazy)

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"Daniel Olbrychski," interview with M. Martin, in *Ecran* (Paris), November 1979.

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The acting career of Daniel Olbrychski took shape under the influence of the great legend of Polish cinematography—the actor Zbigniew Cybulski. In 1967, Cybulski died in a tragic accident and thus their lives crossed only briefly: once they were acting partners in the same film (*Jowita*). In spite of this, Olbrychski’s artistic career will be long compared and measured by the value of his older colleague, and rightly so. In spite of all that separates them, they have much in common: above all tremendous popularity, evoked by common aspirations, ideas, opinions, and moods of their generations.

Olbrychski debuted while still a student at the Theatrical University in *The Wounded in the Forest*, directed by Janusz Nasfeter. Foreshadowing future great performances, he played the role of a young lieutenant, captivating the audience with his appearance—slim, fair-haired, cherubic, and radiating youth, intellect, and emotionality. The destiny of a new acting personality of the Polish film was confirmed and in the next year he replaced Cybulski in the film *Ashes*. During his studies, Olbrychski acted in some other films while polishing his acting technique. Since then he has contributed a whole series of film characters to the Polish cinema.

Olbrychski does not represent an invariable type; he can convincingly play both contemporary and period roles. His heroes are energetic men of action, rejecting stability and security for a life full of reversals, dynamics, and surprises (there exist, naturally, exceptions). Olbrychski plays them with discipline, without effects, in a concentrated and sometimes even reserved manner. This is one of the most noticeable features of his acting method. His relation to the character played suggests a certain aloofness, reserve, inner inaccessibility, and insubordination. The Polish film critic and historian Kryzysztotf Teodor Toeplitz expressed this aptly: “When Olbrychski plays a boxer, the suspicion arises in us that he is not a real boxer and that what he really is will remain a secret for us.” This approach presents itself in its purest form in Wajda’s *Everything for Sale* (dedicated to the memory of Cybulski), in which Olbrychski in a complicated way resolves the legend of his predecessor and finds his own way.

In other works this quality is less apparent but still present. In Wajda’s *The Wedding* he plays the role of a bridegroom which at a glance differs from all his previous roles. The bridegroom in his interpretation is unusually merry and happy; but gradually the actor

lets the spectator peer beneath the surface of this happiness. From the merriment, disquiet and alienation emerge, linking him with the heroes from earlier films. Olbrychski’s temperament explodes in *The Deluge* whose hero is endowed with such vitality that the film was accepted as an excellent study of Polish national character, with all its positive and negative aspects.

In the 1970s a new feature appeared in Olbrychski’s acting that is connected with his artistic and human ripening and with acquiring new experiences. We find it for the first time in Wajda’s *The Promised Land* where this dynamic, explosive actor metamorphosizes before our eyes into a sober, matter-of-fact man who, after a youth full of inspiration and enthusiasm, accepts in cold blood the cruel rules of play of his milieu. The roles in his subsequent films continue to be marked by this skepticism.

Since the beginning of the 1970s Olbrychski has acted in the films of both well-known and beginning European directors. The number of parts and different characters he has played is impressive: in the historical fresco *Die Blechtrommel*, based on Günther Grass’s novel, he plays the part of a potential father of an undersized hero, Jan Bronski; in *Pad Italje* he portrays a partisan commander who because of his love for a girl from a rich family loses the trust of his comrades-in-arms; in Von Trotta’s biographical *Rosa Luxemburg* he tackles the role of the co-founder of Polish Social Democracy. Even though Olbrychski has tasted success abroad, when offered a part in a Polish film, he never turns his countrymen down. In so doing, he takes on a range of contemporary, historical, dramatic, and even comedic roles.

In his advancing years, he is no longer a youngster with a cherub’s face, nor is he a romantic hero. In his actor’s biography this change is sharply documented by his part in Radosław Piwowarski’s *Chronology of Sentiments*. Olbrychski plays with great charm an aging lady-killer, who in spite of his age charms and sweeps a young girl off her feet. Olbrychski continues to act on the stage and he has received a number of theater and film awards, including the Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from France. His son Rafał follows in his steps, appearing with him in *Pan Twardowski*.

—Blažena Urgošková

OLDMAN, Gary

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, England, 21 March 1958. **Education:** Attended Rose Buford College of Speech and Drama, London. **Family:** Married 1) Donya Fiorentino, 1997, two sons: Gulliver Flynn and Charlie John; 2) Lesley Manville (divorced), one son: Alfred; 3) the actress Uma Thurman, 1990 (divorced 1992). **Career:** 1980—stage debut in *Massacre at Paris*; 1980–86—theatrical appearances include *Chincilla*, *A Waste of Time*, *Summit Conference*, *The Pope’s Wedding*, *Desert Air*, *Women Beware Women*, *Real Dreams*, and *Smart Money*; 1982—film debut in *Remembrance*; 1993—in “Dead End for Delia” episode of *Fallen Angels* TV series. **Awards:** Fringe Best Newcomer Award, 1985–86; *Drama Magazine* Award, for Best Actor of the Year, 1985; Cable Ace Award, Best Actor in a Dramatic Series, for “Dead End for Delia” ep. of *Fallen Angels*, 1994; Channel Four Director’s Award, 51E Scottish Screen



Gary Oldman in *Immortal Beloved*

Edinburgh International Film Festival. **Agent:** c/o Duncan Heath, 162–170 Wardour Street, London W1V 3AT, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Remembrance* (Gregg) (as Daniel)
- 1984 *Meantime* (Leigh—for TV) (as Coxy)
- 1985 *Honest, Decent and True* (Les Blair—for TV)
- 1986 *Sid and Nancy* (Cox) (as Sid Vicious)
- 1987 *Prick Up Your Ears* (Frears) (as Joe Orton)
- 1988 *We Think the World of You* (Gregg) (as Johnny Burney);
Track 29 (Roeg) (as Martin); *The Firm* (Alan Clarke—for TV) (as Bex Bissek)
- 1989 *Paris by Night; Criminal Law* (Campbell) (as Ben Chase)
- 1990 *Heading Home* (Hare) (as Ian Tyson); *State of Grace* (Joanou) (as Jack Flannery); *Chattahoochee* (Mick Jackson) (as Emmett Foley); *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* (Stoppard) (as Rosencrantz); *Henry and June* (Kaufman) (as Pop, under pseudonym Maurice Escargot)
- 1991 *JFK* (Oliver Stone) (as Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1992 *Bram Stoker's Dracula* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Vlad Dracula)
- 1993 *True Romance* (Tony Scott) (as Drexel Spivey); *Romeo Is Bleeding* (Medak) (as Jack Grimaldi); *Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?* (doc for TV) (as voice of Oswald)
- 1994 *Leon (The Cleaner; The Professional)* (Besson) (as Stansfield); *Immortal Beloved* (Rose) (as Ludwig von Beethoven)

- 1995 *Murder in the First* (Rocco) (as Associate Warden Glenn); *The Scarlet Letter* (Joffe) (as the Reverend Arthur Dimmesdale)
- 1996 *Basquiat (Build a Fort, Set It on Fire)* (Schnabel) (as Albert Milo)
- 1997 *The Fifth Element* (Besson) (as Jean-Baptiste Emmanuel Zorg); *Air Force One* (Petersen) (as Egor Korshunov)
- 1998 *Lost in Space* (Stephen Hopkins) (as Dr. Zachary Smith); *Quest for Camelot* (Du Chau) (as Ruber)
- 1999 *Jesus* (Young—mini for TV) (as Pontius Pilate)
- 2000 *The Contender* (Lurie) (as Congressman Sheldon B. Runyon + pr); *Anasazi Moon* (Seltzer) (role)

Films as Producer

- 1997 *Nil by Mouth* (+ dir, sc)
- 1999 *Plunkett & Macleane* (Scott) (exec pr)

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- “Dracula Speaks: Gary Oldman and His Role as the Count,” interview in *Film Review* (London), February 1993.
- “True Grit,” interview with Geoff Andrew, in *Time Out* (London), 3 September 1997.

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- Abramowitz, Rachel, “Neck Romance,” in *Premiere* (New York), December 1992.
- Ascher-Walsh, Rebecca, “Immortal Bedeviled,” in *Entertainment Weekly* (New York), 10 February 1995.
- Current Biography 1996*, New York, 1996.
- Rebello, S. and others, “Who’s the Best Actor in Hollywood?” in *Movieline* (Escondido), October 1996.

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Gary Oldman is an actor with a chameleon-like quality. From part to part—and a widely varying lot they are—he is utterly convincing; as often as not, he is also unrecognizable. Usually, this spells doom to an actor’s potential for stardom. Audiences cannot follow an actor they cannot find. But Oldman has mysteriously avoided this trap; perhaps *because* of his versatility and range—both of which not even his closest competitor, fellow Brit Daniel Day Lewis, has matched—he has somehow managed to achieve that stardom. Unlike Day Lewis, however, he has yet to win an Oscar, but this cannot be for long.

After making his screen debut in *Remembrance* and then appearing among the cast of Mike Leigh's "kitchen sink" TV drama *Meantime*, Oldman shot into the public mind with his lacerating, in-your-face performance as the self-destructive punk rocker Sid Vicious in Alex Cox's *Sid and Nancy*, the first of several, disparate biopic roles he would undertake in the years to come.

Vicious's rebelliousness against society aside, there would seem to be little in the character or Oldman's uncanny incarnation of it to suggest, "Gee, that's just the guy to play avant-garde, gay British playwright Joe Orton!" But that is exactly what director Stephen Frears did think and Oldman was cast in *Prick Up Your Ears*, the film version of John Lahr's Orton biography which traced the short life of the working-class writer whose meteoric career was cut short when his lover Kenneth Halliwell (Alfred Molina) murdered him in 1967. Oldman's personification of Orton was so persuasive that even hard-to-please British director/film historian Ken Russell was given to note: "Gary Oldman as the gay genius turned in a remarkable performance, managing the transition from ingenuous provincial lad to glam metropolitan sophisticate with an invisible technique."

Sporting a variety of convincing regional accents and dialects, Oldman has played an array of thoroughly American characters no less vividly, from lowlife drug running scum (*True Romance*, *The Professional*) to noir heroes fixated on the wrong woman (*Romeo Is Bleeding*). As the Boston defense lawyer who gets psycho Kevin Bacon acquitted then fights to get him behind bars when Bacon kills again, Oldman brought sorely needed dignity to the utterly exploitative *Criminal Law*, his American film debut. *State of Grace*, an Irish-American *Mean Streets* about the Hell's Kitchen gang known as the Westies, found Oldman on the opposite side of the law (not for the first time or the last) as a none-too-bright gangster killed by his own brother (Ed Harris) as a payoff to the Mob. In *Chattahoochee*, Oldman himself was behind bars as a Korean war vet suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome who is wrongfully incarcerated in a mental institution that makes Bedlam look like Sunnybrook Farm, and brings some welcome reform to it. In *Murder in the First*, he squared off once more against Kevin Bacon, a prisoner who goes mad due to the brutal treatment of Oldman's Alcatraz warden. The latter two films were based on true stories.

JFK on the other hand was based on theory and supposition. Marshaling mountains of information uncovered by Warren Report critics over the years, director Oliver Stone's provocative docudrama concluded that the Mob served as functionaries in a much broader, government-managed scheme to assassinate Kennedy, a scheme in which Lee Harvey Oswald was just what he said he was, a "patsy." While the veracity of the film's conspiracy theories were vigorously challenged by critics, Oldman's dead-on portrait of Oswald was roundly applauded as eerily accurate in voice and manner. Oldman even *looked* the part, without the use of much makeup—another trademark of the actor's amazing, and seemingly effortless, virtuosity in biopic roles. Two years later, he supplied the voice of Oswald, reading from Oswald's own diaries, in a PBS *Frontline* documentary rebutting much of the Stone epic's conspiracy evidence. Again, the effect was positively eerie.

Since then, Oldman has played everything from the screen's most passionate yet monstrously otherworldly Dracula to Beethoven (bearing yet another uncanny physical resemblance to the character) to Nathaniel Hawthorne's guilt-ridden puritan adulterer who gets Demi

Moore's anachronistically feminist Hester Prynne saddled with *The Scarlet Letter*. And yet his career is still in its prime.

On Hollywood's A list for roles as the villainous counterpart to screen superheroes like Bruce Willis and Harrison Ford, Oldman has appeared, without fear of being swallowed by the special effects and pyrotechnics, in some of the biggest-budgeted science-fiction spectacles of recent vintage too—*The Fifth Element* (almost unrecognizable as the alien evil), and *Air Force One* (as a terrorist who holds the President and family hostage in the skies). And rather than giving the impression that he's slumming in such films, he invests his performances with twists that makes the characters he plays in them more rather than less visible amid all the high-tech razzle-dazzle. For example, in *Lost in Space*, a bloated spin on the old television series of the same name, he studiously underplays his role as the villainous Dr. Smith to stay noticed—in marked contrast to all about him in the film who feel the need to chew the scenery.

Typically, leading men add longevity to their working lives by aging gracefully, and almost imperceptibly, into character roles. Oldman has a strong leg up. He is a charismatic leading man and bravura character actor already—with, like many successful actors of his generation, an eye on moving behind the camera as well. 1997's *Nil by Mouth*—a searing, semi-autobiographical portrait of a working-class British family brought low by alcoholism, abuse, and other dysfunctions—marked his debut as a triple-threat auteur. He not only produced the critically well-received and award-winning (but not widely seen) film, he wrote and directed it too. Perhaps it might have found a wider audience if he'd starred in it as well.

—John McCarty

OLIN, Lena

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Stockholm, 22 March 1955; daughter of the actor/director Stig Olin and the actress Britta Olin. **Education:** Attended Royal Dramatic Theater School of Sweden. **Family:** Married 1) the director Lasse Hallström, 1994, daughter: Tora; 2) the actor Orjan Ramberg, son: August. **Career:** Began dramatic school at 20, and three years later was employed at the Royal Dramatic Theater; 1976—film debut in Ingmar Bergman's *Face to Face*; 1984—in Bergman's final directorial project, *After the Rehearsal*; 1988—established her alliance with passionate characters whose portrayals will pervade her later repertoire with *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*. **Awards:** New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Supporting Actress, for *Enemies, a Love Story*, 1989. **Agent:** Martha Luttrell, International Creative Management, 8899 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1976 *Ansikte mot Ansikte (Face to Face)* (Bergman—for TV, originally broadcast in serial form) (as shop assistant)
- 1978 *Picassos äventyr (The Adventures of Picasso)* (Danielsson) (as Dolores)
- 1980 *Karleken (Love)*



Lena Olin

- 1982 ***Fanny och Alexander*** (*Fanny and Alexander*) (Bergman) (as Rosa)
- 1984 *Efter Repetitionen* (*After the Rehearsal*) (Bergman) (as Anna Egerman)
- 1985 *Wallenberg: A Hero's Story* (Lamont Johnson—for TV)
- 1986 *Flucht in den Norden* (*Escape to the North*) (Engström); *Pa Liv Och Dod* (*A Matter of Life and Death*)
- 1988 *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (Kaufman) (as Sabina)
- 1989 *S/Y Glädjen* (*S/Y Joy*) (Du Rees); *Enemies, a Love Story* (Mazursky) (as Masha)
- 1990 *Havana* (Pollack) (as Bobby Duran)
- 1993 *Romeo Is Bleeding* (Medak) (as Mona Demarkov); *Mr. Jones* (Figgis) (as Dr. Libbie Bowen)
- 1994 *The Night and the Moment* (*La Nuit et le Moment*) (Tato) (as The Marquise)
- 1996 *Night Falls on Manhattan* (Lumet) (as Peggy Lindstrom); *The Golden Hour* (Hallström)
- 1998 *Polish Wedding* (Connelly) (as Jazdia Pzoniak); *Hamilton* (Zwart) (as Tessie)
- 1999 *Mystery Men* (Usher) (as Dr. Annabel Leek); *The Ninth Gate* (Polanski) (as Liana Telfer)

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American Film, November 1989.

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"Swede Success," in *Vanity Fair* (New York), January 1991.
New York Times, 20 September 1991.

Hedges, Peter, "Driving Miss Olin," in *Harper's Bazaar* (New York), March 1993.

"What's Wrong with This Picture?" in *Los Angeles Times*, 24 October 1993.

Hooper, Joseph, "Love to Kill You," in *Esquire* (New York), December 1993.

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Born to actor parents, Lena Olin, one of Sweden's leading actresses and a member of Ingmar Bergman's famed company, began her career on stage at the Royal Dramatic Theater where she acted in the classical repertoire, including Shakespeare, August Strindberg, and Anton Chekhov. On stage and in film, Olin has taken on classical and modern roles, but usually plays complicated, ambiguous women, such as the heroines of Strindberg and Lars Noren, a contemporary writer, who, like Strindberg, writes about perplexing Swedish women.

Her acting education in Sweden emphasized the minutiae of physical expression, unlike the education of many American actors who are indoctrinated into Method acting and its preoccupation with emotional states. "In school what was important was not how you felt inside, it was how you showed your feelings with your body and the sound of your voice. It was very practical work," she remarked. She admits this work was at times boring and tedious, but it has given her an unusually broad and precise physical vocabulary and the capacity for displaying contradictory feelings at the same time.

According to Jean Baudrillard, seduction is the process of letting oneself die in reality and become reconstituted in illusion, an idea that lends itself perfectly to Olin's screen persona. Her true nature is shy, and she claims to be embarrassed to walk down the street as herself rather than in a character. Yet she plays nude scenes unabashedly because she feels it is someone else who is bare, not her; she holds that "nudity is just another costume." Her seductiveness is the physical manifestation of fantasy, for herself as well as her audience. Sexuality is made visual and the illusion is unmistakably real. But her characters are more complicated than just being sexual, as they also live in worlds plagued by political upheavals such as Prague Spring, the Holocaust, and the Cuban Revolution. Her seductiveness is the product of courage and remarkable skill.

Following her 1976 film debut in a bit role in Bergman's *Face to Face*, she appeared in two more Bergman films, *Fanny and Alexander*, where she has only a minor role as a maid, and the ultracomplex *After the Rehearsal*, in which she portrays the chastising actress daughter of a womanizing director's (Erland Josephson) old lover. She was later playing Cordelia in a production of *King Lear*, directed by Bergman, when the executive producer of *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* spotted her. The resultant striking role of the hedonistic Sabina was her American film debut and earned her numerous other film offers. None interested her, however, until *Enemies, a Love Story*, where she plays Masha, the Russian concentration camp survivor, who uses physical passion to escape horrible memories and the future that awaits her. The portrayal also earned Olin her first Oscar nomination, as Best Supporting Actress.

To date, Olin has yet to match her successes of the late 1980s. Committed to art rather than celebrity, Olin's opportunities in Hollywood have certainly been limited, evidenced by the consecutive failures of *Havana*, *Romeo Is Bleeding*, and *Mr. Jones*. Her outrageous performance as a sexy Mafia hit woman in the second of these

three, however, showed that she will simply need to seek out the right roles (and films) to recapture her earlier success.

—Kelly Otter

OLIVIER, (Lord) Laurence

Nationality: British. **Born:** Laurence Kerr Olivier in Dorking, Surrey, 22 May 1907. **Education:** Attended Church of All Saints Choir School, London; St. Edward's School, Oxford, 1921–24; Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Jill Esmond, 1930 (divorced 1940), son: Tarquin; 2) the actress Vivien Leigh, 1940 (divorced 1960); 3) the actress Joan Plowright, 1961, son: Richard, daughters: Tamsin and Julie. **Career:** 1925—assistant stage manager and understudy, St. Christopher Theatre, Letchworth; stage debut in *Macbeth*; 1926–28—member of Birmingham Repertory Company; 1930—film debut in *Too Many Crooks*; 1941–44—served in the Fleet Air Arm, mainly in entertainment capacity; 1944–49—director of the Old Vic company; 1945—directed first film, *Henry V*; 1951—co-starred with Vivien Leigh in Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra* and Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* on alternate nights, in London and New York; 1961—in TV mini-series *The Power and the Glory*; 1962–65—director of Chichester Festival Theatre; 1965–73—director of the emerging National Theatre (one of the auditoria in the new building is named the Olivier Theatre); 1976—produced a series of plays for Granada Television; in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, 1977, *Brideshead*



Laurence Olivier in *Henry V*

Revisited, 1981, *The Last Days of Pompeii*, 1984, *Peter the Great*, 1986. **Awards:** Special Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Henry V*, 1946; Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Hamlet*, 1948; Best British Actor, British Academy, for *Richard III*, 1955; Best Supporting Actor, British Academy, for *Oh! What a Lovely War*, 1969; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Sleuth*, 1972; Special Academy Award, “for the full body of his work, for the unique achievements of his entire career and his lifetime contribution to the art of film,” 1978. Knighted, 1947; made Baron Olivier of Brighton (the first actor to be given this distinction), 1970; Honorary Doctorates from Universities of Oxford, 1957, Edinburgh, 1964, London, 1968, Manchester, 1969, and Sussex, 1978. **Died:** In Steyning, Sussex, England, 11 July 1989.

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Too Many Crooks* (G. King) (as the Man); *The Temporary Widow* (*Murder for Sale*) (Ucicky) (as Peter Billie)
- 1931 *Friends and Lovers* (Schertzing) (as Lt. Nichols); *Potiphar's Wife* (*Her Strange Desire*) (Elvey) (as Straker); *The Yellow Ticket* (*The Yellow Passport*) (Walsh) (as Julian Rolphe)
- 1932 *Westward Passage* (Milton) (as Nick Allen)
- 1933 *No Funny Business* (Stafford) (as Clive Dering); *Perfect Understanding* (Gardner) (as Nicholas Randall)
- 1935 *Moscow Nights* (*I Stand Condemned*) (Asquith) (as Captain Ignatoff)
- 1936 *As You Like It* (Czinner) (as Orlando); *Conquest of the Air* (Korda) (as Vincent Lunardi); *Fire over England* (William K. Howard) (as Michael Ingolby)
- 1937 *21 Days* (*Twenty-One Days Together*; *The First and the Last*) (Dean) (as Larry Durant)
- 1938 *The Divorce of Lady X* (Whelan) (as Logan)
- 1939 *Wuthering Heights* (Wyler) (as Heathcliff); *Q Planes* (*Clouds over Europe*) (Wheelan) (as Tony McVane)
- 1940 *Pride and Prejudice* (Leonard) (as Mr. Darcy); *Rebecca* (Hitchcock) (as Maxim de Winter)
- 1941 *That Hamilton Woman* (*Lady Hamilton*) (Korda) (as Admiral Lord Nelson); *49th Parallel* (*The Invaders*) (Powell) (as Johnnie); *Words for Battle* (Jennings) (as commentator)
- 1943 *The Demi-Paradise* (*Adventure for Two*) (Asquith) (as Ivan Kouznetsoff)
- 1944 *The Volunteer* (Powell and Pressburger—doc)
- 1951 *The Magic Box* (Boulting) (as PC 94 B); *Carrie* (Wyler) (as George Hurstwood)
- 1959 *The Devil's Disciple* (Hamilton) (as General “Gentleman Johnnie” Burgoyne)
- 1960 *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Crassus); *The Entertainer* (Richardson) (as Archie Rice)
- 1962 *Term of Trial* (Glenville) (as Graham Weir)
- 1965 *Bunny Lake Is Missing* (Preminger) (as Supt. Newhouse)
- 1966 *Othello* (Burge) (title role); *Khartoum* (Dearden) (as the Mahdi)
- 1968 *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (Anderson) (as Premier Kamenev); *Romeo and Juliet* (Zeffirelli) (as speaker of the Prologue and the Epilogue)
- 1969 *The Dance of Death* (Giles) (as army captain); *Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Sir Hugh Dowding); *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Sir John French)
- 1970 *David Copperfield* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Mr. Creakle)
- 1971 *Nicholas and Alexandra* (Schaffner) (as Prime Minister Witte)

- 1972 *Sleuth* (Mankiewicz) (as Andrew Wyke)
- 1973 *Lady Caroline Lamb* (Bolt) (as Duke of Wellington); *Long Day's Journey into Night* (Blakemore and Wood—for TV) (as James Tyrone); *The Merchant of Venice* (Miller and Sichel—for TV) (as Shylock)
- 1975 *Love among the Ruins* (Cukor—for TV) (as Sir Arthur Granville-Jones)
- 1976 *Marathon Man* (Schlesinger) (as Szell); *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution* (Ross) (as Professor Moriarty); *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Moore—for TV) (as Big Daddy)
- 1977 *Come Back, Little Sheba* (Narizzano—for TV) (as Doc); *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Dr. Spaander)
- 1978 *The Betsy* (Petrie) (as Loren Hardeman Sr.); *The Boys from Brazil* (Schaffner) (as Ezra Lieberman)
- 1979 *A Little Romance* (Hill) (as Julius); *Dracula* (Badham) (as Van Helsing)
- 1980 *The Jazz Singer* (Fleischer) (as Cantor Rabinovitch)
- 1981 *Inchon* (Terence Young) (as Gen. MacArthur); *Clash of the Titans* (Desmond Davis) (as Zeus)
- 1982 *A Voyage Round My Father* (Rakoff—for TV) (as Father)
- 1983 *Wagner* (Palmer—for TV) (as Pfeufer); *A Talent for Murder* (Rakoff—for TV); *Mister Halpren and Mister Johnson* (Rakoff—for TV) (as Mr. Halpren); *King Lear* (Elliott—for TV) (title role)
- 1984 *The Jigsaw Man* (Terence Young) (as Adm. Sir Gerald Scaith); *The Bounty* (Donaldson) (as Adm. Hood); *Ebony Tower* (Knights—for TV)
- 1985 *Wild Geese II* (Hunt) (as Rudolf Hess)
- 1986 *Lost Empires* (Grine—for TV); *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (as himself)
- 1989 *War Requiem* (Jarman) (as Old Soldier)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1945 *Henry V* (title role, + pr)
- 1948 *Hamlet* (title role, + pr)
- 1953 *The Beggar's Opera* (as MacHeath, pr only)
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"I had the voice" said John Gielgud morosely, "but Larry had the legs." And Olivier knew it. The most starstruck and showy of the theatrical knights, he always flirted with the movies both as performer and director. Olivier the actor/producer who relished creating wild leaps and intricate fights for his plays, and took a Lon Chaney delight in mime, accent, and character makeup, was made for films. But the more thoughtful performer, such as his James Tyrone in *Long Day's Journey into Night*, saw the threat of popular success. He admits in his autobiography that, unlike stage work, "films and television do not usually tax one's energies beyond their normal capacities," yet it is evident that Olivier gave to most of them the benefit of a meticulous technique.

Hollywood offered him stardom in his days as a *jeune premier*, Goldwyn casting him as a lumpen Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* and MGM planning an appearance opposite Garbo in *Queen Christina*. This might have tipped Olivier inescapably toward a movie career, but Garbo rejected him in favor of old lover and slipping star John Gilbert, and thereafter, perhaps pettishly, he elected for character roles. His languid Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*, Maxim de Winter in *Rebecca*, Nelson in Korda's American-made *That Hamilton Woman* and Hurstwood, the hotel manager ruined by love in *Carrie* are performances by an actor, not the appearances of a star.

That Olivier took film playing less seriously after his Hollywood days is evident in two wartime propagandist roles, a Russian in *The Demi-Paradise* and a French-Canadian trapper in *49th Parallel*. Both embarrassingly dated now, they show a boyish glee in accent and disguise at the expense of character.

Touring with Vivien Leigh as an actor/manager in the 1930s and 1940s encouraged Olivier to embark on his first films as director/star. *Henry V* (made at government request to bolster morale), *Hamlet*, and *Richard III* are inspired popularizations, using only half the text but conveying the essence of Shakespeare with a combination of film production values and visual flair.

Olivier's adaptation of *Henry V* is highly praised by Andre Bazin. He describes its success in solving the dialectic between cinematic realism and theatrical convention: "The beginning traveling shot is to plunge us into the theater, to the courtyard of an Elizabethan inn. . . . [It] is not with the play *Henry V* that the film is immediately and directly concerned, but with the performance of *Henry V*."

As an accomplished stage actor, his endeavor in film can thus be seen as one that pertains to a language specific to cinema as well as the immediacy of theatricality.

Richard III is Olivier's triumph as director/star, a performance straight out of Lon Chaney's *The Penalty*, dignified by language and stagecraft. Olivier had discovered in his famous stage *Coriolanus* that sexual magnetism could make even evil glamorous, and his Richard explored that insight in rich detail. The realization seemed to alarm him. It was years before he dared play another outright monster.

His films of the 1950s and 1960s mostly recreated his stage hits *The Entertainer*, *Othello*, *The Three Sisters*, and *The Dance of Death*, thought he did direct and star opposite Marilyn Monroe in the unsuccessful *The Prince and the Showgirl*, and appeared in some cameos chosen from the range of international film and television productions that could always use an imposing figure with a commanding voice. His Mahdi in *Khartoum* used the makeup and mime from *Othello*, and while the generals, air vice marshals, Russian counts, and epicene Roman commanders he played in everything from *Spartacus* to *The Battle of Britain* occasionally seemed taken off the peg at some theatrical supplier, they are never less than memorable.

He returned to more abrasive material as declining health accentuated his hawkish profile and raised his voice to a grating rasp. A querulous Moriarty in *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*, Nazi hunter Ezra Lieberman in *The Boys from Brazil*, and the monster of *Marathon Man* are all effective creations by a man who had little interest in the cinema, but who used it, like the piano learned in childhood, to pick out a few tunes when the mood took him. The craftsmanship, professionalism, practical intelligence and the highest seriousness that Richard Schickel profoundly admires and fondly remembers can be best summed up by the advice Olivier offered Dustin Hoffman during the making of *Marathon Man*:

"Hoffman kept himself awake for two days so that he could look—and above all, feel—properly haggard for one of his scenes with Olivier. 'You should learn to act, my dear boy,' his Lordship murmured. 'Then you wouldn't have to put yourself through this sort of thing.'"

—John Baxter, updated by Guo-Juin Hong

OLMOS, Edward James

Nationality: American. **Born:** East Los Angeles, California, 24 February 1947. **Family:** Married 1) Kaija Keel, 1971 (divorced, 1992), sons: Mico and Bodie; 2) the actress Lorraine Bracco, 1994. **Education:** Attended East Los Angeles City College and California State University, Los Angeles; studied drama at the Lee Strasberg Institute. **Career:** Formed a rock band, Eddie James and the Pacific Ocean, to help pay his college tuition, 1960s; began acting in small stage productions in Los Angeles and appearing in bit roles on such TV series as *Kojak*, *Cannon*, *CHiPs*, *Medical Center*, and *Hawaii Five-O*, 1970s; starred as El Pachuco in *Zoot Suit* on the Los Angeles stage, 1978; appeared in the TV mini-series *Evening in Byzantium*, 1978; played El Pachuco in New York, 1979; had his first important screen role in *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez*, 1982; played Lt. Martin



Edward James Olmos in *Stand and Deliver*

Castillo on the TV series *Miami Vice*, 1984–89; appeared in the TV mini-series *Mario Puzo's The Fortunate Pilgrim*, 1988; formed YOY Productions with director Robert M. Young, 1992; named United States Goodwill Ambassador to UNICEF. **Awards:** Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Best Actor, for *Zoot Suit*, 1978; Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series Emmy Award, for *Miami Vice*, 1985; Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for TV Golden Globe, for *Miami Vice*, 1986; Best Male Lead Independent Spirit Award, for *Stand and Deliver*, 1987; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1989; Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for TV Golden Globe, for *The Burning Season*, 1994; Lone Star Film and Television Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *Selena*, 1997. **Agent:** Artists Agency, 10000 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 305, Los Angeles, CA 90067, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1975 *aloha, bobby and rose* (Mutrux) (small role)
- 1977 *Alambrista!* (Robert M. Young) (as drunk)
- 1980 *Fukkatsu no hi* (*Virus*) (Fukasaku) (as Captain López)
- 1981 *Three Hundred Miles for Stephanie* (Ware—for TV) (as Art Vela); *Zoot Suit* (Valdez) (as El Pachuco); *Wolfen* (Wadleigh) (as Eddie Holt)
- 1982 *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez* (Robert M. Young) (title role, + co-pr, co-mus); *Blade Runner* (Ridley Scott) (as Gaff); *Sequin* (Jesús Salvador Treviño—for TV)

- 1986 *Saving Grace* (Robert M. Young) (as Ciolino)
 1987 *Stand and Deliver* (Menendez) (as Jaime Escalante)
 1989 *Triumph of the Spirit* (Robert M. Young) (as Gypsy)
 1990 *Maria's Story* (Wali and Cohen—doc) (as narrator)
 1991 *Talent for the Game* (Robert M. Young) (as Virgil Sweet)
 1993 *Roosters* (Robert M. Young) (as Gallo); *A Million to Juan* (*A Million to One*) (Paul Rodríguez) (as the Angel); *Menendez: A Killing in Beverly Hills* (Elikann—for TV) (as José Menendez)
 1994 *The Burning Season* (Frankenheimer—for TV) (as Wilson Pinheiro)
 1995 *Mirage* (Williams) (as Matteo Juárez); *My Family* (*Mi Familia*) (Nava) (as Paco, the narrator); *Slave of Dreams* (Robert M. Young—for TV) (as Potiphar)
 1996 *Caught* (Robert M. Young) (as Joe); *Dead Man's Walk* (Simoneau—mini for TV) (as Captain Salazar); *The Limbic Region* (Pattinson—for TV) (as Lucca)
 1997 *Hollywood Confidential* (Villalobos—for TV) (as Stan Navarro); *Selena* (Nava) (as Abraham Quintanilla); *Death in Granada* (*The Disappearance of Garcia Lorca*) (Zurinaga) (as Roberto Lozano); *12 Angry Men* (Friedkin—for TV) (as Juror #11)
 1998 *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit* (Gordon) (as Vamenos); *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three* (Félix Enríquez Alcalá) (as Det. Anthony Piscotti); *The Wall* (Sargent)
 1999 *The Story of Fathers & Sons* (Leonard, Ryan—for TV) (as himself); *Bonanno: A Godfather's Story* (Poulette—for TV) (as Salvatore Maranzano); *The Unfinished Journey* (Spielberg—doc) (short) (as Narrator)
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Other Films:

- 1992 *American Me* (d, co-pr, ro as Santana Montoya)
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Edward James Olmos is a savvy, street-smart performer who is one of the rare Hispanic Americans to have found major stardom on stage, screen, and television. After years of knocking around Los Angeles playing theater and television roles, his breakthrough came when he was cast in the Los Angeles stage production of *Zoot Suit*, a stylized musical drama blending fact with fiction. *Zoot Suit* details the plight of the leader of a gang of Mexican Americans who are about to do time in San Quentin for their part in the zoot suit riots in 1942 Los Angeles. Olmos’s role was the pivotal one in the scenario: El Pachuco, a mythical character who is the embodiment of the dashing, self-respecting, virile Latino who so disrupted the complacency of Caucasian Californians back in the 1940s. Olmos offered a dynamic, star-making performance as El Pachuco, playing the role for a year-and-a-half on the Los Angeles and New York stages, and again in the less-than-successful screen adaptation.

Olmos soon was to gain his foothold as a screen actor in a film with which he remains extremely proud: *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez*, a turn-of-the-twentieth-century drama about a now-legendary Mexican American, unjustly accused of murder, who manages to elude a 600-man Texas posse. The film was directed by veteran independent filmmaker Robert M. Young, who has become the actor’s close friend and colleague. Over the years, they have worked on several projects (from 1977’s *Alambrista!*, in which Olmos had a small role, to 1996’s *Caught*).

To date, Olmos’s best screen role has been in *Stand and Deliver*, a based-on-fact story featuring a most unusual movie hero: Jaime Escalante, a Bolivian-born computer scientist who relinquished a high-paying job to teach math in an East Los Angeles barrio high school. The bespeckled Escalante’s slight paunch and nondescript appearance in no way obscure his intense dedication to his job, as he inspires his young Hispanic charges to pass an Advanced Placement calculus test. Olmos transformed his physical appearance to become Escalante; he gained 40 pounds, and each day endured an excruciating makeup process in order to camouflage his own abundant head of hair. For his efforts, he earned a well-deserved Best Actor Academy Award nomination.

Olmos claims that he often has been offered—and regularly turns down—roles as stereotypical Hispanics, or throwaway parts in mindlessly entertaining Hollywood fare. “If I’d accepted them, I feel

I would be compromising myself,” he has declared. “I’m only interested in making films that I can be proud to take into my community.” Not all of Olmos’s films have been of the social-issue variety; he offered sharp performances in *Selena*, playing the devoted, watchful father of the murdered Tejano singer, and *Caught*, an atmospheric *Postman Always Rings Twice* re-working in which he is a long-married fish store proprietor whose life is disrupted when sexual sparks fly between his wife and a drifter. Notwithstanding, many of the actor’s roles have been infused with a political consciousness. This certainly is the case with El Pachuco, Gregorio Cortez, and Jaime Escalante. It is true in the TV movie *The Burning Season*, in which he plays the Brazilian political activist/union leader Wilson Pinheiro, as well as in *My Family*, a warmhearted multigenerational chronicle of a Mexican-American clan from the 1920s through 1980s. Given Olmos’s status as an elder statesman of Latino stars, it is appropriate that his role is that of the narrator, the chronicler of the Sánchez family saga.

Most significantly, this also is the case with the film in which Olmos made his directorial debut: the gritty, realistically rendered *American Me*. Olmos stars as a character who is the polar opposite of Jaime Escalante: Santana, a career felon and “child of the Pachuco riots of the 1940s.” The film opens with a recreation of the zoot suit melee; in this regard, *American Me* is linked to the time and place depicted in *Zoot Suit*. Santana becomes immersed in the gang lifestyle while a teenager, and eventually does a lengthy prison stretch. If he starts out as an amateur punk, he earns his professional credentials while incarcerated as he builds his criminal empire from within the California penal system.

American Me does not finger-point at racism as an explanation for the existence of a man such as Santana. Instead, the film offers the character as a by-product of the erosion of society in general. In no way does Olmos idealize his character; the *Variety* reviewer was on target when he called Santana “one of the least romanticized film gangsters since Paul Muni’s *Scarface*.” Yet despite its good intentions, *American Me* has been viewed on two levels: as a cautionary tale about contemporary America, that serves to indict the violence and chaos of society; and as a textbook on how to build a criminal empire from scratch. For this reason, it was and remains highly controversial.

Finally, and most impressively, Edward James Olmos is unlike the many actors and sports stars from modest backgrounds who upon attaining celebrityhood have slammed the door on their roots. Not only is he deeply concerned about the way in which Hispanics are depicted on movie screens, but he remains active in a hands-on manner in the East Los Angeles community in which he came of age.

—Rob Edelman

ORLOVA, Lyubov

Nationality: Russian. **Born:** Zvenigorod, Russia, 29 January 1902. **Education:** Studied music at the Moscow Conservatory. **Family:** Married to Grigoriy Aleksandrov (film director). **Career:** Stage actress, 1926–1934; worked in cinema and on stage as a member of

the Nemirovich-Danchenko musical theater in Moscow. **Died:** Moscow, Russia, 26 January 1975.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Peterburgskaya noch* (*A Petersburg Night*) (Grigori Roshal and Vera Stroyeva); *Vesyolye rebyata* (*Jolly Fellows*) (Grigoriy Aleksandrov) (as Anyuta)
- 1936 *Tsirk* (*Circus*) (Aleksandrov) (as Marion Dixon)
- 1938 *Volga-Volga* (Aleksandrov) (as “Strelka” Petrova)
- 1939 *Svetlyi put* (*The Shining Path*) (Aleksandrov) (as Tanya Morozova)
- 1947 *Vesna* (*Spring*) (Aleksandrov and Luciano Emmer) (as Irina Nikitina and Vera Shatrova)
- 1949 *Vstrecha na Elbe* (*Meeting on the Elbe*) (Aleksandrov)
- 1950 *Mussorgsky* (Grigori Roshal) (as Tatiana Platonova)
- 1952 *Kompozitor Glinka* (*Man of Music*) (Aleksandrov) (as Ludmilla Glinka)
- 1973 *Zvezda and Lyra* (*Star and Lyra*) (Aleksandrov) (as Lira)

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Lyubov Orlova was probably the most glamorous and popular actress of Soviet cinema. In possession of bright eyes and shining teeth, high cheekbones and fine skin, Orlova was a fit and attractive woman radiating exuberant health; when she sang and danced, her smile was irresistible and her charisma unsurpassed. She is believed to be the epitome of the ideal Soviet woman of the 1930s, usually representing a girl of humble origins who attains high position in society due to restless assertiveness, hard work, and optimistic faith in the bright future.

Descending from an old Russian aristocratic family, Orlova even boasted of a childhood photograph alongside old count Leo Tolstoy at

his estate in Yasnaya Polyana. After graduating from the Moscow Conservatory in the mid-1920s, she was involved in active stage acting between 1926 and 1934. Until the end of her life she acted in musicals on the stage of Moscow's Nemirovich-Danchenko musical theater.

Orlova played almost exclusively in films directed by her husband, Grigoriy Aleksandrov. In the early 1930s Aleksandrov had traveled to America in his capacity of an assistant to Sergei Eisenstein, and had worked on the unfinished feature *Que Viva Mexico!* He was believed to have been particularly impressed with the entertainment quality of the Hollywood studio output, and particularly with the elaborate and lavishly choreographed productions of Busby Berkeley. Back home Aleksandrov set out to develop the specific genre of the Soviet musical, a combination of entertainment and ideology. His wife, the vivacious blonde Lyubov Orlova, became the leading star of these musical comedies, breaking all popularity records in the 1930s. Other more or less permanent members of the team were composer Isaak Dunayevsky, who authored some of the most prominent popular melodies of the time, as well as lyricist Vassilii Lebedev-Kumach.

Orlova first starred in *Vesyolye rebyata* (*Jolly Fellows*, 1934) where she was relegated a secondary, albeit important role. The lead here was played by vaudeville actor Leonid Utyosov, who appeared as a Crimean shepherd mistakenly taken for a famous musician. The comedy of errors begins at a spa where high-class Muscovites are enchanted by the careless attitudes prevailing in the rustic ambiance. The protagonist in a sheepskin hat plays his pan pipe, and sings and dances joyously amidst animals and cheerful peasants. A series of mix-ups leads Utyosov to the capital where, again by mistake, he ends up on stage of the musical theater and delivers a brilliant performance, with Orlova as a lead star, triumphant in the new stage show.

Orlova came into the spotlight only in Aleksandrov's next film, *Tsirk* (*Circus*, 1936). Here she plays the dazzling Marion Dixon, a blonde American performer. In the opening scenes she is shown barely escaping a crowd of angry white Americans who want to lynch her for having mothered a black baby boy. Next Marion Dixon is seen arriving in Moscow a few years later as a member of a touring circus, working under a German manager, Kneischitz. While in Moscow, she falls in love with a Soviet man, but is blackmailed by Kneischitz who threatens to reveal her secret—the existence of the black child. After a confrontation between the German and the Russian all is resolved happily. In the final scene all people in the circus audience raise and sing in support of Marion Dixon, embracing the black child, who has resurfaced and has found a new home, safe and secure. Besides the memorable music (featuring some of the most popular Soviet songs of all times) and the impressive choreography of some dance numbers, the film disseminates important ideological messages: it proclaims the superiority of communism over capitalism, indicates that the Soviet Union has overcome racism, stresses the antagonism between socialism and fascism, and represents the USSR as a dream shelter for victims of social injustice worldwide.

Volga-Volga (1938) was made at the height of Stalinist repressions; some of the people who worked on the film were exiled, their contribution never credited. Nonetheless, *Volga-Volga* is said to have been Joseph Stalin's favorite film and to have been partially made under his personal guidance. Like *Jolly Fellows*, it is once again a rags-to-riches story, with Orlova (who played here with Soviet cinema star Igor Ilinskiy, a veteran from Meyerhold's theater) cast

as "Strelka" Petrova, a letter carrier from the small town of Melkoretsensk who travels up the river to reach the capital and successfully challenge and confront the bureaucrats who have taken charge of amateur theater. A good example of Soviet propaganda, the film has been under critical scrutiny for its exaggerated and idealized representation of small-town life.

The next Alexandrov/Orlova film, the musical *Svetlyi put* (*Shining Path*, 1939) is believed to be the epitome of Stalinist glorification. It is yet another socialist Cinderella-type plot: Tanya Morozova is a simple weaver in a textile factory located near Moscow; she becomes a shock worker and ends up in Kremlin where she is awarded the highest Soviet medal, the Order of Lenin; she is then sent by the comrades to train as an engineer; at the top of her ascent she is elected a member of the Supreme Soviet.

World War Two caused a significant interruption in Orlova's work by imposing an eight year involuntary career-break at a time when she was at her most active. After the war, now over forty, she starred in *Vesna* (*Spring*, 1947), alongside the titan of Soviet cinema, Nikolai Cherkassov. In *Vesna* Orlova played a double role: on the one hand she was the scientist Irina Nikitina, and on the other the actress Vera Shatrova, who is supposed to play a character modeled after Nikitina. Meant to entertain, the film evolves around endless quid-pro-quo's and is set in luxurious interiors far removed from the drab post-war Soviet reality.

In the 1952 biopic of Russian composer Glinka, a film in which pianist Svyatoslav Richter had a cameo as Franz Liszt, a mature Orlova appeared as the musician's wife. This was her next to last role for the cinema, for she appeared the previous year in a supporting role in yet another musical biopic, this time of composer Mussorgsky, and in 1949 in the war drama *Vstrecha na Elbe* (*Meeting on the Elbe*, 1949).

Several years after Orlova retired from cinema, an attempt was made to replicate and continue her charismatic presence, albeit with a lesser success. Eldar Ryazanov's early musical comedy, *Karnavalnaya noch* (*Carnival Night*, 1956), starred Lyudmilla Gurchenko, who was supposed to succeed Orlova. But while Gurchenko became a leading Soviet star in her own right, she never reached the popularity of Orlova.

Orlova worked in theater until her death in 1975. She was survived by Aleksandrov, who directed a biopic dedicated to her memory shortly before his own death. Her grave at the Moscow Novodevichye cemetery is still frequented by admirers.

—Dina Iordanova

O'SULLIVAN, Maureen

Born: Roscommon, Ireland, 17 May 1911. **Education:** Attended Roehampton School, London. **Family:** Married 1) the director John Farrow, 1936 (died 1963), seven children: Michael, Patrick, the actress Mia Farrow, John, Prudence, Tisa, Stephanie; 2) James E. Cushing, 1983. **Career:** 1929—film debut in *Song o' My Heart*; contract with Fox, followed by short contracts with other studios; 1932–42—contract with MGM; first of six Tarzan films, *Tarzan, the Ape Man*; 1942–48—off the screen; 1963—on stage in *Roomful of*



Maureen O'Sullivan (left) with Johnny Weismuller and Johnny Sheffield in *Tarzan*

Roses, followed by other plays, including *It's Never Too Late* and *Morning's at Seven*, 1980. **Died:** 23 June 1998, in Scottsdale, Arizona, of a heart attack.

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *Song o' My Heart* (Borzage) (as Eileen O'Brien); *So This Is London* (Blystone) (as Elinor Worthing); *Just Imagine* (David Butler) (as LN-18); *The Princess and the Plumber* (Korda) (as Princess Louise)
- 1931 *A Connecticut Yankee* (David Butler) (as Alisande); *Skyline* (Taylor) (as Kathleen Kearny); *The Silver Lining* (*Thirty Days*) (Crosland) (as Joyce Moore); *The Big Shot* (*The Optimist*) (Murphy) (as Doris)
- 1932 *Tarzan, the Ape Man* (Van Dyke) (as Jane Parker); *Fast Companions* (*The Information Kid*) (Neumann) (as Sally); *Skyscraper Souls* (Selwyn) (as Lynn Harding); *Strange Interlude* (Leonard) (as Madeline); *Okay America* (*Penalty of Fame*) (Garnett) (as Miss Barton); *Payment Deferred* (Mendes) (as Winnie Marble)
- 1933 *Robber's Roost* (Louis King) (as Helen); *The Cohens and the Kellys in Trouble* (Stevens) (as Mollie Kelly); *Tugboat Annie* (LeRoy) (as Pat Severn); *Stage Mother* (Brabin) (as Shirley Lorraine)
- 1934 *Tarzan and His Mate* (Gibbons and Conway) (as Jane Parker); *The Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Dorothy Wynant); *Hide-Out* (Van Dyke) (as Pauline); *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Franklin) (as Henrietta)
- 1935 *David Copperfield* (Cukor) (as Dora); *West Point of the Air* (Rosson) (as Skip Carter); *Cardinal Richelieu* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Lenore); *The Flame Within* (Goulding) (as Lillian Belton); *Anna Karenina* (Brown) (as Kitty); *Woman Wanted* (Seitz) (as Ann); *The Bishop Misbehaves* (Dupont) (as Hester Grantham)
- 1936 *The Voice of Bugle Ann* (Thorpe) (as Camden Terry); *Tarzan Escapes* (Thorpe) (as Jane Parker); *The Devil Doll* (Brown-ing) (as Lorraine Lavond)
- 1937 *A Day at the Races* (Wood) (as Judy); *The Emperor's Candlesticks* (Fitzmaurice) (as Maria); *Between Two Women* (*Surrounded by Women*) (Seitz) (as Clair Donahue); *My Dear Miss Aldrich* (Seitz) (as Martha Aldrich)

- 1938 *A Yank at Oxford* (Conway) (as Molly Beaumont); *Hold That Kiss* (Marin) (as June Evans); *Port of Seven Seas* (Whale) (as Madelon); *The Crowd Roars* (Thorpe) (as Sheila Carson); *Spring Madness* (Simon) (as Alexandra Benson)
- 1939 *Let Us Live* (Brahm) (as Mary Roberts); *Tarzan Finds a Son* (Thorpe) (as Jane)
- 1940 *Sporting Blood* (*Sterling Metal*) (Simon) (as Linda Lockwood); *Pride and Prejudice* (Leonard) (as Jane Bennet)
- 1941 *Maisie Was a Lady* (Marin) (as Abigail Rawlston); *Tarzan's Secret Treasure* (Thorpe) (as Jane)
- 1942 *Tarzan's New York Adventure* (Thorpe) (as Jane)
- 1948 *The Big Clock* (Farrow) (as Georgette Stroud)
- 1950 *Where Danger Lives* (Farrow) (as Julie)
- 1952 *Bonzo Goes to College* (de Cordova) (as Marion Drew); *No Resting Place* (Rotha) (as Nan Kyle)
- 1953 *All I Desire* (Sirk) (as Sara Harper); *Mission over Korea* (Sears) (as Nancy Slocum)
- 1954 *Duffy of San Quentin* (*Men behind Bars*) (Doniger) (as Gladys Duffy); *The Steel Cage* (Doniger) (as Gladys Duffy)
- 1957 *The Tall T* (Boetticher) (as Doretta Mims)
- 1958 *Wild Heritage* (Haas) (as Emma Breslin)
- 1965 *Never Too Late* (Yorkin) (as Edith Lambert)
- 1970 *The Phynx* (Katzin) (as herself)
- 1972 *The Crooked Hearts* (Sandrich—for TV)
- 1976 *The Great Houdinis* (Shavelson—for TV) (as Lady Doyle)
- 1985 *Too Scared to Scream* (Lo Bianco) (as Mother)
- 1986 *Hannah and Her Sisters* (Woody Allen) (as Norma, Hannah's mother); *Peggy Sue Got Married* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Elizabeth Alvorg)
- 1987 *Stranded* (Fuller) (as Grace Clark)
- 1988 *Good Old Boy* (for TV) (as Aunt Sue)
- 1992 *The Habitation of Dragons* (Lindsay-Hogg—for TV) (as Miss Helen Taylor); *With Murder in Mind* (*With Savage Intent*) (Tuchner—for TV) (as Aunt Mildred)
- 1994 *Hart to Hart: Home Is Where the Hart Is* (Peter R. Hunt—for TV) (as Eleanor Biddlecomb)
- 1996 *Tarzan: The Legacy of Edgar Rice Burroughs* (as interviewee)

Maureen O'Sullivan's place in film history unfortunately has been relegated to that of an animal-skin-clad girl making a home for the king of the jungle. Although not her first film, *Tarzan, the Ape Man* was her first important role and her recitation of the words "Tarzan" and "Jane" (not "You Tarzan, me Jane" as so often misquoted) made her instantly famous to audiences worldwide. She appeared in several other Tarzan films with Johnny Weissmuller, but her contract at MGM also placed her in a large number of roles, usually playing the star's sister, best friend, or other secondary leads. She had a lovely speaking voice and a delicate beauty which suggested "well-bred young English lady" roles, such as the flighty Dora in *David Copperfield*, Henrietta in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, and the oldest sister, Jane, in *Pride and Prejudice*.

In the 1940s, when O'Sullivan was still in her prime and very active in films, she semiretired from acting to be a mother to her large family and a wife to the writer-director John Farrow, with whom she worked in the 1948 thriller *The Big Clock*. The marriage lasted until Farrow's death in 1963 and produced, among its seven children, the actress Mia Farrow. During the 1950s O'Sullivan made a few films and did some television work, but she did not have any important roles until after John Farrow's death when she went to Broadway and starred in the successful comedy *Never Too Late*. After the long run of the play, it was turned into a film in which O'Sullivan again played opposite her Broadway co-star, Paul Ford. In the film, a gentle comedy, Ford and O'Sullivan, the middle-aged parents of a married daughter, discover that they are going to have another baby. Although she was well into her fifties, O'Sullivan was still very attractive and displayed a fine sensibility for light comedy, something which she seldom, if ever, was able to do as an ingenue.

In the 1980s, O'Sullivan's screen career was briefly jump-started in Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters*, cast as the mother of the character played by daughter Mia. Later on, she became a vocal supporter of her daughter (and denouncer of Allen) in the wake of the notorious Soon-Yi affair.

—Patricia King Hanson, updated by Rob Edelman

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O'TOOLE, Peter

Nationality: Irish. **Born:** Peter Seamus O'Toole in Connemara, Ireland, 2 August 1932; grew up in Leeds, Yorkshire. **Education:** Attended St. Anne's convent school, Leeds. **Military Service:** British Submarine Service, 1950–52: signalman and decoder. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Sian Phillips, 1959 (divorced 1979), daughters: Kate and Pat; 2) Karen Brown, 1983 (divorced), child: Lorcan. **Career:** Worked as journalist for *Yorkshire Evening News*; 1952–54—attended Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London; 1954–58—member of the Bristol Old Vic company; debut in *The Matchmaker*, 1955; 1959—on West End stage in *The Long and the Short and the Tall*; 1960—film debut in *Kidnapped*; in repertory at Stratford-upon-Avon Royal Shakespeare Theatre; later stage work includes roles in *Macbeth*, London, 1980, and *Man and Superman*, London, 1982; appeared in TV mini-series *Masada*, 1981, and *John Jakes' Heaven and Hell: North and South, Part III*, 1994. **Awards:** Best British

Peter O'Toole in *Becket*

Actor, British Academy, for *Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962; Best Actor, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, for *The Stunt Man*, 1980; also several Italian awards. **Address:** 98 Heath Street, London NW3, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *Kidnapped* (Stevenson) (as Robin MacGregor); *The Savage Innocents* (*Ombre Blanche*) (Nicholas Ray) (as 1st Trooper); *The Day They Robbed the Bank of England* (Guillermin) (as Captain Fitch)
- 1962 *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean) (title role)
- 1964 *Becket* (Glenville) (as King Henry II)
- 1965 *What's New Pussycat?* (Clive Donner) (as Michael James); *Lord Jim* (Richard Brooks) (title role); *The Sandpiper* (Minnelli) (as voice)
- 1966 *The Bible . . . in the Beginning* (*The Bible*; *La Bibbia*) (Huston) (as the Three Angels); *How to Steal a Million* (Wyler) (as Simon Dermott)
- 1967 *Night of the Generals* (Litvak) (as General Tanz); *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as Piper)
- 1968 *Great Catherine* (Flemyng) (as Captain Charles Edstaston); *The Lion in Winter* (Harvey) (as Henry II)
- 1969 *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (Wood) (as Arthur Chipping); *Country Dance* (*Brotherly Love*) (J. Lee Thompson) (as Sir Charles Henry Arbuthnot Pinkerton Ferguson)
- 1971 *Murphy's War* (Yates) (as Murphy)
- 1972 *The Ruling Class* (Medak) (as Jack, 14th Earl of Gurney); *Man of La Mancha* (Hiller) (as Cervantes/Don Quixote)
- 1973 *Under Milk Wood* (Sinclair) (as Captain Cat)
- 1975 *Man Friday* (Gold) (as Robinson Crusoe); *Rosebud* (Preminger) (as Larry Martin); *Foxtrot* (*The Other Side of Paradise*) (Ripstein); *Rogue Male* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as The Earl)
- 1978 *Power Play* (Burke) (as Col. Zeller)
- 1979 *Zulu Dawn* (Hickox) (as Lord Chelmsford)
- 1980 *The Stunt Man* (Rush) (as Eli Cross); *Caligula* (Brass—produced in 1977) (as Tiberius)
- 1982 *My Favorite Year* (Benjamin) (as Alan Swann); *The Antagonists* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1983 *Svengali* (Harvey—for TV); *Pygmalion* (Cooke—for TV) (as Henry Higgins)
- 1984 *Supergirl* (Szwarc) (as Zaltar); *Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse* (Graham) (as voice); *Kim* (Davies—for TV)
- 1985 *Creator* (Passer) (as Harry)
- 1986 *Club Paradise* (Ramis) (as Gov. Anthony Croyden Hayes)
- 1987 *The Last Emperor* (Bertolucci) (as Reginald Johnston)

- 1988 *High Spirits* (Neil Jordan) (as Peter Plunkett)
 1989 *In una notte di chiaro di luna (On a Moonlit Night)* (Wertmüller); *Dark Angel* (Hammond—for TV)
 1990 *Wings of Fame* (Votocěk) (as Cesar Valentin); *The Rainbow Thief* (Jodorowsky) (as Prince Meleagre); *Isabelle Eberhardt* (Pringle) (as Major Lyautey); *The Nutcracker Prince* (Schibli) (as voice of Pantaloon); *The Pied Piper (Crossing to Freedom)* (Norman Stone—for TV) (as John Sidney Howard)
 1991 *King Ralph* (Ward) (as Willingham)
 1992 *Rebecca's Daughters* (Francis) (as Lord Sarn); *The Seventh Coin* (Soref) (as Emil Saber)
 1996 *Gulliver's Travels* (Sturridge—for TV) (as Emperor of Lilliput)
 1997 *Fairy Tale: A True Story* (Sturridge) (as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)
 1998 *Phantoms* (Chappelle) (as Timothy Flyte); *Coming Home* (Giles Foster) (as Colonel Carey-Lewis)
 1999 *The Manor* (Berris) (as Mr. Ravenscroft); *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien* (Cox) (as William Williamson); *Joan of Arc* (Duguay—for TV) (Bishop Cauchon)

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Losing themselves in the hollows of Peter O'Toole's craggy face in piddling television escapism such as *Gulliver's Travels*, his fans

can flash backward to the more salubrious time when he was a blond god capable of standing astride a David Lean epic. Reduced to appearing in stentorian show-and-tell cameos, O'Toole has become a sort of John Barrymore for the nineties.

A promising light on London's West End and a potential matinee idol in minor films, O'Toole beat out Brando and Albert Finney for the coveted role of Lawrence of Arabia and breathed magnetic life-force into that enigmatic figure. Burnished by the sun and bundled up smashing in a burnoose, a star was born. Like a lover with a fixation on piercing blue eyes, the camera could not get enough of him, but the ravishing-looking O'Toole was never interested in stripped-to-the-waist love god superstardom.

Despite forays into the fading Hollywood studio system, O'Toole never seemed comfortable twinkling at leading ladies in *What's New Pussycat?* or *How to Steal a Million*. Only when he brought passion to a role did he seem like a star. A shockingly changeable Henry II in *Becket* was resoundingly more forceful than any of the Anouilh's stage play interpreters such as Olivier and Anthony Quinn; O'Toole followed this regal triumph with a robust revisit to the same king in *The Lion in Winter*, even if that stage comedy was misinterpreted on film as a melodrama. Oddly touching in two deteriorative musicals made bearable by his genius (*Goodbye, Mr. Chips* and *Man of La Mancha*), he compensated for commonplace flops in the seventies by balancing them with exemplary turns such as his perfectly nuanced hit man who just misses assassinating Der Fuhrer in *Rogue Male*, and as the nutty Earl of Gurney, who believes he is Christ but whose psychological cure transforms him into Jack the Ripper. Consummately hilarious and unsettling, this rabid satire is the movie *Clockwork Orange* pretends to be. A self-proclaimed vocational drinker as well as actor, O'Toole never set much store by his movie star visage and did not look back when character roles started rolling in. He superbly incarnated the concept of the film director as mini-God in the masterpiece, *The Stunt Man*, and was a comedic cyclone as the dipsomaniac has-been Alan Swann, pulling himself together for his biggest fan in the charming *My Favorite Year*.

Since that peak, the life seems to have been boiled out of him. As his physical decline became more and more pronounced, O'Toole retreated to self-parody which may be copacetic with *Supergirl* but certainly does not sit too well with Henry Higgins in *Pygmalion*. One still hopes inspiration will fire him up for more than showy displays of mellifluousness. Unapologetic about the way he has lived his life, the hell-raising Irishman may rebound with performances that do not rely on vocal tricks and mannerisms; after all, he is a man brave enough to have continued performing *Macbeth* after being savaged by the London critics. Even his ruined grandeur is spectacular and belongs to another risk-taking age when larger-than-life personalities ruled the stage and screen. Unfortunately, the nagging doubt persists that this flamboyant star's passion for acting may be as ravaged as his once-considerable physical beauty.

—Robert Pardi

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PACINO, Al

Nationality: American. **Born:** Alfredo James Pacino in New York City, 25 April 1940. **Education:** Attended High School of the Performing Arts, New York; Herbert Berghof Studio under Charles Laughton; Actors Studio, New York, from 1966. **Career:** Worked as mail boy, in the offices of *Commentary* magazine, a movie usher, and building superintendent; then actor off-off-Broadway; 1969—Broadway debut in *Does the Tiger Wear a Necktie?*; film debut in *Me, Natalie*; 1970—member of the Lincoln Center repertory theater; director of stage play *Rats* in Boston; 1977—in stage play *The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel* in Boston, and New York; 1982–84—co-artistic director, Actors Studio; 1984—London stage debut in *American Buffalo*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor, National Board of Review, Best Actor, National Society of Film Critics, for *The Godfather*, 1972; Best Actor, National Board of Review, Best Motion Picture Actor—Drama, Golden Globe, for *Serpico*, 1973; Best Actor, British Academy Award, for *The Godfather, Part II*, 1974; Best Actor, British Academy Award, Best Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, Best Actor, San Sebastian International Film Festival, for *Dog Day Afternoon*, 1975; Best Actor, Academy Award, Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture—Drama, Golden Globe Award, for *Scent of a Woman*, 1992; Chevalier dans l'Orde des Arts et de Lettres, 1995; Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Documentary, Directors Guild of America, Best Actor, Boston Society of Film Critics Awards, for *Donnie Brasco*, 1997. **Agent:** c/o CAA 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Me, Natalie* (Coe) (as Tony)
- 1971 *Panic in Needle Park* (Schatzberg) (as Bobby)
- 1972 *The Godfather* (Coppola) (as Michael Corleone)
- 1973 *Scarecrow* (Schatzberg) (as Lion); *Serpico* (Lumet) (as Frank Serpico)
- 1974 *The Godfather, Part II* (Coppola) (as Michael Corleone)
- 1975 *Dog Day Afternoon* (Lumet) (as Sonny)
- 1977 *Bobby Deerfield* (Pollack) (as Bobby Deerfield)
- 1979 . . . *And Justice for All* (Jewison) (as Arthur Kirkland)
- 1980 *Cruising* (Friedkin) (as Steve Burns)
- 1982 *Author! Author!* (Hiller) (as Travalian)
- 1983 *Scarface* (De Palma) (as Tony Montana)
- 1985 *Revolution* (Hudson) (as Tom Dobb)
- 1989 *Sea of Love* (Becker) (as Frank Keller)
- 1990 *Dick Tracy* (Beatty) (as Big Boy Caprice); *The Godfather, Part III* (Coppola) (as Michael Corleone)
- 1991 *Frankie and Johnny* (Garry Marshall) (as Johnny)
- 1992 *Scent of a Woman* (Brest) (as Lt. Col. Frank Slade); *Glengarry Glen Ross* (Foley) (as Ricky Roma)

- 1993 *Carlito's Way* (De Palma) (as Carlito Brigante); *Jonas in the Desert* (as Himself)
- 1995 *Two Bits* (*A Day to Remember*) (James Foley) (as Gitano Sabatoni); *Heat* (Michael Mann) (as Vincent Hanna)
- 1996 *City Hall* (Becker) (as Mayor John Pappas); *Donnie Brasco* (Newell) (as Lefty Ruggiero)
- 1997 *The Devil's Advocate* (Hackford) (as John Milton)
- 1999 *The Insider* (Mann) (as Lowell Bergman); *Any Given Sunday* (Stone) (as Tony D'Amato)

Film as Director:

- 1996 *Looking for Richard* (+ ro as Richard III, pr, co-sc)
- 1999 *Chinese Coffee* (+ ro as Harry)

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Al Pacino's career is connected to that of his Italian-American contemporary, Robert De Niro. Both New York City-born, they each became movie stars in the early 1970s, and have more often than not played vividly realized characters who exist (on both sides of the law) within contemporary urban milieus. Pacino's first major role is Michael Corleone in *The Godfather*; De Niro played Michael's father in the sequel, *The Godfather, Part II*. Two decades later, they were masterly paired in *Heat*, with Pacino the cop who obsessively tracks De Niro's hood. Finally, and most importantly, their acting styles clearly derive from the Method school, with Pacino remaining an important force in the continuation and development of New York's famed Actors Studio.

Pacino's acting roots are apparent in his earliest performances, which emphasize spontaneity, improvisation, and a flamboyance of

manner and expression to a point where acting threatens to become the films' raison d'être. This is precisely the case in his roles as the young junkie in *Panic in Needle Park*, the drifter who has abandoned his family in *Scarecrow*, the honest New York cop singlehandedly fighting a corrupt police department in *Serpico*, and the would-be bankrobber who desires to finance his lover's sex change operation in *Dog Day Afternoon*. It is his appearances in these films (as well as *The Godfather* and *The Godfather, Part II*) which established Pacino as one of the 1970s' most important stars. His performances in the first four are tours de force of an almost crazed nervous energy combined with a deep intensity and vulnerability. This energy appears at once a positive trait, infectious and irresistible, and a mask, a defense against the constant threat posed by the other characters or forces at work in the story.

But it was his work in the two *Godfather* films which required Pacino to create a far more complexly psychological characterization. Here, his acting style changes drastically, as he becomes more restrained and understated. His Michael Corleone starts out a young, all-American war hero, a man with decent instincts and the type of guy one would expect to marry, raise a family, and become a pillar of his community. As time passes and Michael finds himself becoming more deeply and inexorably involved in his family's "business," Pacino gradually and ever-so-subtly develops his character into a powerful but nonetheless tragic figure: a man who has allowed himself to be seduced and ultimately corrupted, to the point where he is capable of instigating the most vicious and horribly evil actions (such as ordering the murder of Fredo, his own brother). Unlike his psychotic other brother Sonny, who is primarily ruled by his temper and emotions, Michael is an intelligent man who should know better. So his soul becomes tainted, and he becomes at once emotionally repressed and tragically incapable of altering his fate. He is consumed by a cloak of weariness which haunts him, overriding and defining his character more than any amount of power he has achieved. This aspect of his evolving character plays itself out dramatically in the third *Godfather* film, made a decade and a half after *The Godfather, Part II*, in which Michael Corleone suffers through the death of his beloved daughter.

Pacino's career has not been without its share of miscalculations. Chief among them are *Cruising*, a distasteful, embarrassing thriller in which his character, a New York City cop, goes undercover and enters a gay netherworld in order to seek out a killer; *Bobby Deerfield*, an awful soaper in which he plays a race car driver romancing a beautiful but seriously ill woman; *Revolution*, a preposterous Revolutionary War drama in which he is cast as a trapper; and *Scarface*, by far his worst screen performance, in which he overacts outrageously as a Cuban drug dealer. But Pacino's stardom remained intact, and he has endured into the 1990s and beyond as a major movie personality whose casting in a film makes that film an event.

—Robin Wood

He ended the 1980s with a solid star turn as another New York cop in *Sea of Love*, generating sufficient heat in his love scenes with Ellen Barkin and exhibiting the abundant array of emotions experienced by his character. The same is the case in *Carlito's Way*, in which he plays a weary, streetwise Puerto Rican criminal attempting to go straight. He was never more ingratiating as an ex-con who falls for a reluctant waitress in *Frankie and Johnny*; he effectively reprised Michael Corleone in the otherwise disappointing *The Godfather, Part III*; he was fun to watch as the vividly menacing Big Boy Caprice in *Dick*

Tracy; and he graduated to senior citizen roles, nicely playing a wise old Italian immigrant grandfather in *Two Bits*, a Depression-era nostalgia piece.

In two of Pacino's most important 1990s films, he plays flamboyant characters who are, in their manner, aging extensions of his roles in *The Panic in Needle Park*, *Scarecrow*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, and *Serpico*. He earned a long-overdue Academy Award for *Scent of a Woman*, playing a blind, cantankerous, ultimately suicidal ex-Army colonel. But he is even better in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, adapted by David Mamet from his stage play about the pressures on, and frustrations of, a group of real estate salesmen. Pacino plays Ricky Roma, a character who is tough, hard, and slick. Roma is a hotshot who lays a psychological-metaphysical line on his clients like a master manipulator. Those who have come to Roma to inquire about purchasing property are not so much his clients as his victims. As Roma, Pacino offers an acting tour de force. To watch him here, spouting Mamet's bristling dialogue—at once vivid and knowing, with brush strokes both subtle and broad—is to see a master actor at the top of his form.

The second half of the decade saw Pacino cast as an old-guard pro football coach/raspy-voiced warhorse (in *Any Given Sunday*); an aging, tired, low-level wiseguy (in *Donnie Brasco*, playing a character who, on the gangland food chain, is the antithesis of Michael Corleone); a dedicated television newsmagazine producer who is a Woodward/Bernstein clone, and is *Serpico*-like in his tenacity (in *The Insider*); and the devil himself, the charismatic, demonic head of a high-powered law firm (in *The Devil's Advocate*). Throughout his career, so many of Pacino's characters, whether cop or con man, are New York City-based. So it was appropriate, then, that in *City Hall* he played the Mayor of New York. In all these films, Pacino is a delight to watch—particularly when his characters are pointing, shouting, and allowing their emotions to flow across the screen.

Throughout his career, Pacino often has returned to the stage, where he has played Shakespearean roles, including *Richard III* and *Julius Caesar*. He entered the directorial ranks in 1996 with a film that was personal and special to him: *Looking for Richard*, an ambitious documentary that is an ode to the Bard and a reflection of Pacino's unending fascination with the character of Richard III. In *Looking for Richard*, Pacino illustrates how Shakespeare writes "great words" with "great meaning," and teaches the audience to "feel." He includes man-and-woman-on-the-street interviews that elicit responses to and feelings about Shakespeare, and points out the fallacy that only English actors can play the Bard. *Looking for Richard* also is an examination of the character of Richard III, with Pacino mounting and casting a production of the play. Primarily, the film works as a welcome reminder of the manner in which the emotions and conflicts of Shakespeare remain ever-relevant to today's world.

—updated by Rob Edelman

PAGE, Geraldine

Nationality: American. **Born:** Kirksville, Missouri, 22 November 1924. **Education:** Attended the Goodman Theatre Dramatic School, Chicago; also studied acting with Uta Hagen. **Family:** Married 1) Alexander Schneider, 1956 (divorced); 2) the actor Rip Torn; daughter: Angelica; twin sons: Anthony and Jonathan. **Career:** Actress in Lake Zurich, Illinois, summer theater, four summers; also with Woodstock, Illinois, repertory company for two years; worked in



Geraldine Page with Paul Newman in *Sweet Bird of Youth*

New York for International Thread Company while acting off-Broadway; 1947—film debut in *Out of the Night*; 1951—leading role in *Summer and Smoke* in New York, repeated in film version in 1961; film contract with Charles K. Feldman; 1953—Broadway debut in *Mid-Summer*; first featured film role in *Hondo*; later stage work includes roles in *Sweet Bird of Youth*, 1959, *Strange Interlude*, 1963, *Three Sisters*, 1964, *Clothes for a Summer Hotel*, 1980 and *Agnes of God*, 1982. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, British Academy, for *Interiors*, 1978; Oscar for Best Actress, for *The Trip to Bountiful*, 1985. **Died:** Of a heart attack, in New York City, 13 June 1987.

Films as Actress:

1947 *Out of the Night*
 1953 *Hondo* (Farrow) (as Angie Lowe); *Taxi* (Ratoff) (as Florence Albert)
 1961 *Summer and Smoke* (Glenville) (as Alma Winemiller)
 1962 *Sweet Bird of Youth* (Brooks) (as Alexandra Del Lago)
 1963 *Toys in the Attic* (Hill) (as Carrie Berniers)
 1964 *Dear Heart* (Delbert Mann) (as Elvie Johnson)

1966 *Monday's Child* (Nilsson); *You're a Big Boy Now* (Coppola) (as Margery Chanticleer)
 1967 *The Happiest Millionaire* (Tokar) (as Mrs. Duke)
 1968 *What Ever Happened to Aunt Alice?* (Katzin) (as Mrs. Clair Marrable)
 1969 "A Christmas Memory" ep. of *Trilogy* (Perry—for TV) (as the Woman)
 1971 *The Beguiled* (Siegel) (as Martha); *J. W. Coop* (Robertson) (as Mama)
 1972 *Pete 'n' Tillie* (Ritt) (as Gertrude)
 1973 *Happy as the Grass Was Green* (*Hazel's People*) (Davis) (as Anna Witmer)
 1974 *Live Again, Die Again* (Colla—for TV)
 1975 *Day of the Locust* (Schlesinger) (as Big Sister)
 1976 *Nasty Habits* (Hogg) (as Walburga)
 1977 *The Rescuers* (Reitherman, Lounsbery, and Stevens—animation) (as voice of Mme. Medusa); *Something for Joey* (Antonio—for TV); *The Three Sisters* (Bogart) (as Olga)
 1978 *Interiors* (Allen) (as Eve)
 1981 *Honky Tonk Freeway* (Schlesinger) (as Sister Mary Clarise); *Harry's War* (Merrill) (as Beverley)

- 1982 *I'm Dancing as Fast as I Can* (Hofsiss) (as Jean Martin)
 1984 *The Pope of Greenwich Village* (Rosenberg) (as Mrs. Ritter); *The Parade* (*Hit Parade*) (Hunt); *The Dollmaker* (Petrie—for TV)
 1985 *White Nights* (Hackford) (as Anne Wyatt); *The Trip to Bountiful* (Masterson) (as Mrs. Carrie Watts); *The Bride* (Roddam) (as Mrs. Baumann); *Flanagan* (Goldstein) (as Mama)
 1986 *My Little Girl* (Kaiserman) (as Grandmother Molly); *Nazi Hunter: The Beate Klarsfeld Story* (*Nazi Hunter: The Search for Klaus Barbie*) (Lindsay-Hogg); *Native Son* (Freedman) (as Peggy)

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An exponent of the Method style of acting, Geraldine Page was best known as a stage performer, particularly for her work in the plays of Tennessee Williams. Her performances in the film versions of *Summer and Smoke*, as a shy spinster hopelessly in love with her neighbor, and *Sweet Bird of Youth*, as an aging movie star suffering from a nervous breakdown, established her as a successful and important actress and indicated the wide range of her acting abilities.

In 1953, Page was brought to Hollywood to play opposite John Wayne in *Hondo* as Angie Lowe, a homesteader with child, abandoned by her husband. Warner Brothers executives were unimpressed with her despite an Oscar nomination; she was not offered another Hollywood film until the 1960s. After the two Tennessee Williams roles, she became somewhat typecast as a spinster or neurotic, as evidenced by her characters in *Toys in the Attic*, *Dear Heart*, and *You're a Big Boy Now*. Her eccentric image was pushed to its sinister extreme, epitomizing evil behind a sweet facade, in such films as *The Beguiled* and *Whatever Happened to Aunt Alice?*, while her comic abilities were showcased in *Pete 'n' Tillie* (notably her frustration when police demand to know her real age).

Woody Allen used the accumulated resonance of her desperately vulnerable character roles when he cast her as the self-pitying wife and overbearing mother of *Interiors*, a woman whose well-ordered existence is shattered by her husband's desire for a divorce. Life becomes a strain: a spilled drop of wine at her birthday celebration provides an exquisite moment for Page to eloquently communicate long suffering.

Her stage career continued to be her prime focus, working both on and off Broadway, and accepting only occasional television parts and movie roles. In 1984, Page was awarded a seventh Oscar nomination

for *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, the record for actresses who had yet to win.

The following year, the losing streak was ended with her glorious performance in *The Trip to Bountiful* as Mrs. Carrie Watts, an aging widow now living in a two-room Houston apartment with her son and overbearing daughter-in-law. Aware her time is near, Mrs. Watts is anxious to make one last trip to Bountiful, the place of her youth. As a woman coping with the sorrows and frustrations of old age dependency, Page brilliantly communicates Mrs. Watts' tendency for self-dramatization: she will make it to Bountiful if she has to walk the last 12 miles from Harrison. The emotional journey Mrs. Watts takes on this trip allows Page to use effectively the sense memory skills of her Method background: upon her arrival at the homestead, her simple statement "I'm home" is accompanied by a facial expression that magnificently encompasses both the joy of arrival and a sadness over those not present.

—Doug Tomlinson

PALANCE, Jack

Nationality: American. **Born:** Walter Jack Palahnuik (or Vladimir Palanuik) in Lattimer, Pennsylvania, 18 February 1920 (some sources give 1919). **Education:** Attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Stanford University, California. **Family:** Married 1) Virginia Baker, 1949 (divorced), two daughters and one son; 2) Elaine Rogers, 1987. **Career:** Worked as coal miner, cook, radio repairman,



Jack Palance in *Dracula*

and boxer; then served in World War II as bomber pilot: shot down and needed plastic surgery; after the war studied at Stanford; 1947—debut on Broadway; 1950—film debut in *Panic in the Streets*; 1956—acclaimed role in TV play *Requiem for a Heavyweight*; appeared in TV series *The Greatest Show on Earth*, 1963–64, and *Bronk*, 1975–76, and in mini-series *Buck Rogers*, 1980, *The Chisholms*, 1980, and *Buffalo Girls*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Award for *City Slickers*, 1991. **Agent:** c/o Susan Smith & Associates, 121 North San Vicente Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA, 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

(as Walter Jack Palance)

1950 *Panic in the Streets* (Kazan) (as Blackie)

(as Jack Palance)

- 1950 *Halls of Montezuma* (Milestone) (as Pigeon Lane)
 1952 *Sudden Fear* (Miller) (as Lester Blaine)
 1953 *Shane* (Stevens) (as Stark Wilson); *Second Chance* (Maté) (as Cappy Gordon); *Arrowhead* (Warren) (as Toriano); *Flight to Tangier* (Warren) (as Gil Walker); *Man in the Attic* (Fregonese) (as Slade)
 1954 *The Silver Chalice* (Saville) (as Simon Magus); *Sign of the Pagan* (Sirk) (as Attila the Hun)
 1955 *Kiss of Fire* (Joseph M. Newman) (as El Tigre); *The Big Knife* (Aldrich) (as Charles Castle); *I Died a Thousand Times* (Heisler) (as Roy Earle)
 1956 *Attack!* (Aldrich) (as Lt. Costa)
 1957 *The Lonely Man* (Levin) (as Jacob Wade); *House of Numbers* (Rouse) (as twin brothers, Bill and Arne Judlow); *Flor de mayo* (*Beyond All Limits*) (Gavaldón) (as Gatsby)
 1958 *The Man Inside* (Gilling) (as Milo March)
 1959 *Ten Seconds to Hell* (Aldrich) (as Eric Koertner)
 1960 *Austerlitz* (*The Battle of Austerlitz*) (Gance) (as Weirother)
 1961 *I mongoli* (*The Mongols*) (De Toth, Savona, and Freda) (as Ogotai); *Rosemunda e Alboino* (*Sword of the Conqueror*) (Campogalliani) (as Alboino); *Il guidizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (De Sica)
 1962 *Barabba* (*Barabbas*) (Fleischer) (as Torvald); *La guerra continua* (*Warriors Five*) (Savona) (as Jack)
 1963 *Le Mépris* (*Contempt*) (Godard) (as Jeremy Prokosch)
 1965 *Les Tueurs de San Francisco* (*Once a Thief*) (Nelson) (as Walter Pedak)
 1966 *The Professionals* (Richard Brooks) (as Captain Jesús Raza); *The Spy in the Green Hat* (Sargent) (as Louis Strago)
 1967 *Torture Garden* (Francis) (as Ronald Wyatt); *Kill a Dragon* (Moore) (as Rick)
 1968 *Las Vegas 500 millones* (*They Came to Rob Las Vegas*) (Isasmendi) (as Douglas); *Marquis de Sade: Justine* (*Justine and Juliet*) (Franco)
 1969 *Il mercenario* (*The Mercenary; A Professional Gun*) (Corbucci) (as Ricciolo); *The Desperados* (Levin) (as Parson Josiah Galt); *Che!* (Fleischer) (as Fidel Castro)
 1970 *The McMasters* (Kjellin) (as Kolby); *Monte Walsh* (Fraker) (as Chet Rollins); *Vamos a matar, compañeros!* (*Compañeros*) (Corbucci) (as Xantos)

- 1971 *The Horsemen* (Frankenheimer) (as Tursen); *Si puo fare . . . amico* (*The Big and the Bad*) (Lucidi) (as gunman)
 1972 *Chato's Land* (Winner) (as Quincey Whitmore); *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Jarrott—for TV)
 1973 *Oklahoma Crude* (Kramer) (as Hellman); *Te deum* (*The Con Men*) (Castallani)
 1974 *Dracula* (Curtis—for TV) (title role); *Craze* (Francis) (as Neal Mottram); *The Godchild* (Badham—for TV)
 1975 *The Hatfields and the McCoys* (Ware—for TV); *The Four Deuces* (Bushnell); *Africa Express* (Lupo); *The Diamond Mercenaries* (*Killer Force*) (Guest)
 1976 *The Great Adventure* (Baldanello)
 1977 *Welcome to Blood City* (Sasdy) (as Sheriff Frenlander); *I padroni della città* (*Mr. Scarface; Rulers of the City*) (di Leo); *Portrait of a Hit Man* (Buckhantz) (as Jim Buck)
 1978 *One Man Jury* (Martin) (as Wade); *God's Gun* (Kramer)
 1979 *Dead on Arrival* (Martin); *Seven from Heaven* (Clark); *The Shape of Things to Come* (McCowen) (as Omus); *Cocaine Cowboys* (Lommel) (as Raf); *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* (Haller—for TV); *Angels Brigade* (Clark); *The Last Ride of the Dalton Gang* (Curtis—for TV)
 1980 *The Ivory Ape* (Kotani—for TV); *Ladyfingers*; *Without Warning* (*It Came . . . without Warning*) (Clark); *Hawk the Slayer* (Marcell) (as Voltan)
 1982 *Alone in the Dark* (Sholder) (as Frank Hawkes)
 1987 *Bagdad Cafe* (*Out of Rosenheim*) (Adlon) (as Rudy Cox)
 1988 *Gor* (Kiersch) (as Xenos); *Young Guns* (Cain) (as L. G. Murphy)
 1989 *Batman* (Burton) (as Carl Grissom); *Outlaw of Gor* (Cardos) (as Xenos); *Tango and Cash* (Konchalovsky) (as Yves Perret)
 1991 *City Slickers* (Underwood) (as Curly)
 1992 *Solar Crisis* (Sarafian) (as Travis); *Keep the Change* (Tennant—for TV) (as Overstreet); *Salmonberries* (Adlon)
 1993 *Cyborg II: Glass Shadows* (Schroeder) (as Mercy)
 1994 *The Swan Princess* (Rich) (as voice of Rothbart); *Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics* (for TV) (as Jeremy Wheaton); *Cops & Robbers* (Ritchie) (as Jack Stone); *City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold* (Weiland) (as Duke Washburn)
 1995 *Buffalo Girls* (Hardy—for TV) (as Bartle Bone)
 1997 *Treasure Island* (as voice of Long John Silver); *Ebenezer* (Jubenville—for TV) (as Ebenezer/Future Scrooge); *I'll Be Home for Christmas* (Jerry London) (as Bob)
 1998 *Marco Polo*
 1999 *Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End* (Jordan—for TV) (as John Witting)

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As much as any other actor, the career of Jack Palance has been determined by his physical appearance. His taut-skinned and somewhat Asian features and the legacy of his Slavic background were rendered even more distinctive by the severe burns and resulting plastic surgery he endured after the crash of a bomber he was piloting during World War II. His resulting look never would allow him to be cast as a romantic hero. In short, Palance seemed destined to be typecast as a sadistic heavy.

After some Broadway experience (notably with Elia Kazan), the actor moved on to Hollywood like so many others associated with the Actors Studio. He started out in movies playing creepy villains in prestige films. In Kazan's *Panic in the Streets*, he is striking if somewhat hysterical as a trigger-happy, plague-stricken hood. In *Shane*, he is especially menacing as a gunslinger who is the very image of grim death. In *Sudden Fear*, his character is more outwardly respectable: Lester Blaine, an actor who woos and wins heiress-turned-playwright Joan Crawford. Only what she does not know is that he just may be a fortune hunter and killer. This should not be surprising, as Palance simply is not the romantic type. Given his developing screen image, Palance was in character as Blaine is transformed from attentive suitor to outright heavy. The actor's career was off to a fast start, as evidenced by his two Best Supporting Actor Oscar nominations (for *Sudden Fear* and *Shane*).

During this period, Palance also appeared as a villain in a number of costume epics, playing a very satanic Simon Magus in *The Silver Chalice* and an energetic Attila the Hun in *Sign of the Pagan*. But his best screen work was to come in several films directed by Robert Aldrich, who perceptively realized that Palance's daunting appearance could be made to suggest an inner vulnerability. In *The Big Knife*, he plays a movie star mired in a corrupt Hollywood that serves as a microcosm of American society. In this role, Palance powerfully conveys a moral decay to which he contributes but which eventually traps him as well. In *Attack!* and *Ten Seconds to Hell* he plays similar characters, soldiers who are inevitably (and sadly) doomed by their involvement in the deadly business of war.

From the 1960s on, Palance's career became run of the mill. He appeared in a seemingly endless number of foreign and domestic costume epics, throwaway melodramas and actioners, and uninspired television movies. Occasionally an interesting credit was thrown into the mix: Godard's *Contempt*, the Westerns *The Professionals* and *Monte Walsh*, and Percy Adlon's *Bagdad Cafe*. But Palance for the most part was earning his mortgage money by appearing in the likes of *Kill a Dragon*, *Africa Express*, *The Diamond Mercenaries*, *Dead on Arrival*, *The Last Ride of the Dalton Gang*, *Gor*, *Outlaw of Gor*, and so on.

In 1991, Palance was fortunate enough to be cast as Curly, the weather-beaten trail boss who interacts with Billy Crystal, in the popular baby boomer comedy *City Slickers*. His performance won him the Best Supporting Actor Oscar; that, along with his Oscarcast display of physical dexterity, earned him the kind of notoriety and

publicity other faded veteran actors only dream of. Curly is a larger-than-life character if there ever was one, and Palance plays him broadly and with a partial wink at the viewer. He appears to be enjoying himself immensely as he offers a deft parody of all of his macho villain characters.

Still, one wishes that the career of Jack Palance had developed differently and that, over the decades, he had been able to maintain the high level of his earliest screen work.

—R. Barton Palmer, updated by Rob Edelman

PALTROW, Gwyneth

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gwyneth Kate Paltrow, Los Angeles, California, 28 September 1972 (some sources say 1973). **Education:** Dropped out of University of California to pursue career in acting. **Awards:** Academy Award, for *Shakespeare in Love*, 1998. **Address:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212–1825, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1991 *Shout* (Hornaday) (as Rebecca); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Young Wendy)
- 1992 *Cruel Doubt* (Simoneau—for TV) (as Angela Pritchard)



Gwyneth Paltrow in *Emma*

- 1993 *Flesh and Bone* (Kloves) (as Ginnie); *Malice* (Becker) (as Paula Bell); *Deadly Relations* (Condon—for TV) (as Carol Fagot Holland)
- 1994 *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* (Mrs. Parker and the Round Table) (Rudolph) (as Paula Hunt)
- 1995 *Moonlight and Valentino* (Anspaugh) (as Lucy Trager); *Se7en* (Seven) (Fincher) (as Tracy Mills); *Jefferson in Paris* (Ivory) (as Patsy Jefferson)
- 1996 *Sydney* (Hard Eight) (Anderson) (as Clementine); *Emma* (McGrath) (as Emma Woodhouse); *The Pallbearer* (Reeves) (as Julie DeMarco)
- 1998 *Shakespeare in Love* (Madden) (as Viola De Lesseps); *A Perfect Murder* (Davis) (as Emily Bradford Taylor); *Hush* (Darby) (as Helen); *Sliding Doors* (Howitt) (as Helen Quilley); *Great Expectations* (Cuarón) (as Estella); *Out of the Past* (Dupre) (voice of Sarah Orne Jewett)
- 1999 *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (Minghella) (as Marge Sherwood)
- 2000 *Duets* (Bruce Paltrow) (as Liv); *Bounce* (Roos) (as Abby); *The Intern* (Lange) (as Herself)

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With her unconventional beauty, mastery of accents, and class, Gwyneth Paltrow has a chance to become her generation’s Meryl Streep, provided either experience or training greatly deepen her ability to lose herself in a role. Though she is not formally trained, her acting has gradually improved over the years. And though she was born and raised in California by her parents, actress Blythe Danner (*The Great Santini*) and television producer Bruce Paltrow (*St. Elsewhere*), she has shown herself to be a master of accents, from Texan (*Flesh and Bone*) to three distinct varieties of British in her three most notable films: *Emma*, *Sliding Doors*, and *Shakespeare in Love*. Director Steve Kloves was stunned by both Paltrow’s acting ability and her ear for accents when he was casting the role of Ginnie, an amoral grifter from Texas who steals jewelry from corpses, for his film *Flesh and Bone* (1993). Kloves said, when Paltrow entered the

audition room, she was all sweetness and light, “but as soon as she read, a veil came over her and she totally inhabited the character.”

Another director who can attest to the authenticity of her accent is Douglas McGrath. “I grew up in Texas, and my friends and I used to just kill ourselves laughing when movie actors did Texas accents. People always sounded like the Clampetts. But Gwyneth did the most impeccable Texas accent in *Flesh and Bone*.” This was one reason McGrath gave Paltrow the lead in his film *Emma* (1996), which proved to be her true breakout role. *Emma*, based on the Jane Austen novel, tells the story of an overindulged rich girl who is so busy meddling in the lives of others that she neglects her own. As an American, Paltrow was petrified of taking the role of one of England’s most beloved literary characters, in a film to be shot in England and filled with some of England’s finest actors. According to Paltrow, growing up she always had a knack for accents, and would occasionally fool people pretending she was British or some other nationality. But when she was cast as Emma Woodhouse she suddenly realized it would take an enormous amount of work because there’s a huge difference between the fake English accent that sounds good and a real one that reflects growing up in a specific location in England, and that requires changing the placement of your tongue and jaw. She needn’t have worried about tackling the role; her accent and the emotional tone she struck were so right, so light and graceful and witty, that her performance was embraced on both sides of the Atlantic.

She was offered roles in *Titanic* and *The Avengers*, but turned down both for the lead in Peter Howitt’s *Sliding Doors* (1998), in which she plays the lead character in a dual role. Running for a subway train after being fired from her job, Helen Quilley both catches and misses the train, setting up parallel stories showing how something as simple as catching or missing a subway train can lead to widely divergent fates. A great believer in the idea that life experiences really change the way you perceive things from one day to the next, Paltrow found it challenging to play two versions of the same woman, one who has been through something dramatic and traumatic, and one who hasn’t.

But it was in *Shakespeare in Love* (1998) that Paltrow really came into her own. This cleverly written film is in part a fanciful speculation on how Shakespeare came to write his most famous play, in part a satire of show business, and especially a love story between William Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes) and Lady Viola de Lesseps (Paltrow). In Shakespeare’s time, women were forbidden to act, but Viola is so eager to work in the theater that she disguises herself as a man in order to appear in Shakespeare’s newest play, the still-in-progress *Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate’s Daughter*. Shakespeare is suffering from writer’s block, but once he discovers Viola’s secret and their passionate love blooms, he has all the inspiration he needs. *The New York Times* pointed out that the film could never have as much energy as it does without the right real-life Juliet to dazzle Will, and “Gwyneth Paltrow, in her first great, fully realized starring performance, makes a heroine so breathtaking that she seems utterly plausible as the playwright’s guiding light. In a film steamy enough to start a sonnet craze, her Viola de Lesseps really does seem to warrant the most timeless love poems, and to speak Shakespeare’s own elegant language with astonishing ease.” Paltrow’s performance earned her a well-deserved Best Actress Oscar, and was a major reason the film went on to win Best Picture. One can only hope that she develops greater depth to accompany her grace and facility with accents.

—Bob Sullivan

PAPAS, Irene

Nationality: Greek. **Born:** Irene Lelekou in Chiliomodon, 9 March 1926. **Education:** Attended the Royal Drama School, Athens. **Family:** Married 1) Alkis Papas, 1947 (marriage dissolved 1951); 2) José Kohn, 1957 (marriage annulled). **Career:** Singer and dancer from her teens in variety shows; 1950—film debut in *Nekri Politeia*; contract with Lux films (Italy) in early 1950s; made several U.S. films in the mid-1950s, and international productions subsequently; 1967—on Broadway with Jon Voight in *That Summer—That Fall*. **Address:** c/o United Film Distribution, 115 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, NY 11021, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1951 *Nekri Politeia (Dead City)* (Iliades)
- 1953 *Le infideli (The Unfaithfuls)* (Steno and Monicelli) (as Mrs. Luisa Azzali); *Dramma della Casbah* (Anton); *Vortice* (Matarazzo); *The Man from Cairo* (Enright) (as Yvonne)
- 1954 *Teodora, Imperatrice di Bisanzio (Theodora, Slave and Empress)* (Freda); *Attila flagello di dio (Attila; Attila the Hun)* (Francisci) (as Grune)
- 1956 *Tribute to a Bad Man* (Wise) (as Jocasta Constantine); *The Power and the Prize* (Koster)
- 1960 *Antigone (Rights for the Dead)* (Tzavellas) (title role)
- 1961 *The Guns of Navarone* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Maria Pappadimos)
- 1962 *Electra* (Cacoyannis) (title role)
- 1964 *The Moon-Spinners* (Neilson) (as Sophia); *Zorba the Greek* (Cacoyannis) (as the widow)
- 1965 *Die Zeugin aus der Hölle (Witness Out of Hell; Gorge Trave; Bitter Grass)* (Mitrovic) (as Lea Weiss)
- 1966 *Roger la Honte* (Freda)
- 1967 *Más allá de las montañas (Beyond the Mountains; The Desperate Ones)* (Ramati) (as Ajmi); *A ciascuno il suo (We Still Kill the Old Way)* (Petri) (as Luisa Roscio)
- 1968 *The Brotherhood* (Ritt) (as Ida Ginetta); *Ecce Homo* (Gaburro); *L'Odissea* (Rossi—for TV)
- 1969 *Z* (Costa-Gavras) (as Hélène); *A Dream of Kings* (Delbert Mann) (as Caliope); *Anne of the Thousand Days* (Jarrott) (as Queen Catherine of Aragon)
- 1971 *The Trojan Women* (Cacoyannis) (as Helen of Troy); *Roma Bene* (Lizzani); *N.P. (N.P.—The Secret)* (Agosti) (as housewife); *Un posto ideale per uccidere* (Lenzi)
- 1972 *Non si serviva un paperino (Don't Torture the Duckling)* (Fulci); *Piazza Pulita (1931: Once upon a Time in New York; Pete, Pearl and the Pole)* (Vanzi); *Sutjeska (The Fifth Offensive)* (Vanzi)
- 1974 *Le faró da padre (Bambina)* (Lattuada)
- 1975 *Mose (Moses; The Lawgiver)* (De Bosio—for TV) (as Zipporah)
- 1976 *The Message (Mohammad, Messenger of God; Al-Risalah)* (Akkad) (as Hind); *Bodas de sangre* (Barka)
- 1977 *L'uomo di Corleone* (Coletti); *Un'ombra nell'ombra* (Carpi); *Iphigenia* (Cacoyannis) (as Clytemnestra)
- 1979 *Bloodline* (Terence Young) (as Simonetta Palazza); *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli* (Christ Stopped at Eboli) (Rosi) (as Giulia)
- 1981 *Lion of the Desert (Omar Mukhtar)* (Akkad—produced in 1979) (as Mabrouka)
- 1982 *Erendira* (Guerra) (as grandmother); *La Ballade de Mamlouk* (Bouassida)
- 1983 *Il disertore (The Deserter)* (Berlinquer) (as Mariangela); *Afghanistan pourquoi* (Masbahi)
- 1984 *Steps* (Hirschfield); *The Assisi Underground* (Ramati) (as Mother Giuseppina)
- 1985 *Into the Night* (Landis) (as Shaheen Parvizi)
- 1987 *Sweet Country* (Cacoyannis) (as Mrs. Araya); *High Season* (Peploe) (as Penelope)
- 1988 *Cronaca di una morte annunciata (Chronicle of a Death Foretold)* (Rosi) (as Angela's Mother)
- 1989 *Island* (Cox) (as Marquise); *Ociano* (Deodato—for TV)
- 1990 *La Batalla de los Tres Reyes* (as Lalla Sahaba)
- 1991 *Drums of Fire; Banquet*
- 1992 *Lettera da Parigi (The Latest from Paris)* (Giordani) (as Gina); *Zoe*
- 1993 *Pano Kato Ke Plagios (Up, Down and Sideways)* (Cacoyannis) (as Maria)
- 1994 *Jacob* (Peter Hall—for TV) (as Rebekah)
- 1996 *Party* (de Oliveira) (as Irene)
- 1997 *The Odyssey* (Konchalovsky—mini for TV) (as Anticlea)
- 1998 *Inquietude (Anxiety)* (de Oliveira) (as Mother)
- 1999 *Yerma* (Távora)
- 2000 *The Wog Boy* (Vellis) (as Old Lady)

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Some actors and roles seem predestined for each other. From the opening shot of Michael Cacoyannis's *Electra*, as the proud, implacable face emerges from encroaching shadows, it becomes impossible to imagine anyone else as Euripides's heroine. Erect, immutably dignified, dark eyes burning fiercely beneath heavy black brows, Irene Papas visibly embodies the sublimity of classical Greece, tragic yet serene. “I had never thought,” Dilys Powell wrote, “to see the face of the great Apollo from the Olympia pediment live and move. Now I have seen it.”

Cacoyannis continued to provide some of her finest roles: as the caged Helen, eyes flashing, defying the execrations of *The Trojan*



Irene Papas in *Zorba the Greek*

Women; and in *Iphigenia*, the third in his Euripidean trilogy, as Clytemnestra, terrible in her grief, even more terrible in the cold, vengeful tenacity that succeeds it. He also cast her, memorably, as the widow in *Zorba the Greek*: cool marble to Lila Kedrova's raddled plush, yet still conveying a powerful sensuality beneath the impassive surface which rendered wholly credible the final appalling explosion into violence.

So awe-inspiring a presence has often worked to Papas's detriment, tending to limit her roles—especially in Hollywood, where she has generally been assigned Mother Earth parts, requiring little more than stoical suffering or elemental fury. Yet her range is certainly wider—she started out, after all, in Athenian musical reviews. Italy, her second home during the Colonels' regime (which she contemptuously termed "the fourth Reich"), has sometimes offered more imaginative scope. Her housekeeper in Rosi's *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli*, bathing Gian Maria Volonté in a tin tub and commenting with sly appreciation on his physique, suggests a talent for subtle comedy hitherto unsuspected by international audiences—and which it would be good to see developed.

—Philip Kemp

PATIL, Smita

Nationality: Indian. **Born:** 1954. **Education:** Attended Bombay University. **Career:** Involved with a theater group in Poona; 1972—newscaster on a Bombay television station; 1975—film debut in Shyam Benegal's *Nishant*. **Awards:** Indian National Film Awards for Best Actress, for *Bhumika*, 1977, and *Chakra*, 1980. **Died:** 13 December 1986.

Films as Actress:

- 1975 *Nishant* (Benegal)
- 1977 *Manthan* (*Churning*) (Benegal); *Bhumika* (*The Role*) (Benegal)
- 1978 *Gaman* (Ali); *Anugraham* (*The Boon*) (Benegal)
- 1980 *Akrosh*; *Naxalitees*; *Chakra* (*Vicious Circle*) (Dharmaraj)
- 1981 *Albert Pinto ko gussa kyon aati hai* (*Why Albert Pinto Is Angry*) (Mirza); *Sadgati* (*Deliverance*) (Ray—for TV); *Bhavni bhavai* (*A Folk Tale*) (Mehta) (as Ujjan); *Aswa medher ghora* (*Sacrificial Horse*) (Bhattacharya)

- 1982 *Namak halal; Shakti; Bazaar; Dil e Nadaan*
 1983 *Mandi* (Benegal); *Subah* (Umbatha; *Morning; Threshold*) (Patel) (as Sulabha); *Arth; Ardh Satya; Chatpatee; Ghungroo; Dard ka rishta; Qayamat; Haadsaa*
 1984 *Situm; Anand nur Anand; Raawan; Pet Pyar nur Paap; Tarang* (Shahani)
 1985 *Chidambaram* (Aravindan) (as Sivakami)
 1986 *Debshishu* (Chakraborty); *Mirch Masala* (*Spices*) (Mehta) (as Sonbai)
 1987 *Nazrana* (Tandon); *Sutradhar* (Joshi)
 1988 *Akarshan; Hum Farishte Nahin; Waris*
 1989 *Oonch Neech Beech; Galiyon Ka Badshah*

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In India during the 1970s, the New Cinema movement arose as a challenge to mainstream popular cinema. Although it also hoped to alter mainstream cinema, the New Cinema's main thrust was a greater verisimilitude centered around contemporary social issues. Foremost among its concerns was the representation of an ideal modern woman. Smita Patil was the New Cinema actress most strongly identified with establishing the role model for this new woman.

Smita Patil was discovered by director Shyam Benegal while working as a newscaster for Bombay television. Her face soon appeared on every national magazine cover and she became a star overnight. Wearing little or no makeup and dressed in traditional saris, her "natural looking" image was somewhat antithetical to that of the usual Indian film star. She was increasingly cast in roles that used this image to blur any distinction between her personal and professional life. Originally described as the rural milkmaid "with fire in her eyes and a deep intensity in her soul," her screen persona was made concrete after appearing in Benegal's *Bhumika*, the story of a famous Marathi stage and screen actress (the Joan Crawford of India) whose life was fraught with drink and painful love affairs during her search for personal freedom in an orthodox society.

Although the art cinema world tended to champion her as a serious actress, Patil began an uneasy crossover towards more commercial films. A recipient of national awards within India, Smita Patil's talents also attracted attention outside her native land; Costa-Gavras organized a retrospective of her films in France.

—Behroze Gandhi

PECK, Gregory

Nationality: American. **Born:** Eldred Gregory Peck in La Jolla, California, 5 April 1916. **Education:** Attended high school in San Diego; St. John's Military Academy, Los Angeles; San Diego State University; University of California, Berkeley, graduated 1939; Neighborhood Playhouse theater school, New York, under Sanford Meisner, two years. **Family:** Married: 1) Greta Konen, 1942 (divorced 1955), three children, one deceased; 2) Veronique Passani, 1955, son: the actor Tony Peck, daughter: the actress Cecilia Peck. **Career:** Worked as talker at World's Fair, New York, and guide at Radio City; 1940—acted at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Virginia, and later at theaters in New York; 1943—film debut in *Days of Glory*; contract with David O. Selznick, and several other film companies; 1948—co-founder, La Jolla Playhouse; 1958—co-producer of film *The Big Country*; 1965—charter member of National Arts Council; 1967–69—chairman of the Board of Trustees, American Film Institute; 1982—in TV mini-series *The Blue and the Gray*, and as voice in *Baseball*, 1994; 1995—toured in one-man show *A Conversation with Gregory Peck*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Twelve O'Clock High*, 1949; Best Actor Academy Award, for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, 1962; Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, 1967; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1989. **Agent:** Mike Simpson, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1943 *Days of Glory* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Vladimir)
 1944 *Keys of the Kingdom* (Stahl) (as Father Francis Chisholm)
 1945 *Spellbound* (Hitchcock) (as John "J. B." Ballantine); *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett) (as Paul Scott)
 1946 *The Yearling* (Brown) (as Pa Baxter); *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor) (as Lewt McCandles)
 1947 *The Macomber Affair* (Korda) (as Robert Wilson); *Gentleman's Agreement* (Kazan) (as Phil Green); *The Paradine Case* (Hitchcock) (as Anthony Keane)
 1948 *Yellow Sky* (Wellman) (as Stretch)
 1949 *The Great Sinner* (Siodmak) (as Fedja); *Twelve O'Clock High* (Henry King) (as Gen. Frank Savage)
 1950 *The Gunfighter* (Henry King) (as Johnny Ringo)
 1951 *Captain Horatio Hornblower* (Walsh) (title role); *Only the Valiant* (Gordon Douglas) (as Capt. Richard Lance)
 1952 *David and Bathsheba* (Henry King) (as David); *The World in His Arms* (Walsh) (as Jonathan Clark); *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* (Henry King) (as Harry Street); *Pictura* (as narrator)
 1953 *Roman Holiday* (Wyler) (as Joe Bradley); *Night People* (Johnson) (as Col. Steve Van Dyke)
 1955 *The Purple Plain* (Parrish) (as Forrester); *The Million Pound Note* (*Man with a Million*) (Neame) (as Jerry Adams)
 1956 *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* (Johnson) (as Tom Rath); *Moby Dick* (Huston) (as Capt. Ahab)
 1957 *Designing Woman* (Minnelli) (as Mike Hagen)
 1958 *The Bravados* (Henry King) (as Jim Douglass)
 1959 *Pork Chop Hill* (Milestone) (as Lt. Joe Clemons); *Beloved Infidel* (Henry King) (as F. Scott Fitzgerald); *On the Beach* (Kramer) (as Dwight Towers)



Gregory Peck in *Moby Dick*

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| <p>1961 <i>The Guns of Navarone</i> (J. Lee Thompson) (as Capt. Mallory)</p> <p>1962 <i>Cape Fear</i> (J. Lee Thompson) (as Sam Bowden); <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> (Mulligan) (as Atticus Finch)</p> <p>1963 "The Plains" ep. of <i>How the West Was Won</i> (Hathaway) (as Cleve Van Valen); <i>Captain Newman, M.D.</i> (Miller) (title role)</p> <p>1964 <i>Behold a Pale Horse</i> (Zinnemann) (as Manuel Artiguez)</p> <p>1965 <i>Mirage</i> (Dmytryk) (as David Stillwell)</p> <p>1966 <i>Arabesque</i> (Donen) (as David Pollock); <i>John F. Kennedy: Years of Lightning, Day of Drums</i> (Herschensohn) (as narrator)</p> <p>1968 <i>The Stalking Moon</i> (Mulligan) (as Sam Varner)</p> <p>1969 <i>MacKenna's Gold</i> (J. Lee Thompson) (as MacKenna); <i>The Most Dangerous Man in the World (The Chairman)</i> (J. Lee Thompson) (as Dr. John Hathaway); <i>Marooned</i> (John Sturges) (as Charles Keith)</p> <p>1970 <i>I Walk the Line</i> (Frankenheimer) (as Sheriff Henry Tawes)</p> <p>1971 <i>Shootout</i> (Hathaway) (as Clay Lomax)</p> <p>1973 <i>Billy Two Hats</i> (Kotcheff) (as Deans)</p> <p>1978 <i>The Boys from Brazil</i> (Schaffner) (as Dr. Josef Mengele)</p> <p>1981 <i>The Sea Wolves</i> (McLaglen) (as Col. Lewis Pugh)</p> | <p>1983 <i>The Scarlet and the Black</i> (London—for TV) (as Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty)</p> <p>1986 <i>Directed by William Wyler</i> (Slesin—doc) (as himself)</p> <p>1987 <i>Amazing Grace and Chuck</i> (<i>Silent Voice</i>) (Newell) (as President)</p> <p>1989 <i>Old Gringo</i> (Puenzo) (as Ambrose Bierce)</p> <p>1991 <i>Other People's Money</i> (Jewison) (as Andrew Jorgenson); <i>Cape Fear</i> (Scorsese) (as Lee Heller)</p> <p>1993 <i>The Portrait</i> (Arthur Penn—for TV) (as Gardner Church, + exec pr)</p> <p>1995 <i>Sinatra: 80 Years My Way</i> (doc) (as himself)</p> <p>1996 <i>Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick</i> (Robinson—doc)</p> <p>1998 <i>Moby Dick</i> (Roddam—for TV) (as Father Mapple)</p> <p>1999 <i>From Russia to Hollywood: The 100-Year Odyssey of Chekhov and Shdanoff</i> (Keeve) (as Narrator)</p> |
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Films as Producer:

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| <p>1958 <i>The Big Country</i> (Wyler) (+ ro as James McKay)</p> <p>1972 <i>The Trial of the Catonsville Nine</i> (Davidson)</p> |
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- 1974 *The Dove* (Jarrott)
 1976 *The Omen* (Richard Donner) (+ ro as Robert Thorn)
 1977 *MacArthur* (Sargent) (+ title role)

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When Gregory Peck was designated an enemy of the conservative Nixon establishment, it was as much a recognition of his role within the social symbolism of Hollywood films, as a reaction to his personal involvement with liberal causes. If James Stewart, in his work for

Frank Capra, nostalgically embodies the populist image of the small-town good citizen, Peck creates the figure of the decent and fair-minded reformer or the fundamentally good man who rises to the moral demands of the occasion. Only rarely have other qualities of Peck's persona been explored, particularly the resentment and anger which his intensity suggests. It is in these uncharacteristic roles that he has done some of his most interesting as well as some of his worst acting.

After some experience with New York City's Neighborhood Playhouse, Peck moved to Hollywood where, classified as 4-F, he worked steadily during the war. In his first role, as an Eastern front guerilla in Jacques Tourneur's *Days of Glory*, he demonstrated the requisite qualities of the versatile leading man. By the end of the 1940s Peck had established himself as both a commercial and critical success. He received Oscar nominations for *Gentleman's Agreement*—a perfect showcase for his intensity and aroused righteousness, *The Yearling*, and *The Keys of the Kingdom*. The acclaim however, was more for the likable persona Peck had created than for any demonstration of acting virtuosity.

In the 1950s and 1960s he played many similar roles, the apotheosis of his reformer character coming in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a film in which Peck's humble and antiracist small-town lawyer is a successful mix of populist goodwill and political commitment. Less impressive versions of the same conscience-stricken character are to be found in *Twelve O'Clock High*, *Captain Horatio Hornblower*, and *Pork Chop Hill*.

Those roles that explore the dark side of his personality indicate both his virtues and limitations as an actor. In the Freudian Western *Duel in the Sun* he demonstrated early in his career that he could successfully evoke both sexual obsession and sociopathy. Performances in *The Gunfighter*, *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, *The Paradine Case*, and *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* exhibited a very human frailty that was only glimpsed in his more optimistic roles. Peck's failure to portray adequately the complexities of a compulsive figure in such films as *Moby Dick*, *MacArthur*, and *The Boys from Brazil* indicates the limitations of his skill as an actor.

Peck, like many of the characters he played, has a social conscience. He has been involved in charitable, political, and film industry causes. In 1965, he became a member of the National Council on the Arts, then he was elected chairman of the American Cancer Society the following year. From 1967 to 1969, he was on the Board of Trustees of the American Film Institute. He served as president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. Peck also received the Medal of Freedom and the Academy's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

—R. Barton Palmer, updated by Linda J. Stewart

PENN, Sean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Burbank, California, 17 August 1960; son of the actor and television director Leo Penn and the actress Eileen Ryan; brother of the actor Christopher Penn. **Family:** Married 1) the singer-actress Madonna, 1985 (divorced 1989); 2) the actress



Sean Penn (right) with Anna Paquin and Kevin Spacey in *Hurly Burly*

Robin Wright, 1996, two children: Dylan and Hopper. **Education:** Attended Santa Monica High School. **Career:** In high school directed and acted in Super-8 movies; two years as backstage technician and assistant to actor/director Pat Hingle with the Los Angeles Group Repertory theater; directed play *Terrible Jim Fitch*, acted in *Earthworms* and *The Girl on the Via Flaminia*; studied acting with Peggy Feury; 1979—guest appearances on TV series *Barnaby Jones*; made Broadway debut in *Heartland*, which had a brief run but led to his movie debut in *Taps*; returned to Broadway in *Slab Boys*; 1982—breakthrough performance in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. **Awards:** New Generation Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, 1983; Silver Bear Award, Berlin Film Festival, Independent Spirit Award, for *Dead Man Walking*, 1996; Best Actor Award, Cannes Film Festival, for *She's So Lovely*, 1997; Volpi Cup, Venice Film Festival, for *Hurlyburly*, 1998. **Agent:** c/o Brian Gersh, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1979 *The Concrete Cowboys* (Burt Kennedy—for TV)
 1981 *Hellinger's Law* (Leo Penn—for TV); *The Killing of Randy Webster* (Wanamaker—for TV); *Taps* (Harold Becker) (as Alex Dwyer)

- 1982 *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (Heckerling) (as Jeff Spicoli)
 1983 *Bad Boys* (Rosenthal) (as Mick O'Brien); *Summerspell* (Shanklin) (as Buddy)
 1984 *Crackers* (Malle) (as Dillard); *Racing with the Moon* (Richard Benjamin) (as Henry "Hopper" Nash)
 1985 *The Falcon and the Snowman* (Schlesinger) (as Andrew Daulton Lee)
 1986 *At Close Range* (Foley) (as Bradford Whitewood Jr.); *Shanghai Surprise* (Goddard) (as Glendon Wasey)
 1987 *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturie—doc) (as voice only)
 1988 *Colors* (Dennis Hopper) (as Danny McGavin); *Judgment in Berlin* (Leo Penn) (as Gunther X); *Cool Blue* (Mullin and Shepard) (as Phil the plumber, uncredited)
 1989 *Casualties of War* (De Palma) (as Sergeant Meserve); *We're No Angels* (Neil Jordan) (as Jimmy)
 1990 *State of Grace* (Joanou) (as Terry Noonan)
 1991 *Schneeweissrosenrot* (*SnowwhiteRosered*) (Langhans and Ritter)
 1993 *Carlito's Way* (De Palma) (as David Kleinfeld); *The Last Party* (Mark Benjamin and Marc Levin—doc) (as himself)
 1995 *Dead Man Walking* (Tim Robbins) (as Matthew Poncelet)
 1997 *U Turn* (Stone) (as Bobby Cooper); *She's So Lovely* (Cassavetes) (as Eddie Quinn + exec pr); *Loved* (Dignam) (as Man on the

- Hill +pr); *The Game* (Fincher) (as Conrad); *Hugo Pool* (Robert Downey Sr.) (as Strange Hitchhiker)
 1998 *The Thin Red Line* (Malick) (as First Sgt. Edward Welsh);
Hurlyburly (Drazan) (as Eddie)
 1999 *Sweet and Lowdown* (Allen) (as Emmett Ray); *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze) (as himself)
 2000 *Up at the Villa* (Haas) (as Rowley Flint); *The Weight of Water*

Films as Writer and Director:

- 1991 *The Indian Runner*
 1995 *The Crossing Guard*
 2000 *The Pledge*

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Sean Penn stood out in his first big-screen appearance as the calm eye of the melodramatic *Taps*, and raced on to create a notable gallery of outsiders and rebels, both violently delinquent as in *Bad Boys* and humorous as in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. It was as Spicoli, the stoned high-school student-cum-surfer in the latter that he revealed the nerve to play a character in a stylized manner, and it was this

performance that brought him notice as well as popularity: it was clear that here was an off-beat young actor of considerable skill, something of a prodigy as both straight performer and character cartoonist. This was recognized by the Los Angeles Film Critics Association which voted him winner of the 1983 New Generation Award. His self-conscious style, however, got the better of him in his overly mannered performance as Daulton Lee in *The Falcon and the Snowman*, betraying all too obviously his debt to Dustin Hoffman (*Midnight Cowboy*) and Robert De Niro (*The King of Comedy*), and substituting imitation for experience. However, in his next film, *At Close Range*, he evidenced the maturing of his approach, giving a complex and sympathetic portrayal of an aimless, damaged youth coming to terms with his betrayal by a psychopathically criminal father (Christopher Walken).

Over the next four years, although Penn appeared in a few films—a mixed bag that included the fairly disastrous *Shanghai Surprise* with his then wife Madonna, and Dennis Hopper’s *Colors*—he was more in the public eye as Madonna’s consort, brawling in the glare of tabloid flashbulbs, than as an actor of stature. That changed with his towering performance in Brian De Palma’s controversial *Casualties of War*. As Sergeant Meserve, the American soldier in Vietnam who avenges the death of a buddy by kidnapping and raping a forlorn Vietnamese girl, Penn gives a considered and uncompromising portrayal of confusion, rage and brutality, evoking an elemental man caught in a war where only individual temperament and character separate courage (as represented by Michael J. Fox) from sadism. The actor is fearsome to behold, employing his full armory—body, face, and voice—to express the full range of organized male aggression, both that which protects and that which violates. Arguably, he had become the first in his generation of actors to absorb and reveal the influence of De Niro, and, if you like, by that osmosis, Marlon Brando.

Penn subsequently claimed that he did not like acting and accepted roles only in order to pay bills unless tempted to work with certain directors on exceptional scripts. One such was De Palma’s *Carlito’s Way* with Al Pacino, in which Penn gives a masterly character performance as Kleinfeld, the corrupt, self-serving, amoral, drug-taking lawyer who sells Pacino down the river. Combining whining villainy with a rancid smack of his comic style, comedy, he makes of Kleinfeld a sleazy creature, at once caricatural and sinister, snickering at his own fibs and stunts under De Palma’s super-sophisticated direction of the material. The actor, meanwhile, had become preoccupied with the idea of writing and directing his own films, beginning with *The Indian Runner*, straightforwardly reflecting the era of his own experience in its somewhat overheated treatment of a blue-collar misfit wreaking havoc on his family. His next, *The Crossing Guard* four years later, was an altogether more ambitious and opaque, but less entertaining affair, but both are steeped in lugubrious visuals, a “workshop” approach and a too-studied search for effect. Nevertheless, both were impressively committed and intense demonstrations of his talent, which made all the more pointed and lamentable the loss to movies of the performances he was not giving.

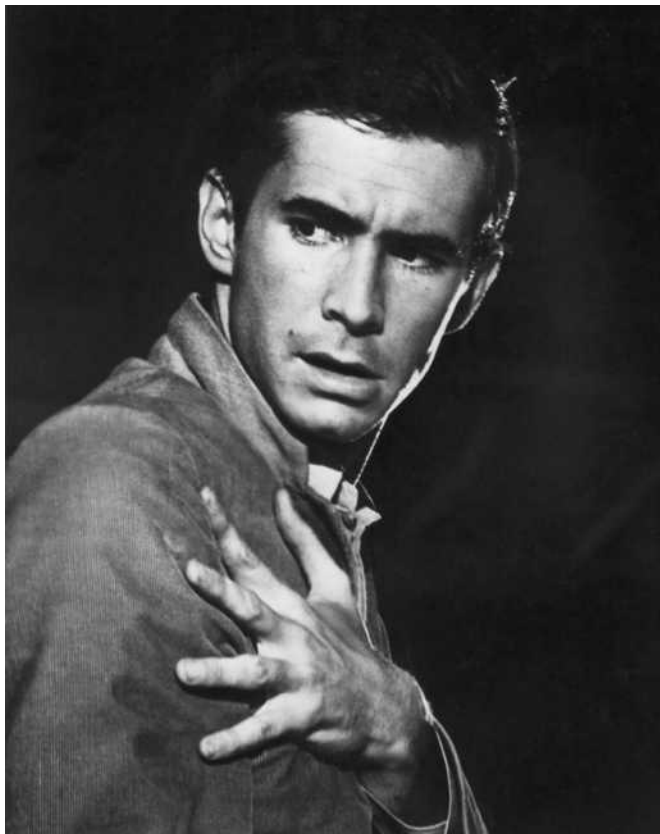
Then, as if he had worked something out of his system he returned to acting with more apparent relish and lean confidence, sliding smoothly into difficult, confused characters such as the weaselly condemned killer Matthew Poncelet in *Dead Man Walking*, the errant, disturbed husband in *She’s So Lovely* (for which he received the best actor award at the 1997 Cannes Film festival) and the

heartsick Eddie in *Hurlyburly*. In smaller character roles—the sophisticated prankster in *The Game*, a tough sergeant in *The Thin Red Line*—his effortless presence left a dominant memory of the picture. His choice tragicomic performance for Woody Allen as *Sweet and Lowdown*'s Emmet Ray, a fictitious but classically self-destructive jazz musician of monstrousness and pathos, rang with understanding and truth, compelling in his recklessness but invested with vulnerable and comedic undertones which elicit sympathy and make Emmet unexpectedly endearing. By now Penn was an established actors' actor, essaying a pre-World War II comedy of manners as a rich idler in Italy in *Up at the Villa*, and embarking as producer, writer and director, on *The Pledge* with a distinguished cast headed by Jack Nicholson and including Vanessa Redgrave. But, with the maturity and focus to realize his ambitions, it seemed unlikely that an actor as inventive as Sean Penn, equally good whether serious or funny, would ever abandon what he does so well.

—Alan Dale, updated by Robyn Karney

PERKINS, Anthony

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 4 April 1932. **Education:** Attended Browne and Nichols School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida; Columbia University, New York. **Family:** Married Berinthia (Berry) Berenson, 1973,



Anthony Perkins in *Psycho*

children: Osgood, Elvis. **Career:** 1946—professional stage debut in Brattleboro theater, Vermont; other summer stock and television work; 1953—film debut in *The Actress*; 1954—Broadway debut in *Tea and Sympathy*; later stage roles include *Look Homeward, Angel*, 1957, the musical *Green-Willow*, 1960, *Equus*, 1977, and *Romantic Comedy*, 1979; 1983—in TV mini-series *For the Term of His Natural Life*; 1987—in TV mini-series *Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Goodbye Again*, 1961. **Died:** 12 September 1992.

Films as Actor:

- 1953 *The Actress* (Cukor) (as Fred Whitmarsh)
- 1956 *Friendly Persuasion* (Wyler) (as Josh Birdwell)
- 1957 *Fear Strikes Out* (Mulligan) (as Jimmy Piersall); *The Lonely Man* (Levin) (as Riley Wade); *The Tin Star* (Anthony Mann) (as Sheriff Ben Owens)
- 1958 *Desire under the Elms* (Delbert Mann) (as Eben Cabot); *Barrage contre le Pacifique* (*This Angry Age*; *The Sea Wall*) (Clément) (as Joseph Dufresne); *The Matchmaker* (Anthony) (as Cornelius)
- 1959 *Green Mansions* (Ferrer) (as Abel); *On the Beach* (Kramer) (as Peter Holmes)
- 1960 *Tall Story* (Logan) (as Ray Blent); *Psycho* (Hitchcock) (as Norman Bates)
- 1961 *Goodbye Again* (*Aimez-vous Brahms?*) (Litvak) (as Philip Van Der Besh); *Phaedra* (Dassin) (as Alexis)
- 1962 *Le Procès* (*The Trial*) (Welles) (as Josef K.); *Five Miles to Midnight* (Litvak) (as Robert Macklin)
- 1963 *La Glaive et la balance* (*Two Are Guilty*) (Cayatte) (as Johnny)
- 1964 *Une Ravissante Idiote* (*A Ravishing Idiot*) (Molinaro) (as Harry Compton/Nicholas Maukouline)
- 1965 *The Fool Killer* (González) (as Milo Bogardus)
- 1966 *Paris brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément) (as Sgt. Warren)
- 1967 *Le Scandale* (*The Champagne Murders*) (Chabrol) (as Christopher Balling)
- 1968 *Pretty Poison* (Black) (as Dennis Pitt)
- 1970 *How Awful about Allan* (Harrington—for TV); *WUSA* (Rosenburg) (as Rainey); *Catch-22* (Mike Nichols) (as Chaplain Tappman)
- 1971 *Quelqu'un derrière la porte* (*Someone behind the Door*; *Two Minds for Murder*) (Gessner) (as Laurence Jeffries)
- 1972 *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean* (Huston); *Play It as It Lays* (Perry) (as B. Z.); *La Décade prodigieuse* (*Ten Days' Wonder*) (Chabrol) (as Charles Van Horn)
- 1974 *Lovin' Molly* (Lumet) (as Gid); *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Hector McQueen)
- 1975 *Mahogany* (Gordy) (as Sean)
- 1978 *First, You Cry* (Schaefer—for TV); *Remember My Name* (Rudolph) (as Neil Curry); *Les Misérables* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Inspector Javert)
- 1979 *Winter Kills* (Richert); *The Black Hole* (Gary Nelson) (as Dr. Alex Durant); *The Horror Show* (Schickel)
- 1980 *Double Negative* (Bloomfield) (as Lawrence Miles); *Twee vrouwen* (*Twice a Woman*) (Sluizer) (as Alfred); *ffolkes* (*North Sea Hijack*; *Assault Force*) (McLaglen) (as Kramer)

- 1983 *Psycho II* (Franklin) (as Norman Bates); *Sins of Dorian Gray* (Maylam—for TV)
- 1984 *Crimes of Passion (China Blue)* (Russell) (as the Rev. Peter Shayne); *Glory Boys* (Ferguson—for TV) (as Jimmy)
- 1988 *Destroyer* (Kirk) (as Robert Edwards)
- 1989 *Edge of Sanity (Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde)* (Kikoine) (as Dr. Henry Jekyll/Jack Hyde)
- 1990 *Psycho IV: The Beginning* (Garris—for TV) (as Norman Bates); *I'm Dangerous Tonight* (Tobe Hooper—for TV) (as Buchanan); *Daughter of Darkness* (Stuart Gordon—for TV)
- 1991 *Los Gusanos no Llevan Bufanda (The Naked Target)* (Elorrieta) (as mechanical man); *Der Mann nebenan (A Demon in My View)* (Haffter) (as Arthur Johnson)
- 1992 *In the Deep Woods* (Correll—for TV) (as Paul)

Other Films:

- 1973 *The Last of Sheila* (Ross) (co-sc)
- 1986 *Psycho III* (d, ro as Norman Bates)
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Looking back from *Crimes of Passion* through *Psycho* to Anthony Perkins’s early career, it comes as something of a shock to realize that Hollywood initially fashioned his persona to signify healthy boy-next-door normality. His first two roles immediately established the opposing comic and serious sides of his image. He portrayed, on the one hand, an enthusiastic but callow and unimaginative suitor in *The Actress*, and, on the other hand, an earnest and sensitive Quaker boy reluctantly learning what it means to kill in *Friendly Persuasion*. Perkins was instantly perceived as immensely attractive, and the nature of the attractiveness posed a problem for a cinema dedicated overall to the preservation and reinforcement of clear-cut gender identity. Perkins’s charm was centered on an abundance of qualities traditionally associated with femininity—sensitivity, vulnerability, diffidence, and a physical and emotional delicacy and frailty—a combination that might tend to arouse sexual feelings not only in women, but disturbingly and dangerously, in men.

Given a potential new star then, Hollywood was somewhat at a loss as to what he might star in. During the next few years several solutions were attempted: eccentric roles in eccentric comedy (*The Matchmaker*, *Tall Story*); a boy learning to become a man under the guidance of an older role model (*The Tin Star*); and roles in which vulnerability could be justified by an unbearable situation (*On the Beach*). But the pre-*Psycho* film that most closely suggests the solution that was finally adopted was *Fear Strikes Out*. Perkins’s feminine characteristics could be at once contained and explained if they were associated with neurotic disorder. The Norman Bates of *Psycho*, clearly Perkins’s greatest performance, is also the definitive one in which the solution is perfected, and Perkins was never able to live it down. Norman gives all those attractive Perkins qualities their most complete embodiment and expression and is then revealed as hopelessly insane. There have been many attempts to define the fascination of Hitchcock’s extraordinary film, but most of them miss its core, the very basis of its power to disturb: the extremely complex play with gender and the transgression of traditional gender boundaries.

After *Psycho*, Perkins’s career became problematic, although he never gave a phoned-in performance and he reaffirmed his acting credentials by replacing Anthony Hopkins in Broadway’s *Equus*. After his misguided flight to Europe to find opportunities for “serious” acting he felt Hollywood had denied him, there were halfhearted attempts to reestablish him as a romantic lead. Instead Perkins eventually came to terms with the stigma of being everybody’s favorite mama’s boy although it is a bit disheartening to witness the deterioration of his youthful persona into a breeding ground for psychoses from *Psycho* onward. Within the limits imposed by type-casting, Perkins triumphed especially in *Pretty Poison*, as a garden variety mental case outclassed by a diabolically twisted high school honor student acted by Tuesday Weld in a parody of her Thalia Meninger role from television’s *Dobie Gillis*. As the mask of fresh-faced good looks faded, Perkins seemed positively ferretlike, his eyes burning with secrets he had been hiding from movie audiences. If he

is disproportionately jittery in the all-star company of *Murder on the Orient Express*, and so transparently dysfunctional in *Mahogany* and *Play It as It Lays* as to seem certifiable, he is haunting as the target of revenge in *Remember My Name* and eerily vindictive as unyielding Inspector Javert in a splendid television adaptation of *Les Misérables*.

After meshing with the blackly comic ironies of *Winter Kills* and lampooning his image as all-purpose nutcase in Ken Russell's florid *Crimes of Passion*, Perkins made peace with the person responsible for his stifled stardom: Norman Bates. Resurrecting that character's tragic flaws for campy effect in *Psycho II*, Perkins gives a moving performance as if finally reconciled with the cinema's most popular transvestite slasher. Directing himself in *Psycho III* brought the reward of teaming with another idiosyncratic presence, Diana Scarwid, but *Psycho IV* explained the unexplainable in overly explicit Freudian terms. The horror flicks that followed were cheapie exercises that incorporated Perkins shouting *boo!* as if his mere presence were so scary, decent scripts were unnecessary. An extremely gifted actor who inadvertently created his own Frankenstein monster, Perkins could point with pride to his singularly brilliant creation, even if an argument could be advanced that the saddest casualty of Norman Bates's murder spree was Perkins's career.

—Robin Wood, updated by Robert Pardi

PESCI, Joe

Nationality: American. **Born:** Newark, New Jersey, 9 February 1943. **Family:** Married and divorced three times; one daughter, Tiffany, from first marriage. **Career:** Began performing on stage as a child and became a regular on the TV variety show *Startime Kids*, 1953; made his screen debut as a back-up guitarist with Joey Dee and The Starlighters in *Hey, Let's Twist*, 1961; worked as a lounge singer and stand-up comedian under the names "Jonathan Marcus," "Joey Prima," and "Joey Cannon," and recorded a record album under the name "Joe Ritchie," titled "Little Joe Sure Can Sing," 1960s; teamed with Frank Vincent in a nightclub act, early 1970s; had his initial screen acting role in *Death Collector*, 1975; earned acclaim for his first important role in *Raging Bull*, 1980; starred in the short-lived TV sitcom, *Half Nelson*, 1985; appeared as "Mr. Big" in the Michael Jackson music video *Moonwalker*, 1988. **Awards:** Best Newcomer to Film British Academy Award, New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor, National Society of Film Critics Best Supporting Actor, National Board of Review Best Supporting Actor, for *Raging Bull*, 1980; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor, National Board of Review Best Supporting Actor, for *GoodFellas*, 1990; Funniest Actor in a Motion Picture (Leading Role) American Comedy Award, for *My Cousin Vinny*, 1992. **Agent:** Contemporary Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212–1825, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1961 *Hey, Let's Twist* (Garrison) (extra)
 1975 *Death Collector* (*Family Enforcer*) (De Vito) (billed as Joseph Pesci)
 1980 *Raging Bull* (Scorsese) (as Joey LaMotta); *Don't Go in the House* (Ellison) (billed as Joey Pesci)

- 1982 *I'm Dancing as Fast as I Can* (Hofsiss) (as Roger); *Dear Mr. Wonderful* (Ruby's Dream) (Lilienthal) (as Ruby Dennis)
 1983 *Easy Money* (Signorelli) (as Nicky); *Eureka* (Roeg) (as Mayakofsky)
 1984 *Once upon a Time in America* (Leone) (as Frankie Monaldi); *Tutti dentro* (*Put 'Em All in Jail*; *Everybody in Jail*) (Sordi) (as Corrado Emilio Parisi)
 1987 *Man on Fire* (Chouaraoui) (as David)
 1989 *Lethal Weapon 2* (Richard Donner) (as Leo Getz); *Backtrack* (*Catchfire*) (Dennis Hopper—released in U.S. in 1991) (as Leo Carelli)
 1990 *GoodFellas* (Scorsese) (as Tommy De Vito); *Betsy's Wedding* (Alda) (as Oscar Henner); *Home Alone* (Columbus) (as Harry)
 1991 *The Super* (Daniel) (as Louie Kritski); *JFK* (Oliver Stone) (as David Ferrie)
 1992 *My Cousin Vinny* (Lynn) (as Vincent La Guardia Gambino); *The Public Eye* (Franklin) (as Leonard "The Great Bernzini" Bernstein); *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* (Columbus) (as Harry); *Lethal Weapon 3* (Richard Donner) (as Leo Getz)
 1993 *A Bronx Tale* (De Niro) (as Carmine)
 1994 *With Honors* (Keshishian) (as Simon Wilder); *Jimmy Hollywood* (Levinson) (as Jimmy Alto)
 1995 *Casino* (Scorsese) (as Nicky Santoro); *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag* (Schulman) (as Tommy Spinelli)
 1997 *Gone Fishin'* (Cain) (as Joe Waters)
 1998 *Lethal Weapon 4* (Donner) (as Leo Getz)

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To date, two roles have defined Joe Pesci's screen career. Both came in films directed by Martin Scorsese, and in each he plays



Joe Pesci (right) with Robert De Niro in *Raging Bull*

variations of the same character: a pint-sized New Yorker who is hilariously foul-mouthed and invariably in-your-face.

The first is *Raging Bull*, in which he earned celluloid stardom and a Best Supporting Actor Oscar nomination. For years, Pesci had been struggling to establish himself in the entertainment industry as an actor, stand-up comic, and singer. Prior to *Raging Bull*, his sole previous screen acting had been in *Death Collector*, a low-budget crime melodrama in which he is billed as “Joseph” Pesci. When Scorsese cast him, he had retired from show business and was managing a restaurant in the Bronx. Pesci plays Joey, the ill-bred brother-manager of boxer Jake LaMotta (Robert De Niro). The latter is an inarticulate, irrationally jealous man, who throughout the course of the story self-destructively alienates himself from his loved ones, including his brother. Pesci proved himself more than up to the challenge of playing an important role in a high-powered movie which became an instant classic among biopics and boxing dramas. If Scorsese and De Niro won the lion’s share of credit for the success of *Raging Bull*, Pesci (along with Cathy Moriarty, cast as LaMotta’s wife) earned an entree into the celluloid main arena.

Nevertheless, in the decade between *Raging Bull* and *GoodFellas*, his second film with Scorsese, Pesci’s screen career floundered. None

of his roles during this period was memorable; his best was in the little-seen *Dear Mr. Wonderful*, playing a character not unlike the pre-*Raging Bull* Joe Pesci: Ruby Dennis, a man who has show business aspirations but finds himself operating a bowling alley-nightclub in New Jersey.

Pesci had failed to fulfill the potential he exhibited in *Raging Bull*. But he was back in full force in *GoodFellas*—again with De Niro—and his work here not only thrust him into starring roles but earned him the Best Supporting Actor Oscar. *GoodFellas* is a tough, knowing, based-on-fact gangster epic, depicting the evolution of life in the New York Mafia for a quarter-century beginning in the mid-1950s. The primary character is Ray Liotta’s Henry Hill, a young guy “from the neighborhood” who yearns to be a wiseguy, with De Niro playing James Conway, Hill’s mentor. Pesci’s role is strictly a supporting one, on hand to inject the film with a vivid dose of local color. He offers a graphic, scene-stealing performance as Tommy De Vito, a quick-tempered hoodlum. Tommy is no by-the-numbers mob executioner. He is a psychopath who savors being a gangster, and is obsessed with his machismo; he sticks a switchblade in the gut of a rival with the same emotion he would invest in sticking a carving knife in a Thanksgiving turkey. *GoodFellas* differs from *Raging Bull* in that Pesci is

not overshadowed by De Niro, perhaps because the latter's role is neither the showiest nor the most important in the film.

Pesci was to prove equally adept at playing urban types who are comical rather than sinister. This certainly is the case in the *Home Alone* films, in which he is cast as Harry, one of a pair of street slime who tangle in cartoon-violent fashion with a young, resourceful boy (Macauley Culkin); and in *Lethal Weapon 2*, *Lethal Weapon 3*, and *Lethal Weapon 4*, in which he plays annoying but likable Leo Getz, a profanity-spewing runt who is perfectly described by the character played by Mel Gibson as having "a B.S. in b.s." Here, according to a *Variety* critic, Pesci is allowed to showcase "his unique ability to go absolutely ballistic in rat-a-tat fashion." The actor gave what was perhaps his best post-*GoodFellas* performance in *My Cousin Vinny*, cast in a role he was born to play: Brooklyn "lawyer" Vincent La Guardia Gambino, who heads way out of his element—to the Deep South—to defend his cousin and a friend who have been falsely accused of murder. If you grew up in an Italian-American neighborhood in Brooklyn you knew guys like Gambino, a hopelessly uncouth but nonetheless persistent and thoroughly engaging character who wears his accent on his sleeve.

Pesci also brought a creepy presence to *JFK*, cast as alleged Kennedy assassination conspirator David Ferrie, and had one of his most sympathetic roles in *The Public Eye*, playing a Weegee-like 1940s tabloid newspaper photographer. In *Casino*, his third film with Scorsese, he virtually repeats his *GoodFellas* characterization, playing Nicky Santoro, another ballsy mobster who is as short-fused as he is short in stature. Nicky's turf is Las Vegas, rather than New York. He is sent there by the "bosses" back east to be the muscle behind Robert De Niro's casino manager, and he eventually builds himself into the town's most powerful enforcer. Nicky relishes being a gangster. No matter how big a guy is, Nicky will fearlessly take him on and beat him up. Pesci's acting is letter-perfect, but one cannot escape the fact that Nicky Santoro is a virtual clone of Tommy De Vito.

Playing Tommy De Vito may have earned Pesci star stature, but more often than not his starring films—*The Super* (playing a New York City slumlord), *With Honors* (a homeless man), *Jimmy Hollywood* (a Tinseltown wannabe), *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag* (a mob hit man), and *Gone Fishin'* (a vacationing fisherman)—have been undistinguished. Will he ever find a third (or fourth, or fifth) great role to rival the ones he played in *Raging Bull* and *GoodFellas*?

—Rob Edelman

PFEIFFER, Michelle

Nationality: American. **Born:** Santa Ana, California, 29 April 1957 (some sources say 1959); sister of the actress Dedee Pfeiffer. **Education:** Attended Fountain Valley High School. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Peter Horton, 1982 (divorced 1987); adopted daughter, Claudia Rose, 1993; 2) producer/writer David E. Kelley, 1993, one child. **Career:** Worked as supermarket cashier; won Miss Orange County Beauty Pageant, 1977; TV debut in *Delta House* series, 1979; in TV series *B.A.D. Cats* 1980; film debut in *The Hollywood Knights*; stage debut in *Twelfth Night*, 1989. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress,



Michelle Pfeiffer in *Dangerous Minds*

British Academy, for *Dangerous Liaisons*, 1988; Best Actress Awards, Los Angeles Film Critics, New York Film Critics, National Society of Film Critics, National Board of Review, and Golden Globe for *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, 1989; Silver Bear at Berlin for *Love Field*, 1992. **Agent:** Ed Limato, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1979 *The Solitary Man* (Moxey—for TV)
- 1980 *The Hollywood Knights* (Mutrux) (as Suzi Q); *Falling in Love Again* (Paul) (as Sue Wellington)
- 1981 *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* (Clive Donner) (as Cordelia Farrington); *Splendor in the Grass* (Sarafian—for TV); *The Children Nobody Wanted* (Richard Michaels—for TV); *Callie & Son* (Hussein—for TV)
- 1982 *Grease II* (Birch) (as Stephanie Zinone)
- 1983 *Scarface* (De Palma) (as Elvira)
- 1985 *Into the Night* (Landis) (as Diana); *Ladyhawke* (Richard Donner) (as Isabeau)
- 1986 *Sweet Liberty* (Alda) (as Faith Healy)
- 1987 *Amazon Women on the Moon* (Dante) (as Brenda); *The Witches of Eastwick* (Miller) (as Sukie Ridgemont)
- 1988 *Married to the Mob* (Jonathan Demme) (as Angela De Marco); *Tequila Sunrise* (Towne) (as Jo Ann Vallenari); *Dangerous Liaisons* (Frears) (as Madame de Tourvel)

- 1989 *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (Kloves) (as Susie Diamond)
 1990 *The Russia House* (Schepisi) (as Katya)
 1991 *Frankie and Johnny* (Garry Marshall) (as Frankie)
 1992 *Love Field* (Kaplan) (as Lurene Hallett); *Batman Returns* (Burton) (as Catwoman/Selina Kyle)
 1993 *The Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (as Countess Ellen Olenska)
 1994 *Wolf* (Nichols) (as Laura Alden)
 1995 *Dangerous Minds* (John N. Smith) (as LouAnne Johnson)
 1996 *Up Close and Personal* (Avnet); *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*; *One Fine Day* (Hoffman) (as Melanie Parker +exec pr)
 1997 *A Thousand Acres* (Moorhouse) (as Rose Cook Lewis)
 1998 *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner) (as voice of Tziporah +singer)
 1999 *The Story of Us* (Reiner) (as Katie Jordan); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hoffman) (as Titania); *The Deep End of the Ocean* (Grosbard) (as Beth Cappadora)
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Michelle Pfeiffer made her entry in Hollywood’s 1980s intake of attractive, blue-eyed blondes that included Meg Ryan, Kim Basinger, Rebecca de Mornay, Tess Harper, and Jennifer Jason Leigh. Of them all (and there were others), Pfeiffer seemed the most precisely cut from the cloth of a long Hollywood tradition—a sexy, beautiful, intelligent, modern answer to, say, Carole Lombard, blessed with a sophisticated gift for witty one-liners, an ability to cross class barriers, and to bring conviction to a range of contrasting characters across a spectrum from wild comedy through forgettable formula gloss to serious drama.

After a conventional Californian upbringing, during which she displayed little interest in her education, Pfeiffer won the 1977 Miss Orange County beauty contest and began directing her former aimlessness toward modeling, acting classes, and auditions for commercials. This well-trodden route led her to playing a succession of bit-part bimbos on television before she drifted onto the big screen in 1980, gaining some notice in her fourth film, *Grease 2*, which allowed her an opportunity to reveal her budding talents and hinted at her erotic qualities, if not yet the depths and widths of her range. It was to Brian De Palma’s fine instinct for detecting new talent and taking a chance on it that she owed her first real chance to show what she was capable of. Cast as Elvira, the gangster’s moll who becomes Al Pacino’s wife in *Scarface*, she gave a sharply observed, hard-edged portrayal of a woman who takes refuge in cocaine from the hopelessness of her situation. Elvira’s graphically distressing descent into addiction and destruction owed as much to the young actress’s performance as to De Palma’s operatic eye for the material. Having given notice of her dramatic potential, she next evinced a seductive mix of mystery, kookiness, and vulnerability, racing through an escalating series of bizarre situations with Jeff Goldblum in John Landis’ comedy crime caper, *Into the Night*, a movie now almost forgotten but which brought the relative newcomer to wider attention and doubtless encouraged Jonathan Demme to cast her in his inspired and anarchic genre spoof, *Married to the Mob*. As the gum-chewing, Italian-American gangster’s wife, a crazy kook bent on escape, replete with authentic accent and wild hairdo, Pfeiffer was both touching and hilarious.

Before *Married to the Mob*, Pfeiffer had made Richard Donner’s awful medieval fantasy legend *Ladyhawke* and Alan Alda’s tedious attempted satire on film-making *Sweet Liberty*, neither of which advanced her standing with the general public, but the industry seemed to sense what they were holding and teamed her with Susan Sarandon and Cher as one of the three *Witches of Eastwick* in thrall to Jack Nicholson. Now established as a thoroughgoing “modern”—drop-dead beautiful and with a talent to amuse—it came as something of a surprise to find her cast as the ill-fated 18th-century *religieuse* Madame de Tourvel, preyed upon by John Malkovich’s Valmont in

Dangerous Liaisons. Although essentially miscast, her serious stab at this tragic role was not without honor and, indeed, not only elevated her to the ranks of actresses who are taken seriously by serious critics, but also brought her an Academy Award nomination. The superficial formula romance thriller, *Tequila Sunrise*, that followed, kept watchable by Pfeiffer's cool restaurateur caught between the attractive competing forces of Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell, was a forgettable blip before first-rank leading lady stardom came, nine years after her inconspicuous Hollywood debut, with *The Fabulous Baker Boys*.

As Susie Diamond, the small-time whore-turned-nightclub-singer whose presence disturbs the long-time partnership of two piano-playing brothers (Jeff and Beau Bridges), Pfeiffer set the screen alight with unbridled sensuality, while displaying the full sum of her now experienced parts: cool wit, tough-minded independence, and vulnerability. Garlanded with awards for her performance, she moved into that bracket of stars who could almost command their own price, but the movie itself failed to fulfill its own best ideas, leaving its popularity to rest on its leading lady's seductive, multi-layered presence. And therein lies the rub of Michelle Pfeiffer's career through its second decade. A glance at her filmography shows, on the credit side, a really remarkable range, from the defensive, worn-down waitress of *Frankie and Johnny* to the remote, elegant Countess Ellen Olenska of *The Age of Innocence*, hiding her pain, her yearning and her isolation beneath her surface of controlled independence. Contrast, too, her athletic Cat Woman of *Batman Returns*, in which she effortlessly segues back and forth between the wild extremes of bad girl comedy and the confusions of her alter ego, the frumpy, intimidated secretary, with Lurene in *Love Field*. Jonathan Kaplan's too-little seen film showcases Pfeiffer as a lonely Dallas housewife, all beehive hair and false eyelashes, who buries her frustrations in a fantasy of empathy with Jackie Kennedy, and blithely crosses the racial divide she doesn't know exists. This performance, much-lauded by those who saw it, by the critics and by the Academy, moved Hal Hinson of the *Washington Post* to extol Pfeiffer as "a performer who allows us direct access to her character's thoughts and feelings. This character [Lurene] is simply another in her wide-ranging gallery of vivid, complex women. She's fully alive up there on the screen: a grounded angel, tarnished, funny and exquisitely soulful, even when the movie is dead."

That is as accurate an appreciation of this actress's screen persona as one could wish for but, alas, despite the maturing of her gifts, Pfeiffer, as the 1990s wore on, began to look increasingly like an actress in search of an author, her superior gifts more often than not inadequately matched by the material in which she appeared. This, alas, is very much a sign of the Hollywood times, with celebrity taking precedence over substance, and substance itself—as the *eminentes grises* of the profession, Meryl Streep and Glenn Close have publicly complained—in short supply for women. But Pfeiffer herself has sometimes sacrificed her judgment, wasting her gifts on specious disposable pap such as *Up Close and Personal* (though her eminent co-star, Robert Redford, was equally guilty), while her appearance alongside Jessica Lange and Jennifer Jason Leigh (doubtless suffering similar problems of choice) in the catastrophic adaptation of Jane Smiley's "King Lear" novel, *A Thousand Acres*, smacks of desperation in the search for heavyweight material.

While it is difficult to fault the actress herself in films such as *Dangerous Minds*, a simplistic, rose-colored view of how a feisty,

dedicated teacher (Pfeiffer) overcomes the resistance of kids in an underprivileged ghetto school; or in *One Fine Day*, a minor, romantic, latter-day "woman's picture" no better than a TV movie, which trades on a dream team in Pfeiffer and heart-throb George Clooney, such films only serve to emphasize that the course of Pfeiffer's career, like that of several of her gifted contemporaries, has been dictated by the era from which she sprang. It is a sad but unassailable truth that the great female movie star of the Golden Age is no more. Only Julia Roberts seems to hold the drawing power that would have been familiar to a whole host of yesteryear's stars and the discerning moviegoer can only hope that approaching middle-age will bring fresh and worthy challenges to Michelle Pfeiffer, an actress of whom Jonathan Demme once said, "she can do anything. We will be moved by her in a variety of ways over the years."

—Robyn Karney

PHILIPE, Gérard

Nationality: French. **Born:** Cannes, 4 December 1922. **Education:** Attended Collège Stanislas; Institution Montaigne, Vence; School of Law, Nice; studied acting with Jean Wall. **Career:** Stage debut in *Une Grande Fille toute simple*, Nice; 1944—film debut in *La Boîte aux rêves*; 1945—in Camus's play *Caligula* in Paris; followed by a series of successful stage roles in *Le Cid*, 1951, *Lorenzaccio*, 1952, *Richard II*, 1953, and *On ne badine pas avec l'amour*, 1959; 1956—co-director of the film *Les Aventures de Till L'Espiègle*. **Awards:** French Etoile de Cristal for Best Actor, for *Monsieur Ripois*, 1955. **Died:** 25 November 1959.

Films as Actor:

- 1944 *La Boîte aux rêves* (Yves Allégret); *Les Petites du Quai aux Fleurs* (Marc Allégret)
- 1945 *Schéma d'une identification* (Resnais—short)
- 1946 *Le Pays sans étoiles* (Lacombe) (as Simon Frédéric); *L'Idiot* (Lampin) (as Prince Mychkin)
- 1947 *Le Diable au corps* (*Devil in the Flesh*) (Autant-Lara) (as François Jaubert)
- 1948 *La Chartreuse de Parme* (Christian-Jaque) (as Fabrice Del Dongo)
- 1949 *Une si jolie petite plage* (Yves Allégret) (as Pierre); *Tous les chemins mènent à Rome* (Boyer) (as M. Pégase)
- 1950 *La Beauté du Diable* (Clair) (as Henri, Faust, and Mephisto); *La Ronde* (Ophüls) (as Count); *Souvenirs perdus* (Christian-Jaque); *Saint-Louis ou l'ange de la paix* (Darène—short) (as narrator); *Avec André Gide* (Marc Allégret—doc) (as narrator); *Forêt sacrée* (Gaisseau—doc) (as narrator)
- 1951 *Juliette ou la clef des songes* (Carné) (as Michel); *Avignon, bastion de la Provence* (Guenet—short)
- 1952 *Fanfan-la-tulipe* (Christian-Jaque) (title role); *Les Sept Péchés capitaux* (Lacombe); *Les Belles de nuit* (Clair) (as Claude)
- 1953 *Les Orgueilleux* (Yves Allégret) (as Georges)

- 1954 *Si Versailles m'était conté* (Guitry) (as D'Artagnan); *Monsieur Ripois* (Clément) (title role); *Les Amants de la Villa Borghese* (Franciolini); *Le Rouge et le noir* (Autant-Lara) (as Julien Sorel)
- 1955 *Les Grandes Manoeuvres* (Clair) (as Armand); *Si Paris m'était conté* (Guitry); *La Meilleure part* (Yves Allégret) (as Perrin)
- 1956 *Le Théâtre national populaire* (Franju—short)
- 1957 *Montparnasse 19* (Becker) (as Amedeo Modigliani); *Pot-Bouille* (Duvivier) (as Octave Mouret)
- 1958 *La Vie à deux* (Duhour) (as Désiré); *Le Joueur* (Autant-Lara) (as Alexei de Dostoievsky)
- 1959 *Les Liaisons dangereuses 1960* (Vadim) (as Valmont)
- 1960 *La Fièvre monte à El Pao* (Buñuel)

Film as Co-Director:

- 1956 *Les Aventures de Till L'Espiègle* (+ title role)

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In a brilliant but sadly brief career, Gérard Philippe was celebrated as the most talented and most loved screen and stage actor of his generation. An enormously gifted, intelligent, and committed professional, he possessed a fine voice, a handsome, youthful appearance, and a charming freshness which suggested both residual innocence and emotional intensity. Encouraged by Marc Allégret, he trained under Jean Huret and later Jean Wall before making a promising stage debut at Cannes.

Philippe's film career was launched by Marc and Yves Allégret in their romantic comedies *La Boîte aux rêves* and *Les Petites du Quai aux Fleurs*, but his first leading role came in *Le Pays sans étoiles* as a dreaming clerk uncannily acting out a crime of passion. A more demanding part, executed with discerning subtlety, followed as the reforming, idealistic, and deranged Prince Myshkin in *L'Idiot*. However, in *Le Diable au corps*, as the adolescent passionately and perhaps irresponsibly involved with a nurse who, although engaged to a soldier, bears his child, he triumphed with a public deeply conscious of the personal moral dilemmas posed by wartime separations. The successful partnership with Micheline Presle led to a laborious romantic farce, *Tous les chemins mènent à Rome* and a later lesser variation on the adulterous couple relationship in *Les Amants de la Villa Borghese*.

Though Hollywood beckoned, Philippe preferred to remain within the European film tradition, working in France or Italy, and in co-productions. He resisted typecasting but invariably, though with considerable versatility, he played the romantic hero. He could epitomize the tragic hero as in *Une si jolie petite plage*, sensitively depicting the corrosive self-absorption of the spurned, suicidal adolescent, or in the later *Montparnasse 19* powerfully rendering the suffering and despair of the doomed alcoholic artist Modigliani. But he could also be the ebullient, swashbuckling romantic hero of *Fanfan-la-Tulipe* or in *Les Aventures de Till L'Espiègle* (co-directed with Joris Ivens) the sharp-witted, high-spirited Flemish folk hero.

The postwar tendency to film literary classics brought Philippe roles in adaptations of Stendhal and Zola, where his star presence determined the focus of the screen version. As Fabrice Del Dongo in *La Chartreuse de Parme* and Julien Sorel in *Le Rouge et le noir* he gave perceptive performances as the insecure, self-absorbed, yet immensely appealing and energetic Stendhalian heroes, while in Duvivier's reworking of Zola's *Pot-Bouille* he effortlessly portrayed the seducer Octave Mouret. Sacha Guitry exploited his image in period dramas as D'Artagnan in *Si Versailles m'était conté* and in *Si*

Paris m'était conté as a troubadour linking the historical tableaux. Films by René Clair in this period reveal his typical range. In *La Beauté du Diable* he was the pleasure-seeking young Faust; in *Les Belles de nuit* a dreamer privileged with amorous partners across the centuries; and in *Les Grandes Manoeuvres* with Michèle Morgan, he excelled as the cavalry officer frivolously bent on conquering a sophisticated divorcée, but falling deeply in love. He was again the unrequited, dreaming lover in Carné's *Juliette ou la clef des songes*, the rejected suitor turning to gambling in *Le Joueur*, but in *La Vie à deux* his love triumphs over social disparity.

Although predominantly the disarming screen lover, Philippe also appeared as less attractive characters: as a foolish, cynical count in *La Ronde*; a callous, calculating Valmont in *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, 1960; the master of ceremonies and eventual participant in *Les Sept Péchés capitaux*; the homicidal maniac in *Souvenirs perdus*; and in *Monsieur Ripois* as an impressively ruthless Don Juan of London society tragically blind to genuinely felt emotion. More serious dramatic roles for Yves Allégret revealed him as a disillusioned hard-drinking doctor rediscovering his purpose in *Les Orgueilleux*, and as the dedicated engineer heroically rescuing trapped workers in *La Meilleure Part*, while for Buñuel in *La Fièvre monte à El Pao* he was a reforming prison governor opposed to the fascist dictatorship.

In a remarkable career, Gérard Philippe worked with the leading directors and actresses of his day and was never less than accomplished. With his handsome looks, seductive voice, and engaging personality he endeared himself to audiences as the noble but often humble romantic hero. Through his dedicated craftsmanship, he won the respect of his fellow professionals to become one of the legendary figures of French cinema.

—R. F. Cousins

PHOENIX, River

Nationality: American. **Born:** Madrus, Oregon, 23 August 1970. **Career:** Acted in commercials as a child; played guitar and sang in the band Aleka's Attic; played Guthrie McFadden on TV series *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, 1982; appeared in episodes of TV shows *Family Ties*, 1982, *It's Your Move*, 1984, *Celebrity*, 1984, and *Hotel*, 1984. **Awards:** National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actor, for *Running on Empty*, 1988; Independent Spirit Award for Best Male Lead, Volpi Cup, Venice Film Festival, National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Actor, for *My Own Private Idaho*, 1991. **Died:** In Los Angeles, of a drug overdose, 31 October 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1984 *Backwards: The Riddle of Dyslexia* (Heinemann—for TV)
- 1985 *Robert Kennedy and His Times* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Robert Kennedy Jr.); *Surviving* (*Surviving: A Family In Crisis*) (Hussein—for TV) (as Philip Brogan); *Explorers* (Dante) (as Wolfgang Muller)
- 1986 *Circle of Violence: A Family Drama* (Greene—for TV) (as Chris Benfield); *The Mosquito Coast* (Weir) (as Charlie Fox); *Stand by Me* (Reiner) (as Chris Chambers)

- 1988 *Little Nikita* (*The Sleepers*) (Benjamin) (as Jeff Grant); *A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon* (Richert) (as Jimmy Reardon); *Running on Empty* (Lumet) (as Danny Pope)
- 1989 *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (Spielberg) (as Young Indy)
- 1990 *I Love You to Death* (Kasdan) (as Devo Nod)
- 1991 *My Own Private Idaho* (Van Sant) (as Mike Waters); *Teen Vid II* (as himself)
- 1992 *Sneakers* (Robinson) (as Carl Arbegast); *Dogfight* (Savoca) (as Eddie Birdlace)
- 1993 *Silent Tongue* (Shepard) (as Talbot Roe); *The Thing Called Love* (Bogdanovich) (as James Wright); *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (Van Sant) (as Pilgrim [uncredited])

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Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade may transform into Hollywood schlock one of Western culture's most sacred secular myths, but it is no doubt a fascinating study of masculine styles across the generations. The film's bravura opening sequence features River Phoenix as the young Indy battling a ruthless gang intent on robbing an archaeological site of its treasures. The encounter features the athletic derring do and hijinx which is such a conventional part of the series, with Indy eluding the gang on a moving train through his verve, determination, and sheer guts. The renegade archaeologist regains his treasure through bribing the sheriff, in whom Indy, who is a Boy Scout after all, naively trusts. But he acknowledges the young man's talents and character by giving him his safari hat as a badge of honor in an Oedipal rite of passage that is played out later in detail in the relationship between the adult Indy and his father. Phoenix's performance is engaging and charismatic, just the right mixture of exuberant disobedience and respectful dedication to his father's professional values. If this part of the film is about a hero in the making, at the same time it reveals a star in the making.



River Phoenix (right) with Harrison Ford in *The Mosquito Coast*

Because he died young, the victim of a dramatic drug overdose, Phoenix never became the star that his riveting performance in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* establishes that he was destined to be. The films in which he did appear, mostly as a supporting player, certainly attest to his acting talents and star quality. In *Sneakers*, he holds his own as part of a powerful ensemble—including Robert Redford and Sidney Poitier—in a caper film that takes good advantage of his physical energy. Somewhat less prominent in *I Love You to Death*, he nevertheless plays an important character, a 1960s throwback named Devo who is only slightly more connected to contemporary reality than either the main characters—a woman eager to murder her unfaithful husband—and the other supporting kooks, including a pair of dopehead cousins played by William Hurt and Keanu Reeves, whom hipster wannabe Phoenix engages as killers for hire. In both *Running on Empty* and *The Mosquito Coast*, he plays characters much like the young Indy, strong adolescents who have to assume adult responsibilities when their parents prove weak. Both films offer him strong parts: the first as an adolescent desperate to grow up and mature despite the fact that his 1960s radical parents, guilty of murder, must stay on the run; the second as a loving son who stands by his father even when the somewhat deranged environmentalist moves them suddenly to a dangerous and primitive part of Honduras. In *Little Nikita*, Phoenix offers an effective variant of the same character. Here he is in effect cut loose from family ties, since the premise of this

thriller is that his parents are actually Russian agents. Phoenix makes much of what could be an implausible and unaffecting storyline as he learns to trust the FBI agent, played by Sidney Poitier, who helps him come to an understanding of who he is. Unfortunately, Phoenix is somewhat lost in a similar role in Sam Shepard's quirky and obscure western, *Silent Tongue*, where identity and ethos are likewise at stake, but then so is everyone else in the talented cast, including veterans Richard Harris and Alan Bates.

Like James Dean, Phoenix may be most remembered for his nicely controlled performance in a coming of age drama, *Stand by Me*, where he is a standout in a talented ensemble of young actors, including Wil Wheaton and Corey Feldman. Phoenix is the emotional center of an unabashedly nostalgic and old-fashioned film, directed by the modern master of such tearjerkers, Rob Reiner. The underappreciated *A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon* offers Phoenix a different kind of role that he also makes a success. A creepy hipster, eager to sleep with every girl he comes across, Jimmy Reardon does have true feelings for a young beauty; only apparently aimless and self-gratifying, Jimmy is also a kind of intellectual idealist who defies his father's wishes and wants to attend a small college, where he thinks he can excel. Selfish but not unfeeling, Jimmy is a difficult character to like in this *American Graffiti* drama, but Phoenix succeeds in making him interesting and sympathetic in spite of himself. It's a complicated, layered performance in a film that offers more than meets the eye.

Phoenix demonstrates here and elsewhere that he was more than just a good-looking kid with energy; he was also an actor of not inconsiderable talent.

—R. Barton Palmer

PICCOLI, Michel

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jacques Daniel Michel Piccoli in Paris of Italian parents, 27 December 1925. **Family:** Married 1) Eleno Eleonore Hirt (divorced), daughter: Anne-Cordélia; 2) the actress and singer Juliette Greco, 1966 (divorced 1977); 3) Ludivine Clerc, 1978. **Career:** 1944—film debut in *Sortilèges*; also worked on French stage and television. **Awards:** French Étoile de Cristal Award for Best Actor, for *La Curée*, 1966; Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Salto nel vuoto*, 1979.

Films as Actor:

- 1944 *Sortilèges* (Christian-Jaque)
- 1949 *Le Point du jour* (Daquin); *Le Parfum de la dame en noir* (Daquin)
- 1950 *Sans laisser d'adresse* (Chanois)
- 1951 *Terreur en Oklahoma* (Paviot—short)
- 1952 *Chicago Digest* (Paviot—short); *Torticola contre Frankensberg* (Paviot—short); *Saint-Tropez, devoir de vacances* (Paviot—short); “Jeanne d’Arc” ep. of *Destinées* (Delannoy)
- 1953 *Interdit de séjour* (de Canonge)
- 1954 *Tout chante autour de moi* (Gout)
- 1955 *French Cancan (Only the French Can)* (Renoir) (as Valorguil); *Les Mauvaises Rencontres* (Astruc); *Ernst Thälman Führer seiner Klasse* (Maetzig)
- 1956 *La Mort en ce jardin (Death in the Garden; Evil Eden; Gina)* (Buñuel) (as Father Lizzardi); *Les Sorcières de Salem (Witches of Salem; The Crucible)* (Rouleau); *Marie-Antoinette* (Delannoy); *Les Copains du dimanche* (Aisner)
- 1957 *Nathalie (The Foxiest Girl in Paris)* (Christian-Jaque) (as Frank Marchal, policeman); *Tabarin* (Pottier)
- 1958 *Rafles sur la ville (Sinners of Paris)* (Chenal)
- 1959 *La Bête à l'affût* (Chenal); *La Dragée haute* (Kerchner)
- 1960 *Le bal des espions* (Clément)
- 1961 *Le vergini di Roma (Amazons of Rome)* (Bragaglia and Cottafavi); *Le Rendez-vous* (Delannoy); *La Chevelure* (Kyrou—short); *Le Rendez-vous de Noël* (Michel—short)
- 1962 *Climats* (Lorenzi); *Fumée, histoire et fantaisie* (Villiers and Berne—short)
- 1963 *Le Doulos (The Fingerman; Doulos—The Fingerman)* (Melville) (as Nuttheccio); *Le Jour et l'heure (The Day and the Hour)* (Clément) (as Antoine); *Le Mpris (Contempt)* (Godard) (as Paul Javal)
- 1964 *Le Journal d'une femme de chambre (Diary of a Chambermaid)* (Buñuel) (as Monsieur Monteil); *La Chance et l'amour* (Bitsch); *Marie-Soleil* (Bourseiller); *Pararazzi* (Rozier—short); *De l'amour* (Aurel) (as Raoul)
- 1965 *Masquerade* (Dearden) (as Sarrassin); *Lady L* (Ustinov) (as Lecoeur); *Le Coup de grâce* (Gayrol); *Compartment tueurs* (*The Sleeping Car Murder*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Cabourg); *Les Ruses du Diable* (Vecchiali); *Café tabac* (Guillemot—short)
- 1966 *Paris brûle-t-il? (Is Paris Burning?)* (Clément) (as Edgar Pisani); *La Curée (The Game Is Over)* (Vadim) (as Alexandre Saccard); *La Guerre est finie (The War Is Over; Krigetar Slut)* (Resnais) (as customs inspector); *Les Créatures* (Varelsena) (Varda) (as Edgar); *La Voleuse* (Chapot)
- 1967 *Un Homme de trop (Shock Troops)* (Costa-Gavras) (as Extra Man); *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort (The Young Girls of Rochefort)* (Demy) (as Simon Dame); *Belle de jour* (Buñuel) (as Henri Husson); *Mon amour, mon amour* (Trintignant)
- 1968 *Benjamin ou Les mémoires d'un puceau (Benjamin; The Diary of an Innocent Boy)* (Deville) (as Count Philippe de Saint-Germain); *Danger: Diabolik (Diabolik)* (Bava) (as Inspector Gincio); *La Chamade* (Cavalier) (as Charles); *La Prisonnière (The Female Prisoner; La Prigioniera)* (Clouzot); *Dillinger è morto (Dillinger Is Dead)* (Ferreri) (as Glauco)
- 1969 *La Voie lactée (The Milky Way; La Via lattea)* (Buñuel) (as the Marquis); *Topaz* (Hitchcock) (as Jacques Granville); *L'invitata* (de Seta)
- 1970 *Les Choses de la vie (The Things of Life)* (Sautet) (as Pierre); *L'Invasion* (Yves Allégret); *Max et les ferrailleurs* (Sautet) (title role)
- 1971 *La Poudre d'escampette (Touch and Go; French Leave)* (de Broca) (as Valentin)
- 1972 *La Décade prodigieuse (Ten Days' Wonder)* (Chabrol) (as Paul Regis); *Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie (The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie)* (Buñuel) (as Home Secretary); *L'udienza (The Audience; The Papal Audience)* (Ferreri); *La cagna (Liza)* (Ferreri); *La Femme en bleu* (Deville); *César et Rosalie (Cesar and Rosalie)* (Sautet) (as narrator); *L'Attentat (The Plot; The French Conspiracy)* (Boisset) (as Colonel Kassar)
- 1973 *Themroc* (Faraldo) (title role, + co-pr); *Les Noces rouges (Wedding in Blood; Red Wedding)* (Chabrol); *La Grande Bouffe (Blow-Out)* (Ferreri) (as Michel, the TV producer); *Le Far-West* (Brel); *Grandeur nature (Life Size; Love Doll)* (Berlanga); *Touche pas à la femme blanche (Don't Touch White Women)* (Ferreri) (as Buffalo Bill)
- 1974 *Le Trio infernal* (Girod); *Le Fantôme de la liberté (The Phantom of Liberty; The Specter of Freedom)* (Buñuel) (as 2nd prefect); *La Fille (Fleischmann); Léonor* (Juan Buñuel) (as Richard)
- 1975 *Vincent, François, Paul, et les autres (Vincent, Paul, and the Others)* (Sautet); *Sept morts sur ordonnance* (Rouffio) (as Dr. Losseray)
- 1976 *Mado* (Sautet) (as Simon Leotard); *F comme Fairbanks* (Dugowson); *Todo modo* (Petri); *L'ultima donna (The Last Woman; La Dernière femme)* (Ferreri)
- 1977 *L'Imprécatrice* (Bertucelli); *René la Canne* (Girod); *Des Enfants gâtés (Spoiled Children)* (Tavernier) (as Bernardi); *La Part du feu* (Périer)
- 1978 *L'Etat sauvage (The Savage State)* (Girod) (as Orlaville); *Strauberg ist Da* (Gallé); *La Petite Fille en velours bleu* (Bridges); *Le Sucre* (Rouffio)
- 1979 *Giallo napoletano (Neapolitan Thriller)* (Corbucci); *Der Preiss für Überleben (Le Prix de la survie)* (Noever); *Le Mors aux*

- dents (Heynemann); *Le Divorcement* (Barouh); *Salto nel vuoto* (*A Leap in the Dark*; *Leap into the Void*) (Bellocchio) (as Judge Ponticelli)
- 1980 *La Fille prodigue* (Doillon)
- 1981 *Atlantic City* (Malle) (as Joseph); *Une Etrange Affaire* (Granier-Deferre) (as Bertrand Maler); *Espion, lève toi* (Boisset); *La Passante du Sans-Souci* (*La Passante*) (Rouffio and Kirsner) (as Max Baumstein); *La Nuit de Varennes* (*That Night in Varennes*; *The New World*) (Scola) (as King Louis XVI)
- 1982 *Passion* (Godard); *Une Chambre en ville* (*A Room in Town*) (Demy) (as Edmond Leroyer); *Le Prix du danger* (Boisset); *Oltre la porta* (*Beyond the Door*) (Cavani); *Que les gros salaires lèvent le doigt!!!* (Granier-Deferre) (as José Viss); *Le Général de l'armée morte* (*Il generale dell'armata morta*) (Tovoli) (+ co-sc); *Gli occhi, la bocca* (*The Eyes, the Mouth*) (Bellocchio) (as Uncle Nigi)
- 1983 *Viva la vie* (Lelouch)
- 1984 *La Diagonale du fou* (*Dangerous Moves*) (Dembo) (as Akiva Liebskind); *Adieu Bonaparte* (*Weda'an Bonapart*) (Chahine) (as Louis Caffarelli du Flaga); *Péril en la demeure* (*Peril*; *Death in a French Garden*) (Deville) (as Graham Tombsthay); *Le Matelot 512* (Allio); *Success Is the Best Revenge* (Skolimowski) (as French official)
- 1985 *Partir, revenir* (*Going and Coming Back*) (Lelouch) (as Simon Lerner)
- 1986 *Mauvais Sang* (*Bad Blood*; *The Night Is Young*) (Carax) (as Marc); *Mon beau-frère a tué ma soeur* (Rouffio) (as Étienne); *Le Paltoquet* (Deville) (as The Nonentity); *La Puritaine* (Doillon) (as Pierre)
- 1987 *Maladie d'amour* (Deray) (as Raoul Bergeron); *La Terre étrangère* (Bondy); *L'Homme voilé* (*The Veiled Man*) (Bagdadi) (as Kassari); *La Rumba* (Hanin) (as Malleville)
- 1988 *Blanc de chine* (Granier-Deferre); *Y'a Bon les blancs* (Ferreri)
- 1989 *Actor* (Angelucci)
- 1990 *Milou en mai* (*May Fools*) (Malle) (as Milou); *Martha und Ich* (*Martha and I*) (Jiri Weiss) (as Uncle Ernst); *La Belle Noiseuse* (*The Beautiful Troublemaker*; *Divertimento*) (Rivette) (as Edouard Frenhofer)
- 1991 *L'Equilibriste* (*Walking a Tightrope*) (Papatakis) (as Marcel Spadice); *Das Schicksal des Freiherrn von Leisenbohg* (Molinari); *El Ladrón del Ninos* (*The Children Thief*; *Le Voleur d'enfants*) (De Chalonge) (as M. Armand); *Contre l'oubli* (*Against Oblivion*; *Ecrire contre l'oubli*) (Akerman and others)
- 1992 *Archipelago* (Granier-Deferre) (as Leonard Wilde); *Le Bal des casse-pieds* (Yves Robert) (as Desire); *From Time to Time* (Blyth) (as Jules Verne); *Le Souper* (*The Supper*) (Molinari) (as voice of Chateaubriand); *La Vie crevee* (*Punctured Life*) (Nicloux) (as Raymond)
- 1993 *La Cavale des Fous* (*Loonies at Large*) (Pico) (as Henri Toussaint); *Ruptures* (Citti) (as Paul)
- 1994 *Bête de scène*; *L'Ange noir* (*The Black Angel*) (Brisseau) (as Georges Feuvrier); *Al Mohager* (*The Emigrant*) (Chahine) (as Adam)
- 1995 *Les Cent et une nuits* (*A Hundred and One Nights*) (Varda) (as Simon Cinema)
- 1996 *Tykho Moon* (Bilal); *Compagna di viaggio* (Del Monte); *Beaumarchais, l'insolent* (Molinari) (as le Prince Conti)
- 1997 *Généalogies d'un crime* (as Georges Didier)

- 1998 *Simoom: A Passion in the Desert* (Currier) (as Jean-Michel Venture de Paradis)
- 1999 *Rien sur Robert* (Bonitzer) (as Lord Ariel Chatwick-West); *Libero Burro* (Castellitto) (as Uncle Tony); *París Tombuctú* (Luis García Berlanga) (as Michel des Assantes)
- 2000 *Les Acteurs* (Blier) (as himself)

Film as Actor and Director:

- 1982 *Il Generale dell'armata morte*
- 1994 *Train de nuit* (+ co-sc)
- 1997 *Alors voilà*

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In a career spanning six decades and encompassing more than 130 films by major European directors, Michel Piccoli deservedly enjoys an international reputation as an accomplished, versatile actor. His repertoire extends from anodyne comic roles to those stamped by

ferocious black humor, from the gentle and compassionate to the cynical and sadistic, from the respectable to the deliberately outrageous.

A powerful screen presence, he has constantly served his character creations. His dark, gaunt appearance in his mid-thirties lent conviction to tough, sinister roles in crime thrillers, particularly as Nutheccio, the successful gangster of *Le Doulos*. Later physically imposing roles include that of Max the vice-squad detective in *Max et les ferrailleurs* and the ruthless Colonel Kassir in *L'Attentat*. The sexual charge in Piccoli's acting was regularly exploited by Luis Buñuel. After *La Mort en ce jardin* where he played a priest compromised by a prostitute, he became the eager womanizer Husson of *Belle de jour*, the frustrated Monteil pursuing his servants in *Le Journal d'une femme de chambre*, and the perverse sensualist de Sade in *La Voie lactée*.

Further perspectives on Piccoli's range are found in parts requiring a more reflective, detached, and experienced view of the world. He was the phlegmatic philosophy teacher undisturbed by horrendous events in *La Décade prodigieuse*; the knowledgeable music-shop manager in *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort*; the elegant opera-loving croupier Joseph of *Atlantic City* and in *Paris brûle-t-il?* the Gaullist politician Edgar Pisani. A more disturbing moral detachment is witnessed as the cynical businessman of *La Curée*, as the calculating and unfeeling manipulator of *Benjamin*, or as the callous, corrupt, and lustful lawyer of *Le Trio infernal*. Yet he has also played sensitive or insecure males: in *Le Mépris* he excelled as the self-doubting writer Paul Javal, in *Les Choses de la vie* he portrayed an architect torn between his mistress and family life, and in *Compartiment tueurs* he played the neurotic victim Cabourg.

In roles reflecting the sardonic, self-critical mood of the 1960s and 1970s Piccoli risked his established image by appearing in fiercely satirical and often scandalous films exposing the materialism, authoritarianism, gluttony, sexual depravity, and cupidity of contemporary society. His humanistic concerns are further reflected in later films by Buñuel, Godard, Tavernier, and Tivolli.

For emerging directors he extended his canon of tough characters, while in parodies of the genre he was the surly barman in Deville's *Le Paltoquet* indulging in murder fantasies about his clients, and in Rouffio's *Mon beau-frère a tué ma soeur* he was successfully teamed with Michel Serrault as an unworldly academic. Unusually cast as the victim, he was murdered by his duplicitous wife in Deville's compelling *Péril en la demeure*.

In studies of the jealous male losing a mistress he was impressive in Demy's *Une Chambre en ville* and in Deray's *Maladie d'amour*. Among Piccoli's most successful depictions of human complexity must rank his role in Bellocchio's *Salto nel vuoto* as the apparently balanced, humane judge who in private is withdrawn, depressive, and despotic.

With age he has increasingly come to play the role of the father, particularly in explorations of the father/daughter relationship. In Cavani's *Oltre la porta* he convinced as the distraught parent of a prostitute daughter, but his most notable performances came for Doillon: as the tragic father nearing death in *La Fille prodigue*, and, in the emotionally intense performance of *La Puritaine*, as a stage director working out in dramatic terms his feelings for his wayward daughter.

Whether as gangster, glutton, sardonic observer, lustful womanizer, reflective intellectual, cynical manipulator, or the mature compassionate male, Michel Piccoli carries conviction in his accomplished variations on his powerful screen personality.

—R. F. Cousins

PICKFORD, Mary

Born: Gladys Mary Smith in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 8 April 1893.

Family: Married 1) the actor Owen Moore, 1911 (divorced 1920); 2) the actor Douglas Fairbanks, 1920 (divorced 1936); 3) the actor Buddy Rogers, 1937, two adopted children. **Career:** 1898—debut as child actress in stage play *Bootle's Baby*; played other roles in Valentine Stock Company, and toured with other companies; 1907—Broadway debut in *The Warrens of Virginia*; 1909—film debut as extra in *Her First Biscuits*; leading role in D. W. Griffith's *The Violin Maker of Cremona*; became known as "The Biograph Girl with the Curls"; 1913–18—contract with Zukor; 1918—independent producer; 1919—co-founder, with Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, and D. W. Griffith, of United Artists; 1923–24—roles in *Rosita* and *Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall* attempted to break her "little girl" image; 1929—first sound film, *Coquette*; 1937—formed Mary Pickford Cosmetic Company; 1956—sold the last of her United Artists stock. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *Coquette*, 1928/29. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 29 May 1979.

Films as Actress:

(all films directed by Griffith unless noted)

- 1909 *Her First Biscuits*; *The Violin Maker of Cremona*; *The Lonely Villa*; *The Son's Return*; *The Faded Lilies*; *The Peach Basket Hat*; *The Way of Man*; *The Necklace*; *The Mexican Sweethearts*; *The Country Doctor*; *The Cardinal's Conspiracy*; *The Renunciation*; *The Seventh Day*; *A Strange Meeting*; *Sweet and Twenty*; *The Slave*; *They Would Elope*; *The Indian Runner's Romance*; *His Wife's Visitor*; *Oh Uncle*; *The Sealed Room*; *1776, or The Hessian Renegades*; *The Little Darling*; *In Old Kentucky*; *Getting Even*; *The Broken Locket*; *What's Your Hurry*; *The Awakening*; *The Little Teacher*; *The Gibson Goddess*; *In the Watches of the Night*; *His Lost Love*; *The Restoration*; *The Light That Came*; *A Midnight Adventure*; *The Mountaineer's Honor*; *The Trick That Failed*; *The Test*; *To Save Her Soul*
- 1910 *All on Account of the Milk* (Powell); *The Woman from Mellon's*; *The Englishman and the Girl*; *The Newlyweds*; *The Thread of Destiny*; *The Twisted Trail*; *The Smoker*; *As It Is in Life*; *A Rich Revenge*; *A Romance of the Western Hills*; *May and December*; *Never Again!*; *The Unchanging Sea*; *Love among the Roses*; *The Two Brothers*; *Romona*; *In the Season of Buds*; *A Victim of Jealousy*; *A Child's Impulse*; *Muggsy's First Sweetheart*; *What the Daisy Said*; *The Call to Arms*; *An Arcadian Maid*; *Muggsy Becomes a Hero*; *The Sorrows of the Unfaithful*; *When We Were in Our Teens*; *Wilful Peggy*; *Examination Day at School*; *A Gold Necklace*; *A Lucky Toothache*; *Waiter No. 5*; *Simple Charity*; *The Masher*; *The Song of the Wildwood Flute*; *A Plain Song*
- 1911 *White Roses*; *When a Man Loves*; *The Italian Barber*; *Three Sisters*; *A Decree of Destiny*; *The First Misunderstanding* (Ince and Tucker); *The Dream* (Ince and Tucker) (+ sc); *Maid or Man* (Ince); *At the Duke's Command*; *The Mirror*; *While the Cat's Away*; *Her Darkest Hour* (Ince); *Artful*



Mary Pickford (center) with Gustave von Seyffretitz (left) and Spec O'Donnell in *Sparrows*

Kate (Ince); *A Manly Man* (Ince); *The Message in the Bottle* (Ince); *The Fisher-maid* (Ince); *In Old Madrid* (Ince); *Sweet Memories of Yesterday* (Ince); *The Stampede*; *Second Sight*; *The Fair Dentist*; *For Her Brother's Sake* (Ince and Tucker); *Back to the Soil*; *In the Sultan's Garden* (Ince); *The Master and the Man*; *The Lighthouse Keeper*; *For the Queen's Honor*; *A Gasoline Engagement*; *At a Quarter to Two*; *Science*; *The Skating Bug*; *The Call of the Song*; *A Toss of the Coin*; *The Sentinel Asleep*; *The Better Way*; *His Dress Shirt*; *'Tween Two Loves* (*The Stronger Love*); *The Rose's Story*; *From the Bottom of the Sea*; *The Courting of Mary* (Tucker); *Love Heeds Not the Showers* (Moore); *Little Red Riding Hood* (Moore); *The Caddy's Dream* (Moore)

1912 *Honor Thy Father* (Moore); *The Mender of Nets*; *Iola's Promise*; *Fate's Inception*; *The Female of the Species*; *Just Like a Woman*; *Won by a Fish* (Sennett); *The Old Actor*; *A Lodging for the Night*; *A Beast at Bay*; *Home Folks*; *Lena and the Geese* (+ sc); *The School Teacher and the Waif*; *An Indian Summer*; *A Pueblo Legend*; *The Narrow Road*; *The Inner Circle*; *With the Enemy's Help*; *Friends*; *So Near, Yet*

So Far; *A Feud in the Kentucky Hills*; *The One She Loved*; *My Baby*; *The Informer*; *The Unwelcome Guest*; *The New York Hat*

1913 *In the Bishop's Carriage* (Porter); *Caprice* (Dawley)

1914 *A Good Little Devil* (Porter); *Hearts Adrift* (Porter); *Tess of the Storm Country* (Porter); *The Eagle's Mate* (Kirkwood); *Such a Little Queen* (Hugh Ford); *Behind the Scenes* (Kirkwood); *Cinderella* (Kirkwood)

1915 *Mistress Nell* (Kirkwood); *Fanchon, the Cricket* (Kirkwood); *The Dawn of Tomorrow* (Kirkwood); *Little Pal* (Kirkwood); *Rags* (Kirkwood); *Esmerelda* (Kirkwood); *A Girl of Yesterday* (Dwan); *Madame Butterfly* (Olcott)

1916 *The Foundling* (O'Brien); *Poor Little Peppina* (Olcott); *The Eternal Grind* (O'Brien); *Hulda from Holland* (O'Brien); *Less Than Dust* (Emerson)

1917 *The Pride of the Clan* (Tourneur); *The Poor Little Rich Girl* (Tourneur); *A Romance of the Redwoods* (De Mille); *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* (Neilan) (title role); *A Little Princess* (Neilan)

1918 *Stella Maris* (Neilan) (title role/Unity Blake); *Amarilly of Clothes-Line Alley* (Neilan); *M'Liss* (Neilan); *How Could*

- You, Jean?* (Taylor); *Johanna Enlists* (Taylor); *One Hundred Percent American* (Rossen)
 1919 *Captain Kidd, Jr.* (Taylor)
 1927 *The Madonna in the Gaucho* (Jones)

Films as Producer:

- 1919 *Daddy Long-Legs* (+ ro); *The Hoodlum* (+ ro); *The Heart o' the Hills* (+ ro)
 1920 *Pollyanna* (+ title role); *Suds* (+ ro)
 1921 *The Love Light* (Marion) (+ ro as Angela); *Through the Back Door* (Green and Jack Pickford) (+ ro as Jeanne Budamere); *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (Green and Jack Pickford) (+ title role)
 1922 *Tess of the Storm Country* (Robertson) (+ title role)
 1923 *Rosita* (Lubitsch) (+ title role); *Garrison's Finish* (Rosson) (co-sc titles only)
 1924 *Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall* (Neilan) (+ title role)
 1925 *Little Annie Rooney* (Beaudine) (+ title role)
 1926 *Sparrows* (Beaudine) (+ ro as Mama Mollie)
 1927 *My Best Girl* (Sam Taylor) (+ ro as Maggie Johnson)
 1929 *Coquette* (Sam Taylor) (+ ro as Norma Besant); *The Taming of the Shrew* (Sam Taylor) (+ ro as Katherine)
 1931 *Kiki* (Sam Taylor) (+ title role)
 1933 *Secrets* (Borzage) (+ roles as Mary Marlow/Mary Carlton)

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It is hard to imagine the impact and popularity of Mary Pickford during the height of her career since she retired from the screen in 1933 and refused to let her films be rereleased or shown on television. She sensed that the image she established of innocence, diligence, and uncomplicatedness was historically specific. Her embodiment of idealized, rural American values was essentially meaningless past the demise of the silent film era. She belonged in short to a different world, a world of rapidly expanding technology, star idolatry, and fantastic power. Fortunately, she donated most of her films to the American Film Institute, establishing the Mary Pickford Collection, and her third husband, Buddy Rogers, organized a small theater in her honor at the Library of Congress. These are the only two places where one can see the majority of her works.

Judging from her first one-reelers at Biograph, Pickford possessed a natural screen presence and mastery of mime technique that far exceeded her fellow performers. By the time she left Biograph, she had effectively redefined film acting. She later claimed, "I refused to exaggerate in my performance. . . . Nobody ever directed me, not even Mr. Griffith." She demonstrated intelligence, wit, grace, and ambition in quickly learning every detail of the film industry. She was fully aware of her popularity as "Little Mary" and "America's Sweetheart," and pressed the studios to pay her accordingly. By 1916 Pickford was earning \$10,000 a week and choosing her scripts, cameraman, and director.

Her place in the pantheon of stars was secured by her performance in the title role of *Tess of the Storm Country*. This was followed by a string of brilliant roles that repeated the winning formula of innocence and pathos in such films as *Poor Little Rich Girl*, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, *Pollyanna*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and one of cinema's first split-screen double roles in *Stella Maris*. The public adored her long golden curls and her embodiment of the eternal child/woman: lovable, spirited, whimsical, and pure. Behind the scenes she was an accomplished businesswoman. Pickford, along with Charles Chaplin, D. W. Griffith, and her second husband, Douglas Fairbanks, founded United Artists to control the production and distribution of their films.

In the 1920s Pickford's career did not diminish. She graduated from "America's Sweetheart" to "World's Sweetheart"; hundreds of thousands lined the streets of Moscow to see her when she and Fairbanks visited the Soviet Union in 1926. She could play any role, as her performances in *Sparrows*, *Stella Maris*, *The Hoodlum*, and *The Taming of the Shrew* demonstrate. But the public wanted "Little

Mary" and Pickford enjoyed the wealth and fame too much to attempt more than a few departures from her established image. Pickford explained, "My career was planned, there was never anything accidental about it. It was planned, it was painful, it was purposeful."

Unable completely to escape her stereotype, she was forced to quit filmmaking as its popularity waned. One of the figures who shaped the Hollywood aesthetic, she lived as a virtual recluse in her mansion, Pickfair, until her death. She said of her filmgoing audience, "Make them laugh, make them cry, and back to laughter. What do people go to the theater for? An emotional exercise. . . . I am a servant of the people. I have never forgotten that." Mary Pickford, although unseen for many years, cannot be forgotten.

—Elaine Mancini

PITT, Brad

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Bradley Pitt in Shawnee, Oklahoma, 18 December 1963. **Education:** Attended public school in Springfield, Missouri; majored in journalism with a focus on advertising at the University of Missouri but left in 1986 very shortly before graduating; studied acting with Roy London. **Career:** 1987—film debut, *Less than Zero*; TV debut in as guest on series *Dallas*; 1987–89, worked extensively on TV: guest starred in *Another World*, *Dallas*, *Growing Pains*, *Head of the Class*, *21 Jump Street*, *thirtysomething*, *Tales from the Crypt* ("King of the Road," 1989); 1990—starred in the TV series *Glory Days* (as Walker Lovejoy); has done advertisements for Levi's jeans and Mountain Dew soda; 1991—breakthrough film role in *Thelma & Louise*; 1992—starred in the Oscar-nominated short, *Contact*; 1994—read for the audio-book of Cormac McCarthy's novel, *All The Pretty Horses*. **Awards:** Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor, for *12 Monkeys*, 1995. **Agent:** c/o Brillstein-Grey Entertainment, 9150 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 350, Beverly Hills, CA 90212–3427, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1987 *Less than Zero* (Kanievsky) (extra)
- 1988 *A Stoning in Fulham County* (Elikann—for TV)
- 1989 *Cutting Class* (Pallenberg) (as Dwight Ingalls); *Happy Together* (Damski) (as Brian); *The Image* (Werner—for TV)
- 1990 *Too Young to Die?* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Billy Canton)
- 1991 *Across the Tracks* (Tung) (as Joe Maloney); *Thelma & Louise* (Ridley Scott) (as J. D.)
- 1992 *Contact* (short); *Cool World* (Bakshi) (as Frank Harris); *Johnny Suede* (DiCillo) (title role); *A River Runs through It* (Redford) (as Paul Maclean)
- 1993 *Kalifornia* (Sena) (as Early Grayce); *True Romance* (Tony Scott) (as Floyd)
- 1994 *The Favor* (Petrie—produced in 1991) (as Elliott); *Interview with the Vampire* (Neil Jordan) (as Louis); *Legends of the Fall* (Zwick) (as Tristan Ludlow)



Brad Pitt (right) with Tom Cruise in *Interview with the Vampire*

- 1995 *Seven* (Fincher) (as David Mills); *12 Monkeys* (Gilliam) (as Jeffrey Goines)
 1996 *Devil's Own* (Pakula); *Seven Years in Tibet* (Annaud); *Sleepers* (Levinson); *David*
 1997 *The Dark Side of the Sun* (Nikolic) (as Rick)
 1998 *Meet Joe Black* (Brest, Smithee) (as Joe Black)
 1999 *Fight Club* (Fincher) (as Tyler Durden); *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze) (as himself)
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With seven leading feature film roles, four of them in blockbusters, over the four years 1992–95, Brad Pitt has proved himself a movie star for the “alternative” generation. That is, like the “alternative” rock bands who achieved mainstream success in the 1990s by revisiting rock traditions with a vaguely troubled nonchalance—rather than either a knowing distance or a fully immersed sincerity—Pitt walks in the footsteps of James Dean and all the screen’s subsequent good-looking rebel males, but with a certain low-key looseness to his torment, an extravagance to his toughness, a calculation to both his blankness and his brains. If Dean and Marlon Brando are filled with angst, Steve McQueen and Paul Newman’s personas seem emptier, both more entrenched in their out-of-step positions and more lost in them. Robert Redford’s image appears emptier still, but preoccupied with a lack of concern about it, personifying anomie or perhaps protesting it by embracing its extreme. Pitt’s characters typically accept a core of emptiness as a given, too, but they do not let it get in the way of their good times. Often they or those they care most about wind up dead or otherwise destroyed, but their movies are all about the queasy fun they have on the way.

Across a prolific string of guest appearances on television soap operas, sitcoms, drama series, and movies of the week, Pitt found his type—confused but charming all-American boy—and worked two sides of it as the size of his roles quickly increased. In four key pre-stardom performances he divided his time equally between playing good boys trying to get up in the world (the short-lived television series *Glory Days*, the low-budget feature *Across the Tracks*), and bad boys trying to get back at it (the episode of the anthology horror series *Tales from the Crypt* called “King of the Road,” the television film *Too Young to Die?*).

It was a character from the latter category—J. D., an outlaw who steals the bankroll in Ridley Scott’s *Thelma & Louise*—which opened the doors to stardom for Pitt. But the pattern of his career as a leading man suggests that, in the 1990s, the lines separating conventionally striving young man, rebel, psychopath, and victim are hardly clear-cut. Not only does Pitt play all four types in separate instances, he usually combines elements of all four at once. J. D. himself gets a free ride with the film’s heroines by pretending to be an earnest collegian—and by feigning nonaggression, giving up his plea for their help as soon as one expresses disapproval. Later, the freewheeling vigor of

the exploitative sexuality and criminality J. D. unleashes for (and against) Geena Davis’s Thelma is situated by the film as just a cover for his weakness and guilt, when the cop played by Harvey Keitel takes out his anger at the women’s impossible situation by blaming and humiliating J. D.

In each of the four big-budget (and big box-office) vehicles that Pitt has carried after *Thelma—A River Runs through It*, *Interview with the Vampire*, *Legends of the Fall*, and *Seven*—his character similarly rides a crosscurrent of mutually canceling traits: iconoclastic but family-centered, wounded but destructive, unstable but brave. Pitt’s choice of projects has shaped his overall persona along similar lines: for every ambivalent leading character there is both a tame supporting role (a too-comfortable boyfriend in *The Favor*) and a wild one (a drug-dazed roommate in *True Romance*). The supporting character whose portrayal earned Pitt his first Academy Award nomination, Jeffrey Goines in *12 Monkeys*, is another perfect encapsulation of the incongruity gathered around Pitt as his generation’s angry young man. Jeffrey seems insane at the beginning of the film, in his obsessive, evidently terroristic rebellion against his father—but by the end, Jeffrey’s good reasons and intentions are revealed, albeit along with his powerlessness.

Pitt has demonstrated his interest in art as well as commerce with several offbeat leading roles, all of which ask him to delve even more deeply than his mainstream hits into the essences of strongly desiring but perversely flawed men. He plays a never-will-be rock star/criminal/worthy lover in the low-budget *Johnny Suede*; a detective stranded across lines of being from his true love as the only human in the cartoon *Cool World*; and a committed lover and friend but casual killer in *Kalifornia*. The last film saw a lot of weight and facial hair added to the form which won him *People* magazine’s acclamation as the “sexiest man alive” in January 1995. Clearly Brad Pitt has become something of a flashpoint for his social moment’s ideas about, and conflicts over, masculinity. The impressively wide-ranging devotion to his craft he has shown thus far should keep him at the on-screen epicenter of such conflicts for a long time to come.

—Susan Knobloch

PLEASENCE, Donald

Nationality: British. **Born:** Worksop, Nottinghamshire, 5 October 1919. **Education:** Attended grammar school in Ecclesfield, Yorkshire. **Military Service:** Royal Air Force during World War II: in prison camp for a year: discharged 1946 as flight lieutenant. **Family:** Married 1) Miriam Raymond, 1941 (divorced 1958), daughters: Angela and Jean; 2) Josephine Martin Crombie, 1959, daughters: Lucy and Polly Jo; 3) Meira Shore, 1971, daughter: Alexis. **Career:** Worked for the railways, becoming manager of a station at Swinton, Yorkshire; 1939—assistant stage manager, then manager, of a theater in Jersey: stage debut in *Wuthering Heights*; 1942—London debut in *Twelfth Night*; 1946—on stage in London in *Vicious Circle*, then at Birmingham Repertory Theatre, 1948–50, and Bristol Old Vic Company, 1950–51; 1951—New York stage debut in *Caesar and Cleopatra*;



Donald Pleasence in *Halloween II*

1954—film debut in *The Beachcomber*; 1960—stage role in *The Caretaker*, repeated in film version, 1963; 1977—in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, in *The Bastard*, 1978, *Centennial*, 1978, and *Sighs and Wonders*, 1995; in TV series *The Barchester Chronicles*, 1982; co-founder, with Harold Pinter and Robert Shaw, Glasshouse Productions. **Died:** In St.-Paul-de-Vence, France, 2 February 1995.

Films as Actor:

- 1954 *The Beachcomber* (Box) (as Tromp); *Orders Are Orders* (Paltenghi) (as Corporal Martin)
- 1955 *Value for Money* (Annakin) (as Limpy)
- 1956 *1984* (Anderson) (as Parsons); *The Black Tent* (Hurst) (as Ali)
- 1957 *The Man in the Sky* (*Deception against Time*) (Crichton) (as Crabtree); *Manuela* (*Stowaway Girl*) (Hamilton) (as Evans); *Barnacle Bill* (Frend) (as bankteller)
- 1958 *A Tale of Two Cities* (Thomas) (as Barsad); *Heart of a Child* (Clive Donner) (as Speil); *The Wind Cannot Read* (Thomas) (as doctor); *The Man Inside* (Gilling) (as organ grinder); *The Two Headed Spy* (de Toth) (as General Hardt)
- 1959 *Look Back in Anger* (Richardson) (as Hurst); *Killers of Kilimanjaro* (Thorpe) (as Captain); *The Battle of the Sexes* (Crichton) (as Irwin Hoffman)
- 1960 *The Shakedown* (Lemont) (as Jessel); *The Flesh and the Fiends* (*Mania*) (Gilling) (as William Hare); *Hell Is a City* (Guest) (as Gus Hawkins); *Circus of Horrors* (Hayers) (as Vanet); *Sons and Lovers* (Cardiff) (as Pappleworth); *The Big Day* (Scott) (as Victor Partridge); *Suspect* (*The Risk*) (Boulting) (as Brown); *The Hands of Orlac* (*Les Mains d'Orlac*) (Gréville) (as Coates); *A Story of David* (McNaught) (as Nabal)
- 1961 *No Love for Johnnie* (Thomas) (as Roger Renfrew); *The Wind of Change* (Sewell) (as Pop); *Spare the Rod* (Norman) (as Jenkins); *The Horsemasters* (Fairchild) (as Major Pinsky); *What a Carve Up!* (Jackson) (as Everett Sloane); *The Inspector* (*Lisa*) (Dunne) (as Sergeant Walters)
- 1962 *Dr. Crippen* (Lynn) (title role)
- 1963 *The Caretaker* (*The Guest*) (Clive Donner) (as Davis); *The Great Escape* (John Sturges) (as Blythe)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as the Dark Hermit); *The Hallelujah Trail* (John Sturges) (as Oracle Jones)
- 1966 *Cul-de-Sac* (Polanski) (as George); *Matchless* (Lattuada) (as Andreanu); *Eye of the Devil* (Thompson) (as Pere Dominic); *The Night of the Generals* (Litvak) (as General Kahlenberge); *Fantastic Voyage* (Fleischer) (as Dr. Michaels)
- 1967 *Will Penny* (Gries) (as Preacher Quint); *You Only Live Twice* (Gilbert) (as Blofeld)
- 1969 *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (Forbes) (as prospector); *Arthur Arthur* (Gallu) (cameo role)
- 1970 *THX 1138* (Lucas) (as SEN 5241); *Soldier Blue* (Nelson) (as Isaac Cumber); *Mister Freedom* (Klein) (as Dr. Freedom)
- 1971 *The Pied Piper* (Demy) (as Baron)
- 1972 *Kidnapped* (Delbert Mann) (as Ebenezer Balfour); *Innocent Bystanders* (Collinson) (as Loomis); *Henry VIII and His Six Wives* (Hussein) (as Thomas Cromwell); *The Jerusalem File* (Flynn) (as Maj. Samuels); *Death Live* (*Raw Meat*) (Sherman) (as Inspector Colquhoun)
- 1973 *Wedding in White* (Fruet) (as Jim); *From beyond the Grave* (Connor) (as peddler); *Tales That Witness Madness* (Francis) (as Tremayne)
- 1974 *The Black Windmill* (Siegel) (as Cedric Harper); *The Mutations* (Cardiff) (as Nolter); *Barry Mackenzie Holds His Own* (Beresford) (as Erich, Count Plasma); *Journey into Fear* (Daniel Mann) (as Kuvetli)
- 1975 *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Greene—for TV) (as Danglars); *Heart of the West* (*Hollywood Cowboy*) (Zieff) (as A. J. Nietz); *I Don't Want to Be Born* (*The Devil within Her*) (Sasdy) (as Dr. Finch); *Escape to Witch Mountain* (Hough) (as Deranian)
- 1976 *The Devil's Men* (*Land of the Minotaur*) (Carayiannis) (as Father Roche); *The Last Tycoon* (Kazan) (as Boxley); *The Passover Plot* (Campus) (as Pontius Pilate); *Dirty Knights' Work* (*Trial by Combat; A Choice of Weapons*) (Connor) (as Sir Giles Marley)
- 1977 *The Eagle Has Landed* (John Sturges) (as Heinrich Himmler); *Telefon* (Siegel) (as Nicolai Dalchinsky); *The Uncanny* (Heroux) (as Valentine De'Ath); *Oh, God!* (Carl Reiner) (as Dr. Harmon); *Night Creature* (Madden); *Goldenrod* (Hart—for TV)
- 1978 *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* (Schultz) (as B. D. Brockhearst); *Halloween* (Carpenter) (as Loomis); *Power Play* (Burke) (as Blair); *The Dark Secret of Harvest*

- Home* (Leo Penn—for TV) (as narrator); *L'Ordre et la sécurité du monde* (d'Anna); *The Defection of Simas Kurdirka* (Rich—for TV)
- 1979 *Gold of the Amazon Women* (Lester—for TV); *Tomorrow Never Comes* (Collinson) (as Dr. Todd); *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Kantoreck); *Les Liens du sang* (*Blood Relatives*) (Chabrol) (as Doniac); *Dracula* (Badham) (as Seward); *Better Late Than Never* (Crenna—for TV); *Good Luck, Miss Wyckoff* (Chomsky) (as Steiner); *Jaguar Lives* (Pintoff) (as General Villinova); *L'Homme en colère* (*The Angry Man*; *Jigsaw*) (Pinoteau) (as France)
- 1980 *Halloween II* (Rosenthal) (as Loomis)
- 1981 *Escape from New York* (Carpenter) (as President of the U.S.); *The Monster Club* (Baker) (as Pickering); *The Thing* (Carpenter)
- 1982 *Alone in the Dark* (Sholder); *Witness for the Prosecution* (Gibson—for TV); *Race for the Yankee Zephyr* (*Treasure of the Yankee Zephyr*) (Hemmings); *To Kill a Stranger* (Moctezuma) (as Col. Kostik)
- 1983 *The Devonville Terror* (Lommel)
- 1984 *Warrior of the Lost Word* (Worth); *A Breed Apart* (Mora); *Where Is Parsifal?* (Helman); *The Ambassador* (*Peacemaker*) (Thompson) (as Minister Eretz)
- 1985 *The Corsican Brothers* (Sharp—for TV); *Terror in the Aisles* (Kuehn—compilation film) (as narrator); *Arch of Triumph* (Hussein—for TV) (as Haake); *Frankenstein's Great Aunt Tillie* (Gold); *Phenomena* (*Creepers*) (Argento) (as John McGregor); *Sotto il vestito niente* (*Nothing Underneath*) (Vanzina) (as Inspector); *Treasure of the Amazon* (Cardona) (as Klaus)
- 1986 *Cobra Mission* (*The Rainbow Professional*) (Ludman)
- 1987 *Scoop* (Millar—for TV); *Spettri* (*Specters*) (Avalone) (as Prof. Lasky, Archaeologist); *Warrior Queen* (*Pompeii*) (Vincent) (as Claudius); *Il grande ritorno di Django* (*Django Strikes Again*) (Ted Archer); *Prince of Darkness* (Carpenter) (as Priest); *Ground Zero* (Pattinson and Myles) (as Prosper Gaffney)
- 1988 *Commander* (Dawson); *The Great Escape II: The Untold Story* (Taylor—for TV); *Halloween IV: The Return of Michael Myers* (Little) (as Dr. Loomis); *Hanna's War* (Golan) (as Rosza); *Paganini Horror* (Coates); *Phantom of Death* (Deodato); *The House of Usher* (Birkinshaw) (as Clive Usher)
- 1989 *The Room* (Altman); *Halloween V: The Revenge of Michael Myers* (Othenin-Girard) (as Dr. Loomis); *Ten Little Indians* (Birkinshaw) (as Justice Wargrave); *River of Death* (Carver) (as Heinrich Spaatz)
- 1990 *I, Charles de Gaulle* (Granier-Deferre); *Miliardi* (*Billions*) (Vanzina) (as Ripa); *Buried Alive* (Kikoine) (as Dr. Schaeffer)
- 1991 *Dien Bien phu* (Schoendoerffer) (as Howard Simpson); *American Rickshaw* (Martino) (as the Reverend Morton)
- 1992 *Shadows and Fog* (Woody Allen) (as Doctor)
- 1994 *Hour of the Pig* (Megahey) (as Pincheon); *Femme Fatale* (Prasad) (as Victor Harty)
- 1995 *Merlin* (for TV); *Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers* (Chapelle) (as Dr. Loomis)

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His distinctive bald pate, a slightly otherworldly glint in his pale blue eyes, and an unnerving fixated manner combined to make Donald Pleasence an arresting character actor. Most often cast as a Milquetoast or unctuous schemer in his early career, he absorbed the same traits into the predominantly villainous roles that became the trademark of his later screen career.

Pleasence made his film debut in Muriel Box's *The Beachcomber*, a remake of the 1938 Charles Laughton vehicle, opposite Robert Newton as the title character. Turns as the real-life murderer and body snatcher William Hare in John Gilling's *The Flesh and the Fiends* and the henpecked title character (his only starring role) in *Dr. Crippen*, a vivid recounting of the legendary case of the British wife murderer of that name, anticipated numerous horror roles to come.

Pleasence drew critical raves for his central role in the dark, absurdist comedy *The Guest*, based on Harold Pinter's play *The Caretaker*. The performance attracted the attention of Roman Polanski, who cast Pleasence in his own dark, absurdist comedy *Cul-de-Sac*, the Polish director's second English-language film. Pleasence played George, the quintessential Polanski protagonist, a man whose life comes undone when his insular world is intruded upon by outsiders, in this case a pair of fleeing gangsters.

The Great Escape, in which Pleasence appeared among a large international cast, opened the door to Hollywood, where he enjoyed a busy career on the big and small screens (appearing in such hit television series as *The Twilight Zone* and *The Outer Limits*). He made the transition to horror film staple for an entire generation when John Carpenter cast him as the obsessed doctor on the trail of the “ultimate evil,” a mass-murdering former patient named Michael Myers, in *Halloween*. Pleasence's character was named Sam Loomis after the part played by John Gavin in Hitchcock's classic *Psycho*. Pleasence reappeared as Loomis in five *Halloween* sequels, the last of which, *Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers*, was released after Pleasence's death in 1995.

—Bill Wine, updated by John McCarty

POITIER, Sidney

Nationality: American. **Born:** Miami, Florida, 20 February 1924 (some sources say 1927), grew up in the Bahamas. **Education:** Attended Western Senior High School and Governor's High School, both in Nassau. **Family:** Married 1) Juanita Hardy, 1950, daughters: Beverly, Pamela, Sherry, Gina; 2) the actress Joanna Shimkus, 1976, two children. **Career:** 1942–45—served in the U.S. Army as a physiotherapist; member of the American Negro Theater: in *Days of Our Youth* and other plays; 1946—Broadway debut in *Lysistrata* in all-black production; 1948—toured with play *Anna Lucasta*; 1949—film debut in Signal Corps documentary *From Whom Cometh My Help*; 1950—fiction film debut in *No Way Out*; 1959—in stage play *A Raisin in the Sun*, and in film version, 1961; 1968—directed Broadway play *Carry Me Back to Morningside Heights*; 1969—co-founder, with Paul Newman and Barbra Streisand, First Artists Productions; 1972—first directed film, *Buck and the Preacher*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, and Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *The Defiant Ones*, 1958; Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Lilies of the Field*, 1963; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1992; Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, 2000. **Address:** c/o Verdon Productions, 9350 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *From Whom Cometh My Help* (Signal Corps doc)
- 1950 *No Way Out* (Mankiewicz) (as Dr. Luther Brooks)
- 1952 *Cry, the Beloved Country* (Korda) (as Reverend Msimangu); *Red Ball Express* (Boetticher) (as Corporal Andrew Robertson)
- 1954 *Go, Man, Go!* (Howe) (as Inman Jackson)
- 1955 *Blackboard Jungle* (Richard Brooks) (as Gregory Miller)
- 1956 *Goodbye, My Lady* (Wellman) (as Gates)
- 1957 *Edge of the City* (Ritt) (as Tommy Tyler); *Something of Value* (Richard Brooks) (as Kimani); *Band of Angels* (Walsh) (as Rau-ru)
- 1958 *Mark of the Hawk* (Audley) (as Obam); *The Defiant Ones* (Kramer) (as Noah Cullen); *The Virgin Island* (Jackson) (as Marcus)
- 1959 *Porgy and Bess* (Preminger) (as Porgy)
- 1960 *All the Young Men* (Bartlett) (as Towler)
- 1961 *A Raisin in the Sun* (Petrie) (as Walter Lee Younger); *Paris Blue* (Ritt) (as Eddie Cook)
- 1962 *Pressure Point* (Cornfield) (as Doctor)
- 1963 *Lilies of the Field* (Nelson) (as Homer Smith)
- 1964 *The Long Ships* (Cardiff) (as Ali Mansuh)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as Simon of Cyrene); *The Bedford Incident* (Harris) (as Ben Munceford); *A Patch of Blue* (Green) (as Gordon Ralfe)
- 1966 *The Slender Thread* (Pollack) (as Alan Newell); *Duel at Diablo* (Nelson) (as Toller)
- 1967 *To Sir with Love* (Clavell) (as Mark Thackeray); *In the Heat of the Night* (Jewison) (as Virgil Tibbs); *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (Kramer) (as John Prentice)

- 1968 *For Love of Ivy* (Daniel Mann) (as Jack Parks)
- 1969 *The Lost Man* (Arthur) (as Jason Higgs)
- 1970 *They Call Me Mister Tibbs!* (Douglas) (title role)
- 1971 *The Organization* (Medford) (as Virgil Tibbs); *Brother John* (Goldstone) (as John Kane)
- 1975 *The Wilby Conspiracy* (Nelson) (as Shack Twala)
- 1988 *Shoot to Kill* (*Deadly Pursuit*) (Spottiswoode) (as Warren Stantin); *Little Nikita* (*The Sleeper*) (Benjamin) (as Roy Parmenter)
- 1991 *Separate but Equal* (Stevens Jr.—for TV) (as Thurgood Marshall); *Children of the Dust* (David Greene—for TV) (as Gypsy Smith)
- 1992 *Sneakers* (Robinson) (as Donald Crease)
- 1996 *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Robinson); *To Sir With Love 2* (Bogdanovich—for TV) (as Mark Thackeray)
- 1997 *Mandela and de Klerk* (Sargent—for TV) (as Nelson Mandela); *The Jackal* (Caton-Jones) (as Preston)
- 1998 *David and Lisa* (Kramer?—for TV) (as Dr. Jack Miller)
- 1999 *Free of Eden* (Ichaso) (as Will Clemons + exec pr); *The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn* (Champion—for TV) (as Noah Dearborn)

Films as Director:

- 1972 *Buck and the Preacher* (+ ro as Buck)
- 1973 *A Warm December* (+ ro as Matt Younger)
- 1974 *Uptown Saturday Night* (+ ro as Steve Jackson)
- 1975 *Let's Do It Again* (+ ro as Clyde Williams)
- 1977 *A Piece of the Action* (+ ro as Manny Durrell)
- 1980 *Stir Crazy*
- 1982 *Hanky Panky*
- 1984 *Shootout*
- 1985 *Fast Forward*
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As the Hollywood film industry ended the twentieth century, Eddie Murphy, Danny Glover, and Denzel Washington could be counted as major movie stars. But they owe a major part of their success to Sidney Poitier’s pioneering efforts three decades earlier. In the late 1950s and through the 1960s Poitier singlehandedly transformed the Hollywood movie’s image of the black man from the racist “coon” to the positive hero.

During the 1960s Poitier was *the* symbol of the liberal Hollywood, a black actor with dignity. But this had not been achieved “overnight,” without struggle. During the early 1950s he took what parts he could land, from Joseph Mankiewicz’s *No Way Out*, where he played an educated, bright, and dedicated doctor caught in a heated racial situation, to James Wong Howe’s sole credit as a director, the creaky portrait of the Harlem Globetrotters’ basketball enterprise, *Go, Man, Go!* Richard Brooks’s somewhat sanitized portrait of inner-city America, *Blackboard Jungle*, made Poitier a star. Thereafter his presence became a symbol to the rising consciousness about racial segregation in the United States. Noted producers cast him in roles designed for his new image. Most self-conscious was Stanley Kramer’s *The Defiant Ones*, with black and white chained together trying to escape from a brutal Southern prison camp. Otto Preminger’s *Porgy and Bess* was the director’s homage to black life in the South, while in *Lilies of the Field* Poitier assisted a group of nuns, a “feel good” classic.

During this period he was much honored, winning many awards, from prizes from the Venice and Berlin Film Festivals to a New York Film Critics Award for best actor to the William J. German Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Congress. He won a much-deserved Oscar for *Lilies of the Field*, and so became a top box-office draw for *A Patch of Blue*, *To Sir, with Love*, *In the Heat of the Night*, and *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?* In 1967 Poitier was rated number seven on a list of top moneymaking stars; the following year he ranked first.

By 1969 he had done so well he was able, with Paul Newman, Barbra Streisand, Steve McQueen, and Dustin Hoffman to create the First Artists Film Production Company. He had decided then to work within the Hollywood system and become a director, but *Buck and the Preacher*, *A Warm December*, and *Uptown Saturday Night* made precious little money. He returned to acting, with little success. *Little Nikita* ended his career as a leading man.

Poitier had become a member of the establishment, penning a celebrated autobiography in 1980. His black detective from the North made so famous with *In the Heat of the Night* was considered radical in the late 1960s. Two decades later no one commented on his roles as an FBI agent. In 1989 he was elected to the Board of Trustees for the American Museum of the Moving Image. In 1992 he was honored with the American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, in 1994 he earned the National Board of Review Career Achievement

Award, and in 1995 he was honored with the Kennedy Center Honors Lifetime Achievement Award.

—Douglas Gomery

POSTLETHWAITE, Pete

Nationality: British. **Born:** Lancashire, (some sources say Warrington, Cheshire) 7 February 1945. **Education:** began drama school at age 24. **Family:** longtime relationship; one son. **Career:** Teacher; began acting, 1970; theater acting credits include performances at the Manchester Royal Exchange, the Bristol Old Vic, and the Liverpool Everyman; member of the Royal Shakespeare Company from (?) until 1987; played Paula’s father, *Needle* TV series, 1990; appeared as guest on several television programs. **Address:** 4 Windmill Street, London W1P 1HF, United Kingdom.

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *The Duellists* (Scott) (credited as Peter Postlethwaite)
- 1978 *Doris and Doreen* (Six Plays by Alan Bennett: *Doris and Doreen*) (Frears—for TV)
- 1979 *Afternoon Off* (Six Plays by Alan Bennett: *Afternoon Off*) (Frears—for TV)
- 1985 *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Hands, Simpson—for TV) (as Ragueneau); *A Private Function* (Mowbray) (as Nuttol)
- 1987 *Coast to Coast* (Johnson—for TV) (as Kecks McGuinness)
- 1988 *Distant Voices, Still Lives* (Davies) (as Father); *The Dress-maker* (O’Brien) (credited as Peter Postlethwaite) (as Jack); *Number 27* (Powell) (as Becket); *To Kill a Priest* (Complot, Le, Popieluszko, Zabic ksiedza) (Holland) (as Josef)
- 1989 *Tumbledown* (Eyre—for TV) (as Major—Rehabilitation Center)
- 1990 *Hamlet* (Zeffirelli) (as Player King); *They Never Slept* (Prasad) (as Panther); *Treasure Island* (Heston—for TV) (as Peter Postlethwaite) (as George Merry)
- 1991 *A Child From the South* (Rezende—for TV) (as Harry); *The Grass Arena* (MacKinnon)
- 1992 *Split Second* (Maylam) (as Paulsen); *Waterland* (Gyllenhaal) (as Henry Crick); *The Last of the Mohicans* (Mann) (as Captain Beams); *Alien3* (Fincher) (as David)
- 1993 *Anchoress* (Newby) (as William Carpenter); *In the Name of the Father* (Sheridan) (as Giuseppe Conlon)
- 1994 *Martin Chuzzlewit* (James) (mini—for TV) (as Montague Tigg/Tigg Montague); *Sharpe’s Enemy* (Clegg—for TV) (as Hakeswill); *Sharpe’s Company* (Clegg—for TV) (as Hakeswill)
- 1995 *Suite 16* (Deruddere) (as Glover); *The Usual Suspects* (Singer) (as Kobayashi)
- 1996 *Crimetime* (Sluizer) (as Sidney); *Brassed Off* (Herman) (as Danny); *William Shakespeare’s Romeo + Juliet* (Romeo + Juliet) (Luhrmann) (as Father Laurence); *Dragonheart* (Cohen) (as Gilbert); *James and the Giant Peach* (Selig) (as Old Man); *When Saturday Comes* (Giese) (as Ken Jackson)
- 1997 *Bandyta* (*Bastard, Brute*) (Dejczner) (as Sincai); *Amistad* (Spielberg) (as Holabird); *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (Spielberg) (as Roland Tembo); *The Serpent’s Kiss* (Le



Pete Postlethwaite (right) with Daniel Day-Lewis in *In the Name of the Father*

- Baiser du serpent, Der Schlangenkuss* (Rousselot) (as Thomas Smithers)
- 1998 *Lost for Words* (Bell—for TV) (as Deric Longden); *Among Giants* (Miller) (as Ray)
- 1999 *The Divine Ryans* (Reynolds) (as Uncle Reg); *Animal Farm* (Stephenson—for TV) (as voice of Benjamin, Jones); *Wayward Son* (Harris) (as Ben Alexander); *Butterfly Collectors* (Stewart) (mini—for TV) (as John McKeown); *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing—for TV) (as Carpenter)
- 2000 *Rat* (Barron); *When the Sky Falls* (Mackenzie) (as The Commandant); *Ring of Fire* (Koller)

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Pete Postlethwaite’s face offers an irresistible field for similes. At the Bristol Old Vic, where he trained, the Principal told him he had a face “like a stone archway.” His craggy features have since been likened to “a bag of spanners” and “a smashed-up wall,” and one critic was moved to write of Postlethwaite’s cheekbones “boiling out of his head like swollen knuckles.” In the film world of perfect teeth, plastic surgery, and flawless complexions, Postlethwaite is the most improbable of movie stars. Yet he’s rarely had a day out of work since he took up acting in 1970, his screen presence commands attention, stealing scenes without visible effort, and his range is impressive and still actively extending. He is, in Steven Spielberg’s opinion, “probably the best actor in the world today.”

Inevitably, given his raw-hewn looks and down-to-earth name and background, Postlethwaite has collected his fair share of working-class roles, several of them among his best. His strong facial structure can readily suggest menace; but also a wistful vulnerability, equally convincing as the harsh domestic tyrant of Terence Davies’ *Distant*

Voices, Still Lives and as the dedicated bandmaster, doggedly fighting off terminal cancer, in *Brassed Off*. In *Among Giants* he played his first romantic lead (at age 53) with all the wary delight of a man finding love long after he's ceased looking for it; the love scenes between his unemployed Yorkshire Tabourer and Aussie backpacker Rachel Griffiths felt touchingly tentative, neither one quite sure what they were getting into.

For his Oscar-nominated performance as the unjustly jailed Guiseppe Conlon in Jim Sheridan's political drama *In the Name of the Father*, Postlethwaite drew powerfully on his Lancashire roots, basing the character on his own father, "an extraordinary man . . . simple, unaffected, sweet, straightforward." Achieving the notoriously difficult feat of playing good without seeming sanctimonious or smug, he portrayed Conlon as a man with a quiet, unflinching sense of moral rightness who attains tragic stature in adversity. His long, expressive face conveyed sadness and bewilderment at the injustice inflicted on him, but also an unbreakable, instinctive dignity.

Postlethwaite's range extends far beyond working-class heroes (or villains), taking in light comedy, action movies, horror, noirish thrillers, and Shakespeare. He actively seeks diversity, relishing the challenge. "There's no delight in doing what I know I can do. . . . The danger ensures you remain alive. All these different parts keep me fresh and still loving what I do." As Friar Lawrence in Baz Luhrmann's exhilaratingly revisionist *Romeo + Juliet* he kept his performance tuned into the film's fizzing Latino-punk rhythms while anchoring it in the bedrock of his solid stage-Shakespeare grounding. For Spielberg's second dinosaur romp, *The Lost World*, he played the big-game hunter Roland Tembo with clipped upper-class tones and a wry hint of seen-it-all self-mockery.

But perhaps Postlethwaite's most relishably unpredictable performance to date was as Kobayashi, soft-spoken enforcer for the mysterious Keyzer Soze in Bryan Singer's labyrinthine thriller *The Usual Suspects*. Faced with the task of playing a blatantly non-Japanese lawyer with a Japanese name, Postlethwaite elected to give his character a remote, fastidious spin, an air of Zen-like calm and the faintest hint of an Indian accent, that positioned him midway between the Dalai Lama and an English butler. His multi-layered rendition added further to the enigmas of a film in which nobody and nothing could be taken at face value, and proved conclusively that Pete Postlethwaite's ability to confound audience expectations is as yet far from being exhausted.

—Philip Kemp

POWELL, Dick

Nationality: American. **Born:** Richard Ewing Powell in Mountain View, Arkansas, 14 November 1904. **Education:** Attended high school in Little Rock, Arkansas, Little Rock College, one year. **Family:** Married 1) M. Maund; 2) the actress Joan Blondell, 1936 (divorced 1945), daughter: Ellen, adopted son: Norman; 3) the actress June Allyson, 1945, adopted daughter. **Career:** Singer with his own band from age 17; also played baritone horn; toured with the Royal Peacock Band, then with Charlie Davis's orchestra, Indianapolis; 1930—singer, comedian, and master of ceremonies at Stanley Theatre, Pittsburgh; also sang on radio; 1932—film debut in *Blessed Event*; contract with Warner Brothers; also sang on radio series



Dick Powell with Ruby Keeler in *42nd Street*

Hollywood Hotel; 1940s—changeover to dramatic roles in films; contracts with Paramount and RKO; on radio series *The Band Wagon*, *Rogue's Gallery*, 1945–46, and *The Front Page*, 1948; 1952—co-founder, with Charles Boyer, Ida Lupino, and David Niven, Four Star Productions for television, and regular actor in series *Four Star Playhouse*, 1952–56; host, *Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre*, 1956–61, and *The Dick Powell Show*, 1961–63; 1953—first directed film, *Split Second*. **Died:** 2 January 1963.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Blessed Event* (Del Ruth) (as night club owner); *Too Busy to Work (Jubilo)* (Blystone)
- 1933 *The King's Vacation* (Adolphi); *42nd Street* (Bacon) (as Billy Lawler); *The Gold Diggers of 1933* (LeRoy) (as Robert Treat Bradford/Brad Roberts); *Footlight Parade* (Bacon); *College Coach* (Wellman); *Convention City* (Mayo)
- 1934 *Dames* (Berkeley); *Wonder Bar* (Bacon); *Twenty Million Sweethearts* (Enright); *Happiness Ahead* (LeRoy); *Flirtation Walk* (Borzage)
- 1935 *The Gold Diggers of 1935* (Berkeley); *Page Miss Glory* (LeRoy); *Broadway Gondolier* (Bacon); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Reinhardt and Dieterle) (as Lysander); *Shipmates Forever* (Borzage); *Thanks a Million* (Del Ruth)
- 1936 *Colleen* (Green); *Hearts Divided* (Borzage) (as Jerome Bonaparte); *Stage Struck* (Berkeley); *The Gold Diggers of 1937* (Berkeley)

- 1937 *On the Avenue* (Del Ruth); *The Singing Marine* (Enright); *Varsity Show* (Berkeley); *Hollywood Hotel* (Berkeley)
- 1938 *Cowboy from Brooklyn* (Bacon); *Hard to Get* (Enright); *Going Places* (Enright)
- 1939 *Naughty but Nice* (Enright)
- 1940 *Christmas in July* (Preston Sturges); *I Want a Divorce* (Murphy)
- 1941 *Model Wife* (Jason); *In the Navy* (Lubin)
- 1942 *Star Spangled Rhythm* (Marshall) (as himself); *Happy Go Lucky* (Bernhardt)
- 1943 *True to Life* (Marshall); *Riding High* (Marshall)
- 1944 *It Happened Tomorrow* (Clair); *Meet the People* (Reisner); *Murder, My Sweet* (Dmytryk) (as Philip Marlowe)
- 1945 *Cornered* (Dmytryk)
- 1947 *Johnny O'Clock* (Rossen)
- 1948 *To the Ends of the Earth* (Stephenson); *The Pitfalls* (de Toth); *Station West* (Lanfield); *Rogue's Regiment* (Florey)
- 1949 *Mrs. Mike* (King)
- 1950 *The Reformer and the Redhead* (Panama); *Right Cross* (John Sturges)
- 1951 *Cry Danger* (Parrish); *The Tall Target* (Anthony Mann); *You Never Can Tell* (Breslow)
- 1952 *The Bad and the Beautiful* (Minnelli)
- 1954 *Susan Slept Here* (Tashlin)

Films as Director:

- 1953 *Split Second*
- 1956 *The Conqueror* (+ pr)
- 1957 *You Can't Run Away from It* (+ pr); *The Enemy Below* (+ pr)
- 1958 *The Hunters* (+ pr)

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Dick Powell was a rare performer in the motion picture business. While other, more talented performers came and went, Dick Powell managed to hang on as a star for more than two decades, evolving from boy crooner in the 1930s to tough guy in the 1940s. By the 1950s he was able to move directly into television and became a top

producer. Powell understood his own limitations: "I started out with two assets: a voice that didn't drive audiences into the streets, and a determination to make money."

During the 1930s, beginning with *42nd Street*, Powell functioned as the leading man in innumerable Warner Brothers musicals. Cherubically smiling, he chased Ruby Keeler through such films as *The Gold Diggers of 1933*, *Dames*, and *Footlight Parade*. Powell's performances were workmanlike, and helped boost him into the Motion Picture Herald's list of top stars in 1935 (seventh place) and 1936 (sixth place).

From 1939 on, Dick Powell strove to break his image of adolescent singer. He moved to Paramount and took on different roles, including comedies for Preston Sturges (*Christmas in July*) and René Clair (*It Happened Tomorrow*). But only another move to RKO gave Powell the chance to develop an altogether new screen image. In *Murder, My Sweet* he became an active participant in the film noir cycle of the 1940s. Other films of this genre that starred Dick Powell include *Cornered*, *Johnny O'Clock*, and *Pitfall*. For the 1940s there was a "new, rough tough Dick Powell," popular but never reaching the fame of the boy crooner of the 1930s.

In the 1950s, Powell began to direct and produce television. He formed Four Star Television with David Niven, Ida Lupino, and Charles Boyer, but it was Powell who ran the corporation, producing such hits as *The Rifleman*, *Wanted—Dead or Alive*, and *The Detectives*.

—Douglas Gomery

POWELL, Eleanor

Nationality: American. **Born:** Springfield, Massachusetts, 21 November 1912. **Family:** Married the actor Glenn Ford, 1943 (divorced 1959), son: Peter. **Career:** Began studying ballet at age 6; appeared in Atlantic City clubs as a child; 1928—dance debut with Co-Optimists troupe in New York; then learned tap dancing; 1929—Broadway debut in *Follow Through*; 1935—film debut in *George White's Scandals*; 1936—lead role in film *Broadway Melody of 1936*; contract with MGM, and made series of successful musicals until 1940; 1953–56—created and acted in TV series *Faith of Our Children*; 1960–64—in musical revues in Las Vegas and New York. **Awards:** Five Emmys for *Faith of Our Children* TV series. **Died:** In Beverly Hills, California, 11 February 1982.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *George White's Scandals* (*George White's 1935 Scandals*) (White) (as Marilyn Collins); *Broadway Melody of 1936* (Del Ruth) (as Irene Foster/Mlle. Arlette)
- 1936 *Born to Dance* (Del Ruth) (as Nora Paige)
- 1937 *Broadway Melody of 1938* (Del Ruth) (as Sally Lee); *Rosalie* (Van Dyke) (title role)
- 1939 *Honolulu* (Buzzell) (as Dorothy March)
- 1940 *Broadway Melody of 1940* (Taurog) (as Clare Bennett)
- 1941 *Lady Be Good* (McLeod) (as Marilyn Marsh)
- 1942 *Ship Ahoy* (Buzzell) (as Tallulah Winters)
- 1943 *I Dood It* (*By Hook or by Crook*) (Minnelli) (as Constance Shaw); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as featured performer)



Eleanor Powell in *Born to Dance*

- 1945 *Sensations of 1945 (Sensations)* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Ginny Walker)
 1950 *Duchess of Idaho* (Leonard) (as featured performer)

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Eleanor Powell assumed the mantle of Hollywood's top female tap dancer from Ruby Keeler. But where one might question Keeler's dancing ability, Powell's films provide clear evidence that she danced without peer. This view seems confirmed by the Dance Masters of America who awarded her the title of world's greatest tap dancer and by MGM's willingness to showcase an unknown in her second film. MGM banked on America's tap-dancing craze during the 1930s to catapult Powell to immediate stardom; a gamble which paid off handsomely. Her weak acting and singing (she was usually dubbed by Marjorie Lane) failed to detract and she became a box-office smash. In 11 films from *Broadway Melody of 1936* to *Sensations of 1945* Powell remained the premier female tap dancer. Arturo Toscanini once said that the three things he would remember most about his trip to the West Coast were the sunset, the Grand Canyon, and Eleanor Powell's dancing. As she retired, Ann Miller literally followed in her footsteps to dominate tap during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Powell incorporated acrobatics and ballet (which she studied first) into tap, creating a unique dance style that emphasized high kicks, rapid “grands pirouettes,” “chain turns,” and gymnastics. She also employed steps, positions, and movements usually reserved for men. Her aggressive and powerful technique ultimately classified her as a solo performer. As Fred Astaire said in *Steps in Time*, “She ‘put ‘em down’ like a man, no ricky-ticky-sissy stuff with Ellie. She really knocked out a tap dance in a class by herself.” The consistency of her dancing also offers sufficient evidence that she worked as her own choreographer.

All Powell's films, except *Broadway Melody of 1940*, move to opulent finales which she dances without a partner; she does however dance with a chorus. In *Broadway Melody of 1936* she performs in a glittering tuxedo surrounded by 30 male dancers in top hat and tails. In *Born to Dance*, Powell commands a battleship (set), its “crew,” two military bands, and a battalion of women. In *Rosalie*, she dances with 34 West Point cadets and 500 extras. This solo emphasis created an obvious problem for MGM when casting romantic musical comedies. In fact, MGM could not find her a suitable dancing partner. No male dancer with whom she teamed could match her tap virtuosity; only Fred Astaire in *Broadway Melody of 1940* proved an equal partner. (Their “Begin the Beguine” routine remains one of the most sublime performances in Hollywood musical history.) Consequently, MGM usually paired her with nondancing male stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Robert Taylor, and Nelson Eddie. Powell eventually courted seven leading men in nine films over an eight-year span, and even danced with Buttons the Dog in *Lady Be Good* and a horse in *Sensations of 1945*. Powell always portrayed a self-assured, intelligent, and independent woman, with strong and supportive female friends, interested in romance but not as an exclusive goal. Her idealized placement was reinforced by her comparison to other women in the films who ranged from gold-diggers to the freakish to the vain. This characterization reflected her dance routines which, as already mentioned, also upset the romantic comedy formula of female to male capitulation. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, such a persona undoubtedly added to her popularity.

—Greg S. Faller

POWELL, William

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Horatio Powell in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 29 July 1892. **Education:** Attended high school in Kansas City; University of Kansas, Lawrence, briefly; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1911–12. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Eileen Wilson (divorced 1931), son: William David; 2) the actress Carole Lombard, 1931 (divorced 1933); 3) the actress Diana Lewis, 1940. **Career:** 1912—Broadway debut in *The Ne'er-Do-Well*; 1913–15—in road company of the melodrama *Within the Law*; then acted in the Harry Davis company, Pittsburgh, the Baker company, Portland, Oregon, the Jessie Bonsteele company, Buffalo, and others; 1918–19—with Castle Square Stock Company, Boston; 1922—film debut in *Spanish Love*; 1925–31—contract with Paramount, followed by contract with Warner Brothers, 1931–34, and MGM, 1934. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Life with Father*, and *The Senator Was Indiscreet*, 1947. **Died:** 5 March 1984.

Films as Actor:

- 1922 *Spanish Love*; *Sherlock Holmes* (Parker) (as Forman Wells); *When Knighthood Was in Flower* (Vignola) (as Francis I); *Outcast* (Withey) (as DeValle)
- 1923 *The Bright Shawl* (Robertson)
- 1924 *Under the Red Robe* (Crosland) (as Duke of Orleans); *Romola* (King) (as Tito Melema); *Dangerous Money* (Tuttle)
- 1925 *Too Many Kisses* (Sloane); *Faint Perfume* (Gasnier); *My Lady's Lips* (Hogan); *The Beautiful City* (Webb)
- 1926 *White Mice* (Edward Griffith); *Sea Horses* (Dwan); *Desert Gold* (Seitz); *The Runaway* (William DeMille); *Aloma of the South Seas* (Tourneur); *Beau Geste* (Brenon) (as Boldoni); *Tin Gods* (Dwan); *The Great Gatsby* (Brenon) (as George Wilson)
- 1927 *New York* (Reed); *Love's Greatest Mistake* (Sutherland); *Special Delivery* (Goodrich); *Senorita* (Badger); *Paid to Love* (Hawks); *Time for Love* (Tuttle); *Nevada* (Waters); *She's a Sheik* (Badger); *Feel My Pulse* (La Cava)
- 1928 *Beau Sabreur* (Waters); *Partners in Crime* (Strayer); *The Last Command* (von Sternberg); *The Dragnet* (von Sternberg); *The Vanishing Pioneer* (Waters); *Forgotten Faces* (Schertzinger)
- 1929 *Interference* (Mendez); *The Canary Murder Case* (St. Clair) (as Philo Vance); *The Green Murder Case* (Tuttle) (as Philo Vance); *Charming Sinners* (Milton); *Four Feathers* (Schoedsack and Mendez); *Pointed Heels* (Sutherland)
- 1930 *The Benson Murder Case* (Tuttle) (as Philo Vance); *Paramount on Parade* (as himself/Philo Vance); *Shadow of the Law* (Gasnier); *Behind the Makeup* (Milton); *Street of Chance* (Cromwell); *For the Defense* (Cromwell)
- 1931 *Man of the World* (Wallace); *Ladies Man* (Mendez); *The Road to Singapore* (Green)
- 1932 *High Pressure* (Le Roy); *Jewel Robbery* (Dieterle); *One Way Passage* (Garrett); *Lawyer Man* (Dieterle)
- 1933 *Double Harness* (Cromwell); *Private Detective 62* (Curtiz); *The Kennel Murder Case* (Curtiz) (as Philo Vance)
- 1934 *Fashions of 1934* (Dieterle); *The Key* (Curtiz); *Manhattan Melodrama* (Van Dyke); *The Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nick Charles); *Evelyn Prentice* (Howard)
- 1935 *Reckless* (Fleming); *Star of Midnight* (Roberts); *Escapade* (Leonard); *Rendezvous* (Howard)
- 1936 *The Great Ziegfeld* (Leonard) (title role); *The Ex-Mrs. Bradford* (Roberts); *Libeled Lady* (Conway); *My Man Godfrey* (La Cava) (title role); *After the Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nick Charles)
- 1937 *The Last of Mrs. Cheyney* (Boleslawsky); *The Emperor's Candlesticks* (Fitzmaurice); *Double Wedding* (Thorpe)
- 1938 *The Baroness and the Butler* (Walter Lang)
- 1939 *Another Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nick Charles)
- 1940 *I Love You Again* (Van Dyke)
- 1941 *Love Crazy* (Conway); *Shadow of the Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Nick Charles)
- 1942 *Crossroads* (Conway)
- 1943 *The Youngest Profession* (Buzzell) (as himself)
- 1944 *The Heavenly Body* (Hall); *The Thin Man Goes Home* (Thorpe) (as Nick Charles)
- 1946 *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli) (as Florenz Ziegfeld); *The Hoodlum Saint* (Taurog)
- 1947 *Song of the Thin Man* (Buzzell) (as Nick Charles); *Life with Father* (Curtiz) (as Clarence Day); *The Senator Was Indiscreet* (Kaufman)
- 1948 *Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid* (Pichel) (as Mr. Peabody)
- 1949 *Take One False Step* (Erskine); *Dancing in the Dark* (Reis)
- 1951 *The Treasure of the Lost Canyon* (Tetzlaff); *It's a Big Country* (Wellman and others)
- 1953 *The Girl Who Had Everything* (Thorpe); *How to Marry a Millionaire* (Negulesco)
- 1955 *Mister Roberts* (Ford and LeRoy) (as Doc)

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William Powell specialized in urbane cynicism, signifying unflappable, upper-class charm with the smallest gesture. A dependable actor at the MGM stable in the late 1930s and the 1940s, Powell, whether romantic, comic, or sinister, kept his edge of witty sophistication invariably intact.

Brief stage training in the early 1920s led to film work. His features—trim moustache, expressive eyes, close haircut—were ideal for silent picture villainy. He remained a busy supporting actor during that decade. Powell easily bridged the transition to sound, which utilized his talents fully. With the addition of his persuasive, carnival-barker voice, Powell was roguishly slick rather than suspicious,

suitable for lawyer and detective parts as well as smooth criminals. One of his earliest talkie assignments, as the private eye Philo Vance in *The Canary Murder Case*, served as a preliminary for the role most closely associated with him: Nick Charles to Myrna Loy's Nora in the screen adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's *The Thin Man*. Powell and Loy generated a rare, extraordinary chemistry on-screen, pioneering a concept that would become a staple in screwball comedy—marriage could be fun, a partnership. The stars paired in 13 films altogether, including five additional *Thin Man* outings.

His subsequent screen roles were variations on the Charles theme, igniting a succession of classic comedies—*Libeled Lady*, *My Man Godfrey*, *Double Wedding*. Health problems led to relative inaction in the 1940s and after, but by choosing his roles with care and accuracy, he eased into genial character parts. In *Life with Father*, as the irascible Clarence Day, Powell reached another career peak. He chose to retire after his warmly received portrait of Doc in *Mister Roberts*.

Talent and fortunate material contributed to Powell's success. He ranks among the best sophisticated comedy stars, and his work remains eminently entertaining.

—Richard Sater

POWER, Tyrone

Nationality: American. **Born:** Tyrone Edmund Power in Cincinnati, Ohio, 5 May 1913; son of the actor Tyrone Power Sr. **Education:** Attended Sisters of Mercy Academy and St. Xavier Academy, both in Cincinnati; Preparatory School of the University of Dayton, 1928–29; Purcell High School, 1929–31. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Annabella, 1939 (divorced 1948); 2) the actress Linda Christian, 1949 (divorced 1955), daughters: the actresses: Romina and Taryn; 3) Deborah Ann Minardos, 1958, son: Tyrone Jr. **Career:** 1931—short season in minor roles with Shakespearean repertory company in Chicago; then worked at Santa Barbara Community Theatre for two years, at the Circuit Theatre in Chicago, and in summer stock in West Falmouth, Massachusetts; 1932—film debut in *Tom Brown of Culver*; 1936—contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1942–46—served in the U.S. Marine Corps as pilot; discharged as First Lieutenant; 1953—toured with Charles Laughton's group in *John Brown's Body*; later toured the United Kingdom in the stage play *The Devil's Disciple*. **Died:** 15 November 1958.

Films as Actor:

- 1932 *Tom Brown of Culver* (Wyler) (as John)
- 1934 *Flirtation Walk* (Borzage) (as cadet)
- 1936 *Girl's Dormitory* (Cummings) (as Count Vallais); *Ladies in Love* (Edward Griffith) (as Karl Lanyi); *Lloyd's of London* (King) (as Jonathan Blake)
- 1937 *Love Is News* (Garnett) (as Steve Layton); *Café Metropole* (Edward Griffith) (as Alexis Penayev/Alexander Brown); *Thin Ice* (Lanfield) (as Prince Rudolph); *Second Honey-moon* (Walter Lang) (as Raoul)
- 1938 *In Old Chicago* (King) (as Dion O'Leary); *Alexander's Rag-time Band* (King) (as Alexander/Rofer Grant); *Marie Antoinette* (Van Dyke) (as Count Axel de Fersen); *Suez* (Dwan) (as Ferdinand de Lesseps)
- 1939 *Jesse James* (King) (title role); *Rose of Washington Square* (Ratoff) (as Bart Clinton); *Second Fiddle* (Lanfield) (as Jimmy Sutton); *The Rains Came* (Brown) (as Major Rama Safti); *Daytime Wife* (Ratoff) (as Ken Norton)
- 1940 *Johnny Apollo* (Hathaway) (as Bob Cain); *Brigham Young—Frontiersman* (Hathaway) (as Jonathan Kent); *The Mark of Zorro* (Mamoulian) (as Don Diego Vega/Zorro)
- 1941 *Blood and Sand* (Mamoulian) (as Juan Gallardo); *A Yank in the R.A.F.* (King) (as Tim Baker)
- 1942 *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Benjamin Blake); *This above All* (Litvak) (as Clive Briggs); *The Black Swan* (King) (as Jamie Waring)
- 1943 *Crash Dive* (Mayo) (as Lt. Ward Stewart)
- 1946 *The Razor's Edge* (Goulding) (as Larry Darrell)
- 1947 *Nightmare Alley* (Goulding) (as Stan Carlisle); *Captain from Castile* (King) (as Pedro de Vargas)
- 1948 *The Luck of the Irish* (Koster) (as Stephen Fitzgerald); *That Wonderful Urge* (Sinclair) (as Thomas Jefferson Tyler)
- 1949 *Prince of Foxes* (King) (as Andrea Orsini)
- 1950 *The Black Rose* (Hathaway) (as Walter of Gurnie); *American Guerilla in the Philippines* (*Guerillas*) (Fritz Lang) (as Ensign Chuck Palmer)
- 1951 *Rawhide* (Hathaway) (as Tom Owens); *I'll Never Forget You* (Baker) (as Peter Standish)
- 1952 *Diplomatic Encounter* (Hathaway) (as Mike Kells); *Pony Soldier* (Newman) (as Duncan MacDonald)
- 1953 *The Mississippi Gambler* (Maté) (as Mark Fallon)
- 1955 *The Long Gray Line* (Ford) (as Marty Mahar); *Untamed* (King) (as Paul Van Riebeck)
- 1956 *The Eddie Duchin Story* (Sidney) (title role)
- 1957 *Abandon Ship* (Sale) (as Alec Holmes); *The Sun Also Rises* (King) (as Jake Barnes)
- 1958 *Witness for the Prosecution* (Wilder) (as Leonard Vole)

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Descended from a long line of actors, and the namesake of a distinguished stage father, Tyrone Power learned his craft on Broadway. Blessed with sweet-faced good looks and an insouciant manner, he was signed by Twentieth Century-Fox as an answer to MGM's Robert Taylor. Along with his close friend and frequent co-star Don Ameche, he became the mainstay of Darryl Zanuck's star roster.

Most often cast as the romantic lead in period pictures such as *Lloyds of London*, *Marie Antoinette*, *Suez*, and *In Old Chicago*, Power also proved adept at light comedy, especially in the much underrated farce *Love Is News*. Frequently directed by Henry King or Henry Hathaway, and usually appearing opposite Loretta Young or Alice Faye, he became one of Hollywood's reigning heartthrobs.

Power enjoyed his best parts during the period from 1939 to 1941. He enlisted in the Marines during World War II and emerged from combat a harder, tougher man, his baby-face countenance gone



Tyrone Power (left) in *The Razor's Edge*

forever. Even though he succeeded in highly dramatic roles such as *The Razor's Edge* and *Nightmare Alley*, Zanuck insisted on bringing back the Tyrone Power audiences loved before the war. He appeared in a number of comedies, including a remake of *Love Is News* entitled *That Wonderful Urge*, and a series of lavish costume epics: *Captain from Castile*, *The Black Rose*, *King of the Khyber Rifles*, and *Rawhide*. Unlike many stars, he continued to get good parts as he grew older. Tyrone Power died an untimely death at the age of 45 while filming King Vidor's *Solomon and Sheba* in Madrid.

—John A. Gallagher

PRESLE, Micheline

Nationality: French. **Born:** Micheline Chassagne in Paris, 22 August 1922; known in the United States as Micheline Prella. **Education:** Attended a convent school. **Family:** Married the actor William Marshall. **Career:** 1938—film debut in *Je chante*; successful leading roles followed; 1946—international success with Gérard Philipe in *Le Diable au corps*; 1950–51—made several American films; also acted

on stage and television. **Address:** 6 rue Antoine-Dubois, Paris 75006, France.

Films as Actress:

(as Micheline Michel)

1938 *Je chante* (Stengel); *Petite peste* (de Limur); *Sais seule que j'aime* (Fescourt)

(as Micheline Presle)

1939 *Jeunes filles en détresse* (Pabst) (as Jacqueline Presle)

1940 *Le Paradis perdu* (*Four Flights to Love*) (Gance) (as mother and daughter); *Fausse alerte* (*The French Way*) (de Baroncelli) (as Claire Ancelot); *Elles étaient 12 femmes* (Lacombe) (as Lucie); *Parade en 7 nuits* (Marc Allégret)

1941 *Histoire de rire* (*Foolish Husbands*) (L'Herbier) (as Adélaïde Barbier); *Le Soleil a toujours raison* (Billon) (as Micheline)

- 1942 *La Comédie du bonheur* (L'Herbier) (as Lydia); *La Nuit fantastique* (*Fantastic Night*) (L'Herbier) (as Irène); *Félicie Nanteuil* (*Histoire comique*) (Marc Allégret) (title role); *La Belle Aventure* (*Twilight*) (Marc Allégret) (as Françoise Pinbrache)
- 1943 *Un Seul Amour* (Blanchard) (as Clara Biondi)
- 1944 *Falbalas* (*Paris Frills*) (Becker) (as Micheline Lafaurie)
- 1945 *Boule de suif* (*Angel and Sinner*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Elisabeth Rousset)
- 1946 ***Le Diable au corps*** (*Devil in the Flesh*) (Autant-Lara) (as Marthe Graingier)
- 1947 *Les Jeux sont faits* (*The Chips Are Down*) (Delannoy) (as Eve Charlier)
- 1948 *Les Derniers Jours de Pompéi* (*Sins of Pompeii*) (L'Herbier) (as Hélène); *Tous les chemins mènent à Rome* (Boyer) (as Laura)
- 1950 *Under My Skin* (*La Belle de Paris*) (Negulesco) (as Paule Manet); *American Guerilla in the Philippines* (*I Shall Return; Guerrillas*) (Fritz Lang) (as Jeanne Martinez)
- 1951 *The Adventures of Captain Fabian* (*New Orleans Adventure*) (William Marshall) (as Léa Mariotte)
- 1952 *La Dame aux camélias* (Bernard) (as Marguerite Gautier)
- 1953 *L'Amour d'une femme* (Grémillon) (as Marie Prieur); *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Affairs in Versailles; Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as Madame de Pompadour); *Villa Borghese* (*Les Amants de villa Borghese; It Happened in the Park*) (Franciolini)
- 1954 *Casa Ricordi* (*House of Ricordi; La Maison du souvenir*) (Gallone) (as Virginia Marchi); *Les Impures* (Chevalier) (as Michèle); *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Hortense de Beauharnais)
- 1955 *Treize à table* (Hunebelle) (as Madeleine Villardier)
- 1956 *Beatrice Cenci* (*Le Château des amants maudits*) (Freda) (as Lucrezia Cenci); *La Mariée est trop belle* (*The Bride Is Much Too Beautiful*) (Gaspard-Huit) (as Judith)
- 1957 *Les Louves* (*Demoniaque; The She Wolves*) (Saslavsky) (as Hélène); *Les Femmes sont marrantes* (Hunebelle) (as Nicole)
- 1958 *Christine* (Gaspard-Huit) (as Lena Eggersdorf); *Bobosse* (Périer) (as Régine) (Surin)
- 1959 *Blind Date* (*Chance Meeting; L'Enquête de l'inspecteur Morgan*) (Losey) (as Jacqueline Cousteau); *Une Fille pour l'été* (*A Mistress for the Summer*) (Molinaro) (as Paule); *Le Baron de l'Ecluse* (Delannoy) (as Perle); *Herrin der Welt* (*Mistress of the World*) (Dieterle) (as Mme. Latour)
- 1960 *L'Amant de cinq jours* (*The Five Day Lover; Infidelity*) (de Broca) (as Madeleine)
- 1961 *Les Grandes Personnes* (*Time Out for Love*) (Valère) (as Michèle); *L'Assassino* (*The Lady Killer of Rome; The Assassin*) (Petri) (as Adalgisa de Matteis); *I briganti italiani* (*Les Guerrilleros*) (Camerini) (as La Marquise)
- 1962 "La Luxure" ("Lust") ep. of *Les Sept Péchés capitaux* (*The Seven Capital Sins*) (Demy) (as Mother); *La Loi des hommes* (Gérard) (as Sophie Olivier); *If a Man Answers* (*Un Mari en laisse*) (Levin) (as Germaine Stacey); *Le Diable et les dix commandements* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duvivier) (as Micheline); *Venere imperiale* (*Vénus impériale; Imperial Venus*) (Delannoy) (as Josephine de Beauharnais)
- 1963 *Coup de bambou* (Boyer) (as Angèle Brissac); *The Prize* (Robson) (as Denise Marceau)
- 1964 *Dark Purpose* (*L'Intrigue*) (George Marshall) (as Monique); *La Chasse à l'homme* (*The Gentle Art of Seduction; Male Hunt*) (Molinaro) (as Isabelle Heurtin); *Les Pieds nickelés* (Chambon) (as Lady Van der Mèche)
- 1965 *Je vous salue, mafia* (*Hail, Mafia*) (Lévy) (as Daisy); *La Religieuse* (*The Nun*) (Rivette) (as Mme. de Moni)
- 1966 *Le Roi de coeur* (*King of Hearts*) (de Broca) (as Mme. Eglantine)
- 1969 *La Bal du Comte d'Orgel* (Marc Allégret) (as Mme. de Séryeuse); *Le Clair de terre* (Gilles) (as L'Antiquaire)
- 1970 *Peau d'âne* (*The Magic Donkey; Donkey Skin*) (Demy) (as La Deuxième Reine [Red Queen])
- 1971 *Les Pétroleuses* (*The Legend of Frenchie King*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Tante Amélie); *Il Diavolo nel Cervello* (Sollima) (as La comtesse Claudia)
- 1973 *L'Oiseau rare* (Brialy); *L'Événement le plus important depuis que l'homme a marché sur la lune* (*A Slightly Pregnant Man*) (Demy) (as Dr. Delavigne); *Le Boucher, la star, et l'orpheline* (Savary) (as Belladonna); *La Gueule de l'emploi* (Rouland) (as herself)
- 1974 *Deux grandes filles dans un pyjama* (Girault) (as Laurence); *La preda* (Paoella) (as Bessie Lester); *Trompe-l'oeil* (D'Anna) (as Laure Deschanel)
- 1975 *Mords pas, on t'aime* (*La Fête des pères*) (Yves Allégret)
- 1976 *Nea* (*Nea: A New Woman*) (Kaplan) (as Helen Ashby); *Le Diable dans la boîte* (Lary) (as Mme. Aubert); *Certaines nouvelles* (Davila) (as Hélène)
- 1977 *Va voir maman, papa travaille* (*Your Turn, My Turn*) (Leterrier) (as Vava)
- 1978 *On efface tout* (Vidal) (as Mme. Coeurdevey); *Démons de midi* (*La couleur de temps*) (Paureilhe) (as Rose); *S'il vous plaît . . . la mer?* (Lancelot) (as mother); *Je te tiens, tu me tiens par la barbichette* (Yanne) (as La femme d'argent)
- 1979 *Rien ne va plus* (Ribes) (as Carmen); *Tout dépend des filles* (Fabre) (as Betty)
- 1981 *Remueménage* (Davila) (as mother)
- 1983 *Archipel des amours* (Treilhou); *En haut des marches* (Vecchiali); *Lili Lamont* (Logereau); *Thieves After Dark* (*Voleurs de la nuit*) (Fuller) (as Genevieve); *Le Sang des autres* (*The Blood of Others*) (Chabrol) (as Denise)
- 1984 *Le Chien* (Gallotte); *Les Fausses confidences* (Marivaux) (as Mme. Argante)
- 1986 *Beau temps, mais orageux en fin de journée* (Frot-Coutaz) (as Jacqueline)
- 1988 *Alouette, je te plumerai* (Zucca) (as lady with jewels)
- 1989 *Je veux rentrer à la maison* (*I Want to Go Home*) (Resnais) (as Isabelle Gauthier); *La Fête des pères* (Fleury) (as Mireille)
- 1990 *Après après-demain* (Frot-Coutaz) (as the neighbor)
- 1991 *Der Andere Blick* (*The Other Eye*) (Heer and Schmiedel)
- 1993 *Je m'appelle Victor* (*My Name Is Victor*) (Jacques) (as Luce); *Fanfan* (*Fanfan & Alexandre*) (Jardin) (as Maude)
- 1994 *Pas tres Catholique* (*Something Fishy*) (Tonie Marshall) (as Mme. Loussine); *Casque Bleu* (*Blue Helmet*) (Jugnot) (as Gisele)
- 1995 *Le Journal du Seducteur* (*Seducer's Diary*) (Du Broux) (as Diane); *Les Misérables* (Lelouche) (as Mother Superior)
- 1996 *Les Mille et une recettes du cuisinier amoureux* (*A Chef in Love/A Cook in Love*) (Dzhordzadze) (as Marcelle Ichak); *Fallait pas!* (Jugnot); *Le Journal du séducteur* (*Diary of*

- a Seducer*) (Dubroux) (as Diane); *Enfants de salaud* (*Bastard Brood*) (as Mère de sophie)
- 1997 *Cannes . . . les 400 coups* (Nadeau—for TV) (as herself)
- 1998 *Grève party* (*Grève party*); *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* (*The Count of Monte Cristo*) (Dayan—mini for TV) (as Madame de Saint-Méran)
- 1999 *Vénus beauté* (*Venus Beauty Salon*) (Marshall) (Tante Maryse); *Le Voyage à Paris* (Dufresne); *Mauvaises fréquentations* (Améris); *Le Coeur à l'ouvrage* (Dussaux) (as Madeleine)

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After training for the stage under Raymond Rouleau, Micheline Presle made her screen debut with Charles Trenet in *Je chante*. An international career of more than a hundred films has followed with a variety of directors including Marc Allégret, Autant-Lara, Demy, Gance, L'Herbier, Losey, and her husband William Marshall. Her early appearances were in character as a mischievous adolescent, but she quickly graduated to more demanding roles and achieved critical recognition as Jacqueline in *Jeunes filles en détresse* and for her dual role as mother and daughter in *Le Paradis perdu*.

During the Occupation she appeared as the desirable young female in lighthearted romantic comedies directed by L'Herbier: *La Comédie du bonheur*, *Histoire de rire*, *La Nuit fantastique*. In the last two she played opposite Fernand Gravey whom she was later to partner in the acclaimed situation comedy *Treize à table*. Films with Marc Allégret consolidated her reputation; she played Françoise Pinbrache in the

comic success *La Belle Aventure* and starred as the ambitious young actress of *Félicie Nanteuil*. In the immediate postwar years came more weighty parts, now as the mature, and often sophisticated, woman of the world. *Falbalas*, in which she was joined by her early mentor Raymond Rouleau, initiated this transition: here brilliantly rendering the unpredictable Micheline Lafaurie, the inspiration behind a celebrated couturier. Three consecutive tragic roles in literary adaptations followed: she played the exploited and shunned prostitute of Maupassant's *Boule de suif*, was Eve Charlier in Sartre's *Les Jeux sont faits*, and in Radiguet's *Le Diable au corps* she played Marthe, the unfaithful wife of a serving soldier, in a memorable partnership with Gérard Philipe.

Popular success took Presle to Hollywood where she was teamed with established American stars: with John Garfield in *Under My Skin* she was a cabaret singer; with Tyrone Power in *American Guerilla in the Philippines* the seductive Jeanne Martinez; and with Errol Flynn in *New Orleans Adventure*, directed by her husband William Marshall and filmed in France, she was the irresistible Léa Mariotte. None of these parts extended her acting skills.

As Marguerite Gautier in Dumas's *La Dame aux camélias*, however, she reaffirmed her French roots, and for Sacha Guitry she appeared in lavish historical costume dramas. If these parts simply confirmed her versatility, more challenging roles as a professional woman came in the 1950s and 1960s, reflecting social changes of the period. After her engaging portrayal of a dedicated young doctor facing the sexual prejudices of a small community in *L'Amour d'une femme*, she was, in lighter vein, the director of a woman's magazine in *La Mariée est trop belle*, a successful businesswoman in *Les Grandes Personnes*, a busy reporter in *La Loi des hommes*, and a psychologist in *Mords pas, on t'aime*. Her comic gifts have also seen her cast as the socially outrageous or endearingly scatterbrained character. More sinister roles have included the sleazy cabaret singer in *Les Impures*, the atrocious Hélène of *Les Louves*, the alcoholic Bessie Lester of *La Préda*, and for Losey the deceptively genteel Jacqueline Cousteau of *Blind Date*.

With age Presle has been increasingly cast as the mother, good or bad, rather than the wife, faithful or unfaithful. There have been memorable performances as Laure Deschanel, the possessive mother of *Trompe-l'oeil*, or as Helen Ashby, the lesbian mother of *Néa*, or as the clinically depressive mother of *Beau temps, mais orageux en fin de journée*, while in Resnais's *I Want to Go Home* she gave a delightfully measured performance as the cultured Mme. Gauthier.

Presle's links with the theater have remained strong and she has often excelled in screen versions of plays, as, for example, in the role of Mme. Argante in Marivaux's *Les Fausses confidences*. In more than one film she has played the performer, either as cabaret singer or as actress. Her work for television has also met with acclaim, particularly as the star of the long-running series *Les Saintes Chéries*.

As an actress who enjoys her work immensely, Presle has responded readily to a variety of roles for the stage, the cinema, and television. Her range is impressive, extending from early comic and romantic parts through roles in thrillers, costume pieces, and social dramas, into darker, more tragic character studies. Her talents have been in demand by French, English, American, and Italian directors alike, and in her long career she has worked with the most famous names of the cinema and those who have quickly faded. Vitality, versatility, and an enduring commitment to her profession have ensured Presle a permanent place in the annals of the cinema.

—R. F. Cousins

PRESLEY, Elvis

Nationality: American. **Born:** Elvis Aron Presley in Tupelo, Mississippi, 8 January 1935. **Education:** Attended L. C. Humes High School, Memphis, Tennessee, graduated 1953. **Family:** Married Priscilla Beaulieu, 1967 (divorced 1973), daughter: Lisa Marie. **Career:** Worked as truck driver; 1954—first recording: by 1956, the center of tremendous publicity based on his records and appearances on television and stage; 1956—contract with Hal Wallis: film debut in *Love Me Tender*, followed by a series of successful films until 1969; 1958–60—served in the U.S. Army in West Germany; returned to singing and moviemaking; occasional cabaret engagements. **Died:** In Memphis, 16 August 1977.

Films as Actor:

- 1956 *Love Me Tender* (Webb)
- 1957 *Loving You* (Kanter); *Jailhouse Rock* (Thorpe)
- 1958 *King Creole* (Curtiz)
- 1960 *G.I. Blues* (Taurog); *Flaming Star* (Siegel)
- 1961 *Wild in the Country* (Dunne); *Blue Hawaii* (Taurog)
- 1962 *Follow That Dream* (Douglas); *Kid Galahad* (Karlson); *Girls! Girls! Girls!* (Taurog)
- 1963 *It Happened at the World's Fair* (Taurog); *Fun in Acapulco* (Thorpe)
- 1964 *Kissin' Cousins* (Nelson); *Viva Las Vegas* (Sidney); *Roustabout* (Rich)
- 1965 *Girl Happy* (Sagal); *Tickle Me* (Taurog); *Harum Scarum* (Nelson)
- 1966 *Frankie and Johnny* (de Cordova); *Paradise, Hawaiian Style* (Moore); *Spinout* (Taurog)
- 1967 *Easy Come, Easy Go* (Rich); *Double Trouble* (Taurog); *Clambake* (Nadel)
- 1968 *Stay Away Joe* (Tewksbury); *Speedway* (Taurog); *Live a Little, Love a Little* (Taurog)
- 1969 *Charro!* (Warren); *The Trouble with Girls* (Tewksbury); *Change of Habit* (Moore)
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No major star suffered through more bad movies than Elvis Presley. Of the 31 he made in his decade-and-a-half as a movie star, arguably only Don Siegel's *Flaming Star*, in which he played Pacer, a half-breed torn between loyalty to his Kiowa mother and his white father and stepbrother—a nonsinging role for Presley—has any redeeming value beyond the star's appearance. That he continued to make films for 13 years is testament to the durability of his star quality.

In 1956 Presley rose from obscurity to become a national figure as rock and roll's first superstar. Within months of his first national recording success Presley began making films; *Love Me Tender*, released before the year's end, recouped its \$1 million cost in the first three days of release.

Presley's next three films featured some of his best work as both singer and actor. In *Loving You*, he played Deke Rivers, a sensitive, small town teenager who makes a rapid rise to national prominence as



Elvis Presley in *Love Me Tender*

a rock 'n' roll singer. Among the many great performance pieces is the finale, "Got a Lot of Living to Do," which features Elvis in a thigh-slapping, hip-shaking performance. In his next film, *Jailhouse Rock*, Elvis was shown at his singular rockin' best: as inmate Vince Everett, he leads his fellow prisoners through a volcanic, snarling rendition of the title song. This film, like Elvis's other early movies, allowed him to create a more well-rounded character than in his later efforts. The final scene where he faces the possibility of losing his voice and realizes the importance of his friends is touching.

As with *Loving You* and *Jailhouse Rock*, Elvis's next film, *King Creole*, was a narrative about the complications of a rapid rise to stardom. Set in New Orleans, Presley played high school student Danny Fisher, an insolent punk who is "discovered" and becomes the toast of Bourbon Street. Similar to *Loving You*, *King Creole* contained autobiographical overtones: like Elvis, Danny Fisher's music was based in black culture—in the film's opening, Elvis and several black street vendors sing "Crawfish," while at the *King Creole*, Danny rocks in a Dixieland style with a call/response format. In *Loving You*, Presley had paid homage to his other major musical influence—country music—with his performance of "Lonesome Cowboy."

Considering his substantial following, it is curious that he was continually saddled with mediocre scripts and second-rate directors, particularly after his 1960 return from Army service. It was as if

Hollywood knew he would bring in the customers despite the narratives. Loyal fans continued to see his films and eventually contributed in excess of \$180 million to the Hollywood coffers. In addition they gave gold status to nine soundtrack albums.

While the early films featured Presley as a rock star, many of his 1960s vehicles had him in any number of improbable guises from which he broke into improbable song: as the rebellious Glen Tyler in *Wild in the Country*, he develops a relationship with a psychiatric counselor (Hope Lange) who encourages his flair for writing and arranges for him to receive a scholarship to college; as race car driver Lucky Jackson in *Viva Las Vegas* he uses his singing talents to woo a swimming instructor played by Ann-Margret; as American movie star Johnny Tyrone in *Harum Scarum*, he is kidnapped in the Middle East, escapes, and falls in love with Princess Shalimar (played by Miss America, Mary Ann Mobley). Of the 1960s films, *Roustabout* is arguably the most interesting. Here Elvis plays Charlie Rogers, an insolent, parentless entertainer who finds a new home with a carnival show operated by Barbara Stanwyck. His performances light up the midway and save the carnival from bankruptcy. The experience of working with the pop idol was a positive one for the screen veteran; as Stanwyck stated, "The idea of working with Mr. Presley intrigued me . . . Mr. Wallis said he was a wonderful person to work with . . . and he is. His manners are impeccable, he is on time, he knows his lines, he asks for nothing outside of what any other actor or actress wants."

Throughout the 1960s Presley avoided the concert and public appearance route, opting for visibility through films. By the end of the decade this strategy had begun to fail, neither movies nor records selling at previous high levels. With the failure of *Change of Habit*—with Mary Tyler Moore as a nun—Elvis stopped making films. No one seemed interested in Presley, who at the height of his film career was earning \$1 million per movie plus a substantial percentage of the gross.

Presley was able to break out of the confines of his now-dated image by leaving the silver screen for the small screen. In a 1968 television special that combined the hokey musical numbers familiar from his movies with leather-clad, bare-bones rocking and rolling (in front of a live audience), Elvis reintroduced himself to the public. His career was reinvigorated, with a return to concert tours and rootsier, bluesier recordings (his records of the 1960s generally having consisted of substandard movie soundtrack songs, which bore little resemblance to his seminal 1950s rockabilly style). To capitalize on Presley's change of direction, a movie was again considered, but this time it was to be a documentary of an Elvis concert tour. *Elvis, That's the Way It Is* brought forth Presley's charisma and musical talent far better than the mundane, studio-concocted fluff he had been forced to wade through for the previous decade. In typical Presley fashion, however, once was not enough. Two years later *Elvis on Tour* gave us another look at "the King" on- and off-stage, but the magic was wearing thin for both Elvis and his audiences. It was to be Elvis's last movie.

Presley's importance to film history is less for his continued popularity than for the trend he set within the musical genre. With the success of his vehicles, other recording stars were signed to movie roles and throughout the 1960s there continued a never-ending stream of jukebox musicals: minimal narratives with lots of hit tunes.

In the first scene of his movie debut, Elvis was seen deep in the frame laboriously dragging a plow. In retrospect we can only marvel at how prophetic that shot was considering the material he was made to drag through movie theaters for the next 14 years.

—Doug Tomlinson, updated by Frank Uhle

PRESTON, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Robert Preston Meserve in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, 8 June 1918. **Education:** Attended Lincoln High School, Hollywood. **Family:** Married Catherine Feltus Craig, 1941. **Career:** 1934—joined Shakespearian group managed by Mrs. Tyrone Power Sr.; then worked at Pasadena Community Theatre for two years; 1938—film debut in *King of Alcatraz*; contract with Paramount; also acted on stage in 18 Actors company; 1942–46—served in U.S. Army Air Force; 1951—in TV series *Man against Crime*, *Anywhere, U.S.A.* series, 1952–54, and mini-series *The Chisholms*, 1980; 1951—on stage in *Twentieth Century*; later stage roles include *The Male Animal*, *The Tender Trap*, 1954, *His and Hers*, 1954, *The Music Man*, 1957 (and film version, 1962), *I Do! I Do!*, 1968, and *Mack and Mabel*, 1974. **Awards:** Tony Awards, for *I Do! I Do!*, 1967, and *The Music Man*, 1958; Best Supporting Actor

Award, U.S. National Film Critics, for *S.O.B.*, 1981. **Died:** Of lung cancer, in Santa Barbara, California, 21 March 1987.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *King of Alcatraz* (Florey) (as Robert MacArthur); *Illegal Traffic* (Louis King) (as Bent Martin)
- 1939 *Disbarred* (Florey) (as Bradley Kent); *Union Pacific* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Dick Allen); *Beau Geste* (Wellman) (as Digby Geste)
- 1940 *Typhoon* (Louis King) (as Johnny Porter); *Moon over Burma* (Louis King) (as Chuck Lane); *Northwest Mounted Police* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Constable Ronnie Logan)
- 1941 *New York Town* (Charles Vidor) (as Paul Bryson Jr.); *Lady from Cheyenne* (Lloyd) (as Steve); *Night of January 16th* (Clemens) (as Steve Van Ruyle); *Parachute Battalion* (Goodwins) (as Donald Morse)
- 1942 *Pacific Blackout* (*Midnight Angel*) (Murphy) (as Robert Draper); *Reap the Wild Wind* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Dan Cutler); *This Gun for Hire* (Tuttle) (as Michael Crane); *Wake Island* (Farrow) (as Joe Doyle); *Star Spangled Rhythm* (George Marshall) (cameo role)
- 1943 *Night Plane from Chung-King* (Murphy) (as Capt. Nick Stanton)
- 1947 *Wild Harvest* (Garnett) (as Jim Davis); *The Macomber Affair* (Zoltan Korda) (as Francis Macomber); *Variety Girl* (George Marshall) (cameo role)
- 1948 *Whispering Smith* (Fenton) (as Murray Sinclair); *Blood on the Moon* (Wise) (as Tate Biling)
- 1949 *The Big City* (Taurog) (as the Reverend Phillip A. Andrews); *The Lady Gambles* (Gordon) (as David Boothe); *Tulsa* (Heisler) (as Brad Brady)
- 1950 *The Sundowners* (Templeton) (as Wichita Kid)
- 1951 *My Outlaw Brother* (Nugent) (as Joe Warnder); *When I Grow Up* (Kanin) (as Father Reed); *The Best of the Badmen* (Russell) (as Matthew Fowler)
- 1952 *Face to Face* (Windust) (as Sheriff); *Cloudburst* (Searle) (as John)
- 1955 *The Last Frontier* (Anthony Mann) (as Col. Frank Marston)
- 1960 *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs* (Delbert Mann) (as Rubin)
- 1962 *The Music Man* (Da Costa) (as Professor Howard Hill)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway) (as Roger Morgan); *Island of Love* (Da Costa) (as Steve Blair); *All the Way Home* (Segal) (as Jay)
- 1972 *Junior Bonner* (Peckinpah) (as Ace Bonner); *Child's Play* (Lumet) (as Joseph Dobbs)
- 1974 *Mame* (Saks) (as Beauregard)
- 1975 *My Father's House* (Segal—for TV)
- 1977 *Semi-Tough* (Ritchie) (as Big Ed Bookman)
- 1980 *The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg* (Rosenblum—for TV) (as Mr. Stranger)
- 1981 *S.O.B.* (Edwards) (as Dr. Irving Finegarten)
- 1982 *Victor/Victoria* (Edwards) (as Toddy); *Rehearsal for Murder* (Greene—for TV)
- 1984 *The Last Starfighter* (Castle) (as Centauri); *The September Gun* (Taylor—for TV)



Robert Preston (left) in *The Music Man*

1985 *Finnegan, Begin Again* (Joan Micklin Silver—for TV) (as Mike Finnegan)

1986 *Outrage!* (Grauman—for TV) (as Dennis Riordan)

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Robert Preston is best known for his stage and screen performances as "Professor" Harold Hill in *The Music Man*. His portrayal of the disarming confidence man underscores the paradox that informs his work: here and elsewhere, Preston's feather-light grace and sense of comedic timing belie his rugged and sturdy visage.

Preston was signed by Paramount in 1938, and first gained wide approval in *Union Pacific*. After serving in World War II, he was a success in *The Macomber Affair*. Tired of playing leads in only smaller pictures, Preston accepted an offer in 1951 to appear on Broadway, and he soon became known as a stage actor. In 1957, Preston arrived as "the music man," and won his first of two Tony Awards. Preston's success on Broadway renewed Hollywood's interest in him; he became known as one of the ablest character actors in Hollywood, and continued work on both coasts. In the 1980s, work

with Blake Edwards brought Preston renewed acclaim. His performance as Toddy in *Victor/Victoria* brought Preston an Academy Award nomination.

There is always a touch of fraud about Preston's characters. They gain sympathy in direct proportion to the degree they acknowledge their own facade. Preston frequently emphasizes the function of acting in his roles, adding to his fraudulent image an element that colors and shades each performance. Preston's paradoxical image has been used in a variety of ways. Though often serving a humorous purpose, his double-sided quality can generate a deep tragic resonance: he dies playing a practical joke in *Beau Geste*, his whimsical attitude foreshadows his death in *All the Way Home*, and his delusions about aging impair his relationship with his wife and son in *Junior Bonner*.

Preston's persona has proved to be uncommonly malleable: witty and dashing in *Beau Geste*, devil-may-care in *Northwest Mounted Police*, romantic and rough-hewn in *Reap the Wild Wind*, heroic in *Wake Island*, stiff-backed and humorless in *The Last Frontier*, and explosively charming in *The Music Man*. The quality of his work ennobles even his contractual obligations and gives a sense of history to his career. When he gives a "Viking's Funeral" to Richard Mulligan in *S.O.B.* it reminds one of the funeral Preston gave Gary Cooper in *Beau Geste*. The difference between the two deny simple repetition; they represent significant variations of Preston's image and his incessant vitality.

—Frank Thompson, updated by Cynthia Baron



Vincent Price in *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*

PRICE, Vincent

Nationality: American. **Born:** St. Louis, Missouri, 27 May 1911. **Education:** Attended Community School and Country Day School, both in St. Louis; Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, B.A., 1933; University of London, 1934–35. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Edith Barrett, 1938 (divorced 1948), son: Vincent; 2) Mary Grant, 1949 (divorced 1973), daughter: Victoria; 3) the actress Coral Browne, 1974 (died 1991). **Career:** Apprentice teacher, Riverdale Country Day School; 1935—stage debut in *Chicago* in London; then in *Victoria Regina* in London and New York; 1938—in Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre production of *The Shoemaker's Holiday*, New York; film debut in *Service de Luxe*; 1947—contract with Universal-International, then contract with RKO, 1951; 1950–52—panelist on TV program *Pantomime Quiz*; 1953—in stage production of *Richard III*, and later in *Billy Budd*, 1955, and *Ardele*, 1975; Art Consultant for Sears Roebuck; 1960—host, TV series *The Chevy Mystery Show*; 1979—actor in TV series *Time Express*; 1980–88—host, TV series *Mystery*. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 25 October 1993.

Films as Actor:

1938 *Service de Luxe* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Robert Wade)
 1939 *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (Curtiz) (as Sir Walter Raleigh); *Tower of London* (Rowland V. Lee) (as the Duke of Clarence)

- 1940 *Green Hell* (Whale) (as David Richardson); *The Invisible Man Returns* (May) (title role); *House of Seven Gables* (May) (as Clifford Pyncheon); *Brigham Young—Frontiersman* (Hathaway) (as Joseph Smith)
- 1941 *Hudson's Bay* (Pichel) (as King Charles II)
- 1943 *The Song of Bernadette* (Henry King) (as Dutour)
- 1944 *Wilson* (Henry King) (as William McAdoo); *Laura* (Preminger) (as Shelby Carpenter); *The Keys of the Kingdom* (Stahl) (as the Reverend Angus Mealy); *The Eve of St. Mark* (Stahl) (as Pvt. Francis Marion)
- 1945 *A Royal Scandal* (Czarina) (Preminger) (as Marquis de Fleury); *Leave Her to Heaven* (Stahl) (as Russell Quinton)
- 1946 *Shock* (Werker) (as Dr. Cross); *Dragonwyck* (Mankiewicz) (as Nicholas Van Ryn)
- 1947 *Moss Rose* (Ratoff) (as Inspector Clinner); *The Long Night* (Litvak) (as Maximilian); *The Web* (Gordon) (as Andrew Colby)
- 1948 *Up in Central Park* (Seiter) (as Boss Tweed); *Rogue's Regiment* (Florey) (as Mark Van Ratten); *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* (Barton) (as voice of The Invisible Man); *The Three Musketeers* (Sidney) (as Cardinal Richelieu)
- 1949 *The Bribe* (Leonard) (as Carwood); *Bagdad* (Lamont) (as Pasha Al Nadim)
- 1950 *Champagne for Caesar* (Whorf) (as Burnbridge Waters); *The Baron of Arizona* (Fuller) (as James Addison Reavis); *Curtain Call at Cactus Creek* (Lamont) (as Tracy Holland)
- 1951 *Adventures of Captain Fabian* (William Marshall) (as George Brissac); *His Kind of Woman* (Farrow) (as Mark Cardigan)

- 1952 *Las Vegas Story* (Stevenson) (as Lloyd Rollins)
- 1953 *House of Wax* (de Toth) (as Prof. Henry Jarrod); *Pictura* (as narrator)
- 1954 *Dangerous Mission* (Louis King) (as Paul Adams); *The Mad Magician* (Brahm) (as Gallico); *Casanova's Big Night* (McLeod) (title role)
- 1955 *The Story of Colonel Drake* (Pierson—short) (title role); *Son of Sinbad (Nights in a Harem)* (Tetzlaff) (as Omar Khayyam)
- 1956 *Serenade* (Anthony Mann) (as Charles Winthrop); *While the City Sleeps* (Fritz Lang) (as Walter Kyne); *The Ten Commandments* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Baka); *The Vagabond King* (Curtiz) (as narrator)
- 1957 *The Story of Mankind* (Irwin Allen) (as the Devil)
- 1958 *The Fly* (Neumann) (as Francois)
- 1959 *The House on Haunted Hill* (Castle) (as Frederick Loren); *The Big Circus* (Joseph M. Newman) (as Hans Hagenfeld); *The Bat* (Wilbur) (as Dr. Malcolm Wells); *The Return of the Fly* (Bernds) (as Francois Delambre)
- 1960 *The Tinger* (Castle) (as Dr. Richard Chapin); *The House of Usher (The Fall of the House of Usher)* (Corman) (as Roderick Usher)
- 1961 *Master of the World* (Witney) (as Robur); *The Pit and the Pendulum* (Corman) (as Nicholas Medina); *Nefertite—Regina del Nilo (Queen of the Nile)* (Cerchio); *Gordon, il Pirato Nero (Rage of the Buccaneer; The Black Buccaneer)* (Costa) (as Romero); *Naked Terror* (Brenner—doc) (as narrator)
- 1962 *Confessions of an Opium Eater* (Zugsmith) (as DeQuincey); *Convicts Four* (Kaufman) (as Carl Carmer); *Tower of London* (Corman) (as Richard of Gloucester); *Tales of Terror* (Corman) (as Locke/Fortunato/Valdemar)
- 1963 *The Raven* (Corman) (as Dr. Erasmus Craven); *Chagall* (Venturi—short) (as narrator); *Twice-Told Tales* (Salkow); *Diary of a Madman* (Le Borg) (as Simon Cordier); *Comedy of Terrors (The Graveside Story)* (Jacques Tourneur); *Beach Party* (Asher)
- 1964 *The Haunted Palace* (Corman) (as Charles Dexter Ward/Joseph Curwen); *The Masque of the Red Death* (Corman) (as Prince Prospero); *L'ultimo uomo della terra (The Last Man on Earth)* (Salkow)
- 1965 *The Tomb of Ligeia* (Corman); *City under the Sea (War Gods of the Deep)* (Jacques Tourneur); *I tabù (Taboos of the World)* (Marcellini—doc) (as narrator); *Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine* (Taurog) (as Dr. Goldfoot)
- 1966 *Dr. Goldfoot and the Girl Bombs* (Bava) (as Dr. Goldfoot)
- 1967 *Das Haus der tausend Freuden (House of a Thousand Dolls)* (Summers) (as Felix Manderville); *The Jackals* (Webb)
- 1968 *Witchfinder General (The Conqueror Worm; Matthew Hopkins—Witchfinder General)* (Reeves) (as Matthew Hopkins); *More Dead Than Alive* (Sparr) (as Dan Ruffalo); *Histoires extraordinaires (Spirits of the Dead)* (Fellini and others) (English-language version only) (as narrator)
- 1969 *The Trouble with Girls* (Tewksbury) (as Mr. Morality); *The Oblong Box* (Hessler) (as Julian Markham)
- 1970 *Cry of the Banshee* (Hessler); *Scream and Scream Again* (Hessler) (as Lord Edward Whitman)
- 1971 *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* (Fuest) (title role); *What's a Girl Like You . . . ?* (Paris—for TV)
- 1972 *Dr. Phibes Rises Again* (Fuest) (title role)
- 1973 *Theatre of Blood* (Hickox) (as Edward Lionheart)
- 1974 *Madhouse* (Clark) (as Paul Toombes); *The Devil's Triangle* (TV doc); *Percy's Progress (It's Not the Size That Counts)* (Thomas) (as Stavos Mammonian); *Journey into Fear* (Daniel Mann) (as Dervos)
- 1976 *The Butterfly Ball* (Klinger) (as narrator)
- 1978 *Days of Fury* (as narrator)
- 1980 *The Monster Club* (Baker) (as Erasmus); *Romance in the Jugular Vein*
- 1981 *The Thief and the Cobbler* (Williams) (as voice)
- 1983 *House of the Long Shadows* (Walker) (as Lionel); *Bloodbath at the House of Death* (Cameron); *Vincent* (Burton) (as voice)
- 1984 *Michael Jackson's Thriller* (Landis—short) (as narrator)
- 1986 *The Great Mouse Detective (Basil the Great Mouse Detective)* (Mattinson) (as voice of Professor Ratigan); *From a Whisper to a Scream (The Offspring)* (Burr) (as Julian White)
- 1987 *The Whales of August* (Anderson) (as Mr. Nikolai Maranov); *The Little Troll Prince* (Paterson) (as voice); *Escapes* (Steenland) (as Mailman)
- 1988 *Dead Heat* (Goldblatt) (as Arthur P. Loudermilk)
- 1989 *Backtrack (Catchfire)* (Smithee [Dennis Hopper]) (as Lino Avoca)
- 1990 *Edward Scissorhands* (Burton) (as the Inventor); *Once . . .* (Williams) (as voice)
- 1993 *The Heart of Justice* (Barreto—for TV) (cameo)
- 1995 *Arabian Knight* (Richard Williams) (voice of Zigzag)

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Like Boris Karloff, his predecessor as the American cinema's best-loved horror star, Vincent Price never disdained the genre slot into which he had been typecast. In fact, he relished it, a relish that came through clearly on screen, and turned his back on the genre only when the FX masters took over and bloodletting rather than barnstorming became the order of the day.

Throughout his career, Price's calling card had been the raised eyebrow and the sardonic smile, either sinister or ironic, and frequently both at the same time. Before *House of Wax* introduced him to his horror metier, he had been used in a variety of secondary leads, taking feckless noir roles that would have done for George Sanders if they had been any meatier (*The Long Night*, *The Bribe*), and playing a variety of historical personages (Walter Raleigh, Joseph Smith, the Duke of Clarence, Charles II, Cardinal Richelieu, Casanova, Omar Khayyam). After a few smiling hero roles, notably *The House of Seven Gables* opposite George Sanders's villain, he snared the occasional bizarre lead that presaged his destiny: the title character in *The Invisible Man Returns* (reprising the role voice-only for a gag in the later *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*), as the drug-addicted patron in *Dragonwyck*, as an early (for him) mad scientist in the cheap *Shock*, or as the megalomaniac schemer trying to steal a large portion of the United States in *The Baron of Arizona*. In other roles (*Curtain Call at Cactus Creek*, *Champagne for Caesar*, *His Kind of Woman*), he demonstrated a facility for crazed, hammy comedy that would feature prominently in his horror roles. A spell as a Twentieth Century-Fox contract player in the 1940s had dropped him a few plums—the gutless playboy in *Laura*—but mainly stranded him amid the glossy, stifling "quality" of *Brigham Young*, *The Song of*

Bernadette, *The Keys of the Kingdom*, and *The Eve of St. Mark*, so he entered the 1950s with an interesting, but somewhat spotty, curriculum vitae.

Price's casting as the kindly sculptor concealing his hideous scars behind a mask in *House of Wax*, a 3-D remake of *Mystery of the Wax Museum*, changed all that. He followed it up with a stereoscopic variation, *The Mad Magician*, and was stuck with the role of the Devil in the unbelievable *Story of Mankind* before landing in three horror films whose seminal popularity did much to bring the waning horror genre back, and Price with it. *The Fly*, widescreen sci-fi, plays more like a Universal picture of the 1930s with its hooded mutant, the victim of a mistimed experiment in teleportation. Price did not take the lead, but the concerned, Lionel Atwill-type secondary figure (a situation that was rectified in the sequel, *The Return of the Fly*). *The House on Haunted Hill* and *The Tingler*, both directed by gimmick master William Castle, virtually created a modern American horror tradition with contemporary settings, cynical murder-twist storylines (courtesy of Clouzot's *Les Diaboliques*), jokey revivals of old horror clichés, and dead-straight grue. They set the pace for Price for years to come.

The House of Usher brought Price together with Roger Corman, Edgar Allan Poe, and American-International Pictures. Corman and AIP were looking to move away from the grade-B, black-and-white shockers that made them a small fortune toward something with a touch of class in the vein of the Gothic horrors being turned out by their British counterparts at Hammer Films. In Poe they found a bankable, homegrown source of Gothic material, and in Price they found an American actor on a par with Hammer stalwarts Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. Price's neurasthenic Roderick Usher in the team's first effort is as colorful and decaying as his house, and he relishes his over-the-top dialogue and puffy-sleeved outfits, cringing perfectly when the whole edifice collapses on his head in the finale.

The Price-Corman-Poe-AIP combo would continue for most of the 1960s (*The Pit and the Pendulum*, *The Raven*, *Tales of Terror*, *Masque of the Red Death*, *Tomb of Ligeia*, and others) and make Price a top-of-the-line horror star, allowing him to branch out in such imitation efforts as the Hawthorne-derived *Twice-Told Tales*, the de Maupassant-derived *Diary of a Madman*, the Verne-derived *Master of the World*, such international oddities as *The Last Man on Earth* (unclassically adapted from Richard Matheson's classic vampire novel *I Am Legend*) and *The House of a Thousand Dolls*, and self-parodying vehicles like *Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine*.

Price eventually left the Poe series to appear in Michael Reeves's *Matthew Hopkins—Witchfinder General*, retitled *The Conqueror Worm* in the United States to make it appear Poe-like. Reeves demanded that Price play it thoroughly straight for a change, and he added a chilling touch of mercy to the pitiless monster at the center of the icy period piece. In the Dr. Phibes pictures, director Robert Fuest demanded that he play the ultimate incarnation of a comic-horror tradition, a mad vaudeville organist who favors unwieldy slapstick deathtraps to dispose of his victims, and again Price rose to the challenge. Dr. Phibes was a dry run for Price's bravura comic-horror performance in *Theatre of Blood*, where he is a crazed Shakespearean who slaughters his unsympathetic critics using disgusting methods of murder derived from the Bard's plays.

Price curbed his frenzied film schedule from 1977 through 1982 to go on the road for a 200-city tour of his one-man show *Diversions and Delights* (written by John Gay) in which he played the dying Oscar Wilde. He returned to the screen with several feeble monster rallies (*The Monster Club*, *From a Whisper to a Scream*, *Dead Heat*) and one

gem, *House of the Long Shadows*, in which he joined forces, memorably, with fellow horror icons Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, and John Carradine. His lone “serious” credits before his death were Lindsay Anderson’s octogenarian mood piece *The Whales of August* (appearing opposite Lillian Gish and Bette Davis) and the superior made-for-cable drama *The Heart of Justice*, where he provided a noteworthy cameo in the film’s opening scene.

Price’s unbilled bit as “Big Daddy” in AIP’s *Beach Party* confirmed another aspect of his persona—his status as an honorary kid, a mod parent figure, either benevolent or malevolent, whose interests are aligned with the juveniles in the pictures and the

audiences. This led to his becoming a minor hero to the younger generation, even appearing on the *Batman* show as Egghead, with Elvis Presley in *The Trouble with Girls*, and with Michael Jackson on *his Thriller* album. The culmination of this eventually came in an oddly touching association with Tim Burton, first in the short cartoon *Vincent*, about a boy who wants to be Vincent Price when he grows up, and then, in an extremely moving flashback, as the inventor in *Edward Scissorhands*, teaching his creation etiquette, poetry, and love of art (Price’s great passion in real life).

—Kim Newman, updated by John McCarty

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QUAID, Dennis

Nationality: American **Born:** Houston, Texas, 9 April 1954; younger brother of the actor Randy Quaid. **Education:** Attended public school in Houston; and the University of Houston, which he left before graduating. **Family:** Married 1) the actress P. J. Soles (divorced); 2) the actress Meg Ryan, 1991, son: Jack Henry. **Career:** 1975—film debut in *Crazy Mama*; 1983—stage debut, off-Broadway, *The Last of the Knucklemen*, followed by stage work in both New York and Los Angeles (including *True West*, 1984); has also written songs; played piano and guitar, and sung with his band, the Eclectics; 1989—formed Summers/Quaid Productions with Cathleen Summers. **Agent:** International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1975 *Crazy Mama* (Jonathan Demme) (as extra)
- 1977 *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* (Page); *9/30/55 (September 30, 1955; 24 Hours of the Rebel)* (Bridges) (as Frank)
- 1978 *Are You in the House Alone?* (Grauman—for TV); *The Seniors* (Amateau) (as Alan); *Our Winning Season* (Ruben) (as Paul Morelli)
- 1979 *Amateur Night at the Dixie Bar and Grill* (Schumacher—for TV); *Breaking Away* (Yates) (as Mike)
- 1980 *Gorp* (Ruben) (as Mad Grossman); *The Long Riders* (Walter Hill) (as Ed Miller)
- 1981 *All Night Long* (Tramont) (as Freddie Dupler); *Caveman* (Gottlieb) (as Lar); *The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia* (Maxwell) (as Travis Child); *Bill* (Page—for TV) (as Barry Morrow)
- 1982 *Johnny Belinda* (Harvey—for TV) (as Kyle)
- 1983 *Bill: On His Own* (Page—for TV) (as Barry Morrow); *Jaws 3-D (Jaws III)* (Alves) (as Mike Brody); *The Right Stuff* (Kaufman) (as Gordon “Gordo” Cooper); *Tough Enough* (Fleischer) (as Art Long)
- 1984 *Dreamscape* (Ruben) (as Alex Gardner)
- 1985 *Enemy Mine* (Petersen) (as Davidge)
- 1987 *The Big Easy* (McBride) (as Remy McSwain); *Innerspace* (Dante) (as Lt. Tuck Pendleton); *Suspect* (Yates) (as Eddie Sanger)
- 1988 *D.O.A.* (Morton and Jankel) (as Dexter Cornell); *Everybody’s All-American* (Hackford) (as Gavin Grey)
- 1989 *Great Balls of Fire!* (McBride) (as Jerry Lee Lewis)
- 1990 *Come See the Paradise* (Alan Parker) (as Jack McGurn); *Postcards from the Edge* (Mike Nichols) (as Jack Falkner)
- 1993 *Flesh and Bone* (Kloves) (as Arlis Sweeney); *Undercover Blues* (Ross) (as Jeff Blue); *Wilder Napalm* (Caron) (as Wallace Foudroyant)
- 1994 *Wyatt Earp* (Kasdan) (as Doc Holliday)
- 1995 *Something to Talk About* (Hallström) (as Eddie Bichon)
- 1996 *Dragonheart* (Cohen) (as Bowen)
- 1997 *Gang Related* (Kouf) (as William); *Switchback* (Stuart) (as Frank LaCrosse)
- 1998 *The Parent Trap* (Nancy Meyers) (as Nick Parker); *Panama Canal: The Eighth Wonder of the World* (Vink—for TV) (as Narrator); *Savior* (Antoniijevic) (as Joshua Rose/Guy); *Everything That Rises* (as Jim Clay + dir, exec prod—for TV)
- 1999 *Any Given Sunday* (Stone) (as Jack “Cap” Rooney)
- 2000 *Frequency* (Hoblit) (as Frank Sullivan)

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Dennis Quaid (third from right) in *The Right Stuff*

Dennis Quaid is consummately a genre actor. His career alternates comedies, musicals, and Westerns with sci-fi films, neo-films noir, and melodramas. He thus works in a frame of Hollywood tradition: twice over, in that his physical form—tall, well-muscled yet lithe, with a trademark grin—echoes not his immediate “New Hollywood” predecessors but much earlier Hollywood leading men. Connecting to an even older tradition, Quaid specializes in men on quests. But he brings a responsiveness and humor to his adventurers which marks them as products of his feminist-influenced times.

His acting style itself injects a contemporary note. He works avidly to make his characters’ contours and capacities part of his body: he learned to fly to play an astronaut, pounded a piano hours a day to play a rock star, gained 40 pounds for one role, lost 40 for another. In this Quaid is a quintessential “post-Method” actor. Whatever his personal take on Lee Strasberg’s Method (which the *New York Times Magazine* reports he “will mention” but not “intellectualize”), his devotion, first, to “living” his parts, and, second, to transforming conventions demonstrates his embrace of the Method’s two central precepts—which have exceeded their roots in the teachings of Stanislavski and Strasberg and permeated Hollywood since the 1950s.

The conjunction of new techniques in acting—and in filmmaking overall—with established story structures makes Dennis Quaid’s movies entertaining. Unfortunately, in Hollywood at a time when stars are defined by their ability to carry blockbuster franchises, usually through many sequels, Quaid’s versatility may have kept him from becoming the superstar he seemed primed to become in the late 1980s. Nonetheless he has worked quite steadily since the late 1970s.

The first phase of Quaid’s career found him moving from bit parts to large supporting roles in a string of youth sex comedies and melodramas; in 1979, he got his first real notice as the angriest young man in *Breaking Away*. Over the next four years he worked at a middle level in television films and features, in some well-received projects (*The Long Riders*, *Bill*) and some misses (*Caveman*, *Jaws 3-D*).

In 1983 he found the wellspring of the adventurer type he would come to embody, with the role of cocky, intense but relaxed space traveler “Gordo” Cooper in *The Right Stuff* (one of three biopics in Quaid’s catalog). Between 1984 and 1990 Quaid became a full-fledged leading man, playing the searcher in cycles of sci-fi films (*Dreamscape*, *Enemy Mine*, *Innerspace*), and perverse crime stories (*The Big Easy*, *Suspect*, *D.O.A.*). *Easy* made him a heartthrob of the moment, as his corrupt but charming police detective set out on a quest across the landscape of uptight female sexuality in the person of Ellen Barkin. Quaid’s next two films also grapple with harsh romance. The aging athlete of *Everybody’s All-American* seems a later chapter in the coming-of-age sports melodramas Quaid had done in his early days. Playing Jerry Lee Lewis in *Great Balls of Fire!* similarly followed from Quaid’s previous, lesser-known country-rock musicals (*Amateur Night at the Dixie Bar and Grill*, *The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia*, *Tough Enough*), bringing on-screen his talents for singing and songwriting.

But neither *All-American* nor *Fire!* were huge hits, perhaps in part because they both concern pioneering heroes who fail as much as they succeed. *Come See the Paradise* resembled some of Quaid’s previous work with its theme of cross-racial inclusivity (*Enemy Mine*)—but its questioning of U.S. wartime policies did not match the tenor of the Gulf War. After taking two years off to kick cocaine, get married, and have a son, Quaid returned with three leading roles in 1993, the most well-reviewed being the country noir *Flesh and Bone* which co-starred his wife, Meg Ryan. Quaid turned to supporting roles for two years (it was to play tubercular Doc Holliday in *Wyatt Earp* that he lost 40 pounds). *Dragonheart* put him back at center stage, literalizing Quaid’s affinity for his cardinal genre, the knight’s quest, as revved up with state-of-the-art special effects, in an attempt to reunite a fine actor with box-office success.

—Susan Knobloch

QUINN, Anthony

Nationality: American. **Born:** Anthony Rudolph Oaxaca Quinn in Chihuahua, Mexico, 21 April 1915 (some sources give 1916); became U.S. citizen, 1947. **Education:** Attended public school in Los Angeles, California. **Family:** Married 1) Katherine DeMille, 1937 (divorced 1965), sons: Christopher (deceased), Duncan, daughters: Christina, Kathleen, Valentina; 2) Iolanda Addolori, 1965 (separated 1995), sons: Francesco, Daniele, Lorenzo; child with Kathy Benvin. **Career:** Worked as cement mixer, ditchdigger, boxer, fruit picker, taxi driver; also with Federal Theater Project; 1936—stage debut in *Clean Beds*; film debut in *Parole*; then contract with Paramount, 1936–40; 1947—Broadway debut in *The Gentleman from Athens*; 1958—directed the film *The Buccaneer*; 1962—on stage in *Tchin-Tchin*; 1971–72—in TV series *The Man and the City*; 1977—in mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*; 1983—in musical version of the film, *Zorba!* on Broadway; 1988—in TV mini-series *The Richest Man in*



Anthony Quinn (right) with Alan Bates in *Zorba the Greek*

the World: The Story of Aristotle Onassis. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Viva Zapata!*, 1952; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Lust for Life*, 1956. **Agent:** Johnnie Planco, William Morris Agency, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *Parole* (Landers) (as Browning); *Sworn Enemy* (Marin) (as gangster); *Night Waitress* (Landers) (as hood); *The Plainsman* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Cheyenne Indian); *The Milky Way* (McCarey) (as extra)
- 1937 *Swing High, Swing Low* (Leisen) (as the Don); *Waikiki Wedding* (Tuttle) (as Kimo); *The Last Train from Madrid* (Hogan) (as Capt. Ricardo Alvarez); *Partners in Crime* (Murphy) (as Nicholas Mazaney); *Daughter of Shanghai* (Florey) (as Harry Morgan)
- 1938 *The Buccaneer* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Beluche); *Dangerous to Know* (Florey) (as Nicholas Keisnoff); *Tip-Off Girls* (Louis King) (as Marty); *Hunted Men* (Louis King) (as Legs); *Bulldog Drummond in Africa* (Louis King) (as Deane Fordline); *King of Alcatraz* (Florey) (as Lou Gadney)
- 1939 *King of Chinatown* (Grinde) (as Mike Gordon); *Union Pacific* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Jack Cordray); *Island of Lost Men* (Neumann) (as Chang Tai); *Television Spy* (Dmytryk) (as Forbes)
- 1940 *Emergency Squad* (Dmytryk) (as Nick Buller); *Road to Singapore* (Schertzing) (as Caesar); *Parole Fixer* (Florey) (as Francis Bradmore); *The Ghost Breakers* (George Marshall) (as Ramon); *City for Conquest* (Litvak) (as Murray Bruno); *Texas Rangers Ride Again* (Hogan) (as Joe Yuma)
- 1941 *Blood and Sand* (Mamoulian) (as Manolo de Palma); *Knock-out* (Clemens) (as Trego); *Thieves Fall Out* (Wright) (as Chic Collins); *They Died with Their Boots On* (Walsh) (as Crazy Horse); *The Perfect Snob* (McCarey) (as Alex Morens); *Bullets for O'Hara* (William K. Howard) (as Tony Van Dyne)
- 1942 *Larceny, Inc.* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Leo Dexter); *Road to Morocco* (David Butler) (as Mullah Kasim); *The Black Swan* (Henry King) (as Wogan); *The Ox-Bow Incident* (Wellman) (as the Mexican)

- 1943 *Guadalcanal Diary* (Seiler)
- 1944 *Buffalo Bill* (Wellman) (as Yellow Hand); *Roger Touhy, Gangster* (*The Last Gangster*) (Florey) (as George Carroll); *Ladies of Washington* (Louis King) (as Michael Romanescue); *Irish Eyes Are Smiling* (Ratoff) (as Al Jackson)
- 1945 *Where Do We Go from Here?* (Ratoff) (as Indian Chief); *China Sky* (Enright) (as Chen Ta); *Back to Bataan* (Dmytryk) (as Capt. Andres Bonifacio)
- 1946 *California* (Farrow) (as Don Louis Rivera y Hernandez)
- 1947 *Sinbad the Sailor* (Wallace) (as Emir); *The Imperfect Lady* (Lewis Allen) (as Jose Martinez); *Black Gold* (Karlson) (as Charley Eagle); *Tycoon* (Wallace) (as Enrique Vargas)
- 1951 *The Brave Bulls* (Rossen) (as Raul Fuentes); *Mask of the Avenger* (Karlson) (as Giovanni Larocca); *High Treason* (Boulting)
- 1952 *Viva Zapata!* (Kazan) (title role); *The Brigand* (Karlson) (as Carlos Delargo); *The World in His Arms* (Walsh) (as Portugee); *Against All Flags* (Sherman) (as Roc Brasiliano)
- 1953 *City beneath the Sea* (Boetticher) (as Tony Bartlett); *Seminole* (Boetticher) (as Osceola); *Ride Vaquero!* (Farrow) (as José Esqueda); *East of Sumatra* (Boetticher) (as Kiang); *Blowing Wild* (Fregonese) (as Ward Conway); *Cavalleria Rusticana* (*Fatal Desire*) (Gallone) (as Alfio); *Donne Proibite* (*Angels of Darkness*; *Forbidden Women*) (Amato) (as Francesco Caserto)
- 1954 *Ulisse* (*Ulysses*) (Camerini) (as Antinous); *La strada* (Fellini) (as Zampano); *The Long Wait* (Saville) (as Johnny McBride); *Attila flagello di dio* (*Attila*; *Attila the Hun*) (Francisci) (title role)
- 1955 *The Magnificent Matador* (Boetticher) (as Luis Santos); *The Naked Street* (Shane) (as Phil Regal); *Seven Cities of Gold* (Webb) (as Capt. Gaspar de Portola)
- 1956 *Lust for Life* (Minnelli) (as Paul Gauguin); *Man from Del Rio* (Horner) (as Dave Robles); *The Wild Party* (Horner) (as Big Tom Kupfen); *Notre Dame de Paris* (*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*) (Delannoy) (as Quasimodo)
- 1957 *The River's Edge* (Dwan) (as Ben Cameron); *The Ride Back* (Miner) (as Bob Kallen); *Wild Is the Wind* (Cukor) (as Gino)
- 1958 *Hot Spell* (Daniel Mann) (as Jack Duval)
- 1959 *The Black Orchid* (Ritt) (as Frank Valentine); *Warlock* (Dmytryk) (as Tom Morgan); *Last Train from Gun Hill* (John Sturges) (as Craig Beldon)
- 1960 *Heller in Pink Tights* (Cukor) (as Tom Healy); *Portrait in Black* (Gordon) (as Dr. David Rivera); *The Savage Innocents* (*Ombre Blanche*) (Nicholas Ray) (as Inok)
- 1961 *The Guns of Navarone* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Col. Andrea Stavros)
- 1962 *Barabbas* (Fleischer) (title role); *Requiem for a Heavyweight* (Nelson) (as Mountain Rivera); *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean) (as Auda Abu Tayi)
- 1964 *Behold a Pale Horse* (Zinnemann) (as Capt. Vinolas); *Der Besuch* (*The Visit*) (Wicki) (as Serge Miller); *Zorba the Greek* (Cacoyannis) (title role)
- 1965 *La Fabuleuse Aventure de Marco Polo* (*Marco the Magnificent*) (de la Patellière and Noel Howard) (as Kublai Khan); *A High Wind in Jamaica* (MacKendrick) (as Juan Chavez)
- 1966 *Lost Command* (*Not for Honor and Glory*) (Robson) (as Lt. Col. Pierre Raspeguy)
- 1967 *La 25e Heure* (*La Vingt-cinquième Heure*; *The 25th Hour*) (Verneuil) (as Johann Moritz); *The Happening* (Silverstein) (as Roc Delmonico); *The Rover* (*L'Avventuriero*) (Terence Young) (as Peyrol)
- 1968 *Guns for San Sebastian* (Verneuil) (as Leon Alastray); *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (Anderson) (as Kiril Lakota); *The Magus* (Guy Green) (as Maurice Conchis)
- 1969 *The Secret of Santa Vittoria* (Kramer) (as Stalo Bambolini); *A Dream of Kings* (Daniel Mann) (as Matsverkas)
- 1970 *A Walk in the Spring Rain* (Guy Green) (as Will Cade); *R.P.M.* (Kramer) (as Paco); *Flap* (*The Last Warrior*) (Reed) (as Flapping Eagle); *King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis* (Lumet and Joseph L. Mankiewicz—doc)
- 1971 *The City* (Petrie—for TV) (as Thomas Jefferson Alcalá); *Arroza* (Boetticher) (as narrator)
- 1972 *Across 110th Street* (Shear) (as Capt. Frank Mattelli, + exec pr); *The Voice of La Raza* (Greaves) (as narrator)
- 1973 *Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears* (Cavara) (as Erastus "Deaf" Smith); *The Don Is Dead* (Fleischer) (title role)
- 1974 *The Marseilles Contract* (*The Destructors*) (Parris) (as Steve Ventura)
- 1976 *L'eredità Ferramonti* (*The Inheritance*) (Bolognini) (as Gregorio Ferramonti); *Bluff* (*High Rollers*); *The Message* (*Mohammad, Messenger of God*) (Akkad) (as Hazma); *Tigers Don't Cry* (Collinson)
- 1978 *The Greek Tycoon* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Theo Tomasis); *Caravans* (Fargo) (as Zulfigar); *The Children of Sanchez* (Bartlett)
- 1979 *The Passage* (J. Lee Thompson) (as the Basque)
- 1981 *High Risk* (Raffill) (as Mariano); *Lion of the Desert* (*Omar Mukhtar*) (Akkad—produced in in 1979) (as Omar Mukhtar); *The Con Artists* (Corbucci) (as Bang); *The Salamander* (Zinner) (as Bruno Manzini)
- 1982 *Regina* (*Roma*) (Prate)
- 1983 *Valentina* (Betancor) (as Mosen Joaquin)
- 1984 *Ingrid* (Feldman); *The Last Days of Pompeii* (Hunt—for TV)
- 1986 *Isola del tesoro* (Dawson)
- 1989 *A Man of Passion* (*Pasion de hombre*) (Loma); *Actor* (Angelucci)
- 1990 *Ghosts Can't Do It* (Derek); *A Star for Two* (Kaufman); *Revenge* (Tony Scott) (as Tiburon Mendez); *The Old Man and the Sea* (Storke—for TV) (as Santiago)
- 1991 *Only the Lonely* (Columbus) (as Nick); *Jungle Fever* (Spike Lee) (as Lou Carbone); *Mobsters* (Karbeinidoff) (as Don Masseria)
- 1993 *Last Action Hero* (McTiernan) (as Tony Vivaldi)
- 1994 *Somebody to Love* (Rockwell) (as Emilio); *Hercules in the Underworld* (Bill L. Norton—for TV) (as Zeus); *Hercules in the Maze of the Minotaur* (Bender—for TV) (as Zeus); *Hercules and the Lost Kingdom* (Cokliss—for TV) (as Zeus); *Hercules and the Circle of Fire* (Doug Lefler—for TV) (as Zeus); *Hercules and the Amazon Women* (Bill L. Norton—for TV) (as Zeus); *This Can't Be Love* (Harvey—for TV) (as Michael Reyman)
- 1995 *A Walk in the Clouds* (Arrau) (as Don Pedro Aragon)
- 1996 *Il Sindaco* (Ugo Fabrizio Giordani); *Gotti* (Harmon—for TV) (as Neil Dellacroce)
- 1999 *Ringside* (Norman Mailer); *Camino Santiago* (mini for TV); *Oriundi* (Bernstein) (as Giuseppe Padovani)

Film as Director:

1958 *The Buccaneer*

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Pounding on his beefy chest and rolling his exotic eyes, Anthony Quinn is easily disparaged as an all-purpose Ethnic, but his vibrant approach to acting can be riveting. In the 1990s, in smaller doses, as in the macho shenanigans of *Last Action Hero*, the formulaic but diverting comedy of *Only the Lonely*, and especially the swooning lyricism of *A Walk in the Clouds*, Quinn seems looser and less

pointedly vociferous. Maybe time has purified him of some of that much talked-about Life Force, that so memorably defined the spirit of *Zorba the Greek*. That was before it degenerated into meaninglessness when applied across the board to all the international characterizations that nipped at Zorba’s heels. In his post-1964 heyday, Quinn was as overexposed as the cast of television’s *Friends* are today.

Born in poverty in Mexico, Anthony Quinn served a long contractual apprenticeship in the movies as lummoX-in-loincloth or scourge-with-scimitar. If menace of a foreign extraction was required, casting agents made a beeline to Tony. But small monotonous parts were as galling to Quinn as being dismissed as Cecil B. DeMille’s son-in-law. Graduating from leads in B movies, Quinn remained the same stone-faced heavy in A pictures; the performance in *Viva Zapata!* that won him his first Oscar hardly seemed more challenging than dozens of scenery-chewing turns that preceded it.

Instead of turning his frustration at being typecast inward, Quinn started thesping his heart out more and more; the Quinn style was born—earthy, hearty, and above all, voluble. You could outfight Quinn but never outshout him. Several savvy breaks from the Hollywood rut paid off by building (maybe overbuilding) Quinn’s confidence. After donning the Brando T-shirt as a replacement Stanley Kowalski, he also shared glory with Olivier himself as they switched lead roles in *Becket*, and then his career rose phoenixlike out of a past-his-prime graveyard with Fellini’s *La strada*. Taken seriously by Hollywood thanks to his art-house circuit success as the brutal strongman, Zampano, Quinn snagged a second supporting Oscar for *Lust for Life* and then began stamping all his roles with the same lust for overacting.

Whether certain directors could handle him with more authority or whether he simply responded to simpatico material, Quinn got delightfully high on his own ego-puffery in Cukor’s colorful *Heller in Pink Tights*, presented a memorably noncondescending portrayal of an Eskimo in Ray’s *The Savage Innocents*, then shadow-boxed beautifully with despair in *Requiem for a Heavyweight*, a much subtler and affecting portrait of brute force than his *La strada* stint. Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, whether top-billed as he gave us *Barabbas* or cameoed in *Lawrence of Arabia*, Quinn broke no new ground until the soulmate role of *Zorba the Greek* liberated him. After 1964, however, Tony the Quinn became Zorba the Greek, and it is difficult to rebut the prevailing wisdom that dubbed him a one-man UN. He could play Italian, Native American, Greek, or Basque—just go round the globe; Quinn acted there. This was thesping by way of Berlitz. Still, if there were many occasions when you wished he had moved on from Esperanto-translated populism, there was no denying this peacock actor’s energy. If every performer seeks to improve upon reality, then Quinn is the Great Embellisher. Refusing to play in sotto voce, the man is a one-tenor opera. The feverish, life-forced quality of his performances (good and bad) sing out with the overabundant grace notes of a man whose love of acting is boundless.

—Robert Pardi

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RAFT, George

Nationality: American. **Born:** George Raft in New York City, 26 September 1895. **Family:** Married Grayce Mulrooney, 1923 (separated 1923, died 1970). **Career:** From age 13, worked as boxer, pool player, dancer; 1919—dancer in vaudeville, in the next few years touring on the Orpheum and Keith Circuits; also dancer at Jimmy Durante's Club Durante and Texas Guinan's El Fey Club; 1925—Broadway debut in *The City Chap*; 1929—film debut in *Queen of the Nightclubs* with Texas Guinan; early 1930s—several roles as gangsters in films, with much publicity concerning his friendship with nonfictional gangsters; 1932—classical role in *Scarface*, contract with Paramount, then in 1939 contract with Warner Brothers, and freelance after 1942; organized sports show for entertaining the troops during World War II; 1953—in TV series *I'm the Law*; early 1960s—public relations director for Consumer Marts stores; 1966–67—host of Colony Club casino, London, but banned from England as persona non grata because of alleged gangster connections. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 24 November 1980.



George Raft

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Queen of the Nightclubs* (Foy) (as gigolo)
- 1931 *Quick Millions* (Brown) (as Jimmy Kirk)
- 1932 *Hush Money* (Lanfield) (as Maxie); *Palmy Days* (Sutherland) (as Joe the Frog); *Taxi!* (Del Ruth) (as Willie Kenny); *Scarface* (Hawks) (as Guido Rinaldi); *Night Court* (Van Dyke) (as Ed Powell); *Love Is a Racket* (Wellman) (as Stinky); *Dancers in the Dark* (Burton) (as Louie Brooks); *Madame Racketeer* (Hall) (as Jack Houston); *Night after Night* (Mayo) (as Joe Anton); *If I Had a Million* (Lubitsch and others) (as Eddie Jackson)
- 1933 *Under-Cover Man* (Flood) (as Nick Darrow); *Pick-Up* (Gering) (as Harry Glynn); *The Midnight Club* (Hall) (as Nick Mason); *The Bowery* (Walsh) (as Steve Brodi); *All of Me* (Flood) (as Honey Rogers); *Bolero* (Ruggles) (as Raoul Debaere)
- 1935 *Rumba* (Gering) (as Joe Martin); *The Trumpet Blows* (Roberts) (as Manuel); *Limehouse Blues* (Hall) (as Henry Young); *Stolen Harmony* (Werker) (as Ray Angelo/Ray Ferraro); *The Glass Key* (Tuttle) (as Ed Beaumont); *Every Night at Eight* (Walsh) (as Tops Cardona); *She Couldn't Take It* (Garnett) (as Spot Ricardi)
- 1936 *It Had to Happen* (Del Ruth) (as Enrico Scaffa); *Yours for the Asking* (Hall) (as Johnny Lamb)
- 1937 *Souls at Sea* (Hathaway) (as Rowdah)
- 1938 *You and Me* (Lang) (as Joe Dennis); *Spawn of the North* (Hathaway) (as Tyler Dawson)
- 1939 *The Lady's from Kentucky* (Hall) (as Marty Black); *I Stole a Million* (Tuttle) (as Joe Laurik); *Invisible Stripes* (Bacon) (as Cliff Taylor); *Each Dawn I Die* (Keighley) (as Hood Stacey)
- 1940 *The House across the Bay* (Mayo) (as Steve Larwitt); *They Drive by Night* (Walsh) (as Joe Fabrini)
- 1941 *Manpower* (Walsh) (as Johnny Marshall)
- 1942 *Broadway* (Seiter) (as George)
- 1943 *Background to Danger* (Walsh) (as Joe Barton); *Stage Door Canteen* (Borzage) (as himself)
- 1944 *Follow the Boys* (Sutherland) (as Tony West)
- 1945 *Nob Hill* (Hathaway) (as Johnny Angelo); *Johnny Angelo* (Marin) (title role)
- 1946 *Whistle Stop* (Moguy) (as Kenny); *Mr. Ace* (Marin) (as Eddie Ace); *Nocturne* (Marin) (as Lt. Joe Warne)
- 1947 *Christmas Eve* (Marin) (as Mario Torio)
- 1948 *Intrigue* (Marin) (as Brad Dunham); *Race Street* (Marin) (as Dan Gannin)
- 1949 *Outpost in Morocco* (Florey) (as Capt. Paul Garard); *Johnny Allegro* (Tetzlaff) (title role); *Red Light* (Del Ruth) (as John Torno); *A Dangerous Profession* (Tetzlaff) (as Vince Kane); *Nous irons à Paris* (Boyer) (as guest)

- 1951 *Lucky Nick Cain* (Newman) (title role); *I'll Get You* (Freidman) (as Steve Rossi)
- 1952 *Loan Shark* (Freidman) (as Joe Gargen); *Adventure in Algiers* (*Secret of the Casbah*)
- 1953 *The Man from Cairo* (Enright) (as Mike Cannelli)
- 1954 *Black Widow* (Johnson) (as Det. Bruce); *Rogue Cop* (Rowland) (as Dan Beaumonte)
- 1955 *A Bullet for Joey* (Allen) (as Joe Victor)
- 1956 *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as bouncer)
- 1959 *Some Like It Hot* (Wilder) (as Spats Columbo); *Jet over the Atlantic* (Haskin) (as Stafford)
- 1960 *Ocean's Eleven* (Milestone) (cameo role)
- 1961 *The Ladies Man* (Lewis) (as himself); *Two Guys Abroad* (Sharp)
- 1964 *For Those Who Think Young* (Martinson) (as detective); *The Patsy* (Lewis) (as himself)
- 1965 *Du Rififi à Paname* (de la Patellière) (as Charles Binnaggio)
- 1966 *Casino Royale* (Huston and others) (as himself)
- 1968 *Five Golden Dragons* (Summers) (as Golden Dragon); *Skidoo!* (Preminger) (as Capt. Garbaldo)
- 1972 *Hammersmith Is Out* (Ustinov) (as Guido Scartucci); *Dead-head Miles* (Zimmermann) (cameo role)
- 1978 *Sextette* (Hughes) (as himself); *The Man with Bogart's Face* (Fenady) (as Petey Cane)

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George Raft was instrumental in the development of the character of the hardboiled gangster, a character that became a standard of the American cinema for decades. In fact, he fit the type so well that his rather shady background became the object of endless speculation, and both the public and the studio refused to accept him in any but the most indistinguishable tough-guy parts. Perhaps he filled these parts even too well, for he never became as popular or sympathetic as

James Cagney or Humphrey Bogart, and, in his apparent effort to overcome the image, he rejected several roles that turned Bogart into a major star: *The Maltese Falcon*, *Casablanca*, and *High Sierra*.

Raft began his career as a dancer in clubs and on the stage, and although his physical grace was evident in even the most undignified roles and the most violent situations, his musical talent was exploited in very few of his films. Once his part as Paul Muni’s coin-tossing sidekick in Howard Hawks’s *Scarface* had established his career and his image, Raft played variations on that role as a Paramount contract player throughout the 1930s and then in a series of increasingly minor melodramas for less prestigious studios. Finally, when advancing age and the changing demands of the audience ended his leading roles once and for all, he turned to self-caricature, often appearing as himself in miniscule cameo parts.

In Hollywood, a strong personal image is usually seen as a lack of versatility, and George Raft’s career is illustrative of this tendency which has limited many actors even at the height of their popularity. While few of his films were successful in any way, either with audiences or with the critics, Raft’s real failure was in his inability to outgrow the character that he helped to create.

—Richard Wilson

RAIMU

Nationality: French. **Born:** Jules Auguste César Murair in Toulon, 17 December 1883. **Military Service:** French Army, 1914–15: discharged for health reasons. **Family:** Married in 1936, daughter, Paulette. **Career:** Began performing as singer and actor in café-concerts in Toulon; changed name to Raimu for engagement at Casino de Toulon, 1899–1900, and toured in southern France and North Africa for the next few years; 1905—worked as croupier in Aix-les-Bains; 1910—in Felix Mayol’s performing group in Paris, and became successful performer at the Folies-Bergère and other clubs; 1915—first legitimate theater role in Feydeau’s *Monsieur Chasse*, followed by roles in other stage plays; 1929—created the famous role of César in Pagnol’s *Marius*, later recreated in film version; 1931—sound film debut in *Le Blanc et le noir*; 1944–45—member of the Comédie Française. **Died:** In Neuilly, France, 20 September 1946.

Films as Actor:

- 1912–14 *L'Homme nu* (Desfontaines); *L'Agence Cacahuete* (Lion)
- 1931 *Le Blanc et le noir* (Florey); *Mam'zelle Nitouche* (Marc Allégret) (as Célestin-Floridor); *Marius* (Korda) (as César Olivier)
- 1932 *La Petite Chocolatière* (Marc Allégret) (as Félicien Bédarrides); *Fanny* (Marc Allégret) (as César Olivier); *Les Gaités de l'escadron* (Tourneur) (as Capitaine Hurluret)



Raimu (left) and Andre Fouche in *Caesar*

- 1933 *Theodore et Cie* (Colombier) (as Clodomir); *Charlemagne* (Colombier) (title role)
- 1934 *Ces Messieurs de la santé* (Colombier) (as Tafard); *Tartarin de Tarascon* (Bernard) (title role); *J'ai un idée* (Richebé) (as Aubrey)
- 1935 *Minuit, Place Pigalle* (Richebé); *Faisons un rêve* (Guitry); *L'École des cocottes* (Colombier) (as Labaume); *Gaspard de Besse* (Hugon)
- 1936 *Le Secret de Polichinelle* (Berthomieu); *Le Roi* (Colombier) (as Bourdier); *Les Jumeaux de Brighton* (Heymann) (three roles); *César* (Pagnol) (title role)
- 1937 *Vous n'avez rien à déclarer?* (*Confessions of a Newlywed; Have You Nothing to Declare?*) (Joannon) (as the Professor); *Les Perles de la couronne* (*The Pearls of the Crown*) (Guitry and Christian-Jaque) (cameo); *La Chaste Suzanne* (Berthomieu) (as M. des Aubrais); *Les Rois du sport* (Colombier); *Le Fauteuil 47* (Rivers); *Gribouille* (*Heart of Paris*) (Marc Allégret) (as Camille); *Un Carnet de bal* (*Life Dances On, Christine*) (Duvivier) (as François Patusset)
- 1938 *Le Héros de la Marne* (Hugon); *L'Étrange Monsieur Victor* (Grémillon) (as Victor Agardanne); *Les Nouveaux riches* (Berthomieu) (as Legendre); *La Femme du boulanger* (*The Baker's Wife*) (Pagnol) (as Aimable Castenet, the baker)
- 1939 *Monsieur Brotonneau* (Esway) (as Loulou); *Dernière jeunesse* (*Last Desire*) (Musso) (as Georges); *L'Homme qui cherche la vérité* (*The Man Who Seeks the Truth*) (Esway) (as Vernet)
- 1941 *Le Duel* (Fresnay); *Parade en sept nuits* (Marc Allégret); *Les Petits Riens* (Leboursier) (as Charpillon); *Monsieur la Souris* (*Midnight in Paris*) (Lacombe); *Le Bienfaiteur* (Decoin) (as Moulinet)
- 1942 *L'Arlésienne* (Allégret) (as Marc)
- 1943 *Le Colonel Chabert* (Le Hénaff) (title role); *Untel Père et fils* (*The Heart of a Nation*) (Duvivier) (as Jules Froment)
- 1946 *La Fille du puisatier* (*The Well-Digger's Daughter*) (Pagnol—produced in 1940); *Les Gueux au paradis* (*Hoboes in Paradise*) (Le Hénaff); *L'Homme au chapeau rond* (*The Eternal Husband*) (Billon) (as Nicolas Pavlovitch)
- 1948 *La Vie de Raimu* (Toe—doc)
- 1949 *Les Inconnus dans la maison* (*Strangers in the House*) (Decoin—produced in 1942) (as Hector Loursat)
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Between 1931 and 1936 the playwright Marcel Pagnol, turned screenwriter and then director, brought to the screen a trilogy, *Marius*, *Fanny*, and *César*, starring one of the best-loved French comedians, Raimu, who proved that a simple, natural comic style would work best in the contemporary French cinema. As *César*, the father of the wronged Fanny, he depicted the dignity of a poor man in a waterfront world trying to get along in a difficult situation. Raimu’s attempt to preserve the honor and happiness of his abandoned, pregnant daughter ran the gamut of humor with a grace in acting seldom seen on the screen.

In the early 1940s director Pagnol would rework the same theme in *La Fille du puisatier* with an effective pairing of Raimu as the father and Fernandel as the suitor whose marriage to the daughter would solve the delicate situation of having an unwed mother. An earlier film, *The Baker’s Wife*, created in the late 1930s by Pagnol, was probably Raimu’s most humorous film. The touch of sympathy he elicited for the character prompted some critics to compare Raimu’s technique with Chaplin’s method of combining pathos and humor. Raimu played the baker whose wife had run away with a younger man, depicting a mild-mannered soul who gives up his trade because of his sorrow over his unfaithful wife.

These works with Raimu as the star represent some of the best comedy made during the golden period of French film in the 1930s and early 1940s. The writing and directing genius of Marcel Pagnol merged and complemented the acting genius of Raimu to produce these comic masterpieces.

—Donald McCaffrey

RAINER, Luise

Born: Vienna, Austria, 12 January 1910. **Family:** Married 1) the playwright Clifford Odets, 1937 (divorced 1940); 2) Robert Knittel, 1945 (died 1989), one daughter. **Career:** Actress from childhood in Vienna and Berlin; acted in Max Reinhardt’s Vienna theater ensemble in plays by Pirandello, Shakespeare, and many others; 1930—film debut in *Ja, der Himmel über Wien*; 1935–38—contract with MGM; U.S. film debut in *Escapade*, followed by two successive Oscar-winning roles in *The Great Ziegfeld* and *The Good Earth*; 1943—“comeback” film *Hostages*; some later stage and television work; 1978—paintings exhibited at Seale Gallery, London; 1981 and 1983—toured the United States in *Enoch Arden*, music by Strauss. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *The Great Ziegfeld*, 1936; Best Actress Academy Award, for *The Good Earth*, 1937. **Address:** 54 Eaton Square, London SW1W 9BE, England.



Luise Rainer (left) with Paul Muni in *The Good Earth*

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *Ja, der Himmel über Wien* (short)
- 1932 *Sehnsucht, 202* (Neufeld)
- 1933 *Heut' kommt's drauf an* (Gerron)
- 1935 *Escapade (Masquerade)* (Leonard) (as Leopoldine)
- 1936 *The Great Ziegfeld* (Leonard) (as Anna Held)
- 1937 *The Good Earth* (Franklin) (as O-Lan); *The Emperor's Candlesticks* (Fitzmaurice) (as Countess Olga Muranova); *Big City (Skyscraper Wilderness)* (Borzage) (as Anna Benton)
- 1938 *The Toy Wife* (Thorpe) (as Gilberta Brigard); *The Great Waltz (Toute la ville danse)* (Duvivier) (as Poldi Vogelhuber); *Dramatic School* (Sinclair) (as Louise)
- 1943 *Hostages* (Tuttle) (as Milada Pressinger)
- 1988 *A Dancer* (Chase—video for TV)
- 1997 *The Gambler (Játékos)* (Makk) (as Grandmother)

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Luise Rainer's career withered under the curse of the Oscar, of two Oscars in fact. Reminiscent of Elisabeth Bergner, an exponent of the laughter and tears school of acting, Rainer made an immediate impact with her hyperemotional style. Showing her changing moods with an arsenal of vocal and facial expressions, eyes darting, hands fluttering, Rainer's nervous energy was distinctively European, but also dissimilar to the slower rhythms of Garbo and Dietrich, the reigning European actresses in Hollywood. Portraying Anna Held, a less-than-starring role in the musical extravaganza *The Great Ziegfeld*, Rainer so impressed audiences with one highly emotional scene that she was rewarded with an Oscar. Her Anna is speaking on the phone to her ex-husband, Flo Ziegfeld. Still in love with him, she gallantly congratulates him on his marriage to Billie Burke. The camera records her agitation; Ziegfeld hears a voice that hovers between false gaiety and despair; when she hangs up she dissolves into tears.

In her next film, *The Good Earth*, Rainer played a role meant to be diametrically opposed to the vivacious Anna Held. Here she portrayed a humble Chinese peasant, utterly subservient to her husband, perpetually huddled in submission, barely speaking a word of dialogue or raising her eyes to the camera. The contrast (and perhaps MGM's strength among Academy members) allowed her to win her second Oscar in successive years.

At this point, Hollywood turned its back on Luise Rainer just as abruptly as it had celebrated her. Having gained the reputation of being “difficult,” she was cast in a few unimportant or disappointing films, her whole Hollywood career having lasted three years (with the exception of *Hostages*, produced during World War II). Adding to her decline was the poor career advice given her by then-husband Clifford Odets. Her record of two successive Oscars stood, however, until Katharine Hepburn equaled it in 1967 and 1968.

Rainer came back to Hollywood in the early 1980s, and even appeared on an episode of television's *The Love Boat*. And in 1988 she starred in *A Dancer*, a 28-minute-long dramatic piece directed by independent video artist Doris Chase. Her role was that of an ex-dancer who currently teaches, choreographs, and runs her own ballet school, and who is reunited with a former lover after a 30-year separation. Rainer's mature, carefully crafted performance offers evidence that, had her career been charted on a different course, she might have flourished as a screen star.

—Charles Affron, updated by Rob Edelman

RAINS, Claude

Nationality: American. **Born:** William Claude Rains in London, England, 10 November 1889; son of the actor and film director Frederick William Rains; became U.S. citizen, 1938. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Isabel Jeans, 1913 (divorced); 2) the actress Marie Hemingway, 1920 (divorced 1920); 3) Beatrix Thomson, 1924 (divorced 1935); 4) Francis Propper, 1935 (divorced 1956), daughter:



Claude Rains (center) with Humphrey Bogart (right) Paul Henreid and Ingrid Bergman in *Casablanca*

Jennifer; 5) Agi Jambor, 1959 (divorced 1959); 6) Rosemary Clark, 1960. **Career:** 1900—stage debut as boy singer in *Sweet Nell of Old Drury*; then callboy, prompter, and assistant stage manager at His Majesty's Theatre, London; 1911—adult stage debut in *Gods of the Mountain*; 1912—U.S. stage debut in tour with Granville Barker's troupe in *Androcles and the Lion*; 1915–19—served with the London Scottish regiment: Captain; after the war, returned to the stage; also taught at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London; 1920—film debut in *Build Thy House*; 1926—stayed in the United States after tour with *The Constant Nymph*; 1928–33—contract with Theatre Guild: in *Volpone*, *Marco Millions*, *The Apple Cart* and other plays; 1933—U.S. film debut in *The Invisible Man*; 1949—speaker with the Philadelphia Orchestra for Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait*; 1954—in T. S. Eliot's *The Confidential Clerk* on Broadway. **Died:** 30 May 1967.

Films as Actor:

1920 *Build Thy House* (Goodwins) (as Clarkis)
 1933 *The Invisible Man* (Whale) (as Dr. Jack Griffin)

1934 *Crime without Passion* (Hecht and MacArthur) (as Lee Gentry)
 1935 *The Man Who Reclaimed His Head* (Ludwig) (as Paul Verin);
The Clairvoyant (Elvey) (as Maximus); *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Walker) (as John Jasper); *The Last Outpost* (Barton) (as John Stevenson)
 1936 *Anthony Adverse* (LeRoy) (as Don Luis); *Hearts Divided* (Borzage) (as Napoleon Bonaparte); *Stolen Holiday* (Curtiz) (as Stefan Orloff)
 1937 *The Prince and the Pauper* (Keighley) (as Earl of Hertford);
They Won't Forget (LeRoy) (as District Attorney Griffin)
 1938 *Gold Is Where You Find It* (Curtiz) (as Col. Ferris); *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (Curtiz and Keighley) (as Prince John); *White Banners* (Goulding) (as Paul Ward);
Four Daughters (Curtiz) (as Adam Lemp)
 1939 *They Made Me a Criminal* (Berkeley) (as Detective Phelan);
Juarez (Dieterle) (as Napoleon III); *Sons of Liberty* (Curtiz) (as Haym Solomon); *Daughters Courageous* (Curtiz) (as Jim Masters); *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (Capra) (as Senator Joseph Harrison Payne); *Four Wives* (Curtiz) (as Adam Lemp)

- 1940 *Saturday's Children* (Sherman) (as Mr. Halevy); *The Sea Hawk* (Curtiz) (as Don Jose Alvarez de Cordoba); *The Lady with Red Hair* (Bernhardt) (as David Belasco)
- 1941 *Four Mothers* (Keighley) (as Adam Lemp); *Here Comes Mr. Jordan* (Hall) (title role); *The Wolf Man* (Wagner) (as Sir John Talbot); *Kings Row* (Wood) (as Dr. Alexander Tower)
- 1942 *Moontide* (Mayo) (as Nutsy); *Now, Voyager* (Rapper) (as Dr. Jasquith); *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Louis Renault)
- 1943 *The Phantom of the Opera* (Lubin) (title role); *Forever and a Day* (Wilcox) (as Ambrose Pomfret)
- 1944 *Passage to Marseilles* (Curtiz) (as Capt. Freycinet); *Mr. Skeffington* (Sherman) (title role)
- 1945 *This Love of Ours* (Dieterle) (as Targel); *Strange Holiday* (Oboler) (as John Stephenson)
- 1946 *Angel on My Shoulder* (Mayo) (as the Devil); *Caesar and Cleopatra* (Pascal) (title role); *Notorious* (Hitchcock) (as Alexander Sebastian); *Deception* (Rapper) (as Alexander Hollenius)
- 1947 *The Unsuspected* (Curtiz) (as Victor Grandison)
- 1948 *The Passionate Friends* (Lean) (as Howard Justin)
- 1949 *Rope of Sand* (Dieterle) (as Arthur Martingale); *Song of Surrender* (Leisen) (as Elisha Hunt)
- 1950 *The White Tower* (Tetzlaff) (as Paul Delambre); *Where Danger Lives* (Farrow) (as Frederic Lannington)
- 1951 *Sealed Cargo* (Werker) (as Capt. Skalder)
- 1953 *The Paris Express (The Man Who Watched Trains Go By)* (French) (as Kees Poppinga)
- 1956 *Lisbon* (Milland) (as Aristedes Mavros)
- 1959 *This Earth Is Mine* (Henry King) (as Philippe Rambeau)
- 1960 *The Lost World* (Allen) (as Prof. George Edward Challenger); *Il pianeta degli uomini spenti (Battle of the Worlds)* (Dawson)
- 1961 *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* (Windust) (as Mayor of Hamelin)
- 1962 *Lawrence of Arabia* (Lean) (as Dryden)
- 1963 *Twilight of Honor (The Charge Is Murder)* (Sagal) (as Art Harner)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as King Herod)

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One of the greatest advantages of the Hollywood studio system was the chance it afforded actors to develop their careers through steady employment and carefully developed roles over a long number of years. This was particularly true for those performers who excelled in character parts and supporting roles, as audiences came to recognize their faces and appreciate their work in a way that is no longer possible today. Of this group, Claude Rains enjoyed one of Hollywood's most successful careers, bringing his combination of sophistication, subtlety, and dry wit to a remarkably varied selection of roles. Rains also achieved a distinction rare among supporting players—sufficient individual popularity to allow him occasional starring roles as well. His ability to transcend the supporting category placed him in an unusual position among his contemporaries as one of the few character actors who was also a star.

Rains had reached middleage and established himself as an accomplished stage actor in London and New York before his distinguished speaking voice won him the leading role in *The Invisible Man*. Rain's face appears only briefly in the film, after the character's death renders him visible again, but the strength of his vocal performance alone launched the actor's career in Hollywood. His work in films over the next three decades would win him four Academy Award nominations and include performances in such classic features as *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, *Casablanca*, and *Notorious*.

Rains followed *The Invisible Man* with a starring role in *Crime without Passion*, in which he portrays a man driven to the brink of madness by an unhappy love affair. Rains would play similar characters in subsequent films, as his reserved, ironic manner proved an ideal mask for slowly crumbling sanity. Yet his range as an actor was extraordinary, and he portrayed villains and sympathetic heroes with equal ease, a facility which was put to frequent use during his years under contract to Warner Brothers. In 1938 he portrayed the dastardly King John in *The Adventures of Robin Hood* back to back with his warmhearted performance as the father of a family of girls in *Four Daughters*. The following year brought his first Oscar nomination, as best supporting actor, for his role as the corrupt senator who retains a spark of decency in Capra's *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*.

His performance in the Capra film exemplifies Rains's ability to portray characters who remain charming—and sometimes sympathetic—in spite of their actions. As Louis Renault, the sardonic French police captain who collaborates with the Germans in *Casablanca*, Rains remains an engaging figure throughout the film, and his eventual decision to join Humphrey Bogart in the Resistance comes as no great surprise. In Alfred Hitchcock's *Notorious*, Rains gives one of his finest performances as the Nazi sympathizer whose obsessive love for American agent Ingrid Bergman makes him a complex, pathetic figure and causes his final downfall.

Rains also appeared in several films opposite Bette Davis, then at the height of her Hollywood career. In *Now, Voyager*, one of the classic "women's films" of the 1940s, he portrays Davis's wise, understanding psychiatrist, while his performance as her adoring, long-suffering husband in *Mr. Skeffington* brought him another Oscar nomination. The pairing of Davis's electric screen presence with

Rains's precise, assured style lends a particular chemistry to their films together.

Rains's work in later years included roles in *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Twilight of Honor*, and *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, and he remained, until the end of his career, an actor of consummate professionalism and skill.

—Janet E. Lorenz

RATHBONE, Basil

Born: Johannesburg, South Africa, of British parents, 13 June 1892. **Education:** Attended Repton School, England. **Family:** Married 1) Ethel Marian Forman (divorced), one son; 2) the writer Ouida Bergere, late 1920s, daughter: Cynthia. **Career:** 1911—worked briefly for Globe Insurance Company, Liverpool; joined stage company of his cousin, Frank Benson: stage debut in *The Taming of the Shrew* in Liverpool; 1912—U.S. stage debut on tour with Benson's Shakespearean company; 1914—London stage debut in *The Sin of David*; 1916–19—served in Liverpool Scottish Regiment: Military Cross; 1921—film debut in *Innocent*; 1925—U.S. film debut in *The Masked Bride*; 1933–34—played opposite Katharine Cornell in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* and *Romeo and Juliet*; later stage roles include work in *The Heiress*, 1947, *Julius Caesar*, 1950, and *The Gioconda Smile*, 1950; 1939—played Sherlock Holmes in the first of a series of films, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*; also played Holmes on radio for seven years, and acted in the radio series *Scotland Yard*, 1947, and the serial *Tales of Fatima*, 1948; 1950—narrator with Philadelphia Orchestra in *The Nightingale and the Rose*; 1952—host for TV series *Your Lucky Clue*. **Died:** 21 July 1967.

Films as Actor:

- 1921 *Innocent* (Elvey) (as Amadis de Jocelyn); *The Fruitful Vine* (Elvey) (as Don Cesare Carelli)
- 1923 *The School for Scandal* (Phillips) (as Joseph Surface)
- 1924 *Trouping with Ellen* (Hunter) (as Tony Winterslip)
- 1925 *The Masked Bride* (Cabanne) (as Antoine)
- 1926 *The Great Deception* (Higgin) (as Rizzio)
- 1929 *The Last of Mrs. Cheyney* (Franklin) (as Lord Arthur Dilling)
- 1930 *The Bishop Murder Case* (Grinde and Burton) (as Philo Vance); *A Notorious Affair* (Bacon) (as Paul Gherardi); *The Lady of Scandal* (Franklin) (as Edward); *This Mad World* (W. DeMille) (as Paul); *The Flirting Widow* (Seiter) (as Col. Smith); *A Lady Surrenders* (Stahl) (as Carl Vaudry); *Sin Takes a Holiday* (Stein) (as Durant)
- 1932 *A Woman Commands* (Stein) (as Capt. Alex Pastisch)
- 1933 *One Precious Year* (Edwards) (as Derek Nagel); *Loyalties* (Dean) (as Ferdinand de Levis)
- 1935 *David Copperfield* (Cukor) (as Mr. Murdstone); *Anna Karenina* (Brown) (as Karenin); *The Last Days of Pompeii* (Schoedsack) (as Pontius); *A Feather in Her Hat* (Santell) (as Capt. Courtney); *A Tale of Two Cities* (Conway) (as Marquis St. Evremonde); *Captain Blood* (Curtiz) (as Capt. Levasseur); *Kind Lady* (Seitz) (as Henry Abbott)
- 1936 *Private Number* (Del Ruth) (as Wroxton); *Romeo and Juliet* (Cukor) (as Tybalt); *The Garden of Allah* (Boleslawsky) (as Count Anteoni)
- 1937 *Confession* (May) (as Michael Michailow); *Love from a Stranger* (Lee) (as Gerald Lovell); *Make a Wish* (Neumann) (as Selden); *Tovarich* (Litvak) (as Gorotchenko)
- 1938 *The Adventures of Marco Polo* (Mayo) (as Ahmed); *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (Curtiz and Keighley) (as Sir Guy de Gisbourne); *If I Were King* (Lloyd) (as Louis XI); *The Dawn Patrol* (Goulding) (as Maj. Brand)
- 1939 *Son of Frankenstein* (Lee) (as Baron Frankenstein); *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Lanfield) (as Sherlock Holmes); *The Sun Never Sets* (Lee) (as Clive Randolph); *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (Werker) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Rio* (Braum) (as Paul Reynard); *Tower of London* (Lee) (as Richard III)
- 1940 *Rhythm on the River* (Schertzinger) (as Oliver Courtney); *The Mark of Zorro* (Mamoulian) (as Capt. Esteban Pasquale)
- 1941 *The Mad Doctor* (Whelan) (as Dr. George Sebastian); *The Black Cat* (Rogell) (as Hartley); *International Lady* (Whelan) (as Reggie Oliver); *Paris Calling* (Marin) (as Benoit)
- 1942 *Fingers at the Window* (Lederer) (as Dr. Santelle); *Crossroads* (Conway) (as Henri Sarrou); *Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror* (Rawlins) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1943 *Sherlock Holmes in Washington* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Above Suspicion* (Thorpe) (as Sig von Aschenhausen); *Sherlock Holmes Faces Death* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Crazy House* (Cline) (as guest)
- 1944 *The Spider Woman* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *The Scarlet Claw* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Bathing Beauty* (Sidney) (as George Adams); *The Pearl of Death* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Frenchman's Creek* (Leisen) (as Lord Rockingham)
- 1945 *The House of Fear* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *The Woman in Green* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Passage to Algiers* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1946 *Terror by Night* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes); *Heartbeat* (Wood) (as Prof. Aristide); *Dressed to Kill* (Neill) (as Sherlock Holmes)
- 1949 *Ichabod and Mr. Toad* (Kinney, Geronimi, and Algar) (as voice of Mr. Toad)
- 1954 *Casanova's Bad Night* (McLeod) (as Lucio)
- 1955 *We're No Angels* (Curtiz) (as Andre Trochard)
- 1956 *The Court Jester* (Panama and Frank) (as Sir Ravenhurst); *The Black Sleep* (LeBorg) (as Sir Joel Cadman)
- 1958 *The Last Hurrah* (Ford) (as Norman Cass)
- 1962 *The Magic Sword* (Gordon) (as Lodac); "The Case of M. Valdemar" ep. of *Tales of Terror* (Corman) (as Carmichael); *Two before Zero* (Faralla—doc) (as narrator)
- 1963 *The Comedy of Terrors* (Tournear) (as John F. Black)
- 1964 *Pontius Pilate* (Rapper) (as Caiaphas)
- 1966 *Queen of Blood* (Harrington) (as Dr. Farraday); *Ghost in the Invisible Bikini* (Weis) (as Reginald Ripper)
- 1967 *Voyage to a Prehistoric Planet* (Sebastian, i.e. Harrington) (as Prof. Hartman); *Autopsy of a Ghost* (Rodriquez) (as Canuto Perez); *Hillbillies in a Haunted House* (Yarbrough) (as Gregor)



Basil Rathbone (left) and Errol Flynn (right) in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

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Basil Rathbone's film career is a lengthy one, spanning 45 years. During this time he played a variety of roles, both on the screen and stage, and he prided himself on his versatility. Nevertheless, Rathbone often found himself at the mercy of producers who typecast him within a limited range of characters.

In the earliest part of his film career, Rathbone was generally cast as a romantic lead. He certainly fitted the traditional description of tall, dark, and handsome, but these roles did little to advance his career. Then in 1935 Rathbone's cold portrayal of Murdstone in *David Copperfield* caught the attention of producers, who subsequently cast him as the heavy in such films as *Anna Karenina*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Captain Blood*. Perhaps his most famous villainous role was Sir Guy de Gisbourne in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. For this role (and similar ones) Rathbone studied fencing and became quite an excellent swordsman, which made his portrayals still more convincing.

Although being typecast as a villain brought Rathbone a great deal of work and success, he felt the need to break out of that mold. In 1939 Rathbone changed his image when he portrayed Sherlock Holmes in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. In many ways Basil Rathbone was the definitive Sherlock Holmes—he not only fit Conan Doyle's description of the character, but also played the part with precision and sincerity. Rathbone portrayed Holmes in 14 films (he also played the part on radio and on the stage). Although the series was very successful, Rathbone soon discovered that his association with the Sherlock Holmes character was even more constricting than his earlier identity as a villain. Finding it increasingly difficult to get acceptable film roles, in 1946 Rathbone acted on the New York stage in an attempt to escape his typecasting problems. He returned to Hollywood eight years later, only to discover that he had not quite escaped being typecast, continuing to play villains in such films as *We're No Angels* and *The Last Hurrah*. One especially memorable film from this period was *The Court Jester* in which Rathbone combined all the best elements from his earlier dastardly roles to create the consummate adversary for Danny Kaye.

Rathbone's final few roles were in mainly low-budget horror films. While two of these, *Tales of Terror* and *The Comedy of Terrors*, have become cult favorites, others are best forgotten. It is a pity that Rathbone's career should end on such a note, for the actor was capable of so much more. His earlier films showed great versatility when he was allowed the opportunity to play varied and challenging roles. Nevertheless, it is a tribute to his acting ability that he is so strongly associated with two quite opposite roles, both the classical screen villain and the ultimate proponent of law and justice, Sherlock Holmes.

—Linda J. Obalil

REDFORD, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Charles Robert Redford, Jr. in Santa Monica, California, 18 August 1937. **Education:** Attended Van Nuys High School, California; University of Colorado, Boulder; Pratt Institute, New York; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. **Family:** Married Lola Jean Wagenen, 1958 (divorced), children: Shauna, David James, Amy Hart. **Career:** Made his Broadway debut in *Tall Story*, 1959; made guest appearances on numerous

TV series, including *Hallmark Hall of Fame*, *Maverick*, *The Virginian*, *The Defenders*, *Twilight Zone*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Route 66*, *The Untouchables*, *Naked City*, *Perry Mason*, *Playhouse 90*, and *The Deputy*, 1960–64; made his film debut in *War Hunt*, 1962; appeared on Broadway in *Barefoot in the Park*, 1963, and in the film version, 1967; directed the film *Ordinary People*, 1980; set up Sundance Institute for young filmmakers, 1980; also owner of the Sundance ski resort in Provo, Utah; and is a dedicated conservationist. **Awards:** Most Promising Newcomer-Male Golden Globe, for *Inside Daisy Clover*, 1965; Best Actor British Academy Award, for *Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here*, *Downhill Racer*, and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, 1970; World Film Favorite-Male Golden Globe, 1975; World Film Favorite-Male Golden Globe, 1977; World Film Favorite-Male Golden Globe, 1978; Best Director Academy Award, Directors Guild of America Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Motion Pictures, National Board of Review Best Director, Best Director-Motion Picture Golden Globe, for *Ordinary People*, 1980; Cecil B. DeMille Award-Golden Globe, 1994; Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, 1996. **Address:** 1223 Wilshire Boulevard #412, Santa Monica, CA 90403, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1962 *War Hunt* (Sanders) (as Private Ray Loomis)
- 1965 *Situation Hopeless, but Not Serious* (Reinhardt) (as Hank); *Inside Daisy Clover* (Pakula) (as Wade Lewis)
- 1966 *The Chase* (Arthur Penn) (as Eubie Reeves); *This Property Is Condemned* (Pollack) (as Owen Legate)
- 1967 *Barefoot in the Park* (Saks) (as Paul Bratter)
- 1969 *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (Hill) (as Sundance Kid); *Downhill Racer* (Ritchie) (as David Chappellet); *Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here* (Polonsky) (as Cooper)
- 1970 *Little Fauss and Big Halsy* (Furie) (as Big Halsy)
- 1972 *The Hot Rock* (Yates) (as Dortmund); *The Candidate* (Ritchie) (as Bill McKay); *Jeremiah Johnson* (Pollack) (title role)
- 1973 *The Way We Were* (Pollack) (as Hubbel Gardiner); *The Sting* (Hill) (as Johnny Hooker)
- 1974 *The Great Gatsby* (Clayton) (title role)
- 1975 *The Great Waldo Pepper* (Hill) (title role); *Three Days of the Condor* (Pollack) (as Turner)
- 1976 *All the President's Men* (Pakula) (as Bob Woodward, + co-pr)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Maj. Cook)
- 1979 *The Electric Horseman* (Pollack) (as Sonny)
- 1980 *Brubaker* (Rosenberg) (title role)
- 1984 *The Natural* (Levin) (as Roy Hobbs)
- 1985 *Out of Africa* (Pollack) (as Denys Finch-Hatton)
- 1986 *Legal Eagles* (Reitman) (as Tom Logan)
- 1987 *Do You Mean There Are Still Real Cowboys?* (Blair—for TV) (as narrator)
- 1989 *Yosemite: The Fate of Heaven* (doc) (as narrator); *To Protect Mother Earth* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1990 *Havana* (Pollack) (as Jack Weil)
- 1992 *Incident at Oglala* (Apted—doc) (as narrator, + exec pr); *Sneakers* (Robinson) (as Martin Bishop/Martin Brice)
- 1993 *Indecent Proposal* (Lyne) (as John Gage)
- 1996 *Up Close & Personal* (Avnet) (as Warren Justice); *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Robinson—doc) (as himself)
- 1997 *Anthem* (Gabel, Hahn—doc) (as himself)



Robert Redford in *The Horse Whisperer*

- 1998 *Enredando sombras* (Aray, Birri—doc) (as himself); *Independent's Day* (Zenovich—for TV) (as himself)
 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy—doc) (as himself)

Films as Director:

- 1980 *Ordinary People*
 1988 *The Milagro Beanfield War* (+ co-pr)
 1992 *A River Runs through It* (+ ro as narrator, co-pr)
 1994 *Quiz Show* (+ pr)
 1998 *The Horse Whisperer* (+ ro as Tom Booker, pr)
 2000 *The Legend of Bagge Vance* (+ co-pr)

Other Films:

- 1988 *Promised Land* (Hoffman) (co-exec pr)
 1989 *Some Girls (Sisters)* (Hoffman) (exec pr); *84 Charlie Mopic* (Duncan) ("thanks to")
 1991 *The Dark Wind* (Morris) (co-exec pr)
 1993 *King of the Hill* (Soderbergh) (exec pr)
 1995 *The American President* (Rob Reiner) (co-pr); *The Brothers McMullen* (Burns) ("special thanks")

- 1996 *Grand Avenue* (Sackheim—for TV) (exec pr); *She's the One* (Burns) (exec pr)
 1998 *Slums of Beverly Hills* (Jenkins) (exec pr); *A Civil Action* (Zaillian) (pr); *No Looking Back* (Burns) (exec pr)
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The price of popularity with the moviegoing public often is diminished stature with the critics. Such is the case with Robert Redford, whose exquisite all-American handsomeness has decorated movie screens since the early 1960s. After several years working on stage and as a guest actor in television series episodes, he debuted in *War Hunt*, a little-seen, low-budget war film. He slowly built up his career throughout that decade, earning his first commercial success by recreating his Broadway role as the stuffy lawyer in the Neil Simon comedy *Barefoot in the Park*. At the end of the 1960s, he became one of the world's top movie stars and box-office attractions with his fame-solidifying appearance opposite Paul Newman in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Newman and Redford are similar in that both are among the beautiful people whose fortunes are in their faces. But Newman, unlike Redford, has chosen not just to play ornaments in glossy Hollywood star vehicles. From *Somebody Up There Likes Me* in 1956 through *Twilight* in 1998, Newman has played a wide range of interesting, challenging, deeply complicated characters. Meanwhile, Redford's characters have been confined to a fairly narrow spectrum. He rarely has played unsympathetic types, two exceptions being the arrogant opportunists in *Downhill Racer* and *Little Fauss and Big Halsy*. Instead, nearly all of his roles have been charming heroes, or handsome icons who rarely display emotional fireworks. Extremes of anger or romantic ardor are uncommon in his work. Rather, his characters remain dispassionate as they become involved in the dynamics of the story. They are like athletes who look good on the playing field, and are admired by the fans as they play their games, but whose inner workings remain known only to their coaches or fellow players. Even when his character is flawed (the idealistic, naively deluded candidate who compromises his integrity in *The Candidate*) or victimized (the tragedy-tainted baseball phenom in *The Natural*), Redford's overriding image is that of a Golden Boy. For this reason, recognition as a truly great actor (as opposed to truly great movie star) always has eluded him. The quintessential Redford-as-handsome-icon performance is found in *The Way We Were*. Here, his character is not so much a person as an object, a larger-than-life divine blond

being to be admired by Barbra Streisand. Streisand has the meaty role, that of the ethnic, committed political activist who undergoes the bulk of the character development. Redford is essentially a male Bo Derek—a shallow Joe College who is called upon to do little more than be beautiful.

In all fairness to the actor, however, it must be noted that he came to stardom in an era in which more and more major male movie stars were essentially character actors whose charisma compensated for their lack of classic good looks. By maintaining his stardom, Redford almost singlehandedly kept alive the image of the movie star as a diamond-bright alloy of glamour, celebrity, and erotic allure. He was able to accomplish this by exercising firm control over his career. Since *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, Redford has selected parts that he feels are compatible with his established screen persona, thus ensuring his popularity with movie audiences. He also has chosen to work with such directors as Michael Ritchie, George Roy Hill, and Sidney Pollack, who seem to best understand that persona, and know how to successfully convey it on-screen.

Perhaps Redford has been at his best playing opposite Newman, in *Butch Cassidy and The Sting*. Newman's presence seems to loosen up Redford, and their on-screen chemistry is the key ingredient which makes both films such satisfying entertainments. In these films, Redford adds a pleasingly wry wit to his characterizations. And in his better screen moments, he is effectively able to hint, via subtle nuance, at a more complex psychology hidden beneath his surface presence.

In recent years, Redford has transcended his identity as an actor. In the 1980s, he established the Sundance Institute for young filmmakers, with his Sundance Film Festival, a showcase for the year's newest independent films, evolving into one of the motion picture industry's higher-profile events. He also entered the directing arena in 1980, winning an Academy Award for his maiden effort, *Ordinary People*. It remains an impressive drama examining the brittle reality beneath the veneer of an outwardly typical upper-middle-class American family that has been torn apart by tragedy.

Unfortunately, none of Redford's subsequent directorial efforts have matched *Ordinary People*. *The Milagro Beanfield War* is set in a picturesque New Mexico town, mostly populated by poor and powerless Hispanics, that is about to be swallowed up by "progress" in the form of a fat-cat land developer. The result is at best pleasant and entertaining, enhanced by lyrical, wryly humorous moments, and at worst unnecessarily melodramatic. *A River Runs through It* is a much-too-taciturn drama about the relationships and opposing forces within another American family, this one an outdoors Montana household. Despite its wide acclaim, *Quiz Show*, an allegorical drama about the television quiz show scandals of the late 1950s, is wrought with oversimplifications and misstatements of fact.

The Horse Whisperer is perhaps Redford's best post-*Ordinary People* film, a sound, sensible drama about a young teenage girl and her horse, both of whom are traumatized after a horrible accident. The girl's mother, a worldly but never-quite-satisfied New York magazine editor, brings the two out west for the down-home therapy dispensed by the title character, a sage, weathered Montana rancher (played by Redford). At its core, *The Horse Whisperer* may be linked to *Ordinary People* and *A River Runs through It* as a story of the invisible walls that separate and alienate the members of an American family, with a spotlight on young people whose innocence is tainted

by fate. In *The Horse Whisperer*, the antidote to this rift involves embracing a lifestyle that is simple, direct, and no-nonsense—one that, in fact, reflects on Redford's own passion for the American West.

A sense of social responsibility exists within Redford's more recent cinematic projects, from the subjects he has chosen for the films he has directed to his involvement with the Sundance Institute and his narrating and executive producing Michael Apted's *Incident at Oglala*. The latter is a potent documentary presenting evidence of the railroading of Leonard Peltier, the American Indian Movement activist convicted of killing a pair of FBI agents in 1975 at South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation. A number of Redford's earlier films work as examinations or exposes of inequities within the American system. *The Candidate* and *All the President's Men* deal with the seamy side of American politics. *Brubaker* uncovers corruption within the penal system. *The Electric Horseman* is a tract against crass commercialism and the exploitation of nature.

As one school of thought maintains, Redford's looks have been his albatross, limiting the directions in which a sizable talent might otherwise have taken him. Meanwhile, others argue that he is merely a competent actor with exceptional physical appeal. What remains indisputable is that, unlike hundreds (if not thousands) of other pretty boy actors, Redford has been no flavor of the month, a hot item one day and a has-been (or never-was) the next. He has maintained his stardom over several decades, which in and of itself is quite an accomplishment.

—Fiona Valentine, updated by Rob Edelman

REDGRAVE, (Sir) Michael

Nationality: British. **Born:** Michael Scudamore Redgrave in Bristol, 20 March 1908. **Education:** Attended Clifton College, Bristol; Magdalene College, Cambridge, B.A. in French, German and English 1930. **Family:** Married the actress Rachel Kempson, 1935, daughters: the actresses Vanessa Redgrave and Lynn Redgrave, son: the actor Corin Redgrave. **Career:** Modern language teacher, Cranleigh school; 1934–36—member of Liverpool Repertory Theatre: professional debut in *Counsellor-at-Law*; in the following years acted at the Old Vic, London, and with John Gielgud's company; 1938—film debut in *The Lady Vanishes*; 1941–42—served in the Royal Navy; 1945—directed and appeared in the stage play *Jacobowsky and the Colonel*; 1947—U.S. film debut in *Mourning Becomes Electra*; 1948—U.S. stage debut in *Macbeth*; 1957—formed his own production company; 1959—appeared in his own adaptation of *The Aspern Papers* on London stage; continued to act in films and on stage, and also on television. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *The Browning Version*, 1951. Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1952. Knighted, 1959. **Died:** 21 March 1985.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *The Lady Vanishes* (Hitchcock) (as Gilbert)
- 1939 *Stolen Life* (Czinner) (as Alan Mackenzie); *Climbing High* (Reed) (as Nicholas Brooke)



Michael Redgrave (left) with Laurence Olivier in *The Battle of Britain*

- 1940 *The Stars Look Down* (Reed) (as David Fenwick); *A Window in London* (Mason) (as Peter)
- 1941 *Kipps* (Reed) (title role); *Atlantic Ferry* (Forde) (as Charles MacIver); *Jeannie* (French) (as Stanley Smith)
- 1942 *The Big Blockade* (Frend) (as the Russian)
- 1943 *Thunder Rock* (Boulting) (as Charleston)
- 1945 *The Way to the Stars* (Asquith) (as Flight Lt. Archdale); ***Dead of Night*** (ep. dir by Cavalcanti) (as Maxwell Frere); *A Diary for Timothy* (Jennings) (as narrator)
- 1946 *The Captive Heart* (Dearden) (as Karel Hasek); *The Years Between* (Bennett) (as Michael Wentworth)
- 1947 *The Man Within* (Bennett) (as Carlyon); *Mourning Becomes Electra* (Nichols) (as Orin Mannon)
- 1948 *Secret behind the Door* (Fritz Lang) (as Mark Lamphere)
- 1951 *The Browning Version* (Asquith) (as Andrew Crocker-Harris)
- 1952 *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Asquith) (as John Worthington)
- 1954 *The Green Scarf* (O'Ferrall) (as Maitre Deliot)
- 1955 *The Sea Shall Not Have Them* (Gilbert) (as Air Commodore Walty); *Oh, Rosalinda!* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Col. Eisenstein); *The Night My Number Came Up* (Norman) (as Air Marshal); *The Dam Busters* (Anderson) (as Barnes Wallis); *Confidential Report* (Welles) (as Trebitsch)
- 1956 *1984* (Anderson) (as O'Connor)
- 1957 *Time without Pity* (Losey) (as David Graham); *The Happy Road* (Kelly) (as Gen. Medworth)
- 1958 *Vanishing Cornwall* (Browning—doc) (as narrator); *The Quiet American* (Mankiewicz) (as Fowler); *Law and Disorder* (Crichton) (as Percy); *The Immortal Land* (Wright—doc) (as narrator); *Behind the Mask* (Hurst) (as Sir Anthony Benson Gray)
- 1959 *Shake Hands with the Devil* (Anderson) (as Michael Collins); *The Wreck of the Mary Deare* (Anderson) (as Mr. Nyland)
- 1961 *No, My Darling Daughter* (Box and Thomas) (as Sir Matthew Carr); *The Innocents* (Clayton) (as the Uncle)
- 1962 *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner* (Richardson) (as Governor)
- 1965 *Young Cassidy* (Cardiff) (as W. B. Yeats); *The Heroes of Telemark* (Anthony Mann) (as Uncle); *The Hill* (Lumet) (as the M.O.)
- 1968 *Assignment K* (Gielgud) (as Harris); *Heidi* (Delbert Mann—for TV)

- 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Gen. Wilson);
Goodbye, Mr. Chips (Ross) (as Headmaster)
- 1970 *David Copperfield* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Peggotty);
Goodbye Gemini (Gibson) (as the MP)
- 1971 *Connecting Rooms* (Gollings) (as James Wallraven); *The Go-Between* (Losey) (as Leo as adult)
- 1972 *Nicholas and Alexandra* (Schaffner) (as Grand Duke); *The Last Target* (Spenton-Foster) (as Erik Fritsch)

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Although he often gave the impression that he was only appearing on the screen under sufferance and would far rather have been treading the boards of the Old Vic, perhaps playing King Lear for Tyrone Guthrie or consorting in the dressing rooms with Dame Edith Evans, Sir Michael Redgrave had a long and varied career as a film actor, proving himself a plausible, if reluctant, leading man in his debut, the Hitchcock caper, *The Lady Vanishes*; displaying a stiff upper lip in a succession of war films, notably Basil Dearden's *The Captive Heart* and Michael Anderson's *The Dam Busters*; and even showing a knack for comedy as Jack Worthington in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

"Earnest" Redgrave most certainly was: he generally acted briskly, with a bookish, schoolmasterly air, and was expert at conveying a sense of pained idealism. He was rather too intense to be classified with the "chaps," the tweed jacketed, pipe smoking squires/stars of 1950s British cinema, such as Jack Hawkins and Kenneth More. With Redgrave in front of the cameras, there is always the sense of a ferocious nervous energy ready to rip through the outward reserve. In Cavalcanti's segment of *Dead of Night*, for example, he plays the ventriloquist who becomes possessed by his own Charlie McCarthy of a dummy. Watching this performance is like seeing Mr. Chips give way to Hannibal Lecter. There is his brooding cameo as the Uncle in *The Innocents*, Jack Clayton's reworking of *The Turn of the Screw*; there is his crusading reformer of the mines in *The Stars Look Down*, his cuckolded husband in *The Browning Version*, or his political zealot of *Fame Is the Spur*: these are all parts that confirm that a Redgrave fueled by a sense of moral righteousness is a terrifying thing.

Basil Wright and Humphrey Jennings, doyens of the culturally respectable Documentary Movement, were his contemporaries at Cambridge, where Redgrave edited a magazine, *Venture*, and was film critic for *Granta*. His academic/high culture background perhaps goes some way to explaining his disdain for the medium that brought him popular success: "I, who believed that in good acting there must be a continual stream of improvisation, began to think that this business of hitting chalk marks, adjusting one's gaze . . . and all the rest of the paraphernalia . . . was a very mechanical, second-best thing indeed."

As a dissenting British film actor, he is in good company. James Mason, Stewart Granger, and Dirk Bogarde have also used their autobiographies to denigrate the British pictures they "graced." Nevertheless, it is surprising that Redgrave, who worked with Fritz Lang and Orson Welles, Carol Reed and Anthony Asquith among others, should still contrive to scoff at the bastard celluloid muse. Yet the key to Redgrave's acting is his quite palpable sense of discomfort: he always seems ill at ease. He was never accepted by either the theater or the film "establishment." He did not scale the heights of the holy triumvirate, Olivier/Richardson/Gielgud, on the stage. Nor was he a fully fledged film star. A quintessential Redgrave screen performance is his depiction of Barnes Wallis, builder of the bouncing bomb, in *The Dam Busters*. Here, he plays a nervous, stooped inventor in a mackintosh, clearly uncomfortable in a world of hearty RAF officers and their Labradors. Just as Redgrave the actor never received his due, Barnes Wallis finds that his schemes run aground on the rocks of Home Office and Bomber Command indifference. He is the boffin as outsider, the serious Stanislavskian caught in a world of West End farce. In the end, his perverse and unshakable self-belief see him triumph against the odds.

It used to be commonplace to say that British film actors were "emotionally frozen" and/or "sexually repressed." Unlike their Methodist American counterparts, they did not "explode": it is hard to think of Redgrave or Trevor Howard sweating it out à la Brando in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. What these consummate British stars can do is to hint at the seething turmoil of social, sexual, and political anxiety behind the carapace. They are expert at "imploding." And few manage better to convey the anguish engendered by having strong feelings but being denied the outlet to express them than Redgrave senior. In his bristling, schoolmasterly awkwardness, he

remains an infinitely more interesting actor than either his children or grandchildren.

—G. C. Macnab

REDGRAVE, Vanessa

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, 30 January 1937; daughter of the actor Michael Redgrave and the actress Rachel Kempson; sister of the actress Lynn Redgrave and the actor Corin Redgrave. **Education:** Attended Queensgate School, London; Central School of Speech and Drama, London, 1954–57. **Family:** Married the director Tony Richardson, 1962 (divorced 1966), daughters: the actresses Natasha and Joely Richardson; one son, Carlo, by the actor Franco Nero. **Career:** Made London debut in *A Touch of the Sun*, 1958; made film debut in *Behind the Mask*, 1959; acted for a season with the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford upon Avon, 1959; appeared in the stage play *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, 1966; later stage work included roles in *Antony and Cleopatra*, 1973, *Macbeth*, 1975, *The Seagull*, 1985, and *Orpheus Descending*, 1988; produced the film *The Palestinian*, 1977; successfully sued the Boston Symphony for cancelling her concert series for political reasons, 1983; appeared in the TV mini-series *Peter the Great*, 1986, and *Young Catherine*, 1991. **Awards:** Cannes Film Festival Best Actress, for *Morgan! A Suitable Case for Treatment*, 1966; Cannes Film Festival Best Actress, National Society of Film Critics Best Actress, for *Isadora*, 1969; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association



Vanessa Redgrave and David Hemmings in *Blow-Up*

Best Supporting Actress, Best Motion Picture Actress in a Supporting Role Golden Globe, for *Julia*, 1977; Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Special Emmy Award, for *Playing for Time*, 1980; National Society of Film Critics Best Actress, for *The Bostonians*, 1984; National Society of Film Critics Best Actress, for *Wetherby*, 1985; New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actress, for *Prick Up Your Ears*, 1987; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup-Best Supporting Actress, for *Little Odessa*, 1994; San Sebastian International Film Festival Donostia Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999. **Address:** 1 Ravenscourt Road, London W6, England.

Films as Actress:

- 1958 *Behind the Mask* (Hurst) (as Pamela Gray)
- 1966 *Morgan! A Suitable Case for Treatment* (Reisz) (as Leonie Delt); *Blow-Up* (Antonioni) (as Jane)
- 1967 *Red and Blue* (Richardson) (as Jacky); *Camelot* (Logan) (as Guinevere); *A Man for All Seasons* (Zinnemann) (as Anne Boleyn); *The Sailor from Gibraltar* (Richardson) (as Sheila); *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (Richardson) (as Clarissa)
- 1968 *Isadora* (Reisz) (as Isadora Duncan); *The Sea Gull* (Lumet) (as Nina); *Un tranquillo posto di campagna* (*A Quiet Place in the Country*) (Petri) (as Flavia); *Tonight Let's All Make Love in London* (Whitehead) (as guest)
- 1969 *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Sylvia Pankhurst); *La vacanza* (*The Vacation; Dropout*) (Brass) (as Immacolata)
- 1971 *The Trojan Women* (Cacoyannis) (as Andromache); *The Devils* (Russell) (as Sister Jeanne); *Mary, Queen of Scots* (Jarrott) (title role)
- 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Mary Debenham)
- 1975 *Out of Season* (Alan Bridges) (as Ann)
- 1976 *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution* (Ross) (as Lola Deveraux)
- 1977 *Julia* (Zinnemann) (title role); *Agatha* (Apted) (as Agatha Christie); *The Palestinian* (Battersby) (+ pr)
- 1979 *Yanks* (Schlesinger) (as Helen); *Bear Island* (Sharp) (as Hedi Lindquist)
- 1980 *Playing for Time* (Daniel Mann—for TV) (as Fania Fenelon)
- 1982 *My Body, My Child* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Leenie Cabrezi)
- 1983 *Wagner* (Palmer—for TV) (as Cosima)
- 1984 *The Bostonians* (Ivory) (as Olive Chancellor)
- 1985 *Wetherby* (Hare) (as Jean Travers); *Steaming* (Losey) (as Nancy); *Three Sovereigns for Sarah* (Leacock—for TV) (as Sarah Cloyce)
- 1986 *Second Serve* (Page—for TV) (as Renee Richards); *Comrades* (Douglas) (as Mrs. Carlyle)
- 1987 *Prick Up Your Ears* (Frears) (as Peggy Ramsay)
- 1988 *Consuming Passions* (Foster) (as Mrs. Garza); *A Man for All Seasons* (Charlton Heston—for TV) (as Alice More)
- 1990 *Diceria dell'untore* (*The Plague Sowers*) (Cino) (as Sister Crucifix); *Romeo-Juliet* (Acosta) (voice of Mother Capulet); *A Breath of Life* (Cino) (as Sister Crocifissa); *Orpheus Descending* (Hall—for TV) (as Lady Torrance)
- 1991 *Stalin's Funeral* (Yevtuschenko); *The Ballad of the Sad Café* (Callow) (as Miss Amelia Evans); *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?* (Greene—for TV) (as Blanche Hudson); *Behind the Mask* (doc)
- 1992 *Howards End* (Ivory) (as Ruth Wilcox)
- 1993 *Storia di una Capinera* (*Sparrow*) (Zeffirelli) (as Sister Agata); *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Nivea); *Crime and*

- Punishment* (as Mrs. Raskolnikov); *Un Muro de Silencio* (*A Wall of Silence*) (Stantic) (as Kate Benson); *They* (*They Watch*) (Korty—for TV) (as Florence Latimer); *Great Moments in Aviation* (Kidron) (as Dr. Angela Bead)
- 1994 *Mother's Boys* (Simoneau) (as Lydia); *Little Odessa* (Gray) (as Irina Shapira)
- 1995 *A Month by the Lake* (Irvin) (as Miss Bentley); *Down Came a Blackbird* (Jonathan Sanger—for TV) (as Anna Lenke)
- 1996 *Mission Impossible* (De Palma) (as Max); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino) (as herself)
- 1997 *Wilde* (Gilbert) (as Speranza); *Déjà Vu* (Jaglom) (as Skelly); *Smilla's Sense of Snow* (August) (as Elsa Lubing); *Mrs. Dalloway* (Gorris) (as title role); *Bella Mafia* (Greene—mini for TV) (as Graziella Luciano)
- 1998 *Deep Impact* (Leder) (as Robin Lerner); *Lulu on the Bridge* (Auster) (as Catherine Moore)
- 1999 *Uninvited* (Carlo Gabriel Nero) (as Mrs. Ruttenburn); *A Rumor of Angels* (O'Fallon) (as Maddy); *Mirka* (Benhadj) (as Kalsan); *Girl, Interrupted* (as Dr. Wick) (Mangold); *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Countess LaGrange)
- 2000 *If These Walls Could Talk 2* (Anderson, Coolidge, Heche—for TV) (as Edith Tree); *The Pledge* (Penn)

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Disappointing is the first word that comes to mind with regard to Vanessa Redgrave’s film career. But that perhaps says more about our expectations than her achievements. Being part of one of Britain’s great theatrical families may have been more of a burden than an asset, so it is a credit to her persistence and intelligence that she has not given up on acting entirely, or sunk to the depths of a Hayley or Juliet Mills. Yet in virtually all of her films there remains a lingering sense of something great, of a performer of truly passionate intensity going to waste.

In some cases, this can be squarely blamed on the directors with whom she worked. During her marriage to Tony Richardson, enduring *The Sailor from Gibraltar* and *The Charge of the Light Brigade* can only have hastened the divorce proceedings. And how could any performer communicate through the chaotic gore of *The Devils*? Redgrave almost succeeds in giving a startling performance, but is constantly thwarted by director Ken Russell’s selfish grandiosity. Even her Academy Award-winning role in *Julia*, impressive as it is, cannot help but drown in the pale timidity of its surroundings, that Hollywood brand of liberal politics known as Zinnemannism. She demonstrably acts Jane Fonda off the screen; in fact, it is an embarrassingly one-sided contest—elegant intelligence versus radical pouting. But the film remains too pretty, too patronizing, and, crucially, too evasive about the women’s relationship.

Many of Redgrave’s films are limited by respectability, as if she were determined to prove her classical credentials. Hence she is adequately striking in *The Sea Gull*, lovingly embalmed by Sidney Lumet, and does what she can in the international stew of *The Trojan Women*. In *Mary, Queen of Scots* she succumbs to the tedious early 1970s vogue for Tudor costume drama, halfheartedly sparring with Glenda Jackson when they should be asking each other how they got into such a dull film in the first place.

In the 1960s Redgrave played female lead in two films central to the inflated ego of that decade—*Blow-Up* and *Morgan*. In both, she had to contend with a smothering male presence (Antonioni and David Warner respectively), but very nearly captures the hearts of the two films. Her Guinevere in *Camelot* is suitably beautiful but, not surprisingly, her intelligence rarely seems engaged by the text. *Isadora* at least put her in the epicenter of a film, giving Redgrave her best early career leading role as Isadora Duncan and offering her a substantial dramatic showcase.

It took considerable courage, given the hysterical misinterpretation of her political views in certain quarters of the United States, to take the lead role in the made-for-television drama *Playing for Time*, and her success in it is heartening. She is never less than moving in her role as concentration camp prisoner Fania Fenelon. But perhaps her finest film performance, though less celebrated than many, came in *Yanks*. It is one of the only straightforwardly romantic films she has

appeared in, but it never equates romanticism with sloppiness. Redgrave's acting, free of the responsibilities of a crushing classical role or of the need to punch home political points, is the strong, subtle, emotional center of the text.

As she has aged, Redgrave has taken on an assortment of supporting character roles. She was a solid presence in two films in which her characters are at once dissimilar and alike: they may come from opposite classes, yet the fact that each is dying is a key element in the story. In *Howards End*, she is a highborn matriarch who wills her cherished estate to the character played by Emma Thompson; in *Little Odessa*, she is a nondescript Russian-Jewish woman whose husband has been unfaithful and whose oldest son has become a hitman. During the second half of the 1990s, Redgrave's highest-profile films have featured her in roles that virtually are cameos. In *Girl, Interrupted*, for example, she plays a very proper psychiatrist; in *Cradle Will Rock*, she is a wealthy, dizzy countess. She even appeared in a pair of mega-budget Hollywood actioners, adding a bit of humanity and depth to *Deep Impact* as the rejected mother of heroine Tea Leoni and quite a bit of pizzazz to *Mission Impossible* as a greedy, sexy information broker.

Meanwhile, Redgrave gave attractive star performances in two films that were far-less publicized. In *A Month by the Lake*, she is an amiable British woman who comes to Italy's Lake Como for a vacation prior to World War II and becomes intrigued by the idea of a romance with a stylish but impulsive, ultimately enigmatic middle-aged businessman. In *Mrs. Dalloway*, based on a novel by Virginia Woolf, Redgrave is especially fine as the title character, a moneyed middle-aged woman who comes off as stodgy and self-satisfied as she prepares to host an elegant party. She is contrasted to her youthful self in a series of flashbacks and, at this point in her life, it is noted that the vibrant young woman "could do so much, be so much." The story would be one-dimensional and predictable if the plight of its heroine made her nothing more than a victim of cruel sexism. What makes it so effective is that it is layered with emotion and nuance, and the fact that Clarissa Dalloway, as portrayed by Redgrave, is such a complex, fully developed character.

Her performances in films from *Yanks* through *A Month by the Lake* and *Mrs. Dalloway* are clear proof that if Redgrave's political commitments ever put an end to her acting career, it will be a significant loss. Yet even her political views, liked by few people and understood by fewer, seem somehow linked to the tenacity and conviction she has displayed in her films.

—Andy Medhurst, updated by Rob Edelman

REED, Oliver

Nationality: British. **Born:** Robert Oliver Reed in Wimbledon, Surrey, 13 February 1938; the nephew of the director Carol Reed. **Family:** Married 1) Kate Byrne, two children; 2) Josephine Burge, 1985. **Career:** Worked as nightclub bouncer, boxer, and cab driver; military service in the Medical Corps; 1960—film debut in *The Angry Silence*; 1968–69—roles in *Oliver!* and *Women in Love* brought

critical attention; 1993—in TV mini-series *Return to Lonesome Dove*. **Died:** 2 May 1999 in Valletta, Malta, of heart attack.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *The Angry Silence* (Green) (as Mick); *The League of Gentlemen* (Dearden); *The Bulldog Breed* (Asher); *Beat Girl* (*Wild for Kicks*) (Greville) (as Plaid Shirt); *Sword of Sherwood Forest* (Fisher) (as Melton); *The Two Faces of Dr. Jekyll* (*House of Fright*) (Fisher)
- 1961 *His and Hers* (Hurst) (as Poet); *The Curse of the Werewolf* (Fisher) (as Leon); *The Rebel* (*Call Me Genius*) (Day); *No Love for Johnnie* (Thomas)
- 1962 *The Damned* (*These Are the Damned*) (Losey) (as King); *The Pirates of Blood River* (Gilling) (as Brocaire); *Captain Clegg* (*Night Creatures*) (Scott) (as Harry Crabtree)
- 1963 *Paranoiac* (Francis) (as Simon Ashby); *The Scarlet Blade* (Gilling) (as Capt. Sylvester); *The Party's Over* (Hamilton) (as Moise)
- 1964 *The System* (*The Girl Getters*) (Winner) (as Tinker)
- 1965 *The Brigand of Kandahar* (Gilling) (as Eli Khan)
- 1966 *The Trap* (Hayers) (as Jean La Bete); *The Jokers* (Winner)
- 1967 *The Shuttered Room* (Greene) (as Ethan); *Dante's Inferno: The Life of Dante Gabriel Rossetti* (Russell—for TV) (title role); *I'll Never Forget What's 'is Name* (Winner) (as Andrew Quint)
- 1968 *Oliver!* (Carol Reed) (as Bill Sykes)
- 1969 *The Assassination Bureau* (Dearden) (as Ivan Dragomiloff); *Hannibal Brooks* (Winner) (as Brooks); *Women in Love* (Russell) (as GERAL CRICH)
- 1970 *La Dame dans l'auto avec des lunettes et un fusil* (*The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*) (Litvak) (as Michael Caldwell); *Take a Girl Like You* (Miller) (Patrick)
- 1971 *The Devils* (Russell) (as Father Grandier); *The Hunting Party* (Medford) (as Frank Calder)
- 1972 *Z.P.G.* (Campus) (as Russ McNeil); *Sitting Target* (Hickox) (as Harry Lomart); *Mordi e fuggi* (*Dirty Weekend*; *Bite and Run*) (Risi) (as Fabrizio)
- 1973 *Blue Blood* (Sinclair); *Triple Echo* (Apted) (as Sergeant); *Il giorno del furore* (*Days of Fury*; *One Russian Summer*) (Calenda)
- 1974 *The Three Musketeers* (Lester) (as Athos)
- 1975 *The Four Musketeers* (Lester) (as Athos); *Tommy* (Russell) (as Frank Hobbs); *Ten Little Indians* (Collinson) (as Hugh Lombard); *Royal Flash* (Lester) (as Bismark)
- 1976 *The Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday* (Taylor) (as Joe Knox); *Burnt Offerings* (Curtis) (as Ben); *Blood in the Streets* (*The Revolver*) (Sollima) (as Vito Caprini); *The Sell Out* (Collinson) (as Gabriel Lee)
- 1978 *The Big Sleep* (Winner) (as Eddie Mars); *Crossed Swords* (*The Prince and the Pauper*) (Fleischer) (as Miles Henderson); *Tomorrow Never Comes* (Collinson) (as Wilson); *Maniac* (*Assault on Paradise*; *The Town That Cried Terror*) (Compton) (as Nick McCormick)
- 1979 *The Class of Miss MacMichael* (Narizzano) (as Terence Sutton); *The Brood* (Cronenberg) (as Dr. Hal Raglan)



Oliver Reed (standing) in *And Then There Were None* (1974)

- 1980 *Dr. Heckyl and Mr. Hype* (Griffith) (title role)
 1981 *Condorman* (Jarrott) (as Krokov); *Lion of the Desert* (Akkad) (as Gen. Rodolfo Graziani)
 1982 *Venom* (Haggard) (as Dave); *Death Bite* (*Spasms*) (Fruet) (as Jason Kincaid)
 1983 *Two of a Kind* (Herzfeld) (as Beazley); *The Sting II* (Kagan) (as Lonnegan); *Fanny Hill* (O'Hara); *The Great Question* (*Al Mas à la Al Kubra*) (Jameel)
 1986 *Captive* (Mayerberg) (as Gregory Le Vay); *Castaway* (Roeg) (as Gerald Kingsland)
 1987 *Wheels of Terror* (Hessler) (as the General)
 1988 *Dragonard* (*Master of Dragonard Hill*) (Kikoine); *Captive Rage* (Sundstrom) (as Gen. Belmondo); *Skeleton Coast* (Cardos) (as Capt. Simpson); *The House of Usher* (Birkinshaw) (as Roderick Usher)
 1989 *The Adventures of Baron Münchhausen* (Gilliam) (as Vulcan); *Rage to Kill* (Winters); *The Return of the Musketeers* (Lester) (as Athos); *A Ghost in Monte Carlo* (Hough—for TV); *Gor* (Kiersch) (as Sarm)
 1990 *Treasure Island* (Fraser C. Heston—for TV) (as Captain Billy Bones); *Panama Sugar and the Dog Thief* (Avallone)
 1991 *Army* (Santostefano); *The Pit and the Pendulum* (Gordon) (as Cardinal); *Prisoner of Honor* (Russell—for TV) (as Gen. Boisdeffre); *Hired to Kill* (Mastorakis) (as Michael Bartos)

- 1992 *Severed Ties* (Santostefano and Roberts) (as Dr. Hans Vaughan)
 1995 *Funny Bones* (Chelsom) (as Dolly Hopkins)
 1996 *The Bruce* (as Bishop Robert Wishart)
 1998 *Parting Shots* (Winner) (as Jamie Campbell-Stewart); *Marco Polo* (Erschbamer); *The Incredible Adventures of Marco Polo*; *Jeremiah* (Winer—for TV) (General Safan)
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Time and more than his fair share of bad films have tended to relegate Oliver Reed to the status of a washed-up middle-aged actor whose early promise has expired under a morass of inferior work. Certainly his appearances in the grisly, post-*Wild Bunch* splatter Western *The Hunting Party*, the snake-on-the-loose horror thriller *Venom*, and the comic book *Condorman* offered little opportunity for him to reveal either talent or screen presence. Yet there is nothing to be gained from merely pointing to Reed's long list of bad films and dismissing him on this basis. Nor would it be justified. From his first starring role in Terence Fisher's *The Curse of the Werewolf* to collaborations with Richard Lester and, especially, Ken Russell, with whom Reed's tempestuous nature formed an ideal match, Oliver Reed exhibits at his best a powerful screen persona which bad films have tarnished but not destroyed completely.

Cast early on as a thug or teddy boy in several British kitchen sink and juvenile delinquency dramas, Reed had his first major role as the title character in *Curse* for Hammer Films (he had had a small part as a bouncer in the same studio's *The Two Faces of Dr. Jekyll*, also directed by Terence Fisher, released the previous year). Parts in other of the studio's horror and action thrillers quickly followed, most notably the scenery-chewing psycho in *Paranoid*. His career advanced considerably when he met Ken Russell, for whom he starred as the poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti in Russell's BBC biopic *Dante's Inferno*. Their association continued with Russell's breakthrough film, *Women in Love*, in which Reed co-starred, through several other Russell extravaganzas (*Mahler*, *Lisztomania*) in which the actor took cameos. Reed had his biggest success as the murderous Bill Sikes in *Oliver!*, the film adaptation of the hit musical based on Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*. The director, Carol Reed, was his uncle, who, detesting nepotism, declined considering his nephew for the part; the latter won it entirely on his own by auditioning. He has worked steadily since, but has never quite achieved the star status *Oliver!* so auspiciously hinted at.

A comparison of several of Reed's major roles apart from Sikes, but certainly not excluding it—Leon in *Curse*, Grandier in *The Devils*, and Athos in *The Three Musketeers/The Four Musketeers*—provides some insight into his success. In the case of the first, we have a man torn between a desire for love and a destructive animal rage which eventually overcomes and destroys him. Romance in the form of Christina (Catherine Feller) can conquer his werewolf side but circumstances tear them apart. Grandier is a priest who sees no contradiction between his clerical vows and the pursuit of physical

pleasure. This "immoral" man becomes the most moral of all when he takes a lone and fatal stand against the government figures who wish to destroy the independence of the city of Loudon. Athos, who drinks and fights with no regard for public opinion or his own safety, is also a nobleman whose genuine love for a harlot, Milady (Faye Dunaway), lost him his honor. In all three cases Reed skillfully conveys the contradictions inherent in the characters—quiet introspection alternating with harsh violence.

It is true that Reed cannot on his own redeem a mediocre film, but then it is difficult to think of any actor who could have salvaged anything from *Z.P.G.*, *Tomorrow Never Comes*, or *Sting II* (where Reed took the part created by Robert Shaw). He often seems uncaring in his choice of roles. But he clearly knows a good project when it comes along (he told David Cronenberg that *The Brood* was the best script he had read since *The Devils*).

It is encouraging, however, that recent supporting roles such as Vulcan in Gilliam's *The Adventures of Baron Münchhausen*, Billy Bones in Fraser Heston's version of *Treasure Island*, and the wry, drunken priest in Stuart Gordon's Russell homage, *The Pit and the Pendulum*, have brought him the praise he often deserves.

—Daniel O'Brien, updated by John McCarty

REEVE, Christopher

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 25 September 1952. **Education:** Graduated from Princeton Day School, 1970; graduated from Cornell University, 1974; attended Julliard School. **Family:** Began domestic partnership with the advertising executive Gae Exton, 1977 (partnership ended 1987); married the singer-actress Dana Morosini, 1992, sons: Matthew and Will, daughter: Alexandra. **Career:** First appeared on television in the soap opera *Love of Life*, 1974–76; made his Broadway debut in *A Matter of Gravity*, 1976; founded Christopher Reeve Foundation, 1996 (merged with the American Paralysis Association in 1999 to become the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation); named Vice President, National Organization on Disability, 1997. **Awards:** British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Best Newcomer Award, 1979; special Obie Award "for his courageous work on behalf of Chilean artists," 1988; Walter Briebl Human Rights Foundation Award, 1988; Emmy, Outstanding Informational Special, for *Without Pity: A Film about Abilities*, 1996; Screen Actors Guild Award, Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a TV Movie or Miniseries, for *Rear Window*, 1998. **Agent:** Betsy Berg, William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A. **Address:** Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, 500 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1978 *Gray Lady Down* (Greene) (as Phillips); *Superman* (Donner) (title role)
- 1980 *Superman II* (Lester) (title role); *Somewhere in Time* (Szwarc) (as Richard Collier)



Christopher Reeve in *Superman: The Movie*

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| <p>1982 <i>Deathtrap</i> (Lumet) (as Clifford Anderson); <i>Monsignor</i> (Perry) (as Flaherty)</p> <p>1983 <i>Superman III</i> (Lester) (title role)</p> <p>1984 <i>The Bostonians</i> (Ivory) (as Basil Ransome)</p> <p>1985 <i>The Aviator</i> (Miller) (as Edgar Anscombe); <i>Anna Karenina</i> (Langton—for TV) (as Count Vronsky)</p> <p>1987 <i>Street Smart</i> (Schatzberg) (as Jonathan Fisher); <i>The Grand Knockout Tournament</i> (Hughes—for TV) (as himself); <i>Superman IV: The Quest for Peace</i> (Furie) (title role) (+ co-story, second-unit direction)</p> <p>1988 <i>Switching Channels</i> (Kotcheff) (as Blaine Bingham); <i>The Great Escape II: The Untold Story</i> (Nader—for TV) (as Major John Dodge)</p> <p>1990 <i>The Rose and the Jackal</i> (Gold—for TV) (as Allan Pinkerton); <i>Fear and the Muse: The Story of Anna Akhmatova</i> (Janows) (Narrator)</p> <p>1991 <i>Bump in the Night</i> (Arthur—for TV) (as Lawrence Muller); <i>Death Dreams</i> (Donovan—for TV) (as George Westfield)</p> <p>1992 <i>Noises Off</i> (Bogdanovich) (as Frederick Dallas and Philip Brent); <i>Mortal Sins</i> (May—for TV) (as Father Thomas Cusack); <i>Nightmare in the Daylight</i> (for TV) (as Sean)</p> | <p>1993 <i>Morning Glory</i> (Stern) (as Will Parker); <i>The Sea Wolf</i> (Anderson—for TV) (as Humphrey Van Weyden); <i>The Remains of the Day</i> (Ivory) (as Lewis)</p> <p>1994 <i>Speechless</i> (Underwood) (as Bob “Bagdad” Freed); <i>Black Fox: The Price of Peace</i> (Stern—for TV) (as Alan Johnson); <i>Black Fox: Blood Horse</i> (Stern—for TV) (as Alan Johnson); <i>Black Fox: Good Men and Bad</i> (Stern—for TV) (as Alan Johnson)</p> <p>1995 <i>Village of the Damned</i> (Carpenter) (as Alan Chaffee); <i>Above Suspicion</i> (Schachter) (as Dempsey Cain)</p> <p>1996 <i>Without Pity: A Film about Abilities</i> (Mierendorf—for TV) (doc) (Narrator); <i>Nine</i> (Hays) (anim) (as Thurston Last); <i>A Step toward Tomorrow</i> (Reinisch) (as Denny Gabriel); <i>The Toughest Break</i> (for TV) (doc) (Narrator)</p> <p>1998 <i>Rear Window</i> (Bleckner—for TV) (as Jason Kemp) (+ exec)</p> <p>Other Films:</p> <p>1997 <i>In the Gloaming</i> (for TV) (d); <i>Christopher Reeve: A Celebration of Hope</i> (for TV) (exec)</p> |
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When a tall and gangly 15-year-old named Christopher Reeve joined a summer stock company in Williamstown, Massachusetts,

thereby embarking on a professional acting career, he had no idea that he would become world famous for two very different reasons: enacting a comic book character in the movies, and dedicating his formidable energies to finding a cure for spinal cord injuries. Despite Reeve’s varied career on stage and the large and small screens, two images—simultaneously contradictory and complementary—will forever define him in the public imagination: Reeve in the familiar blue-and-red costume of Superman, and Reeve seated in a wheelchair.

Reeve’s early experiences at the Williamstown Theater Festival quickly led to other professional acting opportunities. He took time off after high school to join a national touring company and performed opposite Celeste Holm in the Hugh and Margaret Williams comedy *The Irregular Verb to Love*. He enrolled as an English major at Cornell shortly after the tour and continued to act in professional plays as his schedule permitted. He studied at the famed Julliard School in New York City during his final collegiate year and, to help his bills, landed a recurring role in the TV soap opera *Love of Life*. He debuted on Broadway opposite Katharine Hepburn in *A Matter of Gravity* in 1976, and soon thereafter traveled to Hollywood and secured a minor role in his first film: the Charlton Heston vehicle, *Gray Lady Down*. Reeve’s acting experiences before the camera were thus relatively limited when he auditioned for the role that would catapult him into worldwide stardom: Clark Kent of the *Superman* movies. As Tom Mankiewicz, the co-writer of the first two *Superman* movies remembered, “Chris was tall, good looking and nervous. He was perspiring and, well, that doesn’t go over real well if you’re supposed to be Superman. Then he hopped up on the edge of a balcony, looked at Margot Kidder and said, ‘Good evening, Miss Lane.’ Geoffrey Unsworth, the cinematographer, turned to me in that moment and whispered, ‘Oh, thank god!’ It was just one of those fits. We had our Superman.” At 6’ 4,” Reeve weighed only 189 pounds at the time of his audition, but a rigorous program of exercise and diet enabled him to add thirty pounds before the cameras rolled. He explained why he was chosen for the role in typical self-deprecating fashion: “Ninety percent of why I have the part is because, when the makeup is done, I look like I walked right out of the comic book. The other ten percent, I hope, is my acting ability.”

Internationally famous as a result of his *Superman* role in four films, the handsome and athletic Reeve insisted on maintaining a stage acting career and alternated his movie schedule with frequent appearances in Williamstown productions and other shows. His post-*Superman* stage work has included roles in *Fifth of July* (1980), *The Aspern Papers* (London, 1984), *The Marriage of Figaro* (New York, 1985), *Summer and Smoke* (Los Angeles, 1988), and *A Winter’s Tale* (New York, 1989). He has also been a frequent guest on television, often playing himself on such programs as *The Muppet Show* in 1979, *The Carol Burnett Show* in 1991, and *The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller* in 1994.

Despite the pressure to keep playing “good guy” movie roles, Reeve began playing characters far removed from Clark Kent, with his performances as Basil Ransome in *The Bostonians*, Jonathan Fisher in *Street Smart*, and Lewis in *Remains of the Day* among his best. Sidney Lumet, who directed him in *Deathtrap*, said Reeve “was always an arresting talent and did first-class work from the beginning. . . . There was real courage evident in him as an actor. What was always startling to me is this assumption that people who play serial parts—Superman or James Bond—can only play those parts. Chris Reeve is the perfect example of the antidote to that assumption.”

Though he never again hit the heights of popularity that he achieved with the *Superman* movies, Reeve was pursuing a solid movie and stage career when an accident changed his life forever. On 27 May 1995, he was thrown head first from a horse during a competition near Charlottesville, Virginia, and the accident instantly rendered him a quadriplegic. With commentators writing endlessly about the ironies, the actor best known for playing the virtually invulnerable “Man of Steel” in the movies soon became the most famous disabled person on the planet.

Reeve refused to let his profound injury stop his movie and television career. “I would say I’m making the best of a bad situation,” he said in 1997. “Much has been lost. But it doesn’t serve any purpose to dwell on it.” His post-injury successes have included his first stint as a director (for the HBO film *In the Gloaming*, which won four Cable/ACE awards including Best Dramatic or Theatrical Special) and the role of Jason Kemp in the television remake of the Hitchcock classic, *Rear Window*. He also caused considerable controversy in early 2000 when he performed in a Nuveen Investments television commercial in which, through special effects wizardry, he appeared to walk.

In the years since his accident, Reeve has worked tirelessly to raise funds for spinal cord injury research. “Now that I’m in the club,” he said with reference to his own injury, “my job is to increase awareness and funding for research.” An expert lobbyist and long-time social activist, he averages more than 40 speaking engagements a year and has raised millions for his nonprofit organization, the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. Though his ceaseless quest for a cure has alienated some disability-rights activists (who see the goal as quixotic and completely unrelated to the day-to-day realities of disabled people), Reeve has remained adamant in his belief that a cure will be found: “Curing paralysis—which will happen, it’s just a question of time—will be one of the greatest achievements in the history of science. It will even dwarf the landing on the moon.”

—Martin F. Norden

REEVES, Keanu

Nationality: Canadian/American. **Born:** Beirut, Lebanon, 2 September 1964, to a Chinese-Hawaiian father and British mother. **Education:** Attended High School for the Performing Arts, Toronto, was graduated in 1982; studied acting at Hedgerow Theatre, Moylan, Pennsylvania, and at Lea Posluns Community Theatre, Toronto. **Career:** First professional stage and TV roles, in Toronto, 1984; moved to Los Angeles, 1986; won serious critical attention for role in *River’s Edge*, 1987; popular success as action hero in *Speed* followed by stage production of *Hamlet* in Winnipeg, 1994. **Awards:** Blockbuster Entertainment Award for Favorite Actor-Action/Science Fiction, and Csapnivalo Award (Budapest) for Best Actor in a Leading Role, for *The Matrix*, 2000. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, c/o Erwin Stoff, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A. **Address:** 581 N. Crescent Heights Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1986 *Dream to Believe (Flying)* (Paul Lynch) (as Tommy); *Youngblood* (Markle) (as Hoover); *Act of Vengeance* (Mackenzie—for TV) (as Buddy Martin); *Under the Influence* (Thomas Carter—for TV) (as Eddie Talbot); *Babes in Toyland* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Alex/Jack Be Nimble); *Brotherhood of Justice* (Braverman—for TV) (as Derek); *Young Again* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Michael Riley, age 17)
- 1987 *River’s Edge* (Hunter) (as Matt)
- 1988 *The Night Before* (Eberhardt) (as Winston Connelly); *The Prince of Pennsylvania* (Nyswander) (as Rupert Marshetta); *Permanent Record* (Marisa Silver) (as Chris Townsend); *Dangerous Liaisons* (Frears) (as the Chevalier Danceny)
- 1989 *Parenthood* (Ron Howard) (as Tod); *Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure* (Herek) (as Ted “Theodore” Logan)
- 1990 *Tune in Tomorrow . . . (Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter)* (Amiel) (as Martin Loader); *I Love You to Death* (Kasdan) (as Marlon James)
- 1991 *Bill & Ted’s Bogus Journey* (Hewitt) (as Ted “Theodore” Logan); *My Own Private Idaho* (Van Sant) (as Scott Favor); *Point Break* (Bigelow) (as Johnny Utah)
- 1992 *Bram Stoker’s Dracula* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Jonathan Harker)
- 1993 *Much Ado about Nothing* (Branagh) (as Don John); *Little Buddha* (Bertolucci) (as Siddhartha Gautama); *Freaked (Hideous Mutant Freekz)* (Winter and Tom Stern) (as Ortiz the Dog Boy, uncredited)
- 1994 *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (Van Sant) (as Julian Glitche); *Speed* (De Bont) (as Jack Traven)
- 1995 *Johnny Mnemonic* (Longo) (title character); *A Walk in the Clouds* (Arau) (as Paul Sutton); *Children Remember the Holocaust* (doc) (as host)
- 1996 *Feeling Minnesota* (Baigleman) (as Jjaks Clayton); *Chain Reaction* (A. Davis) (as Eddie)
- 1997 *The Last Time I Committed Suicide* (Ray) (as Harry); *The Devil’s Advocate* (Hackford) (as Kevin Lomax)
- 1998 *Me and Will* (Behr and Rose) (cameo)
- 1999 *The Matrix* (Wachowski brothers) (as Thomas Anderson/Neo)
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Keanu Reeves in *The Matrix*

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For someone whose acting talents have been judged slight by a number of critics, Keanu Reeves has nonetheless attracted the interest of several distinguished film directors, from Bernardo Bertolucci to Stephen Frears, along with younger independents like Gus Van Sant, who have cast him in important roles. And for someone who might have sustained a major career in nothing but light comedies and action-adventure films, Reeves has often chosen parts that are far from standard Hollywood fare, from a bisexual street hustler who is also a modern-day Prince Hal to a very different prince, Siddhartha the Buddha. Since his great success as an action hero in *Speed* his roles have, to be sure, been more frequently mainstream, and in *The Matrix*, as a hero in virtual mode most of the time (not to mention his

cool black trenchcoat in the climax), he has come closer to being a pure iconographic figure than almost any star before him.

Largely a Torontoan in upbringing and theatrical training, Reeves retained a youthful demeanor long enough to allow him to play troubled or airheaded teenagers well into his twenties. In one of his earliest starring roles, in *The Prince of Pennsylvania*, a film that veers uneasily between family melodrama and farce, Reeves typically has little vocal range: often he sounds as if he has a head cold, and for the most part looks rather blank. All the same, he seems perfectly cast as a disaffected youth of the 1980s, guarded and unrevealing of inner feelings, yet with occasional surprisingly playful or sarcastic moments. It is very far from a Method performance, as we can see most clearly by comparing him with his costar in a later film, *My Own Private Idaho*: here, every flicker of River Phoenix's face registers some dream or torment, while Reeves, as the unforthcoming "Prince Hal," the supposed best friend of Phoenix's narcoleptic, remains masked. Is it Reeves or the character who is masked, we may ask, and in either case is there anything behind the facade? This may be either good acting or astute casting on Van Sant's part for the role of a seemingly affectless modern youth.

In the case of *Little Buddha*, the question of acting ability seems almost irrelevant. Bertolucci too made an inspired choice in casting Reeves as Prince Siddhartha, if only for his sheer screen presence: he has the bearing of an Indian prince (or a movie star), with the

handsomeness of an undefined nationality along with a seeming inwardness, to make the pageantlike historical segments of the film work brilliantly.

Playing livelier, more impetuous characters, Reeves makes more use of a boyish intensity, whether he is the hippie lover of *Parenthood* or a more aristocratic swain in *Dangerous Liaisons*. In the *Bill and Ted* comedies, Reeves shows far greater animation in his jovial goofiness than his truly blank costar, Alex Winter. Yet in certain roles where he must be a stock leading man (*Bram Stoker's Dracula*) or where the director seems incapable of getting anything interesting out of the character (*Johnny Mnemonic*), Reeves is a virtual cipher. In *A Walk in the Clouds* his extremely reserved demeanor does work, even though the role calls for an old-fashioned heart-on-sleeve romantic warmth: perhaps because his performance is a striking contrast to the heated ones of his Hispanic and Italian costars, perhaps because the camera registers him as a genuine movie star, "the true prince," the way Falstaff recognizes Hal by "instinct."

In *Speed* Reeves gives a more nuanced performance, despite the formula role. Still exhibiting traces of his Valley Boy persona while playing a heroic cop, he brings a deliciously comic note to moments of suspense, as when Jack tries to calm a gunman who cannot recognize the larger peril of the boobytrapped bus: "I don't know you, man. I'm not here for you. Let's not *do* this. . . . I don't care about your crime. Whatever you did, I'm sure (*pause*) that you're sorry. So it's cool now." Most important, he also brings a combination of physical energy and enough animation of face and voice to suggest possibilities of true range in future film roles.

The promise remains to be fulfilled, though in *The Devil's Advocate* he does give an unusually forceful performance as—quite literally—the title character, a smooth and confident Southern lawyer (sporting a mild Elvis accent) hired by the Prince of Darkness himself (Al Pacino) to work at a high-powered New York firm. Reeves succeeds in some courtroom speeches that call for an aggressiveness held in check, with an underlay of doubt or guilt, and he rises to moments of furious anger and horror as his character's life comes apart, while always serving as a model of relative normality against Pacino in a flamboyant, wickedly comic performance.

Reeves has continued to support low-budget independent projects, such as *The Last Time I Committed Suicide*, in which he appears pale and puffy-faced in a supporting role as proto-beatnik Neal Cassady's loser of a drinking buddy. *Feeling Minnesota* (a black comedy that rather pales in comparison to another saga of the Upper Midwest, *Fargo*) offers him an essentially passive role as an ex-con embroiled in a murderous plot involving his brother's wife. Shy, wary, puzzled, his character does little but react to the more extreme behavior of others, notably Vincent d'Onofrio.

Passivity and wariness are the keywords too for what may well turn out to be his most defining role, as the Chosen One/Neo, in *The Matrix*. Neo is, of course, ultimately an action figure, with the classic American hero's perfect blend of modesty and grim determination; but all the same, scene after scene calls for him simply to be astonished, while all the other characters speak in archly knowing, portentous tones. What is perhaps most significant about the role is not only that Reeves plays a character who leads a computer-enhanced life, but that Reeves' own body is frequently computer-enhanced, most memorably as he dodges bullets and goes through "heightened" martial arts movements. Theorists who have written about the absorption of the post-human body into the machine in films like the *Robocop* and *Terminator* series should have much to say about the virtual Keanu in *The Matrix*, a film in which a star's riveting

screen presence is not just partially a result of makeup and lighting (as has always been the case) but frequently a design on a computer grid.

—Joseph Milicia

REMICK, Lee

Nationality: American. **Born:** Boston, Massachusetts, 14 December 1935. **Education:** Attended Miss Hewitt's Classes (now the Hewitt School), New York, graduated 1953; studied ballet with Mme. Ruth Swoboda and modern dance with Charles Weidman; attended Barnard College, New York, one semester, 1954. **Family:** Married 1) William A. Colleran, 1957 (divorced 1969), daughter: Katherine, son: Matthew; 2) William Rory Gowans, 1970, stepdaughters: Justine and Nicola. **Career:** 1952—member of the Music Circus Tent in summer stock in Hyannis, Massachusetts; 1953—Broadway debut in *Be Your Age*; TV debut on *Armstrong Circle Theater*; 1957—film debut in *A Face in the Crowd*; later stage work included roles in *Anyone Can Whistle*, 1964, and *Wait until Dark*, 1966, both on Broadway, and *Bus Stop* in London, 1976; 1970—moved to London, England; 1973–89—in several TV mini-series, including *The Blue Knight*, 1973; *QB VII*, 1974; *Arthur Hailey's Wheels*, 1978; *Ike*, 1979; *Mistral's Daughter*, 1984; *Nutcracker: Money, Madness, Murder*, 1987; *Around the World in Eighty Days*, 1989; 1974—portrayed title role in critically acclaimed seven-part TV mini-series *Jennie: Lady Randolph Churchill*; 1981—returned to the United States, settling in



Lee Remick

Los Angeles; 1982—signed for three-month Broadway run of *Agnes of God*, but was replaced by Elizabeth Ashley in dispute over creative differences; 1988—formed production company with James Garner and Peter Duchow; 1989—diagnosed with kidney and lung cancer. **Awards:** Best Actress, Golden Globe Award, for *Days of Wine and Roses*, 1962; Golden Globe Award, for *The Blue Knight*, 1973; Best Actress, British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and Golden Globe Award, for *Jennie: Lady Randolph Churchill*, 1974; Prix Genie Award (Canada), for *Tribute*, 1980. **Died:** Of cancer, 2 July 1991.

Films as Actress:

- 1957 *A Face in the Crowd* (Kazan) (as Betty Lou Fleckum)
- 1958 *The Long Hot Summer* (Ritt) (as Eula Varner)
- 1959 *These Thousand Hills* (Fleischer) (as Callie); *Anatomy of a Murder* (Preminger) (as Laura Manion)
- 1960 *Wild River* (Kazan) (as Carol Baldwin)
- 1961 *Sanctuary* (Richardson) (as Temple Drake)
- 1962 *Experiment in Terror (The Grip of Fear)* (Edwards) (as Kelly Sherwood); *Days of Wine and Roses* (Edwards) (as Kirsten Arnesen)
- 1963 *The Running Man* (Reed) (as Stella Black); *The Wheeler Dealers (Separate Beds)* (Hiller) (as Molly Thatcher)
- 1965 *Baby the Rain Must Fall* (Mulligan) (as Georgette Thomas); *The Hallelujah Trail* (John Sturges) (as Cora Templeton Massingale)
- 1968 *No Way to Treat a Lady* (Smight) (as Kate Palmer); *The Detective* (Gordon Douglas) (as Karen Leland);
- 1969 *Hard Contract* (Pogostin) (as Sheila)
- 1971 *A Severed Head* (Dick Clement) (as Antonia Lynch-Gibson); *Loot* (Narizzano) (as Fay); *Sometimes a Great Notion (Never Give an Inch)* (Paul Newman) (as Viv Stamper)
- 1973 *A Delicate Balance* (Richardson) (as Julia); *Touch Me Not (The Hunted)* (Fifthian); *And No One Could Save Her* (Billington—for TV) (as Fern O'Neil)
- 1975 *Hennessey* (Sharp) (as Kate Brook); *Hustling* (Sargent—for TV) (as Fran Morrison); *A Girl Named Sooner* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Elizabeth McHenry)
- 1976 *The Omen* (Richard Donner) (as Katherine Thorn)
- 1977 *Telefon* (Siegel) (as Barbara); *The Ambassadors* (James Cellan Jones—for TV) (as Maria Gostrey)
- 1978 *The Medusa Touch* (Gold) (as Dr. Zonfeld); *Breaking Up* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as JoAnn Hammil)
- 1979 *The Europeans* (Ivory) (as Eugenia); *Torn between Two Lovers* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Diane Conti)
- 1980 *The Competition* (Oliansky) (as Greta Vandemann); *Tribute* (Bob Clark) (as Maggie Stratton); *The Women's Room* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Mira Adams); *Haywire* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Margaret Sullivan)
- 1982 *The Letter* (Erman—for TV) (as Leslie Crosbie)
- 1983 *Montgomery Clift (The Rebels: Montgomery Clift)* (Masenza—doc) (as interviewee); *A Gift of Love: A Christmas Story* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Janet Broderick)
- 1984 *A Good Sport* (Antonio—for TV) (as Michelle Tenney); *Rearview Mirror* (Antonio—for TV) (as Terry Seton)
- 1985 *Toughlove* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Jan Charters)
- 1986 *Of Pure Blood* (Sargent—for TV) (as Alicia Browning); *Emma's War* (Jessop) (as Anne Grange)

- 1988 *The Vision* (Norman Stone—for TV); *Jesse* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Jesse Maloney)
- 1989 *Bridge to Silence* (Arthur—for TV) (as Marge); *Dark Holiday (Passport to Terror)* (Antonio—for TV) (as Gene LePere)

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Central to Lee Remick's complex and fascinating screen presence during the first phase of her career is a sense of erotic warmth, an irreducible sensuality, capable (when combined with her remarkable gifts as an actress) of the most diverse inflections, depending on the degree to which it is allowed or denied free expression. Consider two of her finest performances, in the two finest films in which she appeared, made within a year of each other: *Anatomy of a Murder* and *Wild River*. The former is built upon the character's sexual knowingness, seductiveness, promiscuity, the latter on the character's sexual deprivation and subsequent reawakening. Preminger uses Remick's

sensuality as one aspect of his detailed, multifaceted exercise in sustained ambiguity: she plays a woman ready deliberately to exploit her attractiveness as a means of manipulation, yet the erotic charge she communicates is so strong that its genuineness is never in question. The character's uninhibited sensuality, which might have been presented as merely degenerate (the Hollywood stereotype of the "nymphomaniac"), becomes in Remick's performance engaging, oddly touching. *Wild River* seems easily Kazan's best film, the only one in which his self-conscious pretensions to social significance are completely assimilated into a fully realized dramatic texture, and Remick's performance as the young, uneducated, widowed mother is crucial to its success. In her earlier scenes, she movingly communicates a potential for life stifled by calamity and deprivation, above all by erotic starvation. She then beautifully realizes the gradual transition to rebirth, a rebirth at once sexual and spiritual, made possible by contact, not with an overt, macho sexuality, but with the sensitivity, diffidence, and gentleness rendered by Montgomery Clift with an inwardness that equals Remick's—creating one of Hollywood's finest love stories.

A similar opposition can be found in her two films for Blake Edwards. Her character in *Experiment in Terror* is relatively sketchy and conventional, but (as the object of terrorization by a psychopath) it is built upon the necessity for self-control. *Days of Wine and Roses* plays on the converse of this, and on the corollary of the overt, flamboyant sensuality of *Anatomy of a Murder*: the character's surrender to alcoholic dissolution as an escape from the tensions and constraints of contemporary urban life.

Beginning particularly around the time of Remick's 1970 move to London following her marriage to the British director William "Kip" Gowans, Remick faced the bane of so many ingenues turned mature women—a dearth of lead roles in major motion pictures. Over the next 21 years until her premature death in 1991 from cancer, the second phase of her career took her down the now-familiar path into television films and mini-series. Two of Remick's best performances during this period were in mini-series that offered her challenging roles: 1974's *Jennie: Lady Randolph Churchill* and 1987's *Nutcracker: Money, Madness, Murder*. In the former, Remick fulfilled a long-time ambition by playing the title role, the American-born mother of Winston Churchill, and was triumphant in capturing the woman's flamboyancy and in portraying her from age 18 to 67. Remick (and the series) won universal critical praise, but especially in England where she earned an award from the British Academy. The based-on-fact *Nutcracker* provided Remick with another memorable role—Frances Schreuder, a narcissistic socialite who plots, with her eldest son, the murder of her father fearing he plans to cut her out of his multimillion dollar fortune. Remick perfectly embodies the cold-blooded Schreuder, never once showing her in a sympathetic light.

Remick certainly made the most of the dwindling opportunities presented to her in the 1970s and 1980s, almost always elevating the not-always top-notch material she was presented with, but her real-life portrayal of cancer patient was perhaps the most inspiring role of her career. Following her 1989 diagnosis, she not only faced the dread disease with courage but also spoke publicly and without hesitation about her illness, trying to impart hope to others similarly afflicted and earning a Cancerwise Victory award in the process. Her death in July 1991 at age 55 cut short the career of one of classiest and most-respected actresses of her time.

—Robin Wood, updated by David E. Salame

REY, Fernando

Nationality: Spanish. **Born:** Fernando Casado Arambillet Veiga in La Coruña, 20 September 1917. **Education:** Attended Donoso Cortés Academy, Madrid; University of Madrid School of Architecture. **Military Service:** Fought for the Republic, Spanish civil war, 1936–39. **Family:** Married the actress Mabel Karr, 1960, daughter: Mabel. **Career:** 1936—film debut as extra in *Nuestra Natacha*; worked at dubbing foreign films (famous for his voice of Laurence Olivier); worked on stage in *Las mocedades del Cid* at Teatro Español and in plays for Francisco Melgares's company; a few later stage roles since the 1940s (in Anouilh's *Becket*, 1968); 1961—first of series of films by Buñuel, *Viridiana*; 1971—role in *The French Connection* brought international popularity; 1977—in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth, A.D.*, 1985, *I Bromessi Sposi (The Betrothed)*, 1988; also served as president of the Spanish Academy of Cinematographic Arts & Sciences. **Awards:** Best Actor (co-recipient), Cannes Festival, for *Viridiana*, 1961; Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Elisa, My Love*, 1977; Best Actor, Spanish Goya Awards, for *Diario de invierno*, 1988. **Died:** Of bladder cancer, in Madrid, 9 March 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *Nuestra Natacha* (Perojo) (as extra)
- 1940 *La gitanilla*; *Los cuatro Robinsones (The Four Robinsons)* (Maroto)
- 1944 *Eugenia de Montijo* (Rubio); *El rey que rabió*
- 1945 *Los últimos de Filipinas* (Román); *Misión blanca*; *Tiera sedienta* (Gil)
- 1946 *La Pródiga* (Gil) (as José)
- 1947 *Reina Santa* (Gil) (as Infante Alfonso); *La Princesa de los Ursinos*; *Don Quixote de la Mancha* (Gil) (as Sanson Carrasco); *Fuenteovejuna* (Román); *Noche de Reyes* (Lucía)
- 1948 *Locura de amor (The Mad Queen)* (Orduña) (as Don Filipe el Hermoso); *Si te hubieses casado con migo* (Tourjansky)
- 1949 *Las aventuras de Juan Lucas* (Gil)
- 1950 *Augustina de Aragón* (Orduña); *Mare Nostrum* (Gil) (as Ulises)
- 1951 *Cielo negro* (Mur-Oti); *La Señora de Fátima* (Gil); *Esa pareja feliz (That Happy Pair)* (Bardem and García Berlanga)
- 1952 *¡Bienvenido, Mr. Marshall! (Welcome, Mr. Marshall!)* (Bardem and García Berlanga) (as narrator); *Cómicos (Comedians)* (Bardem); *La laguna negra* (Castillo)
- 1953 *Rebelión* (Conde); *El Alcalde de Zalamea* (Maesso); *Aeropuerto* (Lucía); *Cabaret* (Manzanos)
- 1954 *Marcelino, pan y vino (The Miracle of Marcelino)* (Vajda); *Tangier Assignment* (Leversuch) (as inspector)
- 1955 *Un marido de ida y vuelta* (Lucía)
- 1956 *Faustina* (de Heredia); *El amor de Don Juan* (Berry) (title role); *Una aventura de Gil Blas* (Jolivet); *Marcelino* (Vajda) (as Brother Moderno); *Pantaloons* (Berry) (as Don Inigo)
- 1957 *La venganza (Vengeance)* (Bardem) (as Forastero); *Les Bijoutiers au clair de lune (The Night Heaven Fell; Heaven Fell That Night)* (Vadim)
- 1958 *Culpables* (Castillo); *Los habitantes de la casa deshabitada* (Ramirez); *Parque de Madrid* (Salabery)
- 1959 *Sonatas (Las aventuras del Marqués de Bradomin)* (Bardem) (as Capt. Casares); *Operación Relampague*; *Las dos y media*



Fernando Rey (left) in *Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie*

- y venuno (Ozores); *Nacido para la música* (*Né pour la musique*) (Salvia)
- 1960 *Fabiola* (Blasetti); *Los últimos días de Pompeya* (*The Last Days of Pompeii*) (Bonnard) (as High Priest); *Don Lucio y el hermano pío* (Conde); *A las cinco de la tarde* (Bardem); *Teresa de Jesús* (Orduña); *La rivolta degli schiavi* (*The Revolt of the Slaves*; *Die Sklaven Roms*) (Malasomma) (as Valerio)
- 1961 *Viridiana* (Buñuel) (as Don Jaime); *Goliath contra los gigantes* (*Goliath against the Giants*) (Malatesta) (as Bokan)
- 1962 *Schéhérazaïde* (*La Schiava di Bagdad*) (Gaspard-Huit and Bourdon); *Rogelia* (Gil); *La cara del terror* (*Face of Terror*; *Face of Fear*) (Ferry) (as Dr. Charles Taylor); *Tierra brutal* (*The Savage Guns*) (Carreras) (as Don Hernán)
- 1963 *El espontáneos* (Grau) (as Painter); *Dios eligió sus viajeros* (Ozores); *The Ceremony* (Harvey) (as Sanchez); *The Running Man* (Reed) (as police official); *El valle de las espadas* (*The Castilian*; *Valley of the Swords*) (Setó) (as Ramiro II)
- 1964 *Los palomas* (Gomes); *El señor de la salle* (Amadori); *La nueva penicilina* (Sherman); *Echappement libre* (*Backfire*; *Scappamento aperto*) (Jean Becker)
- 1965 *España insolita*; *Misión Lisboa* (Demicheli); *Zampó y yo* (Lucia); *Cartas boca arriba* (*Cards on the Table*) (Franco); *The Amazing Dr. G* (Simonelli); *Totò de Arabia* (*Totò d'Arabia*) (de la Loma); *Due mafiosi contre Goldfinger* (*Dos de la Mafia*) (Simonelli); *Cartes sur table* (*Attack of the Robots*) (Franco)
- 1966 *Don Quixote* (Rim); *Dulcinea del Toboso*; *Das Vermachtnis des Inka* (*El Último Rey de los Incas*; *Viva Gringo*; *Zevetut na Inkata*) (Marischka) (as President Castillo); ***Campanadas a medianoche*** (*Chimes at Midnight*; *Falstaff*) (Welles) (as Worcester); *Los jueces de la Biblia* (Dolz and Baldi); *El hijo del Pistolero* (*Son of a Gunfighter*) (Landres) (as Don Fortuna); *Return of the Seven* (Kennedy) (as priest); *El Greco* (Salce) (as King Philip II)
- 1967 *Un dólar a testa* (*Navajo Joe*) (Corbucci) (as Parson Rattigan); *Robo de diamantes* (*Run Like a Thief*) (Glasser) (as Col. Romero); *Le Vicomte règle ses comptes* (*The Viscount*) (Cloche) (as Marco Demoigne); *Más allá de las montañas* (*Beyond the Mountains*; *The Desperate Ones*) (Ramati) (as Ibram); *Amor en el aire* (Amadori) (as Saldiez)
- 1968 *Villa Rides* (Kulik) (as Col. Fuentes); *Le Avventure e gli amori di Miguel Cervantes* (*The Young Rebel*; *Cervantes*; *Les*

- Aventures extraordinaires de Cervantes* (Sherman) (as Philip II); *I Grande condottieri* (Gideon and Sampson) (Baldi) (as the stranger); *Une Histoire immortelle* (*The Immortal Story*) (Welles—for TV) (as merchant)
- 1969 *Candidato per un assassino* (*Un sudario a la medida; Candidate for a Killing*) (Elorrieta); *Guns of the Magnificent Seven* (Wendkos) (as Quintero); *Fellini Satyricon* (Satyricon) (Fellini); *Il Prezzo del potere* (*The Price of Power*) (Valerii) (as Pinkerton); *El libro del buen amor* (Marcos) (as voice)
- 1970 *Land Raiders* (*Day of the Landgrabbers*) (Juran) (as priest); *¡Vamos a matar, compañeros!* (*Compañeros*) (Corbucci) (as Prof. Xantos); *The Adventurers* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Jaime Xenos); *Tristana* (Buñuel) (as Don Lope); *Muerte de un presidente* (Valerii); *Los frios ojos miedo* (Castellari); *Histoire d'une traición* (Conde); *Coartada en disco rojo* (*I due volti della paura*) (Demicheli)
- 1971 *La cólera del viento* (Camus and Colizzi) (as Don Antonio); *La Luz del fin del mundo* (*The Light at the Edge of the World*) (Billington) (as Capt. Moriz); *The French Connection* (Friedkin) (as Alain Charnier); *A Town Called Hell* (*A Town Called Bastard*) (Parrish) (as blind farmer); *Bianco, rosso e . . .* (*The White Sister; The Sin*) (Lattuada) (as chief physician)
- 1972 *La duba* (Gil); *Chicas de club* (Grau); ***Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie*** (*The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*) (Buñuel) (as Ambassador Raphael Acosta); *Questa specie d'amore* (Bevilacqua)
- 1973 *Antony and Cleopatra* (Charlton Heston) (as Lapidus); *La Chute d'un corps* (Palac); *Senso unico* (*One Way*) (Mauceri); *Zanna bianca* (*White Fang*) (Fulci); *La polizia incrimina, la legge assolve* (*High Crime*) (Castellari); *Tarot* (Forqué); *Pena de muerte* (Grau); *El mejor alcalde, el Rey* (Gil)
- 1974 *Dites-le avec des fleurs* (Grimblat) (as Jacques); *La Femme aux bottes rouges* (*The Lady with the Red Boots; The Women with the Red Boots*) (Juan Buñuel) (as Perrot); *Fatti di gente perbene* (*La Grande Bourgeoise; The Murri Affair; Drama of the Rich*) (Bolognini) (as Augusto Murri); *Corruzione al palazzo di giustizia* (Aliprandi)
- 1975 *Cadaveri eccellenti* (*Illustrious Corpses*) (Rosi) (as Minister of Security); *French Connection II* (Frankenheimer) (as Alain Charnier); *Pasqualino Settebelleze* (*Seven Beauties*; *Pasqualino: Seven Beauties*) (Wertmüller) (as Pedro); *Il Contesto; ¿Existió Otra Humanidad?* (Marcos—doc)
- 1976 *Le désert des Tartares* (*Il deserto dei Tartari; The Desert of the Tartars*) (Zurlini) (as Nathanson); *Strip-Tease* (Lorente); *A Matter of Time* (Minnelli) (as Charles van Maar); *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Cuban president)
- 1977 *Elisa, Vida mia* (*Elisa, My Love*) (Saura) (as Elisa's father); *Cet obscur objet de désir* (*That Obscure Object of Desire*) (Buñuel) (as Mathieu)
- 1978 *Uppdraget* (*The Assignment*) (Arehn) (as Roberto Bidara); *Dulce Piel de Mujer* (*Honey*) (Angelucci)
- 1979 *Quintet* (Altman) (as Grigor); *Le Dernier amant romantique* (*The Last Romantic Lover*) (Jaekkin) (as Max); *L'Ingorgo* (*Traffic Jam; Bottleneck*) (Comencini) (as Carlo); *Caboblanco* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Tereda)
- 1980 *El Crimen de Cuenca* (Miro)
- 1981 *Tragala, pervo* (Artero); *La vera storia della signora delle Camelie* (Bolognini); *Casta e pura* (Samperi)
- 1982 *Cercasi Gesu* (Comencini) (as Don Filippo); *Estrangeira* (Grilo); *Monsignor* (Perry) (as Santoni); *Pablo Picasso Pintor* (Rossif) (as voice); *Bekenntnisse des Hochstaplers Felix Krull* (Sinkel—for TV)
- 1983 *Bearn o la Sala de Munecas* (Chavarri)
- 1984 *The Hit* (Frears) (as Chief Inspector); *Un Amour interdit* (Douglass) (as Chief Inspector); *Elogia della pazzia di desiderio erasmo* (Aquerre)
- 1985 *Padre Nuestro* (*Our Father*) (Regueiro) (as Cardinal); *Rus-tler's Rhapsody* (Wilson) (as railroad colonel); *El Caballero del dragon* (Colomo) (as Fray Lupo); *Black Arrow* (John Hough—for TV)
- 1986 *Saving Grace* (Robert M. Young) (as Cardinal Stefano Biondi); *Tiempo de silencio* (Aranda); *Hotel du paradis* (Bokova) (as Joseph); *Mi General* (*My General*) (de Arminan) (as Adm. Comesana)
- 1987 *El Bosque encantado* (*The Enchanted Forest*) (Cuerda) (as Mr. d'Abondo)
- 1988 *Captain James Cook* (Clark—for TV); *Diario de invierno* (Requeiro) (as Father); *Moon over Parador* (Mazursky) (as Alejandro); *Pasodoble* (Sanchez) (as Don Nuno); *El Tunel* (*The Tunnel*) (Drove) (as Allende); *El aire de un crimen* (Isasi-Isasmendi); *Esmeralda Bay* (Franco) (as Ramos)
- 1989 *La bataille des trois rois* (*The Battle of Three Kings; Tambores de fuego; Drums of Fire*) (Barka) (as Papa)
- 1990 *Diceria dell'untore* (*The Plague Sowers; A Breath of Life*) (Cino) (as doctor); *Naked Tango* (Schrader) (as Judge Torres); *A Breath of Life* (Cino)
- 1991 *La Vida Lactea* (*The Milky Life*) (Esterlich)
- 1992 *1492: The Conquest of Paradise* (Ridley Scott) (as Friar Marchena); *La Marrana* (José Luis Cuerda)
- 1993 *Al Otro Lado del Túnel* (*At the Other End of the Tunnel; The Other Side of the Tunnel*) (de Arminan); *Madregilda* (Regueiro)

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The cinema has produced a number of distinguished collaborations in which one senses a very special relationship between director, actor, and character: one thinks of Fellini and Mastroianni in *La dolce vita* and *8½*, of Bergman and von Sydow in the period from *The Seventh Seal* to *Shame*, of Ozu and Chishu Ryu through a long sequence of films. Such a relationship clearly existed between Luis Buñuel and Fernando Rey, and it is for his work with Buñuel that Rey is justly celebrated.

The precise nature of the director/actor/character relationship needs to be defined with care and delicacy: it is clearly different from case to case, and seldom a simple matter of the actor “representing” the director within the narrative. That description is perhaps closest to the truth in the case of Fellini and Mastroianni, and furthest from it in that of Buñuel and Rey. Superficially, it might even appear that Buñuel used Rey to depict precisely the kind of character toward which he has always been antagonistic—the wealthy bourgeois-capitalist patriarch. Yet for all his attacks on the bourgeoisie, Buñuel always had the honesty to acknowledge his own membership in it, and as he entered old age (the precise point where Rey enters his work) the acerbity of his films became increasingly mellowed by compassion and generosity. Rey’s characters are always presented critically, they are always “wrong”; but Buñuel’s point about them is that they *cannot* be right, that their entrapment in social structures and social conditioning is irreversible. So, while they are treated ironically and without sentimentality, Buñuel’s love for them, rooted in a fellow feeling that derives doubtless from their age, is beyond dispute.

Rey’s conservative Don Jaime in *Viridiana*, complexly associated with sexual repression, classical music, and emotional depth, commits suicide, making way for his illegitimate son, “progressive,” promiscuous, opportunistic, and shallow. Both *Tristana* and *Cet obscur objet de désir* develop, painfully and sympathetically, a theme established in *Viridiana*, the elderly man’s erotic and masochistic obsession with a beautiful young woman. Paradoxically, *Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie* gives him the most monstrous characteristics yet extends to him the most explicit forgiveness: he, of all the characters, at the end of the film is allowed to enjoy a meal undisturbed. The forgiveness entails three conditions: he eats because he is hungry, not to enact a reassuring bourgeois ritual; he sends his servant to bed and gets the food himself; he has just dreamed of the annihilation of his entire class (or at least of all the characters who represent it in the film). The last point, especially, suggests the basis for Buñuel’s tenderness towards Rey’s characters: their patriarchal position is invariably qualified by vulnerability and a profound unease.

In addition to his seminal work with Buñuel, Rey also had a number of fine performances for other noteworthy directors: Juan Antonio Bardem and Luis García Berlanga (*¡Bienvenido, Mr. Marshall!* and *Esa pareja feliz*), Orson Welles (*Chimes at Midnight*), Lina Wertmüller (*Seven Beauties*), and Carlos Saura (*Elisa, My Love*, for which Rey won a best actor award at Cannes). But the role for which he is best known in the United States was his smooth French drug kingpin, Alain Charnier, in William Friedkin’s worldwide smash *The French Connection*. Unfortunately, aside from his reprisal of Charnier in John Frankenheimer’s excellent sequel *French Connection II*, Hollywood rarely handed Rey such juicy roles in which he could showcase his talent. The last two decades of his career until his death in 1994 pushed his number of film appearances over 150 but did not generate much of note. Rey did, however, in 1992 have a very well received

lead role as Don Quixote in a critically acclaimed Spanish television series.

—Robin Wood, updated by David E. Salamie

REYNOLDS, Burt

Nationality: American. **Born:** Waycross, Georgia, 11 February 1936. **Education:** Attended Florida State College; Palm Beach Junior College. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Judy Carne, 1963 (divorced 1965); 2) the actress Loni Anderson, 1988 (divorced 1994), one adopted son. **Career:** Football player with the Baltimore Colts; 1958—actor at Hyde Park Playhouse, New York; 1959–60—in TV series *Riverboat*; 1961—on Broadway in *Look, We’ve Come Through*; film debut in *Angel Baby*; 1962–65—in TV series *Gunsmoke*, and in *Hawk* series, 1966, and *Dan August* series, 1970–71; 1976—directed first film, *Gator*; 1990–94—in TV series *Evening Shade*. **Awards:** Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series Emmy Award, 1991, for *Evening Shade*; Best Supporting Actor, Online Film Critics Society, Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics Circle, Best Supporting Actor, National Society of Film Critics, Best Supporting Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, all 1997, and Best Supporting Actor, Golden Satellite Awards, Best Supporting Actor, Golden Globes, and Best Supporting Actor, Chicago Film Critics Association, all 1998, all for *Boogie Nights*.

Films as Actor:

- 1961 *Angel Baby* (Wendkos) (as Hoke Adams); *Armored Command* (Haskin) (as Skee)
- 1965 *Operation C.I.A.* (Nyby) (as Mark Andrews)
- 1967 *Un dollaro a testa* (*Navajo Joe*) (Corbucci) (as Joe)
- 1968 *Fade-In* (*Iron Cowboy*) (Taylor) (as Rob)
- 1969 *Impasse* (Benedict) (as Pat Morrison); *100 Rifles* (Gries) (as Yaqui Joe); *Sam Whiskey* (Laven) (title role)
- 1970 *Hunters Are for Killing* (Girard—for TV); *Run, Simon, Run* (McGowan—for TV) (title role); *Skullduggery* (Gordon Douglas) (as Douglas Temple); *Shark* (*Maneater*; *Un Arma de dos filos*) (Fuller) (as Caine)
- 1972 *Fuzz* (Colla) (as Det. Steve Carella); *Deliverance* (Boorman) (as Lewis); *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask* (Woody Allen) (as Switchboard)
- 1973 *Shamus* (Kulik) (as McCoy); *White Lightning* (Sargent) (as Gator McClusky); *The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing* (Sarafian) (as Jay Grobart)
- 1974 *The Longest Yard* (Aldrich) (as Paul Crewe)
- 1975 *W. W. and the Dixie Dancekings* (Avildsen) (as W. W. Bright); *At Long Last Love* (Bogdanovich) (as Michael Oliver Pritchard III); *Hustle* (Aldrich) (as Lt. Phil Gaines); *Lucky Lady* (Donen) (as Walker)
- 1976 *Silent Movie* (Mel Brooks) (as himself); *Nickelodeon* (Bogdanovich) (as Buck Greenaway)
- 1977 *Smoky and the Bandit* (Needham) (as Bandit); *Semi-Tough* (Ritchie) (as Billy Clyde Puckett)
- 1978 *Hooper* (Needham) (as Sonny Hooper)



Burt Reynolds (center) with William H. Macy in *Boogie Nights*

- 1979 *Starting Over* (Pakula) (as Phil Potter)
- 1980 *Rough Cut* (Siegel) (as Jack Rhodes); *Smokey and the Bandit II* (Needham) (as Bandit)
- 1981 *The Cannonball Run* (Needham) (as J. J. McClure); *Paternity* (Steinberg) (as Buddy Evans)
- 1982 *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Higgins) (as Sheriff); *Best Friends* (Jewison) (as Richard Babson)
- 1983 *The Man Who Loved Women* (Edwards) (as David); *Stroker Ace* (Needham) (title role); *Smokey and the Bandit III* (Lowry) (as the real Bandit)
- 1984 *Cannonball Run II* (Needham) (as J. J. McClure); *City Heat* (Richard Benjamin) (as Mike Murphy)
- 1986 *Uphill All the Way* (Dobbs) (as poker player)
- 1987 *Heat* (Richards) (as Nick "Mex" Escalante); *Malone* (Cokliss) (as Richard Malone)
- 1988 *Switching Channels* (Kotcheff) (as John L. Sullivan IV); *Rent-a-Cop* (London) (as Tony Church); *The Story of Hollywood* (Gosling—for TV) (as narrator)
- 1989 *Physical Evidence* (Michael Crichton) (as Joe Paris); *Breaking In* (Forsyth) (as Ernie Mullins); *All Dogs Go to Heaven* (Bluth—animation) (as voice of Charlie)
- 1990 *Modern Love* (Benson) (as Col. Parker); *A Day in the Life of Wood Newton* (Thomason)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as himself)
- 1993 *Cop and a Half* (Henry Winkler) (as Nick McKenna)
- 1995 *The Madding* (Danny Huston)
- 1996 *Precious*; *Striptease* (Andrew Bergman) (as Congressman Dilbeck); *Trigger Happy* (Bishop) (as "Wacky" Jack Jackson); *Frankenstein and Me* (Tinnell) (as Les Williams); *Cherokee Kid* (Barclay for TV) (as Otter Bob)
- 1997 *Meet Wally Sparks* (Baldwin) (as Lenny Spencer); *Raven* (Solberg) (as Jerome Katz, a.k.a. Raven); *Bean* (Mel Smith) (as Gen. Newton); *The Story of Bean* (Edwards for TV) (as himself); *Boogie Nights* (Anderson) (as Jack Horner)
- 1998 *Crazy Six* (Pyun) (as Dakota); *AFI's 100 Years . . . 100 Movies* (doc—for TV) (as himself); *Universal Soldier II: Brothers in Arms* (Woolnough for TV) (as Mentor/CIA Director); *Universal Soldier III: Unfinished Business* (Woolnough for TV) (as Mentor/GR88)
- 1999 *The Hunter's Moon* (Weinman) (as Clayton Samuels); *Big City Blues* (Fleury) (as Connor); *Hard Time: The Premonition* (Cass, Sr. for TV) (as Det. Logan McQueen); *Hard*

Time: Hostage Hotel (Needham for TV) (as Det. Logan McQueen); *Pups* (Ash) (as Daniel Bender); *Stringer* (Biedermann) (as Wolko); *Mystery, Alaska* (Roach) (as Judge Walter Burns); *Waterproof* (Berman)

2000 *The Crew* (Dinner) (as Joey "Bats" Pistella)

Films as Actor and Director:

1976 *Gator* (as Gator McKlusky)
 1978 *The End* (as Sonny Lawson)
 1982 *Sharky's Machine* (as Sharky)
 1985 *Stick* (title role)
 1993 *The Man from Left Field* (for TV) (as Jack)
 1998 *Hard Time* (for TV) (as Det. Logan McQueen)

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Quipster Burt Reynolds was a wise guy stud whose sexy insolence snowballed into box-office magic. For a film star who springboarded to fame via talk show appearances (independent of the merits of his screen work), Reynolds was a true media sensation whose celebrity now rests on off-guard sightings on tabloid-television programs.

Cocksure on the surface, but inwardly peeved about the failure of several television series, the young Reynolds was a product of the waning days of Hollywood studio training programs. What he mainly learned as a contract actor was that on-the-job acting lessons were good but that playing a half-breed on *Guns Smoke* was bad. His gridiron days as football star, ending with a crippling knee injury, stood him in good stead when he became the prime symbol of macho knockabout in the American cinema of the 1970s. What set Reynolds apart (as he must have sensed when he posed nude for *Cosmopolitan* magazine), was a teasing sexuality that endeared him to ladies just as his quick-tempered brawling made him a hit with men.

A long time in coming, stardom hit Reynolds when he was already the darling of late night television shows. Concurrently sending critics in search of superlatives, *Deliverance* brought him the best notices of his career for his well-rounded exploration of destructive machismo, but this was not the Burt the public hankered for. Consolidated by the boffo business registered by an unheralded road picture, Reynolds's stardom made him the first good ol' boy megastar. After *Smokey and the Bandit*, Reynolds reigned as King of the Road in a parallel universe of CB radios, monster trucks, and trailer lifestyles.

Admirably never downgrading his shit-kickin' fans, Reynolds tried to broaden his range beyond the drive-in set but never courageously or farsightedly enough. Escalating his antics as a loose cannon in slapped-together enterprises such as *The Cannonball Run*, Reynolds rode the crest of the box office but seemed trapped in a country-western ghetto. His bad boy image never seemed mature enough to fit comfortably with traditional private eye role models; his cynicism seemed like a pose not an existential outcry. By the time he foisted *Heat*, *Malone*, and *Physical Evidence* on an unwaiting world, the tough-as-nails detective demeanor seemed more soft than hard-boiled.

For some reason, the off-the-cuff wit and bedroom eyes-flirting that delighted insomniacs during his talk show interviews did not translate to big-screen appeal in a series of lightweight but strained romantic comedies: *Paternity*, *Switching Channels*, and *Best Friends*. For a time, the razor-sharp satire, *Semi-Tough*, and the slick caper flick, *Rough Cut*, showed glimmers of Reynolds's bantering sexiness but his Manly Folk Hero of the Movies and his Class Cut-Up on television never comfortably coexisted. Perhaps he had a longer ride at the top than his talent deserved. On television, career resuscitation arrived in the form of the "gosh-darnin'" *Evening Shade*, but a series of on-set tantrums rocked his world followed by news of ugly irreconcilable differences stemming from his divorce from Velveta Cheesecake, Loni Anderson. Having given him his start, the vast television wasteland reclaimed him.

Unlike his studio contract buddy, Clint Eastwood, who aged gracefully and sexily into the love interest of *Bridges of Madison County*, Reynolds has toupéed and plastic surgeried himself almost beyond recognition. (Not since Robert Taylor dyed his hair jet black has a famous leading man failed so totally at stopping the clock.) No

doubt, his touted comeback opposite Demi Moore in *Striptease* can only be considered a stopgap measure. Perhaps comedies may bring respite but Reynolds no longer has the self-possessed good looks to unseat Schwarzenegger, Stallone, and dozens of up-and-comers who have usurped his place in the overcrowded action-movie meat market. The truth is that Reynolds has always been a television star; that hillbilly hero film career now seems like an aberration.

—Robert Pardi

REYNOLDS, Debbie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mary Frances Reynolds in El Paso, Texas, 1 April 1932. **Education:** Attended high school in Burbank, California. **Family:** Married 1) the singer Eddie Fisher, 1955 (divorced 1959), daughter: the actress Carrie Fisher, son: Todd Fisher; 2) Harry Karl, 1960 (divorced 1973); 3) Richard Hamlett, 1985. **Career:** 1948—film debut in *June Bride*; contract with Warner Brothers, 1948–50, and with MGM, 1950–59; nightclub work since 1961; 1969–70—actress in *The Debbie Reynolds Show*; 1973—star of *Irene* on Broadway; 1981—in TV series *Aloha Paradise*. **Address:** Raymax Productions, 6514 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *June Bride* (Windust) (as Boo's girl friend)
- 1950 *The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady* (Butler) (as Maureen O'Grady); *Three Little Words* (Thorpe) (as Helen Kane); *Two Weeks with Love* (Rowland) (as Melba Robinson)
- 1951 *Mr. Imperium* (Hartman) (as Gwen)
- 1952 *Singin' in the Rain* (Donen and Kelly) (as Kathy Selden); *Skirts Ahoy!* (Lanfield) (as herself)
- 1953 *I Love Melvin* (Weis) (as Judy Leroy); *The Affairs of Dobie Gillis* (Weis) (as Pansy Hammer); *Give a Girl a Break* (Donen) (as Suzy Doolittle)
- 1954 *Susan Slept Here* (Tashlin) (as Susan); *Athena* (Thorpe) (as Minerva Mulvain)
- 1955 *Hit the Deck* (Rowland) (as Carol Pace); *The Tender Trap* (Walters) (as Julie Gillis)
- 1956 *The Catered Affair* (Richard Brooks) (as Jane Hurley); *Bundle of Joy* (Taurog) (as Polly Parrish); *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Viva Las Vegas) (Rowland)
- 1957 *Tammy and the Bachelor* (Pevney) (as Tammy)
- 1958 *This Happy Feeling* (Edwards) (as Janet Blake)
- 1959 *The Mating Game* (George Marshall) (as Marietta Larkin); *Say One for Me* (Tashlin) (as Holly); *It Started with a Kiss* (George Marshall) (as Maggie); *The Gazebo* (George Marshall) (as Nell Nash)
- 1960 *The Rat Race* (Mulligan) (as Peggy Brown); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as guest)
- 1961 *The Pleasure of His Company* (Seaton) (as Jessica Poole); *The Second Time Around* (Sherman) (as Lucretia)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway, Ford, and Marshall) (as Lilith Prescott); *My Six Loves* (Champion) (as Janice Courtney); *Mary, Mary* (LeRoy) (title role)

- 1964 *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* (Walters) (title role); *Goodbye Charlie* (Minnelli) (as George)
- 1966 *The Singing Nun* (Koster) (as Sister Ann)
- 1967 *Divorce American Style* (Yorkin) (as Barbara Harmon)
- 1968 *How Sweet It Is!* (Paris) (as Jenny)
- 1971 *What's the Matter with Helen?* (Harrington) (as Adelle Bruckner)
- 1972 *Charlotte's Web* (Nichols and Takamoto) (as voice of Charlotte)
- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.) (as narrator)
- 1987 *Sadie and Jon* (Moxey—for TV)
- 1989 *Perry Mason: The Case of the Musical Murder* (Nyby—for TV) (as Amanda Cody)
- 1992 *The Bodyguard* (Jackson) (as herself); *Battling for Baby* (Art Wolff—for TV)
- 1993 *Heaven and Earth* (Stone) (as Eugenia); *Jack L. Warner: The Last Mogul* (Gregory Orr—doc)
- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan) (as host)
- 1996 *Mother* (Albert Brooks)
- 1997 *Wedding Bell Blues* (Lustig) (as herself); *In & Out* (Oz) (as Bernice Brackett)
- 1998 *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* (Gilliam) (as voice of herself); *Zack and Reba* (Bettauer) (as B. Blanton); *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Movie* (Kowalchuk) (as voice of Mrs. Santa Claus); *Halloweentown* (Dunham—for TV) (as Aggie Cromwell); *The Christmas Wish* (Barry—for TV) (as Ruth)
- 1999 *Keepers of the Frame* (McLaughlin) (as herself); *A Gift of Love: The Daniel Huffman Story* (Korty) (as Shirlee Allison)

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Debbie Reynolds may have been crowned Miss Burbank of 1948, but the qualities she brought to her movie debut that same year were more those of the cheerleader than the beauty queen. Her ebullient girlishness hit exactly the right note in the musicals and comedies which became her staple, and her popularity was so immediate that she was given starring roles while still a novice. Her early parts did not vary much, but her charm was so effortless that she could nudge

a movie into the next higher notch of entertainment by the sheer force of enthusiasm. Her singing and dancing were no more than competent yet she was repeatedly cast in musicals, perhaps because her sprightly and buoyant character so readily lent itself to the musical's unreal milieu.

Her gifts as a mimic, mined more thoroughly in the nightclub acts of her later career, are already in evidence in the delightful *I Love Melvin*, as is her inherent sense of comedy timing. She shows precocious skills as a farceur in such films as *The Affairs of Dobie Gillis* and *Susan Slept Here*, when the script requires only that she be adorable.

Her zeal began to seem a bit forced in *The Tender Trap*, *The Catered Affair*, and *A Bundle of Joy*. A slurpy sentimentality crept into her vehicles, beginning with *Tammy and the Bachelor*. She could be theatrical and obvious in *The Gazebo*, *How the West Was Won*, and *Mary, Mary*. Still, her talents remain formidable. Witness her popular star turn as *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, a role she played on screen and stage. And when she allows herself an offbeat role, as in the witty *What's the Matter with Helen?*, the results can be agreeably loopy.

Reynolds's career of late has not focused on feature filmmaking. Since the 1970s, she has led a crusade to restore and preserve the

objects and real estate of Hollywood history, including buildings, costumes, posters, and props. She also has assembled an impressive collection of vintage movie memorabilia. These activities have made her one of the most respected citizens of Hollywood. Professionally, her career has been relegated almost exclusively to the stage and club dates, and to her appearances in two aerobic exercise videotapes. She also wrote an autobiography, *Debbie: My Life*.

Still, her beauty and exuberance merely await the right screen role. Having acquitted herself so admirably with Gene Kelly in *Singin' in the Rain* when she was no more than 19, what might she be capable of now?

—Frank Thompson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

RICHARDSON, Miranda

Nationality: British. **Born:** Lancashire, England, 3 March 1958. **Education:** Studied acting at the Bristol Old Vic Drama School. **Family:** Married to and divorced from the actor Rowan Atkinson. **Career:** Began her career appearing with a small theater in Manchester, England, late 1970s; toured in repertory, then moved to London and began appearing in stage and TV productions, early 1980s; earned raves for her debut screen role in *Dance with a Stranger*, 1985; appeared as Queen Elizabeth I on the popular BBC series *The Black Adder*, 1986; furthered her reputation as a world-class actress by giving three award-caliber performances, in *Damage*, *The Crying Game*, and *Enchanted April*, 1992. **Awards:** Royal Television Society Best Actress Award, for *Sweet as You Are*, 1987; Best Supporting Actress British Academy Award, for *Damage*, 1992; Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical Golden Globe, for *Enchanted April*, 1992; New York Film Critics Circle Best Supporting Actress, for *Damage*, *Enchanted April*, and *The Crying Game*, 1992; National Board of Review Best Actress, for *Tom & Viv*, 1994; Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for TV Golden Globe, for *Fatherland*, 1994. **Agent:** Kerry Gardner, 15 Kensington High Street, London W8 5NP, England.

Films as Actress:

- 1983 *A Woman of Substance* (Sharp—for TV) (as Paula)
- 1985 *Dance with a Stranger* (Newell) (as Ruth Ellis); *The Innocent* (Mackenzie) (as Mary Turner); *Underworld (Transmutations)* (Pavlou) (as Oriel); *The Death of the Heart* (Hammond—for TV) (as Daphne Heccomb)
- 1987 *Empire of the Sun* (Spielberg) (as Mrs. Victor); *Eat the Rich* (Peter Richardson) (as DHSS Blond); *After Pilkington* (Morahan—for TV) (as Penny); *Sweet as You Are* (Angela Pope—for TV) (as Julia Perry)
- 1988 *Black Adder's Christmas Carol* (Boden—for TV) (as Queen Elizabeth/Asphyxia)
- 1989 *El Sueno del Mono Loco (The Mad Monkey; Twisted Obsession)* (Trueba) (as Marilyn); *Ball-Trap on the Cote Sauvage* (Jack Gold—for TV) (as Early Bird)
- 1991 *Mio Caro Dr. Graessler (The Bachelor)* (Faenza) (as Frederica/The Widow)
- 1992 *Enchanted April* (Newell) (as Rose Arbuthnot); *The Crying Game* (Neil Jordan) (as Jude); *Damage* (Malle) (as Ingrid)
- 1993 *Century* (Poliakoff) (as Clara); *The Line, the Cross, and the Curve* (Kate Bush—short) (as mysterious woman); *Old Times* (for TV) (as Anna)
- 1994 *The Night and the Moment* (Tato) (as Julie); *Tom & Viv* (Gilbert) (as Vivienne Haigh-Wood); *Fatherland* (Menaul—for TV) (as Charlie Maguire)
- 1996 *Kansas City* (Altman) (as Carolyn Stilton); *Evening Star* (Harling) (as Patsy Carpenter); *Swann* (Gyles) (as Sarah Maloney)
- 1997 *Saint-Ex* (Tucker) (as Consuelo de Saint-Exepury); *The Designated Mourner* (Hare) (as Judy); *The Apostle* (Duvall) (as Tootsie); *A Dance to the Music of Time* (Morahan, Rakoff—TV mini-series) (as Pamela Flitton)
- 1998 *St. Ives* (Hook) (as Miss Gilchrist); *The Scold's Bride* (Thacker) (as Dr. Sarah Blakeney); *Merlin* (Barron—for TV) (as Queen Mab, Lady of the Lake); *Ted & Ralph* (Gernon—for TV) (as Henrietta Blough-Pendleton)
- 1999 *The Miracle Maker* (Hayes, Sokolov—for TV) (as Mary Magdeline); *Johnny Hit and Run Pauline* (Lellios); *The James Bond Story* (for TV) (doc) (as Narrator); *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing—for TV) (as Queen of Hearts); *The King and I* (Rich) (as voice of Anna Leonowens); *Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang* (Bloomfield) (as Miss Fowl); *The Big Brass Ring* (Hickenlooper) (as Dinah Pellarin); *Sleepy Hollow* (Burton) (as Lady Van Tassle)
- 2000 *Blackadder Back and Forth* (Weiland) (as Lady Elizabeth/Queen Elizabeth); *Chicken Run* (Lord, Peck) (as voice of Mrs. Tweedy); *Get Carter* (Kay)

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Nineteen ninety-two certainly was Miranda Richardson's year. She dazzled movie audiences by giving eye-popping performances as three very different characters. Any actress would have been delighted to earn attention for any one of these roles. The fact that she scored a trifecta is especially impressive.

Richardson is blessed with the chameleon-like ability to completely transform her appearance from role to role; if you look at stills from her various films, you will find it hard to connect all of the characters depicted in each as being played by the same person. Richardson can play characters out of different eras, characters who are victims and victimizers, characters who are soft or tough, all with equal aplomb. Her three 1992 releases are Neil Jordan's *The Crying Game*, in which she plays a cold-blooded Irish Republican Army terrorist; Mike Newell's *Enchanted April*, in which she is an emotionally repressed Englishwoman who is one of a quartet who rents a picturesque Italian villa for a month; and Louis Malle's *Damage*, in which she is the wife of a high-powered member of Parliament, who is betrayed when he enters into a liaison with their son's girlfriend. Richardson might have earned Oscar nominations for any one of these roles but she was cited for *Damage*, in the Best Supporting Actress category. In this film, she has never been better as her character reacts upon realizing the full extent of her husband's infidelity.

Prior to 1992, Richardson was best-known to moviegoers for her star-making performance in Newell's *Dance with a Stranger*. This based-on-fact melodrama is set during the 1950s, with the actress playing Ruth Ellis, a divorcee and prostitute turned nightclub manager who was found guilty of murdering her lover and became the last woman ever to be hanged in England. And she has offered fine performances in films not nearly as hyped as her 1992 releases. In *The Bachelor*, a subtle, thoughtful story of repressed emotion, Richardson even plays two roles. The first is Frederica, the unmarried longtime companion of her staid, middle-aged doctor-brother (Keith Carradine). As the film opens, Frederica seems bored, even disturbed. It is no surprise, then, that she promptly commits suicide. Richardson reappears later in the story as the last of several women with whom the doctor comes in contact. She is The Widow, a tactless, gossipy woman with the brattiest of daughters this side of *The Children's Hour*—and a character totally unlike Frederica.

Richardson was to further her standing as an actress willing to play fiercely complicated characters, picking up another Oscar nomination, this one as Best Actress, for *Tom & Viv*. The film is an austere, up-close-and-personal drama detailing the relationship between two deeply intertwined personalities: the writer-poet T. S. Eliot (Willem Dafoe) and his deeply troubled wife, Vivienne Haigh-Wood (Richardson). The two meet in 1914, and court in what seems like record time. But none of Viv's relatives informs Tom that she suffers from what her concerned brother calls "women's troubles . . . a shameful family secret." She is a fragile, delicate soul who actually is afflicted with a hormonal imbalance. Tom & Viv may love each other passionately, but end up being akin to two trains speeding down two vastly different tracks.

The second half of the 1990s found Richardson busily appearing in television and theatrical films. Among her highest-profile roles was the kidnapped socialite in Robert Altman's *Kansas City*; this easily was her best part of the period. She made an all-too-brief appearance as a radio station receptionist in Robert Duvall's *The Apostle*, and was a wealthy Texas divorcee in Robert Harling's *The Evening Star*, an

ill-advised sequel to *Terms of Endearment*. She played Lady Van Tassel in Tim Burton's *Sleepy Hollow*, and was one of three characters in David Hare's *The Designated Mourner*, more a filmed reading of Wallace Shawn's play than a full-blown screen adaptation. While a welcome presence in all these films, none of her parts matched those she played earlier in the decade.

All of Richardson's best roles have been united in that they are psychologically complex. She is at her strongest when playing individuals who, either because of their own inner demons or the manner in which they have been treated by others, are forced to deal with deep, unrelenting emotion. One hopes that, in the future, she will find similar parts that fully utilize her considerable talent.

—Rob Edelman

RICHARDSON, (Sir) Ralph

Nationality: British. **Born:** Ralph David Richardson in Cheltenham, 19 December 1902. **Education:** Attended Xaverian College, Brighton. **Family:** Married 1) Muriel Hewitt, 1924 (died 1942); 2) Meriel Forbes, 1944, son: Charles David. **Career:** 1921—stage debut in *Les Misérables*, Brighton; then toured England and Ireland with a Shakespearean repertory company; 1925—London stage debut in *Oedipus at Colonus*; 1933—film debut in *The Ghoul*; 1936—directed the play *Bees on the Boat Deck*; 1939–44—served with Fleet Air Arm: Lt. Commander; 1944–49—associated with resuscitating the Old Vic theater, London as actor and director: in New York with the Old Vic company; on stage in plays by Shakespeare, Sheridan, Pirandello; 1952—directed the film *Home at Seven*; 1977—in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best British Actor, British Academy, for *The Sound Barrier*, 1952; Best Acting (collectively awarded), Cannes Festival, for *Long Day's Journey into Night*, 1962; Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan*, 1982. **Knighthood:** 1947. **Died:** In London, 10 October 1983.

Films as Actor:

- 1933 *The Ghoul* (Hunter) (as Nigel Hartley); *Friday the Thirteenth* (Saville) (as schoolmaster); *Java Head* (Ruben) (as William Ammidon)
- 1934 *The Return of Bulldog Drummond* (Summers) (as Hugh Drummond); *The King of Paris* (Raymond) (as Paul)
- 1935 *Bulldog Jack* (Forde) (as Morell)
- 1936 *Things to Come* (Menzies) (as the Boss)
- 1937 *The Man Who Could Work Miracles* (Mendes) (as Col. Winstanley); *Thunder in the City* (Gering) (as Manningdale); *South Riding* (Saville) (as Robert Carne)
- 1938 *The Divorce of Lady X* (Whelan) (as Lord Mere); *The Citadel* (King Vidor) (as Denny)
- 1939 *Q Planes* (*Clouds over Europe*) (Whelan) (as Maj. Hammond); *Smith* (Browne); *The Four Feathers* (Korda) (as Capt. John Durrance); *The Lion Has Wings* (Powell, Hurst, and Brunel) (as Wing Commander)

- 1940 *Health for the Nation* (doc) (as narrator); *On the Night of the Fire* (Hurst) (as Will Kobling)
- 1942 *The Day Will Dawn* (*The Avengers*) (French) (as Lockwood)
- 1943 *The Silver Fleet* (Wellesley and Sewell) (as Jaap Van Leyden)
- 1944 *The Volunteer* (Powell and Pressburger—doc) (as himself)
- 1946 *School for Secrets* (Ustinov) (as Prof. Heatherville)
- 1948 *Anna Karenina* (Duvivier) (as Alexei Karenin); *The Fallen Idol* (Reed) (as Baines)
- 1949 *The Heiress* (Wyler) (as Dr. Austin Sloper)
- 1951 *Outcast of the Islands* (Reed) (as Capt. Lingard)
- 1952 *The Sound Barrier* (*Breaking the Sound Barrier*) (Lean) (as John Richfield); *The Holly and the Ivy* (O'Ferrall) (as the Rev. Martin Gregory)
- 1955 *Richard III* (Olivier) (as Duke of Buckingham)
- 1956 *Smiley* (Kimmins) (as Rev. Lambeth); *The Passionate Stranger* (Box) (as Roger Wynter/Sir Clement)
- 1960 *Our Man in Havana* (Lean) (as "C"); *Oscar Wilde* (Ratoff) (as Sir Edward Carson); *Exodus* (Preminger) (as Gen. Sutherland)
- 1961 *The 300 Spartans* (Maté) (as Themistocles)
- 1962 *Long Day's Journey into Night* (Lumet) (as James Tyrone)
- 1964 *Woman of Straw* (Dearden) (as Charles Richmond)
- 1965 *Dr. Zhivago* (Lean) (as Alexander Gromeko)
- 1966 *Khartoum* (Dearden) (as Gladstone); *The Wrong Box* (Forbes) (as Joseph Finsbury)
- 1967 *Chimes at Midnight* (*Campanadas a medianoche*; *Falstaff*) (Welles) (as narrator)
- 1969 *Midas Run* (*A Run on Gold*) (Kjellin) (as Henshaw); *The Bed Sitting Room* (Lester) (as Lord Fortnum of Alamein); *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Sir Edward Grey); *The Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Minister); *The Looking Glass War* (Pierson) (as Leclerc)
- 1970 *Eagle in a Cage* (Cook) (as Sir Hudson Lowe); *David Copperfield* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Mr. Micawber)
- 1971 *Who Slew Auntie Roo?* (Harrington) (as Mr. Benton)
- 1972 *Tales from the Crypt* (Francis) (as Crypt Keeper); *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (Miller—for TV) (as Caterpillar); *Lady Caroline Lamb* (Bolt) (as George III)
- 1973 *Frankenstein—The True Story* (Smight—for TV) (as Lacey); *O Lucky Man!* (Anderson) (as Sir James Burgess/Monty); *A Doll's House* (Losey) (as Dr. Rank)
- 1975 *Rollerball* (Jewison) (as Senator)
- 1976 *The Man in the Iron Mask* (Newell—for TV) (as Cardinal Richelieu)
- 1978 *Watership Down* (Rosen—animation) (as voice); *No Man's Land* (Hall—for TV) (as Hirst)
- 1981 *Time Bandits* (Gilliam) (as The Supreme Being); *Early Days* (Page—for TV) (as Kitchen); *Dragonslayer* (Robbins) (as Ulrich); *Witness for the Prosecution* (Gibson—for TV)
- 1982 *Wagner* (Palmer—for TV) (as Pfi)
- 1984 *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan* (Hudson); *Give My Regards to Broad Street* (Webb)
- 1985 *Invitation to the Wedding* (Brooks) (as Uncle Willie)

Film as Director:

- 1952 *Home at Seven* (+ ro as David Preston)

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Of the triumvirate of great British twentieth-century actors—John Gielgud, Laurence Olivier, and Ralph Richardson—only Richardson has enjoyed a screen career as long and as prolific as any film personality. As actress Barbara Jefford has commented, "He was always a wonderfully flexible film performer—better in many ways than Gielgud or Olivier." Thanks to a long-term contract he became a familiar figure in British films—"my film career had always been in the hands of Korda," Richardson said after the producer's death. "Korda looked after me." Yet the majority of Richardson's films are instantly forgettable. He began his screen career in an atrocious Boris Karloff vehicle, *The Ghoul*, which did nothing to enhance either actor's reputation, and did not obtain a decent screen role until *Things to Come* some three years later.

Things to Come features Richardson as the Hitler-Mussolini style Boss of a futuristic world crippled by wars. It was followed by *The Man Who Could Work Miracles*, in which the actor played an eccentric judge, and *The Citadel*, in which Richardson again played an eccentric, this time drunken Dr. Denny. He was rapidly becoming a major young British character actor, and at the same time getting a reputation for eccentricity in which he delighted. In later years he would ride around London on a motorbike with a parrot on his shoulder, and keep a pet ferret which he washed each week in Lux soap suds.

With *South Riding*, Richardson graduated from character actor to leading man, a position enhanced by his performances in *The Four Feathers* and *Anna Karenina*. But he was aging fast, and by the time Richardson made his Hollywood debut in *The Heiress*, he was old enough to play Olivia de Havilland's father, Dr. Austin Sloper, in this adaptation of the Henry James classic. Elegant and refined, Richardson destroys his daughter's one chance at love in a performance that is, unquestionably, the first of his two great American screen roles.

Because Richardson accepted so many film roles, the bulk of his work seems minor and unimpressive. One can only ponder why he took parts in such unimportant features as *The 300 Spartans*, *Woman of Straw*, *Midas Run*, *Tales from the Crypt*, or *Rollerball*. Perhaps

Korda's death in 1959 robbed the actor of the guidance he needed in his screen work. Only one other Hollywood feature gives Richardson a role equal to his talent, that of James Tyrone in *Long Day's Journey into Night*, a part to which he brings a strength of character and a sorrow strangely lacking from Laurence Olivier's highly regarded stage performance.

From the late 1950s onwards, Richardson's film roles were small, and yet each production was enhanced by his appearance, described by Kenneth Tynan as a "unique physical presence, at once rakish and stately, as of a pirate turned prelate." Richardson's eccentricity spilled over into his screen work, notably in *The Time Bandits*, in which, as the Supreme Being, he wears a three-piece suit and looks as if he had just wandered on to the set directly from the street, mumbling his lines and appearing totally confused.

—Anthony Slide

ROBARDS, Jason

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jason Nelson Robards Jr., in Chicago, Illinois, 26 July 1922; son of the actor Jason Robards Sr.; often billed as Jason Robards, Jr. in early years of his career. **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1946–47. **Military Service:** U.S. Naval Reserve, 1940–46: radioman first class. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Eleanor Pitman, 1948 (divorced 1958), sons: Jason and David, daughter: Sarah; 2) Rachel Taylor, 1959; 3) the actress Lauren Bacall, 1961



Jason Robards

(divorced 1973), son: Sam Prideaux; 4) Lois O'Connor, one daughter and one son. **Career:** School teacher and cab driver between acting engagements in New York; 1953—in the play *American Gothic*; 1956—success in New York production of *The Iceman Cometh* (in revival of the play, 1985); the successful production of the play led to O'Neill's widow allowing the premiere of his unproduced play *Long Day's Journey into Night* later the same year; 1959—film debut in *The Journey*; 1961—in TV series *Acapulco*; also appeared in many other TV roles, including roles in the mini-series *Washington: Behind Closed Doors*, 1977, *F.D.R.: The Last Year*, 1980, and *An Inconvenient Woman*, 1991. **Awards:** Best Acting (collectively awarded), Cannes Festival, for *Long Day's Journey into Night*, 1962; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, and Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *All the President's Men*, 1976; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Julia*, 1977. **Agent:** Buchwal Associates, 10 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *The Journey* (Litvak) (as Paul Kedes)
- 1961 *By Love Possessed* (John Sturges) (as Julius Penrose); *Tender Is the Night* (Henry King) (as Dick Diver)
- 1962 *Long Day's Journey into Night* (Lumet) (as James Tyrone)
- 1963 *Act One* (Scharf) (as George S. Kaufman)
- 1965 *A Thousand Clowns* (Coe) (as Murray Burns)
- 1966 *A Big Hand for the Little Lady* (*Big Deal at Dodge City*) (Cook) (as Henry Drummond); *Any Wednesday* (Miller) (as John Cleves)
- 1967 *Divorce American Style* (Yorkin) (as Nelson Downes); *Hour of the Gun* (John Sturges) (as Doc Holliday); *The St. Valentine's Day Massacre* (Corman) (as Al Capone)
- 1968 *The Night They Raided Minsky's* (Friedkin) (as Raymond Paine); *Isadora* (*The Loves of Isadora*) (Reisz) (as Paris Singer); *C'era una volta il West* (*Once upon a Time in the West*) (Leone) (as Cheyenne)
- 1970 *Tora! Tora! Tora!* (Fleischer) (as Gen. Walter C. Short); *Julius Caesar* (Burge) (as Brutus); *Fools* (Gries) (as Matthew South); *The Ballad of Cable Hogue* (Peckinpah) (as Cable Hogue); *Operation Snafu* (*Situation Normal All Fouled Up*; *Rosolino paternò, soldato . . .*) (Loy)
- 1971 *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (Hessler) (as Cesar Charron); *Johnny Got His Gun* (Trumbo) (as Joe's father)
- 1972 *The War between Men and Women* (Shavelson) (as Stephen Kozlenko); *The Execution* (Badiyi); *The House without a Christmas Tree* (Bogart—for TV)
- 1973 *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* (Peckinpah) (as Lew Wallace)
- 1975 *Mr. Sycamore* (Kohner) (as John Gwilt); *A Boy and His Dog* (L. Q. Jones) (as Lew Craddock); *Die Hinrichtung* (Badiyi); *A Moon for the Misbegotten* (for TV)
- 1976 *All the President's Men* (Pakula) (as Ben Bradlee)
- 1977 *Julia* (Zinnemann) (as Dashiell Hammett)
- 1978 *Comes a Horseman* (Pakula) (as Ewing); *A Christmas to Remember* (Englund—for TV) (as Daniel Larson)
- 1979 *Hurricane* (Troell) (as Capt. Bruckner); *Caboblanco* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Gunther Berkdorff)
- 1980 *Raise the Titanic!* (Jameson) (as Adm. James Sandecker); *Melvin and Howard* (Jonathan Demme) (as Howard Hughes); *Haywire* (Tuchner—for TV) (as Leland Hayward)
- 1981 *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* (Fraker) (as President Grant)

- 1982 *Burden of Dreams* (Blank—doc)
- 1983 *Max Dugan Returns* (Ross) (title role); *Something Wicked This Way Comes* (Clayton) (as Charles Halloway); *The Day After* (Meyer—for TV) (as Dr. Russell Oakes)
- 1984 *Sakharov* (Gold—for TV) (title role); *America and Lewis Hine* (Rosenblum—doc)
- 1985 *The Long Hot Summer* (Cooper—for TV) (as Will Varner); *The Atlanta Child Murders* (Erman—for TV)
- 1986 *Johnny Bull* (Weill—for TV); *The Last Frontier* (Wincer—for TV) (as Ed Stenning)
- 1987 *Laguna Heat* (Langton) (as Wade Shephard); *Square Dance* (*Home Is Where the Heart Is*) (Petrie) (as Dillard)
- 1988 *The Good Mother* (Nimoy) (as Muth); *Bright Lights, Big City* (Bridges) (as Alex Hardy, uncredited); *L'Ami Retrouvé* (*Reunion*) (Schatzberg) (as Henry Strauss); *The Christmas Wife* (David Hugh Jones—for TV); *Breaking Home Ties* (Wilder—for TV); *Inherit the Wind* (David Greene—for TV) (as Henry Drummond)
- 1989 *Dream a Little Dream* (Rocco) (as Coleman Ettinger); *Paranthood* (Ron Howard) (as Frank Buckman); *Black Rain-bow* (Hodges) (as Walter Travis)
- 1990 *Quick Change* (Franklin and Bill Murray) (as Chief Rotzinger)
- 1991 *The Perfect Tribute* (Bender—for TV) (as Abraham Lincoln); *Chernobyl: The Final Warning* (*Final Warning*) (Page—for TV) (as Dr. Armand Hammer); *Mark Twain and Me* (Petrie—for TV) (as Mark Twain)
- 1992 *Storyville* (Frost) (as Clifford Fowler)
- 1993 *The Trial* (David Hugh Jones) (as Dr. Huld); *Philadelphia* (Jonathan Demme) (as Charles Wheeler); *The Adventures of Huck Finn* (Sommers) (as the King); *Heidi* (Rhodes—for TV) (as Grandfather)
- 1994 *The Paper* (Ron Howard) (as Graham Keighley); *Little Big League* (Scheinman) (as Thomas Heywood); *The Enemy Within* (Darby—for TV) (as Gen. R. Pendleton Lloyd)
- 1995 *Journey* (for TV) (as Marcus); *My Antonia* (Sargent—for TV); *Crimson Tide* (Tony Scott) (Admiral)
- 1997 *The Great American West* (Smoot) (as Narrator); *A Thousand Acres* (Moorhouse) (as Larry Cook)
- 1998 *Heartwood* (Cotler) (as Logan Reeser); *The Irish in America: Long Journey Home* (Lennon and Zwonitzer—mini for TV) (as voice); *The Real Macaw* (Andreacchio) (as Grandpa Ben Girdis); *Beloved* (Demme) (as Mr. Bodwin); *Enemy of the State* (Tony Scott) (as Congressman Phillip Hammersley)
- 1999 *Magnolia* (Paul Thomas Anderson) (as Earl Partridge)
- 2000 *Going Home* (Barry—TV) (as Charles Barton)

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Jason Robards’s acting career began in the 1950s on the New York stage, where he was quickly hailed as the definitive interpreter of the playwright Eugene O’Neill. His triumphant success in a 1956 revival of O’Neill’s *The Iceman Cometh* prompted the playwright’s widow Oona to allow her husband’s autobiographical *Long Day’s Journey into Night*, which the author had refused to let be staged during his lifetime, to receive its Broadway premiere in 1959, with Robards as star.

To the general public, however, Robards is known more for his films roles—and for his highly publicized 1961 marriage to the actress Lauren Bacall following the death of her first husband, the legendary Humphrey Bogart. The two were divorced in 1973.

Anatole Litvak’s *The Journey*, with Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner, launched Robards’s film career, which, unlike his stage career, has often brought him more criticism than acclaim. In films such as John Sturges’s *Hour of the Gun*, as Doc Holliday, and Sergio Leone’s *Once upon a Time in the West*, as a mercenary gunslinger, Robards’s character is treacherous, unattached, and inaccessible; his minimal dialogue subtly conceals his violent nature. Just as often, however, Robards has a tendency to invest his film performances with a too-broad theatricality. His wildly over-the-top Al Capone in *The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre* is a good case in point. The role, for which the slim, WASPish Robards was also physically miscast, was originally slated for Orson Welles.

In interviews, Robards often refers to his role as the loner symbol of America’s pioneer and entrepreneurial spirit in Sam Peckinpah’s *The Ballad of Cable Hogue* as one of his favorites. The highly anticipated film, following on the heels of Peckinpah’s groundbreaking *The Wild Bunch*, was not a commercial success, largely due to Robards’s gruff and grating interpretation of the character, who keeps losing our sympathy when he is most trying to gain it. The actor gave a much more human, and sympathetic, performance for Peckinpah as the doomed protagonist of the writer-director’s *Noon Wine*, a television adaptation of Katherine Anne Porter’s haunting short story.

Robards is at his best on screen when either he, the director, or both keeps his scenery chewing in check. As evidence of this, he won Academy Awards for Best Supporting Actor in 1976 and again in 1977 for two of his most restrained screen performances—as *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee in Alan J. Pakula's *All the President's Men* and as the writer Dashiell Hammett in Fred Zinneman's *Julia*. Given the alcoholic Hammett's brooding, self-destructive nature, the latter role gave Robards plenty of opportunities to engage in extravagant histrionics, but the tight rein he held on himself resulted in a Hammett that is both warm and likable. Robards received his last Academy Award nomination (so far) for his whimsical portrayal of billionaire-recluse Howard Hughes in Jonathan Demme's *Melvin and Howard*.

Though now in his seventies, Robards maintains a busy schedule on stage, television, and in the movies—his most notable recent role that of the villain in Jonathan Demme's AIDS drama *Philadelphia*.

—Rob Winning, updated by John McCarty

ROBBINS, Tim

Nationality: American. **Born:** Timothy Francis Robbins in West Covina, California, 16 October 1958; son of the folksinger Gil Robbins, of The Highwaymen. **Family:** Longtime companion of the actress Susan Sarandon, sons: Jack Henry, Miles Guthrie. **Education:** Attended State University of New York at Plattsburgh; University of California, Los Angeles, graduated 1981; studied French with the actor George Bigot of the Theatre du Soleil. **Career:** Began acting with the Theatre for the New City, an avant-garde theater, 1970; co-founded The Actor's Gang, an avant-garde theater company, later becoming its artistic director, 1981; made short film for TV's *Saturday Night Live*, which was later to serve as the inspiration for *Bob Roberts*, 1986; with Adam Simon, wrote the play *Carnage*, performed at Actor's Gang, Tiffany Theater, California; established his own independent company, HAVOC Productions, 1988. **Awards:** Best Actor at Cannes Festival, British Academy Award nomination for Best Actor, Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, for *The Player*, 1992; Bronze Award at the Tokyo International Film Festival, and Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, for *Bob Roberts*, 1992; Volpi Award for Best Ensemble Cast, Venice Film Festival, for *Short Cuts*, 1993; Screen Actors Guild Award nomination, Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role, for *The Shawshank Redemption*, 1994; Academy Award nomination for Best Director, Golden Globe nomination for Best Screenplay-Motion Picture, Humanitas Prize from the Human Family Educational & Cultural Institute, Golden Bear nomination and Prize of the Ecumenical Jury, Prize of the Guild of German Art House Cinemas, and Reader Jury of the 'Berliner Morgenpost,' for *Dead Man Walking*, 1995. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1983 *Quarterback Princess* (Black—for TV) (as Marvin)
- 1984 *Toy Soldiers* (Fisher) (as Boe); *No Small Affair* (Schatzberg) (as Nelson)

- 1985 *Fraternity Vacation* (Frawley) (as Larry "Mother" Tucker); *The Sure Thing* (Rob Reiner) (as Gary Cooper); *Malice in Wonderland (The Rumor Mill)* (Trikonis—for TV) (as Joseph Cotten)
- 1986 *Howard the Duck* (Huyck) (as Phil Blumberg); *Top Gun* (Tony Scott) (as Sam Wills)
- 1988 *Five Corners* (Bill) (as Harry Fitzgerald); *Bull Durham* (Shelton) (as Ebby Calvin "Nuke" LaLoosh); *Twister* (Almeryda) (as Jeff)
- 1989 *Tapeheads* (Fishman) (as Josh Tager, + mus); *Erik the Viking* (Terry Jones) (title role); *Miss Firecracker* (Schlamme) (as Delmount Williams)
- 1990 *Cadillac Man* (Donaldson) (as Larry); *Jacob's Ladder (Dante's Inferno)* (Lyne) (as Jacob Singer)
- 1991 *Jungle Fever* (Spike Lee) (as Jerry)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as Griffin Mill)
- 1993 *Short Cuts* (Altman) (as Gene Shepard)
- 1994 *The Hudsucker Proxy* (Coen) (as Norville Barnes); *The Shawshank Redemption* (Darabont) (as Andy Dufresne); *Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)* (Altman) (as Joe Flynn); *I.Q.* (Schepisi) (as Ed Walters)
- 1997 *Nothing to Lose* (Oedekerck) (as Nick Beam)
- 1999 *Arlington Road* (Pellington) (as Oliver Lang); *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (Roach) (as The President)
- 2000 *Mission to Mars* (De Palma) (as Woody Blake); *High Fidelity* (Frears) (as Ian Raymond); *Anti-Trust* (Howitt)

Films as Director:

- 1992 *Bob Roberts* (+ title ro, sc, mus)
- 1995 *Dead Man Walking* (+ sc, pr)
- 1999 *Cradle Will Rock* (+ sc, co-pr)

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Tim Robbins took two giant steps forward in 1992. Not only did he have the primary role in one of the year's most talked-about films, Robert Altman's *The Player*—a film featuring a who's who of Hollywood royalty in cameo appearances—but he also wrote, directed, and starred in *Bob Roberts*, a pungent political satire structured as a mockumentary.

Before the release of *The Player* and *Bob Roberts*, Robbins had been appearing on-screen for almost a decade. After playing small roles in several films and even surviving the debacle of *Howard the Duck*, he came to critical attention in *Five Corners*, playing the pacifistic, socially committed Harry Fitzgerald—a character who closely mirrors the actor's offscreen concerns—and *Bull Durham*, cast as Ebby Calvin "Nuke" LaLoosh, fireballing minor league hurler with "a million-dollar arm, but a five-cent head." Robbins effectively adds a devilish but ultimately mindless frat-boy air to *Bull Durham*. But for the most part, he has been adept at playing more mature—and smarmier—characters such as Bob Roberts, and Griffin Mill in *The Player*, a laced-in-acid lampoon of the motion picture industry. Robbins is nothing short of perfection as Mill, the amoral, hotshot head of production at a large movie studio upon whom real life intrudes when he accidentally kills a screenwriter. In *Short Cuts*, also directed by Robert Altman, he is fine as an egocentric cop, a macho manipulator who brazenly cheats on his wife.

Up to the mid-1990s, Robbins's most telling film was *Bob Roberts*, if only because of his participation behind as well as in front of the camera. Robbins cast himself as the title character, a folksinger and self-made millionaire-turned right-wing icon who is running for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Candidate Roberts is the Bob Dylan of the New Right. His second record album is titled *The Times Are Changin' Back*. He parades the American flag as he says the right things to press the right buttons of the electorate. His politics are the politics of self-interest. Forget what is fair. Forget the responsibilities of government leadership. Forget human rights or the homeless. Just think of yourself.

In his speeches, Roberts lambaste the 1960s as "a dark stain on America" not because of the political climate that led to Watergate but because of social protest. Those who disagree with Roberts will be labeled a commie or, even worse, unpatriotic. Above all, the film is a deft satire of the media. Television news departments are more interested in regurgitating zippy sound bites and "good shots" of Roberts than in examining his stand on issues. The scenario lampoons the forced, superficial chit-chat in which bubbleheaded anchorpersons indulge after mindlessly reading news from teleprompters. In *Bob Roberts*, both the print and television media report on the latest

allegations about candidates, resulting in shifts in the polls. Yet no journalist dares to investigate these allegations. The only person doing a proper journalist's job is a black radical (Giancarlo Esposito), who has discovered that Broken Dove, Roberts's organization, has been connected with failed savings and loans, drug smuggling, and more. Indeed, one of the messages in *Bob Roberts*, telegraphed by Robbins, is simple and clear: Think before you vote. The film—which came to movie houses during a presidential election year—is a cautionary tale about the need for substance and candor in American politics, and political campaigns. It reflects the progressive political concerns of Robbins and his longtime companion, Susan Sarandon (who appears in the film in a cameo role).

Robbins went on to direct two additional films during the 1990s. The first, *Dead Man Walking*, was one of the decade's most thoughtful and sensitive Hollywood films. The last, *Cradle Will Rock*, was something else altogether. *Dead Man Walking* is the riveting account of Sister Helen Prejean (Sarandon, in an Oscar-winning performance), a Catholic nun who ministers to Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn), a convicted murderer on death row. It is to the film's great credit that both sides of the issue of capital punishment are soberly presented. Poncelet may be a brutal killer, but he still is a human being, and Robbins asks a question that is worth contemplating: Will justice truly be served if a killer is put to death? Yet at the same time, Robbins ponders the plight of the killer's victims and their loved ones, whose lives have been irrevocably shattered. The very real anguish endured by the victims' families is an integral part of the story, as much a facet of the film as the complex, evolving relationship between Sister Helen and Poncelet. Indeed, in an era in which casual on-screen violence is omnipresent, *Dead Man Walking* is one of the rare few films that spotlights the aftermath of violence, and its effects on individuals.

Cradle Will Rock, meanwhile, is not so much a film as a political pamphlet. It is set in the New York of the mid-1930s and focuses on a series of fact-based events, from Nelson Rockefeller's commissioning Mexican artist Diego Rivera to paint a mural in Rockefeller Center to Orson Welles's staging the Federal Theater Project production of *The Cradle Will Rock*, Marc Blitzstein's agitprop musical. Robbins recreates a time when federal financing of the arts allowed for the creation of probing, vital, politically relevant artworks. In *Cradle Will Rock*, the Orson Welles character talks of the "church of the theater" and declares, "I want angry, lust-filled theatergoers." Yet this fervent period was short-lived. Robbins offers the point of view that the "cultural elite" pays for art, so the "cultural elite" feels it has the right to control the content of art. Furthermore, the government will not support works of art that are thinly veiled attacks on corporate and personal greed, or depict the rich as decadent capitalists and the blue collar masses as their victims. In *Cradle Will Rock*, the wealthy are stuff-shirts and right-wing hypocrites obsessed with weeding out communists in the Federal Theater Project, while at the same time supplying Hitler and Mussolini with the raw materials that scant years later would be used to kill American soldiers on Europe's battlefields. At the finale, spirited theater workers perform an impromptu version of Blitzstein's play, while in a parallel sequence the rich attend a fancy costume ball, acting as if they are intimates of Marie Antoinette in 18th-century France.

Cradle Will Rock fails not because it is unabashedly pro-union, pro-worker, or pro-artistic freedom. At first it is dramatically flat and

uninvolving, with oodles of characters frenetically parading across the screen. Then it becomes a drawn-out affair, with the events in its story painted in broad, obvious strokes. Ultimately, the film is all artifice, with its issues and characters presented in a clichéd manner. Those to the right—as embodied by a prim, holier-than-thou anti-Communist named Hazel, who agrees to snitch on her fellow theater workers—are unhappy and sexually repressed. Conversely, those to the left are portrayed as members of a lusty peasant proletariat who revel in their sexuality and constantly dance, sing, and celebrate “life.”

While establishing himself as a director, Robbins continues to accept acting roles, and is not incapable of playing sympathetic characters. He is especially good in *Jacob's Ladder*, acting the role of a psychologically scarred Vietnam veteran; *I.Q.*, as a garage mechanic who falls in love with the niece of Albert Einstein; and *The Shawshank Redemption*, cast as a soft-spoken banker-accountant locked up in jail for decades after being falsely convicted of murdering his wife and her lover. He also can play the wide-eyed innocent. In *The Hudsucker Proxy*, a wicked satire of corporate greed and bureaucracy, he is bright-eyed Norville Barnes—the name of a character right out of a Preston Sturges satire. Norville, fresh out of the Muncie College of Business Administration, comes to New York to work in the mailroom of a fabulously successful conglomerate and promptly becomes a pawn in a scheme concocted by the company founder-and-president's venal right-hand man.

Now that Robbins's stature in the industry allows him to handpick his roles, his most interesting parts have been in films with a social conscience at their core. These films either depict individuals wronged by a viciously unfair bureaucracy (*The Shawshank Redemption*), or individuals who will use and abuse power within political, social, or economic systems that have gone sour (*The Player*, *Bob Roberts*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*).

In the latter half of the 1990s, Robbins appeared on screen in a comedy—*Nothing to Lose*, playing a stressed-out, cuckolded yuppie—and a conspiracy thriller—*Arlington Road*, cast as a straight-arrow suburbanite who might be a terrorist. Yet continues to be more defined by his work behind the camera.

—Rob Edelman

ROBERTS, Julia

Nationality: American. **Born:** Smyrna, Georgia, 28 October 1967; sister of the actor Eric Roberts. **Family:** Married Lyle Lovett, 1993 (divorced 1995). **Career:** 1985—moved to New York; 1988—film debut with brother Eric in *Blood Red*; 1990—voted Performer of the Year by American cinema owners. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, for *Steel Magnolias*, 1990; Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, for *Pretty Woman*, 1991; ShoWest Award for Female Star of the Year, 1991; Hasty Pudding Theatricals (USA) Woman of the Year, 1997; ShoWest Special Award for International Star of the Year, 1998. **Agent:** Elaine Goldsmith, ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.



Julia Roberts (left) and Cameron Diaz in *My Best Friend's Wedding*

Films as Actress:

- 1988 *Blood Red* (Masterson—produced in 1986) (as Maria Collogero); *Satisfaction* (*Girls of Summer*) (Freeman) (as Daryle Shane); *Baja Oklahoma* (Roth—for TV); *Mystic Pizza* (Petrie) (as Daisy Arujo)
- 1989 *Steel Magnolias* (Ross) (as Shelby Eatenton Latcherie)
- 1990 *Pretty Woman* (Garry Marshall) (as Vivian Ward); *Flatliners* (Schumacher) (as Rachel Mannus)
- 1991 *Dying Young* (Schumacher) (as Hillary O'Neil); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Tinkerbell); *Sleeping with the Enemy* (Ruben) (as Sara Waters/Laura Burney)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (cameo)
- 1993 *The Pelican Brief* (Pakula) (as Darby Shaw)
- 1994 *I Love Trouble* (Shyer) (as Sabrina Peterson); *Ready to Wear* (*Prêt-à-Porter*) (Altman) (as Anne Eisenhower)
- 1995 *Something to Talk About* (Hallstrom) (as Grace)
- 1996 *Mary Reilly* (Frears) (title role); *Michael Collins* (Neil Jordan) (as Kitty Kiernan); *Everyone Says I Love You* (Allen) (as Vonnie “Von” Seidel)
- 1997 *My Best Friend's Wedding* (Hogan) (as Julianne “Jules” Potter); *Conspiracy Theory* (Donner) (as Alice Sutton)
- 1998 *In the Wild* (Cole—for TV) (as herself); *Stepmom* (Columbus) (as Isabel Kelly)
- 1999 *Notting Hill* (Michell) (as Anna Scott); *Runaway Bride* (Marshall) (as Maggie Carpenter)
- 2000 *Erin Brockovich* (Soderbergh) (title role)

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A meteoric rise to fame is the classic Hollywood dream and one to which many young and talented actors still aspire. Despite the fact that the American film industry no longer has the studio star system of Dream Factory days, the phenomenal success of a star such as Julia Roberts is testimony to the enduring importance of film stardom for audiences and as an organizing factor for the film industry economy. It is, however, an oversimplification to describe Roberts's stardom as an overnight sensation.

Making her film debut with her brother Eric in *Blood Red*, Julia Roberts appeared in three more films before getting a substantial role among the all-star cast in *Steel Magnolias*. Not dimmed by the acting of film veterans such as Shirley MacLaine and Sally Field and no less striking in beauty than Daryl Hannah, Roberts delivers a powerful performance as a young and courageous Southern belle (Shelby) who

strives for a wholesome life by becoming a mother despite her unfit physical condition. With her fiery red hair and what has now become a signature broad smile, Shelby represents a vitality that shines its brightest in the face of life's most fatal odds.

It was undoubtedly with the role as a happy-go-lucky whore in *Pretty Woman* that Julia Roberts captured the hearts of critics and public alike and was suddenly exposed to public attention on a grand scale. The story is no more than a modern version of Cinderella combined with a banal, "triumph of love over materialism" message. One of her next films, *Sleeping with the Enemy*, though another commercial success, taking \$70 million within its first six weeks, was greeted by only mediocre reviews by the critics. Another moral tale celebrating traditional values and highlighting Roberts's image of youthful and wholesome vitality combined with vulnerability and sexual allure, this film secured Roberts's position as one of the leading stars of the 1990s.

With a rumored \$10 million per movie in 1991, Roberts really seemed to look like the girl who had it all—looks, talent, success, and money. Such an early success, however, also seems to warrant the enormous pressure of coming to fame too quickly and too young. "As we begin talking, it's abundantly clear that Julia Roberts distrusts journalists," wrote Robert Palmer in 1990. This inherent tension with media would continue to worsen when her last-minute cancellation of the wedding to actor Kiefer Sutherland in 1991 was widely exploited by reporters all over the world. Her sudden marriage to and subsequent divorce from singer Lyle Lovett proved to be equally sensational for the press.

Roberts is certainly not the first Hollywood star to find the pressure of fame too much to cope with. Comparisons were quickly made with the likes of Monroe and Taylor—sometimes with sympathy and sometimes with an unkind relish. Roberts and the ideals she has stood for seemed, if only temporarily, to have gone off the rails, bringing the fantasy of womanhood as enduring and magical innocence back down to earth with a bang. Consistently rising above her material, she continued to shine in formulaic escapism like *Dying Young*, a terminal illness weepie shot like a series of commercials promoting tasteful grief, and *The Pelican Brief*, a dark political thriller devoid of the requisite chills to the spine. Despite bad press and periods of inactivity that would have derailed less secure careers, Roberts remained Hollywood's golden girl.

Sporting the sort of toothpaste grin that Lorenz Hart once wrote about, she triumphed over jerry-built vehicles like *I Love Trouble* and *Conspiracy Theory*, two shapeless projects that didn't know whether they meant to be thrillers or comedies (and didn't care, as long as they turned a profit). One comprehended her decision to break out of her good sport mold for the intriguing misfire, *Mary Reilly*, based on an evocative minor novel about Dr. Jekyll's maid. Like other charm gals before her, Roberts foolishly decided that stamping out her own personality was the best way to inhabit the mousey character. Instead of delineating the role of abused servant, Roberts seemed intimidated by the challenge, hamstrung by her British accent, and benumbed by the mystifying performance of John Malkovich, who exhibited too much avoirdupois for a role once tackled by matinee idols. A few years later, she would meet a dramatic challenge more forcefully in *Stepmom*, a soap opera sprinkled with equal parts comedy and expensive sentiment. Matching her acting partner, the more protean Susan Sarandon, Roberts fine tuned an arsenal of emotions as she found instant motherhood thrust upon her.

Comedy was her undisputed forte, however, and she transformed three frothy properties (*My Best Friend's Wedding*, *Notting Hill*, *The*

Runaway Bride) into mega-hits, while burnishing the careers of her male co-stars with her own glow. What made these romantic comedies fascinating was that Roberts didn't shy away from lending these sketchy characters a touch of the emasculator. Unlike her earlier hit, *Something to Talk About*, in which she's a victim redressing wrongs, Roberts' recent roles comprised screwed-up screwballs, who harkened back to Claudette Colbert and her wicked teasing of Gary Cooper in *Bluebeard's Eighth Wife*. In *My Best Friend's Wedding*, her vacillating careerist tried to win back an ex-fiance as if he were a luxury item she coveted; in *Notting Hill*, her movie goddess wreaked havoc on a bookseller by expecting him to treat her as an ordinary gal-pal while exhibiting diva-like behavior; in *The Runaway Bride* she jilted grooms on a regular basis. Underlying Hollywood comedies' usual behavioral text (about the regrouping of mismatched lovers) was a subtext of willfulness that only Roberts could make palatable. In all these and in the true-life saga, *Erin Brockovich*, she was never less than radiant. As a comic force, she's less daffy than merely hard-headed. Like a modern-day Goldilocks, Roberts' screen persona fussily keeps searching for the bed that's just right.

In the expansive role of Erin Brockovich, Roberts illuminated the unflappable spirit of a hard-pressed working mom, whose flashy clothes cue the wrong responses from selfish men and jealous women. Watching this tailor-made vehicle, one could see why she became the first female to earn 20 million per picture. Unfazed by a venal power company, unimpressed by arrogant lawyers, and unapologetic about fulfilling herself through her work, her crusading character rode roughshod over anyone who stood in the way of justice. Although her character refused to kowtow to conventional notions of propriety, Roberts emerged as likeable as ever.

Balancing serious roles with crowd-pleasing farces, Roberts has chosen wisely, yet one senses untapped depths. A superb TV guest spot as a villainess on *Law and Order* showcased the self-absorbed side of her personality. She remains Hollywood's most bankable female star; in 2000, *Forbes Magazine* listed her as the most powerful woman in show business.

—Margaret O'Connor, updated by Guo-Juin Hong,
further updated by Robert J. Pardi

ROBERTSON, Cliff

Nationality: American. **Born:** Clifford Parker Robertson in La Jolla, California, 9 September 1925. **Education:** Attended La Jolla High School, graduated 1941; Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, one year; studied acting at Actors Studio, New York. **Family:** Married 1) Cynthia Stone, 1957 (divorced 1959), daughter: Stephanie; 2) the actress Dina Merrill, 1966 (divorced 1989), daughter: Heather. **Career:** 1941—seaman on the tramp steamer *Admiral Cole*; worked in merchant marine during World War II; 1943—film debut in *We've Never Been Licked*; 1947—on tour with the play *Three Men on a Horse*; 1948–50—on national tour with the play *Mister Roberts*; 1953—New York debut in *Late Love*; 1954—regular actor on TV series *Robert Montgomery Presents*; 1955—contract with Columbia;



Cliff Robertson

1972—directed the film *J. W. Coop*; many television roles, including the mini-series *Washington: Behind Closed Doors*, 1977; late 1970s—sued Columbia executive David Begelman for illegal checking practices; 1983–84—in TV series *Falcon Crest*; 1995—in TV mini-series *Dazzle*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *Charly*, 1968.

Films as Actor:

- 1943 *We've Never Been Licked* (*Fighting Command*) (Rawlins) (as Adams); *Corvette K-225* (Rosson)
- 1955 *Picnic* (Logan) (as Alan)
- 1956 *Autumn Leaves* (Aldrich) (as Burt Hanson)
- 1957 *The Girl Most Likely* (Leisen) (as Pete)
- 1958 *The Naked and the Dead* (Walsh) (as Hearn)
- 1959 *Gidget* (Wendkos) (as Kahoona); *Battle of the Coral Sea* (Wendkos) (as Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Conway)
- 1960 *As the Sea Rages* (Haechler) (as Clements)
- 1961 *All in a Night's Work* (Anthony) (as Warren Kingsley Jr.); *Underworld, U.S.A.* (Fuller) (as Tolly Devlin); *The Big Show* (Clark) (as Josef Everard)
- 1962 *The Interns* (Swift) (as Dr. John Paul Otis)
- 1963 *My Six Loves* (Champion) (as the Rev. Jim Larkin); *PT 109* (Martinson) (as John F. Kennedy); *Sunday in New York* (Tewksbury) (as Adam Tyler)
- 1964 *The Best Man* (Schaffner) (as Joe Cantwell); *633 Squadron* (Grauman) (as Wing Cmdr. Roy Grant)

- 1965 *Masquerade* (Dearden) (as David Frazer); *Up from the Beach* (Parrish) (as Sgt. Edward Baxter); *Love Has Many Faces* (Singer) (as Pete Jordan)
- 1967 *The Honey Pot* (Mankiewicz) (as William McFly)
- 1968 *The Devil's Brigade* (McLaglen) (as Maj. Alan Crown); *Charly* (Nelson) (title role); *The Sunshine Patriots* (Sargent—for TV)
- 1970 *Too Late the Hero* (Aldrich) (as Lt. Lawson)
- 1971 *The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid* (Kaufman) (as Cole Younger)
- 1973 *The Man without a Country* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Philip Nolan); *Ace Eli and Rodger of the Skies* (Sampson) (as Eli)
- 1974 *Man on a Swing* (Perry) (as Lee Tucker); *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Hardy—for TV)
- 1975 *Out of Season* (Bridges) (as Joe); *Three Days of the Condor* (Pollack) (as Higgins); *My Father's House* (Segal—for TV)
- 1976 *Return to Earth* (Taylor—for TV) (as Buzz Aldrin); *Obsession* (De Palma) (as Michael Courtland); *Midway* (Smight) (as Cmdr. Carl Jessop); *Shoot* (Hart) (as Maj. Rex Jeanette)
- 1977 *Fraternity Row* (Tobin) (as narrator)
- 1978 *Overboard* (Newland—for TV); *Dominique* (Anderson) (as David Ballard)
- 1982 *Two of a Kind* (Roger Young—for TV) (as Frank Minor)
- 1983 *Class* (Carlino) (as Burroughs); *Brainstorm* (Trumbull) (as Alex Terson); *Star 80* (Fosse) (as Hugh Hefner)
- 1985 *Shaker Run* (Morrison); *The Key to Rebecca* (Hemmings—for TV)
- 1986 *Dreams of Gold: The Mel Fisher Story* (Goldstone—for TV)
- 1987 *Malone* (Cokliss) (as Charles Delaney); *Ford: The Man and the Machine* (Eastman—for TV) (title role)
- 1990 *Dead Reckoning* (Robert Lewis—for TV) (as Dr. Daniel Barnard)
- 1991 *Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken* (Miner) (as Dr. Carver)
- 1992 *Wind* (Ballard) (as Morgan Weld)
- 1994 *Renaissance Man* (Penny Marshall) (as Col. James)
- 1995 *Pakten* (Risan)
- 1996 *Escape from L.A.* (John Carpenter); *"With God On Our Side: The Rise of the Religious Right in America"* (Skaggs and Van Taylor—mini for TV) (as Narrator)
- 1997 *Melting Pot* (Musca) (as Jack Durman)
- 1998 *Assignment Berlin* (Randel) (as Cliff Garret)
- 1999 *Family Tree* (Clark)
- 2000 *March 2* (Hour of Valor) (Ray)

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A sturdy, interesting leading man and moderately versatile character actor/villain, Cliff Robertson played his most dramatic scenes thus far offscreen when he blew the whistle on Columbia president David Begelman for embezzlement. Although this led to his three-year blacklisting by the movie studios, Robertson weathered that particular storm, and is currently embarked on what is virtually a second movie career.

Initially, Joshua Logan, who had directed Robertson in the stage version of his *Mister Roberts*, provided him with his feature movie debut role in the film version of William Inge's play, *Picnic*; Robertson plays the Kansan who loses Kim Novak to drifter William Holden. After appearing in a number of films of varying quality, Robertson attracted considerable attention when he was chosen by President John F. Kennedy to portray him in Leslie Martinson's straightforward *PT 109*.

The group of films that followed were mostly routine, although his ruthless presidential candidate in Gore Vidal's political melodrama, *The Best Man*, is both effective and memorable. Ralph Nelson's *Charly*, however, in which Robertson portrays a retarded man whom a scientific experiment transforms to a genius and back again, gained him the Academy Award as Best Actor. Robertson had played the role on television in 1961 and purchased the rights to the material (Daniel Keyes's novel *Flowers for Algernon*), ensuring his appearance in the film version. He also directed, scripted, produced and starred in the well-received 1972 film *J. W. Coop*, a character study of a dumb but cocky ex-convict rodeo cowboy. Despite this success, Robertson has only directed one other film, *The Pilot*, in which he also starred.

After a number of other films in the early 1970s, including supporting performances in two solid box-office hits, *Midway* and

Three Days of the Condor, Robertson had few jobs for more than three years during his blacklisting. He resumed his career in the 1980s, however, with supporting roles in Douglas Trumbull's *Brainstorm* and Bob Fosse's *Star 80* (portraying *Playboy* founder Hugh Hefner), among other film and television assignments. Robertson now seems well on his way back toward starring roles which call for quiet determination, evident authority, and understated intensity.

—Bill Wine, updated by Frank Uhle

ROBESON, Paul

Nationality: American. **Born:** Paul Leroy Robeson in Princeton, New Jersey, 9 April 1898. **Education:** Attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey (All-American football player), B.A., 1919 (Phi Beta Kappa); Columbia University Law School, New York, graduated 1923; admitted to the New York Bar, and joined New York law firm, 1923. **Family:** Married Eslanda Cardozo Goode, 1921 (died 1965), son: Paul. **Career:** Professional football player while attending law school; 1921—professional debut on Broadway in *Taboo*; 1922—English debut in the same play, retitled *Voodoo*, in Blackpool opposite Mrs. Patrick Campbell; 1924—on stage in New York in *The Emperor Jones* and *All God's Chillun Got Wings*; 1925—film debut in *Body and Soul*; first professional singing tour; 1930—in

stage play *Othello*: later appeared in the play on Broadway and on tour, 1940; 1950–58—after appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee, passport revoked; 1958—farewell concert, Carnegie Hall, New York; in poor health from 1959 until his death. **Awards:** Stalin Peace Prize, 1952 (received 1958); admitted to Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame, 1974; inducted into College Football Hall of Fame, 1995. **Died:** In Philadelphia, 23 January 1976.

Films as Actor:

- 1925 *Body and Soul* (Micheaux); *Borderline* (MacPherson)
- 1933 *The Emperor Jones* (Dudley Murphy) (as Brutus Jones)
- 1935 *Sanders of the River* (*Bosambo*) (Z. Korda) (as Bosambo)
- 1936 *Song of Freedom* (Wills) (as John Zinga); *Show Boat* (Whale) (as Joe)
- 1937 *King Solomon's Mines* (Stevenson) (as Umbopa); *Jericho* (*Dark Sands*) (Freeland) (as Jericho Jackson); *Big Fella* (Wills) (as Joe)
- 1940 *The Proud Valley* (Tennyson) (as David Goliath)
- 1942 *Native Land* (Hurwitz and Strand—doc) (as narrator); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier) (as Luke)
- 1954 *Das Lied der Ströme* (*Song of the Rivers*) (Ivens—doc) (singing voice only)

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Paul Robeson's life story, of which his film career was a small and sadly underdeveloped component, is one of the great inspirations and

tragedies of modern American history. An actor and singer of great presence and power, Robeson tried, often in vain, to find dignified roles for a black man in both American and British studios. With the exceptions of the African-American pioneer director Oscar Micheaux's *Body and Soul*, the avant-garde *Borderline*, and the British *Big Fella* he was cast as either a subhuman or a super-leader with whom no one could identify. Nevertheless, Robeson was America's Twentieth-Century Renaissance man: All-American athlete at Rutgers, Columbia law school graduate, political activist, bass-baritone, public intellectual, linguist, and actor. Born in 1898, he became famous in the mid-1920s for his roles in two Eugene O'Neill plays, *All God's Chillun Got Wings* and *The Emperor Jones*. He repeated the latter role in the 1933 independently produced film version, and the play itself anticipates Robeson's film career in several ways.

Like Robeson himself, Brutus Jones embarks on a journey of self-discovery. This southern black laborer becomes first a criminal and then the despot of a Caribbean Island. The transformation repeats itself through Robeson's film career: severing ties with one world, he must adopt a new persona in another. Two years after making *The Emperor Jones*, in the Korda-produced *Sanders of the River*, Robeson played a petty thief who has left Liberia and, by kowtowing to the British imperialists, becomes an African chief. In *Song of Freedom* he portrays an English dockworker who, after becoming a famous singer, retraces his ancestry in an African village. Another transformation occurs in *King Solomon's Mines*, in which Robeson's Umbopa, after traveling with white fortune-hunters to his native land, reveals himself as the rightful chief. He plays the mythical David Goliath in Pen Tennyson's *The Proud Valley*. After arriving in a Welsh coal-mining town as a vagabond who has jumped his American ship, David becomes the pride of the men's chorus and a miner who martyrs himself to save the less noble white miners. (Although Robeson's characters obviously represent moral choices, more recent critics have also openly acknowledged their frequent eroticism.)

The Emperor Jones contains gratuitous songs for Robeson which were not in the stage productions, again setting a precedent. In *Show Boat*, recreating his stage role as Joe, he sings "Ol' Man River" (which he would later reinvent in concert as a protest song) in a stunning expressionistic sequence, and later performs a comic duet with Hattie McDaniel written especially for the film once Robeson was cast. His songs in *Sanders of the River* ("On to Battle") and *King Solomon's Mines* ("Song of the Mountains") contain embarrassingly childish lyrics, and in both *Song of Freedom* and *The Proud Valley* Robeson's obtrusive lyrics can be best described as anglicized Socialist Realism. Robeson's singing is perhaps best experienced through his many recordings of spirituals and international folk songs, which often suggest the legendary power of his live concerts.

Robeson's life was as superhuman as David Goliath's in *The Proud Valley*: the Spanish Civil War stopped for a day for his concert; his *Othello* was the longest-running Shakespearean play in American theatrical history; he was as outspokenly pro-African liberation as he was anti-imperialist. He championed communism even when government pressure destroyed his health and career. That he accomplished so much in so many public arenas is still awe-inspiring, while his life continues to inspire debate and discussion; that the American and British film industries, not to mention the U.S. government, so consistently devalued and hampered his talents remains a major shame.

—Howard Feinstein, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

ROBINSON, Edward G.

Nationality: American. **Born:** Emanuel Goldenberg in Bucharest, Romania, 12 December 1893; acquired U.S. citizenship papers on emigrating with his parents at age 10. **Education:** Attended Townsend Harris Hall High School, New York; Columbia University, New York; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1912–13. **Family:** Married 1) Gladys Lloyd, 1927 (divorced 1956), son: Emanuel; 2) Jane Adler, 1958. **Career:** 1913—member of Binghamton Stock Company, New York; 1915—Broadway debut in *Under Fire*; served in the U.S. Navy during World War I; 1923—film debut in *The Bright Shawl*; 1927—leading role in stage play *The Racket* (also co-wrote it); 1931—contract with Warner Brothers; 1937–40—in radio series *Big Town* with Claire Trevor; 1946—formed Film Guild Corporation production company; 1956—on Broadway in *Middle of the Night*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *House of Strangers*, 1949; Special Academy Award, 1972 (awarded posthumously). **Died:** 26 January 1973.

Films as Actor:

- 1923 *The Bright Shawl* (Robertson) (as Domingo Escobar)
- 1929 *The Hole in the Wall* (Flory) (as the Fox); *Night Ride* (Robertson) (as Tony Garotta)
- 1930 *A Lady to Love* (Seastrom) (as Tony); *Outside the Law* (Browning) (as Cobra Collins); *East Is West* (Bell) (as Charlie Young); *Thunder in the City* (Gering) (as Dan Armstrong); *The Widow from Chicago* (Cline) (as Dominio)
- 1931 *Little Caesar* (LeRoy) (as Rico Bandello); *Smart Money* (Green) (as Nick “The Barber” Venizelos); *Five Star Final* (LeRoy) (as Joseph Randall)
- 1932 *The Hatchet Man* (Wellman) (as Wong Low Get); *Two Seconds* (LeRoy) (as John Allen); *Tiger Shark* (Hawks) (as Mike Mascarena); *Silver Dollar* (Green) (as Yates Martin)
- 1933 *The Little Giant* (Del Ruth) (as James Francis Ahearn); *I Loved a Woman* (Green) (as John Hayden)
- 1934 *Dark Hazard* (Green) (as Jim “Buck” Turner); *The Man with Two Faces* (Mayo) (as Damon Wells)
- 1935 *The Whole Town’s Talking* (Ford) (as Arthur Ferguson Jones); *Barbary Coast* (Hawks) (as Louis Chamacis)
- 1936 *Bullets or Ballots* (Keighley) (as Johnny Blake)
- 1937 *Kid Galahad* (Curtiz) (as Nick Donati); *The Last Gangster* (Ludwig) (as Joe Krozac)
- 1938 *A Slight Case of Murder* (Bacon) (as Remy Marco); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak) (title role); *I Am the Law* (Hall) (as John Lindsay)
- 1939 *Confessions of a Nazi Spy* (Litvak) (as Ed Reward); *Blackmail* (Potter) (as John Ingram)
- 1940 *Dr. Ehrlich’s Magic Bullet* (Dieterle) (title role); *Brother Orchid* (Bacon) (as Little John Sarto); *A Dispatch from Reuters* (Dieterle) (as Julius Reuter)
- 1941 *The Sea Wolf* (Curtiz) (as Wolf Carsen); *Unholy Partner* (LeRoy) (as Bruce Corey); *Manpower* (Walsh) (as Hawk McHenry)
- 1942 *Larceny, Inc.* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Pressure Maxwell); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier) (as Browne)
- 1943 *Destroyer* (Seiter) (as Steve Boleslauski); *Flesh and Fantasy* (Duvivier) (as Marshall Tyler)
- 1944 *Tampico* (Mendes) (as Capt. Bart Manson); *Mr. Winkle Goes to War* (Green) (title role); *Double Indemnity* (Wilder) (as Barton Keyes)
- 1945 *The Woman in the Window* (Fritz Lang) (as Prof. Richard Whanley); *Our Vines Have Tender Grapes* (Rowland) (as Martinus Jacobson)
- 1946 *Scarlet Street* (Fritz Lang) (as Christopher Cross); *Journey Together* (Boulting) (as Dean McWilliams); *The Stranger* (Welles) (as Wilson)
- 1947 *The Red House* (Daves) (as Peter Morgan)
- 1948 *All My Sons* (Reis) (as Joe Keller); *Key Largo* (Huston) (as Johnny Rocco); *The Night Has a Thousand Eyes* (Farrow) (as John Triton)
- 1949 *It’s a Great Feeling* (Butler) (as himself)
- 1950 *My Daughter Joy* (*Operation X*) (Ratoff) (as George Constantin)
- 1952 *Actors and Sin* (Hecht) (as Maurice Tillayou)
- 1953 *Vice Squad* (Caven) (as Captain Barnaby); *Big Leaguer* (Aldrich) (as John “Hans” Lobart); *The Glass Web* (Arnold) (as Henry Hayes)
- 1954 *Black Tuesday* (Fregonese) (as Vincent Cavelli)
- 1955 *The Violent Men* (Maté) (as Lew Wilkison); *Tight Spot* (Karlsen) (as Lloyd Hallett); *A Bullet for Joey* (Lewis Allen) (as Inspector Raoul Leduc)
- 1956 *Hell on Frisco Bay* (Tuttle) (as Victor Amato); *Nightmare* (Shane) (as Rene); *The Ten Commandments* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Dathan)
- 1959 *A Hole in the Head* (Capra) (as Mario Manetta)
- 1960 *Seven Thieves* (Hathaway) (as Theo Wilkins); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *My Geisha* (Cardiff) (as Sam Lewis)
- 1962 *Two Weeks in Another Town* (Minnelli) (as Maurice Kruger)
- 1964 *The Prize* (Robson) (as Dr. Max Stratman); *Good Neighbor Sam* (Swift) (as Simon Nurdlinger); *Robin and the Seven Hoods* (Douglas) (as Big Jim); *The Outrage* (Ritt) (as Cow Man); *Cheyenne Autumn* (Ford) (as Carl Schurr)
- 1965 *A Boy Ten Feet Tall* (Mackendrick) (as Cocky Wainwright); *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (as Cancey Howard)
- 1968 *La Blonde de Peking* (*The Blonde from Peking*) (Gassner) (as Douglas); *Ad ogni costo* (*Grand Slam*) (Montaldo) (as Prof. James Anders); *Uno scacco tutto matto* (*Mad Checkmate*) (Fiz) (as MacDowell); *Operation St. Peter’s* (Fucci) (as Joe); *Never a Dull Moment* (Paris) (as Leo Joseph Smooth)
- 1969 *MacKenna’s Gold* (Thompson) (as Old Adams); *U.M.C. (Operation Heartbeat)* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1970 *The Old Man Who Cried Wolf* (Grauman—for TV); *Song of Norway* (Stone) (as Krogstad)
- 1973 *Soylent Green* (Fleischer) (as Sol Roth); *Neither by Day nor Night* (Stern) (as Father)
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His craggy frog-face, squat, stocky figure, and whine/growl of a voice made Edward G. Robinson the permanent property of generations of impressionists and caricaturists. That his acting never descended into the masochistic self-parody of many another distinctive talent is due to Robinson's skill and humor. He became famous

through his startling and vivid portrayal of Rico Bandello in *Little Caesar*. This and other roles of the same vintage and mood (*The Hole in the Wall* and *Outside the Law*, to name but two) swiftly typed Robinson as a conscienceless, snarling thug. He was never trapped by this menacing persona. Instead, he played with it, using it as a foundation and weaving skillful variations on the public's perception of his range. Like Cagney he transcended typecasting; rather, he used it to his own ends. No matter with what preconceptions one approaches a Robinson characterization, the actor is able to bring to his work a freshness, an element of the unexpected.

Robinson's roles were sometimes thinly scripted but they inevitably emerged as full-blooded and emotionally shaded on the screen. Even the toughest of his maniacal killers is capable of moments of whimsy or unguarded pleasure. This often points to an essential weakness in the character which leads to his inevitable downfall. This is the key to Robinson's screen gangsters and bad guys, and what separates them from those of his fellow kings of the celluloid underworld, Cagney and Bogart. Robinson's characters are killers, but they are not clever, homicidal crazies (like Cagney's) or desperate loners looking for a way out (like Bogart's). They are fools guided by stupidity—essentially comic figures. This may be why many of Robinson's best gangster films following *Little Caesar* were, in fact, outright comedies in which he not only poked fun at the distinctive tough guy character he had created but further defined that character in ways that some of his dramas failed to do. In these comic films, such as *The Little Giant*, *The Whole Town's Talking*, *A Slight Case of Murder*, *Brother Orchid*, and so on, his cruel face softened and relaxed until it resembled that of an amiable, if unfortunate, baby.

In Robinson's best performances, he was able to walk the line between reason and rage. *Flesh and Fantasy* and *The Night Has a Thousand Eyes* show his vulnerability and susceptibility to madness; he is a hard-edged thug with a soft spot in *The Last Gangster*, a cuckold in *Manpower*, noble and tenacious in *Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet*, shrewd and bemused in *Double Indemnity*, benevolent and fatherly in *Our Vines Have Tender Grapes*.

Robinson worked with some of the best directors in Hollywood—Browning, LeRoy, Wellman, Ford, Hawks, Farrow, Curtiz, Huston—but the archetypical Robinson roles are contained in Fritz Lang's *Scarlet Street* and *The Woman in the Window*. In the former, he is an easily manipulated artist driven to madness and murder by his wife's infidelity. In the latter, he portrays a cultured and intelligent professor who becomes embroiled in the seamier side of life by his obsession with the beautiful subject of a portrait. In both films, Lang's themes seem tailor-made to display the disparate facets of Robinson's personality: paranoia, impending insanity, and violence versus taste, trust, and an innate, if fragile, amiability.

—Frank Thompson, updated by John McCarty

ROGERS, Ginger

Nationality: American. **Born:** Virginia Katherine McMath in Independence, Missouri, 16 July 1911; adopted name of stepfather, Rogers. **Education:** Attended Benton Boulevard Elementary School, Kansas City; Sixth Ward Elementary School and Central High School, both in Fort Worth, Texas. **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Jack Pepper (Edward Jackson Culpepper), 1929 (divorced 1931); 2) the actor Lew Ayres, 1934 (divorced 1940); 3) the actor Jack

Briggs, 1943 (divorced 1949); 4) the actor Jacques Bergerac, 1953 (divorced 1957); 5) William Marshall, 1961 (divorced 1970). **Career:** 1925—stage debut in Eddie Foy's vaudeville troupe; then toured for next few years as dancer, first with Jack Pepper, later as a solo act; 1929—New York debut in musical comedy *Top Speed*; 1930—feature film debut in *Young Man of Manhattan*; 1933—first film with Fred Astaire, *Flying Down to Rio*; 1951—on Broadway in *Love and Let Love*; later stage work in *Hello, Dolly!* in New York and tour, 1965–67, *Mame* in London, 1969, *Coco* on tour, 1971, *Our Town* in Sherman, Texas, 1972; 1971—fashion consultant to J. C. Penney chain; 1976—formed a nightclub review; 1985—directed play *Babes in Arms*, performed in Tarrytown, New York. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *Kitty Foyle*, 1940. **Died:** In Rancho Mirage, California, 25 April 1995.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 *A Night in a Dormitory* (Delmar—short); *A Day of a Man of Affairs* (Basil Smith—short)
- 1930 *Office Blues* (Blumenstock—short) (as secretary); *Campus Sweethearts* (Meehan—short); *Young Man of Manhattan* (Bell) (as Puff Randolph); *Queen High* (Newmeyer) (as Polly Rockwell); *The Sap from Syracuse (The Sap from Abroad)* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Ellen Saunders); *Follow the Leader* (Taurog) (as Mary Brennan)
- 1931 *Honor among Lovers* (Arzner) (as Doris Blake); *The Tip-Off (Looking for Trouble)* (Rogell) (as Baby Face); *Suicide Fleet* (Rogell) (as Sally)
- 1932 *Screen Snapshots* (short); *Hollywood on Parade* (Oakie—short); *Carnival Boat* (Rogell) (as Honey); *The Tenderfoot* (Enright) (as Ruth); *The Thirteenth Guest (Lady Beware)* (Albert Ray) (as Marie Morgan/Lela); *Hat Check Girl* (Lanfield) (as Jessie King); *You Said a Mouthful* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Alice Brandon)
- 1933 *Hollywood on Parade, No. 9* (short); *42nd Street* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Ann Lowell, “Anytime Annie”); *Broadway Bad (Her Reputation)* (Lanfield) (as Flip Daly); *Gold Diggers of 1933* (LeRoy) (as Fay Fortune); *Professional Sweetheart (Imaginary Sweetheart)* (Seiter) (as Glory Eden); *A Shriek in the Night* (Albert Ray) (as Patricia Morgan); *Don't Bet on Love* (Roth) (as Molly Gilbert); *Sitting Pretty* (Harry Joe Brown) (as Dorothy); *Flying Down to Rio* (Freeland) (as Honey Hale); *Chance at Heaven* (Seiter) (as Marje Harris)
- 1934 *Rafter Romance* (Seiter) (as Mary Carroll); *Finishing School* (Tuchock and Nicholls Jr.) (as Cecelia “Pony” Ferris); *Twenty Million Sweethearts* (Enright) (as Peggy Cornell); *Change of Heart* (Blystone) (as Madge Roundtree); *Upperworld* (Del Ruth) (as Lily Linder); *The Gay Divorcee* (Sandrich) (as Mimi Glossop); *Romance in Manhattan* (Roberts) (as Sylvia Dennis)
- 1935 *Roberta* (Seiter) (as Countess Scharwenka/Lizzie Gatz); *Star of Midnight* (Roberts) (as Donna Mantin); *Top Hat* (Sandrich) (as Dale Tremont); *In Person* (Seiter) (as Carol Corliss)
- 1936 *Follow the Fleet* (Sandrich) (as Sherry Martin); *Swing Time* (Stevens) (as Penelope “Penny” Carrol)



Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire in *Carefree*

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| 1937 | <i>Shall We Dance</i> (Sandrich) (as Linda Keene); <i>Stage Door</i> (La Cava) (as Joan Maitland) | 1945 | <i>Weekend at the Waldorf</i> (Leonard) (as Irene Malvern) |
| 1938 | <i>Having Wonderful Time</i> (Santell) (as Thelma "Teddy" Shaw); <i>Vivacious Lady</i> (Stevens) (as Frances "Francey" Brent); <i>Carefree</i> (Sandrich) (as Amanda Cooper) | 1946 | <i>Heartbeat</i> (Wood) (as Arlette Lafon); <i>Magnificent Doll</i> (Borzage) (as Dolley Paine Madison) |
| 1939 | <i>The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle</i> (Potter) (as Irene Foote Castle); <i>Bachelor Mother</i> (Kanin) (as Polly Parrish); <i>Fifth Avenue Girl</i> (La Cava) (as Mary Grey) | 1947 | <i>It Had to Be You</i> (Hartman and Mate) (as Victoria Stafford) |
| 1940 | <i>Primrose Path</i> (La Cava) (as Ellie May Adams); <i>Lucky Partners</i> (Milestone) (as Jean Newton); <i>Kitty Foyle</i> (Wood) (title role) | 1949 | <i>The Barkleys of Broadway</i> (Walters) (as Dinah Barkley) |
| 1941 | <i>Tom, Dick, and Harry</i> (Kanin) (as Janie) | 1950 | <i>Perfect Strangers</i> (<i>Too Dangerous to Love</i>) (Windust) (as Terry Scott) |
| 1942 | <i>Roxie Hart</i> (Wellman) (title role); <i>Tales of Manhattan</i> (Duvivier) (as Diane); <i>The Major and the Minor</i> (Wilder) (as Susan Applegate); <i>Once upon a Honeymoon</i> (McCarey) (as Katie O'Hara/Katharine Butte-Smith) | 1951 | <i>Storm Warning</i> (Heisler) (as Marsha Mitchell); <i>The Groom Wore Spurs</i> (Whorf) (as Abigail J. Furnival) |
| 1943 | <i>Show Business at War</i> (<i>March of Times</i> series) (short); <i>Tender Comrade</i> (Dmytryk) (as Jo Jones) | 1952 | <i>We're Not Married</i> (Edmund Goulding) (as Ramona); <i>Monkey Business</i> (Hawks) (as Edwina Fulton); <i>Dreamboat</i> (Binyon) (as Gloria) |
| 1944 | <i>Lady in the Dark</i> (Leisen) (as Liza Elliott); <i>Safeguarding Military Information</i> (WWII training film); <i>Battle Stations</i> (as narrator); <i>I'll Be Seeing You</i> (Dieterle) (as Mary Marshall) | 1954 | <i>Forever Female</i> (Rapper) (as Beatrice Page); <i>Black Widow</i> (Nunnally Johnson) (as Lottie); <i>Twist of Fate</i> (<i>Beautiful Stranger</i>) (Miller) (as Johnny Victor) |
| | | 1955 | <i>Tight Spot</i> (Karlson) (as Sherry Conley) |
| | | 1956 | <i>The First Traveling Saleslady</i> (Lubin) (as Rose Gillray); <i>Teenage Rebel</i> (Edmund Goulding) (as Nancy Fallon); <i>Oh, Men! Oh, Women!</i> (Nunnally Johnson) (as Mildred Turner) |
| | | 1964 | <i>The Confession</i> (<i>Seven Different Ways</i> ; <i>Quick, Let's Get Married</i>) (Dieterle) (as Mme. Rinaldi) |

- 1965 Harlow (Segal) (as Mama Jean); *Cinderella* (Dubin—for TV) (as the Queen)
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One of the longest successful Hollywood film careers belongs to Ginger Rogers, a fact frequently overlooked. When fans and historians list those women who survived as stars despite age and changing styles and times, the names usually cited include Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, Katharine Hepburn, and Myrna Loy, but Rogers is rarely mentioned. It is perhaps a tribute to her lasting youthfulness that, although there is no question that she is a major star with a lengthy career, she is not thought of as someone who survived or kept her career going after great setbacks. Instead, she is a star who never had to make a comeback because she never left the limelight.

The best-known aspect of the Rogers career is her membership in the most beloved and celebrated dance team in the history of the American musical cinema—the Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers combination which was paired in ten dance musicals. Together, from 1933 to 1939, they made nine films for RKO, managing to keep the financially unstable studio afloat for several years. Because many film scholars consider the Astaire/Rogers films to be the greatest dance musicals produced by Hollywood, they have been the subject of extensive analysis. Most of the research concerns the revolutionary aesthetic contributions that have been attributed to Fred Astaire; the

integration of musical numbers and choreography with plot and story line, sound recording methods, and the use of camera work to maintain the integrity of the dance numbers.

Historically, the other half of the team, Rogers, has been continually overlooked. As film scholar Robin Wood so aptly states, "One habitually thinks of Rogers as Astaire's partner, rather than the other way around." Some have argued that Astaire, in fact, needed Rogers more than she him.

After Astaire's sister broke up the Broadway dance team of Fred and Adele Astaire in 1932, Astaire found his career in musical comedy faltering and embarked on a career in the motion picture industry. It was a risky undertaking. Already 33 and thin, balding, and not-classically handsome, Astaire did not possess the qualities of the typical Hollywood leading man. Rogers, however, was already well-established in the American film industry. Before being matched with Astaire, she appeared in 19 feature films, including 2 of Warner's Busby Berkeley musicals, *42nd Street* and *Goddiggers of 1933*. During the years in which she and Astaire were a team, Rogers made several films, both dramatic and comedic, without him. According to Croce, "By the end of 1939, RKO considered Rogers its No. 1 star and began laying plans for a straight dramatic career, while Astaire ran out his contract."

In their filmed musical pairings, Astaire and Rogers seemed wrong for one another, gloriously mismatched physically, intellectually, and stylistically. Rogers was down-to-earth, athletic—very much the "all-American" type. In the exaggerated manner of film stars, she represented the ordinary. Astaire was the elegant, European in grace, and so exceptional that he has never been equaled. Yet together, they personified the idiosyncrasy of romance—two people that friends would never match up, but who have been brought together by an inexplicable attraction. This attraction was physicalized and eloquently expressed through their dances. The best explanation of the Astaire/Rogers chemistry is a quote attributed to Katharine Hepburn: "She gave him sex, and he gave her class."

Had Rogers not been so ambitious, she might have settled for lasting fame as Astaire's most popular dance partner. But she wanted more for herself, and knew from her years in films before Astaire that she could play comedy and drama well. She broke off the partnership, a courageous career move for which she is seldom given credit.

Her first major success as a dramatic actress was *Kitty Foyle*, for which she won the 1940 Oscar for Best Actress. Having thus established herself as a solo performer, Rogers continued to pursue an active career in comedy as well as drama, occasionally returning to the musical format. Her screen image became that of a wise, tough-minded, humorous, hard-working, real-life American woman, an image built to last as it accommodated her advancing age and afforded her the versatility to play in different film genres. In later years, Rogers made a successful transition from films to television, and found equal acclaim in big Broadway musicals such as *Mame* and *Hello, Dolly!* Any discussion of the career of Ginger Rogers must give credit to her mother, Leila Rogers, who managed her daughter with determination and intelligence. Together, the two women made the most of all opportunities they had, beginning with young Ginger's first triumph in a Charleston contest. Rogers was not considered the most beautiful woman in Hollywood, nor the best actress, singer, comedienne, or even dancer. But she was an attractive woman who could be glamorous or wholesome, depending on what the role required. She could sing and dance well, and she was versatile, with excellent comedic timing, and ability to mimic, and real dramatic skill. Putting it all together gave her the edge she needed which,

supplemented by the Rogers family business acumen, and her own professionalism, made her a top star and kept her there.

Ginger Rogers and her mother represent pioneer career women. Active in politics, shrewd in business, and maintaining control of their careers in the difficult, frequently male-dominated world of Hollywood, they may be thought of as feminists in deed if not by label or self-definition.

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by Frances Gateward

ROONEY, Mickey

Nationality: American. **Born:** Joe Yule Jr., in Brooklyn, New York, 23 September 1920. **Education:** Attended Dayton Heights and Vine Street elementary schools and Fairfax High School, Hollywood; Pacific Military Academy, Culver City, California; also attended a studio school at MGM. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, 1944–46. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Ava Gardner, 1942 (divorced 1943); 2) Betty Jane Rase, 1944 (divorced 1949), sons: Mickey Jr. and Timothy; 3) the actress Martha Vickers, 1949 (divorced 1951), son: Teddy; 4) Elaine Mahnken, 1951 (divorced 1958); 5) Barbara Ann Thomasen, 1958 (divorced), sons: Kerry and Kyle, daughters: Kelly Ann and Kimmy Sue; 6) Margie Lang, 1966 (divorced 1967); 7) Carolyn Hocket (divorced), two children; 8) the singer Jan Chamberlain, 1978. **Career:** Stage debut in his parents' vaudeville act at age 15 months as a midget; 1926—film debut as a midget in *Not to Be Trusted*; 1927–34—in series of short films about Mickey McGuire; 1937—first of the Andy Hardy films, *A Family Affair*; 1951—directed the film *My True Story*; 1963—in summer stock in the play *The Tunnel of Love*; 1964–65—in TV series *Mickey*, and a regular in TV series *NBC Follies*, 1973; 1964—toured nightclub circuit with dancer Bobby Van; has since toured in other plays; 1979—in theatrical revue *Sugar Babies* with Ann Miller, first in Los Angeles, then in long Broadway run, and touring (until 1985); 1992–94—in TV series *The Black Stallion*. **Awards:** Special Academy Award (with Deanna Durbin), "for their significant contribution in bringing to the screen the spirit and personification of youth and as juvenile players setting a high standard of ability and achievement," 1938; Best Actor César Award (France), for *Baby Face Nelson*, 1957; Special Academy Award, "in recognition of his 60 years of versatility in a variety of memorable film performances," 1982. **Address:** 7500 Devista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1926 *Not to Be Trusted* (Buckingham—short)
- 1927 *Orchids and Ermine* (Santell)
- 1932 *Emma* (Brown); *The Beast of the City* (Brabin) (as Mickey Fitzpatrick); *Sin's Pay Day* (Seitz) (as Mickey McGuire); *High Speed* (Lederman) (as Mickey McGuire); *Officer 13* (Melford); *Fast Companions* (*The Information Kid*) (Neumann) (as Midge); *My Pal, the King* (Neumann) (as King Charles V)
- 1933 *The Big Cage* (Neumann) (as Jimmy); *The Life of Jimmy Dolan* (*The Kid's Last Flight*) (Mayo) (as Freckles); *The*



Mickey Rooney (right) with William Holden in *The Bridges at Toko-Ri*

- Big Chance* (Herman); *Broadway to Hollywood* (*Ring Up the Curtain*) (Mack and Rapf) (as Ted III, as child); *The World Changes* (LeRoy); *The Chief* (Reisner) (as Willie)
- 1934 *Beloved* (Schertzing); *I Like It that Way* (Lachman) (as messenger boy); *Love Birds* (Seiter) (as Gladwyn Tootle); *Half a Sinner* (Neumann) (as Willie); *The Lost Jungle* (Schaefer and David Howard) (as Mickey); *Manhattan Melodrama* (Van Dyke) (as Blackie as a boy); *Upperworld* (Del Ruth) (as Jerry); *The Hide-Out* (Van Dyke) (as Willie); *Chained* (Brown) (as boy swimmer); *Blind Date* (Neill) (as Freddy); *Death on the Diamond* (Sedgwick) (as Mickey)
- 1935 *The County Chairman* (Blystone) (as Freckles); *Reckless* (Fleming); *The Healer* (*Little Pal*) (Barker); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Dieterle) (as Puck); *Ah, Wilderness* (Brown) (as Tommy Miller); *Riffraff* (Ruben)
- 1936 *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (Cromwell) (as Dick); *The Devil Is a Sissy* (*The Devil Takes the Count*) (Van Dyke) (as "Gig" Stevens); *Down the Stretch* (Clemens) (as Snapper Sinclair)
- 1937 *Captains Courageous* (Fleming) (as Dan); *Slave Ship* (Garnell) (as Swift); *A Family Affair* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy);
- Hoosier Schoolboy* (Nigh) (as Shockey); *Live, Love, and Learn* (Fitzmaurice) (as Jerry Crump); *Thoroughbreds Don't Cry* (Alfred E. Green) (as Tim Donahue)
- 1938 *Out West with the Hardys* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *You're Only Young Once* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Love Is a Headache* (Thorpe) (as Mike); *Judge Hardy's Children* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Hold That Kiss* (Marin) (as Chick Evans); *Lord Jeff* (*The Boy from Bernardos*) (Wood) (as Terry O'Mulvaney); *Love Finds Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Boys Town* (Taurog) (as Whitey Marsh); *Stablemates* (Wood) (as Mickey)
- 1939 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Thorpe) (title role); *The Hardys Ride High* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever* (Van Dyke) (as Andy Hardy); *Judge Hardy and Son* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Babes in Arms* (Berkeley) (as Mickey Moran)
- 1940 *Young Tom Edison* (Taurog) (title role); *Andy Hardy Meets Debutante* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Strike Up the Band* (Berkeley) (as Jimmy Connors)
- 1941 *Andy Hardy's Private Secretary* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Men of Boys Town* (Taurog) (as Whitey Marsh); *Life Begins*

- for *Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *Babes on Broadway* (Berkeley) (as Tommy Williams)
- 1942 *The Courtship of Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *A Yank at Eton* (Taurog) (as Timothy Dennis); *Andy Hardy's Double Life* (*Andy Hardy Steps Out*) (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy)
- 1943 *The Human Comedy* (Brown) (as Homer Macauley); *Girl Crazy* (*When the Girls Meet the Boys*) (Taurog) (as Danny Churchill Jr.); *Thousands Cheer* (Taurog)
- 1944 *Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble* (Seitz) (as Andy Hardy); *National Velvet* (Brown) (as Mi Taylor)
- 1946 *Ziegfeld Follies* (Minnelli); *Love Laughs at Andy Hardy* (Goldbeck) (as Andy Hardy)
- 1947 *Killer McCoy* (Rowland) (as Tommy McCoy)
- 1948 *Summer Holiday* (Mamoulian) (as Richard Miller); *Words and Music* (Taurog) (as Lorenz "Larry" Hart)
- 1949 *The Big Wheel* (Ludwig) (as Billy Coy)
- 1950 *Quicksand* (Pichel) (as Dan Brady, auto mechanic); *He's a Cockeyed Wonder* (Godfrey) (as Freddie Frisby); *The Fireball* (Garnett) (as Johnny Casar)
- 1951 *My Outlaw Brother* (*My Brother, the Outlaw*) (Nugent) (as Denny O'More); *The Strip* (Kardos) (as Stanley Maxton)
- 1952 *Sound Off* (Quine) (as Mike Donnelly)
- 1953 *All Ashore* (Quine) (as Francis "Moby" Dickerson); *Mickey Rooney, Then and Now* (Staub); *Off Limits* (*Military Policemen*) (George Marshall) (as Herbert Tuttle); *A Slight Case of Larceny* (Weis) (as Augustus "Geechy" Cheevers)
- 1954 *Drive a Crooked Road* (Quine) (as Eddie Shannon); *The Atomic Kid* (Martinson) (as Blix Waterberry); *The Bridges at Toko-Ri* (Robson) (as Mike Forney)
- 1955 *The Twinkle in God's Eye* (Blair) (as the Rev. Macklin)
- 1956 *The Bold and the Brave* (Lewis R. Foster) (as Dooley); *Francis in the Haunted House* (Lamont) (as David Prescott); *Magnificent Roughnecks* (Rose) (as Frank Sommers)
- 1957 *Operation Mad Ball* (Quine) (as M/Sgt. Yancy Skibo); *Baby Face Nelson* (Siegel) (title role)
- 1958 *Andy Hardy Comes Home* (Koch) (as Andy Hardy); *A Nice Little Bank that Should Be Robbed* (*How to Rob a Bank*) (Levin) (as Gus Harris)
- 1959 *The Last Mile* (Koch) (as "Killer" John Mears); *The Big Operator* (Haas) (as Little Joe Braun)
- 1960 *Platinum High School* (*Rich, Young, and Deadly*) (Haas) (as Steven Conway)
- 1961 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (Edwards) (as Mr. Yunioshi); *King of the Roaring Twenties* (*The Big Bankroll*) (Joseph M. Newman) (as Johnny Burke); *Everything's Ducky* (Taylor) (as Beetle McKay)
- 1962 *Requiem for a Heavyweight* (Nelson) (as Army)
- 1963 *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (as Ding Bell)
- 1964 *Secret Invasion* (Corman) (as Terrence Scanlon)
- 1965 *Twenty-Four Hours to Kill* (Bezencenet) (as Norman Jones); *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini* (Asher) (as Peachy Keane)
- 1966 *Il diavolo innamorato* (*The Devil in Love*; *L'arcidiavolo*) (Scola); *Ambush Bay* (Winston) (as Sgt. Ernest Wartell)
- 1968 *The Extraordinary Seaman* (Frankenheimer) (as W.W.J. Ogletorpe); *Skidoo* (Preminger) (as "Blue Chips" Packard)
- 1969 *The Comic* (Carl Reiner) (as Cockeye); *Eighty Steps to Jonah* (Oswald) (as Wilfred Bashford)
- 1970 *The Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County* (Leader) (as Indian Tom); *Hollywood Blue* (Osco)
- 1971 *B. J. Lang Presents* (Yablonsky)
- 1972 *Evil Roy Slade* (Parish—for TV); *Richard* (Yerby and Hurwitz) (as Guardian Angel); *Pulp* (Hodges)
- 1973 *The Godmothers* (Grefe) (+ co-sc)
- 1974 *Az de corazon* (*Ace of Hearts*) (Demicelli); *Thunder County* (*Cell Block Girls*; *Convict Women*; *Women's Prison Escape*; *It Snows in the Everglades*) (Robinson); *That's Entertainment!* (Haley Jr.—compilation) (as narrator); *Journey Back to Oz* (Hal Sutherland—animation) (as voice); *The Year without a Santa Claus* (Bass and Rankin Jr.—animation, for TV) (as voice of Santa Claus)
- 1975 *Bon baisers de Hong Kong* (Chiffre); *Rachel's Man* (Mizrahi)
- 1976 *Find the Lady* (*Kopek and Broom*; *Call the Cops!*) (Trent)
- 1977 *Pete's Dragon* (Chaffey) (as Lampie); *The Domino Principle* (*The Domino Killings*) (Kramer) (as Spiventa)
- 1978 *The Magic of Lassie* (Chaffey) (as Gus)
- 1979 *The Black Stallion* (Ballard) (as Henry Dailey); *Donovan's Kid* (McEveety—for TV) (as Bailey); *Arabian Adventure* (Connor) (as Daad El Shur)
- 1980 *My Kidnapper, My Love* (*Dark Side of Love*) (Wanamaker—for TV)
- 1981 *The Fox and the Hound* (Stevens—animation) (as voice of Tod); *Leave 'em Laughing* (Cooper—for TV); *L'Empereur de Perou* (*The Emperor of Peru*; *Odyssey of the Pacific*) (Arrabal) (as Emperor of Peru); *Bill* (Page—for TV) (as Bill Sackter); *Senior Trip* (Kenneth Johnson—for TV) (cameo)
- 1982 *The Black Stallion Returns* (Dalva) (as Henry Dailey); *O'Malley* (O'Herlihy); *One of the Boys* (Baldwin)
- 1983 *Bill: On His Own* (Page—for TV) (as Bill Sackter)
- 1984 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (Hunt—for TV)
- 1985 *The Care Bears Movie* (Arna Selznick—animation) (as voice of Mr. Cherrywood)
- 1986 *Lightning—The White Stallion* (Levey) (as Barney Ingram); *Little Spies* (Beeman—for TV); *The Return of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer* (Danton—for TV); *There Must Be a Pony* (Sargent—for TV) (cameo)
- 1987 *Bluegrass* (Wincer—for TV) (as John Paul Jones)
- 1989 *Erik the Viking* (Terry Jones) (as Erik's grandfather)
- 1990 *Home for Christmas* (McGubbin—for TV) (as Elmer)
- 1991 *My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys* (Rosenberg) (as Junior); *Silent Night, Deadly Night 5: The Toy Maker* (Kitrosser) (as Joe Petto); *La Vida Lactea* (*The Milky Life*) (Esterlich) (as Barry Reilly); *The Gambler Returns: Luck of the Draw* (Lowry—for TV) (as the Director)
- 1992 *The Magic Voyage* (as narrator); *The Legend of Wolf Mountain* (Clyde) (as Jensen); *Maximum Force* (Merhi) (as chief of police); *Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland* (Hurtz and Hata—animation) (as voice of Flip)
- 1993 *Sweet Justice* (Plone)
- 1994 *That's Entertainment! III* (Friedgen and Sheridan—compilation) (as host); *The Revenge of the Red Baron* (*Plane Fear*) (Robert Gordon) (as Grandpa James); *Radio Star—Die AFN-Story* (Karnick and Richter—doc) (as himself)
- 1995 *The Legend of O. B. Taggart* (Hitzig) (+ sc); *Brothers' Destiny* (Hamilton—for TV) (Father Flanagan)
- 1997 *Boys Will Be Boys* (Dom DeLuise) (as Wellington); *Animals* (Di Giacomo) (as Tollkeeper)
- 1998 *Stories From My Childhood* (series for TV) (as Ole Lukoje); *Michael Kael vs. the World News Company* (Smith) (as Griffith); *Babe: Pig in the City* (Miller) (as Fugly Floom)

(1927–34 series of “Mickey McGuire” shorts, directed by Herman, Montgomery, and Duffy; Rooney was billed first as Mickey Yule, then Mickey “Himself” McGuire, and Mickey Rooney):

- 1927 *Mickey’s Circus* (includes *Pals, Battle, Eleven*)
- 1928 *Mickey’s Parade* (includes *In School, Nine, Little Eva, Wild West, In Love, Triumph, Babies, Movies, Rivals, The Detective, Athletes, Big Game Hunt*)
- 1929 *Mickey’s Great Idea* (includes *Explorers, Menagerie, Last Chance, Brown Derby, Northwest Mounted, Initiation, Midnight Follies, Surprise, Mixup, Big Moment*)
- 1930 *Mickey’s Champs* (includes *Strategy, Mastermind, Luck, Whirlwind, Warriors, The Romeo, Merry Men, Winners, Musket-eers, Bargain*)
- 1931 *Mickey’s Stampede* (includes *Crusaders, Rebellion, Diplomacy, Wildcats, Thrill Hunters, Helping Hand, Sideline*)
- 1932 *Mickey’s Travels* (includes *Holiday, Golden Rule, Busy Day, Charity, Big Business*)
- 1933 *Mickey’s Ape Man* (includes *Race, Big Broadcast, Disguises, Touchdown, Tent Show, Covered Wagon*)
- 1934 *Mickey’s Minstrels* (includes *Rescue, Medicine Man*)

Films as Director:

- 1951 *My True Story*
- 1961 *The Private Lives of Adam and Eve* (co-d with Zugsmith, + ro as Nick Lewis/Devil)

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Mickey Rooney has done everything there is to do in show business—vaudeville, radio, legitimate theater, television, and film—all with equal success and, it might be said, equal failure. His is a career that reached the heights and plunged to the depths, but through it all Rooney kept on working and growing, the mark of a professional. His recent successes include nominations for the Tony (*Sugar Babies*), the supporting actor Oscar (*Black Stallion*, the inspiration for a later television series in which he also appeared), and an Emmy (*Bill*). The “comeback” such recognition indicates represents one of the most spectacular returns to the limelight in Hollywood history.

Rooney was born into a show business family. At the age of two, he joined his parents in their vaudeville act, and by the age of five was appearing in a series of filmed shorts under the name of Mickey McGuire. Throughout the late 1920s and early 1930s, he made more than 40 appearances in films. By the mid-1930s he was called Mickey Rooney and was under contract to MGM as a successful child star. In 1937 he was featured in a minor film called *A Family Affair*, which introduced the family of Judge Hardy (played in that original movie by Lionel Barrymore). Rooney’s appearance as the Judge’s son, Andy Hardy, was to turn into a box-office bonanza as he became one of Hollywood’s best-loved characters. Hardy became the idealized image of the all-American teenager, real enough to get himself into trouble, but strong enough to find his way out of it (though not without the wise counsel of his beloved father, played in the later Hardy films by Lewis Stone). In 1938 Rooney was awarded a special honorary Oscar for “bringing to the screen the spirit and personification of youth” and for “setting a high standard of ability and achievement” as Andy Hardy. In 1939, 1940, and 1941 Rooney was among the top box-office stars in the United States, a success attributable not only to the Hardy series, but also to his pairings with co-stars as diverse as Wallace Beery and Judy Garland. In these famous MGM films, Rooney sang, danced, clowning, played various musical instruments, emoted, and generally did everything with seeming ease and an abundance of raw talent. He was nominated for Oscars in 1939 and 1943. He was on top of the world at the age of 20, full of youth and energy, and with an apparently unlimited career ahead of him. By the end of the 1940s, however, and by his own admission, he was an unwanted commodity. “In 1938,” he said, “I starred in eight pictures. In 1948 and 1949 together, I starred in only three.”

During the 1950s, Rooney kept his career going by appearing in nightclubs and on television, and by forming an independent film production company to present himself as the star of a series of movies, none of which was really successful. He also tried his hand at dramatic roles, many of which were much against type. Rooney received another Oscar nomination for his intense performance as a doomed G.I. during the invasion of Italy in the iconoclastic war film *The Bold and the Brave*; drew excellent notices for his supporting role in *Requiem for a Heavyweight*, the film version of Rod Serling’s celebrated television drama; and won a Best Actor César award (the

French equivalent of the Oscar) for his Cagneyesque performance as the psychopathic title character of Don Siegel's much underrated gangster film *Baby Face Nelson*. Despite these accomplishments, his career faltered. Bankruptcy in 1962, various emotional problems, and seven divorces (which made him the subject of many jokes) all contributed to a difficult period in which Rooney was considered finished in show business. He developed himself further as a character actor, however, and began to find acclaim in television. He published an autobiography, pursued various business ventures, and taught acting, continuing to work professionally when and where he could. In the early 1980s he returned to Broadway in the long-running hit musical, *Sugar Babies*, and found himself once more back on top. When the Motion Picture Academy gave him a second honorary Oscar at its 1982 ceremony, his long career as the boy who could do anything and everything, but who had to grow up, was placed in perspective.

Rooney's abundant talent, like his film image, might seem like a metaphor for America: a seemingly endless supply of natural resources that could never dry up, but which, it turned out, could be ruined by excessive use and abuse, by arrogance or power, and which had to be carefully tended to be returned to full capacity. From child star to character actor, from movie shorts to television specials, and from films to Broadway, Rooney ultimately did prove he could do it all, do it well, and keep on doing it. His is a unique career, both for its versatility and its longevity.

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by John McCarty



Isabella Rossellini

ROSSELLINI, Isabella

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Rome, 18 June 1952; daughter of the director Roberto Rossellini and the actress Ingrid Bergman. **Family:** Married 1) the director Martin Scorsese, 1979 (divorced 1983); 2) Jonathan Wiedemann (divorced), daughter: Elettra Ingrid; also has adopted son: Roberto; 3) the actor Gary Oldman, 1994; had long-term relationship with the director David Lynch. **Education:** Was graduated from Rome's Academy of Fashion and Costume; attended Finch College and The New School for Social Research. **Career:** 1972—moved to New York at age 19; 1970s—worked as a translator for the Italian News Bureau and as a New York correspondent for Italian TV; 1976—made her screen debut opposite her mother, Ingrid Bergman, in *A Matter of Time*; 1979—returned to Italy to play first leading movie role, in *Il Prato*; 1980—began modeling career; 1982—enrolled in acting classes; 1993—in “The Frightening Frammis” episode of the TV series *Fallen Angels*. **Address:** Click Model Management, Inc., 881 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1976 *A Matter of Time* (Minnelli) (as Sister Pia)
- 1979 *Il Prato (The Meadow)* (Paolo Taviani and Vittorio Taviani) (as Eugenia)
- 1981 *Il Pap'occhio (In the Pope's Eye)* (Arbore) (as Isabella)
- 1985 *White Nights* (Hackford) (as Darya Greenwood)
- 1986 *Blue Velvet* (David Lynch) (as Dorothy Vallens)

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- 1987 *Tough Guys Don't Dance* (Mailer) (as Madeline); *Siesta* (Lambert) (as Marie); *Red Riding Hood* (Adam Brooks)
- 1988 *Zelly and Me* (Rathborne) (as Joan, “Zelly”)
- 1989 *Cousins* (Schumacher) (as Maria Hardy)
- 1990 *Wild at Heart* (David Lynch) (as Perdita Durango); *Ivory Hunters (The Lost Elephant)* (Sargent—for TV) (as Maria Di Conti)
- 1991 *Dames Galantes (Gallant Ladies)* (Tacchella) (as Victoire); *Lies of the Twins* (Hunter—for TV) (as Rachel Marks)
- 1992 *Death Becomes Her* (Zemeckis) (as Lisle Von Rhoman)
- 1993 *Fearless* (Weir) (as Laura Klein); *The Pickle* (Mazursky) (as Planet Cleveland Woman); . . . *und der Himmel steht still (The Innocent)* (Schlesinger) (as Maria)
- 1994 *Wyatt Earp* (Kasdan) (as Big Nosed Kate); *Immortal Beloved* (Rose) (as Anna Marie Erdody)
- 1996 *The Funeral* (Ferrara) (as Clara); *Big Night* (Scott and Tucci); *Crime of the Century* (Rydell—for TV) (as Anna Hauptmann)
- 1997 *The Odyssey* (Konchalovsky—series for TV) (as Athene)
- 1998 *Left Luggage* (Krabbe) (as Mrs. Kalman); *Merlin* (Barron) (as Nimue); *The Impostors* (Tucci) (as Queen)
- 2000 *Don Quixote* (Yates—for TV) (as The Duchess)

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Isabella Rossellini was born into celluloid royalty; she is the daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini. Her fame rests mostly in her bloodline, her uncanny resemblance to her mother, and her extraordinary success as a model. Rossellini began the latter career at age 28, and soon became one of the world’s highest-paid and most in-demand models. She has graced more than 500 magazine covers, and earned \$2-million a year from a contract with Lancôme, the French cosmetics company. In 1982, she appeared on the cover of the U.S. edition of *Vogue*, which became the magazine’s biggest seller in over a decade.

White Nights, released in 1985 (in which her role is secondary to those of stars Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines), was trumpeted as Rossellini’s movie debut. Her actual first screen appearance, however, came almost a decade earlier in *A Matter of Time*, which starred her mother. The role was a small one, as a nurse; it is of interest mostly for her character’s name, Sister Pia—Rossellini’s older half

sister is, of course, Pia Lindstrom (by Bergman’s first husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom). Also before *White Nights*, Rossellini had a key role in *Il Prato*, directed by Italy’s Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, playing a young clerk in a small Tuscan village who becomes romantically involved with two men.

Rossellini’s roles often have been secondary ones. A prime example is *Wyatt Earp*, in which her character—Big Nosed Kate, sweetheart of Doc Holliday (Dennis Quaid)—seems to evaporate from sight soon after initially appearing on-screen. Even when she does well in a fully conceived role, she finds herself eclipsed by characters (and performers) who are far more charismatic. In *Fearless*, she is fine as the wife of a plane crash survivor (Jeff Bridges), but she ultimately is outflanked by Bridges and Rosie Pérez (playing another survivor). The latter two have the showcase roles, and give the showcase performances.

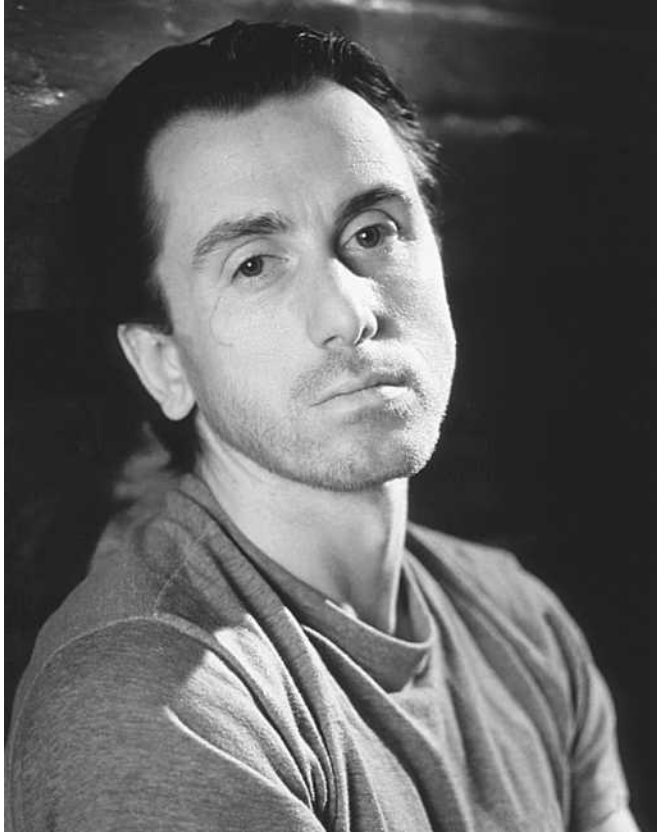
But Rossellini was charming and appealing in *Cousins*, an American remake of *Cousin, Cousine*, Jean-Charles Tachella’s French-language romantic comedy. Her character is married to a womanizer, and has become accustomed to his infidelities. She finds herself attracted to her cousin-by-marriage (Ted Danson), and the two become romantically involved. Had Rossellini been cast in more roles like this, she might have developed into a widely popular leading lady.

Easily Rossellini’s best screen work to date may be found in *Blue Velvet*, directed by David Lynch, with whom she had a long-term relationship. *Blue Velvet* is a dark and unsettling thriller in which she plays a bored, deranged nightclub singer who is raped by a psychopath (Dennis Hopper). Her presence here was controversial in that she appeared frontally nude. Rossellini also had a role in Lynch’s violent, erotic *Wild at Heart*, playing Perdita Durango, ex-girlfriend of macho but tenderhearted, on-the-lam Sailor Ripley (Nicolas Cage). But here, too, the foremost female roles are played by other actresses—Laura Dern and Diane Ladd.

—Rob Edelman

ROTH, Tim

Nationality: British. **Born:** Dulwich, London, England, 14 May 1961; moved to United States, 1990. **Education:** Dick Sheppard Comprehensive School; Brixton and Camberwell College of Art, London. **Family:** One son, Jack (born 1983), with former long-term partner Lori Baker; married Nikki Butler (1993); one son, Timothy Hunter Roth (born 1995). **Career:** Acting debut in school production of *Dracula*; began acting at Glasgow Citizen’s Theatre, The Oval House, and The Royal Court Theatre; quit theatre because of stage fright; reputedly still works behind the bar between acting jobs; debut as director, *The War Zone*, 1999. **Awards:** British Academy Award (BAFTA) for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, for *Rob Roy*, 1996; Edinburgh International Film Festival Award for Best New British Feature, Berlin International Film Festival CICA Award, European Discovery of the Year Award, European Film Awards, Troia Award, Festroia-Troia International Film Festival, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival Jury Award for Best Director and Best First Feature, and Valladolid (Spain) International Film Festival Silver Spike, all for director of *The War Zone*, 1999.



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Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Made in Britain* (Clarke—for TV) (as Trevor)
- 1983 *Meantime* (Leigh—for TV) (as Colin)
- 1984 *The Hit* (Frears) (as Myron)
- 1985 *Return to Waterloo* (Davies) (as Boy Punk)
- 1987 *Metamorphosis* (Goddard—for TV) (as Gregor Samsa)
- 1988 *A World Apart* (Menges) (as Harold); *To Kill a Priest* (*Le Complot*) (Holland) (as Felix)
- 1989 *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover* (Greenaway) (as Mitchel)
- 1990 *Vincent and Theo* (Altman) (as Vincent van Gogh); *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* (Stoppard) (as Guildenstern); *Farendj* (Prenzina); *Yellowbacks* (Battersby—for TV) (as Peter Pike)
- 1991 *Jumpin' at the Boneyard* (Stanzler) (as Manny); *Backsliding* (Target) (as Tom Whitton)
- 1992 *El Marido Perfecto* (*The Perfect Husband*) (Feijoo) (as Milan); *Common Pursuit* (Morahan—for TV) (as Nick); *Reservoir Dogs* (Tarantino) (as Freddy Newendyke/Mr. Orange)
- 1993 *Bodies, Rest and Motion* (Steinberg) (as Nick); *Murder in the Heartland* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Charles Starkweather)
- 1994 *Who Do You Think You're Fooling?* (White) (as Mr. Orange/Chow); *Little Odessa* (Gray) (as Joshua Shapiro); *Heart of*

Darkness (Roeg—for TV) (as Marlow); *Captives* (Pope) (as Philip Chaney); *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Pumpkin (Ringo))

- 1995 *Rob Roy* (Caton-Jones) (as Archibald Cunningham); *Four Rooms* (Anders, Rockwell, Rodrigues, Tarantino) (as Ted the Bell Hop)
- 1996 *No Way Home* (Giovino) (as Joey); *Mocking the Cosmos* (as Myron); *Everyone Says I Love You* (Allen) (as Charles Ferry)
- 1997 *Animals and the Toll Keeper* (Di Giacomo) (as Henry); *Gridlock'd* (Curtis-Hall) (as Stretch); *Hoodlum* (Duke) (as Dutch Schulz); *Deceiver* (*Liar*) (Jonas and Joshua Pate) (as Wayland)
- 1998 *La Leggenda del pianista sull'oceano* (*The Legend of 1900*) (*The Legend of the Pianist on the Ocean*) (Tornatore) (as Novecento)
- 2000 *The Million Dollar Hotel* (Wenders) (as Izzy Goldkiss [uncredited]); *Vatel* (Joffé) (Le Marquis de Lauzun); *Numbers* (Ephron) (as Gig)

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An English character actor who has made his name playing American toughs, Tim Roth is devoted to independent filmmaking and the promotion of new directorial talent. Leaving school with few qualifications, Roth initially signed up for a course at art college, but quit soon after to try his luck as an actor, despite having no formal training. By attending auditions whenever they were advertised in the trade papers, and with the help of bar-work and “dole” money when he was unemployed, Roth managed to establish himself as a stage actor. He moved into films partly because the opportunity presented itself, and partly because of severe stage fright, but although he can now command large fees from the major studios, most of his work has been with independents. His own directorial debut, *The War Zone* (1999), is a characteristically uncompromising film, about a teenager who discovers an incestuous relationship between his sister and their father. It has been praised for the quality of the direction, which creates a suitably claustrophobic sense of isolation, entrapment, and loss.

Having grown up with politically active left-leaning parents in south London, Roth is interested in making films that take a realistic approach to poverty and violence. His first film appearance was as an alienated neo-nazi skinhead in Alan Clarke’s film, *Made in Britain*, which attempted to depict the social breakdown that took place in Britain in the early 1980s. Roth cites the socialist filmmaker Clarke as his greatest influence, and the person who inspired him to pursue filmmaking as a career. He spent the next seven years appearing in low-budget British films, such as *Meantime*, *The Hit*, and *Return to Waterloo*, generally playing the part of punks and other alienated characters.

After appearing in Peter Greenaway’s brutal parable, *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover*, Roth made his first foray into American cinema in 1990, playing Vincent van Gogh in Robert Altman’s *Vincent and Theo*. His much-lauded performance was the beginning of a new phase in Roth’s career, and although he visits Britain about twice a year, since 1992 he has been based permanently in the United States. Even so, Roth remained loyal to independent filmmaking, avoiding being cast as the English-accented villain by meticulously studying American accents and taking Gary Oldman’s advice to make the accent very specific so that if you slip up “you’d only slip out of state, not across the pond.”

It was in 1992 that his role as the wounded undercover cop, “Mr Orange,” in Quentin Tarantino’s debut *Reservoir Dogs* brought him fame and notoriety in America. In one of the longest death scenes in movie history, Roth’s character spends almost the whole film slowly bleeding in the corner of a warehouse in which an armed gang takes refuge after a failed robbery. The pool of blood that expands around his prostrate body measures time running out for the gang as they bicker in the foreground. Perhaps what is most impressive about his performance in the film is his depiction of intense pain conflicting with frustration at being unable to resolve the situation and get to a hospital.

Roth has worked with Tarantino twice since, as Pumpkin, the stickup man in *Pulp Fiction*, and in the comedy *Four Rooms*, in which he plays a hotel bellhop, a character who ties together four short films each made by a different director. He has also had success with directors as diverse as Tom Stoppard and Woody Allen, and in roles as different as van Gogh and a TV salesman in *Bodies, Rest and Motion*. Even so, he has acquired a reputation for playing violent heavies, despite the fact that he stands only five-feet seven-inches tall, and is by all accounts a kind and compassionate man.

Reservoir Dogs is the most successful of Roth’s performances for first-time directors, but he has made a habit of choosing projects with new filmmakers, such as Jeff Stanzler and James Gray. That is not to say that he is entirely antagonistic towards Hollywood. As evidenced by *Rob Roy*, which he says earned him his first proper paycheck, and also an Oscar nomination, Roth’s attitude towards commercial Hollywood filmmaking is pragmatic: he admires actors like Harvey Keitel who work for the studios in order to free themselves for less popular and more challenging projects. Although he now earns a good living and can choose more carefully the projects he takes on, he still sums up his general approach thus: “You either want to get rich, or you want to be an actor.”

—Chris Routledge

ROURKE, Mickey

Nationality: American. **Born:** Philip Andre Rourke Jr., in Schenectady, New York, 16 September 1956; at age seven, moved to Miami. **Education:** Studied acting with Sandra Seacat in New York. **Family:** 1) Married the actress Debra Feuer, 1980 (divorced); 2) Married the actress and model Carre Otis, 1992 (divorced, 1994). **Career:** Late 1970s—stage debut in *A View from the Bridge*; 1979—moved to Los Angeles, film debut in *1941*; 1991—took up professional boxing.

Films as Actor:

- 1979 *1941* (Spielberg) (as Reese)
- 1980 *City in Fear* (“Allan Smithee,” i.e. Jud Taylor—for TV); *Act of Love* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Joseph Cybulkowski); *Heaven’s Gate* (Cimino) (as Nick Ray); *Fade to Black* (Zimmerman) (as Richie); *Rape and Marriage: The Rideout Case* (Levin—for TV)
- 1981 *Body Heat* (Kasdan) (as Teddy Lewis)
- 1982 *Diner* (Levinson) (as Boogie)
- 1983 *Rumble Fish* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Motorcycle Boy)
- 1984 *The Pope of Greenwich Village* (Rosenberg) (as Charlie); *Eureka* (Roeg—produced in 1982) (as Aurelio D’Amato)
- 1985 *Year of the Dragon* (Cimino) (as Stanley White)
- 1986 *9½ Weeks* (Lyne) (as John)
- 1987 *Angel Heart* (Alan Parker) (as Harry Angel); *Barfly* (Schroeder) (as Henry Chinaski); *A Prayer for the Dying* (Hodges) (as Martin Fallon)
- 1989 *Johnny Handsome* (Walter Hill) (as John Sedley); *Homeboy* (Seresin) (as Johnny Walker, + story); *Francesco* (Cavani) (title role)
- 1990 *Wild Orchid* (Zalman King) (as James Wheeler); *Desperate Hours* (Cimino) (as Michael Bosworth)
- 1991 *Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man* (Wincer) (as Harley Davidson)
- 1992 *White Sands* (Donaldson) (as Gorman Lennox)
- 1993 *The Last Outlaw* (Geoff Murphy—for TV) (as Graff)
- 1994 *The Last Ride* (F. T. W.) (as Frank T. Wells)
- 1995 *Fall Time* (Paul Warner) (as Florence)
- 1996 *Exit in Red* (Bogayevicz) (as Ed Altman); *Bullet* (Temple) (as Butch “Bullet” Stein)



(From left) Kevin Bacon, Mickey Rourke, Daniel Stern, and Timothy Daly in *Diner*

- 1997 *Point Blank* (Matt Earl Beesley) (as Rudy Ray); *Double Team* (Tsui) (as Stavros); *Love in Paris* (*Another 9 1/2 Weeks*) (as John); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Bruiser Stone)
- 1998 *Thursday* (Woods) (as Det. Kasarov); *Buffalo '66* (Gallo) (as Bookie); *Thicker Than Blood* (Pearce—for TV) (as Father Frank Larkin)
- 1999 *Shergar* (Lewiston); *Shades* (Van Looy) (as Paul Sullivan); *Out in Fifty* (Christopher and Leet)
- 2000 *The Animal Factory* (Buscemi) (as Jan the Actress)

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Mickey Rourke’s career is one of unfulfilled potential. He might have developed into his generation’s John Garfield, Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, James Dean: a foremost on-screen interpreter of the sexually attractive but disillusioned and world-weary rebel hero/loner, and a modern-era practitioner of the Method. Unfortunately, he has been restricted by poor judgment in choosing his screen roles and, even more haplessly, an inability to coexist with his fellow actors and film makers. Indeed, stories of Rourke playing out the role of off-camera spoiled brat/bad boy are legion—and, after a while, they grow tiresome.

He began his career in promising fashion, with a starring role in the made-for-television movie *Rape and Marriage: The Rideout Case*, playing a husband who is accused by his wife of rape, and he impressed as the quiet, intense explosives expert in *Body Heat*. He had a nice showcase as a member of the ensemble cast of *Diner* (playing the womanizing Boogie), and emerged unscathed from Francis Coppola’s disappointing *Rumble Fish* (in the role of the Motorcycle Boy).

Diner and *Rumble Fish* feature casts laden with up-and-coming talent. In *Diner*, Rourke appears with Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Kevin Bacon, Ellen Barkin, and Paul Reiser; in *Rumble Fish*, his fellow actors include Matt Dillon, Diane Lane, Nicolas Cage, Christopher Penn, and Laurence Fishburne. Some of these actors have gone on to enjoy thriving celluloid careers. In particular, Bacon, Barkin, Dillon, Lane, Cage, Penn, and Fishburne have done arresting work on screen; in the mid-1990s, several—especially Bacon, Cage, and Fishburne—are entering their prime as major movie stars. But, while Rourke is not without several commendable credits on his filmography, as he nears his 40th birthday the sense about him is that his future movies will more than likely be of the direct-to-video variety.

Easily Rourke’s best screen role came in *Barfly*, based on the autobiographical musings of cult writer Charles Bukowski. Rourke plays Henry Chinaski, a self-destructive fall-down drunk, and his bravura performance predates that of Cage’s award-winning work almost a decade later in *Leaving Las Vegas*. *Barfly*, however, was to be the exception to, rather than the rule of, Rourke’s career. His casting in *Johnny Handsome*, *Desperate Hours*, and *Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man* is obscured by the fact that he turned down the leads in *Beverly Hills Cop* and *Top Gun*. After taking sixth billing in Nicolas Roeg’s *Eureka*, he may have declared, “I’d rather do a small part on a Roeg film than a big one in a Hollywood meatball movie.” But his attempts at “serious” filmmaking have been seriously misguided. A prime example: *Year of the Dragon*, a sloppily directed (by Michael Cimino) genre exercise in which he plays a Vietnam veteran/New York City cop. The scenario may have serious pretensions—Rourke’s character is named White; his main life-skill is killing; and he has brought the war home to the extent that he is involved in Chinatown hostilities. But in *Year of the Dragon*, the bottom line is that Rourke plays yet another boring, stereotypically violent Vietnam vet.

Rourke has, at the same time, chosen to work abroad, but with little impact. In the British-made *A Prayer for the Dying*, he sports a laughable accent playing an IRA hit man. In the Italian-German *Francesco* he plays Francis of Assisi, but the result is practically unwatchable. If his early performances were calm and cerebral, in *Francesco* Rourke embodies the worst stereotype of Method acting as he mumbles his way through the film.

Rourke also has specialized in erotically-charged roles. The best of these came in the ambitious but ultimately unsuccessful *Angel Heart*, playing a private eye; his erotic love scene (with Lisa Bonet) had to be cut to avoid an X-rating. In *9½ Weeks*, he is cast as a bondage-hooked banker, and the result is a mess of a movie that earned headlines for Rourke’s lack of rapport with his co-star, Kim Basinger. The actor may have married his *Wild Orchid* co-star, Carre Otis; the film won notoriety for an infamous, supposedly unsimulated sex scene between the two. But *Wild Orchid* is a typical concoction of its director, Zalman King: dramatically inept soft-core pornography. At least Rourke did not appear in the sequel, *Wild Orchid 2: Two Shades of Blue*.

In 1991, Rourke became a professional boxer. As a youngster growing up on the mean streets of New York and Miami, his aspiration was to become a boxer. Nevertheless, his decision to turn pro at an age—35—when most career fighters are way beyond their primes was ill-advised. It was as if playing a pugilist on screen (as he had in *Homeboy*) was insufficient proof of his machismo. He had to one-up John Garfield, Robert Ryan, Kirk Douglas, and Sylvester Stallone—actors who appeared in classic boxing movies—by becoming the real McCoy.

Every actor is entitled to an occasional turkey, but Rourke’s career, once past its early, promising stages, is the equivalent of a Thanksgiving feast. “I’ve watched actors I’ve admired over the years sell out. That’s the worst crime of all,” he has said. While a noble thought, Rourke’s proclivity for misguided decision making (not to mention his oversized ego) is the dominating factor of his career.

—Rob Edelman

ROWLANDS, Gena

Nationality: American. **Born:** Virginia Cathryn Rowlands in Cambria, Wisconsin, 19 June 1934 (some sources give 1936). **Education:** Attended Washington and Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia; University of Wisconsin, two years; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. **Family:** Married the director John Cassavetes, 1954 (died 1989), children: the actor/director Nick Cassavetes, Alexandra, Zoe. **Career:** Worked as wardrobe mistress and actress with the Provincetown Playhouse, New York; appeared in New York in the plays *All about Love* and *Dangerous Corner*, and on tour in *Time Out for Ginger* and *The Seven Year Itch*; made her television debut in *The Great Gatsby*, on *Robert Montgomery Presents*, followed by dramatic roles on other shows, 1955; had a successful role on stage in *Middle of the Night*, 1956; signed an MGM contract, 1957; made her screen debut in *The High Cost of Loving*, 1958; appeared on the TV series *87th Precinct*, 1961–62; appeared in *A Child Is Waiting*, her first film directed by husband John Cassavetes, 1962; appeared on the TV



Gena Rowlands with Peter Falk in *A Woman Under the Influence*

series *Peyton Place*, 1967; starred in *Unhook the Stars*, directed and co-scripted by son Nick Cassavetes, 1996; had a small role in *She's So Lovely*, directed by Nick Cassavetes from a script by John Cassavetes, 1997. **Awards:** National Board of Review Best Actress, San Sebastian International Film Festival Best Actress, Best Motion Picture Actress-Drama Golden Globe, for *A Woman Under the Influence*, 1974; Berlin Film Festival Best Actress, for *Opening Night*, 1978; Italian Silver Ribbon for Best Foreign Actress, for *Love Streams*, 1983–84; Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Special Emmy Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for TV Golden Globe, for *The Betty Ford Story*, 1987; Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Special Emmy Award, for *Face of a Stranger*, 1991; National Board of Review Career Achievement Award, 1996. **Address:** 7917 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

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| 1958 | <i>The High Cost of Loving</i> (Ferrer) (as Virginia Fry) | 1967 | <i>Tony Rome</i> (Douglas) (as Rita Kosterman) |
| 1962 | <i>A Child Is Waiting</i> (John Cassavetes) (as Sophie Widdicombe);
<i>Lonely Are the Brave</i> (Miller) (as Jerri Bondi); <i>The Spiral Road</i> (Mulligan) (as Els) | 1968 | <i>A qualsiasi prezzo</i> (<i>The Vatican Affair</i>) (Miraglia); Faces (John Cassavetes) (as Jeanni Rapp); <i>Gli intocabili</i> (<i>Machine Gun McCain</i>) (Montaldo) (as Rosemary Scott) |
| | | 1969 | <i>The Happy Ending</i> (Richard Brooks) |
| | | 1971 | <i>Minnie and Moskowitz</i> (John Cassavetes) (title role) |
| | | 1974 | <i>A Woman Under the Influence</i> (John Cassavetes) (as Mabel Longhetti) |
| | | 1976 | <i>Two-Minute Warning</i> (Pearce) (as Janet) |
| | | 1978 | <i>The Brink's Job</i> (Friedkin) (as Mary Pine); <i>A Question of Love</i> (Thorpe—for TV) |
| | | 1979 | <i>Opening Night</i> (John Cassavetes) (as Myrtle Gordon); <i>Strangers: The Story of a Mother and Daughter</i> (Katselas—for TV) |
| | | 1980 | <i>Gloria</i> (John Cassavetes) (title role) |
| | | 1982 | <i>Tempest</i> (Mazursky) (as Antonia) |
| | | 1983 | <i>Thursday's Child</i> (Rich—for TV) (as Victoria Alden) |
| | | 1984 | <i>Love Streams</i> (John Cassavetes) (as Sarah Lawson) |
| | | 1985 | <i>An Early Frost</i> (Erman—for TV) (as Katherine Pierson) |
| | | 1987 | <i>The Betty Ford Story</i> (Greene—for TV) (title role); <i>Light of Day</i> (Schrader) (as Jeannete Rasnick) |
| | | 1988 | <i>Another Woman</i> (Woody Allen) (as Marion Post) |
| | | 1990 | <i>Montana</i> (Graham—for TV) (as Bess Guthrie) |
| | | 1991 | <i>Once Around</i> (Hallström) (as Marilyn Bella); <i>Night on Earth</i> (Jarmusch) (as Victoria Snelling); <i>Face of a Stranger</i> |

- (Weill—for TV) (as Pat Foster); *Ted & Venus* (Cort) (as Mrs. Turner)
- 1992 *Crazy in Love* (Coolidge—for TV) (as Honora)
- 1993 *Silent Cries* (Anthony Page—for TV) (as Dr. Peggy Sutherland)
- 1994 *Parallel Lives* (Yellen—for TV) (as Francie Pomerantz); *The Neon Bible* (Terence Davies) (as Aunt Mae)
- 1995 *Something to Talk About* (Hallström) (as Georgia King)
- 1996 *Unhook the Stars* (Nick Cassavetes)
- 1997 *She's So Lovely* (Nick Cassavetes) (as Miss Green)
- 1998 *Playing By Heart* (Carroll) (as Hannah); *The Mighty* (Chelsom) (as Gram); *Best Friends for Life* (Switzer—for TV) (as Harriet); *Paulie* (John Roberts) (as Ivy); *Hope Floats* (Whitaker) (as Ramona Calvert); *Grace and Glorie* (Seidelman) (as Grace Stiles)
- 1999 *The Weekend* (Skeet) (as Laura)
- 2000 *The Color of Love: Jacey's Story* (Larry—for TV) (as Georgia Porter); *Ljusets haller mig sällskap* (*Light Keeps Me Company*) (Nykqvist—doc) (as herself)

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Although Gena Rowlands made her film debut in 1958, she seemed to burst fresh onto the cinema screens with the 1968 release of John Cassavetes’s *Faces*. Under the direction of her husband, she gave a performance of startling intensity as Jeanni Rapp, a prostitute who spends an evening with an errant husband played by John Marley.

Over the next 20 years, Rowlands’s career was inextricably linked with that of her husband. She starred in an additional five films he directed, including three in which he co-starred; in 1982, they played husband and wife in Paul Mazursky’s *Tempest*. Unlike any other director with whom Rowlands has worked, Cassavetes was able to successfully tap into the actress’s ability to depict a wide variety of female experiences, particularly playing women at extreme points of stress. Three years after the release of *Faces*, Rowlands appeared in *Minnie and Moskowitz* as Minnie, a lonely, former prom queen about to turn 40 who, after being dumped by her married boyfriend (Cassavetes), takes up with Moskowitz, an aging hippie who works as a parking lot attendant.

Then, as the tortured housewife Mabel Longhetti in *A Woman Under the Influence*, Rowlands garnered her greatest critical reviews, her depiction of a lower-middle-class woman’s struggle to maintain sanity striking a resonant chord with many viewers and critics. Sadly, Mabel lives her life through her husband and children; according to Rowlands, Mabel was “totally vulnerable and giving, she had no sense of her own worth, and was completely mirrored in the eyes of men.” In an intensely physical performance, Rowlands convincingly depicted the erratic behavior of a woman who finds she cannot always express herself in words. Mabel struggles valiantly but ineffectually with her psychological condition; never does Cassavetes romanticize her martyrdom. Made at a time when challenging, fully-developed roles for actresses were becoming increasingly rare, *A Woman Under the Influence* (along with *An Unmarried Woman*, starring Jill Clayburgh) stands as a beacon amid a vast wasteland of one-dimensional women’s roles as mothers and whores.

The next Cassavetes-Rowlands collaboration—*Opening Night*—had Rowlands playing Myrtle Gordon, an unmarried actress on the verge of a nervous breakdown, who attempts to come to terms with her private life through her theatrical career. It just so happens that she is undergoing a crisis of confidence while playing a woman who is facing the same situation. Here Cassavetes also plays the dual role: Myrtle’s former lover in real life, who also plays opposite her on stage.

Then, beginning with a statement that Rowlands made to her husband about her desire to work with a child, came the script of *Gloria*. As a hardened ex-showgirl and former girlfriend to a Mafia boss, Gloria is living on her own, with, as she claims, her own money and her own apartment. That is until her neighbor squeals on the mob and Gloria is left holding his son and the book of evidence his father had compiled. Gloria walks tough; Rowlands explained that much of the power of her performance was communicated in the way she carried herself as she moves about on the streets of New York. According to her, it was a walk that said, “They’d better watch out.” Ultimately, Gloria is a trapped woman; she admits she hates kids, yet in following her code of what is right, she protects and eventually develops a certain motherly responsibility to this six-year-old Puerto Rican orphan. Lines of dialogue such as “I’m saving your life, stupid” encapsulate her confusion. Throughout, Rowlands never hedges in her meanness, despite the well-known acting school dictum that you must never be mean to kids or old people.

Their final project—*Love Streams*—is perhaps Cassavetes’s most successful film. As brother and sister, Rowlands and Cassavetes depict characters going through individual crises, she of divorce and custody, he as a writer in the throes of researching a book on

prostitution. Ultimately, Rowlands's Sarah loves too much, particularly those who are less fortunate than she; she herself has recently been incarcerated in a mental institution. She desperately tries to prove that she is happy, and can function on her own. Sarah and Robert meet up and through several tumultuous scenes, reawaken childhood affections.

It is unfortunate that Rowlands no longer has Cassavetes to direct her, for very few others have tapped into her unique capabilities. In 1988, just before Cassavetes's death, Woody Allen directed her in his Bergmanesque *Another Woman*, about a writer coming to terms with her life; the role was very much the kind Bergman wrote for Liv Ullmann. Unfortunately, the project lacked the piercing insights that mark Bergman's work, and Rowlands was never fully able to plumb the depths of the character.

One of Rowlands's most incisive performances outside her work with Cassavetes was as the mother dealing with her son's AIDS in the television movie *An Early Frost*. Here, her character, at a point in her life of extreme stress, compassionately acknowledges her love for her son. But her best 1990s role was in Terence Davies's *The Neon Bible*, cast as Aunt Mae, a blowsy swing band singer and aging Southern belle who comes to live with her young nephew and his family in a small town. Mae, like a character out of a Tennessee Williams play, fills the boy's ear with colorful stories, but beneath her surface bravado is a melancholy soul; she is like the forlorn subject of one of the blues songs she sings, as she goes on to impart her feelings and vulnerabilities to her nephew.

In the late 1990s and well into her sixties, Rowlands busily worked in various theatrical and made-for-television features—and added character and class to them all. She excelled as Sandra's Bullock's eccentric small-town Texas mother in *Hope Floats*, and was well-cast as Sean Connery's long-time mate in *Playing By Heart*. She still carried the Cassavetes banner, appearing in a bit role in *She's So Lovely*, directed by son Nick Cassavetes from a script by her late husband. And her most telling role—one that is a notch below her Aunt Mae—came in *Unhook the Stars*, a slice-of-life directed and co-scripted by her son. Here, Rowlands offered a finely modulated performance as a well-off sixtysomething widow who becomes immersed in the lives of a troubled neighbor and her young son while attracting the romantic interest of a French-Canadian truck driver.

—Doug Tomlinson, updated by Rob Edelman

RUSSELL, Jane

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ernestine Geraldine Russell in Bemidji, Minnesota, 21 June 1921; grew up in California. **Education:** Was graduated from Van Nuys High School. **Family:** Married 1) the athlete Bob Waterfield, 1943 (divorced 1968), three adopted children: Thomas, Tracy, Robert; 2) Roger Barrett, 1968 (died 1968); 3) John Calvin Peoples, 1974. **Career:** Receptionist, then model; studied acting at Max Reinhardt's Theatre Workshop and Maria Ouspenskaya's school; 1939-late 1950s—under contract to Howard Hughes; 1943—enormous publicity with release of her debut film *The Outlaw*; also worked on stage and in nightclubs; 1971—in the stage musical



Jane Russell

Company; spokeswoman for the Playtex Company; 1983–84 appeared in some episodes of TV series *Yellow Rose*. **Address:** c/o Webb, 7500 Devista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *The Outlaw* (Hughes) (as Rio)
- 1946 *Young Widow* (Marin) (as Joan Kenwood)
- 1948 *The Paleface* (McLeod) (as Calamity Jane)
- 1951 *His Kind of Woman* (Farrow) (as Lenore Brent); *Double Dynamite* (Cummings) (as Mildred Goodhug)
- 1952 *Macao* (von Sternberg) (as Julie Benson); *Road to Bali* (Walker) (as herself); *The Las Vegas Story* (Stevenson) (as Linda Rollins); *Son of Paleface* (Tashlin) (as Mike); *Montana Belle* (Dawn) (as Belle Starr)
- 1953 *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (Hawks) (as Dorothy)
- 1954 *The French Line* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Mary Carson); *Underwater!* (John Sturges) (as Theresa)
- 1955 *Foxfire* (Pevney) (as Amanda Lawrence); *Gentlemen Marry Brunettes* (Sale) (as Bonnie/Mimi Jones); *The Tall Men* (Walsh) (as Nella Turner)
- 1956 *Hot Blood* (Nicholas Ray) (as Annie Caldash); *The Revolt of Mamie Stover* (Walsh) (title role)
- 1957 *The Fuzzy Pink Nightgown* (Taurog) (as Laurel Stevens)
- 1964 *Fate Is the Hunter* (Ralph Nelson) (as herself)
- 1966 *Johnny Reno* (Springsteen) (as Nona Williams); *Waco* (Springsteen) (as Jill Stone)

- 1967 *The Born Losers* (Laughlin) (as Mrs. Shorn)
 1970 *Darker than Amber* (Clouse) (as Alabama Tiger)

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Most stars develop an image, but Jane Russell was an image before she was properly a movie star. Even today, she is likely best remembered as the busty, cleaved sex symbol of *The Outlaw*’s huge publicity campaign than as, for example, Dorothy in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. The image (together with the accompanying slogan, “Mean, moody, magnificent”) was much parodied, but hardly required it: it was a parody already. Of what? Female sexual provocation, of course, in a culture that has not been reluctant to endorse the equation sexuality = woman = evil. But even worse: an active, aggressive, desiring female sexuality. “How would you like to tussle with Russell?” was always meant, presumably, to be a question that daunted viewers as much as aroused them. How—within a male-dominated culture that takes the phallus as its symbol of power, a culture in which male potency is thus continuously threatened and which is characterized accordingly by male sexual anxiety in its many forms—can active female sexuality be represented *except* as parody? (There are, in fact, two other options: it can be set up in order to be punished and subdued, or it can be quite straightforwardly vilified.) Jane Russell was always something of a joke because what the image stood for could not be seriously contemplated.

Russell’s role in *The Outlaw* is in fact remarkably innocuous: the film is so obsessed with male homosexuality that it marginalizes her

completely. Movie reviewers routinely dismissed her performance, but they did note the contribution her breasts made to the production. Indeed, director Howard Hughes conducted a nationwide “talent” search for the perfect actress to play Rio; and he selected Russell based almost solely upon her amply endowed physique. Accordingly, it was clearly not the role but the image that made her a kind of star. But *what* kind? What could be done with her? It seems inevitable that, after one or two false starts, she would be shifted into comedy; inevitable even, that she would find a special if temporary niche partnering Bob Hope, most of whose humor is rooted in sexual ineffectuality, so that the comic-parodic side of the Russell persona becomes even more pronounced.

One might also have predicted—given a certain auteurist hindsight—that if Russell were to have a moment of real glory it would be in collaboration with Howard Hawks; one wonders how different her career might have been had Hawks directed her in *The Outlaw* as was originally intended (he directed only a couple of scenes at the beginning of the film, before Russell was introduced). Hawks’s delight in assertive women, and his insistence that the role of Dorothy be developed especially for her, enabled Russell, in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, to play comedy in which female sexual attractiveness becomes the positive norm in a ridiculous world of male incompetence and inanity. Although Marilyn Monroe was unequivocally the star of *Gentlemen*, Russell rises to this considerable challenge to deliver a clever performance as her wisecracking, sexually experienced, and less materially motivated friend. And, in one of the film’s most memorable numbers, “Ain’t There Anyone Here for Love?,” Russell is enchanting as a woman who is quite comfortable in the company of scores of barely clad athletic men. Little wonder that the film’s final scene, the double wedding, ends with the camera moving in to frame Russell and Monroe as they smile at each other rather than at their husbands.

—Robin Wood, updated by Cynthia Felando

RUSSELL, Rosalind

Nationality: American. **Born:** Waterbury, Connecticut, 4 June 1908. **Education:** Attended Notre Dame Academy, Waterbury; Marymount School, Tarrytown on the Hudson, New York; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. **Family:** Married Frederic Brisson, 1941, son: Carl Lance. **Career:** Toured in a tent show; 1929—joined the Copley players, Boston; appeared in *Garrick Gaieties* in New York, on tour with *Roar China*, and in *Talent* and *Second Man*; 1934—contract with MGM: film debut in *Evelyn Prentice*; 1953—on Broadway in *Wonderful Town*, and then in *Auntie Mame*, 1956, and in film version, 1958. **Awards:** Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, 1972. **Died:** 28 November 1976.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Evelyn Prentice* (Howard) (as Nancy Harrison); *The President Vanishes* (Wellman) (as Sally Voorman); *Forsaking All Others* (Van Dyke) (as Eleanor)
 1935 *The Night Is Young* (Murphy) (as Countess Rafay); *West Point of the Air* (Rosson) (as Dare); *The Casino Murder Case* (Marin) (as Doris); *Reckless* (Fleming) (as Jo); *China Seas*



Rosalind Russell

- (Garnett) (as Sybil Barclay); *Rendezvous* (Howard) (as Joel Carter)
- 1936 *It Had to Happen* (Del Ruth) (as Beatrice); *Under Two Flags* (Lloyd) (as Lady Venetia); *Trouble for Two* (Ruben) (as Miss Vandeleur/Princess Brenda); *Craig's Wife* (Arzner) (as Harriet Craig)
- 1937 *Night Must Fall* (Thorpe) (as Olivia); *Live, Love, and Learn* (Fitzmaurice) (as Julie Stoddard)
- 1938 *Man-Proof* (Thorpe) (as Elizabeth); *Four's a Crowd* (Curtiz) (as Jean Christy); *The Citadel* (King Vidor) (as Christine Manson)
- 1939 *Fast and Loose* (Marin) (as Garda Sloane); *The Women* (Cukor) (as Sylvia Fowler)
- 1940 *His Girl Friday* (Hawks) (as Hildy Johnson); *No Time for Comedy* (Keighley) (as Linda Easterbrook); *Hired Wife* (Seiter) (as Kendal Browning)
- 1941 *This Thing Called Love* (Married but Single) (Hall) (as Ann Winters); *They Met in Bombay* (Brown) (as Anya Von Duren); *Design for Scandal* (Taurog) (as Cornelia Porter)
- 1942 *Take a Letter, Darling* (Leisen) (as A. M. MacGregor); *My Sister Eileen* (Hall) (as Ruth Sherwood)
- 1943 *Flight for Freedom* (Mendes) (as Tonie Carter); *What a Woman!* (Cummings) (as Carol Kingsley)
- 1945 *Roughly Speaking* (Curtiz) (as Louise Randall); *She Wouldn't Say Yes* (Hall) (as Susan Lane)
- 1946 *Sister Kenny* (Nichols) (title role)
- 1947 *The Guilt of Janet Ames* (Levin) (title role); *Mourning Becomes Electra* (Nichols) (as Lavinia Mannon)

- 1948 *The Velvet Touch* (Gage) (as Valerie Stanton)
- 1949 *Tell It to the Judge* (Foster) (as Marsha Meredith)
- 1950 *A Woman of Distinction* (Buzzell) (as Susan Middlecott)
- 1952 *Never Wave at a WAC* (McLeod) (as Jo McBain)
- 1955 *The Girl Rush* (Pirosh) (as Kim Halliday)
- 1956 *Picnic* (Logan) (as Rosemary Sydney)
- 1958 *Auntie Mame* (Da Costa) (title role)
- 1961 *A Majority of One* (LeRoy) (as Mrs. Jacoby)
- 1962 *Five Finger Exercise* (Mann) (as Louise Harrington); *Gypsy* (LeRoy) (as Rose)
- 1966 *The Trouble with Angels* (Lupino) (as Mother Superior)
- 1967 *Oh, Dad, Poor Dad* (Mackendricks) (as Madame Rosepettle)
- 1968 *Rosie!* (Rich) (title role); *Where Angels Go—Trouble Follows!* (Neilson) (as Mother Simplicis)
- 1971 *Mrs. Pollifax—Spy* (Martinson) (title role)
- 1972 *The Crooked Hearts* (Sandrich—for TV) (as Laurita Dorsey)

Film as Writer:

- 1956 *The Unguarded Moment* (Keller) (co-sc)

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In 1965 Rosalind Russell gave David Zeitlin of *Life* magazine her prescription for success in acting: "It's okay to have talent, but talent is the least of it. In a performance or a career, you've got to have vitality. I've worked with actors and actresses far better than I'll ever be—as far as talent goes. But what they have just doesn't register because they don't have a . . . drive underneath a project. . . . Sometimes what you have to do is almost claw your work onto film." That two-fisted approach worked well in such larger-than-life

characters as Sylvia Fowler (*The Women*), Hildy Johnson (*His Girl Friday*), Ruth Sherwood (*My Sister Eileen*), Mame Dennis (*Auntie Mame*), and Rose (*Gypsy*), but badly in more subtle or multidimensional roles as Lavinia Mannon (*Mourning Becomes Electra*), Bertha Jacoby (*A Majority of One*), and Louise Harrington (*Five Finger Exercise*). Still, despite her excesses, Russell cornered the market on the intelligent, fast-talking, well-dressed career woman, and her superb comic timing was arguably the best in the business.

Russell's film career can be divided into roughly three periods. In the 1930s she played the "other woman" in major films and the resilient leading lady of minor ones, usually getting Joan Crawford's or Myrna Loy's discarded roles. Her first real break came in 1935 when Myrna Loy decided not to play opposite William Powell in *Rendezvous*, a spy comedy in the *Thin Man* tradition. Russell's first starring role came a year later when MGM lent her out to Columbia to do *Craig's Wife*. Though too young for the part, she received excellent notices as a fastidious, domineering housewife. Despite this critical acclaim (or perhaps because of it), she was still locked into a type—the young, well-dressed sophisticate.

The Women marked a transition in her career and made her a star. Russell played a malicious chatterbox in a flamboyantly exaggerated comic style. Producer Hunt Stromberg had intended to cast Ilka Chase (who originated the role on stage), declaring Russell "too beautiful" and "a fine dramatic actress, but not a comedienne." Russell kept pushing for the part and made five tests until she got it.

After *The Women* Russell was accepted enthusiastically as a full-fledged comedienne and in 1940 played the role for which (with the possible exception of Mame) she is most remembered—Hildy Johnson. With a breakneck, clenched-teeth delivery, she deflates the lesser mortals around her (all men), lighting her own cigarettes and disarming a murderer, while trying to decide between a career (newspaper reporting) and marriage. She gets them both in the end, but opts for conniving Cary Grant (one of the few leading men able to stand up to her on screen) over the mealy-mouthed Ralph Bellamy.

Throughout the 1940s Russell played a seemingly endless series of career women with (she claimed) essentially the same office set. Once again she had been typecast. Although the 1940s brought her three Oscar nominations for parts deviating from type (*My Sister Eileen*, *Sister Kenny*, and, inexplicably, *Mourning Becomes Electra*), only *My Sister Eileen* was commercially successful and her career went into a decline.

By the 1950s Russell was too old for her "type," so she returned to the stage, appearing in *Bell, Book and Candle*, *Wonderful Town* (a musical version of *My Sister Eileen*), and *Auntie Mame*. She appeared in a few films during that period, the best of which was *Picnic*, for which she undoubtedly would have been nominated as Best Supporting Actress had she agreed to be considered for that category. Russell's two-year stage role as Mame Dennis led to her best film in over a decade—*Auntie Mame*. Modeling the role on one of her sisters, she received a fourth Oscar nomination for her zany portrayal, but did not work again in film until three years later.

With the exception of *Gypsy*, which offered her a part large enough to encompass her pull-out-all-the-stops theory of acting, Russell's film roles in the last decade of her career were an embarrassment—either because she misunderstood the characters (e.g., Bertha Jacoby and Louise Harrington) or because the films themselves were bad (e.g., *Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows* and *Mrs. Pollifax—Spy*).

Discussing her career, she remarked: "There are only two ways to get ahead in Hollywood. You either have to get one great picture

a year—these propel you forward—or your impact has to be made with a lot of pictures." Clearly she went the latter route, her vivacious intelligence and snappy delivery remaining in our memories in the leaner years of her career.

—Catherine Henry

RUSSO, Rene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Burbank, California, 17 February 1954. **Family:** Married Danny Gilroy (a screenwriter), 1992; daughter: Rose. **Career:** Discovered at age 16 at a Rolling Stones concert; model; played Eden Kendell, *Sable* TV series, 1987; started film career, 1989. **Address:** Progressive Artists Agency, 400 S. Beverly Drive, Suite 216, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1989 *Major League* (Ward) (as Lynn Wells)
- 1990 *Mr. Destiny* (Orr) (as Cindy Jo)
- 1991 *One Good Cop* (Gould) (as Rita Lewis)
- 1992 *Lethal Weapon 3* (Donner) (as Lorna Cole); *Freejack* (Murphy) (as Julie Redlund)
- 1993 *In the Line of Fire* (Petersen) (as Lilly Raines)
- 1994 *Major League II* (Ward) (as Lynn, uncredited)



Rene Russo and Dustin Hoffman in *Outbreak*

- 1995 *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (as Karen Flores); *Outbreak* (Petersen) (as Dr. Roberta "Robby" Keough)
 1996 *Ransom* (Howard) (as Kate Mullen); *Tin Cup* (Shelton) (as Dr. Molly Griswold)
 1997 *Buddy* (Thompson) (as Trudy Lintz)
 1998 *Lethal Weapon 4* (Donner) (as Lorna Cole)
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At a time when the media were increasingly complaining about Hollywood's tendency to pair increasingly older leading men with increasingly younger female costars (Michael Douglas and Gwyneth Paltrow in *A Perfect Murder*, Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones in *Entrapment*), along came the remake of *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1999), starring the incredibly sexy Rene Russo, who was less than two years younger than costar Pierce Brosnan. While other actresses and most models go to great lengths to conceal their true age, this actress-turned-model has never been shy about mentioning hers (45 when *Thomas Crown* premiered), most likely because she is relying less and less on her looks and more and more on her burgeoning acting ability.

Many descriptions of Russo's storybook entry into modeling don't quite have the facts correct. She wasn't at a Rolling Stones concert but was, in fact, walking home from the concert when Hollywood talent agent John Crosby spotted her, stopped his car and asked her if she acted or modeled. Russo had heard that line before, but the fact that Crosby was with his wife at the time and asked her to come to his office with her mother led her to think he might be serious. Within weeks she had signed a contract with the Ford Modeling Agency and was being photographed by internationally known photographer Richard Avedon, and within months she was on the cover of *Vogue*, among other magazines. But as she entered her thirties and the assignments dwindled, she dropped out of modeling completely and began studying Christian theology. According to Russo, God appeared to her in a vision and showed her there was nothing to be afraid of, including her long-felt desire to be an actress. Crosby, still her agent to this day, got her roles in such films as *Major League* (1989), *Mr. Destiny* (1990), *One Good Cop* (1991) and *Freejack* (1992), but it wasn't until *Lethal Weapon 3* (1992) that she really began to shine,

playing not just Mel Gibson's love interest but a sergeant from Internal Affairs who keeps right up with Gibson and Glover in delivering the series' trademark wisecracks. In his review for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Roger Ebert complained about the film lacking the inventiveness that brightened the first two installments, but singled out Russo as one of the element that made the film "worth seeing, and that set it aside from the routine movies in this genre."

Her reviews in her next film, the Clint Eastwood film *In the Line of Fire* (1993), were even more glowing. *The New York Times* said Russo "works terrifically well with Mr. Eastwood. Their scenes have some of the caustic spirit of the material Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin used to write for Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. They are genuinely funny lovers." In 1995 she starred in *Outbreak*, playing a virologist who joins ex-husband Dustin Hoffman in tracking down a deadly virus, and in *Get Shorty*, playing a B-movie actress who specializes in screaming.

But her two roles in 1996 demonstrated that she could play much more than tough competent professional women. In *Tin Cup* she played Dr. Molly Griswold, a flaky psychologist caught between rival golfers played by Kevin Costner and Don Johnson. According to Russo, "I've played all these confident, together, get-the-job-done women, but Molly's really the closest to me. She's searching. One minute she's strong and the next she doesn't know what the heck she's doing." *Tin Cup* director Ron Shelton called her "that rarity of rarities: an unvain beautiful woman." In *Ransom* (again opposite Mel Gibson) she had her greatest challenge, playing a mother whose son has been kidnapped. It would have been easier to continually show hysteria, but she gives a modulated performance that shows her at times turning against her husband and at times just stopping to collect herself.

Her role as Catherine Banning in *The Thomas Crown Affair* may have been less challenging, but showed her to be totally fearless, with sizzling star power. *Rolling Stone* said of her performance, "Russo gives off enough carnal heat to singe the screen. Topless on the beach, torrid on the dance floor and a tiger between the sheets, Catherine is fantasy made flesh. That she's played, with a tough core of intelligence and wit, by a forty-five-year-old actress is some kind of miracle in Hollywood, a place where most women lose their babe status as soon as they're old enough to vote." Her acting ability will most likely enable her to make the transition to 'older' parts, but at this rate that necessity may be a long way off.

—Bob Sullivan

RUTHERFORD, (Dame) Margaret

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, 11 May 1892. **Education:** Attended Wimbledon Hill School; Ravenscroft. **Family:** Married Stringer Davis, 1945. **Career:** Taught speech and piano; then studied acting at the Old Vic, London; 1925—stage debut; then in repertory in Oxford, Croydon, and London; 1936—film debut in *Dusty Ermine*; 1939—first appearance as Miss Prism in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, London; repeated the role in film version, 1952; 1940—stage role of Mme. Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*; repeated in film, 1945; 1948—stage role of Miss Whitchurch in *The Happiest Days of Your Life*; repeated in film, 1950. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for *The V.I.P.s*, 1963. Dame Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1967. **Died:** 22 May 1972.

Films as Actress:

- 1936 *Dusty Ermine* (*Hideout in the Alps*) (Vorhaus) (as Miss Butterby); *Talk of the Devil* (Reed) (as housekeeper); *Troubled Waters* (Parker)
- 1937 *Beauty and the Barge* (Edwards) (as Mrs. Baldwin); *Big Fella* (Wills); *Catch as Catch Can* (*Atlantic Episode*) (Kellino) (as Maggie Carberry); *Missing, Believed Married* (Carstairs) (as Lady Parke)
- 1941 *Spring Meeting* (Mycroft) (as Aunt Bijou); *Quiet Wedding* (Asquith) (as Magistrate)
- 1943 *The Yellow Canary* (Wilcox) (as Mrs. Towcester); *The Demi-Paradise* (*Adventure for Two*) (Asquith) (as Rowena Ventnor)
- 1944 *English without Tears* (*Her Man Gilbey*) (French) (as Lady Christobel Beauclerk)
- 1945 *Blithe Spirit* (Lean) (as Mme. Arcati)
- 1947 *While the Sun Shines* (Asquith) (as Dr. Winifred Frye); *Meet Me at Dawn* (*The Gay Duellist*) (Freeland) (as Mme. Vernorel)
- 1948 *Miranda* (Annakin) (as Nurse Cary); *Passport to Pimlico* (Cornelius) (as Prof. Hatton-Jones)
- 1950 *The Happiest Days of Your Life* (Lauder) (as Miss Whitchurch); *Her Favourite Husband* (*The Taming of Dorothy*) (Soldati) (as Mrs. Dotherington)
- 1951 *The Magic Box* (Boulting) (as Lady Pond)
- 1952 *Curtain Up* (Smart) (as Jeremy St. Clare); *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Asquith) (as Miss Prism); *Castle in the Air* (Cass) (as Miss Nicholson); *Miss Robin Hood* (Guillermin) (as Miss Honey)
- 1953 *Innocents in Paris* (Parry) (as Gwladys Inglott); *Trouble in Store* (Carstairs) (as Miss Bacon)
- 1954 *The Runaway Bus* (Guest) (as Cynthia Beeston); *Aunt Clara* (Kimmins) (as Clara Hilton); *Mad about Men* (Thomas) (as Nurse Carey)
- 1955 *An Alligator Named Daisy* (Thompson) (as Prudence Croquet)
- 1957 *The Smallest Show on Earth* (Dearden) (as Mrs. Fazackerlee); *Just My Luck* (Carstairs) (as Mrs. Dooley)
- 1959 *I'm All Right Jack* (Boulting) (as Aunt Dolly)
- 1961 *Murder She Said* (Pollock) (as Jane Marple); *On the Double* (Shavelson)
- 1963 *The Mouse on the Moon* (Lester) (as Grand Duchess Gloriana); *Murder at the Gallop* (Pollock) (as Miss Marple); *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Duchess of Brighton)
- 1964 *Murder Most Foul* (Pollock) (as Miss Marple); *Murder Ahoy* (Pollock) (as Miss Marple)
- 1965 *The Alphabet Murders* (Pollock) (as Miss Marple)
- 1966 *A Countess from Hong Kong* (Chaplin) (as Mrs. Gaulswallow); *Chimes at Midnight* (*Campanadas a medianoche*; *Falstaff*) (Welles) (as Hostess Quickly)
- 1967 *The Wacky World of Mother Goose* (Bass) (as voice); *Arabella* (Bolognini) (as Princess Ilaria)

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James Mason, asked to name his favorite leading lady, said that he tried rating them all by stars and that the only five-star lady was Margaret Rutherford. She was an exceptional and well-loved comedienne, who began her working life as a teacher of piano and elocution before a small legacy enabled her to attend the Old Vic school to study drama. She had various successful stage roles before making her first film in 1936, *Dusty Ermine*. She had a highly unorthodox appearance—the demeanor of a startled turkey-cock, the jaws of a bloodhound and a highly unwieldy frame. All of this marked her out to be a character actress, a term applied to women not considered attractive enough to be the love interest in films. Margaret Rutherford's screen career depended on her playing variations on the theme of delightfully dotty "spinster," either intense, gushing, and absentminded or tweedy and austere.

She played all her roles with aplomb and perspicacity and had a superb sense of timing. She was the irrepressible and flamboyant Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*, the enthusiastic Medieval expert in Ealing Studio's *Passport to Pimlico*, and the unforgettably fluttering and forgetful Miss Prism in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. In *The Happiest Days of Your Life* she starred with Alastair Sim, who played the headmaster of the school upon which Rutherford and her truculent "gels" are billeted with uproarious consequences (shades of St. Trinian's). He was her male counterpart in the realms of the British Eccentric—realms that they ruled with equal gusto and gladiatorial insouciance. Raymond Durnat writing in *A Mirror for England* noted that "British qualms about the grinding effect of puritanical submission to the system are often expressed in two ways: their veneration for eccentrics and their much touted sense of humour . . . (they) are usually 'upperclass' in origin and either of independent means or firmly ensconced in authority . . . they are usually variations on old-fashioned father and aunt figures and the eccentricity is not eccentricity at all, but the old upperclass way of speaking out boldly and rudely."

Several other eccentric roles followed for Margaret Rutherford for she played Miss Marple in several MGM Agatha Christie films, where once again her unlikely and sexually "unappealing" exterior hid a true and marvelous ingenuity and a remarkable and scrupulous intelligence. Her elegant comic touch and her warmth were triumphant in every role she played—a glorious galleon in full sail firing salvos at all who crossed her bow.

—Sylvia Paskin

RYAN, Meg

Nationality: American. **Born:** Margaret Mary Hyra in Fairfield, Connecticut, 19 November 1961. **Education:** University of Connecticut, studied journalism at New York University. **Family:** Married the actor Dennis Quaid, 1991, one son: Jack Henry. **Career:** 1981—film debut in *Rich and Famous*; 1982–84—appeared in TV daytime drama *As the World Turns*; 1993—started production company, Prufrock Pictures. **Awards:** Golden Apple, Hollywood Woman's Press Club, 1989; Crystal Award, Women in Film, 1995. **Agent:** Steve Dontanville, International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A. **Address:** Prufrock Pictures, 10201 West Pico Boulevard, Building 78, Los Angeles, CA 90035, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1981 *Rich and Famous* (Cukor) (as Debby at 18); *Amy and the Angel* (Rosenblum—for TV) (as Denise)
- 1983 *Amityville 3-D (Amityville: The Demon)* (Fleischer) (as Lisa)
- 1986 *Armed and Dangerous* (Lester) (as Maggie Cavanaugh); *Top Gun* (Tony Scott) (as Carole Bradshaw)
- 1987 *Innerspace* (Dante) (as Lydia Maxwell)
- 1988 *Promised Land (Young Hearts)* (Hoffman) (as Bev); *D.O.A.* (Morton and Jankel) (as Sydney Fuller); *The Presidio* (Hyams) (as Donna Caldwell)
- 1989 *When Harry Met Sally . . .* (Rob Reiner) (as Sally Albright)
- 1990 *Joe versus the Volcano* (Shanley) (as DeDe/Angelica/Patricia)
- 1991 *The Doors* (Oliver Stone) (as Pamela Courson)
- 1992 *Prelude to a Kiss* (René) (as Rita Boyle)
- 1993 *Sleepless in Seattle* (Nora Ephron) (as Annie Reed); *Flesh and Bone* (Kloves) (as Kay Davies)
- 1994 *I.Q.* (Schepisi) (as Catherine Boyd); *When a Man Loves a Woman* (Mandoki) (as Alice Green)
- 1995 *French Kiss (Paris Match)* (Kasdan) (as Kate, + co-pr); *Restoration* (Hoffman) (as Katherine)
- 1996 *Courage under Fire* (Zwick) (as Capt. Karen Walden); *Two for the Road* (as Joanna, + pr)
- 1997 *Addicted to Love* (Dunne) (as Maggie); *Anastasia* (Bluth, Goldman) (voice of Anastasia)
- 1998 *Hurlyburly* (Drazan) (as Bonnie); *City of Angels* (Silberling) (as Maggie); *You've Got Mail* (Ephron) (as Kathleen Kelly)
- 2000 *Hanging Up* (Keaton) (as Eve)

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- “The Crying Game,” interview with John Mosby, in *Film Review* (London), November 1993.

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- Premier* (New York), May 1997.

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Before Meg Ryan achieved the top rank of stardom with *When Harry Met Sally . . .* in 1989, she had attracted notice in a number of memorable supporting roles on television and in film. Her big-screen debut was as Candice Bergen’s daughter in *Rich and Famous* in 1981 and she acquired fans with her role in the soap opera *As the World Turns* from 1982–84, but it was in *Top Gun*, as Anthony Edwards’s wife and then widow, that she made her first major impression. Her line to Edwards, “Take me to bed or lose me forever,” became something of a catch phrase for teenage girls in the summer of 1986 and Ryan and Edwards stole much of the spotlight away from the film’s leads, Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis.

Ryan’s raw-nerve, wild-girl image in *Top Gun* may have caused Michael Hoffman to cast her in *Promised Land*, two years later. While the film sank under a surfeit of unstructured adolescent angst, Ryan’s performance as Kiefer Sutherland’s violence prone, white-trash bride impresses and even shocks today’s viewers who only know her from her later romantic comedies. Her Bev in that film suggests that Ryan has a range that has gone sadly unused, even in her recent dramatic roles in *Flesh and Bone* and *When a Man Loves a Woman*.

After *Promised Land*, however, Ryan sank comfortably back into “girlfriend-of-the-lead” parts in *D.O.A.* and *The Presidio*. It was in Rob Reiner’s *When Harry Met Sally . . .*, that Ryan emerged as a major star and solidified the comic persona that would dominate much of her career in the coming years. Ryan’s faked orgasm scene in that film would be widely replayed and comparisons would be drawn between her and Carole Lombard. Ryan offered a winsome amalgamation of innocence and big city savoir faire; her inchoate romantic schemes seemed to evaporate across her face before being fully solidified but Ryan always managed to land her man in the final reel. If the Lombard comparison was a bit pat, one could compare Ryan to the remarkably similar Clara Bow in the 1927 film, *It*. As with Bow in that Hoover-era picture, Ryan offered the Reagan-Bush years a post-Jane Fonda, post-Sally Field image of the “strong” woman who gets what she wants through feminine ingenuity while maintaining a supple, girlish demeanor. This was hardly a persona feminists took to—even Camille Paglia would criticize Ryan’s image in print—but it won the actress



Meg Ryan with Nicholas Cage in *City of Angels*

a coveted place in the hearts of many filmgoers who yearned for a return to preliberation sex roles and attitudes.

Ryan did stretch a bit in *Joe versus the Volcano* (where she played three distinct roles) and *Prelude to a Kiss* (where her character's body is possessed by an elderly, ill man who fortuitously gets a new lease on life). Neither film, however, had the enormous impact of 1993's *Sleepless in Seattle*. In that Nora Ephron film, as an engaged woman who leaves her fiancé to track down a dream man she has heard about on the radio, Ryan offered another canny alternative to the "strong" and perhaps subliminally threatening female stars of the period.

While *Sleepless in Seattle* grossed \$188 million, Ryan may have played out that film's kind of character to the point where audiences have become a bit wary. *I.Q.* for Fred Schepisi in 1994 was a critical and box-office disappointment and 1995's *French Kiss*, co-produced by her new production company, did not recapture the success of her earlier blockbusters. The latter's only modest box-office success, despite a witty script, sharp direction, and some of Ryan's most skillful and precise comic work, points to the actress's need to explore other options in film roles. *When a Man Loves a Woman*, where Ryan plays an alcoholic mother, earned her a certain amount of respect as a dramatic actress, and Edward Zwick's *Courage under Fire*, where she plays a Persian Gulf War hero, seems calculated to help Ryan shift

gears into a more complex mode of performance for the second half of the nineties.

—Daniel Humphrey

RYAN, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Robert Bushnell Ryan in Chicago, Illinois, 11 November 1909. **Education:** Attended Loyola Academy, Chicago; Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (boxing champion), B.A. in literature 1931. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps, 1944–45: drill instructor, Camp Pendleton barracks, San Diego. **Family:** Married Jessica Cadwalader, 1939 (died 1972), sons: Timothy, Cheyney, daughter: Lisa. **Career:** 1936—member of Edward Boyle's stock company, Chicago; 1939—studied at Max Reinhardt's Actors' Workshop in Los Angeles; professional stage debut in *Too Many Husbands* in Los Angeles; 1940—contract with Paramount; first significant film role in *Golden Gloves*; 1941—on Broadway in *Clash by Night*; then contract with RKO; 1943—first big break with



Robert Ryan (center) and Henry Fonda (foreground) in *Battle of the Bulge*

lead role, opposite Ginger Rogers, in *Tender Comrade*; 1947—following military service, appeared in first of several films noir, *The Woman on the Beach*; 1951—with wife, founded Oakwood Elementary School in North Hollywood, a cooperative dedicated to humanistic education; political activism continued throughout his life, notably serving as co-chairman of the Hollywood branch of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, starting in 1959; 1954—in off-Broadway play *Coriolanus*; 1959—co-founder with John Houseman and Sidney Harmon, Theatre Group at UCLA; 1960—on stage in *Antony and Cleopatra* at Stratford, Connecticut, and *The Front Page* on Broadway, 1969; 1964–65—narrator of TV series *World War I*. **Awards:** Special Prize, U.S. National Society of Film Critics, for *The Iceman Cometh*, 1973. **Died:** Of cancer, in New York City, 11 July 1973.

Films as Actor:

- 1927 *The College Widow* (Mayo) (as extra)
 1929 *Strong Boy* (Ford) (bit role as baggage man)

- 1940 *Golden Gloves* (Dmytryk) (as Pete Wells); *Queen of the Mob* (Hogan) (as Jim); *The Ghost Breakers* (George Marshall) (as intern); *Northwest Mounted Police* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Constable Dumont)
 1941 *Texas Rangers Ride Again* (Hogan) (as Eddie)
 1943 *Bombardier* (Wallace) (as Joe Connors); *The Sky's the Limit* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Reg Fenton); *Behind the Rising Sun* (Dmytryk) (as Lefty); *Gangway for Tomorrow* (Auer) (as Joe Dunham); *The Iron Major* (Enright) (as Father Tim Donovan); *Tender Comrade* (Dmytryk) (as Chris)
 1944 *Marine Raiders* (Schuster) (as Capt. Dan Craig)
 1947 *Trail Street* (Enright) (as Allen Harper); *The Woman on the Beach* (Renoir) (as Scott); *Crossfire* (Dmytryk) (as Monty Montgomery)
 1948 *Berlin Express* (Tourneur) (as Robert Lindley); *Return of the Badmen* (Enright) (as Sundance Kid); *Act of Violence* (Zinnemann) (as Joe Parkson); *The Boy with Green Hair* (Losey) (as Dr. Evans)
 1949 *Caught* (Max Ophüls) (as Smith Ohlrig); *The Set-Up* (Wise) (as Stoker Thompson); *The Woman on Pier 13 (I Married a Communist)* (Stevenson) (as Brad Collins)

- 1950 *The Secret Fury* (Ferrer) (as David); *Born to Be Bad* (Nicholas Ray) (as Nick Bradley)
- 1951 *Best of the Badmen* (William D. Russell) (as Jeff Clanton); *Flying Leathernecks* (Nicholas Ray) (as Griff); *The Racket* (Cromwell) (as Nick Scanlon); *On Dangerous Ground* (Nicholas Ray) (as Jim Wilson)
- 1952 *Clash by Night* (Fritz Lang) (as Earl Pfeiffer); *Beware My Lovely* (Horner) (as Howard Wilton); *Horizons West* (Boetticher) (as Dan Hammond)
- 1953 *City beneath the Sea* (Boetticher) (as Brad Carlton); *The Naked Spur* (Anthony Mann) (as Ben Vandergroat); *Inferno* (Roy Baker) (as David Carson)
- 1954 *Alaska Seas* (Jerry Hopper) (as Matt Kelly); *About Mrs. Leslie* (Daniel Mann) (as George Leslie); *Her Twelve Men* (Leonard) (as Joe Hargrave); *Bad Day at Black Rock* (John Sturges) (as Reno Smith)
- 1955 *Escape to Burma* (Dwan) (as Jim Brecan); *House of Bamboo* (Fuller) (as Sandy Dawson); *The Tall Men* (Walsh) (as Nathan Stark)
- 1956 *The Proud Ones* (Webb) (as Marshal Cass Silver); *Back from Eternity* (Farrow) (as Bill Larnigan)
- 1957 *Men in War* (Anthony Mann) (as Lt. Benson)
- 1958 *God's Little Acre* (Anthony Mann) (as Ty Ty Walden); *Lonelyhearts* (*Miss Lonelyhearts*) (Donehue) (as William Shrike)
- 1959 *Day of the Outlaw* (De Toth) (as Blaise Starrett); *Odds against Tomorrow* (Wise) (as Earle Slater)
- 1960 *Ice Palace* (Sherman) (as Thor Storm)
- 1961 *The Canadians* (Kennedy) (as Inspector William Gannon); *King of Kings* (Nicholas Ray) (as John the Baptist)
- 1962 *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as Brig. Gen. James M. Gavin); *Billy Budd* (Ustinov) (as Master-at-Arms John Claggart)
- 1964 *The Inheritance* (Mayer—doc) (as narrator)
- 1965 *Battle of the Bulge* (Annakin) (as Gen. Grey); *The Crooked Road* (Chaffey) (as Richard Ashley)
- 1966 *La Guerre secrète* (*La guerra segreta*; *Spione untersich*; *The Dirty Game*; *The Dirty Agents*) (Terence Young, Christian-Jaque, and Lizzani) (as Gen. Bruce); *The Professionals* (Richard Brooks) (as Hans Ehrengard)
- 1967 *The Busy Body* (Castle) (as Charley Barker); *The Dirty Dozen* (Aldrich) (as Col. Everett Dasher-Breed); *Hour of the Gun* (*The Law and Tombstone*) (John Sturges) (as Ike Clanton)
- 1968 *Custer of the West* (*Good Day for Fighting*) (Siodmak) (as Sgt. Mulligan); *Escondido* (*Un Minuto per Pregare un Instante per Morire*; *A Minute to Pray, a Second to Die*; *Dead or Alive*) (Giraldi) (as Governor Lem Carter); *Lo Sbarco di Anzio* (*Anzio*; *The Battle for Anzio*) (Dmytryk) (as Gen. Carson)
- 1969 *The Wild Bunch* (Peckinpah) (as Deke Thornton)
- 1970 *Captain Nemo and the Underwater City* (James Hill) (title role)
- 1971 *Lawman* (Winner) (as Marshal Cotton Ryan); *The Love Machine* (Haley Jr.) (as Gregory Austin)
- 1972 *Le Course, du lièvre a travers les champs* (. . . *And Hope to Die*) (Clément) (as Charley)
- 1973 *The Lolly-Madonna War* (*Lolly-Madonna XXX*) (Sarafian) (as Pap Gutshall); *Executive Action* (David Miller) (as Foster); *The Outfit* (*The Good Guys Always Win*) (Flynn) (as Mailer); *The Iceman Cometh* (Frankenheimer) (as Larry

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Robert Ryan was unique among Hollywood stars for having been both an Ivy League graduate (Dartmouth, class of 1931) and an undefeated intercollegiate boxing champion, heavyweight class. Thus he brought to his acting career the unusual combination of a fine education and an authentic tough-guy reputation. In his early years out of college, he found work in a depression environment wherever he could, first spending two hot and dirty years as engine room janitor on a freighter that steamed from New York to East Africa around the Cape and back, then touring the country in one odd job after another—gold prospecting and cowpunching in northern Montana, department store modeling and working a desk job with the board of education in Chicago.

When he ended up in California in 1939, he enrolled at the Max Reinhardt Actors' Workshop, which led to his stage debut in *Too Many Husbands* at Belasco Theatre in Los Angeles. A Paramount Pictures talent scout was impressed enough by Ryan's opening night performance to offer him a \$75 a week contract, which he accepted on the spot. With Paramount, he then made his feature film debut, appropriately cast as a boxer in a B movie entitled *Golden Gloves*. He found steady work in small parts, with his first big break coming in 1943 as co-star to Ginger Rogers in *Tender Comrade*. This film was later cited—ludicrously so—as an example of how communists had infiltrated the film industry. Both its director, Edward Dmytryk, and its screenwriter, Dalton Trumbo, were among the original blacklisted Hollywood ten. Ryan, however, was helped by his appearance in *Tender Comrade*, although his enlistment in the Marines in 1944 temporarily halted his promising career.

It was after the war that Ryan found real success as a movie star by being featured in a colorful dramatic role as a bigoted villain in *Crossfire*. His chilling performance not only earned him an Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actor, it also tended to type him for the majority of the screen roles to follow. His film persona relied on that of the smooth surface which covers a twisted interior. Ryan was

a big man, 6' 3" tall, with dark hair and good looks. He might have become a traditional "handsome hero" leading man, but instead he began playing articulate villains, the kind who could talk their way out of places and build alibis for themselves in any kind of situation. In addition to the obvious acting skill such roles require, Ryan had the sort of Irishness viewers often associate with blarney. He added to it a suspicious smile and overly confident manner which seemed to suggest hidden strength and possible danger, an undercurrent of violence and cruelty. With these characteristics, he created a gallery of some of the most interesting villains ever seen on film, and built a career out of crime films, films noir, melodramas, and Westerns.

For the majority of the moviegoing public, he is most associated with the last genre. (Ryan himself referred to his "long, seamy face" as being perfect for Westerns.) His filmography reads as a chronology of the development of the genre in the postwar period, from such classics as Anthony Mann's *The Naked Spur* and John Sturges's *Bad Day at Black Rock* through Raoul Walsh's *The Tall Men*, Budd Boetticher's *Horizons West*, and Andre De Toth's *Day of the Outlaw* to the iconoclastic film by Sam Peckinpah, *The Wild Bunch*. Recently, much critical attention has been given to Ryan's seminal contributions to film noir, especially given his appearance in films by many of that genre's most important directors, notably Jean Renoir (*The Woman on the Beach*), Max Ophüls (*Caught*), Robert Wise (*The Set-Up*), Nicholas Ray (*On Dangerous Ground*), and Fritz Lang (*Clash by Night*).

Always an actor to seek challenge and a change, Ryan returned to the New York stage in 1954, starring in *Coriolanus*. From that time on, he moved back and forth from his film career to his stage career, creating successes in theater both in Los Angeles and New York, and particularly finding praise for his outstanding performance in an excellent revival of *The Front Page* shortly before his death. Unfortunately, over the last eight years of his life Ryan was largely relegated to cameos in big pictures, such as *The Dirty Dozen*, *Custer of the West*, and *Anzio* (although he made more money in this period than in the first 25 years of his film career combined).

Ryan guided his entire career with intelligence and seriousness of purpose. Since his desire was to be more than a movie star, he willingly accepted roles that did not create a lovable persona. Because of this, he did not attract as large a following as some other stars. Nevertheless, he always maintained a reputation for quality and reliability. Seen in retrospect, this quality places him at the center of film history, as he appeared in many films which, although not Oscar winners of their day, are now considered classics worthy of serious attention and study. In this way, history and time are making Robert Ryan into one of the most interesting stars of Hollywood films.

—Jeanine Basinger, updated by David E. Salamie

RYDER, Winona

Nationality: American. **Born:** Winona Laura Horowitz in Winona, Minnesota, 29 October 1971. **Education:** Studied drama at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. **Career:** Acted on the stage in small theaters, early 1980s; discovered by a talent scout while studying at the American Conservatory Theater and given screen test, 1984; made screen debut in *Lucas*, 1986; cast as Michael Corleone's daughter in *The Godfather: Part III*, but dropped out

because of overwork, 1989. **Awards:** Best Actress, Gijon Festival, for *Square Dance*, 1987; Best Female Lead Independent Spirit Award nomination, for *Heathers*, 1989; Best Young Actress Starring in a Motion Picture Young Artist Award, for *Great Balls of Fire!*, 1989; Best Supporting Actress National Board of Review, Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture Golden Globe nomination, for *Mermaids*, 1991; Best Supporting Actress National Board of Review Award, Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, for *The Age of Innocence*, 1993. **Address:** 350 Park Avenue, #900, New York, NY 10022-6022, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1986 *Lucas* (Seltzer) (as Rina)
- 1987 *Square Dance (Home Is Where the Heart Is)* (Petrie) (as Gemma)
- 1988 *Beetlejuice* (Burton) (as Lydia Deetz); *1969* (Ernest Thompson) (as Beth)
- 1989 *Great Balls of Fire!* (McBride) (as Myra Gail Lewis); *Heathers (Lethal Attraction; Westerberg High)* (Lehmann) (as Veronica Sawyer)
- 1990 *Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael* (Abrahams) (as Dinky Bossetti); *Mermaids* (Richard Benjamin) (as Charlotte Flax); *Edward Scissorhands* (Burton) (as Kim Boggs)
- 1991 *Night on Earth* (Jarmusch) (as Corky)
- 1992 *Bram Stoker's Dracula* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Mina Murray/Elisabeta)
- 1993 *The Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (as May Welland)
- 1994 *The House of the Spirits* (August) (as Blanca); *Reality Bites* (Stiller) (as Lelaina Pierce); *Little Women* (Armstrong) (as Jo March)
- 1995 *How to Make an American Quilt* (Moorhouse) (as Finn Dodd)
- 1996 *The Crucible* (Hytner) (as Abigail "Abby" Williams); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino) (as Lady Anne); *Boys* (Cochran) (as Patty Vare)
- 1997 *Alien Resurrection* (Jean-Pierre Jeunet) (as Annalee Call)
- 1998 *Celebrity* (Allen) (as Nola)
- 1999 *Girl, Interrupted* (Mangold) (as Susanna Kaysen + exec pr)
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At an age when young people are in the throes of starting high school, Winona Ryder was making her screen debut in *Lucas*. When

many teenagers are thinking about who to ask to the senior prom, Ryder was starring in *Beetlejuice*. And when young adults are finishing college and pondering their futures, Ryder already had appeared on-screen in *Heathers*, *Great Balls of Fire!*, *Welcome Home*, *Roxy Carmichael*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Mermaids*, and *Bram Stoker's Dracula*. Despite all of these credits, Ryder's career had not yet peaked. She would become one of the rare adolescent actresses to segue into a prominent adult career.

In her early films, Ryder more often than not was cast as an intelligent but essentially ingenuous and alienated young person. In *Lucas* and *Square Dance*, she effectively plays sensitive adolescents. Later, she did well as the friendless small-town eccentric in *Welcome Home*, *Roxy Carmichael*; the thoughtful, distressed daughter in *Mermaids*; and, in particular, the teen who hangs out, albeit uncomfortably, with her high school's princess-shrews and eventually opts for independence in *Heathers*. But the role which brought her to popular attention was in Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice*, where she played a self-described "strange and unusual" adolescent with a morbid fashion sense. Not all of Ryder's characters were unconventional; in *Edward Scissorhands*, she is the otherwise average teen who comes to love an android. Two of her more important roles were in Francis Coppola's *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, in which she plays both Elisabeta (who kills herself upon obtaining erroneous news that her beloved, the fifteenth-century Romanian king Vlad the Impaler, had died in battle) and Mina Murray (the fiancée of Jonathan Harker and the love-object of Dracula). In the Los Angeles segment of Jim Jarmusch's *Night on Earth*, Ryder plays one of her more centered characters: Corky, a rough-around-the-collar type who would much rather be a mechanic than a movie star. Corky's character is contrasted with a chic casting agent who drips Beverly Hills and is wedded to her portable telephone.

Ryder's first truly compelling contemporary "adult" role came in Ben Stiller's *Reality Bites*, one of the earliest in a mid-1990s cycle of Generation X coming-of-age movies. The conflicts experienced by her character, Lelaina Pierce, mirror the personal and professional frustrations of post-Baby Boomer twentysomethings who grew up in dysfunctional families and are products of American pop culture. Ultimately, it is difficult for Lelaina to "find [her] own identity without having any heroes or role models." She also has come to adulthood in a declining economy. So despite her college diploma, she may not have a white-collar future. In one telling sequence, Lelaina, who was valedictorian of her college graduation class, applies for employment in a fast-food restaurant: the type of job which, under different circumstances, she would have had part-time back in high school. Still, some of the issues with which Lelaina deals are, in their essence, age-old. With whom does she fall in love? Does she sustain a relationship with the yuppie who is flashy and successful but lacking in substance and values? Or does she become involved with the product of grunge culture, who will never buy her a tennis bracelet but is at least honest in his response to the world around him? Ryder offers an attractive performance as Lelaina, capturing all of the character's confusion and frustration.

In her two Oscar-nominated roles to date, Ryder donned period costumes in adaptations of classic American novels. In Martin Scorsese's sumptuously produced but only intermittently engaging *The Age of Innocence*, based on the book by Edith Wharton, she is the proper young lady whom the old-fashioned lawyer Daniel Day Lewis is engaged to marry. And in Gillian Armstrong's *Little Women*, based on the Louisa May Alcott classic, she makes a vibrant Jo March, the story's central character. Her follow-up to *Little Women* was similar

in that it too was directed by a woman, and tells the story of the strength in female relationships: Jocelyn Moorhouse's *How to Make an American Quilt*. As in *Reality Bites*, Ryder plays a perplexed contemporary twentysomething: Finn Dodd, who is about to be married and who spends a summer at the home of her grandmother and great aunt. There, she discovers truths about friendship and loving relationships from the members of a quilting circle.

During the late 1990s Ryder played a range of roles. She offers a spunky performance as an uncharacteristic villainess, a deceitful young woman who incriminates the married man with whom she is infatuated, in *The Crucible*, Arthur Miller's political allegory of the McCarthy/HUAC witchhunt. While she is sorely miscast as an action heroine in *Alien Resurrection*, she is a bewitching presence as an ambitious waitress/wannabe actress in Woody Allen's *Celebrity*. In *Girl, Interrupted*, Ryder plays yet another asocial young person, a character who may be directly linked to so many of her earlier roles. Even though she was in her late twenties when she made the film, she is believable as a recent high school graduate whose aimlessness and inability to fit into pre-feminist late 1960s upper-class Boston suburban society results in her being dispatched to a psychiatric hospital with a "borderline personality disorder." In *Girl, Interrupted*, Ryder displays a canny ability to communicate her character's thoughts and mental state. When given a meaty role—as she was in *Little Women*, *The Crucible*, or *Girl, Interrupted*—Ryder is a pleasure to watch. She remains one of the most accomplished actresses of her generation.

—Rob Edelman

RYU, Chishu

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Kyushu, 13 May 1906. **Career:** 1925—joined the Shockiku Kamata film studio acting school; 1929—first of many films for the director Yasujiro Ozu, *Wakaki hi*. **Awards:** Best Actor Awards, Mainichi Eiga Concourse, Japan, 1948, 1951, 1970; Tokyo Blue Ribbon Prize for Best Supporting Actor, 1951. **Died:** Of cancer, in Yokohama, Japan, 16 March 1993.

Films as Actor:

- 1929 *Wakaki hi (Days of Youth)* (Ozu) (as student)
- 1930 *Rakudai wa shitakeredo (I Flunked, But . . .)* (Ozu) (as passing student); *Sono yo no tsuma (That Night's Wife)* (Ozu) (as policeman)
- 1932 *Umarete wa mita keredo (I Was Born, But . . .)* (Ozu); *Seishun no yume ima izuko (Where Now Are the Dreams of Youth?)* (Ozu) (as Shimazaki)
- 1933 *Tokyo no onna (Women of Tokyo)* (Ozu) (as reporter); *Hijosen no onna (Dragnet Girl)* (Ozu) (as policeman); *Dekigokoro (Passing Fancy)* (Ozu) (as man on boat)
- 1934 *Haka o kowazuya (A Mother Should Be Loved)* (Ozu) (as Hattori)
- 1935 *Tokyo no yado (An Inn in Tokyo)* (Ozu)
- 1936 *Daigaku yoitoko (College Is a Nice Place)* (Ozu) (as Amano); *Hotori musuko (The Only Son)* (Ozu) (as Okubo)
- 1941 *Todake no kyodai (Brothers and Sisters of the Toda Family)* (Ozu) (as friend)

- 1942 *Chichi ariki (There Was a Father)* (Ozu) (as Shuhei Horikawa);
Minami ni kaze (South Wind) (Yoshimura)
- 1947 *Nagaya Shinshiroku (Record of a Tenement Gentleman)* (Ozu) (as Tashiro)
- 1948 *Kaze no naka no mendori (A Hen in the Wind)* (Ozu) (as Kazuichiro Satake)
- 1949 ***Banshun (Late Spring)*** (Ozu) (as Shukicki Somiya, the father)
- 1950 *Munekata shimai (The Munekata Sisters)* (Ozu) (as Takachika Munekata)
- 1951 *Bakushu (Early Summer)* (Ozu) (as Koichi); *Karemen Kyoko ni kaeru (Carmen Comes Home)* (Kinoshita)
- 1952 *Ochazuke no aji (The Flavor of Green Tea over Rice; Tea and Rice)* (Ozu) (as Sadao Hirayama)
- 1953 ***Tokyo monogatari (Tokyo Story)*** (Ozu) (as Shukicki Hirayama)
- 1954 *Nijushi no Hitomi (Twenty-Four Eyes)* (Kinoshita)
- 1956 *Shoshun (Early Spring)* (Ozu) (as Kiichi Onodera)
- 1957 *Tokyo boshoku (Twilight in Tokyo)* (Ozu) (as Shukichi Sugiyama)
- 1958 ***Higanbana (Equinox Flower)*** (Ozu) (as Shukichi Mikami); *Muhomatsu no issho (The Rickshaw Man)* (Inagaki) (as Mr. Yuki)
- 1959 *Ohayo (Good Morning)* (Ozu) (as Keitaro Hayashi); *Ukigusa (Floating Weeds; The Duckweed Story; Drifting Weeds)* (Ozu) (as theater owner)
- 1960 *Akibiyori (Late Autumn)* (Ozu) (as Shukichi Miwa, the uncle); *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru (The Bad Sleep Well; The Rose in the Mud; The Worse You Are, the Better You Sleep)* (Kurosawa) (as Nonaka)
- 1961 *Yato kaze no naka o hashiru (Bandits on the Wind)* (Inagaki) (as village priest); *Kohayagawa-ke no aki (The End of Summer; Early Autumn; Last of Summer)* (Ozu) (as a farmer); *Gen to fudo-myoh (The Youth and His Amulet)* (Inagaki); ***Ningen no joken III (A Soldier's Prayer)*** (Kobayashi) (as village elder)
- 1962 *Onna no za (The Wiser Age; Woman's Status)* (Naruse); ***Samma no aji (Autumn Afternoon)*** (Ozu) (as Shuhei Hirayama)
- 1964 *Daikon to ninjin (Twilight Path; Radishes and Carrots)* (Shibuya) (as Tokichi Tamaki)
- 1965 *Akahige (Red Beard)* (Kurosawa) (as Yasumoto's father)
- 1967 *Nippon no ichiban nagai hi (The Emperor and a General)* (Okamoto) (as Prime Minister)
- 1969 *Nihonkai daikaisen (Battle of the Japan Sea)* (Maruyama) (as Gen. Nogi); *Eiko eno kurohyo (Fight for the Glory)* (Ichimura) (as Yonoshin)
- 1980 *Nikudan (Okamoto)*
- 1983 *When We Are Old (Iyoda)*
- 1984 *Gubijinso (Ohayama); I Lived But (Inone); Ososhiki (The Funeral Rites; The Funeral; Death, Japanese Style)* (Itami) (as the priest)
- 1985 *Otoko wa Tsuraiyo (Torajiro Shinjitsu Ichiro; Tora-San's Forbidden Love)* (Yamada) (as Priest); *Tokyo-ga (Wenders)*
- 1986 *Sorekara (Morita); Kinema no tenchi (Final Take: The Golden Age of Movies)* (Yamada) (as Tomo, studio janitor)
- 1988 *Otoko wa Tsuraiyo: Torajiro Salada kinenbi (Yamada); Marusa no Onna II* (as retired monk)
- 1989 *Otoko wa Tsuraiyo: Torajiro kokoro no tabiji (Tora-San Goes to Vienna)* (Yamada) (as Gozen-Sama, Priest)
- 1990 "Village of the Watermills" ep. of *Akira Kurosawa's Dreams (Dreams)* (Kurosawa) (as 103 year old man)

1991 *Bis ans Ende der Welt (Until the End of the World)* (Wenders) (as Mr. Mori)

1992 *Hikarigoke (Luminous Moss)* (Kumai) (as judge)

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Yasujiro Ozu's method of filmmaking demanded a style of acting and a kind of actor at the opposite extremes from the Method school so familiar in the West. Every sequence, every shot within it, and every detail (whether of decor or gesture) within every shot, was planned by the director, his screenwriter (most often Kogo Noda), and his cinematographer (usually Yuharu Atsuya) during the evolution of the film. The actors were never asked to improvise or psychologize; instead they were expected to subordinate themselves to the overall compositional design of the film and be able to communicate the most meticulous and subtle inflections of expression and gesture under Ozu's direction. According to Chishu Ryu, Ozu "fixed each actor into each shot," and so one imagines that the ascetic discipline required of Ryu's early (and abandoned) training to follow his father as a Buddhist priest had some lasting value for his acting career.

Chishu Ryu was Ozu's lifelong friend and the most regular member of the stock company of actors he drew together. He is in Ozu's earliest surviving film (his eighth) *Wakaki hi* (1929), played his first major role in *Daigaku yoitoko* (1936), and is in all the last 17 (and the star of many) of the director's films. Just how consistent his contributions were in between is somewhat difficult to determine, as many of the films are lost or inaccessible. In the later works, Ryu's appearances take on the character of a directorial trademark: if there is no star role for him, he turns up in a brief cameo, perhaps with no more than a line or two of dialogue. (Ryu's consistent dependability was perhaps his defining quality as a professional: he was reportedly also on hand for all 45 of director Yoji Yamada's inexplicably popular *Tora-san* films.)

In many of the later films the director/actor relationship becomes clearly symbiotic, in an extremely complex and fruitful way. There is no question of Ryu "playing" Ozu or being a mouthpiece for the director's statements, yet one repeatedly senses a special sympathy between the director and the Ryu character, a sympathy which never precludes the possibility of critical distance. In *Banshun* and *Tokyo monogatari*, for example, we are made firmly aware of the character's limitations: the film's vision is far wider than *his* vision, which it contains and transcends. The limitations (and this is consistent with

other late Ozu works, not necessarily starring Ryu, for example *Equinox Flower*) are defined in relation to the female characters (especially those played by Setsuko Hara): Ozu's subtle feminism has never been as acknowledged as Mizoguchi's or Naruse's, and Ryu's most frequent role in Ozu's universe as a gentle yet somewhat obtuse patriarch deserves reviewing in this light.

In his final film appearances, Ryu is an explicitly revered icon, for both his aging contemporaries (such as Kurosawa) and younger acolytes, such as Wim Wenders, whose pilgrimage to meet Ryu in *Tokyo-Ga* is a moving tribute to both Ozu and his favorite actor.

—Robin Wood, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

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SABU, Selar Shaik

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mysore, India, 27 January 1924; (often mistakenly called Sabu Dastagir) became American citizen, 1944. **Family:** Married 1) Bibi Ferreira, 1947 (divorced); 2) Marilyn Cooper, 1949; two children. **Career:** Elephant driver, discovered by director Robert Flaherty while working in the elephant stables of the Maharajah of Mysore, 1937, actor. **Died:** Chatsworth, California, 2 December 1963 of heart attack.

Films as Actor:

- 1937 *Elephant Boy* (Flaherty, Korda) (as Toomai)
- 1938 *The Drum (Drums)* (Korda) (as Prince Azim)
- 1940 *The Thief of Baghdad* (Berger, Powell, Whelan, Alexander Korda [uncredited], Zoltan Korda [uncredited], and William Cameron Menzies [uncredited]) (as Abu)



Selar Shaik Sabu

- 1942 *Jungle Book* (Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*) (Korda) (as Mowgli); *Arabian Nights* (Rawlins) (as Ali Ben Ali)
- 1943 *White Savage (White Captive)* (Lubin) (as Orano)
- 1944 *Cobra Woman* (Siodmak) (as Kado)
- 1946 *Tangier* (Waggner) (as Pepe)
- 1947 *Black Narcissus* (Powell, Pressburger) (as Young Prince); *The End of the River* (Twist) (as Manoel)
- 1948 *Man-Eater of Kumaon* (Haskin) (as Narain)
- 1949 *Song of India* (Rogell) (as Ramdar)
- 1951 *Savage Drums* (Berke) (as Tipo Tairu)
- 1952 *Buongiorno, elefante! (Hello Elephant; Pardon My Trunk)* (Franciolini) (as Sultan of Nagore)
- 1953 *The Black Panther* (Ormond) (as Sabu the Jungle Boy)
- 1954 *Il Tesoro del Bengala (The Treasure of Bengal)* (Vernuccio) (as Ainur); *Baghdad*
- 1956 *Jungle Hell (Jungle Boy)* (Cerf) (as Jungle Boy); *Jaguar* (Blair) (as Juano)
- 1957 *Sabu and the Magic Ring* (Blair) (as Sabu, the stable boy)
- 1960 *Herrin der Welt—Teil I (Formel des Todes—Teil I, Die, Il Mistero dei tre continenti, Mistress of the World)* (Dieterle, Angst [uncredited]) (as Dr. Lin-Chor)
- 1963 *Rampage* (Karlson) (as Talib)
- 1964 *A Tiger Walks* (Tokar) (as Ram Singh)

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In 1934 Frances Flaherty, wife of the noted documentarian and filmmaker Robert Flaherty, wrote from India to a friend about a film project called *Elephant Boy*. At the time they had not yet found an actor for the title role, but were interviewing possible candidates. “I watch them play around,” she writes, “kicking a football, shouting and fighting like kids everywhere, and think of the strange stroke of fate that is hanging over one of them. There is one boy among them . . . different from the other sprightly little sprouts. He is rather pathetic, more reserved, an orphan. His mother’s family came from Assam, where the people are part Mongolian. His name is Sabu.”

Selar Shaik Sabu's father had died in 1931; his mother died in 1924 soon after his birth. Sabu became a ward of the Maharajah of Mysore for whom his father had been a 4th generation mahout, or elephant driver. As was customary, the boy followed in his father's profession. His skill, combined with a natural intelligence and charm, gave him the edge over the other boys, and he spent the next year working for the Flahertys. The actual filming suffered extensive delays due to bad weather.

Taken to Britain in 1937, along with his brother, Dastagir, (an error when they passed through British customs led to the widespread misapprehension that the actor's name was Sabu Dastagir) to help publicize the film, Sabu became an instant star. The film was loosely based on "Toomai of the Elephants," one of the tales in Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Books*, and fed the popular British interest in the exotic details of life in its colonial empire. Based on the success of his first starring role, Sabu was next chosen to play one of the two protagonists in *The Drum*, a story of the friendship between an Indian prince and a British drummer boy, which was filmed in Wales.

Sabu's first visit to the United States was a publicity tour for *The Drum*. He was to return for location shooting for his third, and best, film *The Thief of Bagdhad*, and eventually to take up American citizenship. The young actor's enthusiastic performance as Abu, the titular thief, shares equal credit for the phenomenal popularity of this film with the art direction of William Cameron Menzies, who had also worked on the original Douglas Fairbanks version in 1925.

The Thief of Bagdhad also suffered extensive delays, mostly due to Britain's entry into World War II; this, combined with the need to do some location shooting in the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert, is what caused the shift of filming to Hollywood. Living in Hollywood, Sabu was tempted to sign a multi-film contract with Universal Studios, which he did in 1942, the same year he finished his last film for Alexander Korda (who had produced his first three films), *The Jungle Book*. Based on four more stories from Kipling's work of the same name ("Mowgli's Brothers," "How Fear Came," "Tiger! Tiger!" and "The King's Ankus"), *The Jungle Book* features Sabu as Mowgli, a boy abandoned by his parents in the jungle and raised by a pack of wolves. The film very ably contrasts "the ways of man" with those Mowgli learned from his adoptive family, both by letting us listen in as he is educated by his human mother (Rosemary de Camp) after his return to human society, and through a voice-over narration by Joseph Calleia, which makes the participation of animals as characters possible.

Although he could not have guessed it at the time, Sabu's signing of the contract with Universal marked the beginning of the downward spiral of his acting career. In the 1940s American audiences developed a fascination with "the exotic" similar to that of the British public which first caused Sabu's removal from his native state. Other personalities who briefly became stars in this period were Carmen Miranda, Turhan Bey, and Maria Montez. While they might appear as supporting actors in major Hollywood productions, they were more often seen in the B-movies which in many cases were only a few cuts above exploitation movies. Universal Studios was particularly adept at turning out this sort of film.

In rapid order Universal placed Sabu in three films in which he received third billing, after Montez and Jon Hall—*Arabian Nights*, *White Savage*, and *The Cobra Woman*. The Indian actor began to take on his familiar role as the entertaining sidekick to the star (Jon Hall) in these movies, and the plots were mostly constructed from amusing nonsense which was partially covered up by the, then less common, use of Technicolor to accentuate the exotic nature of the settings.

Sabu became an American citizen early in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force. He became a tail-gunner on B-29s in the Pacific theater, flew 42 combat missions, and earned a Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal, four battle stars and three clusters. After the war he returned to Universal to make *Tangier* with Maria Montez, and then returned to England where he was reunited with his *Thief of Bagdhad* director, Michael Powell, in a supporting role in *Black Narcissus*. After another British picture, *End of the River*, the actor returned to America for his last effort at Universal, *The Man-Eater of Kumaon*. Moving over to Columbia, Sabu starred in *Song of India*, made personally notable for him by his meeting with Marilyn Cooper, who was to become his wife. Recognizing that his film career was fading, soon after his 1948 marriage the actor diversified into real estate and other ventures, a prescient move since the jungle and fantasy films in which he had made his name fell out of favor as the 1950s progressed.

For the rest of his life, Sabu took whatever work came his way, including one Allied Artists film whose title contained his name, *Sabu and the Magic Ring*. During this period he acted in three European productions, and successfully sued to stop the distribution of *Jungle Hell*, in which footage of him from a never-released project was combined with a mishmash of other footage without his knowledge. On 2 December, 1963, Sabu suffered a fatal heart attack. He was just 39 years old.

—Stephen Brophy

SAINT, Eva Marie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Newark, New Jersey, 4 July 1924. **Education:** Attended Delmar High School, New Jersey; Bowling Green State University, Ohio, B.A. 1946; Actors Studio, New York. **Family:** Married the director Jeffrey Hayden, 1951, son: Darrell, daughter: Laurette. **Career:** Acted on radio in New York, including the serial *One Man's Family*, and later in TV version, 1950–52; 1953—role in the Broadway play *The Trip to Bountiful*; 1954—film debut in *On the Waterfront*; later worked on stage and television, sometimes directed by Hayden; 1986—in TV mini-series *A Year in the Life*; 1987–88—appeared in TV series *Moonlighting*; 1990—in TV mini-series *Voyage of Terror: The Achille Lauro Affair* and *People Like Us*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *On the Waterfront*, 1954; Emmy Award, for *People Like Us*, 1990. **Agent:** Kohner Agency, 9300 Wilshire Boulevard, #555, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1954 *On the Waterfront* (Kazan) (as Edie Doyle)
- 1956 *That Certain Feeling* (Panama and Frank) (as Dunreath Henry)
- 1957 *A Hatful of Rain* (Zinnemann) (as Celia Pope); *Raintree Country* (Dmytryk) (as Nell Gaither)
- 1959 *North by Northwest* (Hitchcock) (as Eve Kendall)
- 1960 *Exodus* (Preminger) (as Kitty Fremont)
- 1962 *All Fall Down* (Frankenheimer) (as Echo O'Brien)
- 1964 *36 Hours* (Seaton) (as Anna Hedler); *A Carol for Another Christmas* (Mankiewicz—for TV) (as Wave)



Eva Marie Saint

- 1965 *The Sandpiper* (*The Flight of the Sandpiper*) (Minnelli) (as Claire Hewitt)
- 1966 *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming* (Jewison) (as Elspeth Whittaker); *Grand Prix* (Frankenheimer) (as Louise Frederickson)
- 1969 *The Stalking Moon* (Mulligan) (as Sarah Carver)
- 1970 *Loving* (Kershner) (as Selma Wilson)
- 1972 *Cancel My Reservation* (Bogart) (as Sheila Bartlett)
- 1976 *The Macahans* (McEveety—for TV) (as Kate Macahan)
- 1978 *A Christmas to Remember* (Englund—for TV) (as Emma Larson)
- 1979 *When Hell Was in Session* (Krasny—for TV) (as Mrs. Jeremiah Denton)
- 1980 *The Curse of King Tut's Tomb* (Leacock—for TV) (as Sarah Morrissey)
- 1981 *The Best Little Girl in the World* (O'Steen—for TV) (as Joanne Powell); *Splendor in the Grass* (Sarafian—for TV)
- 1983 *Malibu* (Swackhamer—for TV) (as Mary Wharton); *Jane Doe* (Nagy—for TV) (as Dr. Addie Coleman)
- 1984 *Fatal Vision* (David Greene—for TV) (as Mildred Kassab); *Love Leads the Way* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Mrs. Eustes)
- 1986 *Nothing in Common* (Garry Marshall) (as Lorraine Basner); *The Last Days of Patton* (Delbert Mann—for TV)
- 1988 *Breaking Home Ties* (Norman Rockwell's *Breaking Home Ties*) (John Wilder—for TV); *I'll Be Home for Christmas* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Martha Bundy)

- 1991 *Palamino* (*Danielle Steel's Palomino*) (Michael Miller—for TV) (as Caroline Lord)
- 1993 *Kiss of a Killer* (Elikann—for TV) (as Mrs. Wilson)
- 1995 *My Antonia* (Sargent—for TV) (as Grandmother Burden)
- 1996 *Mariette in Ecstasy* (Bailey) (as Mother Saint-Raphael); *After Jimmie* (Jordan—for TV) (as Liz); *Titanic* (Lieberman—for TV) (as Hazel Foley)
- 1997 *Time To Say Goodbye* (David Hugh Jones)
- 1999 *Jackie's Back!* (Townsend—for TV) (as herself)
- 2000 *I Dreamed of Africa* (Hudson) (as Franca)

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In one sense, Eva Marie Saint is the perfect example of a talent that Hollywood never quite figured out how to use. Her career failed to develop in any confident direction after she won an Academy Award for her first film, *On the Waterfront*. To paraphrase Marlon Brando’s famous line, “she should’ve been a contender.”

In almost all her films, Saint has been presented as an outwardly vulnerable, fragile woman who possesses a surprising inner strength. This image has carried her through a series of roles as either a supportive wife (*A Hatful of Rain*; *All Fall Down*; *36 Hours*; *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming*; and *Loving*) or a determined, resourceful mother (*The Stalking Moon*, *Loving*, *The Best Little Girl in the World*, and *The Macahans*). Only Alfred Hitchcock employed the reverse of this image, casting Saint against type as an outwardly strong woman with a hidden vulnerability in *North by Northwest*.

While never cast in a role of central importance, Saint has frequently highlighted the talents of the men with whom she has starred. Her ability to pay attention, show interest, and respond has made many actors look very good indeed. Don Murray’s strongest scenes in *A Hatful of Rain* are those with Saint, actually interacting with her instead of simply reciting monologues for the camera. Warren Beatty’s initial recognition as a serious actor occurred when he appeared opposite Saint in *All Fall Down*. Gregory Peck’s role as a resourceful Westerner in *The Stalking Moon* was made particularly poignant by Saint’s portrayal of a complex woman who merits his protection. Perhaps George Segal’s best work was in *Loving* with

Saint. Ironically, Bob Hope recognized and used Saint's ability to make an actor look good and charge a film with believability in *That Certain Feeling* and *Cancel My Reservation*.

Following the latter, Saint has had little opportunity to show her acting skill on the big screen. Mostly, she has valiantly risen above the largely inferior television productions that predominate her late-career filmography, with only occasional forays back to the screen, such as the underdeveloped role as mother of Tom Hanks and wife of Jackie Gleason, whom she leaves after 36 years of marriage, in *Nothing in Common*. Her better television performances include her wife of a Vietnam prisoner-of-war in *When Hell Was in Session*, her convincing portrayal of Marilyn Klinghoffer in the mini-series *Voyage of Terror: The Achilles Lauro Affair*, her Emmy-winning role in the mini-series *People Like Us*, and her grandmother (alongside Jason Robards's grandfather) of Jim Burden in the adaptation of Willa Cather's novel *My Antonia*. Saint also had a widely seen, although only occasional, role as Cybill Shepherd's mother in one season of the television series *Moonlighting*.

—Stuart M. Kaminsky, updated by David E. Salame

SANDERS, George

Nationality: British. **Born:** St. Petersburg, Russia, of English parents, 3 July 1906. **Education:** Attended a Russian grade school; Dunhurst Preparatory School; Bedales School; Brighton College; Manchester Technical School. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Susan Larson, 1940 (divorced 1949); 2) the actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, 1949 (divorced 1957); 3) the actress Benita Hume, 1958 (died 1967); 4) the actress Magda Gabor, 1970 (divorced 1970). **Career:** Worked in a Birmingham textile mill, in the tobacco business, and as an advertising writer; then in show business as a chorus boy, in a cabaret act, on radio, and as understudy in London; 1936—film debut in *Find the Lady*; contract with 20th Century-Fox: U.S. film debut in *Lloyd's of London*; in the Saint and the Falcon series over the next few years; 1957—host of TV series *The George Sanders Mystery Theatre*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for *All about Eve*, 1950. **Died:** Suicide, 25 April 1972.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *Find the Lady* (Gillett) (as Curly Randall); *Strange Cargo* (Huntington) (as Roddy Burch); *The Man Who Could Work Miracles* (Mendes) (as Indifference); *Dishonor Bright* (Walls) (as Lisle); *Lloyd's of London* (Henry King) (as Lord Everett Stacy); *Things to Come* (Menzies) (as Pilot)
- 1937 *Love Is News* (Garrett) (as Count Andre de Guyon); *Slave Ship* (Garrett) (as Lefty); *The Lady Escapes* (Forde) (as Rene Blanchard); *Lancer Spy* (Ratoff) (as Lt. Michael Bruce)
- 1938 *International Settlement* (Forde) (as Del Forbes); *Four Men and a Prayer* (Forde) (as Wyatt)
- 1939 *Mr. Moto's Last Warning* (Foster) (as Eric Norvell); *So This Is London* (Freeland); *The Saint Strikes Back* (Farrow) (as Simon Templar); *Confessions of a Nazi Spy* (Litvak) (as Schlager); *The Saint in London* (Carstairs) (as Simon Templar); *Allegheny Uprising* (Seiter) (as Captain Swanson); *Nurse Edith Cavell* (Wilcox) (as Captain Heinrichs)
- 1940 *The Outsider* (Stein) (as Ragatzky); *Green Hell* (Whales) (as Forrester); *Rebecca* (Hitchcock) (as Jack Flavell); *The Saint's Double Trouble* (Hively) (as Simon Templar/The Boss); *The House of the Seven Gables* (May) (as Jaffrey Pynchon); *The Saint Takes Over* (Hively) (as Simon Templar); *Foreign Correspondent* (Hitchcock) (as Ffolliott); *Bitter Sweet* (Van Dyke) (as Baron von Tranisch); *The Son of Monte Cristo* (Lee) (as Gurko Lanen)
- 1941 *Rage in Heaven* (Van Dyke) (as Ward Andrews); *The Saint in Palm Springs* (Hively) (as Simon Templar); *Man Hunt* (Fritz Lang) (as Major Quive-Smith); *The Gay Falcon* (Reis) (title role); *A Date with the Falcon* (Reis) (title role); *Sundown* (Hathaway) (as Major Coombes)
- 1942 *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Sir Arthur Blake); *The Falcon Takes Over* (Reis) (title role); *Her Cardboard Lover* (Cukor) (as Tony Barling); *Tales of Manhattan* (Duvivier) (as Williams); *The Moon and Sixpence* (Lewin) (as Charles Strickland); *The Falcon's Brother* (Logan) (as Gay Lawrence); *The Black Swan* (Henry King) (as Captain Billy Leech); *Quiet Please, Murder* (Larkin) (as Fleg)
- 1943 *This Land Is Mine* (Renoir) (as George Lambert); *They Came to Blow Up America* (Ludwig) (as Carl Stealman); *Appointment in Berlin* (Green) (as Keith Wilson); *Paris after Dark* (Moguy) (as Dr. André Marbel)
- 1944 *Action in Arabia* (Moguy) (as Gordon); *The Lodger* (Brahm) (as John Warwick); *Summer Storm* (Sirk) (as Fedor Michailovitch Petroff)
- 1945 *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (Lewin) (as Lord Henry Wotton); *Hangover Square* (Brahm) (as Dr. Allan Middleton); *Uncle Harry* (*The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry*) (Siodmak) (title role)
- 1946 *A Scandal in Paris* (Sirk) (as Vidocq); *The Strange Woman* (Ulmer) (as John Evered)
- 1947 *The Private Affairs of Bel Ami* (Lewin) (as George Duroy); *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (Mankiewicz) (as Miles Fairley); *Lured* (Sirk) (as Robert Fleming); *Forever Amber* (Preminger) (as Charles II)
- 1949 *The Fan* (*Lady Windermere's Fan*) (Preminger) (as Lord Darlington); *Samson and Delilah* (DeMille) (as The Saran of Gaza)
- 1950 *Captain Blackjack* (Duvivier) (as Mike Alexander); *All about Eve* (Mankiewicz) (as Addison De Witt)
- 1951 *I Can Get It for You Wholesale* (Gordon) (as Noble); *The Light Touch* (Brooks) (as Felix Guignol)
- 1952 *Ivanhoe* (Thorpe) (as De Bois-Guilbert); *Assignment—Paris* (Parrish) (as Nick Strang)
- 1953 *Viaggio in Italia* (*Journey to Italy*; *Voyage to Italy*) (Rossellini) (as Alexander Joyce); *Call Me Madam* (Walter Lang) (as Cosmo Constantine)
- 1954 *Witness to Murder* (Rowland) (as Albert Richter); *King Richard and the Crusaders* (Butler) (as Richard I); *Jupiter's Darling* (Sidney) (as Fabius Maximus)
- 1955 *Moonfleet* (Lang) (as Lord Ashwood); *The Scarlet Coat* (Sturges) (as Dr. Odell); *The King's Thief* (Leonard) (as Charles II); *Night Freight* (Yarborough) (as disc jockey)
- 1956 *Never Say Goodbye* (Hopper) (as Victor); *While the City Sleeps* (Fritz Lang) (as Mark Loving); *That Certain Feeling* (Panama and Frank) (as Larry Larkin); *Death of a Scoundrel* (Martin) (as Clementi Sabourin)
- 1957 *The Seventh Sin* (Neame and Minnelli) (as Tim Waddington)

- 1958 *The Whole Truth* (Guillermín) (as Carliss); *From Earth to the Moon* (Haskin) (as Stuyvesant Nicholl)
- 1959 *That Kind of Woman* (Lumet) (as the man); *Solomon and Sheba* (King Vidor) (as Adonijah)
- 1960 *A Touch of Larceny* (Hamilton) (as Sir Charles Holland); *The Last Voyage* (Stone) (as Captain Robert Adams); *Bluebeard's Ten Honeymoons* (Wilder) (as Landru); *Village of the Damned* (Rilla) (as Gordon Zellaby); *The Rebel (Call Me Genius)* (Day) (as Sir Charles Brouard)
- 1961 *Cone of Silence (Trouble in the Sky)* (Friend) (as Sir Arnold Hobbes); *Cinque ore in contanti (Five Golden Hours)* (Zampi) (as Mr. Bing); *Le Rendez-vous* (Delannoy) (as J. K.)
- 1962 *Operation Snatch* (Day) (as Major Hobson); *In Search of the Castaways* (Stevenson) (as Thomas Ayerton)
- 1963 *Cairo* (Rilla) (as Major Pickering); *The Cracksmen* (Scott) (as the gov'nor); *Ecco (Mondo di notte)* (Proia—doc) (as narrator)
- 1964 *Dark Purpose* (Marshall) (as Raymond Fontaine); *A Shot in the Dark* (Edwards) (as Benjamin Ballon); *The Golden Head* (Thorpe) (as Basil Palmer)
- 1965 *The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders* (Young) (as the banker)
- 1966 *The Quiller Memorandum* (Anderson) (as Gibbs); *Trunk to Cairo* (Golan) (as Professor Schlieben)
- 1967 *Good Times* (Friedkin) (as Mr. Mordicus); *Warning Shot* (Kulik) (as Calvin York)
- 1968 *One Step to Hell* (Howard) (as Captain Phillips); *The Jungle Book* (Reitherman) (as voice of Shere Khan)
- 1969 *The Candy Man* (Leder) (as Sidney Carter); *The Best House in London* (Saville) (as Sir Francis Leybourne); *The Body Stealers (Thin Air; Invasion of the Body Stealers)* (Levy) (as General Armstrong)
- 1970 *The Kremlin Letter* (Huston) (as the warlock); *Rio '70 (The Seven Secrets of Su-Muru; Future Women)* (Franco); *Appuntamento col disonore (Rendezvous with Dishonor)* (Bolzoni)
- 1971 *Endless Night* (Gilliat)
- 1972 *Doomwatch* (Sasdy) (as the Admiral); *The Living Dead (Psychomania; The Frog; The Death Wheelers)* (Sharp) (as Shadwell)

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George Sanders was the smoothest of villains; a cool, dangerous cad who could outsnear Basil Rathbone and outpurr Vincent Price. He deployed irresistible charm with an edge of menace, qualified by a disconcerting sense of languid indifference. Given the quality of many of his films, this feeling of ennui was often justified.

Despite frequently proclaimed laziness ("My own desire as a boy was to retire. That ambition has never changed") and contempt for the whole business of acting, Sanders made an impressive quantity of movies. From time to time he was cast as a good chap, or even a romantic lead, but the impersonation was rarely convincing. During the war years he inevitably played despicable Nazis, most notably in Lang's *Man Hunt*. But it was the morally ambiguous roles, the charmingly cynical bounders, that suited him best. "I was beastly but I was never coarse. I was a high-class sort of heel." Highly literate and multilingual, Sanders responded thankfully to intelligent scripts. Albert Lewin, master of overblown cultural decadence, served him well in three films, but his finest part came from another word-oriented director, Joseph Mankiewicz, in *All about Eve*. As the adder-tongued drama critic Addison De Witt, Sanders effortlessly walked off with the picture and a thoroughly deserved Oscar.

Such ideal roles were sadly rare. Sanders occasionally worked for major directors such as Renoir and Lang, but only in their lesser films. Towards the end of his career the overall quality of his material slipped from mediocre to abysmal, and he often looked as weary as he must have felt. One of his last assignments was Disney's *Jungle Book*, impeccably cast as the voice of Shere Khan, the soft-spoken, razor-clawed tiger. His suicide note was wholly in character: "Dear World, I am leaving because I am bored."

—Philip Kemp

SARANDON, Susan

Nationality: American. **Born:** Susan Tomalin in New York City, 4 October 1946; grew up in Edison, New Jersey. **Education:** Attended Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., B.A., 1968. **Family:** Married the actor Chris Sarandon, 1967 (divorced 1979); daughter with the writer Franco Amurri; two sons with actor Tim Robbins. **Career:** 1970—film debut in *Joe*; member of improvisational group, New York; 1981—stage debut in *A Couple White Chicks*



Susan Sarandon (left) with Julia Roberts in *Stepmom*

Sitting around Talking. **Awards:** London Critics Circle ALFS Award for Actress of the Year, for *White Palace*, 1990; London Critics Circle ALFS Award for Actress of the Year, National Board of Review Best Actress Award, for *Thelma and Louise*, 1991; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1994; BAFTA Film Award for Best Leading Actress, for *The Client*, 1995; Best Actress Academy Award, and Screen Actors Guild Award for drama actor, for *Dead Man Walking*, 1995; San Sebastian International Film Festival Honorary Award of the City of Locarno, 1995; Munich Film Festival CineMerit Award, 1997; ShoWest Humanitarian Award, 1998. **Agent:** William Morris Agency, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

1970 *Joe* (Avildsen) (as Melissa Compton)
 1972 *Lady Liberty* (Monicelli) (as Sally)
 1973 *The Haunting of Rosalind* (for TV) (as Dita)
 1974 *The Satan Murders* (Swift—for TV) (as Kate); *The Front Page* (Wilder) (as Peggy Grant); *The Great Waldo Pepper*

(Hill) (as Mary Beth); *Lovin' Molly* (Lumet) (as Sarah); *F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Last of the Belles* (Schaefer—for TV)
 1975 *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Sharmon) (as Janet Weiss)
 1976 *One Summer Love (Dragonfly)* (Cates—for TV) (as Chloe)
 1977 *The Other Side of Midnight* (Jarrott) (as Catherine Douglas)
 1978 *Pretty Baby* (Malle) (as Hattie); *King of the Gypsies* (Pierson) (as Rose); *Checkered Flag or Crash* (Gibson); *The Great Smokey Roadblock (The Last of the Cowboys)* (Leone) (as Ginny, + co-pr)
 1979 *Something Short of Paradise* (Helpert) (as Madeleine Ross)
 1980 *Loving Couples* (Smight) (as Stephanie)
 1981 *Atlantic City* (Malle) (as Sally); *Owen Marshall, Counselor at Law (Pattern of Morality)* (Kulik—for TV)
 1982 *The Tempest* (Mazursky) (as Aretha); *Who Am I This Time?* (Demme—for TV)
 1984 *The Hunger* (Tony Scott) (as Sarah Roberts); *The Buddy System* (Glenn Jordan) (as Emily); *Talking Nicaragua* (Engel—doc)
 1985 *Compromising Positions* (Perry) (as Judith Singer); *Io e il duce (Mussolini and I)* (Negrin—for TV)
 1986 *Women of Valor* (Kulik—for TV)

- 1987 *The Witches of Eastwick* (Miller) (as Jane Spofford)
- 1988 *Bull Durham* (Shelton) (as Annie Savoy); *Sweet Hearts Dance* (Greenwald) (as Sandra Boon); *Da grande* (Amurri)
- 1989 *The January Man* (O'Connor) (as Christine Starkey); *A Dry White Season* (Palty) (as Melanie Bruwer); *The Monkey People* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1990 *White Palace* (Mandoki) (as Nora Baker); *Through the Wire* (doc) (as narrator)
- 1991 *Thelma and Louise* (Ridley Scott) (as Louise Sawyer)
- 1992 *Bob Roberts* (Robbins) (as news anchor Tawna Titan); *Lorenzo's Oil* (Miller) (as Michaela Odone); *The Player* (Altman); *Light Sleeper* (Schrader) (as Ann)
- 1994 *The Client* (Schumacher) (as Reggie Love); *Little Women* (Armstrong) (as Marmee March); *Safe Passage* (as Mag Singer)
- 1995 *Dead Man Walking* (Robbins) (as Sister Helen Prejean)
- 1996 *James and the Giant Peach* (Selig) (as voice)
- 1997 *Father Roy: Inside the School of Assassins* (Richter—doc) (as Narrator); *187: Documented* (Fong—docudrama) (as Voice)
- 1998 *Stepmom* (Chris Columbus) (as Jackie Harrison + exec pr); *Illuminata* (Turturro) (as Celimene); *Twilight* (Brenton) (as Catherine Ames)
- 1999 *Joe Gould's Secret* (Tucci) (as Alice Neel); *Baby's in Black* (Silberling); *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Margherita Sarfatti); *Earthly Possessions* (Lapine—for TV) (as Charlotte Emory); *Anywhere But Here* (Wang) (as Adele August)

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Flashing the most hypnotic movie star eyes since Bette Davis overworked her optic nerves, Susan Sarandon graduated from utility performer (*Joe, Other Side of Midnight*) to respected actress (*Atlantic City*, television's *Who Am I This Time?*) to one of the most durable stars of contemporary cinema. At an age when most actresses are scrambling for second leads and TV sitcoms, Sarandon became the rare kind of star you would go to see in anything. Unfortunately, at earlier periods in her career, she seemed to appear in just about anything (*The Great Smokey Roadblock*) and got by on cover girl looks alone (*The Great Waldo Pepper*, *The Front Page*) until Louis Malle recognized that her European sensuality was being miscast as Apple Pie Americana. Once Malle released her self-deprecating wit and unabashed sexuality, Sarandon seemed to relax on-screen.

Having shucked off the sorority sister wholesomeness (that netted her cult status as the square in *Rocky Horror Picture Show*), Sarandon plowed through the eighties in Hollywood properties save for one bright spot: a sassy amateur detective in *Compromising Positions*, the first evidence an entire film could be fashioned around her star-presence.

In 1987 she was asked (via Cher's clout) to switch roles with that living legend in the unaccountably popular *Witches of Eastwick* and was then convinced to audition for *Bull Durham*. She landed the juicy part of Annie Savoy and has not looked back. Covering all of that rollicking romance's bases, her screen persona emerged: a sensualist who flaunts conventions because the rules make no sense to her. Obliterating the double standard that has always plagued popular entertainment, Sarandon did not accept the Madonna or Whore dichotomy, but instead created the figure of a sexual missionary who made no apology for her largesse. A lucky project for her, *Bull Durham* introduced her to co-star Tim Robbins, her now long-time companion with whom she has had two children.

Refining her blue collar earth mother image further by bedding a younger man in *White Palace*, Sarandon then struck a nerve in the feminist fantasia *Thelma and Louise*. Harmoniously teamed with Geena Davis, Sarandon's fiercely guarded vulnerability lit up this turnabout-is-fair-play escapism and made the film seem more novel than it was.

Heart-wrenchingly, she next threw herself into the challenge of interpreting an unsympathetic character, a grimly determined mother alienating anyone who rains on her anti-medical establishment parade in *Lorenzo's Oil* as she seeks a cure for her dying son. In this unwieldy movie, which is a terminal illness weepie so clinical it turns into a horror film, crusading Sarandon provides the bleak life-and-death struggles with a heartbeat.

This unwavering, nurturing quality is an integral part of Sarandon's refurbished appeal. Known for her humanitarian efforts offscreen, Sarandon's compassion is imprinted on her roles as a mother surrogate outsmarting the Goodfellas in *The Client* (a creaky vehicle that solidified her box office power), as a Civil War matriarch role-modeling her brood in a perceptive remake of *Little Women* and as a nun grappling with capital punishment in *Dead Man Walking*. Even cast as a recreational drug dispenser in *Light Sleeper*, she zeroed in on this weary hedonist's speck of conscience. If any one scene crystallizes her image as fearless protector, it is the sequence in *A Safe Place*, in which she risks her life fending off a vicious dog threatening her son. Ferocity and passion characterize her every move as she invests the often-disparaged role of American mother with quiet heroism.

Whereas other stars condescend to mother roles to preserve the last vestiges of stardom, Sarandon has rediscovered herself in such parts without mummifying herself as a sexless, aproned martyr. More vividly beautiful with the passage of time, Sarandon unapologetically shows audiences that there is more to womanhood than Sharon Stone can reveal.

Sadly, a post-Oscar malaise has taken some of the steam out of her career; she seems less edgy and driven. Stuck in a child-rearing rut, if she wasn't a terminally ill mother in *Stepmom*, she was a terminally confused one in *Anywhere But Here*. Even in the Cable-TV May-December love story, *Earthly Possessions* (a slipshod adaptation of an Anne Tyler novel), this firebrand seemed to be playing a mother figure to her own romantic lead. Surprisingly, when Sarandon took a vacation from nurturing, she gave her least convincing interpretation of the decade. As the femme fatale in the flimsily written *Twilight*, Sarandon valiantly tried to find a substantive character to play in this pastiche film noir and failed to embody the filmmaker's vision of a temptress.

Will Sarandon go on being the Patron Saint of the PTA, while aging male stars go on playing a variety of roles? If only American moviegoers could imagine female stars like Sarandon masterminding crimes, leading expeditions, and saving the world! There's nothing wrong with addressing all sort of mother roles, as long as the inevitable next step isn't grandmother parts, with nothing else in between. A European director would know how to showcase her worldly wise personality (Imagine her teaming with Almodovar). Always a continental spirit, Sarandon runs the risk of being short-changed by that American short-sightedness about women of an certain age.

—Robert Pardi

SCHEIDER, Roy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Roy Richard Scheider in Orange, New Jersey, 10 November 1935. **Education:** Attended Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, B.A. 1955. **Military Service:** U.S. Air Force. **Family:** Married 1) Cynthia Eddenfield Gebout, 1962, one daughter; 2) Brenda King, one son, one daughter. **Career:** Member of the Lincoln Center Repertory Company; 1964—film debut in *Curse of the Living Corpse*; 1980—on Broadway in *Betrayal*; 1993–95—in TV series *seaQuest DSV*; 1993—in TV mini-series *Wild Justice*, and *Leopold & Loeb*, 1994.



Roy Scheider (kneeling) and Lorraine Gary in *Jaws*

Films as Actor:

- 1964 *Curse of the Living Corpse* (Tenney) (as Philip Sinclair)
- 1968 *Paper Lion* (March); *Star!* (Wise)
- 1969 *Stiletto* (Kowalski) (as Bennett)
- 1970 *Loving* (Kershner) (as Skip); *Puzzle of a Downfall Child* (Schatzberg) (as Mark)
- 1971 *The French Connection* (Friedkin) (as Buddy "Cloudy" Russo); *Klute* (Pakula) (as Frank Ligourin)
- 1972 *Assignment Munich* (Rich—for TV) (as Jake Webster)
- 1973 *The Seven-Ups* (D'Antoni) (as Buddy Manucci); *Un Homme est morte* (*The Outside Man*; *Funerale a Los Angeles*) (Deray) (as Lenny); *L'Attendant* (*The French Conspiracy*) (Boisset) (as Michael Howard)
- 1975 *Jaws* (Spielberg) (as Sheriff Martin Brody); *Sheila Levine Is Dead and Living in New York* (Furie) (as Sam Stoneham)
- 1976 *Marathon Man* (Schlesinger) (as Doc Levy)
- 1977 *Sorcerer* (Friedkin) (as Jackie Scanlon/"Juan Dominiguez")
- 1978 *Jaws II* (Szwarc) (as Sheriff Brody)
- 1979 *Last Embrace* (Jonathan Demme) (as Harry Hannan); *All That Jazz* (Fosse) (as Joe Gideon)
- 1982 *Still of the Night* (Benton) (as Sam Rice)
- 1983 *Blue Thunder* (Badham) (as Frank Murphy); *Tiger Town* (Shapiro) (as Billy Young); *Jacobo Timerman: Prisoner without a Name, Cell without a Number* (Yellen—for TV) (title role)
- 1984 *2010* (Hyams) (as Heywood Floyd)
- 1985 *Mishima* (Schrader) (as narrator)

- 1986 *The Men's Club* (Medak) (as Cavanaugh); *52 Pick-Up* (Frankenheimer) (as Harry Mitchell)
- 1988 *Cohen and Tate* (Red) (as Cohen)
- 1989 *Night Game* (Masterson) (as Mike Seaver); *Listen to Me* (Stewart) (as Charlie Nichols)
- 1990 *The Fourth War* (Frankenheimer) (as Colonel Jack Clark); *The Russia House* (Schepisi) (as Russell); *Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture* (Pierson—for TV) (as Paul Marish)
- 1991 *Naked Lunch* (Cronenberg) (as Dr. Benway); *Contact: The Yahomani Indians of Brazil* (doc)
- 1993 *Romeo Is Bleeding* (Medak) (as Don Falcone)
- 1994 *Covert Assassin* (as Col. Peter Stride)
- 1996 *Myth of Fingerprints* (Freundlich) (as Hal)
- 1997 *Money Plays* (Frank D. Gilroy—for TV) (as Johnny Tobin); *Executive Target* (Merhi) (as President Carlson); *The Definite Maybe* (Lobl, Sokolow) (as Eddie Jacobson); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Wilfred Keeley)
- 1998 *The White Raven* (Stevens) (as Tom Heath); *Evasive Action* (Jerry P. Jacobs); *Better Living* (Mayer) (as Tom/Tim)
- 1999 *Silver Wolf* (Svatek) (as John Rockwell); *RKO 281* (Benjamin Ross—for TV) (as George Schaefer)
- 2000 *Chain of Command*; *The Doorway*; *Falling Through*

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Interview in *Films Illustrated* (London), January 1976.

Interview with James Cameron-Wilson, in *Film Review* (London), November 1980.

Interviews in *Ecran Fantastique*, July/August 1983 and April 1985.

Interview in *Time Out* (London), 14 March 1985.

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Hamill, Pete, "Recognizing Roy Scheider," in *New York*, 23 May 1983.

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Roy Scheider's career is marked by variety and diversity, but it has not been varied by degrees. Instead, Roy Scheider characters can always be seen at the extremes. He is at once the heroic, everyman, Sheriff Martin Brody in *Jaws* and *Jaws II* and Frank, the sadistic pimp in *Klute*. On both counts, at whatever end of the character spectrum he operates, he is always believable, and most importantly, accessible.

The best way to visualize the extremes in Scheider's long film career is to look at the year 1971. In that year he had roles in two Academy Award-winning motion pictures. In *Klute* he played Jane Fonda's pimp Frank, a necessarily small, seedy character from whose lips syrupy wooing and brutal epithets flow with equal credibility. Later that year, Scheider got what was to become perhaps his breakthrough role. As Buddy Russo, Gene "Popeye Doyle" Hackman's partner in *The French Connection*, he was the ideal, play-it-by-the-book offset to Hackman's obsessive Doyle.

Scheider's most memorable role, and subsequently his most marketable persona, is that of Sheriff Martin Brody in *Jaws*. Brody is the perfect commoner's hero: a former New York cop, who is afraid of the water, but lives and works on a small resort island. Brody himself wittily underscores this fact saying, "It's only an island if

you're looking at it from out there [the water]." Brody, like so many later Scheider characters—the mild-mannered psychiatrist in *The Still of the Night* or the daring copter pilot in *Blue Thunder*—must rise above his personal limitations or hang-ups to overcome an adversary seemingly much better prepared. The task of these characters is made harder by the fact that they are also outsiders. But Scheider has worked his way up the ranks (i.e., "paid his dues" as an actor—anyone who has seen the low-budget *Curse of the Living Corpse* will agree), and been a tough guy in real life (Golden Gloves boxer in high school). These factors have helped bring a special kind of realism to his roles.

A less visible aspect of Scheider's career, but one that is just as significant, is the number of times he has played against his usual persona. In films such as William Friedkin's *Sorcerer*, Scheider finds characters that seem to have no precedent in his prolific past. *All That Jazz* is the best example of how Scheider has willingly taken career chances. In the film, which Bob Fosse loosely based on his own self-destructive lifestyle, Scheider plays a famed choreographer/filmmaker named Joe Gideon. As such, he must dance, sing, and most importantly, develop a character that is credible within such a world. Scheider did an excellent job of making Gideon a three-dimensional character, managing to create a sympathetic side to a self-indulgent womanizer. His performance earned him an Academy Award nomination.

Among other things, Scheider has been fortunate enough to have worked with the major directorial talents of the last two decades: Steven Spielberg, William Friedkin, Robert Benton, Alan J. Pakula, and Bob Fosse. It is also, decidedly, a tribute to Roy Scheider's talents that the foremost names continue to want to work with him.

—Rob Winning, updated by Linda J. Stewart

SCHELL, Maria

Nationality: Swiss. **Born:** Maria Margarethe Anna Schell in Vienna, Austria, 5 January 1926; sister of the actor Maximilian Schell; became Swiss citizen. **Education:** Attended a convent school in Colmar, Germany; business school in Switzerland; School of the Theatrical Arts, Zurich. **Family:** Married 1) the director Horst Hächler, 1957; 2) the stage director Veit Relin, 1966. **Career:** 1942—film debut in *Der Steinbruch*; then acted on Swiss stage; 1946—member of the State Theater of Bern; film contract with Alexander Korda; continued to act on stage: in *Faust* opposite Albert Bassermann on European tour; 1958—first U.S. film, *The Brothers Karamazov*; 1980—in TV mini-series *The Martian Chronicles*, *Inside the Third Reich*, 1982, and *Der Clan der Anna Voss*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Die letzte Brücke*, 1954; Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Gervaise*, 1955; Deutscher Filmpreis Career Award, 1977.

Films as Actress:

- 1942 *Der Steinbruch* (Steiner)
- 1943 *Maturareise* (Steiner)
- 1948 *Der Engel mit der Posaune* (Hartl) (as Anna Linden); *Maresi* (Thimig)
- 1949 *Die letzte Nacht* (York)



Maria Schell (center) in *The Brothers Karamazov*

- 1950 *Nach dem Sturm* (Ucicky); *Es kommt ein Tag* (*A Day Will Come*) (Jugert) (as Madeline)
- 1951 *The Magic Box* (John Boulting) (as Helena Fries-Greene); *The Angel with the Trumpet* (Bushell) (as Anna Linden); *Angelika* (*Affairs of Dr. Holl*; *Dr. Holl*) (Hansen) (title role)
- 1952 *So Little Time* (Bennett) (as Nicole de Malvines)
- 1953 *The Heart of the Matter* (O'Ferrall) (as Helen Rolt); *Bis wir uns Wiedersehen* (Ucicky) (as Pamela); *Tagebuch einer Verliebten* (*Diary of a Lover*) (von Baky) (as Barbara Holzmann); *Solange du da bist* (*As Long as You're Near Me*) (Braun); *Der traumende Mund* (*Dreaming Lips*) (von Baky) (as Liss)
- 1954 *Die letzte Brücke* (*The Last Bridge*) (Käutner) (as Helga Reinbeck); *Napoléon* (Guitry) (as Marie-Louise of Austria)
- 1955 *Die Ratten* (*The Rats*) (Siodmak) (as Pauline Karka); *Urgano sul Po*; *Herr über Leben und Tod* (*No Way Back*) (Vicas); *Gervaise* (Clément) (title role)
- 1956 *Liebe* (*Love*) (Hächler)
- 1957 *Rose Bernd* (*The Sins of Rose Bernd*) (Staudte) (title role); *Le notti bianche* (*White Nights*) (Visconti) (as Natalia); *Ungarn in Flammen* (as narrator)
- 1958 *The Brothers Karamazov* (Richard Brooks) (as Grushenka); *Une Vie* (*End of Desire*; *One Life*) (Astruc) (as Jeanne Dandieu); *Der Schinderhannes* (*Duel in the Forest*) (Käutner)
- 1959 *The Hanging Tree* (Daves) (as Elizabeth Mahler)
- 1960 *Hellas* (*As the Sea Rages*) (Hächler) (as Mana); *Cimarron* (Anthony Mann) (as Sabra Cravet)
- 1961 *Das Reisenrad* (von Radvanyi); *The Mark* (Guy Green) (as Ruth Leighton)
- 1962 *Ich bin auch nur eine Frau* (*Only a Woman*; *I, Too, Am Only a Woman*) (Weidenmann) (as Lilli Koenig)
- 1963 *L'Assassin connaît la musique* (Weidermann); *Zwei Whisky und ein Sofa* (*Rendezvous in Trieste*) (Gräwert)
- 1965 *Who Has Seen the Wind?* (Sidney—for TV); *Nora oder Ein Puppenheim* (Moszkowicz—for TV)
- 1968 *99 mujeres* (*99 Women*; *Island of Despair*; *Isle of Lost Women*) (Franco) (as Leonie); *Le Diable par la queue* (*The Devil by the Tail*) (de Broca) (as Diane)
- 1969 *La Provocation* (Charpak)
- 1970 *El proceso de las brujas* (*Throne of Fire*; *The Bloody Judge*; *Night of the Blood Monster*) (Franco)
- 1971 *Such a Pretty Cloud*; *Dans la poussière du soleil* (*Lust in the Sun*) (Balducci)
- 1972 *Chamsin* (Rilen); *Die Pfarrhauskomödie* (Rilen)
- 1973 *Immobilien* (Jägersberg)
- 1974 *The Odessa File* (Neame) (as Frau Miller); *Change* (Fischerbauer); *Marie* (Geissendörfer); *Die Kurpfuscherin* (*The Quack*) (Cremer—for TV)

- 1975 *Das Konzert* (Haugk—for TV); *Die Heiratsvermittlerin* (Matiassek—for TV); *Die Abrechnung* (Wolfgang Becker—for TV)
- 1976 *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg); *So oder so ist das Leben* (Rilen—for TV); *Folies bourgeoises (The Twist)* (Chabrol) (as Gretel)
- 1977 *Spiel der Verlierer* (Hohoff); *Teerosen* (Rolf Von Sydow—for TV)
- 1978 *Superman* (Richard Donner) (as Vond-Ah)
- 1979 *Die erste Polka* (Emmerich) (as Valeska); *Schöner Gigolo—armer Gigolo (Just a Gigolo)* (Hemmings) (as Mutti); *Christmas Lilies of the Field* (Ralph Nelson—for TV); *Der Wald* (Ten Haaf—for TV); *Moral* (Wilhelm—for TV)
- 1980 *Der Thronfolger* (Döpke—for TV); *Liebe bleibt nicht ohne Schmerzen* (Bohrer)
- 1981 *La Passante du Sans-Souci (La Passante)* (Ruoffio) (as Anna Helwig); *Frau Jenny Triebel* (Franz Josef Wild—for TV); *Inside the Third Reich* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Mrs. Speer)
- 1982 *Der Besuch der alten Dame* (Ammann—for TV) (as Claire Zachanassian)
- 1983 *Der Trauschein* (Kishon—for TV)
- 1984 *Samson and Delilah* (Philips—for TV); *Koenig Drosselbart (Kral drozdi brada)* (Beck and Luther)
- 1985 *1919* (Brody) (as Sophie Rubin)
- 1991 *Le Dernier mot* (Behat) (as Maria Wagner)
- 1995 *Der Clan der Anna Voss* (Ballmann—mini for TV) (as Anna Voss)
- 1996 *Tatort-Heilig Blut* (Griesmayr—for TV) (as Aebtissin)

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Throughout the 1950s, Maria Schell dazzled rows of moviegoers in Europe and Great Britain with a series of extraordinarily moving performances. German audiences, who were especially enamored of her intense portrayals of unjustly suffering women, voted Schell their favorite actress in 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, and 1956. Critical tongues likewise wagged approbation, frequently citing Schell’s instinctual talent as an actress, the emotional range of her acting, and her goldstruck beauty. Recognizing that her presence in a film could help assure its commercial and often critical success, filmmakers throughout Europe cast Schell in nearly 25 films before 1960. Her role as a central character would also cancel the need for dubbing as Schell spoke five languages.

After her critical successes in *Die letzte Brücke* and *Gervaise*, MGM acknowledged Schell’s abilities and the healthy box-office receipts of her films by inviting her to appear in *The Brothers Karamazov* as Grushenka, a coveted role for which Marilyn Monroe had originally been considered. Schell’s arrival in Hollywood provoked both enthusiastic speculations on her becoming the newest international screen star, and favorable comparisons with Ingrid Bergman who had captured Hollywood in the 1940s. But, a brief series of miscastings, including her performance as Grushenka, revealed the potential weakness of box-office casting and soured Schell’s three years in Hollywood. The miscastings only highlighted her shortcomings and misused her strengths. As Grushenka, Schell reduced the complexity of Dostoevsky’s character to a frustrating ambiguity, replete with a nervous giggle. For MGM’s remake of *Cimarron*, Schell undermined the role of Sabra Cavet through a number of inexplicable acts such as repeatedly flashing the famous Schell smile while in childbirth.

Critical response to Schell had so deteriorated by the early 1960s that, despite her strong performance in *Le notti bianche*, Bosley Crowther would write in a review of the film, “Miss Schell is enough to blunt one’s perceptivity to the poetry and meaning of the [film’s] theme.” The additional waning of her popularity with the moviegoing public induced Schell in 1963 to leave film and work full-time in the theater, where she had begun her career as an actress. Schell returned to motion pictures in 1968, once again as an international performer, to play a diversity of roles, including a cameo appearance in *Superman*.

—Nancy Jane Richards

SCHELL, Maximilian

Nationality: Swiss. **Born:** Vienna, Austria, 8 December 1930; brother of the actress Maria Schell; became Swiss citizen. **Education:** Attended the universities of Zurich and Munich. **Military Service:** Swiss Army. **Family:** Married Natalya Andreichenko, 1985, one child. **Career:** Following military service, actor in London, Germany, and Switzerland; 1955—film debut in *Kinder, Mütter, und ein General*; 1958—English-language role in *The Young Lions* brought international attention; stage debut in New York in *Interlock*; 1959—in *Hamlet* on American television; followed by other film, stage, and television roles; 1968—produced the film *Das Schloss*; 1970—directed the film *Erste Liebe*; also stage director; 1977—directed the



Maximilian Schell

stage plays *Tales from the Vienna Woods*, London, and *The Undiscovered Country*, London, 1979; 1986—in TV mini-series *Peter the Great*; 1990—in TV series *Wiseguy*; 1991—in TV mini-series *Young Catherine*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Judgment at Nuremberg*, 1961; Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Julia*, 1977; Deutscher Filmpreis for Best Actor, 1984, and for Career, 1989–90. **Address:** Keplerstrasse 2, 8000 Munich 80, Germany.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Kinder, Mütter, und ein General* (Benedek); *Der 20 Juli* (Harnak); *Reifende Jugend* (Erfurth)
- 1956 *Ein Mädchen aus Flandern* (*The Girl from Flanders*) (Kautner); *Die Ehe des Dr. Med. Danwitz* (Rabenalt); *Ein Herz kehrt Heim* (York)
- 1957 *Die Letzten werden die Ersten sein* (Hansen); *Taxichauffeur Bänz* (Dueggelin) (as Toni Schellenberg)
- 1958 *Das Glück auf der Alm* (*Ein wunderbaren Sommer*) (Tressler); *The Young Lions* (Dmytryk) (as Capt. Hardenberg)
- 1960 *Hamlet* (Wirth) (title role)
- 1961 *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Hans Rolfe)
- 1962 *Five Finger Exercise* (Delbert Mann) (as Walter); *The Reluctant Saint* (Dmytryk) (as Giuseppe Desa); *I sequestri di Altona* (*The Condemned of Altona*) (De Sica) (as Franz)
- 1964 *Topkapi* (Dassin) (as William Walter)

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- 1965 *Return from the Ashes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Stanislaus Pilgrim)
- 1966 *John F. Kennedy: Years of Lightning, Day of Drums* (Herschensohn—doc) (as narrator)
- 1967 *The Deadly Affair* (Lumet) (as Dieter Foe); *Más allá de las montañas* (*Beyond the Mountains; The Desperate Ones*) (Ramati) (as Marek); *Counterpoint* (Nelson) (as Schiller)
- 1968 *Heidi* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Herr Sesseman)
- 1969 *Krakatoa, East of Java* (*Volcano*) (Kowalski) (as Captain Chris Hanson); *Simon Bolivar* (Blasetti); *L'assoluto naturale* (Bolognini)
- 1972 *Paulina 1880* (Bertucelli) (as Count); *Pope Joan* (*The Devil's Imposter*) (Anderson) (as Adrian)
- 1974 *The Odessa File* (Neame) (as Eduard Roschmann)
- 1975 *The Man in the Glass Booth* (Hiller) (as Arthur Goldman); *The Days that Shook the World* (*Atentat u Sarajevu; Assassination at Sarajevo; Assassination*) (Bulajic) (as Djuro Sarac)
- 1976 *St. Ives* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Dr. John Constable)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Gen. Wilhelm Bittrich); *Cross of Iron* (Peckinpah) (as Stransky); *Julia* (Zinnemann) (as Johann)
- 1978 *Amo non Amo* (*Together; I Love You, I Love You Not*) (Balducci) (as John)
- 1979 *Avalanche Express* (Robson) (as Bunin); *The Black Hole* (Nelson) (as Dr. Hans Reinhardt); *Players* (Harvey) (as Marco)
- 1980 *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Sagal—for TV)
- 1982 *The Chosen* (Kagan) (as Professor David Malter)
- 1983 *Phantom of the Opera* (Markovic—for TV)
- 1984 *The Assisi Underground* (Ramati) (as Col. Mueller); *Morgen in Alabama* (*Man under Suspicion*) (Kuckelmann) (as lawyer Landau)
- 1989 *The Rose Garden* (Rademakers) (as Aaron Reichenbacher)
- 1990 *The Freshman* (Andrew Bergman) (as Larry London)
- 1992 *Labyrinth* (Jires) (as himself); *Miss Rose White* (Sargent—for TV) (as Mordechai); *Stalin* (Passer—for TV) (as Lenin)
- 1993 *A Far Off Place* (Salomon) (as Col. Mopani Theron); *Justiz* (*Justice*) (Geissendörfer) (as Isaak Kohler)
- 1994 *Little Odessa* (Gray) (as Arkady Shapira); *Abraham* (Sargent—for TV) (as Pharaoh)
- 1996 *The Thorn Birds: The Missing Years* (Dobson—for TV) (as Cardinal Vittorio)
- 1997 *Zwischen Rosen* (as Carl Stern); *The Eighteenth Angel* (Bindley) (as Father Simeon); *Telling Lies in America* (Ferland) (as Dr. Istvan Jonas)
- 1998 *Left Luggage* (Krabbé) (as Chaya's Father); *Deep Impact* (Leder) (as Jason Lerner); *Vampires* (Carpenter) (as Cardinal Alba)
- 1999 *Fisimatenten* (Kuhn); *Wer liebt, dem wachsen Flügel* (*On the Wings of Love*) (Barylli); *Joan of Arc* (Duguay—for TV) (as Brother John Le'Maitre)
- 2000 *I Love You Baby* (Lyon) (as Walter Ekland); *Fisimatenten* (Kuhn)

Films as Producer:

- 1968 *Das Schloss* (*The Castle*) (Noelte) (+ ro as "K")
- 1976 *Einsichten eines Clowns* (co-pr)

Films as Director:

- 1970 *Erste Liebe (First Love)* (+ co-pr, co-sc, ro as the father)
 1974 *Der Fussgänger (The Pedestrian)* (+ co-pr, sc, ro as Andreas Giese)
 1975 *Der Richter und sein Henker (Murder on the Bridge; End of the Game; Getting Away with Murder)* (+ co-pr, co-sc)
 1981 *Geschichten aus dem Wienerwald (Tales from the Vienna Woods)* (+ pr, sc)
 1984 *Marlene* (doc) (+ co-sc, ro as interviewer)
 1993 *Candles in the Dark* (for TV) (+ ro as Colonel Arkush)

Film as Scriptwriter:

- 1971 *Trotta* (Schaaf)

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 Dangaard, C., “Maximilian Schell,” in *Ciné Revue* (Paris), 7 February 1980.
 Bulnes, J., “Les immortals du cinéma: Maximilian Schell,” in *Ciné Revue* (Paris), 28 July 1983.
Stars (Mariembourg), Autumn 1994.

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The specter of Nazism seems to have haunted Schell throughout his acting career. Although born in Vienna and raised in Switzerland,

he is best known for his work in films about World War II and its aftermath, wherein he has most often been cast as a Nazi officer. In fact, his first Hollywood part was that of the devout storm trooper who commanded Marlon Brando's morally troubled German captain in *The Young Lions*, based on the Irwin Shaw best-seller. He subsequently donned the uniform of the Third Reich in war films as varied as *Counterpoint*, *A Bridge Too Far*, and Sam Peckinpah's *Cross of Iron*, where he played a scheming German general determined to win the titular medal for valor even if he has to sacrifice his entire command.

In 1961, Schell won the Academy Award as best actor for his intense performance as the German attorney defending Nazis charged with war crimes in *Judgment at Nuremberg*—a role he had originated on television in the CBS series *Playhouse 90* where the Abby Mann drama first appeared. In 1975, more than a decade later, Schell was again nominated for the same award for his role in the American Film Theater's production of *The Man in the Glass Booth* in which he portrayed a war criminal, based on Adolf Eichmann, brought to justice in an Israeli court after the end of the war. Later, in *The Odessa File*, he played a similar war criminal, who this time manages to escape justice and is bent on reviving the Third Reich. Still another instance of Schell's interpretation of the Nazi mentality may be found in Zinnemann's *Julia*. Despite the undeniable quality of his acting, Schell's continued casting as a Nazi has tended to limit his career. For even in roles that do not deal with the World War II experience, he seems to be expected to portray figures with Nazi-like characteristics. For example, in *The Black Hole*, an artistically and commercially unsuccessful science fiction film released by Disney in 1979, Schell portrayed a mad scientist. Derived obviously from James Mason's treatment of Captain Nemo in *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, the character created by Schell evinces the same sort of authoritarianism and cold dedication to cause at the expense of humane concerns which marks the stereotype of the Nazi in much film and literature. His performance as Lenin in the made-for-cable docudrama *Stalin* was cut from the same cloth.

Perhaps because his acting career has been somewhat restricted in breadth, Schell turned to other aspects of filmmaking. In 1968 he produced a treatment of Franz Kafka's *The Castle*, and in 1970 he directed his first film, *First Love*, based on a short novel by Ivan Turgenev. In 1974 *The Pedestrian*, which Schell co-produced, directed, wrote, and acted in, was nominated for an Academy Award as best foreign-language film. But his 1984 documentary *Marlene* on the life of the legendary film star Marlene Dietrich remains one of his most interesting achievements. Dietrich agreed to cooperate with Schell in the making of the film, but when the cameras started to roll, she turned the tables on him by refusing to appear on camera. His sleight-of-hand in suggesting her presence through the use of silhouettes and other techniques turned what might otherwise have been a standard “talking head” piece into a visually stunning tour de force.

Schell's acting career has not languished with his involvement in production, direction, and screenwriting. After all, two of his Academy Award nominations for acting occurred in the 1970s, after he had taken on other filmmaking responsibilities. Yet it is clear that his place in cinematic history will be more than that of an actor, for his achievements behind the camera will have to enter into the final account. Also, perhaps as the trauma of Nazism recedes more and more into the historical past, the casting of Schell as a Nazi may

become less frequent, and he can just play Germans, even sympathetic ones, as he did quite memorably in the television remake of *The Diary of Anne Frank* as the title character's father.

—William M. Clements, updated by John McCarty

SCHENSTRØM, Carl

See MADSEN, Harald and Carl SCHENSTRØM

SCHNEIDER, Romy

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Rosemarie Magdalena Albach-Retty in Vienna, Austria, 23 September 1938. **Education:** Attended school in Berchtesgaden; Pensionnat Goldstein, Salzburg. **Family:** Married 1) Harry Meyen-Haubenstock, 1966 (divorced 1975), son: David Christophe; 2) Daniel Biassini, 1975 (separated), daughter: Sarah Magdalena. **Career:** 1952—left school to appear in her mother's film *Wenn der weisse Flieder wieder blüht*; 1959—moved to Paris; 1961—on stage in *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*; 1963–65—appeared in leading roles in Hollywood films; 1966—returned to Paris and starred in numerous international productions. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis for Acting, 1977; French César Awards for Best Actress, 1975 and 1978. **Died:** In Paris, 29 May 1982.

Films as Actress:

- 1953 *Wenn der weisse Flieder wieder blüht* (Deppe)
- 1954 *Feuerwerk* (Hoffmann); *Mädchenjahre einer Königin* (*The Story of Vickie*) (Marischka) (as Queen Victoria)
- 1955 *Der letzte Mann* (Braun); *Die Deutschmeister* (*Mam'zelle Cricri*) (Marischka)
- 1956 *Sissi* (Marischka) (as Princess Elisabeth of Austria); *Kitty und die grosse Welt* (Wiedermann)
- 1957 *Sissi—die junge Kaiserin* (Marischka) (as Empress Elisabeth of Austria); *Robinson soll nicht sterben* (*The Girl and the Legend*) (von Baky) (as Maud); *Monpti* (Käutner)
- 1958 *Sissi—Schicksalsjahre einer Kaiserin* (Marischka—edited version of the three Sissi films released as *Forever My Love*, 1962) (as Empress Elisabeth of Austria); *Scampolo* (Wiedermann); *Mädchen in Uniform* (Radvanyi) (as Manuela von Mainhardis)
- 1959 *Die schöne Lügnerin* (von Ambesser); *Die Halbzart* (Thiele); *Christine* (Gaspard-Huit) (title role); *Ein Engel auf Erden* (*Angel on Earth*) (Radvanyi) (as air stewardess/guardian angel)
- 1960 *Katia* (*Magnificent Sinner*) (Siodmak) (title role); *Plein soleil* (*Purple Noon*; *Lust for Evil*) (Clément)
- 1961 *Le Combat dans l'île* (Cavalier); *Die Sendung der Lysistrata* (Kortner)
- 1962 *Le Procès* (*The Trial*) (Welles) (as Leni); "Il lavoro" ("The Job") ep. of *Boccaccio '70* (Visconti) (as Pupe)

- 1963 *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Regine); *The Cardinal* (Preminger) (as Annemarie)
- 1964 *Good Neighbor Sam* (Swift) (as Janet Lagerhof)
- 1965 *What's New Pussycat?* (Donner) (as Carole Werner)
- 1966 *La Voleuse* (*Schornstein No. 4*) (Chapot); *10.30 P.M. Summer* (Dassin) (as Claire); *Triple Cross* (Young) (as the Countess)
- 1968 *Otley* (Dick Clement) (as Imogen)
- 1969 *La Piscine* (*The Swimming Pool*) (Deray) (as Marianne)
- 1970 *My Lover, My Son* (Newland) (as Francesca Anderson); *Qui? (The Sensuous Assassin)* (Keigel); *Les Choses de la Vie (The Things of Life)* (Sautet) (as Hélène)
- 1971 *La califfa* (Bevilacqua); *Max et les ferrailleurs* (Sautet); *Bloomfield* (*The Hero*) (Harris)
- 1972 *César et Rosalie* (Sautet); *The Assassination of Trotsky* (Losey)
- 1973 *Ludwig* (Ludwig; *Twilight of the Gods*) (Visconti) (as Empress Elisabeth of Austria); *Le Train* (Granier-Deferre); *Le Trio infernal* (*The Infernal Trio*) (Girod) (as Philomene)
- 1974 *Un Amour de pluie* (*Loving in the Rain*) (Brialy); *Le Mouton enragé* (*Love at the Top*; *The French Way*) (Deville)
- 1975 *L'Important c'est d'aimer* (*The Most Important Thing Is Love*) (Zulawski); *Les Innocents aux mains sales* (*Dirty Hands*) (Chabrol); *Le Vieux Fusil* (*The Old Gun*) (Enrico)
- 1976 *Une Femme à sa fenêtre* (*A Woman at Her Window*) (Granier-Deferre) (as Margot)
- 1977 *Gruppenbild mit Dame* (*Group Picture with Lady*) (Petrović)
- 1978 *Mado* (Sautet) (as Helene); *Une Histoire simple* (*A Simple Story*) (Sautet) (as Marie)
- 1979 *Last Embrace* (Demme); *Bloodline* (Young); *Clair de femme* (Costa-Gavras) (as Lydia); *Lo sconosciuto*; *La Mort en direct* (*Deathwatch*) (Tavernier) (as Katherine Mortonhoe)
- 1980 *Garde à Vue* (*Under Suspicion*) (Miller) (as Chantal Martinaud); *La Banquière* (Girod)
- 1981 *Fantasma d'amore* (*Ghost of Love*) (Risi) (as Anna); *La Passante du Sans-Souci* (*La Passante*) (Rouffio) (as Elsa Weiner/Lina Baumenstein)

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Born into an old established and famous theatrical family, Romy Schneider was almost predestined to become an actress. As an internationally known German film star, she is second in fame only to

Marlene Dietrich. Like Dietrich, she had an ambiguous relationship to Germany and chose not to live there.

Schneider's screen debut, at the age of 14, was alongside her mother Magda Schneider, in *Wenn der weisse Flieder wieder blüht*. This led to further film offers and to playing the saccharine-sweet eponymous heroine in the trilogy *Sissi*, a kitsch bio-pic of Elisabeth, the Austrian Empress. As *Sissi*, Schneider had become the darling of the German speaking public. Ute Schneider suggests that the *Sissi* films provided a safety valve for Germans in their inability to mourn (i.e. the collective disavowal of the fascist past): “Hardly any other 1950s tearjerker film had been more effective in letting the audience sob their heart out. It is a pertinent example of the continuing repression of political reality that can be traced in [German] entertainment cinema. *Sissi* demonstrated yet again the victory of the heart over the ‘evil’ of politics, the dream of conquering people and countries with no more than a feminine smile and maternal care.” The role of *Sissi* typecast Schneider for the early part of her career and she came to hate the image, but was haunted by it for the rest of her life.

Her engagement to Alain Delon seems to have given her enough determination to leave for France, escaping parental control and the smothering *Sissi* image (although initially she continued to be typecast). Nevertheless, Schneider's first serious role came from the German director Fritz Kortner, as Myrrhine in Kortner's adaptation of Aristophanes's *Die Sendung der Lysistrata*. Then in Paris Visconti

offered Schneider her first theater engagement, in *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*. Despite having to act in French, she won audience and critical acclaim. It also marked the beginning of her international career as a character actress. Subsequently, Schneider gained a major prize for her performance in Welles's *Le Procès* and Visconti cast her again in *Boccaccio '70*. Following a brief interlude in Hollywood, playing in Preminger's *The Cardinal*, and demonstrating her ability for comedy alongside Jack Lemmon in *Good Neighbor Sam*, and Peter Sellers and Peter O'Toole in *What's New, Pussycat?*, Schneider returned to France. Subsequently, while working with the director Claude Sautet and with Michel Piccoli as her film partner, Schneider embarked on the most fruitful period of her career. Sautet cast her in a range of roles, playing the modern sexually liberated woman. Having created a new persona, Schneider had the courage to accept again the role of Elisabeth in Visconti's *Ludwig*. She depicted the woman as cold and unyielding, thereby erasing any trace of the sweet Sissi character.

Over the years Schneider achieved success in her career by great discipline and ambition. She stated frankly that she used her classical beauty as a handmaiden in the service of her craft. Despite Schneider's professional emancipation and her rebellion against the values of her parents' generation, she cannot be considered a feminist, even in the widest sense. She mostly played women as perceived from a typical male position: the housewife, the mother, the mistress or the whore. She rarely depicted independent professional women, but rather came to represent those women who revolt, only to settle eventually for compromise.

Even while in France, however, she deliberately chose roles that critically engaged with Germany's fascist history, albeit from a French perspective. *La Passante du Sans-Souci*, a French-German co-production, is a striking case in point, since the film illustrates differing national perspectives on recent history. The German version has a happy end, whereas in the French the couple are killed by the neo-Nazis. Another pertinent example is the German film *Gruppenbild mit Dame* (based on Heinrich Böll's sociohistorical critique of Germany). Schneider could strongly identify with her role of Leni, a woman misunderstood in her own country. Though the film was dismissed by the critics (lacking the complexity of the novel), Schneider won an important German prize for her performance.

Towards the end, Romy Schneider knew both sadness and tragedy. After serious kidney surgery and her divorce from her second husband, her young son, David Christophe, was killed climbing over his own front gate. Although she threw herself into her work, the pressure and stress proved too much and Romy Schneider died of heart failure a year later.

—Ulrike Sieglöhr

SCHWARZENEGGER, Arnold

Nationality: Austrian/American. **Born:** Graz, Austria, 30 July 1947; became U.S. citizen, 1983. **Education:** Studied at University of Wisconsin, Superior, B.A. in business and international economics.



Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Terminator*

Family: Married Maria Schriver, 1986, three children: Katherine, Christina, Patrick. **Career:** From 1962—bodybuilder, in England, then in U.S. from late 1960s; 1976—retired from bodybuilding, film debut as Arnold Schwarzenegger, in *Stay Hungry*; 1980—appointed chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (resigned 1993); 1991—reputedly paid \$15 million for his role in *Terminator 2*. Part-owner of Planet Hollywood and Schatzi restaurants. **Awards:** 13 world champion bodybuilding titles, 1965–80; Golden Globe for Best Newcomer, for *Stay Hungry*, 1976. **Address:** 3110 Main Street, #330, Santa Monica, CA 90405, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

(as Arnold Strong)

1970 *Hercules in New York* (*Hercules Goes to New York*; *Hercules: The Movie*; *Hercules Goes Bananas*) (Arthur Allan Seidelman) (title role)

1973 *The Long Goodbye* (Altman) (as a hood)

(as Arnold Schwarzenegger)

1976 *Stay Hungry* (Rafelson) (as Joe Santo)

1977 *Pumping Iron* (George Butler—doc) (as himself)

- 1979 *Scavenger Hunt* (Michael Schultz); *The Villain (Cactus Jack)* (Needham) (as handsome stranger)
- 1981 *The Jayne Mansfield Story (Jayne Mansfield: A Symbol of the 50's)* (Lowry—for TV) (as Mickey Hargitay)
- 1982 *Conan the Barbarian* (Milius) (title role)
- 1984 *Conan the Destroyer* (Fleischer) (title role); *The Terminator* (Cameron) (title role)
- 1985 *Red Sonja* (Fleischer) (as Kalidor); *Commando* (Lester) (as John Matrix)
- 1986 *Raw Deal* (Irvin) (as Kaminski)
- 1987 *The Running Man* (Glaser) (as Ben “Butcher of Bakersfield” Richards); *Predator* (McTiernan) (as Maj. Alan “Dutch” Schaefer)
- 1988 *Red Heat* (Walter Hill) (as Capt. Ivan Danko); *Twins* (Reitman) (as Julius Benedict)
- 1990 *Total Recall* (Paul Verhoeven) (as Douglas Quaid); *Kinder-garten Cop* (Reitman) (as Detective John Kimble)
- 1991 *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* (Cameron) (as the Terminator)
- 1992 *Feed* (Rafferty and Ridgeway—doc) (as himself); *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—doc) (as voice of John G. Nicolay)
- 1993 *Last Action Hero* (McTiernan) (as Sergeant Jack Slater/ himself, + exec pr); *Dave* (Reitman) (as himself)
- 1994 *True Lies* (Cameron) (as Harry Tasker); *Junior* (Reitman) (as Dr. Alexander Hesse); *Beretta's Island* (as himself)
- 1996 *Eraser* (Chuck Russell) (as John Kruger, the Eraser); *Crusade* (Verhoeven)
- 1997 *Batman & Robin* (Schumacher) (as Mr. Freeze/Dr. Victor Fries)
- 1998 *The Magic Hour* (Dimitch—series for TV) (as himself)
- 1999 *End of Days* (Hyams) (as Jericho Cane)
- 2000 *The 6th Day* (Spottiswoode) (as Adam Gibson)

Films as Director:

- 1992 *Christmas in Connecticut* (for TV)

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Considering he has made a mere 20-odd movies, Arnold Schwarzenegger's career has gone through numerous distinct and bizarre phases. His evolution, from a bodybuilder who appeared in

such consciously silly entries as *Hercules in New York* and *Conan the Barbarian* to sci-fi death machine in the Terminator movies to comic actor in such films as *Twins* and *Junior*, has been strange, to say the least. His films have shown consistency, however, in that Schwarzenegger's performance style has always exhibited the basic hallmarks of postmodernity: pastiche and parody. First gaining notoriety as a professional bodybuilder, he recognized opportunities to appear in such outrageously over-the-top films as the Conan series, for example, which were little more than pumped-up B movies (with big budgets), films Schwarzenegger clearly (and quite rightly) did not take entirely seriously. His constant mugging to the camera in the documentary *Pumping Iron* did more than win him the Mr. Universe title: it proved his innate theatrical sensibility and his canny comic abilities.

But Schwarzenegger's first real breakthrough came with *The Terminator*, in which he cleverly turned down the offer to play the hero and opted instead for the role of evil robot. The film, a characteristically action-packed entry from director James Cameron, had an entertaining but intelligent Oedipal time-warp sci-fi concept, some excusably cheesy special effects, and a, well, perfectly robotic performance by Schwarzenegger. The subsequent huge box-office success of the film secured Schwarzenegger's place in the American cultural Zeitgeist.

Schwarzenegger's deadpan performance immediately drew comparisons to Clint Eastwood, an actor famous for his minimalist style. This performance style would carry on in other films, including *Commando*, *Raw Deal*, *The Running Man*, *Predator*, *Total Recall*, and *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, among others. Schwarzenegger also appropriated Eastwood's stinging penchant for the one-liner (e.g., "Make my day"), many of which became popular catchphrases and Schwarzenegger trademarks ("I'll be back" in particular). Eastwood would acknowledge the debt Schwarzenegger owed him when he referred to the former bodybuilder as "my son" during the 1995 Academy Award ceremonies.

Schwarzenegger's career took a disastrous turn in 1993 with *The Last Action Hero*, an ultra-self-reflexive take on the action movie. The film has its entertaining moments, but fans appeared uncomfortable with the artifices of the action film being laid quite so bare—thus the film flopped despite one of the most expensive publicity campaigns in Hollywood history (including an ad posted on the space shuttle, the first of its kind). Schwarzenegger has also been far less successful when trying his hand at out-and-outright comedies (*Twins* and *Junior*), where he is simply uncontrolled as a performer. *Junior* was a brave and interesting gender-challenging role for Schwarzenegger; the film's premise had him the first man ever to become pregnant. Again, audiences seemed uncomfortable with this wall of muscles in a maternal position, and the film did mediocre box office.

Schwarzenegger's last major success was *True Lies*, a film which divided critics with its misogynist and racist overtones, resurrecting speculation that the actor had far-right leaning politics. Schwarzenegger has become something of an anti-Jane Fonda, notorious for his support of conservative causes and politicians, including Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Like Fonda, Schwarzenegger's persona is also not without contradictions (he is married to Maria Schriver, a member of America's most famous liberal clan the Kennedys, for example). Like his politics and personal life, Schwarzenegger's

appearances on-screen can be read as perfect open texts: the audience can choose to see his machismo as role-model material to be emulated and adored, or as astute post-modern parody of the ludicrous masculine male ideal.

—Matthew Hays

SCOTT, George C.

Nationality: American. **Born:** George Campbell Scott in Wise, Virginia, 18 October 1927; grew up in Detroit. **Education:** Attended Redford High School, Detroit; University of Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia to 1953. **Military Service:** 1945–49—served in the U.S. Marine Corps. **Family:** Married 1) Carolyn Hughes (divorced); 2) the actress Patricia Reed (divorced); 3) the actress Colleen Dewhurst, 1960 (divorced 1965; remarried 1967, divorced 1972), sons: Alexander and the actor Campbell; also four other children; 4) the actress Trish Van Devere, 1972. **Career:** 1953–57—actor in stock in Toledo, Washington, D.C., and Ontario, while working as laborer and clerk; 1957—New York stage role in *Richard III* in Joseph Papp's Shakespeare Festival season brought critical recognition; later stage work includes roles in *Comes a Day* on Broadway, 1958, *The Andersonville Trial*, 1959, *The Merchant of Venice*, 1962, and *The Three Sisters* in London, 1965; 1959—film



George C. Scott in *Patton*

debut in *The Hanging Tree*; 1961—in TV mini-series *The Power and the Glory*; 1963–64—in TV series *East Side, West Side*; 1969—directed the play *Hello and Goodbye*; also appeared in *Plaza Suite* on Broadway with Maureen Stapleton; 1972—directed the film *Rage*; 1985—in TV mini-series *Mussolini—The Untold Story*; 1987–88—in TV series *Mr. President*; 1994—in TV series *Traps*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award (award refused), and Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Patton*, 1970. **Died:** 22 September 1999, in Westlake Village, California, of ruptured abdominal aortic aneurism.

Films as Actor:

- 1959 *The Hanging Tree* (Daves) (as Dr. George Grubb); *Anatomy of a Murder* (Preminger) (as Claude Dancer)
- 1961 *The Hustler* (Rossen) (as Bert Gordon)
- 1963 *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as Anthony Gethryn)
- 1964 *Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (Kubrick) (as Gen. “Buck” Turgidson)
- 1965 *The Yellow Rolls Royce* (Asquith) (as Paolo Maltese)
- 1966 *La Bibbia (The Bible . . . in the Beginning; The Bible)* (Huston) (as Abraham); *Not with My Wife You Don’t!* (Panama) (as Tank Martin); *This Savage Land (The Road West)* (McEveety—for TV, released theatrically in 1969) (as Jud Barker)
- 1967 *The Flim-Flam Man (One Born Every Minute)* (Kershner) (as Mordecai)
- 1968 *Petulia* (Lester) (as Archie Bollen)
- 1970 *Patton (Patton: Lust for Glory)* (Schaffner) (title role)
- 1971 *They Might Be Giants* (Harvey) (as Justin Playfair/Sherlock Holmes); *Jane Eyre* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Edward Rochester); *The Last Run* (Fleischer) (as Harry Garmes); *The Hospital* (Hiller) (as Dr. Herbert Bock)
- 1972 *The New Centurions* (Fleischer) (as Sgt. Kilvinski)
- 1973 *Oklahoma Crude* (Kramer) (as Noble Mason); *The Day of the Dolphin* (Mike Nichols) (as Dr. Jake Terrell)
- 1974 *Bank Shot* (Champion) (as Walter Upjohn Ballantine)
- 1975 *The Hindenberg* (Wise) (as Col. Ritter); *Fear on Trial* (Johnson—for TV) (as Louis Nizer)
- 1976 *Beauty and the Beast* (Cook—for TV)
- 1977 *Islands in the Stream* (Schaffner) (as Thomas Hudson)
- 1978 *Crossed Swords (The Prince and the Pauper)* (Fleischer) (as the Ruffler); *Movie Movie* (Donen) (as Gloves Malloy/Spats Baxter)
- 1979 *Hardcore (The Hardcore Life)* (Schrader) (as Jake Van Dorn); *Arthur Miller on Home Ground* (Rasky)
- 1980 *The Formula* (Avildsen) (as Barney Caine); *The Changeling* (Medak) (as John Russell)
- 1981 *Taps* (Harold Becker) (as Gen. Harlan Bache)
- 1982 *Oliver Twist* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Fagin)
- 1983 *China Rose* (Day—for TV)
- 1984 *A Christmas Carol* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Ebenezer Scrooge); *Firestarter* (Lester) (as John Rainbird)
- 1985 *The Indomitable Teddy Roosevelt* (Engle—doc) (as narrator)
- 1986 *Choices* (Rich—for TV); *The Last Days of Patton* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (title role); *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* (Szwarc—for TV) (as Auguste Dupin)

- 1987 *Pals* (Antonio—for TV) (as Jack Stobbs)
- 1989 *The Ryan White Story* (Herzfeld—for TV)
- 1990 *Descending Angel* (Kagan—for TV) (as Florian Stroia); *The Exorcist III (The Exorcist III: Legion)* (Blatty) (as Lt. Kinderman); *The Curse of the Starving Class* (Masterson); *The Rescuers Down Under* (Butoy—animation) (as voice of Percival McLeach)
- 1991 *Finding the Way Home* (Holcomb—for TV) (as Max Mittelman)
- 1993 *Curacao* (Carl Schultz—for TV); *Malice* (Harold Becker) (as Dr. Kessler)
- 1994 *In the Heat of the Night: A Matter of Justice* (Badiyi—for TV) (as Judge Walker); *The Whipping Boy* (Macartney—for TV) (as Blind George)
- 1995 *Angus* (Patrick Read Johnson) (as Ivan); *Tyson* (Edel—for TV) (as Cus D’Amato); *New York News: Cost of Living* (Apted, Bender—series for TV) (as Ollie Herman); *New York News: Yankee Glory* (Apted, Bender—series for TV) (as Ollie Herman)
- 1996 *Titanic* (Lieberman—for TV) (as Captain Smith)
- 1997 *Country Justice (Family Rescue)* (Campbell—for TV) (as Clayton); *12 Angry Men* (Friedkin—for TV) (as Juror #3)
- 1999 *Gloria* (Lumet) (as Ruby); *Rocky Marciano* (Charles Winkler—for TV) (as Pierino Marchegiano); *Inherit the Wind* (Petrie—for TV) (as Matthew Harrison Brady)

Films as Director:

- 1970 *The Andersonville Trial* (for TV)
- 1972 *Rage* (+ ro as Dan Logan)
- 1974 *The Savage Is Loose* (+ pr, ro as John)

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George C. Scott was one of the most powerful of American actors, and he often played characters who were unique, individualistic, intense, and sometimes angry in films with such forceful titles as *Rage*, *Crossed Swords*, *Bank Shot*, *Not with My Wife You Don't!*, *They Might Be Giants*, *The Savage Is Loose*, *Firestarter*, and *Malice*. It is almost too easy to classify him as an "angry man," for some of his most memorable moments in films were when he exhibited extreme rage: slapping a soldier as Patton (*Patton*), glaring at a slum landlord as a Los Angeles policeman (*The New Centurions*), smashing up a pornographic headquarters as an angry father (*Hardcore*). But he could also show great tenderness on the screen, which can be clearly seen in many of the above-mentioned films and especially in *The Day of the Dolphin* and *Petulia*. He also had a great flair for comedy. Two of his most famous comic roles are General "Buck" Turgidson (*Dr. Strangelove*) and the flim-flam man (*The Flim-Flam Man*). Whether it is in a title role (*Patton*) or in a brief appearance (*Malice*), with his rasping voice, piercing eyes, and chiseled features, he created characters who were believable, multidimensional, and exciting.

Scott began in the theater, but from the beginning and throughout his career, he divided his acting choices between stage, film, and television. One of his early roles in film that brought acclaim was as gambler/manager Bert Gordon opposite Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason, and Piper Laurie in *The Hustler* (1961), where he brought just the right blend of menace, cruelty, and charm to the morality tale of an eager pool player. His roles necessarily changed as he aged. He moved from playing a divorced father (Archie Bollen) with young children in *Petulia* (1968) to a father (Jake Van Dorn) with a runaway daughter in *Hardcore* (1979) to a grandfather (Ivan) with an adult daughter and grandson in *Angus* (1995). Even in the short-lived 1994 television series *Traps* he played Joseph Trapcheck, the grandfather of three generations of police detectives.

Although his roles included several soldiers, doctors, and police detectives, including a character who thought he was Sherlock Holmes (*They Might Be Giants*), his work cannot be stereotyped. He was just as comfortable playing the rogue Fagin (*Oliver Twist* for television) or a music composer (*The Changeling*).

What may account for Scott's staying power as an actor for so many years was his three-dimensional qualities. He was often cast in very masculine, assertive roles, and to these and his other roles he brought a depth of feeling which could touch an audience deeply. For example, he played General George S. Patton (probably his most well-known characterization) in two films, *Patton* (1970), directed by Franklin Schaffner, and *The Last Days of Patton* (1986), directed for television by Delbert Mann. Scott had to play much of the latter film lying in bed, as Patton had broken his neck in an automobile accident. The camera is in close on him in many shots, and Scott runs through a range of emotions which convey to the viewer Patton's sadness, anger, sentimentality, and courage. It is a remarkable performance, considering that earlier in the film Scott showed his usual toughness

in sparring with his superiors and his ability to do comedy by singing a silly song.

Though Scott worked with some of the best Hollywood directors and actors, he never fit the typical Hollywood stereotype and always had an independent spirit. For example, he turned down the Academy Award for best actor in *Patton*. He fought with the program practices department of CBS in order to obtain more realism for his television series *East Side, West Side*. He opposed the rating given the excellent film he produced, directed, and starred in, *The Savage Is Loose*. Being so outspoken, he was sometimes called difficult, but he was always the professional. He aged well, and provided a series of original and memorable performances throughout his career.

—H. Wayne Schuth

SCOTT, Randolph

Nationality: American. **Born:** George Randolph Crane Scott in Orange, Virginia, 23 January 1903. **Education:** Attended private school; Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, degree in engineering; studied acting at Pasadena Playhouse. **Family:** Married 1) Marianna du Pont Somerville, 1936 (divorced 1939); 2) Patricia Stillman, 1944, one son and one daughter. **Career:** 1928—film debut in *Sharp Shooters*; also worked as voice coach for Gary Cooper and stuntman; some stage work; contract with Paramount, then variety of roles; 1950–55—founding member of Scott-Brown Productions, with Harry Joe Brown; 1956–60—famous series of seven Westerns for Budd Boetticher; 1962—retired. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 2 March 1987.

Films as Actor:

- 1928 *Sharp Shooters* (Blystone)
- 1929 *Dynamite* (DeMille); *The Far Call* (Dwan) (as Helms); *The Virginian* (Fleming); *The Black Watch* (Ford)
- 1931 *The Women Men Marry* (Hutchinson) (as Steve Bradley)
- 1932 *Sky Bride* (Roberta); *Hot Saturday* (Seiter) (as Fadden); *A Successful Calamity* (Adolfi) (as Larry)
- 1933 *Island of Lost Souls* (Kenton); *Wild Horse Mesa* (Hathaway) (as Chane Weymer); *Hello Everybody!* (Seiter) (as Hunt Blake); *Heritage of the Desert* (Hathaway) (as Jack Hare); *Murders in the Zoo* (Sutherland) (as Dr. Woodford); *Supernatural* (Halperin) (as Grant Wilson); *Cocktail Hour* (Schertzing) (as Randolph Morgan); *Man of the Forest* (Hathaway) (as Brett Dale); *To the Last Man* (Hathaway) (as Lynn Hayden); *Sunset Pass* (Hathaway); *Broken Dreams* (Vignola) (as Dr. Robert Morely); *Thundering Herd* (Hathaway)
- 1934 *The Last Round-Up* (Hathaway) (as Jime Cleve); *Wagon Wheels* (Barton) (as Clint Belmet)
- 1935 *The Rocky Mountain Mystery* (*The Fighting Westerner*) (Barton); *Roberta* (Seiter) (as John); *Home on the Range*



Randolph Scott (left) in *Comanche Station*

- (Jacobson) (as Tom Hartfield); *Village Tale* (Cromwell) (as Slaughter Somerville); *She* (Pichel and Holden) (as Leo Vincey); *So Red the Rose* (King Vidor) (as Duncan Bedford)
- 1936 *Follow the Fleet* (Sandrich) (as Bilge); *And Sudden Death* (Barton) (as Lt. James Knox); *The Last of the Mohicans* (Seitz) (as Hawkeye); *Go West, Young Man* (Hathaway) (as Bud)
- 1937 *High, Wide, and Handsome* (Mamoulian) (as Peter Cortlandt)
- 1938 *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* (Dwan) (as Anthony Kent); *Road to Reno* (Simon) (as Steve Fortress); *The Texans* (as Kirk Jordan)
- 1939 *Jesse James* (Henry King) (as Will Wright); *Susannah of the Mounties* (Seiter) (as Monty Montague/Inspector Angus); *Coast Guard* (Ludwig) (as Speed Bradshaw); *Frontier Marshall* (Dwan) (as Wyatt Earp); *Twenty Thousand Men a Year* (Green) (as Brad Reynolds)
- 1940 *Virginia City* (Curtiz) (as Vance Irby); *My Favorite Wife* (Kanin) (as Burkett); *When the Daltons Rode* (Marshall) (as Tod Jackson)
- 1941 *Western Union* (Fritz Lang) (as Vance Shaw); *Belle Starr* (Cummings) (as Sam Starr); *Paris Calling* (Marlin) (as Nick)
- 1942 *To the Shores of Tripoli* (Humberstone) (as Sgt. Dixie Smith); *The Spoilers* (Enright) (as Alexander McNamara); *Pittsburgh* (Seiler) (as Cash Evans)
- 1943 *The Desperadoes* (Charles Vidor) (as Steve Upton); *Bombardier* (Wallace) (as Capt. Buck Oliver); *Corvette K-225* (Rosson) (as Lt. Commander MacClain); *Gung Ho!* (Enright) (as Col. Thorwald)
- 1944 *Belle of the Yukon* (Seiter) (as Honest John Calhoun)
- 1945 *China Sky* (Enright) (as Dr. Gray Thompson); *Captain Kidd* (Lee) (as Adam Mercy)
- 1946 *Abilene Town* (Marin) (as Dan Mitchell, + co-pr); *Badman's Territory* (Whelan) (as Mark Rowley); *Home Sweet Homicide* (Bacon) (as Bill Smith)
- 1947 *Trail Street* (Enright) (as "Bat" Masterson); *Gunfighters* (Wagner) (as Brazos Kane); *Christmas Eve (Sinner's Holiday)* (Marin) (as Jonathan)
- 1948 *Albuquerque* (Enright) (as Cole Armin); *Return of the Badmen* (Enright) (as Vance); *Coroner Creek* (Enright) (as Chris Denning)
- 1949 *Canadian Pacific* (Marin) (as Tom Andrews); *The Walking Hills* (Sturges) (as Jim Carey); *The Doolins of Oklahoma*

- (Douglas) (as Bill Doolin); *Fighting Man of the Plains* (Marin) (as Jim Dancer)
- 1950 *The Nevadan* (Douglas) (as Andrew Barclay); *Colt 45* (Marin) (as Steve Farrell); *The Cariboo Trail* (Marin) (as Jim Redfern)
- 1951 *Sugarfoot* (Marin) (as Jackson "Sugarfoot" Redan); *Starlift* (Del Ruth) (as himself); *Santa Fe* (Pichel) (as Britt Canfield); *Fort Worth* (Marin) (as Ned Britt); *Man in the Saddle* (De Toth) (as Owen Meritt)
- 1952 *Carson City* (De Toth) (as Jeff); *Hangman's Knot* (Huggins) (as Matt Stewart); *The Man Behind the Gun* (Feist) (as Major Callicut)
- 1953 *The Stranger Wore a Gun* (De Toth) (as Jeff Travis); *Thunder over the Plains* (De Toth) (as Captain David Porter)
- 1954 *Riding Shotgun* (De Toth) (as Larry Delong); *The Bounty Hunter* (De Toth) (as Jim Kipp)
- 1955 *Rage at Dawn* (Whelan) (as James Barlow); *Ten Wanted Men* (Humberstone) (as John Stewart); *Tall Man Riding* (Selander) (as Larry Madden); *A Lawless Street* (Lewis) (as Calem Ware)
- 1956 *Seven Men from Now* (Boetticher) (as Ben Stride, + co-pr); *Seventh Cavalry* (Lewis) (as Captain Tom Benson)
- 1957 *The Tall T* (Boetticher) (as Pat Brennan, + co-pr); *Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend* (Bare) (as Cap Devlin); *Decision at Sundown* (Boetticher) (as Bart Allison, + co-pr)
- 1958 *Buchanan Rides Alone* (Boetticher) (title role, + co-pr)
- 1959 *Westbound* (Boetticher) (as John Hayes, + co-pr); *Ride Lonesome* (Boetticher) (as Ben Brigade, + co-pr)
- 1960 *Comanche Station* (Boetticher) (as Jefferson Cody, + co-pr)
- 1962 *Ride the High Country* (*Guns in the Afternoon*) (Peckinpah) (as Gil Westrum)

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Randolph Scott had a long career in the movies, beginning during the coming of sound, and ending with his final performance in director Sam Peckinpah's celebrated Western, *Ride the High Country*, in 1962. Throughout this remarkable 35-year span Scott remained true to one role—the character of the bashful but feared Western hero. But in real life he was neither a Westerner nor a cowboy. Scott was born and bred a Southerner; he attended Georgia Tech and was graduated from the University of North Carolina. He broke into Hollywood through a series of menial jobs, the most illustrious of which was being Gary Cooper's voice coach for a short time.

Scott's break came with the revival of the B Western in the 1930s. Quickly he became a minor star, graduating to making Westerns for Paramount. Through the 1930s and 1940s he appeared in an amazing 66 films and rarely worked with distinguished directors (and when he did, it was in mediocre films such as Fritz Lang's *Western Union* and Rouben Mamoulian's *High, Wide, and Handsome*). More often than not Scott was grinding them out under the guiding hand of a Ray Enright or a Henry Hathaway.

In the early 1950s (at almost 50 years of age) Scott "overnight" became a star. In the first four years of that decade he made his only appearances in the annual ten list of most popular actors. The Westerns seemed unchanged from the vehicles of the 1940s, save for the addition of color. But during the early 1950s the public embraced Randolph Scott's "new" screen persona as dished up in a series of three or four Westerns per year.

Based on this newfound popularity, Scott formed his own production company with producer Harry Joe Brown. This enterprise provided Scott with the freedom to create his own Westerns and at the same time become a very wealthy man. In what is now known as the "Ranown" cycle of films, Randolph Scott made his greatest contribution to film history by portraying an aging cowboy in seven films directed by Budd Boetticher, and produced by Scott and Brown. These seven films (from *Seven Men from Now* in 1956 to *Comanche Station* in 1960), established, according to noted critic Andrew Sarris, "a new style of the [Western] genre." Film theorist André Bazin called *Seven Men from Now* "the most intelligent Western I know of . . . and the most beautiful."

Scott's final film was *Ride the High Country*. Many critics consider this tribute to the Western to be director Sam Peckinpah's best film. Randolph Scott retired in 1962 as one of Hollywood's richest men. He made this fortune, estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars, from the movies plus wise investments in oil wells and real estate. Unlike many of his generation Scott appeared on television only in his old films, not in movies made for television or as a guest star on a series.

—Douglas Gomery

SEBERG, Jean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jean Dorothy Seberg in Marshalltown, Iowa, 13 November 1938. **Education:** Attended schools in Marshalltown; University of Iowa, Iowa City. **Family:** Married 1) Francois Moreuil, 1958 (divorced 1960); 2) the writer Romain Gary, 1963 (divorced); 3) Dennis Berry. **Career:** 1956—chosen amid great publicity as unknown to play the lead in Preminger's film *Saint Joan*; 1958—Preminger turned over her contract to Columbia after the failure of both *Saint Joan* and *Bonjour Tristesse*; 1959—role in Godard's *A bout de souffle* gave her international critical recognition; later French and international films; 1970s—career embittered by political harassment of her by the media; breakdown after the miscarriage of her child, and lawsuit concerning its paternity. **Died:** In Paris, 31 August 1979.

Films as Actress:

- 1957 *Saint Joan* (Preminger) (title role)
- 1958 *Bonjour Tristesse* (Preminger) (as Cecile)
- 1959 *The Mouse That Roared* (Arnold) (as Helen)
- 1960 *A bout de souffle* (*Breathless*) (Godard) (as Patricia Franchini); *Let No Man Write My Epitaph* (Leacock) (as Barbara Holloway); *La Recreation* (*Playtime*; *Love Play*) (Moreuil) (as Kate Hoover)



Jean Seberg

- 1961 *Les Grandes Personnes* (*Time Out for Love*) (Valere) (as Ann); *L'Amant de cinq jours* (*The Five-Day Lover*) (de Broca)
- 1962 *Congo Vivo* (Bennati)
- 1963 *In the French Style* (Parrish) (as Christina James); *Le Grand Escroc* (Godard—short)
- 1964 *Echappement libre* (*Backfire*) (Becker) (as Olga Celan); *Lilith* (Rossen) (title role)
- 1965 *Moment to Moment* (LeRoy) (as Kay Stanton); *Un Millard un billard* (*Diamonds Are Brittle*) (Gessner)
- 1966 *La Ligne de demarcation* (*Line of Demarcation*) (Chabrol); *A Fine Madness* (Kershner) (as Lydia West)
- 1967 *Estouffade à la Carabei* (*The Looters*; *Stew in the Caribbean*) (Besnard); *La Route de Corinthe* (*The Road to Corinth*; *Who's Got the Black Box?*) (Chabrol) (as Shanny)
- 1968 *Les Oiseaux vont mourir au Pérou* (*Birds Come to Die in Peru*) (Gary) (as Adriana)
- 1969 *Pendulum* (Schaefer) (as Adele Matthews); *Paint Your Wagon* (Logan) (as Elizabeth)
- 1970 *Airport* (Seaton) (as Tanya Livingston); *Ondata di calore* (*Dead of Summer*) (Risi) (as Joyce Grasse); *Macho Callahan* (Kowalski) (as Alexandra Mountford)
- 1971 *Kill! (Kill! Kill! Kill!)* (Gary) (as Emily)
- 1972 *Quaeta specie d'amore* (*This Kind of Love*) (Bevilacqua); *L'Attentat* (*The French Conspiracy*) (Boisset) (as Edith Lemoine); *Camorra!* (Squitieri)
- 1973 *La corrupción de Chris Miller* (*The Corruption of Chris Miller*; *Behind the Shutters*) (Bardem) (as Ruth)
- 1974 *Mousey* (*Cat and Mouse*) (Petrie—for TV) (as Laura Anderson/Richardson); *Les hautes solitudes* (*The Outer Limit of Solitude*) (Garrel)
- 1975 *Bianchi cavalli d'Agosto* (*The White Horses of Summer*) (Del Balzo); *Le Grande Délire* (*The Great Frenzy*) (Berry)
- 1976 *Die Wildente* (*The Wild Duck*) (Geissendoerfer) (as Gina)

Film as Director:

- 1974 *Ballad for the Kid* (+ ro)

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In the 34 features and 2 shorts that Iowa-born Jean Seberg made, she frequently played the all-American woman abroad. Her first two films, *Saint Joan* (in which the 17-year-old Seberg won the title role in a highly publicized open casting call) and *Bonjour Tristesse*, failed to gain her a critical or popular audience in the United States. *Saint Joan* in particular was a notorious failure, and easily might have plunged her back into obscurity. In France, however, she became a star overnight after her performance in the film that launched the French New Wave, *A bout de souffle*. Here, Jean-Luc Godard developed what he saw as her essential image, a fetching ambiguity of incorruptible wholesomeness that cloaked a casual amorality. The French were immediately charmed by her short-cropped blond hair, midwestern-accented French, and relaxed naturalistic acting.

A bout de souffle also established Seberg as the archetypal American girl abroad, and prompted Robert Rossen to cast her in her finest American film, *Lilith*. She plays a beautiful young schizophrenic in a luxurious mental asylum who seduces an occupational therapist. A genuine departure for her, the role allowed Seberg to use her wholesomeness as a cover for Lilith's malevolence. In one hauntingly lovely scene, Seberg draws her skirt to her knees, wades into a misty lake, and bends over to kiss her own image, an act that illuminates not only Lilith's destructive narcissism but also Seberg's delicate grace. Following *Lilith*, she became quickly stereotyped as a sophisticated, occasionally disturbed, cheating wife through such films as *Moment to Moment*, *A Fine Madness*, and *Pendulum*. Yet she also developed into an actress capable of playing roles of determination and quiet strength in such films as *Line of Demarcation* and *Paint Your Wagon*.

During the last decade of her life, Seberg's mental health deteriorated, due in part to a miscarriage and harassment by the FBI for supporting the Black Panthers. Hoping to revitalize a faltering career, she worked with many promising directors in Europe. Her only demanding role was in the prize-winning *Ondata di calore*, in which she gave a tour-de-force performance in a familiar role as a schizophrenic American woman stranded in Morocco. Two of her films drew their material directly from her life: *Ballad for the Kid* and *Les*

hautes solitudes. In the latter she portrays herself—an American actress and left-wing activist living in exile. Neither film was successful.

At her best an actress of uncommon intelligence and feeling, Seberg never completely lost her all-American wholesomeness on the screen, even in films that explicitly tried to undermine it: *La corrupción de Chris Miller* and *Les Oiseaux vont mourir au Perou*. As the critic Vincent Canby said, she was "one of the most appealing and enigmatic movie stars of the 1960s." But she also was one of the more notorious casualties of the times, on levels personal, professional, and political. In 1995, 16 years after her tragic and much-too-early death, independent filmmaker Mark Rappaport reconstructed her life in the celluloid essay *From the Journals of Jean Seberg*, in which he examined her on- and off-screen persona from a social and cultural perspective.

—Arthur Nolletti Jr., updated by Rob Edelman

SELLERS, Peter

Nationality: British. **Born:** Peter Richard Henry Sellers in Southsea, Hampshire, 8 September 1925. **Education:** Attended St. Aloysius College, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Anne Howe, 1951 (divorced 1964), son: Michael, daughter: Sarah; 2) the actress Britt Ekland, 1964 (divorced 1969), daughter: Victoria; 3) Miranda Quarry, 1970 (divorced 1974); 4) the actress Lynne Frederick, 1977. **Career:** Appeared as child actor in revue at age five, *Splash Me*; worked as a drummer in a dance band after leaving school; 1943–46—served in the Royal Air Force; toured with the Gang Show in the Middle East, discharged as corporal; 1946–47—entertainment director of holiday camp; then vaudeville comedian: at Windmill Theatre, London, 1948, and on vaudeville circuit until 1956; 1951—film debut in *Penny Points to Paradise*; 1952–59—on radio shows *Show Time*, *Ray's a Laugh*, and *The Goon Show*, the last becoming a popular cult favorite; 1958—stage debut in *Brouhaha* in London; 1959—role in *I'm All Right, Jack* brought wide popularity; later films in the Pink Panther series made him an international star. **Awards:** Best British Actor, British Academy, for *I'm All Right, Jack*, 1959; Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1966. **Died:** In London, 24 July 1980.

Films as Actor:

- 1951 *Penny Points to Paradise* (Young) (as the Major/Arnold Fringe); *London Entertains* (Faucey); *Let's Go Crazy* (Cullimore—short) (as Groucho/Guiseppa/Cedric/Izzy Gozzunk/Crystal Jollibottom)
 1952 *Down among the Z Men* (Rogers) (as Major Bloodnok)
 1953 *Super Secret Service* (Green)
 1954 *Orders Are Orders* (Paltenghi) (as Private Goffin)



Peter Sellers in *Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*

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| <p>1955 <i>John and Julie</i> (Fairchild) (as P. C. Diamond); <i>The Ladykillers</i> (Mackendrick) (as Harry); <i>The Case of the Mukkinese Battlehorn</i> (Stirling—short) (as Inspector Quilt/Henry Crum/Sid Crimp/Sir Jervis Fruit); <i>The Man Who Never Was</i> (Neame) (voice of Winston Churchill)</p> <p>1957 <i>The Smallest Show on Earth</i> (Dearden) (as Percy Quill); <i>Death of a Salesman</i> (Arliss—short); <i>Cold Comfort</i> (Hill); <i>Insomnia Is Good for You</i> (as Hector Dimwiddle)</p> <p>1958 <i>The Naked Truth</i> (<i>Your Past Is Showing</i>) (Zampi) (as Sonny MacGregor); <i>Up the Creek</i> (Guest) (as Chief Petty Officer Doherty); <i>Tom Thumb</i> (Pal) (as Tony); <i>Carlton-Browne of the F.O.</i> (<i>Man in a Cocked Hat</i>) (Boulting) (as Amphibulous)</p> <p>1959 <i>The Mouse That Roared</i> (Arnold) (as Bascombe/Grand Duchess Gloriana/Count Mountjoy); <i>I'm All Right, Jack</i> (Boulting) (as Fred Kite)</p> <p>1960 <i>Battle of the Sexes</i> (Crichton) (as Mr. Martin); <i>Two-Way Stretch</i> (Day) (as "Dodger" Lane)</p> <p>1961 <i>Never Let Go</i> (Guillermin) (as Lionel Meadows); <i>The Millionairess</i> (Asquith) (as Dr. Ahmed el Kabir/Parerga); <i>The Road to Hong Kong</i> (short)</p> | <p>1962 <i>Only Two Can Play</i> (Gilliat) (as John Lewis); <i>Waltz of the Toreadors</i> (Guillermin) (as General Leo Fitzjohn); <i>Lolita</i> (Kubrick) (as Clare Quilty)</p> <p>1963 <i>The Dock Brief</i> (Hill) (as Morgenhall); <i>Heavens Above</i> (Boulting) (as the Reverend John Aspinall); <i>The Wrong Arm of the Law</i> (Owen) (as Pearly Gates); <i>The Pink Panther</i> (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)</p> <p>1964 <i>Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb</i> (Kubrick) (title role/Captain Mandrake/President Muffley); <i>The World of Henry Orient</i> (Hill) (title role); <i>A Shot in the Dark</i> (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)</p> <p>1965 <i>What's New, Pussycat?</i> (Clive Donner) (as Fritz Fassbender)</p> <p>1966 <i>The Wrong Box</i> (Forbes) (as Dr. Pratt); <i>After the Fox</i> (De Sica) (as Aldo Vanucci)</p> <p>1967 <i>Casino Royale</i> (Huston and others) (as Evelyn Tremble); <i>The Bobo</i> (Parrish) (as Juan Bautista); <i>Woman Times Seven</i> (De Sica) (as Jean)</p> <p>1968 <i>The Party</i> (Edwards) (as Hrundi Vakshi); <i>I Love You, Alice B. Toklas</i> (Averback) (as Harold Fine)</p> <p>1969 <i>The Magic Christian</i> (McGrath) (as Sir Guy Grand)</p> |
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- 1970 *Hoffman* (Rakoff) (title role); *There's a Girl in My Soup* (Boulting) (as Robert Danvers); *A Day at the Beach* (Hesera); *Simon, Simon* (Stark—short)
- 1972 *Where Does It Hurt?* (Amateau); *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (Sterling) (as King of Hearts)
- 1973 *The Blockhouse* (Rees) (as Bouquet); *The Optimist (The Optimist of Nine Elms)* (Simmons) (as Sam); *Soft Beds and Hard Battles (Undercover Hero)* (Boulting) (as Gen. Latour/ Major Robinson/Schroeder/Adolf Hitler/Prince Kyoto/ French President)
- 1974 *Ghost in the Noonday Sun* (Medak); *The Great McGonagall* (McGrath) (as Queen Victoria); *The Return of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)
- 1976 *Murder by Death* (Moore) (as Sidney Wang); *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)
- 1978 *Revenge of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)
- 1979 *Being There* (Ashby) (as Chance); *The Prisoner of Zenda* (Quine) (as Prince Rudolph/Syd Frewin)
- 1980 *The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu* (Haggard) (title role/ Nayland Smith)
- 1982 *Trail of the Pink Panther* (Edwards) (as Inspector Clouseau)

Film as Producer:

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Film as Director:

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English comedy pre-1945 was usually modest, rueful, cheerful, uncritical; back from the war Sellers's generation brought more anarchic attitudes, and Sellers found fame, with Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe, and, initially, Michael Bentine, in *The Goon Show* radio comedy. Like some missing link between Edward Lear and Monty Python, the Goons combined anarcho-daffy parodies of Englishness with the Dada-logic of crazy cartoons, yet being sound-only, were crazier still. Sellers was the voices of, inter alia, Bluebottle, Major Dennis Bloodnok, and Henry Crum, later developing a quieter, more populist, humor on records. Goonery boggles visual live action; the early, very cheap, shorts get odd licks of it, though Richard Lester's 1960 *The Running, Jumping, and Standing Still Film* (which Sellers produced) is a gem.

Having risen to fame as a gaggle of lunatic voices, Sellers hesitated before plunging into film, as if uncertain what the rest of him could add; indeed, throughout certain roles, and periodically in all of them, his voice seems to float over a face which, however deadly its mimicry, also seems blank. His immense diversity of characters—mad-keen officer-class types, the “shabby genteel,” polite misfits, demented liberals—all share a gleaming-eyed obstinacy with a Nelsonian blindness to some obvious and enormous truth.

His movie career developed slowly, through character acting, especially lower-class character parts: a Cockney crook in *The Ladykillers*, a Scottish clerk in *Battle of the Sexes*, an “Old Mate” cinema projectionist in *Smallest Show on Earth*, the caricature-suave criminal kingpin in *The Wrong Arm of the Law*, a misanthropic

television star in *The Naked Truth*, and above all Fred Kite, the earnest Communist shop-steward, in *I'm All Right, Jack*, the performance that earned Sellers a British Academy Award and brought him international attention. A cold energy, a deadly accurate detail, an association of deference with pathos, and an absence of team spirit set Sellers's lower-class characters nearer the "angry young men" of the time and the subsequent "satire boom" than the general 1950s ethos.

Wistful pathos keyed his first star part in an international film, as the idealistic Indian doctor pursued by Sophia Loren's Shavian Superwoman in *The Millionairess*. But two stronger, atypical dramatic roles, as a ravingly irate crook in the gangster film *Never Let Go*, and as the worldly colonel in *Waltz of the Toreadors*, from Anouilh's play, strengthened the, perhaps unfair, critical opinion that, unlike Alec Guinness, he was more an impersonator of types than an actor. In three films about middle-class innocents finally learning the prevalent cynicism—*Mister Topaze* (self-directed), *Only Two Can Play* (from Kingsley Amis), and *The Dock Brief* (from John Mortimer)—his talent seemed stalled for lack of heart, or at least, modulations between his "home keys": icy rage and stiff bewilderment.

His gifts revived under a group of American directors. Pulling a Guinness, he played several roles in Jack Arnold's *The Mouse That Roared* (including a fruitily Edwardian Margaret Rutherford-type duchess). Sellers then repeated the feat in Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove* (a liberal President being desperately reasonable during nuclear apocalypse, his ex-Nazi scientific adviser, and a decent but dumb RAF colonel who almost saves the world from the brink of destruction; Sellers was set to play a fourth role in the film, as the Texas bombardier who rides a nuke to oblivion, but suffered an accident after several scenes were shot and was replaced by Slim Pickens). He had warmed up for this job with several identity-jugglings in Kubrick's earlier *Lolita*, as an enigmatic intellectual playacting a succession of characters to hound James Mason's nymphet-obsessed Humbert Humbert.

Hollywood snared Sellers for Blake Edwards's lighthearted Pink Panther films, a fusion of slapstick and "comedy of manners," about the (mis)adventures of Inspector Clouseau, an accident-prone detective braving social humiliations which would have finished a less insensitive and dimwitted man. The role was a supporting one in the first Panther film, but Sellers's tomfoolery stole the picture out from under David Niven and its other big-name stars, and Sellers's character was made the lead in the immediate follow-up, *A Shot in the Dark*, and all the remaining (and gradually deteriorating) Panther comedies from then on.

Disagreements during the shooting of Sellers's first film actually made in Hollywood, *Kiss Me, Stupid!*, generated much publicity, first from a reported clash of egos between Sellers and his director, Billy Wilder, then from the near-fatal heart attack that prompted Sellers's replacement by Ray Walston. Trimmer and healthier, he returned in *What's New, Pussycat?*, scripted by Woody Allen, in which Sellers's swinging psychiatrist intriguingly mixed gaucheries à la Clouseau with a smidgeon of Strangelove. But many unsuccessful films ensued, in which he offered awkward variations on his swinging sixties specialities (parody, pathos, awkwardness, stiffly frozen fury). Nevertheless, the Clouseau sequels proved highly popular, and kept his name in the public eye long enough for him to achieve a fine swansong (and an Oscar nomination) as the simpleminded gardener taken for a guru in Hal Ashby's quiet, mournful, comedy, *Being There*. Sellers had pursued the role for years, bombarding the novel's

author, Jerzy Kosinski, with marathon telegrams signed by its hero, Chauncey Gardiner. He imbued the film with a chilling superficiality of feeling, which a number of Sellers biographers suggest was a self-portrait. It is often said that in every clown is a Hamlet struggling to get out; Sellers was a chameleon struggling to contain a vacuum within, his biographers say. His characters' propensity to quietly fixed stares suggests not so much Stan Laurel, from whom Sellers learned them, but some furious frustration, some tantrumy dominance. If Goonish lunacy generally was exuberantly obsessive, and had soul, its essence was a manic triumph over some inner deadness.

Sellers was the type of actor-comedian whose basic character shades into a myriad of impersonations—like Peter Ustinov (for whom the role of Clouseau was first intended) or Danny Kaye (the original choice for the old Cockney busker of *The Optimist of Nine Elms*). He drew much inspiration from two more fully dramatic chameleons, Alec Guinness, renowned for stiff-upper-lip melancholy, and Laurence Olivier, especially in his cynically hollow roles (parodied by Sellers repeatedly, almost vengefully). On an abidingly popular comedy record, Sellers speaks Lennon and McCartney's *A Hard Day's Night* like Laurence Olivier doing Shakespeare; but the Sellers combines Henry V (noble resolution) and Richard III (dark treachery). So many incongruous identities, cultures, moralities, in one even vocal line, is Sellers's essence—and *ars celare artis*.

It is reputedly Sellers who endowed Fred Kite with soul, where the Boultings had envisaged only a schematically nasty "bolshie" militant. On *Strangelove*, Kubrick used three or more cameras to catch Sellers's unscripted, unpredictable, yet always in-character, improvisations. Clouseau is a classic comic figure, a silhouette as appropriate to mass affluence and its embarrassments as Tati's Hulot, but always exact and intimate, where Tati's films became remote and overblown. Sellers was surely an auteur, even if one can only dream about the Wilder film as it might have been, with Sellers and Monroe (as first envisaged), or Sellers in deeper Woody Allen films (Allen's *Zelig*, for example, another fable about "being there"). It is fittingly sardonic that Sellers's many happy collaborations with Edwards ended on a sour note, with litigation over Sellers's last "performance" as Clouseau, which was cobbled together, after his death, from the outtakes of earlier films, a life-size cutout, and other simulacra of an actor "being there."

—Raymond Durnat, updated by John McCarty

SEYRIG, Delphine

Nationality: French. **Born:** Delphine Claire Beltiane Seyrig in Beirut, Lebanon, of French parents, 10 April 1932. **Family:** Married Jack Youn-German, 1950. **Career:** 1952–55—actress on French stage; then studied at the Actors Studio, New York; 1961—French film debut in *L'Année dernière à Marienbad* brought international fame; stage work included roles in *A Month in the Country*, 1964, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, 1967, and *The Beast in the*



Delphine Seyrig (left) with Daniele Quimet in *Daughters of Darkness*

Jungle, 1981; 1970s—directed video shorts. **Awards:** Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Muriel*, 1963. **Died:** Of a lung disease, in Paris, 15 October 1990.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1958 <i>Pull My Daisy</i> (Frank) (as Mrs. Larry Rivers)</p> <p>1961 <i>L'Année dernière à Marienbad</i> (<i>Last Year at Marienbad</i>) (Resnais) (as the woman)</p> <p>1963 <i>Muriel</i> (Resnais) (as Helene)</p> <p>1965 <i>Qui êtes-vous, Polly Magoo?</i> (Klein)</p> <p>1966 <i>La Musica</i> (Duras and Seban) (as She)</p> <p>1967 <i>Accident</i> (Losey) (as Francesca)</p> <p>1968 <i>Mr. Freedom</i> (Klein) (as Marie/Madeleine); <i>Baisers volés</i> (<i>Stolen Kisses</i>) (Truffaut) (as Fabienne Tabard); <i>La Voie lactée</i> (<i>The Milky Way</i>) (Buñuel) (as prostitute)</p> <p>1970 <i>Peau d'âne</i> (<i>The Magic Donkey</i>; <i>Donkey Skin</i>) (Demy) (as Fairy Godmother)</p> | <p>1971 <i>Le Rouge aux lèvres</i> (<i>Daughters of Darkness</i>) (Kumel) (as Countess Elizabeth Bathory)</p> <p>1972 <i>Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie</i> (<i>The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie</i>) (Buñuel) (as Mme. Thevenot); <i>Le Journal d'un suicide</i> (Stanojevic) (as interpreter)</p> <p>1973 <i>Evlalie quitte les champs</i> (<i>The Star, The Orphan, and the Butcher</i>) (Savary); <i>A Doll's House</i> (Losey) (as Kristine Linde); <i>The Day of the Jackal</i> (Zinnemann) (as Colette)</p> <p>1974 <i>The Black Windmill</i> (Siegel) (as Cecil Burrows); <i>Dites-le avec des fleurs</i> (Grimblat) (as Françoise); <i>Le Cri de coeur</i> (Lallemant) (as wife)</p> <p>1975 <i>India Song</i> (Duras) (as Anne-Marie); <i>Le Jardin qui bascule</i> (Gilles) (as Kate); <i>Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles</i> (Akerman) (title role); <i>Aloïse</i> (de Kermadec) (title role); <i>Voyage en Amérique</i>; <i>Je t'aime, tu dances</i></p> <p>1976 <i>Caro Michele</i> (Monicelli) (as Adriana); <i>Son nom de Venise dans Calcutta désert</i> (Duras)</p> <p>1977 <i>Repérages</i> (<i>Faces of Love</i>) (Soutter) (as Julie); <i>Der letzte Schrei</i> (van Ackeren); <i>Baxter—Véra Baxter</i> (Duras)</p> |
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- 1980 *Le Chemin perdu* (Moraz); *Cher Inconnu (I Sent a Letter to My Love)* (Mizrahi) (as Yvette)
 1981 *Freak Orlando* (Ottinger); *Man of Destiny* (Davis—for TV)
 1983 *Le Grain de sable* (Meffre)
 1984 *Dorian Gray im Spiegel der Boulevardpresse* (Ottinger)
 1985 *Sarah et le cri de la langouste* (Bluwal)
 1986 *Letters Home* (Akerman); *The Golden Eighties* (Akerman) (as Jeanne)
 1987 *Seven Women, Seven Sins* (Sander)
 1989 *Johanna d'Arc of Mongolia* (Ottinger)

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The haunting screen image of Delphine Seyrig stands at the center of French avant-garde filmmaking since the 1960s. Her elevation to this stature is based on two films, *L'Année dernière à Marienbad* and *India Song*. Not only significant as films, these works are important for their connections with the *nouveau roman*, a style that seeks to achieve an image of the eternal present through a dynamic of frozen gesture and glances. Only the face, body, and intellect of Seyrig could lend the subtleties demanded of this form which emphasizes image and psychology over plot and dialogue. David Bordwell admirably summed up Seyrig's novelistic qualities by calling her a Proustian actress. She endows her characters with a historical complexity brought to life in the present through the simplest of gestures.

Alain Robbe-Grillet, who wrote *L'Année dernière à Marienbad*, had hoped Kim Novak would play the female lead. He wanted an actress who was less cerebral and more carnal than Seyrig. Fortunately for the dramatic and visual complexity of the film, Seyrig won the role. The film is about brainwashing; a man attempts to create in a woman's mind a past that never was in order to gain control over her present. The dramatic energy of the film is based on the woman's psychic resistance to the man. At times, the woman posed like a model, moments when the fashion-plate beauty of Seyrig works to perfection. Other times, the woman rebels or at least recoils from this positioning and rebuffs the man with wit and sophistication. Here the persona of Seyrig comes into full play. Even when capitulating to the man, there is enough lingering resistance to make the spectator question the validity of the image and wonder if it is not part of the

man's fantasy. Novak, who plays to perfection a woman conforming to all aspects of imagistic male fantasy, as in *Vertigo*, would not have been able to generate this sense of resistant intellect.

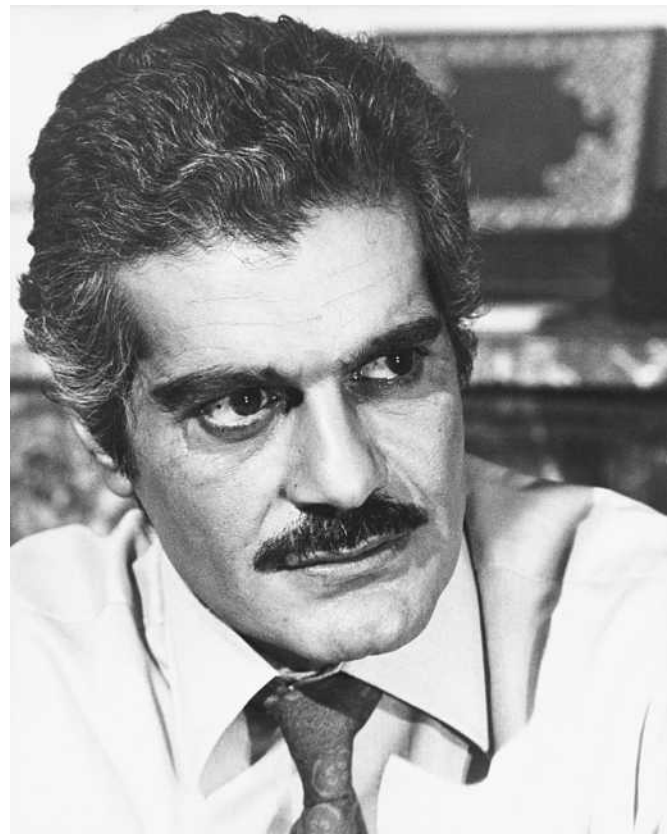
In *India Song* Seyrig perfectly embodies the upper-class *hauteur* of the femme fatale. She portrays a woman who, in the grand French manner of de Pompadour, de Staël, and George Sand, has emotional and intellectual power to enslave certain males even into her middle age. *India Song*, even more than *L'Année dernière à Marienbad*, gives the false impression of stasis. Treating mental actions and developments rather than physical ones, the film requires a commanding yet illusive presence that only Seyrig could provide. Any other actress would have made the character appear like a dress-maker's dummy in a shop window.

Between *L'Année dernière à Marienbad* and *India Song* lie other fine, if less historically significant, films: *Muriel*, *Accident*, and *Baisers volés*. Throughout her career, Delphine Seyrig embodied the intelligent and beautiful woman who approximates human perfection. She remains one of film history's most important actresses.

—Rodney Farnsworth

SHARIF, Omar

Nationality: Egyptian. **Born:** Michael Shalhoub in Alexandria, 10 April 1932; grew up in Cairo. **Education:** Attended English schools; British Victoria College, Cairo. **Family:** Married the actress Faten



Omar Sharif

Hamama, 1955 (divorced), son: Tarek. **Career:** Worked in the family lumber business for three years; 1953—film debut in Egypt; formed own production company; 1962—western film debut in *Lawrence of Arabia*; 1966—member of the team the Bridge Circus; also a bridge columnist, and made tapes for the TV series *Grand Slam*; 1986—in TV mini-series *Peter the Great*; 1987—presenter of TV show *Play Bridge with Omar Sharif*; 1990s—in TV mini-series *Sidney Sheldon's Memories of Midnight*, 1991, and *Lie Down with Lions*, 1994. **Agent:** Ames Cushing, William Morris Agency, 31/32 Soho Square, London W1V 5DG, England.

Films as Actor:

- 1953 *Sera's fil Wadi (Struggle in the Valley)* (Shahin)
 1954 *Ayamna el Hilwa (Our Happy Days)* (Halim); *Shaitan el Sahara (Devil of the Desert)* (Shahin)
 1955 *Sera'a fil Mina (Struggle in the Pier)* (Shahin); *Ard el Salam (Land of Peace)* (El-Cheikh)
 1956 *La Anam (No Sleep)* (Saif)
 1957 *Shati el Asrar (Shore of Mystery)* (Salem); *Ghaltit Habibi (My Lover's Mistake)* (Bideir)
 1958 *Goha* (Baratier); *Min Ajl Imraa (For the Sake of a Woman)* (El-Cheikh); *Mouid maa el Maghoul (A Date with an Unknown)* (Salem); *Fediha fil Zamalek (Scandal at Zamalek)* (Mustafa)
 1959 *Ehne el Talamza (We Students)* (Salem); *Sera's fil Nil (Struggle in the Nile)* (Salem)
 1960 *Eshaet Hub (Love Rumor)* (Abdel-Wahab); *Lowat el Hub (Agony of Love)* (Saif); *Nahr el Hub (River of Love)* (Zukfikar); *Hubbi el Wahid (My Only Love)* (El-Cheikh); *Gharam el Asyad (I Love My Boss)* (Naguib); *Bidaya wa Nihaya (Beginning and End)* (Saif)
 1961 *Fi Baitina Rajul (A Man in Our House)* (Barakat)
 1962 ***Lawrence of Arabia*** (Lean) (as Sherif Ali ibn el Kharish)
 1964 *The Fall of the Roman Empire* (Anthony Mann) (as Sohamus); *Behold a Pale Horse* (Zinnemann) (as Father Francisco); *The Yellow Rolls-Royce* (Asquith) (as Davich)
 1965 *La Fabuleuse Aventure de Marco Polo (Marco the Magnificent)* (de la Patellière and Noel Howard) (as Emir Alaou); *Genghis Khan* (Levin) (title role); *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (title role)
 1966 *The Poppy Is Also a Flower* (Terence Young) (as Dr. Rad)
 1967 *The Night of the Generals* (Litvak) (as Major Grau); *C'era una volta (More than a Miracle; Cinderella, Italian Style; Happily Ever After)* (Rosi) (as Prince Ramon)
 1968 *Funny Girl* (Wyler) (as Nick Arnstein); *Mayerling* (Terence Young) (as Crown Prince Rudolf)
 1969 *MacKenna's Gold* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Colorado); *The Appointment* (Lumet) (as Federico Fendi); *Che!* (Fleischer) (title role)
 1970 *The Last Valley* (Clavell) (as Vogel); *The Horsemen* (Frankenheimer) (as Uraz)
 1971 *Le Casse (The Burglars)* (Verneuil) (as Abel Zacharia)
 1972 *Le Droit d'aimer (The Right to Love; Brainwashed)* (Le Hung)
 1973 *L'isola misteriosa e il capitano Nemo (The Mysterious Island of Captain Nemo)* (Bardem) (as Captain Nemo)
 1974 *The Tamarind Seed* (Edwards) (as Feodor Sverdlov); *Juggernaut* (Lester) (as Captain Brunel); *The Return of the Pink Panther* (Edwards)
 1975 *Funny Lady* (Ross) (as Nick Arnstein); *Crime and Passion (Ace Up Your Sleeve)* (Passer) (as André Ferren)
 1976 *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (Edwards) (as Egyptian assassin)
 1979 *Bloodline* (Terence Young) (as Ivo Palazzi); *Ashanti* (Fleischer) (as the Prince)
 1980 *The Baltimore Bullet* (Miller) (as the Deacon); *Oh, Heavenly Dog!* (Camp) (as Malcolm Bart); *S*H*E* (Robert Lewis—for TV) (as Cesare Magnasco); *Pleasure Palace* (Grauman—for TV)
 1981 *Green Ice* (Day) (as Meno Argenti)
 1982 *Inchon* (Terence Young)
 1984 *Top Secret!* (Zucker, Abrahams, and Zucker) (as Cedric); *Far Pavilions* (Duffell—for TV)
 1985 *Edge of the Wind* (Ives—for TV); *Vicious Circle* (Ives—for TV)
 1986 *Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Czar Nicholas II); *Harem* (Hale—for TV) (as Sultan Hassan)
 1987 *Les Possédés (The Possessed)* (Wajda) (as Stephan Verkhovensky)
 1988 *Grand Larceny* (Szwarc—for TV) (as Rashid Saud); *Les Pyramides bleue (Paradise Calling)* (Dombasle) (as Alex); *Keys to Freedom* (Feke)
 1989 *Michelangelo and Me* (De Moro—for TV); *No Justice* (Tessari)
 1990 *Mountains of the Moon* (Rafelson) (uncredited); *Quattro piccole donne* (Albano—for TV); *The Rainbow Thief* (Jodorowsky) (as Dima the Thief); *Lion in the Desert* (Tessari—for TV); *Viaggio d'Amore (Journey of Love)* (as Rico)
 1991 *The Castle* (Foreman); *Al Moaten Al Myssri (War in the Land of Egypt)* (Salah Abou Serif); *Mayrig* (Verneuil) (as Hagop)
 1992 *Tengoku No Taizai (Heavenly Sin)* (Masuda) (as Tsai Mang Hua); *Mrs. 'Arris Goes to Paris* (Shaw—for TV) (as Marquis DeChassange); *588 Rue Paradis* (Verneuil) (as Hagop); *Beyond Justice* (Tessari) (as Emir)
 1996 *Gulliver's Travels* (Sturridge—for TV) (as the Sorcerer)
 1997 *Heaven Before I Die* (Musallam) (as Khalil Gibran)
 1998 *Mysteries of Egypt* (Neibaur) (as Grandfather)
 1999 *The 13th Warrior* (McTiernan) (as Melchisidek)

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After almost ten years as a star of the Egyptian cinema, Omar Sharif received desired international critical and popular acclaim with

his performance as Sherif Ali, Lawrence's fierce ally in David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia*. The film won an Oscar as Best Picture and Sharif was nominated as Best Supporting Actor. Quickly he became a gossip-magazine staple as the hottest new screen sex symbol. In the years that immediately followed, he courageously took on further historical characters, including Sohamus, King of the Armenians in *The Fall of the Roman Empire*, and the title role of *Genghis Khan*.

David Lean, who brought him to international acclaim, then altered Sharif's established image as a fierce warrior, when he next cast him as Dr. Yuri Zhivago, the idealistic poet caught up in the Russian Revolution and an illicit love affair. Sharif's role in the epic *Doctor Zhivago* is still the part many moviegoers primarily identify him with. The film was produced on a mammoth scale, by a major director and co-starred Julie Christie (who also was extremely popular at the time). This all contributed to *Zhivago*'s current status as a cinematic classic and Sharif's association to the main character. Three years later he was cast as Nick Arnstein opposite Barbra Streisand's Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl*. (This was his ultimate role as a man wounded in love.) For the third time in less than ten years, he was in a top-grossing film and the focus of much media attention. His real life escapades as a bridge player fueled the fan magazines with parallels between Sharif and Arnstein.

The year 1969 saw the beginning of his fall from major stardom. Once again he took on the role of a historic figure: Che Guevara in *Che!*. This time the film was a disaster and Sharif did not weather the failure. He then began to work in Europe. In the mid-1970s he returned to English-speaking roles only to be involved in three all-star failures: as Soviet spy Sverdlov opposite Julie Andrews in Blake Edwards's *The Tamarind Seed*, as Captain Brunel in Richard Lester's *Juggernaut*, and once again as Nick Arnstein opposite Streisand in Herbert Ross's *Funny Lady*. Despite an interesting performance as the opportunistic investment counselor André Ferren in Ivan Passer's underrated *Crime and Passion*, Sharif has since received only mediocre roles in mediocre or poor films. Most recently, he was uncharacteristically cast as a villain in the television movie *Gulliver's Travels*.

Sharif's offscreen life as an international playboy kept his name active in the gossip columns in the 1980s. His box-office power, however, has waned significantly from the promise of the 1960s.

—Doug Tomlinson, updated by Linda J. Stewart

SHAW, Robert

Nationality: British. **Born:** Westhoughton, Lancashire, 9 August 1927. **Education:** Attended Truro School, Cornwall; Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Jennifer Bourke, 1952 (divorced), four daughters; 2) the actress Mary Ure, 1963 (died 1975), four children; 3) Virginia Hansen, 1976, two children. **Career:** 1948–49—member of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford upon Avon; 1951—West End debut in *Hamlet*; joined Old Vic troupe, and toured in Europe and South Africa; film debut in *The Lavender Hill Mob*; 1956—in TV series *The Scarlet Pimpernel*; 1956–57—in TV series *The Buccaneers*; 1959—first of several prize-winning novels, *The Hiding Place*; later dramatized by Shaw; 1961—Broadway debut in *The Caretaker*; 1968—his play *The Man in the Glass Booth*, based on his novel, produced in both London

and New York, and in 1975 made into a movie; 1976—co-host of Academy Awards show. **Died:** In Tourmakeady, Ireland, 28 August 1978.

Films as Actor:

- 1951 *The Lavender Hill Mob* (Charles Crichton) (as police scientist)
- 1955 *The Dam Busters* (Anderson) (as Flight Sgt. Pulford)
- 1956 *Doublecross* (Squire); *A Hill in Korea (Hell in Korea)* (Amyes) (as Lance-Cpl. Hodge)
- 1959 *Sea Fury* (Enfield) (as Gorman); *Libel* (Asquith) (as first photographer)
- 1962 *The Valiant (L'affondamento della Valiant)* (Roy Ward Baker) (as Lt. Field)
- 1963 *Tomorrow at Ten* (Comfort) (as Marlow); *The Caretaker (The Guest)* (Clive Donner) (as Aston); *From Russia with Love* (Terence Young) (as Red Grant)
- 1964 *The Luck of Ginger Coffey* (Kershner) (title role); *Carol for Another Christmas* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz—for TV)
- 1965 *Battle of the Bulge* (Annakin) (as Col. Hessler)
- 1966 *A Man for All Seasons* (Zinnemann) (as King Henry VIII)
- 1968 *Custer of the West (Good Day for Fighting)* (Siodmak) (as Gen. George Custer); *The Birthday Party* (Friedkin) (as Stanley Weber)
- 1969 *Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Squadron Leader Skipper); *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* (Lerner) (as Francisco Pizarro)
- 1970 *Figures in a Landscape* (Losey) (as MacConnachie, + sc)
- 1971 *A Town Called Hell (A Town Called Bastard)* (Parrish) (as town priest)
- 1972 *Young Winston* (Attenborough) (as Lord Randolph Churchill)
- 1973 *A Reflection of Fear (Labyrinth; Autumn Child)* (Fraker) (as Michael); *The Hireling* (Bridges) (as Steven Leadbetter); *The Sting* (George Roy Hill) (as Doyle Lonnegan)
- 1974 *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three* (Sargent) (as Blue)
- 1975 *Jaws* (Spielberg) (as Quint); *Der Richter und sein Henker (Murder on the Bridge; End of the Game)* (Schell) (as Richard Gastmann)
- 1976 *Robin and Marion* (Lester) (as Sheriff of Nottingham); *Swash-buckler (The Scarlet Buccaneer)* (Goldstone) (as Ned Lynch); *Diamonds* (Golan) (as Charles/Earl Hodgson)
- 1977 *Black Sunday* (Frankenheimer) (as Kabakov); *The Deep* (Yates) (as Romer Treece)
- 1978 *Force Ten from Navarone* (Hamilton) (as Mallory)
- 1979 *Avalanche Express* (Robson) (as Marenkov)

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Robert Shaw (left) with Paul Scofield in *A Man for All Seasons*

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At the time Robert Shaw died of a heart attack in 1978, his status as a bona fide movie star was still in its infancy. But this late recognition was preceded by a long and memorable career as a character actor and villain. His classical training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art interested him in writing as well as acting. Shaw was a playwright, scenarist, and award-winning novelist, bringing a literate and literary sensibility to his screen acting.

But it was the other side of Shaw’s personality—that of an extremely competitive, quick-tempered, greedy man whose infidelities resulted in his first and second wives each giving birth to one of his children within a five-week span, and led his second wife, the actress Mary Ure, and mother of four of his ten children to suicide—that provided the raw material for his initial film image. Built on a foundation of harnessed anger, Shaw’s image was cemented through numerous performances in character roles and as arch-villains. Most notable of these were his roles as Red Grant, stalking James Bond and

sporting outrageously dyed blond hair, in *From Russia with Love*; Lord Randolph Churchill, the father of Winston Churchill, in Attenborough's *Young Winston*; and perhaps the role that best-suited the dark side of Shaw's psyche, King Henry VIII in *A Man for All Seasons*, for which, appropriately enough, he was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award.

The two films most responsible for altering Shaw's career were *The Sting* and *Jaws*. In co-starring roles he fixed himself indelibly in the public eye and secured his status as a leading man. This new position however, was unfortunately brief. The few films that followed granted him top-billing but little else in terms of popular or critical acceptance. Had he lived, he might have been able to create a leading man as colorful, memorable, or dynamic as his best villains. His failed attempts at heroic stardom seem to indicate that Shaw's particular brand of blustery ferocity was best utilized in support of, or in opposition to, the protagonist of a film.

—Bill Wine, updated by David E. Salamie

SHEARER, Norma

Nationality: American. **Born:** Edith Norma Shearer in Westmont, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 10 August 1900; became U.S. citizen, 1932. **Education:** Attended Westmont High School; Canadian Royal Academy of Music. **Family:** Married 1) the producer Irving Thalberg, 1927 (died 1936), son: Irving, daughter: Katherine; 2) Martin Arrouge, 1942. **Career:** Model, movie hall pianist, and stage actress, New York; 1920—film debut as extra in *The Flapper*; 1923—MGM contract; then a series of minor parts in films; 1927—marriage with Thalberg, an MGM producer, then series of leading roles and international popularity; 1942—last film, *Her Cardboard Lover*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *The Divorcee* (also nominated for *Their Own Desire*), 1929/30; Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Marie Antoinette*, 1938. **Died:** In Woodland Hills, California, 12 June 1983.

Films as Actress:

- 1920 *The Flapper* (Crosland) (as extra); *The Restless Sex* (Leonard) (as extra); *Way Down East* (Griffith) (as extra); *The Stealers* (Cabanne) (as Julia Martin)
- 1921 *Torchy's Millions*
- 1922 *The Leather Pushers* (Pollard—serial); *The Man Who Paid* (Apfel) (as Jeanne); *The Bootleggers* (Sheldon) (as Helen Barnes); *Channing of the Northwest* (Ince) (as Jess Driscoll)
- 1923 *A Clouded Name* (Huhn) (as Marjorie Dare); *Man and Wife* (McCutcheon) (as Dora Perkins); *The Devil's Partner* (Fleming) (as Jeanne); *Pleasure Mad* (Barker) (as Elinor Benton); *The Wanters* (Stahl) (as Marjorie); *Lucretia Lombard* (Conway) (as Mimi)
- 1924 *The Trail of the Law* (Apfel) (as Jerry Varden); *The Wolf Man* (Mortimer) (as Elizabeth Gordon); *Blue Water* (Hartford) (as Lilian Denton); *Broadway after Dark* (Bell) (as Rose Dulane); *Broken Barriers* (Barker) (as Grace Durland); *Married Flirts* (Vignola) (as herself); *Empty Hands* (Fleming) (as Claire Endicott); *The Snob* (Bell) (as Nancy Claxton); *He Who Gets Slapped* (Seastrom) (as Consuelo)

- 1925 *Lady of the Night* (Bell) (as Molly/Florence Banning); *Waking Up the Town* (Keyes) (as Mary Ellen Hope); *A Slave of Fashion* (Henley) (as Katherine Emerson); *Pretty Ladies* (Bell) (as Frances White); *The Tower of Lies* (Seastrom) (as Glory); *His Secretary* (Henley) (as Ruth Lawrence)
- 1926 *The Devil's Circus* (Christenson) (as Mary); *The Waning Sex* (Leonard) (as Nina Duane); *Upstage* (Bell) (as Dolly Haven)
- 1927 *The Demi-Bride* (Leonard) (as Ciquette); *After Midnight* (Bell) (as Mary); *The Student Prince* (Lubitsch) (as Kathie)
- 1928 *Voices across the Sea* (short); *The Latest from Paris* (Wood) (as Ann Dolan); *The Actress* (Franklin) (as Rose Trelawney); *A Lady of Chance* (Henley) (as Dolly)
- 1929 *The Trial of Mary Dugan* (Veiller) (title role); *The Last of Mrs. Cheyney* (Franklin) (title role); *The Hollywood Revue* (Reisner) (as herself); *Their Own Desire* (Hopper) (as Lally)
- 1930 *The Divorcee* (Leonard) (as Jerry); *Let Us Be Gay* (Leonard) (as Kitty Brown)
- 1931 *The Stolen Jools* (McCann—short); *Jackie Cooper's Christmas Party* (short) (as herself); *Strangers May Kiss* (Fitzmaurice) (as Lisbeth); *A Free Soul* (Brown) (as Jan Ashe); *Private Lives* (Franklin) (as Amanda Prynne)
- 1932 *Smilin' Through* (Franklin) (as Mooneyan Clare/Kathleen)
- 1934 *Riptide* (Goulding) (as Lady Mary Rexford); *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (Franklin) (as Elizabeth Barrett)
- 1936 *Mister Will Shakespeare* (Tourneur—short); *Romeo and Juliet* (Cukor) (as Juliet)
- 1938 *Marie Antoinette* (Van Dyke) (title role)
- 1939 *Idiot's Delight* (Brown) (as Irene Fellara); *The Women* (Cukor) (as Mrs. Stephen Haines)
- 1940 *Escape* (LeRoy) (as Countess Von Treck)
- 1941 *We Were Dancing* (Leonard) (as Vicki Wilomirski)
- 1942 *Her Cardboard Lover* (Cukor) (as Consuelo Croydon)

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During the Great Depression, Norma Shearer represented all the glamour and chic associated with MGM. Although her acclaimed talent as an actress rested on little more than fan magazine publicity, she was, undeniably, a major star. She consistently ranked among Hollywood's most popular performers during the 1930s, winning six Academy Award nominations for best actress between 1929 and 1938. Her marriage to Irving Thalberg was of great importance; his position made her a first lady of Hollywood while his power secured for Shearer some of her best roles. This is not to imply that Shearer's career depended upon her husband's connections. She had learned from working in silent films for such marginal outfits as Allied Producers, New Brunswick, and FBO Studios, how best to utilize her limited talents to create the ultimate image of a glamorous woman. After Thalberg's death, she completed her studio contract and then retired to a life of wealth and leisure, only rarely appearing in public. Of her films, only *The Student Prince*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *The Women* seem to hold any interest for audiences today.

—Douglas Gomery

SHEEN, Martin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ramon Estevez in Dayton, Ohio, 3 August 1940; brother of actor Joe Estevez. **Education:** Attended Chaminade High School, Dayton. **Family:** Married Janet Templeton, 1961, sons: the actors Charlie Sheen, Emilio Estevez, and Ramon Estevez, daughter: the actress Renée Estevez. **Career:** Joined Julian Beck and Judith Malina's off-off-Broadway Living Theatre, New York, late 1950s; had a key featured role on stage in *The Connection*, 1961; made his Broadway debut in *Never Live over a Pretzel Factory*; also in *The Subject Was Roses*, 1964; made film debut in *The Incident*, 1967; appeared in the TV soap opera *As the World Turns*, 1967–68; played the title role in Joseph Papp's "mod" production of *Hamlet*,

1968; appeared in *Then Came Bronson*, the first of his many TV movies and mini-series, 1969; starred in the TV series *The West Wing* as Josiah "Jed" Bartlet, President of the United States, 1999. **Awards:** San Sebastian International Film Festival Best Actor, for *Badlands*, 1974; Imagen Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998; Best Performance by an Actor in a Series-Drama Golden Satellite Award, Best Actor in a New Series TV Guide Award, for *The West Wing*, 1999. **Agent:** Innovative Artists, 1999 Avenue of the Stars, #2850, Los Angeles, CA 90067, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *The Incident* (Pearce) (as Artie Connors)
- 1968 *The Subject Was Roses* (Grosbard) (as Timmy Cleary)
- 1969 *Then Came Bronson* (William Graham—for TV)
- 1970 *Catch-22* (Mike Nichols) (as Lt. Dobbs); *The Andersonville Trial* (George C. Scott—for TV)
- 1971 *Goodbye, Raggedy Ann* (Cook—for TV); *Mongo's Back in Town* (Chomsky—for TV); *No Drums, No Bugles* (Ware) (as Ashby Gatrell)
- 1972 *Pickup on 101* (Florea) (as Les Cavanaugh); *Rage* (George C. Scott) (as Major Holliford); *Welcome Home, Johnny Bristol* (McCowan—for TV) (as Graytak); *That Certain Summer* (Lamont Johnson—for TV); *Pursuit* (Michael Crichton—for TV) (as Timothy Drew)
- 1973 *Crime Club* (Rich—for TV) (as Deputy Wilson); *Letters from Three Lovers* (Erman—for TV); *Catholics* (Gold—for TV) (as Father John Kinsella); *Message to My Daughter* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV)
- 1974 *Badlands* (Malick) (as Kit); *The Execution of Private Slovik* (Lamont Johnson—for TV) (title role); *The Story of Pretty Boy Floyd* (Ware—for TV); *The California Kid* (Heffron—for TV)
- 1975 *The Legend of Earl Durand* (John Patterson) (as Luther Sykes); *The Last Survivors* (Katzin—for TV); *Sweet Hostage* (Philips—for TV) (as Leonard Hatch)
- 1977 *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Robby Navarro); *The Little Girl Who Lives Down the Lane* (Gessner) (as Frank Hallett)
- 1978 *Eagle's Wing* (Harvey) (as Pike)
- 1979 *Apocalypse Now* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Capt. Willard)
- 1980 *The Final Countdown* (Don Taylor) (as Warren Lasky); *Loophole (Break In)* (Quested) (as Stephen Booker)
- 1982 *Gandhi* (Attenborough) (as Walker); *That Championship Season* (Miller) (as Tom Daley); *In the Custody of Strangers* (Greenwald—for TV)
- 1983 *Enigma* (Szwarc) (as Alex Holbeck); *Man, Woman, and Child* (Richards) (as Bob Beckwith); *The Dead Zone* (Cronenberg) (as Sen. Greg Stillson); *No Place to Hide* (Johnson and Bird) (as narrator); *Choices of the Heart* (Sargent—for TV); *In the King of Prussia* (De Antonio—doc)
- 1984 *The Guardian* (David Greene—for TV) (as Charlie Hyatt); *Firestarter* (Lester) (as Capt. Hollister)
- 1985 *Out of the Darkness* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Ed Zigo); *Consenting Adult* (Gates—for TV) (as Ken Lynd); *In the Name of the People* (Christopher—doc) (as narrator); *Broken Rainbow* (Mudd—doc) (as narrator); *The Fourth Wise Man* (Michael Ray Rhodes—for TV); *From Blitzkrieg to the Bomb* (doc) (as narrator); *The Real Thing* (Schnall—doc)



Martin Sheen in *Apocalypse Now*

- (as narrator); *Shattered Spirits* (Greenwald—for TV); *The Atlanta Child Murders* (Erman—for TV)
- 1986 *News at Eleven* (Robe—for TV) (as Frank Kenley); *Samaritan: The Mitch Snyder Story* (Heffron—for TV) (as Mitch Snyder); *State of Emergency* (Bennett) (as Dr. Alex Carmody)
- 1987 *Secrets of the Titanic* (Hurley—doc) (as narrator); *Siesta* (Lambert) (as Del, Claire's husband); *Wall Street* (Oliver Stone) (as Carl Fox); *Conspiracy: The Trial of the Chicago 8* (Kagan—for TV) (as James Marion Hunt); *The Believers* (Schlesinger) (as Dr. Cal Jamison)
- 1988 *Da* (Clark) (as Charlie); *Judgment in Berlin* (Leo Penn) (as Herbert J. Stern); *Walking after Midnight* (Kay—doc)
- 1989 *Beverly Hills Brats* (Sotirakis) (as Jeffrey Miller); *Beyond the Stars (Personal Choice)* (Saperstein) (as Paul Andrews); *Cold Front* (Goldstein) (as John Hyde); *Nightbreaker* (Markle—for TV) (as Dr. Alexander Brown)
- 1991 *The Maid* (Toynton) (as Anthony Wayne); *Paper Hearts* (McCall); *JFK* (Oliver Stone) (as Narrator); *Guilty until Proven Innocent* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Harold Hohne)
- 1992 *My Home, My Prison* (Muñoz) (doc) (as Narrator); *Original Intent* (Marcarelli) (as Joe); *Touch and Die* (Solinas) (as Frank); *The Water Engine* (Schachter—for TV) (as chain letter voice); *Blood on the Badge* (McCormick)
- 1993 *Hear No Evil* (Greenwald) (as Lt. Philip Brock); *Gettysburg* (Maxwell) (as Gen. Robert E. Lee); *The Killing Box (Ghost Brigade)* (Hickenlooper) (as Gen. Haworth); *The Last P.O.W.? The Bobby Garwood Story* (Georg Sanford Brown—for TV) (as Capt. Ike Eisenbraun); *Hot Shots!, Part Deux* (Abrahams) (as himself, uncredited); *A Matter of Justice (Final Justice)* (Switzer—for TV) (as Jack Brown)
- 1994 *Roswell* (Kagan—for TV) (as Townsend); *When the Bough Breaks* (Cohn) (as Police Capt. Swaggert); *Boca* (Avancini—for TV) (as Jesse James Montgomery); *Trigger Fast* (Lister) (as Jackson Baines); *Guns of Honor: Rebel Rousers* (for TV); *Running Wild* (Humer—doc) (as Dan Walker); *Fortunes of War* (Notz) (as Francis Labeck); *Hits!* (Greenblatt) (as Kelly); *One of Her Own* (Armand Mastroianni—for TV) (as Asst. D.A. Pete Maresca)
- 1995 *Gospa* (Sedlar) (as Jozo Zovko); *The Break* (Katzin) (as Gil Robbins); *Les Cent et une Nuits (A Hundred and One Nights)* (Varda) (as Furtive and Friendly Appearance);

- Dillinger and Capone* (Purdy) (as Dillinger); *Dead Presidents* (Albert and Allen Hughes) (as The Judge, uncredited); *The American President* (Rob Reiner) (as A. J. MacInerney); *Captain Nuke and the Bomba Boys* (*Demolition Day*) (Gale) (as Jeff Snyder); *Present Tense, Past Perfect* (Dreyfuss—for TV) (short); *Sacred Cargo* (Buravsky) (as Father Andrew Kanvesky)
- 1996 *Project ALF* (Lowry—for TV) (as Colonel Miltoil); *The War at Home* (Estevez) (as Bob Collier); *Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story* (Michael Ray Rhodes) (as Peter Maurin); *The Elevator* (Bologna); *The Crystal Cave* (as King Arthur); *The Great War* (Byker, Goldfarb) (as voice); *Marlon Brando: The Wild One* (Joyce—for TV) (doc) (as himself)
- 1997 *Tudjman* (doc) (as Narrator); *Titanic: Anatomy of a Disaster* (Elisco) (doc) (as Narrator); *187: Documented* (Fong) (doc) (as Voice); *Contagious* (Napolitano—for TV); *Truth or Consequences, N.M.* (Kiefer Sutherland) (as Sir); *Hostile Waters* (Drury—for TV) (as Aurora Skipper); *Spawn* (Mark A.Z. Dippé) (as Jason Wynn); *Medusa's Child* (Shaw—mini for TV) (as U.S. President)
- 1998 *Voyage of Terror* (Trenchard-Smith—for TV) (as Henry); *Taylor's Campaign* (Cohen) (as Narrator); *Stranger in the Kingdom* (Jay Craven) (as Sigurd Moulton); *Snitch* (Ted Demme) (as Hanolon); *Shadrach* (Styron) (as Narrator); *No Code of Conduct* (Michaels) (as Bill Peterson); *Gun-fighter* (Christopher Coppola) (as The Stranger); *Babylon 5: The River of Souls* (Greek—for TV) (as The Soul Hunter); *A Letter from Death Row* (Baker, Michaels); *Free Money* (Simoneau) (as New Warden)
- 1999 *Texas Funeral* (W. Blake Herron) (as Grandpa Starta); *Ninth Street* (Rebman, Willmott) (as Father Frank); *Lucky Town* (Beseth) (as The Red); *The Darklings* (Jeffrey Reiner—for TV) (as Ira Everett); *Lost & Found* (Jeff Pollack) (as Mr. Millstone); *Storm* (Done, Spano—for TV) (as General Roberts); *D.R.E.A.M. Team* (Hamilton—for TV) (as Garrison); *Forget Me Never* (Yelin, Longstreet—for TV) (as Jack); *The Time Shifters* (Azzopardi—for TV) (as Grifasi)
- 2000 *O* (Nelson) (as Coach Duke); *Seeing in the Dark*

Other Films:

- 1986 *Babies Having Babies* (d—for TV)
- 1988 *No Means No* (Auerbach) (exec pr)
- 1989 *Cadence* (*Stockade*) (d, co-sc, + ro as Sgt. Otis V. McKinney)

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- Doucette, Len, "Cameo: Citizen Sheen," in *Modern Maturity* (Lakewood, California), March/April 2000.

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Martin Sheen is a prolific, reliable actor whose versatility has been evident from the very beginning of his screen career. In his first two films, he offered fine performances as altogether different characters: a thug who terrorizes the passengers in a New York City subway car, in *The Incident*; and a young World War II veteran who becomes immersed in his parents' marital problems, in *The Subject Was Roses* (a role for which he had won acclaim on Broadway).

Early on, Sheen—along with a seemingly endless list of actors who, over the decades, have been able to strike nonconformist poses—was heralded as a "new James Dean." He gave his most Dean-like performance in Terrence Malick's cult classic, *Badlands*, playing an alienated and amoral young rebel-on-the-run who, joined by a female counterpart, goes on a killing binge. *Badlands* is a film that serves as a major link in a cinematic chain that includes *They Live by Night*, *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Thieves Like Us*, and *Natural Born Killers*. Unlike so many James Dean clones who quickly proved to be flavors-of-the-month, however, Sheen has had a substantial career. Yet his early, flashy roles never did propel him to major screen stardom. By far, the major body of his best work came in made-for-television movies and mini-series, including *That Certain Summer*, *Catholics*, *The Execution of Private Slovik*, *Sweet Hostage*, *Kennedy* (as John F. Kennedy), *The Missiles of October* (as Robert Kennedy), *News at Eleven*, *The Long Road Home*, and *Samaritan: The Mitch Snyder Story*.

Far and away the penultimate Sheen screen appearance—and most consequential credit of his career—is in Francis Coppola's much-publicized, much-analyzed Vietnam War epic, *Apocalypse Now*. Sheen has the pivotal role of the fatigued Captain Willard, who is dispatched to seek out and kill the renegade officer Colonel Kurtz (Marlon Brando). Sheen even suffered a heart attack during the film's

endlessly exhausting shoot in the Philippines. Still, with regard to its actors, it was the controversial presence and performance of Brando that was the most discussed upon the film's release, and remains so to this day. This focus on Brando does not reflect on Sheen's talent, but it does symbolize his inability to break through as a major movie star.

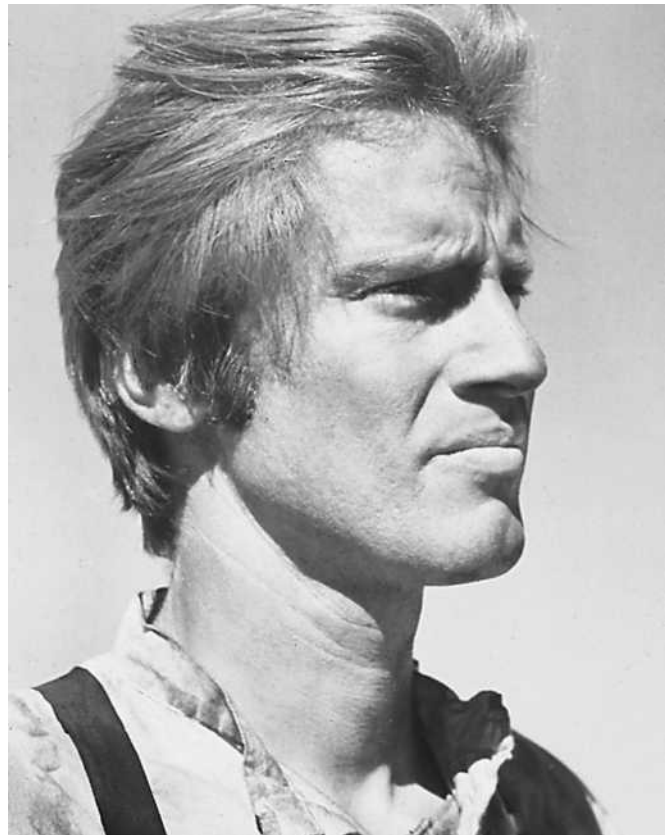
As he aged, Sheen has maintained a high profile by constantly accepting roles in TV movies, and in 1999 was cast as the U.S. President in the TV series *The West Wing*. But he has not been absent from the big screen. He has had nice supporting roles in films ranging from Oliver Stone's *Wall Street* (playing the father of real-life son Charlie Sheen) to Rob Reiner's *The American President*, with his role in the latter (as President Michael Douglas's chief of staff) providing a nice segue into *The West Wing*. He has been one of the cast members of prestigious epics (*Gandhi* and *Gettysburg*, playing General Robert E. Lee in the latter), and has narrated an endless number of documentaries and features (including Stone's *JFK*). Also of note is his political activism. Sheen is a humanist and progressive who has never avoided being at the center of an organized protest; in April 1996, he was one of 20 people arrested during a Good Friday demonstration outside the Riverside Research Institute, a Manhattan-based nuclear research facility. Sheen has translated his politics to the screen via his involvement in such projects as Maria Florio's and Victoria Mudd's *Broken Rainbow*, an Oscar-winning documentary about the resettling of Navajo Indians, and Emile De Antonio's *In the King of Prussia*, about a trial of Roman Catholic activists in Pennsylvania.

Around the late 1980s and early 90s, it could be said that Sheen's identity was related as much to his being the father of Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez as to his own professional accomplishments. In this regard, he joined the likes of Henry Fonda, John Carradine, Lloyd Bridges, Kirk Douglas, and others as the senior member of a Hollywood acting family. Yet by the late 90s, the younger Sheen and Estevez had not established screen careers to rival a Jane Fonda, Jeff Bridges, or Michael Douglas—and, with the success of *The West Wing*, Sheen Senior had jump-started his own career by becoming a high-profile television star.

—Rob Edelman

SHEPARD, Sam

Nationality: American. **Born:** Samuel Shepard Rogers VII in Fort Sheridan, Illinois, 5 November 1943. **Education:** Attended Mount Antonio Junior College, Walnut, California, 1960–61. **Family:** Married 1) the actress O-Lan Johnson, 1969 (divorced), son: Jesse Mojo; children with the actress-producer Jessica Lange, daughter: Hannah Jane, and son: Samuel Walker. **Career:** 1962—joined a theatrical repertory group but left the next year; by 1966 several of his one-act plays had been produced off-Broadway; by the late 1960s began to write film scripts and continued to write plays which were performed nationwide; 1978—selected to play the lead in *Days of Heaven*, his first of several major acting roles; 1988—wrote and directed *Far North*, and *Silent Tongue*, 1993; 1995—in TV mini-series *Streets of Laredo*. **Awards:** Three Obie Awards, 1965–66; Brandeis University Creative Arts Medal, 1976; Pulitzer Prize, for play *Buried Child*,



Sam Shepard

1978. Agent: Toby Cole, 234 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Bronco Bullfrog* (Platts-Mill) (as Jo)
- 1970 *Brand X*
- 1978 *Days of Heaven* (Malick) (as the Farmer); *Renaldo and Clara* (Dylan) (+ co-sc)
- 1980 *Resurrection* (Daniel Petrie) (as Cal Carpenter)
- 1981 *Raggedy Man* (Fisk) (as Bailey)
- 1982 *Frances* (Clifford) (as Harry York)
- 1983 *The Right Stuff* (Kaufman) (as Chuck Yeager)
- 1984 *Country* (Pearce) (as Gil Ivy); *Paris, Texas* (Wenders) (+ sc)
- 1985 *Fool for Love* (Altman) (as Eddie, + sc)
- 1986 *Crimes of the Heart* (Beresford) (as Doc Porter)
- 1987 *Baby Boom* (Shyer) (as Dr. Jeff Cooper)
- 1989 *Steel Magnolias* (Ross) (as Spud Jones)
- 1991 *Defenseless* (Martin Campbell) (as George Beutel); *Voyager* (*Homo Faber*) (Schlöndorff) (as Walter Faber); *Bright Angel* (Fields) (as Jack Russell)
- 1992 *Thunderheart* (Apted) (as Frank Coutelle)
- 1993 *The Pelican Brief* (Pakula) (as Thomas Callahan)
- 1994 *Safe Passage* (Ackerman) (as Patrick Singer)
- 1996 *Lily Dale* (Masterson—for TV) (as Peter Davenport)
- 1998 *The Only Thrill* (Masterson) (as Reece McHenry)

- 1999 *Snow Falling on Cedars* (Hicks) (as Arthur Chambers); *Curtain Call* (Yates) (as Will Dodge); *Purgatory* (Edel—for TV) (as Sheriff Forrest/Wild Bill Hickok); *Dash and Lilly* (Kathy Bates—for TV) (as Dashiell Hammett)
- 2000 *Hamlet* (Almeryda) (as Ghost); *One Kill* (Menaul—for TV) (as Major Nelson Gray); *All the Pretty Horses* (Thornton) (as Banker)

Films as Scriptwriter:

- 1968 *Me and My Brother* (Frank) (co-sc)
- 1970 *Zabriskie Point* (Antonioni) (co-sc)
- 1972 *Oh! Calcutta!* (Aucion) (co-sc)
- 1982 *True West* (Sinise and Goldstein—for TV) (+ pr)
- 1995 *Curse of the Starving Class* (McClary—for TV)

Films as Director and Scriptwriter:

- 1988 *Far North*
- 1993 *Silent Tongue*

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- La Turista*, Indianapolis, 1968.
- Operation Sidewinder*, Indianapolis, 1970.
- Mad Dog Blues and Other Plays* (includes *Cowboy Mouth*, *Cowboys No. 2*), New York, 1971.
- The Unseen Hand and Other Plays* (includes *The Rock Garden*, *4-H Club*, *Forensic and the Navigators*, *Cowboys No. 2*, *The Holy Ghostly*, *Shaved Splits*, *Back Bog Beast Bait*), Indianapolis, 1971.
- The Tooth of Crime and Geography of a Horse Dreamer*, New York, 1974.
- Action and The Unseen Hand*, London, 1975.
- Angel City and Other Plays* (includes *The Rock Garden*, *Cowboys No. 2*, *Cowboy Mouth*, *Mad Dog Blues*, *Action*, *Killer's Head*, *Curse of the Starving Class*), New York, 1976.
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- Four Two-Act Plays* (includes *La Turista*, *The Tooth of Crime*, *Geography of a Horse Dreamer*, *Operation Sidewinder*), New York, 1980.
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- Fool for Love and Other Plays* (includes *Angel City*, *Cowboy Mouth*, *Suicide in Bb: A Mysterious Overture*, *Seduced*, *Geography of a Horse Dreamer*, *Melodrama Play*), New York, 1984.
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- Paris, Texas* (screenplay), with Wim Wenders, edited by Chris Sievernich, New York, 1984.
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Sam Shepard has spent almost his entire adult life as an artist. He has written numerous plays, has published short fiction and screenplays, and has acted, directed, and collaborated on a variety of film projects with artists ranging from Bob Dylan to Wim Wenders.

After a brief stint with a theatrical repertory group and writing several one-act plays that were produced off-Broadway, it was the “transformation” techniques of actor-director Joseph Chaikin in the mid-sixties that inspired Shepard to act. Many of his film characters are concealed and enigmatic, a reflection of his own publicity-shy nature.

Shepard made his feature motion picture debut when director Terrence Malick cast him as a wealthy and mysterious farmer in *Days of Heaven*. In 1980 he co-starred opposite Ellen Burstyn in *Resurrection*. He was featured in *Raggedy Man* with Sissy Spacek, and then co-starred with Jessica Lange in *Frances*, where the two met and established a long-term relationship. He followed his performance in *Frances* with one as test pilot Chuck Yeager in *The Right Stuff* for which he received an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. Again he teamed with Jessica Lange in *Country*, then played the starring role of “Eddie” in his own screen adaptation of his long-running play *Fool for Love*, directed by Robert Altman. He also appeared in *Crimes of the Heart* with Diane Keaton, Lange, and Spacek; followed by *Baby Boom* with Keaton; *Steel Magnolias*; and nonlead roles in *Thunderheart*, *The Pelican Brief*, and *Safe Passage*. He made his film directing debut with *Far North* in 1988.

—Kelly Otter

SHIMURA, Takashi

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Shoji Shimazaki in Hyogo prefecture, 12 March 1905. **Education:** Attended night courses in English at Kansai University, late 1920s. **Family:** Married Masako, 1937. **Career:** 1928—formed amateur theater group, Shichigatsu-za; then joined a commercial group, Kindai-za, 1930, and appeared on stage in Osaka and on tour; 1939—joined the Shinsen-za group; 1934—joined the Shinko Kinema studio, Kyoto: first important film role in *Chuji uridasu*, 1935; later worked for other studios, including Makino, Nikkatsu, Shochiku, and, from 1941, Toho; 1950–54—roles in *Rashomon* and *Seven Samurai* brought international attention; appeared on television from the mid-1960s. **Died:** Of emphysema in Tokyo, 11 February 1982.



Takashi Shimura

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Chuji uridasu* (Itami); *Tora-ko* (Sasukita)
- 1936 *Umon torimonochō: Harebare gojusan-tsugi; Naniwa ereji* (Osaka Elegy) (Mizoguchi) (as the detective); *Akanishi Kakita* (Itami) (as Tsunomata); *Shura yako: Edo no hana-oshō; Hasshu kyokakujin; Maisen; Churetsu nikudan sanyushi; Hatsugaro-ondo; Irezumi chohan* (Kinugasa)
- 1937 *Seishun gonin otoko* (Part I, II); *Ryuko sokitai; Katana o nuite; Kisoji no tabigasa*
- 1938 *Jigoku no mushi* (Inagaki)
- 1939 *Myohoin Kanpachi* (Tsuji); *Shunju-ittoryu* (Marune); *Mumyo-yumyo* (Matsuda)
- 1940 *Genroku bushido; Adauchi kokyogaku* (Marune); *Zoko Shimizu-minato* (Makino); *Maboroshi-jo; Uemon torimono-cho; Uemon Edo-sugata* (as Abata no Keishiro)
- 1941 *Uchiiri zenya* (Marune); *Umi o wataru sairei* (Inagaki); *Edo saigo no hi* (Inagaki); *Miyamoto Musashi: Ichijo-ji no ketto* (Inagaki)
- 1942 *Torii Kyozaemon* (Uchida)
- 1943 *Sugata Sanshiro* (*Sanshiro Sugata*) (Kurosawa) (as Hansuke Murai)
- 1944 *Ichiban utsukushiku* (*The Most Beautiful*) (Kurosawa) (as Goro Ishida)
- 1945 *Tota no o o fumu otokotachi* (*The Men Who Tread on the Tiger's Tail*) (Kurosawa) (as Kakaoka)
- 1946 *Waga seishun ni kui nashi* (*No Regrets for Our Youth*) (Kurosawa) (as Dokuazami)

- 1947 *Ginrei no hate (Snow Trail)* (Taniguchi)
 1948 *Yoidore Tenshi (Drunk Angel)* (Kurosawa) (as Dr. Sanada)
 1949 *Shizukanaru ketto (The Quiet Duel)* (Kurosawa) (as Kyonosuke Fujisaki); *Nora-inu (Stray Dog)* (Kurosawa) (as Chief Detective Sato)
 1950 *Sukyandaru (Shubun; Scandal)* (Kurosawa) (as Hiruta); *Rashomon* (Kurosawa) (as the woodcutter)
 1951 *Hakuchi (The Idiot)* (Kurosawa) (as Ono); *Mesu-inu (Kimura); Bakui ichidai (Kimura)*
 1952 *Ikiru (To Live; Doomed)* (Kurosawa) (as Kanji Watanabe); *Ketto Kagiyanotsuji; Muteki; Bijo to yaju*
 1954 *Saikaku ichidai-onna (The Life of Oharu)* (Mizoguchi); *Shichinin no samurai (The Seven Samurai)* (Kurosawa) (as Kambei); *Gojira (Godzilla, King of the Monsters)* (Honda) (as Dr. Yamane)
 1955 *Otoko arite (Maruyama); Geisha Konatsu; Hitori neru yo no Konatsu (Aoyagi); Ikimono no kiroku (Record of a Living Being; I Live in Fear; What the Birds Knew)* (Kurosawa) (as Harada)
 1956 *Ketto Ganryu-Jima (Musashi and Kojiro; Samurai Part III)* (Inagaki) (as official)
 1957 *Kumonotsujo (Throne of Blood)* (Kurosawa) (as Noriyasu Odaguru); *Ohtoro-jo no hanayome (Matsuda); Dotanba (Uchida)*
 1958 *Chushingura (Watanabe) (as Jubei Otake); Ten to sen; Kakushi toride no san-akunin (Hidden Fortress)* (Kurosawa) (as General Izumi Nagakura)
 1959 *Kotan no kuchibue (Naruse); Shobushi ro sono musume (Shima); Sengoki gunto-den (Saga of the Vagabonds)* (Sugie) (as Toki Saemon-no-jo)
 1960 *Taiheiyo no arashi (I Bombed Pearl Harbor)* (Matsubayashi) (as Tosaku); *Warui yatsu hodo yoku nemuru (The Bad Sleep Well)* (Kurosawa) (as Moriyama); *Otoko tai otoko (Man against Man)* (Taniguchi) (as Taniguchi)
 1961 *Yojimbo (The Bodyguard)* (Kurosawa) (as Tokuemom); *Osa-ka-jo monogatari (Daredevil in the Castle)* (Inagaki); *Ai to honoho to (Challenge to Live)* (Sugawa); *Mosura (Mothra)* (Honda)
 1962 *Tsubaki Sanjuro (Sanjuro)* (Kurosawa) (as Kurofuji); *Chusingura (Inagaki); Futari no musuko (Different Sons)* (Chiba); *Yosei Gorath (Gorath)* (Honda)
 1963 *Tengoku to jigoku (High and Low)* (Kurosawa) (as the director)
 1964 *Kaidan (Kwaidan)* (Kobayashi) (as priest); *Samurai (Samurai Assassin)* (Okamoto); *Dai-tozoku (Samurai Pirate)* (Taniguchi)
 1965 *Akahige (Red Beard)* (Kurosawa) (as Tokubei Izumiya); *Sandai kaiju chikyū saidai no kessen (Ghidrah; The Three Headed Monster)* (Honda)
 1966 *Furankenshutain tai Baragon (Frankenstein Conquers the World)* (Honda); *Bankokku no yuro (Night in Bangkok)* (Chiba)
 1967 *Nippon no ichiban nagai hi (The Emperor and a General)* (Okamoto) (as information clerk)
 1968 *Kurobe no taiyo (Kumai); Zatoichi hatashi-jo (Yasuda); Gion matsuri (The Day the Sun Rose)* (Yamanuchi) (as Tsuneemon)
 1969 *Furin-kazan (Samurai Banners)* (Inagaki); *Showa zankyōden: Karajishi jingi; Zoku otoko wa tsuraiyo (Yamada)* (as the father)
 1970 *Gunbatsu (Horikawa)*

- 1971 *Otokowa tsuraiyo: Torajiro koiuta (Yamada)*
 1973 *Zatoichi's Conspiracy* (Yasuda) (as Sakuebi)
 1974 *Ranru, no hata (Yoshimura); Shinkansen diabakuha (Sato)*
 1976 *Zoku ningen kakumei (Masuda); Ninjutsu Sarutobi Sasuke*
 1982 *Ogin Sama (Love and Faith of Ogin)* (Kamai) (as Sen Rikyu)

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Takashi Shimura began his career playing villains or fools in many prewar films. His first major performance in Akira Kurosawa's *Sugata Sanshiro* began his ascendancy as one of Japan's most skillful and distinctive actors. Although he worked in numerous genres throughout his career, he is most often associated with Kurosawa's films, becoming an indispensable partner with him for 30 years.

Shimura's first starring role was as the alcoholic ghetto doctor of *Drunk Angel*. He attempts to save the life of a reckless gangster, played by Toshiro Mifune, who suffers from tuberculosis. Their performances, showing strength beneath human frailty, depicted opposing attitudes towards the confusion of optimism and despair in post-war Japan. Shimura continued to play characters with paternal relationships to the younger Mifune: in *The Quiet Duel* as a doctor who encourages his son to follow his profession; in *Stray Dog* as an older detective paired with a rookie; and in *Seven Samurai* as the leader of a group of samurai which includes Mifune.

Two of Shimura's most impressive roles were as a villainous lawyer who awakens to the meaning of justice in *Scandal* and as a middle-aged bureaucrat in *Ikiru*. Learning he has terminal cancer, Shimura's character wishes to redeem his egocentric life by building a children's park. The dramatic change of this ordinary businessman as he wavers between hope and disillusionment became Shimura's screen monument.

—Kyoko Hirano

SIGNORET, Simone

Nationality: French. **Born:** Simone-Herniette-Charlotte Kaminker in Wiesbaden, Germany, to French parents, 25 March 1921. **Education:** Attended schools in Paris; teaching degree. **Family:** Married 1) the director Yves Allégret, 1947 (divorced 1950), daughter: Catherine; 2) the actor Yves Montand, 1951. **Career:** Early 1940s—worked as teacher, then typist for *Le Nouveau Temps* newspaper; 1942—film debut in *Le Prince charmant*; 1946—leading role in *Macadam*; 1954—in stage version of French version of Miller's *The Crucible* in Paris with Montand, and in later film version, 1957; 1958—English-language role in *Room at the Top*; also appeared in *Macbeth* in London, and on television in the U.S. **Awards:** Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Casque d'or*, 1952; Best Foreign Actress, British Academy, for *Witches of Salem*, 1957; Best



Simone Signoret (right) with Vera Clouzot in *Les Diaboliques*

Foreign Actress, British Academy, Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Room at the Top*, 1959; French César for Best Actress, for *La Vie devant soi*, 1977. **Died:** 30 September 1985.

Films as Actress:

- 1942 *Le Prince charmant* (Boyer); *Les Visiteurs du soir* (*The Devil's Envoy*) (Carné); *Bolero* (Boyer)
- 1943 *La Boîte aux rêves* (Yves Allégret); *Adieu Léonard* (Prévert); *L'Ange de la nuit* (Berthomieu); *Beatrice devant le désir* (de Marguenat)
- 1945 *Les Démones de l'Aube* (Yves Allégret); *Le Couple idéal* (Roland)
- 1946 *Macadam* (*Back Streets of Paris*) (Blistène)
- 1947 *Fantômas* (Sacha)
- 1948 *Dédée d'Anvers* (Yves Allégret) (title role); *Against the Wind* (Crichton) (as Michele); *L'Impasse de deux anges* (Tourneur)
- 1949 *Manèges* (*The Cheat*) (Yves Allégret) (as Dora); *Four Days Leave* (*Swiss Tour*) (Lindtberg) (as Yvonne)
- 1950 *Le Traqué* (*Gunman in the Streets*) (Tuttle); *Ombre et lumière* (Calef) (as Isabell); *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Ophüls) (as the Whore)
- 1952 *Casque d'or* (*The Golden Helmet*) (Becker) (as Marie)
- 1953 *Thérèse Raquin* (*The Adulteress*) (Carné) (title role)
- 1955 *Les Diaboliques* (*Diabolique*; *The Fiends*) (Clouzot) (as Nicole Horner)
- 1956 *La Mort en ce jardin* (*Death in the Garden*; *Evil Eden*; *Gina*) (Buñuel) (as Djin); *Die Wind Rose* (Bellon)
- 1957 *Les Sorcières de Salem* (*Witches of Salem*) (Rouleau) (as Elizabeth Proctor)
- 1958 *Room at the Top* (Clayton) (as Alice Aisgill)
- 1960 *Les Mauvais Coups* (*Naked Autumn*) (Leterrier) (as Roberte); *Adua e le compagne* (*Love à la Carte*) (Pietrangeli) (as Adua)
- 1961 "Jenny de Lacours" ep. of *Les Amours célèbres* (Girod) (title role)
- 1962 *Term of Trial* (Glenville) (as Anna Weir)
- 1963 *Le Jour et l'heure* (*The Day and the Hour*) (Clément) (as Thérèse Dutheil); *Dragées au poivre* (*Sweet and Sour*) (Baratier) (as Geneviève); *Le Joli Mai* (Marker—doc) (as narrator)

- 1965 *Ship of Fools* (Kramer) (as La Condesa); *Compartiment tueurs* (*The Sleeping Car Murders*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Elaine Darrès)
- 1966 *Paris, brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément) (as cafe owner)
- 1967 *The Deadly Affair* (Lumet) (as Elsa Fennan); *Games* (Harrington) (as Lisa Schindler)
- 1968 *The Sea Gull* (Lumet) (as Arkadina)
- 1969 *L'Armée des ombres* (*The Shadow Army*) (Melville) (as Mathilde); *Mister Freedom* (Klein)
- 1970 *L'Aveu* (*The Confession*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Lise); *Comptes à rebours* (*Countdown*) (Pigaut); *L'Américain* (Bozzuffi) (as Leone)
- 1971 *Le Chat* (*The Cat*) (Granier-Deferre) (as Clemence); *La Veuve Couderc* (*The Widow Couderc*) (Granier-Deferre) (title role)
- 1973 *Rude journée pour la reine* (*Rough Day for the Queen*) (Allio) (as Jeanne); *Les Granges brûlées* (*The Investigator*) (Chapot) (as Rose)
- 1974 *La Chair de l'orchidée* (*Flesh and the Orchid*; *Flesh of the Orchid*) (Chereau) (as Lady Vamos)
- 1976 *The Case against Ferro* (Corneau) (as Tère Ganay)
- 1977 *Madame Rosa* (*La Vie devant soi*) (Mizrahi) (title role)
- 1978 *Judith Therpauve* (Chereau) (title role)
- 1981 *Cher Inconnu* (*I Sent a Letter to My Love*) (Mizrahi) (as Louise)
- 1982 *L'Adolescente* (*The Adolescent*) (Moreau) (as Mamie)
- 1983 *L'Etoile du nord* (Granier-Deferre) (as Madame Baron)

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Film stars—female ones, at any rate—are not supposed to grow old, and certainly not faster than the rest of us. At worst, they should age gradually and gracefully, retaining slimness and glamour well into their sixties, prompting envious mutters of "She doesn't look a day over. . . ." Simone Signoret broke all these rules, which may be why she inspired so many ungallant comparisons. Writers likened her to an aging boxer, to Brando, Michel Simon, and Margaret Rutherford. Loss of glamour may be condoned, but deliberate rejection of it, Signoret's trademark in her later years, arouses resentment. With characteristic forthrightness she titled her 1976 autobiography *Nostalgia Isn't What It Used to Be*, as if to call attention to this deliberate rejection of her earlier, glamour days.

The young Signoret radiated beauty and a ripe sensuality which glowed tangibly from the screen. She moved with the indolent languor of a woman supremely confident in her own powers of attraction; the slow, sleepy smile and the heavy-lidded eyes irresistibly evoked thoughts of warm bedrooms and summer meadows. Inevitably, she was cast time and again as a prostitute, a profession amply represented in the postwar French cinema.

So it was as a streetwalker that she first came to international notice, opening and closing the sexual carousel in Ophüls' shimmering *La Ronde*, and touchingly bemused in her scene with Gérard Philipe's emotionally anesthetized count. A year later, another period piece raised her to the summit of her early years: as Serge Reggiani's lover in Becker's *Casque d'or*, she brought to the scenes of their brief, doomed idyll an erotic intensity which suffused the whole film with immediacy and warmth.

Signoret was never petite. The breadth of her shoulders and her squarely planted stance suggested a tenacious practicality, a vulnerable strength. As a murderess, she could be both credible and sympathetic: as one of Zola's pair of guilt-ridden lovers in *Thérèse Raquin*, or as the seemingly vulnerable yet scheming blond bombshell accomplice in the homicidal labyrinth of Clouzot's *Les Diaboliques*, the role that cemented her international renown and became an archetype thereafter in imitation upon ripoff of the Boileau-Narcejac thriller, including three remakes with Tuesday Weld, Kate Vernon, and, most recently, Sharon Stone filling Signoret's shoes.

According to rumor, no British actress could be found with the requisite blend of sophistication and sensuality to play the older woman driven to suicide by her social climbing lover (Laurence Harvey) in Jack Clayton's *Room at the Top*. True or not, Signoret indisputably lacked neither; feline and exotic amid the bleak Northern terraces of the British New Wave, she picked up an Oscar for her performance in this, her first English-language film, and a string of Hollywood offers, all refused. Politics and her marriage to singer-turned-actor Yves Montand (whose international renown was also cemented by an appearance in a Clouzot film, *The Wages of Fear*) increasingly took precedence in her life. Both of them were banned from French television, radio, and state-run theaters during the 1960s, and at one point were refused entry to the United States for their left-wing views.

Defiantly unconventional, Signoret made no attempt to conceal the growing heaviness of her face and figure, even emphasizing it

with drably unglamorous roles. Often she played women oppressed by the past: a survivor of the concentration camps in Lumet's downbeat thriller *The Deadly Affair* based on a John Le Carré novel; an impressive Arkadina in the same director's *The Sea Gull*, co-starring Vanessa Redgrave, another actress known and ostracized for her political views; movingly dignified as the fated Resistance fighter in *L'Armée des ombres*; hiding frustrated love beneath outward bitterness in *Le Chat*; and vulnerability to her illicit love for doomed Oskar Werner in *Ship of Fools*. Such roles were never depressing, given the vitality of her presence.

Age could do nothing to lessen the beauty of her smile, which when it came still lit up her face with protective tenderness. Signoret had always said she would go on acting until she could play grandmothers, and now she could, superbly: a surrogate in *La Vie devant soi* and the real thing in Jeanne Moreau's nostalgically evocative *L'Adolescente*. From every man's dream mistress to every child's ideal grandmother—there are worse progressions.

—Philip Kemp, updated by John McCarty

SIMMONS, Jean

Nationality: British/American. **Born:** Jean Marilyn Simmons in London, England, 31 January 1929; became U.S. citizen, 1956. **Education:** Attended the Orange Hill School for Girls; Aida Foster School of Dancing. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Stewart Granger, 1950 (divorced 1960), daughter: Tracy; 2) the director Richard



Jean Simmons

Brooks, 1960 (divorced 1977), daughter: Kate. **Career:** 1944—film debut in *Give Us the Moon*; 1945—contract with J. Arthur Rank; 1949—on English stage in *Power of Darkness*; 1951–52—contract with Howard Hughes (RKO); 1964—U.S. stage debut in *Big Fish, Little Fish*; also toured with the musical *A Little Night Music*; in TV mini-series *The Dain Curse*, 1978, *Beggarmen*, *Thief*, 1979, *The Thorn Birds*, 1983, *North and South*, 1985, *North and South II*, 1986, *Great Expectations* (as Miss Havisham), 1989, and *Dark Shadows*, 1991; in TV series *Dark Shadows*, 1991, and *Angel Falls*, 1993. **Awards:** Best Actress, Venice Festival, for *Hamlet*, 1948. **Address:** c/o A. Morgan Maree, Jr. & Associates, 6363 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1944 *Give Us the Moon* (Guest) (as Heidi); *Mr. Emmanuel* (French); *Kiss the Bride Goodbye* (Stein) (as Molly Dodd); *Meet Sexton Blake* (Harlow) (as Eva Watkins)
- 1945 *Sports Day (The Colonel's Cup)* (Short); *The Way to the Stars (Johnny in the Clouds)* (Asquith) (as singer)
- 1946 *Caesar and Cleopatra* (Pascal) (as handmaiden/harpist); *Great Expectations* (Lean) (as young Estella)
- 1947 *Hungry Hill* (Hurst) (as Jane Brodrick); *Black Narcissus* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Kanchi); *Uncle Silas (The Inheritance)* (Frank) (as Caroline Ruthyn); *The Woman in the Hall* (Jack Lee) (as Jay Blake)
- 1948 *Hamlet* (Olivier) (as Ophelia)
- 1949 *Adam and Evalyn (Adam and Eve)* (French) (as Evalyn Wallace); *The Blue Lagoon* (Lauder) (as Emmeline Foster)
- 1950 "Sanatorium" ep. of *Trio* (French) (as Eve Bishop); *Cage of Gold* (Dearden) (as Judith Moray); *So Long at the Fair* (Darnborough and Fisher) (as Vicky Barton); *The Clouded Yellow* (Thomas) (as Sophie Malraux)
- 1953 *Androcles and the Lion* (Erskine) (as Lavinia); *Angel Face* (Preminger); *Affair with a Stranger* (Rowland) (as Carolyn Parker); *The Actress* (Cukor) (as Ruth Gordon Jones); *The Robe* (Koster) (as Diana); *Young Bess* (Sidney) (title role)
- 1954 *She Couldn't Say No* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Corby Lane); *The Egyptian* (Curtiz) (as Merit); *Desiree* (Koster) (title role); *A Bullet Is Waiting* (Farrow) (as Cally Canham)
- 1955 *Guys and Dolls* (Mankiewicz) (as Sarah Browne); *Footsteps in the Fog* (Lubin) (as Lily Watkins)
- 1956 *Hilda Crane* (Dunne) (title role)
- 1957 *This Could Be the Night* (Wise) (as Anne Leeds); *Until They Sail* (Wise) (as Barbara Leslie Forbes)
- 1958 *Home before Dark* (LeRoy) (as Charlotte Bronn); *The Big Country* (Wyler) (as Julie Maragon)
- 1959 *This Earth Is Mine* (Henry King) (as Elizabeth Rambeau)
- 1960 *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Varinia); *Elmer Gantry* (Richard Brooks) (as Sister Sharon Falconer); *The Grass Is Greener* (Donen) (as Hattie Durant)
- 1963 *All the Way Home* (Segal) (as Mary Follet)
- 1965 *Life at the Top* (Kotcheff) (as Susan Lampton)
- 1966 *Mister Buddwing (Woman without a Face)* (Delbert Mann) (as the blond)
- 1967 *Divorce American Style* (Yorkin) (as Nancy Downes); *Rough Night in Jericho* (Laven) (as Molly Lang)
- 1968 *Heidi* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (as Fräulein Rottenmeier)
- 1969 *The Happy Ending* (Richard Brooks) (as Mary Wilson)

- 1971 *Say Hello to Yesterday* (Rakoff) (as Woman)
 1975 *Mr. Sycamore* (Kohner) (as Estelle Benbow)
 1978 *Dominique* (Anderson) (title role)
 1981 *A Small Killing* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV); *Golden Gate* (Wendkos—for TV); *Valley of the Dolls* (Grauman—for TV) (as Helen Lawson)
 1984 *December Flower* (Frears—for TV)
 1985 *Midas Valley* (Trikonis—for TV)
 1987 *Perry Mason: The Case of the Lost Love* (Satlof—for TV) (as Laura Kilgallen)
 1988 *Going Undercover* (Clarke) (as Maxine De La Hunt); *The Dawning* (Knights—released in U.S. in 1993) (as Aunt Mary); *Inherit the Wind* (David Greene—for TV) (as Lucy Brady); *A Friendship in Vienna* (Arthur Allan Seidelman—for TV) (as narrator)
 1990 *The Laker Girls* (Bruce Seth Green—for TV) (as Connie Harrison); *People Like Us* (Billy Hale—for TV) (as Peach); *Sensibility and Sense* (David Hugh Jones—for TV)
 1992 *They Do It with Mirrors* (Norman Stone—for TV) (as Carrie-Louise Serrocold)
 1994 *One More Mountain* (Lowry—for TV) (as Sarah Keyes)
 1995 *Daisies in December* (Haber—for TV) (as Katherine Palmer); *How to Make an American Quilt* (Moorhouse) (as Em); *Daisies in December* (Haber—for TV) (as Katherine Palmer)
 1998 *Her Own Rules* (Bobby Roth)

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In an early screen appearance—a cameo in *The Way to the Stars* in which she briefly sang "Let him go, let him tarry" at a troop show—Jean Simmons made an instant and indelible impression. The fascination of that appearance—a song of adult sexuality performed quite unselfconsciously by a very young girl—lay in the way it collapsed any such opposition. The ambiguity was brilliantly used by David Lean in Simmons's young Estella of *Great Expectations*: indeed, the film never quite recovers from the shock of Jean Simmons growing up to be Valerie Hobson.

Typically, the British cinema of the late 1940s, divided among plodding "good taste," elephantine comedy, and determinedly risqué and much be-cleaved period melodrama, was quite incapable of developing this extraordinary talent, or even of understanding its nature. Powell and Pressburger grasped something of the persona's possibilities, but her role in *Black Narcissus* (Sabu's Indian seductress) was small and underdeveloped. Otherwise, predictably, the "innocent" side of the persona was played at the expense of the sexual; even so, her presence was registered as sufficiently provocative (especially in one so young and "sweet") for strenuous efforts to be

necessary to chastise and subdue it in *The Clouded Yellow*. Yet the presence survived it all; it even survived *Hamlet*, in which her Ophelia, despite (or perhaps because of) her inexperience in Shakespeare, despite the encumbrance of an absurd blond wig, and Olivier's turgid direction, was one of the more bearable performances.

It was Preminger in *Angel Face* who first realized fully the complexity of her potential, much to the consternation of the British critics. Here the innocent/sexual tension is fully developed in a characterization that manages to be touching, vulnerable, sensitive, selfish, manipulative, pathological, and horrific all at the same time; the devastating effect of the ending derives as much from the accumulated energies and frustrations conveyed by Simmons's performance as from Preminger's casual and poker-faced abruptness. Perfectly complementing this was her work in *The Actress*, where the unerring instinct and feminine sympathy of Cukor helped her to realize most captivatingly the persona's positive connotations, its eagerness, energy, and exuberance. These two films, with *Elmer Gantry*, mark the peak of Simmons's achievement.

Ultimately, Simmons's Hollywood career has proved scarcely more satisfying than her British one. The problem has lain partly in the persona itself and its resistance to age: its fascination, suggestiveness, and ambiguity are necessarily contingent upon youthfulness, and as the girl became a woman the persona had to be restructured. Her relationship (marital and professional) with Richard Brooks produced one more rounded and complex realization of Simmons's potentiality, her Sister Sharon in *Elmer Gantry*. Here the innocent/known ambiguity reaches a definitive formulation, the film playing on Sharon's genuineness/fraudulence, integrity/self-deception. The other Brooks collaboration, *The Happy Ending*, suffers from the director's heavy-handed approach to social significance: the film looks as if he had just read an introductory guide to feminism.

Mired in television drek such as the soapy *Angel Falls* and the recycled *Dark Shadows*, Jean Simmons remains a gallant trouser who, unlike many contemporaries, gives fully realized performances even as a guest on *Murder, She Wrote*. For adoring fans, a big-screen return in the A-picture ensemble of *How to Make an American Quilt* was cause for celebration. Pinpointing what went wrong with her film career is a graver pastime. Rumors still abound that disgruntled eccentric Howard Hughes set out to wreck her American career when he ran RKO. Whether that charge can ever be proven does not explain why she so often settled for comfortable leading lady status (*Spartacus*, *The Big Country*, *The Robe*, *The Egyptian*) when she should have been toplining her own star vehicles. In 1958 she gave heart and soul to the quasi-feminist soap opera, *Home before Dark* by audaciously conveying a woman belittled into a breakdown for not measuring up to the 1950s ideals of physical beauty and womanliness. Unleashing a tour de force in this little-seen movie, Simmons lends her radiance also to more popular melodramas such as *This Earth Is Mine*, *Until They Sail*, and the now-campy *Hilda Crane*. Is there a more apropos symbol of fifties's domestic directives than Simmons's used-goods Hilda eyeing two gorgeous marital prospects while snuggled in a mink that has seen better days? Pausing to praise her comedic éclat in *Divorce American Style* and *The Grass Is Greener* and marveling at her grasp of heart-ravaged grief in *All the Way Home*, aficionados can only shake their heads at her descent into television's *Laker Girls*. Sort of The Star that Got Away, Simmons's iridescent work brings a tinge of regret about the wasted potential of an indisputably great actress and an unrealized movie superstar.

—Robin Wood, updated by Robert J. Pardi

SIMON, Michel

Nationality: Swiss. **Born:** François Simon in Geneva, 9 April 1895. **Education:** Attended the École Evangeliste de la rue Calvin; Collège du Genève. **Family:** Married; son: François. **Career:** Worked as photographer and boxer; debut in music hall as an acrobat-clown-dancer; 1920—legitimate stage debut in *Measure for Measure* in Paris; 1922–25—member of Pitoëff troupe, Paris; 1925—film debut in *La Puissance du travail*; 1929—first big stage success in *Jean de la Lune*, and in film version, 1931; later stage roles in *Hamlet*, *Siegfried*, and *Pygmalion*; also a singer. **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Le Vieil Homme et l'enfant*, 1967. **Died:** In Bry-sur-Marne, 30 May 1975.

Films as Actor:

- 1925 *La Puissance du travail* (*La Vocation d'André Carrel*) (Choux) (as Marius Duret); *Feu Mathias Pascal* (*The Late Matthew Pascal*) (L'Herbier) (as Pomino)
- 1926 *L'Inconnue des six jours* (Sti) (as servant)
- 1927 *Casanova* (Volkoff)
- 1928 *La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc* (*The Passion of Joan of Arc*) (Dreyer) (as Judge Lemaitre); *Tire au flanc* (Renoir) (as Joseph)
- 1929 *Pivoine* (Sauvage) (title role); *L'Enfant de l'amour* (L'Herbier) (as Loredan)
- 1931 *Jean de la Lune* (Choux) (as Clotaire); *On purge Bébé* (Renoir) (as Chouilloux); *La Chienne* (Renoir) (as Maurice Legrand); *Baleydier* (Mamy) (title role)
- 1932 *Boudu sauvé des eaux* (*Boudu Saved from Drowning*) (Renoir) (title role)
- 1933 *Miquette et sa mère* (Maurice) (as Monchablon); *Du haut en bas* (Pabst) (as Bodoletz); *Leopold le bien-aimé* (Brun) (as Ponce)
- 1934 *L'Atalante* (Vigo) (as Le Père Jules); *Lac aux Dames* (Marc Allégret) (as Oscar Lissenhop); *Le Bonheur* (L'Herbier) (as Noël Malpias)
- 1935 *Quand la vie était belle* (*Le Bébé de l'Escadron*) (Sti) (as Perrot-Joly); *Ademat au Moyen-Age* (de Marguenat) (as Lord Pickwickdam); *Amants et voleurs* (Bernard) (as Doizeau)
- 1936 *Sous les yeux d'occident* (Razumov) (Marc Allégret) (as Lespera); *Moutonnet* (*Moutonnet à Paris*; *Une Aventure de Moutonnet*) (Sti) (as Frecheville); *Les Jumeaux de Brighton* (Heymann) (as La Brosse); *Le Mort en fuite* (Berthomieu) (as Achille Baluchet); *Jeunes filles de Paris* (Vermorel) (as Milord et Baron de Beaupoil); *Faisons un rêve* (Guitry) (as himself)
- 1937 *La Bataille silencieuse* (*Le Poisson Chinois*) (Billon) (as Captain Sauvin); *Naples au baiser de feu* (*The Kiss of Fire*) (Genina) (as Michel); *Boulot aviateur* (*Fripions, voleurs, et cie*) (de Canonge) (as Baron Bobeche); *Drôle de drame* (*Bizarre Bizarre*) (Carné) (as Félix Chapel/Irwin Molyneux); *Si tu m'aimes* (*Mirages*) (Ryder) (as Michel); *Le Choc en retour* (Monca and Keroul) (as Laverdac)
- 1938 *Les Disparus de Saint-Agil* (*Boys School*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Lemel); *Le Quai des brumes* (*Port of Shadows*) (Carné) (as Zabel); *Les Nouveaux Riches* (Berthomieu) (as Martinet); *La Chaleur du sein* (Boyer) (as Michel Quercy); *Le Ruisseau* (Autant-Lara) (as Comte Edouard de Bourgogne); *Belle étoile* (de Baroncelli) (as Leon)
- 1939 *Eusèbe Deputé* (Berthomieu) (as Eusèbe Bonbonneau); *Le Dernier Tournant* (Chenal) (as Nick Marino); *Noix de Coco* (Boyer) (as Jossierand); *Le Fin de jour* (*The End of a Day*) (Duvivier) (as Cabrissade); *Cavalcade d'amour* (Bernard) (as Diogene); *Circonstances atténuantes* (*Extenuating Circumstances*) (Boyer) (as the lawyer); *Fric-Frac* (Autant-Lara) (as Jo-les-bras-coupés); *Derrière la façade* (*32 Rue Montmartre*) (Lacombe) (as Picking); *Les Musiciens du ciel* (Lacombe) (as Captain Simon); *Paris New York* (Mirande and Heymann) (as Boucheron)
- 1940 *La Comédie du bonheur* (L'Herbier) (as Jourdain); *La Tosca* (*The Story of Tosca*) (Koch) (as Scarpia)
- 1942 *Il se sè divertit* (*The King's Jester*) (Bonnard) (as Triboulet); *La Dame de l'ouest* (Koch) (as Carras)
- 1943 *Au bonheur des Dames* (*Shop-Girls of Paris*) (Cayatte) (as Baudu); *Vautrin* (*Vautrin the Thief*) (Billon) (title role)
- 1945 *Un Ami viendra ce soir* (*A Friend Will Come Tonight*) (Bernard) (as Michel Lemaret)
- 1946 *Panique* (*Panic*) (Duvivier) (as Hire); *La Taverne de poisson couronne* (Chanas) (as Captain Palmer)
- 1947 *Non coupable* (*Not Guilty*) (Decoin) (as Dr. Ancelin); *Les Amants du Pont Saint-Jean* (Decoin) (as Garonne); *La Carcasse et le Tord-Cou* (Chanas) (as Le Tord-Cou)
- 1948 *Fabiola* (Blasetti) (as Fabian Sévère)
- 1949 *La Beauté du diable* (*Beauty and the Devil*) (Clair) (as Faust/Mephistopheles); *Women in Prison* (Radvanyi)
- 1950 *Les Deux Verités* (Leonviola) (as Maître Simoni)
- 1951 *La Poisson* (Guitry) (as Paul Braconier)
- 1952 *La Fille au fouet* (Dreville); *Brelan d'As* (Verneuil) (as Maigret); *Monsieur Taxi* (Hunebelle) (as Pierre Verger); *Le Rideau rouge* (Barsacq) (as Lucien Bertal); *Le Chemin de Damas* (Glass) (as Caiphe); *La Vie d'un honnête homme* (*The Virtuous Scoundrel*) (Guitry) (as Alain/Albert); *Il mercante de Venezia* (*The Merchant of Venice*) (Billon) (as Shylock); *Femmes de Paris* (Boyer) (as Buisson)
- 1953 *L'Etrange Désir de M. Bard* (Radvanyi) (as Bard); *Saadia* (Lewin) (as Bou Rezza); *Par ordre du Tsar* (Haguet) (as Général Witgenstein); *Quelques pas dans la vie* (Blasetti)
- 1955 *L'Impossible M. Pipelet* (Hunebelle) (as Maurice Martin); *Les Mémoires d'un flic* (Foucaud) (as Inspector Dominique)
- 1956 *La Joyeuse Prison* (Berthomieu) (as Benoit)
- 1957 *Les Trois font la paire* (Duhour) (as Commissar Bernard); *Un Certain M. Jo* (Jolivet) (title role)
- 1959 *Es geschah am hellichten Tag* (*It Happened in Broad Daylight*) (Vajda); *La Femme nue et Satan* (*The Head*) (Trivas) (as Professor Abel); *Austerlitz* (Gance)
- 1960 *Pierrot la tendresse* (Villiers) (title role); *Candide* (Carbonnaux) (as Colonel Nanar)
- 1961 *Le Bateau d'Emile* (*Le Homard flambé*) (de la Patellière) (as Charles-Edmond Larmontiel)
- 1962 *Le Diable et les dix commandments* (*The Devil and the Ten Commandments*) (Duvivier) (as Jerome Chambard); *Cyrano et D'Artagnan* (Gance) (as Mauvieres)
- 1963 *The Train* (Frankenheimer) (as Papa Boule); *Mondo di notte* (Ecco) (Proia—doc)
- 1965 *Deux heures à tuer* (Govar) (as Nénette)

- 1967 *Le Vieil Homme et l'enfant* (*The Two of Us*) (Berri) (as Pépé);
Ce sacre grand-père (*The Marriage Came Tumbling Down*)
 (Poitrenaud) (as Jéricho)
- 1970 *Contestation Generale* (Zampa); *La Maison* (Brach) (as Jacques Compiegne)
- 1971 *Blanche* (Borowczyk) (as the lawyer)
- 1972 *La più bella serata della mia vita* (Scola) (as Zorn)
- 1973 *Evalie quitte les champs* (*The Star, The Orphan, and the Butcher*) (Savary)
- 1975 *L'Ibis rouge* (Mocky) (as Zizi)

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Michel Simon shared with a very few other great stars, notably Charles Laughton, a kind of lifelong personal struggle with his physical appearance, an appearance which nevertheless was to be the essence of his very special appeal as an actor. Like Laughton, Simon's

homeliness, even ugliness, was in itself a part of his deeply sympathetic personality on the screen. Before going on stage he had been a professional boxer and acrobatic clown, entering the theater in 1918 when in his early twenties. He was already in his thirties before he made any mark in films, though well-established in the theater. There are glimpses of him, however, in notable silent films, such as Marcel L'Herbier's Pirandellian *Feu Mathias Pascal* and Carl Dreyer's *La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc*, but he achieved film stardom in Jean Choux's *Jean de la lune*, a film version of the play by Marcel Achard in which he had achieved success on the stage. It was in sound films that he best fulfilled his unique capacity to interpret the more bizarre character roles that matched his massive bulk, his twisted-up facial expression, and his rough, corn-creaky, semiarticulate voice, with which he managed to project extraordinary comic effects. Jean Renoir, who himself had to cope with an ungainly body and a homely, if kindly, face, took to him, and together, with the coming of sound, they created two eccentric comedies, *On purge Bébé* (after Feydeau) and *Boudu sauvé des eaux*, and, in total contrast, the tragic *La Chienne*. Renoir describes with delight the eccentric character of Simon and his pleasure at working with him in his book *My Life and My Films*.

Simon's output of films was to continue for the next quarter century, led initially by his grotesquely comic performance in the star role of a good-natured mate of a barge plying the Seine in Jean Vigo's film, *L'Atalante*. His more notable prewar serious parts came in the films of Marcel Carné, *Drôle de drame* and the poetic *Quai des brumes*, in Christian-Jaque's film of a boy's school, *Les Disparus de Saint-Agil*, and in Julien Duvivier's *La Fin de jour*. He also appeared with Arletty in a farcical film, *Fric-Frac*, which they had both played on the stage.

With the coming of war and the occupation, Simon, now in his fifties, remained in France, but appeared in fewer films, and those of a kind very different from the predominantly proletarian parts of the past. He worked in costume drama, playing, for example, Scarpia in the film *La Tosca* and Rigoletto in *Il re se diverte*, both Italian films, a genre he was to continue after the war in the Italian *Fabiola*; he starred as Shylock in *Il mercante de Venezia* and as Faust/Mephistopheles in René Clair's *La Beauté du diable*. His other principal genre became crime films, including the title role of the thief in *Vautrin* and the criminal in Duvivier's *Panique*.

In his private life, apart from a single brief period of marriage, Simon remained virtually a recluse, and in 1957 he suffered near exclusion from his profession through a serious injury to the nervous system caused by a dye he had used for makeup; this brought on partial paralysis from which it took time for him to recover. Nevertheless, he achieved a magnificent performance in 1967 in *Le Vieil Homme et l'enfant* as a French peasant whose anti-Jewish prejudice is overcome through caring for a small Jewish boy during the period of the occupation. Simon continued to appear in French and Italian productions until 1975, the year of his death.

—Roger Manvell

SIMON, Simone

Nationality: French. **Born:** Bethune, 23 April 1910 (other sources give 1911 or 1914); grew up in Marseilles. **Career:** Worked briefly as fashion designer and model, Paris; 1931—stage debut in the operetta



Simone Simon

Balthazar, Paris; film debut in *Le Chanteur inconnu*; 1935–38—contract with 20th Century-Fox; U.S. film debut in *Girls' Dormitory*; 1938—in French film with Jean Gabin, *La Bête humaine*; on U.S. stage in *Three after Three*; 1941—in *Charlot's Revue* in Hollywood, and on vaudeville tour; 1966—on Paris stage in *La Courte Paille*.
Address: 5 rue de Tilsitt, Paris 75008, France.

Films as Actress:

- 1931 *Le Chanteur inconnu* (Tourjansky); *Un Opère sans Douleur* (Tarride); *La petite chocolatière* (Hervil); *Mam'zelle Nitouche* (Marc Allégret)
- 1932 *Un Fils d'Amerique* (Gallone); *Le Roi des palaces* (Gallone); *L'Étoile de valence* (de Poligny)
- 1933 *Tire au flanc* (Renoir)
- 1934 *Le Voleur* (Jacques Tourneur)
- 1935 *Les Yeux no irs* (*Dark Eyes*) (Tourjansky) (as Tania); *Les Beaux Jours* (Marc Allégret); *Prenez Garde à la Peinture* (Chomette); *Lac aux Dames* (Marc Allégret) (as Puck)
- 1936 *Girls' Dormitory* (Cummings) (as Marie Claudel); *Ladies in Love* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Marie Armand)
- 1937 *Seventh Heaven* (Henry King) (as Diane); *Love and Hisses* (Lanfield) (as Yvette Guerin)
- 1938 *La Bête humaine* (*Judas Was a Woman*) (Renoir) (as Séverine); *Josette* (Dwan) (as Renée Le Blanc)
- 1941 *All that Money Can Buy* (*The Devil and Daniel Webster*) (Dieterle) (as Belle)

- 1942 *Cat People* (Jacques Tourneur) (as Irena Dubrovna)
- 1943 *Tahiti Honey* (Auer) (as Suzie)
- 1944 *The Curse of the Cat People* (Fritsch and Wise) (as Irena); *Mademoiselle Fifi* (Wise) (as Elizabeth Rousset); *Johnny Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (*And So They Were Married*) (Joe May) (as Kathie Aumont)
- 1946 *Pétrus* (Marc Allégret)
- 1947 *Temptation Harbour* (*Le Port de la tentation*) (Comfort) (as Camelia)
- 1950 *Olivia* (*Pit of Loneliness*) (Audry); *La Ronde* (*Circle of Love*) (Max Ophüls) (as Marie, the maid)
- 1951 *Donna senza nome* (*Women without Names*) (Radvanyi) (as Yvonne)
- 1952 "The Model" ep. of *Le Plaisir* (*House of Pleasure*) (Max Ophüls) (as Josephine)
- 1954 *I tre ladri* (De Felice); *Double Destin* (Vicas)
- 1956 *The Extra Day* (Fairchild) (as Michele Blanchard)
- 1973 *La Femme en bleu* (Deville)

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Simone Simon was originally brought to the United States to repeat her French ingenue roles. Even though a talented actress, she never achieved any level of popularity with American audiences. Twentieth Century-Fox even attempted to promote her as a singing star in *Love and Hisses* and *Josette*, but her weak voice undid that strategy. Her Hollywood films are mostly forgotten except for the quartet she made at RKO.

In *All that Money Can Buy*, Simon plays the devil's emissary who steals a good man away from his wife. This role probably led to her selection as the lead in her best-known American film, *Cat People*, and its sequel *The Curse of the Cat People*. Playing a foreign wife who fears the consequences of sex, her accent adds to the films' strange atmospheric qualities. Finally she made *Mademoiselle Fifi*, an adaptation of two de Maupassant stories about a French laundress who defies the occupying German forces during the Franco-Prussian War. This patriotic indictment of collaboration was unpopular in the United States, and although it was the first American film to be shown in France after the Normandy invasion, it failed to find an audience. Thus, what some critics consider to be Simon's best Hollywood work

went largely unseen, and she returned to Europe and her minor triumphs in Ophüls's *La Ronde* and *Le Plaisir*.

—Anthony Ambrogio

SINATRA, Frank

Nationality: American. **Born:** Francis Albert Sinatra in Hoboken, New Jersey, 12 December 1915. **Education:** Attended David E. Rue Junior High School and Demarest High School, Hoboken. **Family:** Married 1) Nancy Barbato, 1939 (divorced 1950), daughters: the singer Nancy and Christina, son: Frank Jr.; 2) the actress Ava Gardner, 1951 (divorced 1957); 3) the actress Mia Farrow, 1966 (divorced 1968); 4) Barbara Marx, 1976. **Career:** 1935—singer with Hoboken Four: winner of Major Bowes' Amateur Hour contest, and appeared in short film; solo singer at clubs; 1939—singer with Harry James Band; first recordings; 1940–42—singer with Tommy Dorsey Band; 1942—first appearance as solo singer in New York; 1943–44—on radio program *Your Hit Parade* (also appeared on the show, 1947–49); 1945–47—on radio program *Songs by Sinatra*; 1950–52—in the musical TV series *The Frank Sinatra Show*; 1953—serious film role in *From Here to Eternity*; 1956—produced the film *Johnny Concho*; 1957–58—in the music and drama TV series *The Frank Sinatra Show*; 1960—formed his own record company, Reprise Records; 1965—directed the film *None but the Brave*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *From Here to Eternity*, 1953;



Frank Sinatra

Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, 1970. **Died:** 14 May 1998, in Los Angeles, of acute heart attack.

Films as Actor:

- 1935 *Major Bowes' Amateur Theatre of the Air* (Auer) (as singer)
- 1941 *Las Vegas Nights* (Murphy) (as band singer)
- 1942 *Ship Ahoy* (Buzzell) (as band singer)
- 1943 *Reveille with Beverly* (Barton) (as singer); *Higher and Higher* (Whelan) (as Frank); *Show Business at War* (*March of Time* series) (short)
- 1944 *The Road to Victory* (Prinz) (as himself); *Step Lively* (Whelan) (as Glen)
- 1945 *The All Star Bond Rally* (Audley) (as himself); *Anchors Aweigh* (Sidney) (as Clarence Doolittle); *The House I Live In* (LeRoy) (as himself)
- 1946 *Till the Clouds Roll By* (Whorf) (as himself)
- 1947 *It Happened in Brooklyn* (Whorf) (as Danny Miller)
- 1948 *The Miracle of the Bells* (Pichel) (as Father Paul); *The Kissing Bandit* (Benedek) (as Ricardo)
- 1949 *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* (Berkeley) (as Dennis Ryan); *On the Town* (Donen and Kelly) (as Chip); *Adam's Rib* (Cukor) (voice only)
- 1951 *Double Dynamite* (Cummings) (as Emile Keck); *Meet Danny Wilson* (Pevney) (title role)
- 1953 *From Here to Eternity* (Zinnemann) (as Angelo Maggio)
- 1954 *Suddenly* (Lewis Allen) (as John Baron)
- 1955 *Young at Heart* (Gordon Douglas) (as Barney Sloan); *Not as a Stranger* (Kramer) (as Alfred Boone); *The Tender Trap* (Walters) (as Charlie Reader); *Guys and Dolls* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Nathan Detroit); *The Man with the Golden Arm* (Preminger) (as Frankie Machine)
- 1956 *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Viva *Las Vegas*) (Rowland) (as himself); *High Society* (Walters) (as Mike Connor); *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Anderson) (as piano player)
- 1957 *The Pride and the Passion* (Kramer) (as Miguel); *The Joker Is Wild* (Charles Vidor) (as Joe E. Lewis); *Pal Joey* (Sidney) (title role)
- 1958 *Kings Go Forth* (Daves) (as Lt. Sam Loggins); *Some Came Running* (Minnelli) (as Dave Hirsh)
- 1959 *Invitation to Monte Carlo* (Lloyd) (as himself); *A Hole in the Head* (Capra) (as Tony Manetta); *Never So Few* (John Sturges) (as Captain Tom Reynolds)
- 1960 *Can-Can* (Walter Lang) (as Francois Durnais); *Ocean's Eleven* (Milestone) (as Danny Ocean); *Pepe* (Sidney) (as himself)
- 1961 *The Devil at Four O'Clock* (LeRoy) (as Harvey)
- 1962 *Sinatra in Israel* (short) (as himself); *The Road to Hong Kong* (Panama) (as himself); *The Manchurian Candidate* (Frankenheimer) (as Bennett Marco)
- 1963 *Come Blow Your Horn* (Bud Yorkin) (as Alan Baker); *The List of Adrian Messenger* (Huston) (as Gypsy stableman); *Four for Texas* (Aldrich) (as Mack Thomas)
- 1964 *Paris When It Sizzles* (Quine) (as singing voice)
- 1965 *Von Ryan's Express* (Robson) (as Colonel Joseph Ryan); *Marriage on the Rocks* (Donohue) (as Dan Edwards)
- 1966 *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson) (as David "Mickey" Marcus); *The Oscar* (Rouse) (as himself); *Assault on a Queen* (Donohue) (as Mark Brittain)

- 1967 *The Naked Runner* (Furie) (as Sam Laker); *Tony Rome* (Gordon Douglas) (title role)
- 1968 *The Detective* (Gordon Douglas) (as Joe Leland); *Lady in Cement* (Gordon Douglas) (as Tony Rome)
- 1970 *Dirty Dingus Magee* (Kennedy) (title role)
- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley—compilation) (as narrator)
- 1977 *Contract on Cherry Street* (Graham—for TV) (as Detective Frank Horannes)
- 1984 *Cannonball Run II* (Needham) (as himself)
- 1988 *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* (Zemeckis) (as voice of Singing Sword)
- 1989 *Entertaining the Troops* (doc)
- 1990 *Listen Up!: The Lives of Quincy Jones* (Weissbrod—doc)
- 1995 *Young at Heart* (for TV) (as himself); *The Films of John Frankenheimer* (Emery) (as himself); *Sinatra: 80 Years My Way* (as himself)
- 1996 *Rodgers & Hammerstein: The Sound of Movies* (Burns—for TV) (archive footage)

Films as Actor and Producer:

- 1956 *Johnny Concho* (McGuire) (title role)
- 1962 *Sergeants 3* (John Sturges) (as Sgt. Mike Merry)
- 1964 *Robin and the Seven Hoods* (Gordon Douglas) (as Robbo)
- 1980 *The First Deadly Sin* (Hutton) (as Edward Delaney, exec pr)

Film as Actor, Director, and Producer:

- 1965 *None but the Brave* (as Chief Pharmacist Mate Maloney)

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Frank Sinatra's acting has been notable for its variety of roles and versatility of styles. Appearing in many different types of films, he has made particular contributions to musicals, dramas, action/adventure films, and comedies. To a certain extent his film career has paralleled his singing career. As he grew older, he became more serious and introspective, sometimes more personal, as a singer. He sought new material and different arrangements in a conscious evolution of vocal style. Similarly, in films he turned from youthful, singing roles to serious, dramatic ones during the 1950s in an attempt to establish himself as an actor. His uncanny ability to choose just the right material to sing, however, has not always worked for him on the screen. Although he has had remarkable success in certain, very disparate films—*On the Town*, *From Here to Eternity*, *A Hole in the Head*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *The Detective*—he has also seemed frequently miscast or indifferent in others—*Guys and Dolls*, *Can Can*, and *The Pride and the Passion*. Nevertheless, he is probably as well known as a screen star as he is as a recording artist.

Sinatra's earliest roles exploited an image that had contributed to his popularity as a singer—the skinny kid who needs mothering. In several of the films, he played opposite a strong female character who had to teach him about love. In *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*, for example, Betty Garrett's Shirley chases Sinatra's Dennis Ryan, aggressively overcoming his reticence. At one point, she even picks him up and carries him off the baseball field. The two were paired in almost identical roles in *On the Town* as well. He was also cast in *Anchors Aweigh* as the younger partner who could not succeed in getting the leading lady to fall for him, but who realizes in time that a less sophisticated girl is the one he really loves.

Dissatisfied, however, with that image and the roles in those musicals, Sinatra left MGM. Although he appeared in subsequent musicals, it is primarily in dramatic roles that Sinatra has achieved success since he played Maggio in *From Here to Eternity* (the role that won him an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor). Pivotal to that change in emphasis for his career, Maggio was a role for which Sinatra campaigned, and it led to further roles of dramatic power and significance, usually as a character whose tough facade hides his vulnerability. Such contradictions often lead to the film's dramatic conflict as in *The Man with the Golden Arm*, *The Joker Is Wild*, *Some Came Running*, and *The Detective*.

Sinatra's versatility as a screen actor is especially represented by his roles in comedies and adventure films. In both genres he avoids the pretentiousness of some of his less successful serious roles while still displaying a personal style akin to some of his best work as a singer. As Alan Baker, the older brother teaching the younger about sex in *Come Blow Your Horn*, as Tony Manetta, the playboy father working to raise a son in *A Hole in the Head*, or as Colonel Joseph Ryan leading a group of soldiers in a dangerous act of sabotage during World War II in *Von Ryan's Express*, Sinatra plays characters who assert themselves in precarious, though often funny, situations. They frequently make big mistakes in the process, but manage ultimately to turn the mistakes into successes. Moreover, as a result, the character learns a great deal about himself and proves to be a more responsible, endearing individual than the self-centered cad he seemed at first.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Sinatra and other actors such as Shirley MacLaine, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr.—who appeared in several films together—became known as the "Rat Pack." (Sinatra has also been nicknamed "Chairman of the Board of Show Business," or just "Chairman of the Board.") His leadership of the Rat Pack and the stories of Sinatra's impatience with film production practices and lack of cooperation on the set are legendary. Certain

films, particularly *The Pride and the Passion*, may have been compromised because of his intransigence. In addition, many other aspects of his offscreen life are often difficult to separate from his on-screen performances. Nevertheless, such a separation must be made because he created a significant number of diverse roles over a 40-year career.

—Jerome Delamater, updated by Linda J. Stewart

SLOANE, Everett

Nationality: American. **Born:** New York City, 1 October 1909. **Education:** Attended Public School No. 46; Townsend Harris High School, New York; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. **Family:** Married Luba Herman, 1933, son: Ned, daughter: Erika. **Career:** 1927—joined Jasper Deeter's stock company, Moylan, Pennsylvania; 1928—New York stage debut; then worked for a Wall Street broker; 1929—radio actor: over the next few years appeared in *The Goldbergs*, *The Crime Doctor*, and, for eight years, *The Shadow*; 1935—Broadway debut in *Boy Meets Girl*; 1938—joined Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre, and appeared in many of its radio productions; 1941—film debut in Welles's *Citizen Kane*; 1944—on Broadway in *A Bell for Adano*; 1950s—in many television series and plays, notably Rod Sterling's *Patterns* and *Noon on Doomsday*; directed the stage plays *Twilight Bar* and *The Dancer*. **Died:** Suicide, 6 August 1965.

Films as Actor:

- 1941 *Citizen Kane* (Welles) (as Bernstein)
- 1942 *Journey into Fear* (Foster) (as Kopeikin)
- 1948 *The Lady from Shanghai* (Welles) (as Arthur Bannister)
- 1949 *Prince of Foxes* (King) (as Belli)
- 1950 *The Men* (Zinnemann) (as Dr. Brock)
- 1951 *The Enforcer* (Windust) (as Albert Mendoza); *Bird of Paradise* (Daves) (as beachcomber); *The Prince Who Was a Thief* (Maté) (as Yussef); *Sirocco* (Bernhardt) (as General LaSalle); *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt) (as District Attorney); *The Desert Fox* (Hathaway) (as General Burgdoff)
- 1952 *The Sellout* (Mayer) (as Nelson Tarsson); *Way of a Gaucho* (Tourneur) (as Falcon)
- 1955 *The Big Knife* (Aldrich) (as Nat Danziger)
- 1956 *Patters* (Cook) (as Walter Ramsey); *Somebody Up There Likes Me* (Wise) (as Irving Cohen); *Lust for Life* (Minnelli) (as Dr. Gachet)
- 1958 *Marjorie Morningstar* (Rapper) (as Arnold Morgenstern); *The Gun Runners* (Siegel)
- 1960 *Home from the Hill* (Minnelli) (as Albert Halstead)
- 1961 *By Love Possessed* (Sturges) (as Reggie)
- 1962 *Brushfire* (Warner) (as Chevern McCase)
- 1963 *The Man from the Diner's Club* (Tashlin) (as Martindale)
- 1964 *The Patsy* (Lewis) (as Caryl Ferguson); *Ready for the People* (Kulik) (as Paul Boyer); *The Disorderly Orderly* (Tashlin) (as Mr. Tuffington)

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Everett Sloane ranks as one of Hollywood’s great character actors. His subtle performance as Bernstein in *Citizen Kane* guarantees him a secure niche in any history of film. Indeed, when Everett Sloane’s name is mentioned the image which comes to mind is “Bernstein,” the thin, little man with huge piercing eyes, and the vitriolic voice. Sloane will also long be remembered for his work in *The Lady from Shanghai*, *The Men*, and *The Big Knife*.

But Sloane had another distinguished acting career before he ever made his way to Hollywood. A native New Yorker, he first gravitated to the stage at age seven and from then on vowed to become an actor. But try as he might, initially he could not “make it” on Broadway. So like many of his generation he gravitated to the then-fledgling world of radio drama.

During the 1930s Sloane was a fixture on America’s airwaves. He acted in everything from *Buck Rogers* to *Crime Doctor* to *The Goldbergs*, and appeared for eight years in *The Shadow*. In this last show he met up with the then-radio wunderkind Orson Welles and joined the Mercury Theatre of the Air in 1938. Sloane went on to act in the most famous of the Mercury radio productions, including *War of the Worlds*.

Subsequently Welles took Sloane with him to Hollywood in 1940. Their first collaboration was *Citizen Kane*. Many critics have commented upon Sloane’s crucial role in that classic film. Sloane’s best scene comes when Bernstein (reflecting upon his career as Kane’s business manager) remembers a girl with a white dress and parasol whom he only saw for a second “but I’ll bet a month hasn’t gone by since, that I haven’t thought of that girl.” Memory is at the core of *Citizen Kane*, and Welles provided Sloane with the film’s most unforgettable line.

Sloane acted for Welles again in *Journey into Fear* and *The Lady from Shanghai*. This success in Hollywood led to what he always wanted—a triumph on Broadway, in this case in *Native Son*. But like that of his mentor, Orson Welles, Sloane’s later career never matched its early triumphs. He slipped into the category of top-flight character actor in such vehicles as *Lust for Life* and *Marjorie Morningstar* and ended his movie career in two of Jerry Lewis’s most acclaimed films, *The Patsy* and *The Disorderly Orderly*.

Yet film was never Sloane’s first love. He continued (unsuccessfully) to try Broadway. To this end he supported himself with work on the radio, and later as an active participant in numerous early

television anthology programs. His death by suicide in 1965 robbed the entertainment world of one of its most distinguished performers.

—Douglas Gomery

SMITH, (Dame) Maggie

Nationality: British. **Born:** Ilford, Essex, 28 December 1934. **Education:** Attended the Oxford School for Girls; studied at the Oxford Playhouse School. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Robert Stephens, 1967, (divorced 1975), sons: Christopher and Toby; 2) the writer Beverley Cross, 1975. **Career:** Played in revues in Oxford and London. 1956—New York stage debut in *New Faces of 1956*; 1958—film debut in *Nowhere to Go*; 1959–60—season at the Old Vic, London; 1963–68—member of the National Theatre, London; also acted at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario; later work includes *The Way of the World*, 1984, and *Lettice and Lovage*, 1987; 1987—in TV mini-series *Talking Heads*, the “Bed among the Lentils” episode. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, and Best Actress, British Academy, for *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, 1969; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *California Suite*, 1978; Best Actress, British Academy, for *A Private Function*, 1985, *A Room with a View*, 1986, and *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne*, 1987. Dame Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1990. **Agent:** ICM, 388 Oxford Street, London W1N 9HE, England.

Films as Actress:

- 1958 *Nowhere to Go* (Holt) (as Bridget Howard)
- 1962 *Go to Blazes* (Truman) (as Chantal)
- 1963 *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Miss Mead)
- 1964 *The Pumpkin Eater* (Clayton) (as Philpot)
- 1965 *Young Cassidy* (Cardiff and Ford) (as Nora)
- 1966 *Othello* (Burge) (as Desdemona)
- 1967 *The Honey Pot* (Joseph L. Mankiewicz) (as Sarah Watkins)
- 1968 *Hot Millions* (Till) (as Patty Terwilliger)
- 1969 *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (Neame) (title role); *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as music hall star)
- 1972 *Travels with My Aunt* (Cukor) (as Aunt Augusta); *Love and Pain and the Whole Damn Thing* (Pakula) (as Lola Fisher)
- 1976 *Murder by Death* (Moore) (as Dora Charleston)
- 1978 *California Suite* (Ross) (as Diana Barrie); *Death on the Nile* (Guillermin) (as Miss Bowers)
- 1981 *Evil under the Sun* (Hamilton) (as Daphne Castle); *Clash of the Titans* (Desmond Davis) (as Thetis); *Quartet* (Ivory) (as Lois Heidler)
- 1982 *The Missionary* (Loncraine) (as Lady Ames); *Better Late than Never* (*Whose Little Girl Are You?*) (Forbes) (as Miss Anderson)
- 1985 *A Private Function* (Mowbray) (as Joyce Chilvers); *Lily in Love* (*Jatszani Kell*) (Makk) (title role)
- 1986 *A Room with a View* (Ivory) (as Charlotte Bartlett)
- 1987 *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* (Clayton) (title role)
- 1990 *Romeo-Juliet* (Acosta) (as voice of Rozaline)
- 1991 *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Granny Wendy Darling)



Maggie Smith (center), with Laurence Olivier and Joyce Redman, in *Othello*

- 1992 *Sister Act* (Ardolino) (as Mother Superior); *Memento Mori* (Clayton and Hubbard—for TV) (as Mrs. Mabel Pettigrew)
 1993 *The Secret Garden* (Holland) (as Mrs. Medlock); *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* (Duke) (as Mother Superior); *Suddenly Last Summer* (Eyre—for TV) (as Violet Venable)
 1996 *Richard III* (Loncraine) (as the Duchess of York); *The First Wives Club* (Hogan)
 1997 *Washington Square* (Holland) (as Aunt Lavinia Penniman)
 1999 *The Last September* (Warner) (as Lady Myra); *David Copperfield*; *Curtain Call* (Yates) (as Lily Marlowe); *Tea With Mussolini* (Zeffirelli) (as Hester); *All the King's Men* (Jarrod—for TV) (as Queen Alexandra)

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As a younger dramatic actress making a splash in *Othello*, Maggie Smith seemed as proficient as other English stage contemporaries but

unremarkable on-screen. It was as a flustered comedienne, England's daffiest export since Kay Kendall, that Smith truly emerged as a star. What makes Smith so funny is that she is often the sole cast member diligently trying to remain the voice of reason; the loss of her dignity to chaos can be overwhelmingly hilarious, whether it is her Oscar-nominee in *California Suite*, who drowns her desire for her gay hubby in booze; her mousy nurse uncovering a rascal's murder scheme in *The Honey Pot*; or her Dora Charleston trying to keep her wits about her while the world's most famous detectives lose their cool in *Murder by Death*. Often cast as a low-level professional (e.g., the enterprising secretary in *Hot Millions*, the paid companion in *Death on the Nile*), who is sometimes a spinster, Smith specializes in playing underappreciated ugly ducklings who often save the day for their love objects as Patty Terwilliger does in *Hot Millions* by wisely investing her spouse's embezzled funds.

When Smith seamlessly combines the frustration of the unmarried woman with her trademark frazzled composure in melodramas, the comedy technique heightens her characters' predicaments. In her Oscar-winning performance as the disciplinarian molder of little girls in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, she is both pathetic and laughable as she misinterprets the range of her influence. What is so heartbreaking about Smith's roles that play tears off laughter is that her insular characters have no sense of their own ridiculousness; when the self-image is shattered by the perception of the outside world as in *Jean Brodie*, the effect on the spectator is devastating. In the transmuting tragicomedy *Love and Pain and the Whole Damn Thing*, the slapstick sequences brilliantly reverse audience expectations; Smith's dazzling physical comedy shtick becomes a slap in the audience's face once it is revealed that Smith's character is terminally ill. We are so conditioned to draw enjoyment from Smith's lively self-deprecation, that this knowledge of Lola Fisher's mortality is shocking. Daringly, both *A Room with a View* and *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* employ ludicrous aspects of the characters' deportment to underscore their fragility. Not since Katharine Hepburn cornered the market on the unloved (*The African Queen*, *Summertime*, *Rainmaker*), has a star brought so much poignancy to bear on the plight of the spinster.

A comparison between these two great eccentrics is telling even if Hepburn was a great beauty who relied on mannerisms to emphasize her characters' uniqueness, whereas Smith is a plain woman who sometimes falls back on mannerisms to undercut her characters' despair. But when Smith colors her unloved women with humor not for sugarcoating but for ironic counterpoint, her artistry is profoundly moving, as with her moral watchdog chaperon in *Room with a View* and her tipling neurasthenic, *Judith Hearne*, one of cinema's incontrovertibly great performances. Foolishly pinning her old maid hope on an obvious con man, Hearne is driven round the bend by this final rejection as if it were a personal affront from a God she has come to question. Superb in British television productions such as *Memento Mori* and a remake of Hepburn's chilling *Suddenly Last Summer*, Smith is admittedly something of a one-woman band as an actress. If her performance gimmickry is not as well-suited to the all-star bitchery of *Evil under the Sun* as it is to the inspired satire of *A Private Function* or *The Missionary*, she can never be accused of tasteful dullness; her bag of tricks is unmistakably hers, not the generic posturing of female clowns such as Goldie Hawn and Meg Ryan.

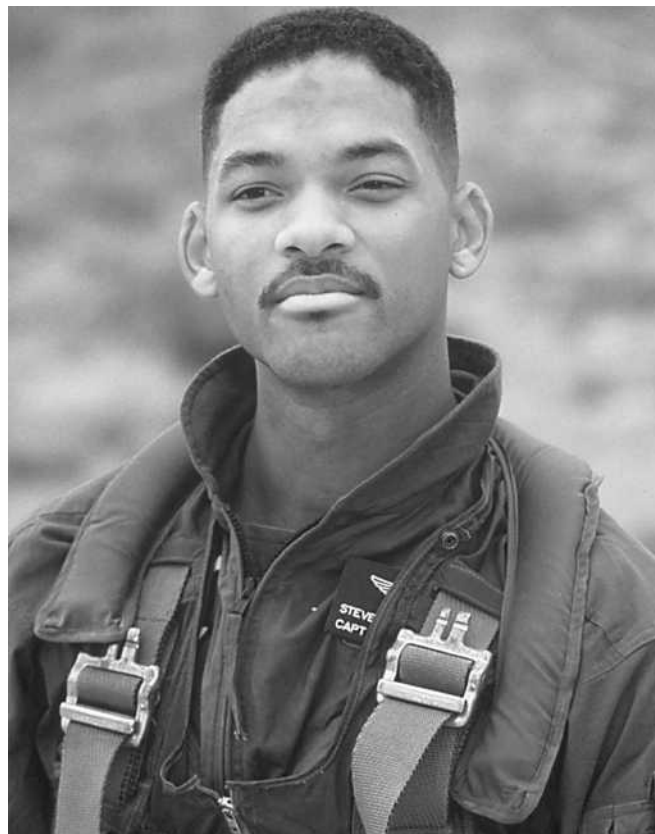
Lately, somewhat toned-down in supporting roles as the stern Mrs. Medlock in the stylish children's film *The Secret Garden* or as the disgusted mother of a political monster in the revisionist *Richard III*, Smith is restrained but still impactful. In the tepid box-office-smash the *Sister Act* films, Smith provides a welcome soupçon of

class, but she is much too distinctive a funnywoman to play straight lady to other comedienues. Her only dreadful performance in a brilliant career forms the centerpiece of *Travels with My Aunt*, a crippled project she inherited from Katharine Hepburn after a power play between that actress and MGM. Encouraged in an interpretation owing more to Auntie Mame than Graham Greene's beloved book, Smith offers a circus clown rendition of *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. For the only time in her career, those much written-about star mannerisms strangle her authority. One misstep in a body of work this bright and singular only throws the other magnificent achievements into sharper relief. Whereas other versatile stars manage to give superb comic and searing dramatic acting displays in different films, Smith magically combines comic and tragic masks inside the spirit of the same character. How she creates these breathtaking histrionic effects may be the province of sorcery.

—Robert Pardi

SMITH, Will

Nationality: American. **Born:** Willard Christopher Smith II, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 25 September 1968. **Education:** Attended Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school and Overbrook High School, Philadelphia; turned down a scholarship in computer science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pursue his career as a performer. **Family:** Married Sheree Zampino, 1992 (divorced 1995); one son: Willard Christopher Smith III; married Jada Pinkett, 1997; one



Will Smith in *Independence Day*

son: Jaden Christopher Syre Smith. **Career:** Rap musician, early 1980s; teamed with Jeff Towns to form duo DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, 1986 (their second album, *He's the DJ, I'm the Rapper*, went triple platinum in 1988); starred in the NBC sitcom *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, 1990–1996; first major film role in *Six Degrees of Separation*, 1993. **Awards:** National Association of Theater Owners/Sho West Award for International Box Office Achievement, 1997; Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award for Best Male Actor, 1998; Sho West Actor of the Year Award, 1999. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1992 *Where the Day Takes You* (Rocco) (as Manny)
 1993 *Made in America* (Benjamin) (as Tea Cake Walters); *Six Degrees of Separation* (Schepisi) (as Paul Poitier)
 1995 *Bad Boys* (Bay) (as Mike Lowrey)
 1996 *Independence Day* (Emmerich) (as Steven Hiller)
 1997 *Men in Black* (Sonnenfeld) (as James Darrel Edwards III)
 1998 *Enemy of the State* (Scott) (as Robert Clayton Dean)
 1999 *The Wild Wild West* (Sonnenfeld) (as James West); *Legends of Bagger Vance* (Redford) (as Bagger Vance)

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Will Smith's success as an actor, both on television and in the movies, is largely due to the same qualities that rocketed him to national attention as a star of rap music when he was only eighteen. Born into a middle class African American family in Philadelphia, Smith has become a crossover performer on many levels. Immensely popular with black audiences, Smith has been able to make elements of black identity and black popular culture not only accessible but comfortably appealing to white audiences. His relaxed stage presence and easy rapport with audiences led *Esquire's* Tom Carson to compare him to screen giant Clark Gable.

Hip-hop culture and its soundtrack rap music was just beginning to capture the imagination of American youth when Smith started

rapping at age thirteen. With his partner "Jazzy Jeff" Townes, he helped create a softer brand of rap that spoke to middle-class teens of all races in a way that the hard-edged rap born of urban poverty did not. Though some sneered at what they called "suburban rap lite" and accused Smith and Townes of writing rap for white people, record sales soared for "Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince." It was Smith's playful and ebullient style as much as his songs about girl trouble and clueless parents that attracted fans.

In 1990, when Benny Medina and Quincy Jones conceived a sitcom about a streetwise kid from the east coast transplanted into a wealthy California suburb, they immediately saw how the exuberant young rap star from Philly fit the role. *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* stayed on the air for six years, and even critics who panned it as banal TV froth recognized the charismatic quality of young Will Smith.

When Smith joined the cast of *The Fresh Prince*, he had virtually no acting experience; the first seasons show the unevenness and tension of his learning years. It took three seasons before he was able to relax into the role, but even in the early years, Smith's ability to convey a mix of sweetness, cockiness, and intelligence in the central character held the slight show together.

In 1992, Smith surprised critics with his performance in a small but intense role as a homeless man in the film *Where the Day Takes You*, but it was his standout performance in the 1993 film *Six Degrees of Separation* that made critics and adult audiences begin to take him seriously as an actor. Three years later, his role in the heavily hyped action film *Independence Day* made him a star.

Smith's good looks and playful, low-key style made him a natural hero of the Hollywood comic-action blockbuster genre, and he was given roles in a succession of films of that type, beginning with *Men in Black*, a spoof of the type of sci-fi film that had just given him his stardom. One after another, Smith's films were box office successes, and his salary approached \$10 million per film. Even when a film flopped, as did *The Wild, Wild West* in 1999, critics singled out Smith as the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal movie.

Though Smith has been called "the next Eddie Murphy," he has a quality that Murphy has never possessed, which is his ability to inspire comfort in a broad range of audiences. Though Smith is African American and expresses himself both in the vernacular and cultural genres of black culture, he has an everyman kind of humor that disarms white audiences. Film studios have been quick to cash in on this crossover potential, perhaps neglecting to develop his considerable acting ability in favor of showcasing his style, flash, and product placement potential. Smith's highly popular songs for films like *Men in Black* and *The Wild, Wild West* are another benefit of his crossover appeal, and are one more reason he has been given more action movies than serious roles.

—Tina Gianoulis

SNIPES, Wesley

Nationality: American. **Born:** Orlando, Florida, 31 July 1962; grew up in the South Bronx. **Education:** Attended the High School of Performing Arts in New York; State University of New York at



Wesley Snipes (left) with Stephen Dorff in *Blade*

Purchase, B.A. in Dramatic Arts. **Family:** Divorced, son: Jelani Asar. **Career:** Moved back to New York to establish career as an actor, early 1980s; made Broadway debut in *The Boys of Winter*, 1985; had attention-getting role as a gang leader in the Michael Jackson music video *Bad*, 1987; made first important movie appearances in *Major League*, *King of New York*, and *Mo' Better Blues*, 1989–90; in TV series *H.E.L.P.*, 1990; is an expert at capoeira, an African-Brazilian martial arts technique. **Awards:** Best Actor Cable Ace Award, for *Vietnam War Story 2*, 1989; Venice Film Festival Volpi Cup, for *One Night Stand*, 1997. **Agent:** Baker Winokur Ryder, 405 South Beverly Drive, 5th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1986 <i>Wildcats</i> (Ritchie) (as Trumaine); <i>Streets of Gold</i> (Roth) (as Roland Jenkins)</p> <p>1987 <i>Critical Condition</i> (Apted) (as ambulance driver)</p> <p>1988 <i>Vietnam War Story 2</i> (Morris, Sholder, Uno—for TV)</p> <p>1989 <i>Major League</i> (Ward) (as Willie Mays Hayes)</p> <p>1990 <i>King of New York</i> (Ferrara) (as Thomas Flannigan); <i>Mo' Better Blues</i> (Spike Lee) (as Shadow Henderson)</p> | <p>1991 <i>New Jack City</i> (Van Peebles) (as Nino Brown); <i>Jungle Fever</i> (Spike Lee) (as Flipper Purify)</p> <p>1992 <i>White Men Can't Jump</i> (Shelton) (as Sidney Deane); <i>The Waterdance</i> (Jimenez, Steinberg) (as Raymond Hill); <i>Pas-senger 57</i> (Hooks) (as John Cutter)</p> <p>1993 <i>Boiling Point</i> (James B. Harris) (as Jimmy); <i>Rising Sun</i> (Kaufman) (as Web Smith); <i>Demolition Man</i> (Brambilla) (as Simon Phoenix); <i>Harlem</i> (Sugar Hill) (Ichaso) (as Roemello Skuggs)</p> <p>1994 <i>Drop Zone</i> (Badham) (as Pete Nessip)</p> <p>1995 <i>To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar</i> (Kidron) (as Noxeema Jackson); <i>Money Train</i> (Ruben) (as John); <i>Waiting to Exhale</i> (Whitaker) (as James, uncredited)</p> <p>1996 <i>The Fan</i> (Tony Scott) (as Bobby Rayburn); <i>Clive Anderson All Talk</i> (as himself); <i>America's Dream</i> (Barclay, Duke, Sullivan—for TV) (as George Du Val); <i>John Henrik Clarke: A Great and Mighty Walk</i> (Bourne) (doc) (as Narrator)</p> <p>1997 <i>One Night Stand</i> (Figgis) (as Max Carlyle); <i>Murder at 1600</i> (Little) (as Detective Harlan Regis)</p> <p>1998 <i>Down in the Delta</i> (Angelou) (as Will Sinclair) (+ pr); <i>Blade</i> (Norrington) (as Blade/Eric) (+ pr, chor); <i>U.S. Marshals</i> (Baird) (as Mark Sheridan); <i>Futuresport</i> (Dickerson—for TV) (as Obike Fixx) (+ pr)</p> <p>2000 <i>Blade 2</i> (del Toro) (as Blade); <i>The Art of War</i> (Duguay)</p> |
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 Interview in *Playboy* (Chicago), October 1993.
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Wesley Snipes is best-known to the mainstream moviegoing public as a durable star of action-adventure films. Upon earning his movie star stripes in the early 1990s, he became an action hero to rival Stallone and Schwarzenegger. The actor’s success in the likes of *Passenger 57* (playing a specialist in antiterrorism who goes up against airline hijackers) and *Drop Zone* (cast as a U.S. marshal battling sky-diver villains) confirms that an African-American actor is perfectly capable of finding major stardom playing such roles. Snipes also has been cast as other standard characters in action epics. He has been the wizened veteran hero’s youthful partner (in *Rising Sun*, paired with Sean Connery); and the deranged, ultra-dangerous villain (in *Demolition Man*, opposite Stallone).

But what truly marks Snipes as a motion picture personality is his versatility; his interest in playing not only in action-adventure fare but in character-driven films; and his willingness to experiment in roles that a Sylvester Stallone never, ever would accept. He initially attracted attention as the gang leader in the popular Michael Jackson

music video *Bad*, a role that served as his calling card for feature film work. After impressive supporting turns in three films—*Major League* (as the speedy baseball player Willie Mays Hayes); *King of New York* (as a tough, honest cop); and *Mo’ Better Blues* (as a jazz musician)—Snipes hit the mark in two 1991 releases. Not only did his performances in *New Jack City* and *Jungle Fever* establish him as a rising young star, but they effectively displayed his range as an actor. In *New Jack City*, he offered a chillingly sinister performance as Nino Brown, a Harlem drug lord; and in *Jungle Fever*, he gave a subtle performance as Flipper Purify, a guilt-ridden architect, married to a black woman, who enters into an affair with his white secretary.

Around the time he made *The Waterdance* and *White Men Can’t Jump*, Snipes quickly was emerging as one of the decade’s upper-echelon stars. In *The Waterdance*, he is Raymond Hill, a streetwise black who has become a paraplegic and is confined to a rehabilitation center. In *White Men Can’t Jump*, he plays another street-smart type: Sidney Deane, a Southern California basketball hustler. At first glance, both characters are contemporary African-American stereotypes. Raymond Hill is a self-described ladies’ man who before becoming wheelchair-bound had lived a “wild life”; admittedly, he was not much of a husband to his wife or father to his little girl. And Sidney Deane seems the type who, if given the opportunity, would hustle you out of your last dime. Nevertheless, in both *The Waterdance* and *White Men Can’t Jump*, Snipes adds unusual depth and poignancy to his characterizations. His performances allow you to see beyond the characters’ surface hype, making both men at once deeply flawed and deeply human.

Snipes also is not apprehensive about playing against type—in the broadest possible sense. He lampooned his macho image in *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*, in which he, along with Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo, play drag queens. Snipes’s Noxeema Jackson comes complete with blond wig and red high-heel shoes. He/she is co-winner of a drag queen beauty pageant, and he/she is not afraid of wiggling his/her hips. Arnold Schwarzenegger may be amenable to gently spoofing his screen image, playing the “twin” of Danny DeVito in *Twins* and a scientist who finds himself pregnant in *Junior*. But one cannot imagine Schwarzenegger playing a homosexual, let alone a drag queen. It is to Snipes’s credit that he is willing to risk alienating his action-adventure audience by stretching himself in a role like Noxeema Jackson.

In the latter part of the 1990s, Snipes kept on mixing his screen roles. He appeared in thrillers, action films, and science fiction epics, playing heroes, villains, and victims: *U.S. Marshalls* (as an ex-CIA agent framed on a murder rap); *Murder at 1600* (as a homicide detective intent on solving the title crime); *Money Train* (re-teamed with *White Men Can’t Jump* co-star Woody Harrelson, as a New York City undercover transit cop who becomes entangled in a theft scheme); *The Fan* (as a star San Francisco Giants baseball player who is stalked by a psycho); and, most strikingly, the ultra-violent *Blade* (as a half-human/half-vampire). At the same time, Snipes accepted roles in dramas, playing secondary characters in a pair of films that charted the plight of contemporary black women: *Waiting to Exhale* (as a businessman whose wife is dying); and *Down in the Delta* (as a successful lawyer). Perhaps his most interesting role of the period is the lead in *One Night Stand*, Mike Figgis’s thoughtful and ambitious follow-up to *Leaving Las Vegas*. Snipes has one of his best-ever parts as Max Carlyle, an otherwise intelligent and compassionate television commercial director who is floundering in a world that is all gloss and no substance, and whose wife, friends, and colleagues are collectively shallow. Max undergoes a crisis upon visiting an old friend who is

dying of AIDS and having a chance encounter with a kindred spirit, a woman who may be his true soul mate.

—Rob Edelman

SORDI, Alberto

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Rome, 15 June 1920. **Career:** 1932—won contest for imitating Oliver Hardy; subsequent work in dubbing U.S. films into Italian (besides Hardy's voice, he dubbed Robert Mitchum); also in music hall in Ermete Zacconi's troupe; 1938—film debut in *La principessa Tarahanova*; 1966—directed the film *Fumo di Londra*; 1988—in TV mini-series *I Promessi sposi* (*The Betrothed*). **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Detenuto in attesa di giudizio*, 1971; Italy's Nastro Argento Award, 1953–54, 1955–56, 1959, 1976–77; also won David Di Donatello Award 9 times since 1959. **Address:** Via Pruso 45, Rome 00184, Italy.

Films as Actor:

- 1938 *La principessa Tarahanova* (*Princess Tarahanova*) (Ozep and Soldati)
- 1940 *La notte delle beffe* (*The Night of Tricks*) (Campogalliani); *Cuori nella tempesta* (*Tormented Hearts*) (Campogalliani)
- 1941 *Le signorine della villa accanto* (*The Women Next Door*) (Rosmino)
- 1942 *I tre aquilotti* (*The Three Pilots*) (Mattòli) (as Filippo); *La Signorina* (Kish); *Giarabub* (Alessandrini); *Casanova farebbe così* (*Casanova Would Do It That Way!*) (Bragaglia); *Santa Elena piccolo isola* (Simoni)
- 1944 *Tre ragazze cercano marito* (*Three Girls Looking for Husbands*) (Coletti) (as Giulio); *Circo equestre Za-Bum* (*The Za-Bum Circus*) (Mattòli)
- 1945 *Chi l'ha visto?* (*Who's Seen Him?*) (Alessandrini); *L'innocente Casimiro* (*The Innocent Casimiro*) (Campogalliani)
- 1946 *Le miserie del signor Travet* (*His Young Wife*) (Soldati) (as Barbarotti)
- 1947 *Il delitto di Giovanni Episcopo* (*Flesh Will Surrender*) (Lattuada) (as Doberti); *Il passatore* (*A Bullet for Stefano*; *The Ferryman*) (Coletti) (as the boyfriend)
- 1948 *Il vento mi ha cantato una canzone* (*The Wind Sang Me a Song*) (Mastrocinque); *Che Tempi!* (*What Times!*) (Bianchi) (as Mario Aguirre); *Sotto il sole di Roma* (*Under the Sun of Rome*) (Castellani)
- 1951 *Mamma mia, che impressione* (Savarese) (+ co-sc); *Cameriera bella presenza offresi* (Pastini)
- 1952 *Lo sceicco bianco* (*The White Sheik*) (Fellini) (title role); *Totò e i re di Roma* (Steno and Monicello); *E arrivato l'accordatore* (*The Tuner Has Arrived*) (Coletti); *Giovinetza* (Pastina)
- 1953 *I vitelloni* (*The Young and the Passionate*; *Vitelloni*) (Fellini) (as Alberto); *Ci troviamo in galleria* (Bolognini) (as Alberto); *L'incantevole nemica* (Gora); *Canzoni, canzoni, canzoni* (Paoletta); *Due notti con Cleopatra* (*Two Nights with Cleopatra*) (Mattòli) (as Cesarino)
- 1954 *Il seduttore* (Rossi) (+ co-sc); *Amori di mezzo secolo* (Chiari); *Tempi nostri* (*Anatomy of Love*; *Our Time*) (Blasetti); *Gran varietà* (Paoletta) (as Premoli); *Tripoli, bel suol d'amore* (Cerio) (as Alberto); *Via Padova 46* (*Lo Scocciatore*) (Bianchi); *Un giorno in pretura* (*A Day in Court*) (Steno) (as Meniconi, + co-sc); *Una parigina a Roma* (Kobler); *L'allegro squadrone* (Moffa); *Le Rouge et le noir* (Autant-Lara); *Accadde al commissariato* (Simonelli) (as Alberto Tadini); *Il matrimonio* (Petrucci); *Un americano a Roma* (Steno) (as Nando Moriconi, + co-sc)
- 1955 *L'arte di arrangiarsi* (Zampa); *Il segno di Venere* (*The Sign of Venus*) (Risi) (as Romolo Proietti); *La bella di Roma* (Comencini); *Bravissimo* (D'Amico); *Piccolo posta* (Steno) (as Rodolfo Vanzino); *Un eroe dei nostri tempi* (Monicelli); *Accadde al penitenziario* (Bianchi); *Buonanotte . . . avvocato!* (Bianchi) (as Alberto Santi, + co-sc)
- 1956 *Lo scapolo* (Pietrangeli); *I pappagalli* (Paolinelli); *Mio figlio Nerone* (*Nero's Mistress*; *Nero's Weekend*) (Steno) (as Nero); *Da qui all'eredità*; *Guardia, guardia scelta, brigadiere e maresciallo* (Bolognini); *Era du venerdì 17* (*The Virtuous Bigamist*) (Soldati) (as Mario); *Mi permette babbo!* (Bonnard)
- 1957 *Souvenir d'Italie* (*It Happened in Rome*) (Pietrangeli) (as Sergio); *Arrivano i dollari!* (Costa); *A Farewell to Arms* (Charles Vidor) (as Father Galli); *Il conte Max* (Bianchi)
- 1958 *Il medico e lo stregone* (Monicelli); *Il marito* (Loy and Puccini); *Fortunella* (De Filippo); *Ladro lui, ladra lei* (Zampa); *Domenica e sempre domenica* (Mastrocinque) (+ co-sc); *Le Septième Ciel* (Bernard); *Venezia, la luna, e tu* (Risi); *Nella città l'inferno* (. . . and the Wild Wild Women; *Hell in the City*) (Castellani) (as Adonis); *Racconti d'estate* (*Love on the Riviera*; *Summer Tables*; *Femmes d'un été*) (Franciolini) (as Aristarco Bertolini); *Oh! Que Mambo!* (Berry)
- 1959 *Il moralista* (*The Moralist*) (Bianchi) (as Agostino); *I magliari* (*The Swindlers*) (Rosi) (as Totonno); *La grande guerra* (*The Great War*) (Monicelli) (as Orseste Jacovacci); *Brevi amori a Palma di Majorca* (Bianchi); *Il vedovo* (Risi); *Il giovane leone*; *Vacanze d'inverno* (Mastrocinque); *Costa azzurra* (Sala); *Policarpo, ufficiale di scrittura* (Soldati)
- 1960 *Tutti a casa* (*Everybody Go Home!*) (Comencini) (as Alberto Innocenzi); *Gastone* (Bonnard); *Il vigile* (Zampa); *Crimen* (. . . And Suddenly It's Murder!; *Killing in Monte Carlo*) (Camerini) (as Alberto Franzetti)
- 1961 *I due nemici* (*The Best of Enemies*) (Hamilton) (as Captain Blasi); *Il giudizio universale* (*The Last Judgment*) (de Sica); *Una vita difficile* (Risi) (as Silvio Magnozzi)
- 1962 *Mafioso* (Lattuada) (as Antonio Badalamenti); *Il commissario* (Comencini) (as Dante Lombardozzi)
- 1963 *Il diavolo* (*To Bed or Not to Bed*; *The Devil*) (Polidoro) (as Amadeo Ferretti); *Il boom* (de Sica) (as Giovanni Alberti); *Il maestro di Vigevano* (Petri) (as Monbelli); *Tentazione proibite* (Civirani)
- 1964 *Lamia signora* (Bolognini, Comencini, and Brass) (five roles)
- 1965 *Il disco volante* (*The Flying Saucer*) (Brass) (four roles); *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* (Annakin) (as Count Emilio Ponticelli); *Made in Italy* (*A L'Italianne*) (Loy) (as errant husband); "Latin Lover" ep. of *I tre volti* (*Three Faces of a Woman*) (Indovina) (as Armando Tucci, + co-sc); "Gugliarimo il dentone" ep. of *I complessi* (D'Amico) (+ co-sc); *Thrilling* (Scola, Polidoro, and Lizzani)

- 1966 *I nostri mariti* (*Our Husbands*) (Risi, d'Amico, and Zampa); "Queen Marta" ("Giovanni") ep. of *Le fate* (*The Queens; Sex Quartet*) (Pietrangeli) (as Giovanni)
- 1967 "Senso civico" ("Civic Sense") ep. of *Le streghe* (*The Witches*) (Bolognini) (as truckdriver)
- 1968 *Il medico della mutua* (*The Family Doctor*) (Zampa) (as Dr. Guido Tersilli, + co-sc); *Riusciranno i nostri eroi a ritrovare l'amico misteriosamente scomparso in Africa?* (Scola) (as Fausto di Salvio)
- 1970 "La camera" (as Antonio) and "Il leone" (as Giacinto Colonna) eps. of *Le coppie* (*The Couples*) (+ d of first ep.; de Sica); *Contestazione generale* (Zampa) (as Don Giuseppe)
- 1971 *Detenuto in attesa di giudizio* (*Detained While Waiting for Justice, Why?*) (Loy) (as Giuseppe Di Noi)
- 1972 *La più bella serata della mia vita* (*The Most Wonderful Evening of My Life*) (Scola) (as Alfredo Rossi); *Lo scopone scientifico* (*The Scientific Cardplayer*) (Comencini) (as Peppino); *Roma* (Fellini's *Roma*) (Fellini)
- 1973 *Anastasia mio fratello* (Steno) (as Don Salvatore Anastasia, + co-sc)
- 1975 *To Love, Perhaps to Die; Tra moglie e Mario*
- 1977 *Un borghese piccolo piccolo* (*An Average Man*) (Monicelli) (as Giovanni Vivaldi); "L'ascensore" ep. of *Quelle strane occasioni* (Comencini) (as Monsignor); "First Aid," "Like a Queen," and "Funeral Elegy" eps. of *I nuovi mostri* (*Viva Italia!; The New Monsters*) (Monicelli, Risi, and Scola)
- 1978 *Le Temoin* (*The Witness*) (Mocky) (as Antonio)
- 1979 *L'Ingorgo* (*Traffic Jam*) (Comencini); *Il Malato Imaginario* (*The Imaginary Invalid*) (Tonino Cervi) (as Arganti, + co-sc)
- 1982 *Il Marchese del Grillo* (Monicelli) (as Onofrio Del Grillo/Gasperino, + co-sc)
- 1984 *Bertoldo, Bertoldino e Cacasenno* (Monicelli) (as Friar Cipolla)
- 1985 *Sono un fenomeno paranormale* (*I'm a Paranormal Phenomenon*) (Corbucci) (+ co-sc)
- 1986 *Troppo forte* (*Great!*) (Verdone) (as lawyer, + co-sc)
- 1989 *Una botta di vita* (*A Blast of Life*) (Oldoini) (as Battistini, + co-sc)
- 1990 *El Avaro* (*The Miser*) (Cervi) (+ sc); *In nome del popolo sovrano* (*In the Name of the Sovereign People*) (Magni) (as Marchese Arquati)
- 1992 *Vacanze di Natale '91* (*Christmas Vacation '91*) (Oldoini) (as Sabino, + co-sc)
- 1995 *Romanzo di un giovane povero* (Scola) (as Mr. Bartoloni)

Films as Director:

- 1966 *Fumo di Londra* (+ ro as Dante Fontane, co-sc); *Scusi, lei favorevole o contrario?*; *Un italiano in America* (+ ro as the father, sc)
- 1969 *Amore mio, aiutami* (+ ro as Giovanni Macchiavelli, co-sc)
- 1973 *Polvere di stelle* (*Stardust*) (+ ro as Mimmo Adami, sc)
- 1974 *Finche c'è guerra c'è speranza* (*While There's War, There's Hope*) (+ ro as Pietro Ciocca, co-sc)
- 1976 *Il commune senso del pudore* (*A Common Sense of Modesty*) (+ ro, co-sc)
- 1978 "Le Vacanze intelligenti" ep. of *Dove vai in vacanza?* (+ ro as Remo, co-sc)
- 1980 *Io e Caterina* (*Catherine and I*) (+ ro as Enrico)

- 1982 *Io so che tu sai che io so* (*I Know that You Know that I Know*) (as Fabio Bonetti); *In viaggio con papa* (*Journey with Papa*) (+ ro as Armando Ferretti, co-sc)
- 1983 *Un tassinaro* (*The Taxi Driver*) (+ ro as Pietro, co-sc)
- 1984 *Tutti dentro* (*Everybody in Jail*) (+ ro as Judge Annibale Salvemini)
- 1987 *Un tassinaro a New York* (*A Taxi Driver in New York*) (+ ro as Pietro, co-sc)
- 1992 *Assolto per aver commesso il fatto* (*Acquitted for Having Committed the Deed*) (+ ro as Emilio Garrone)
- 1994 *Nestore l'ultima corsa* (*Nestor's Last Trip*) (+ ro as Gaetano)
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Alberto Sordi is probably the most beloved personality of the Italian cinema. He commands a public so varied and a reputation so large that it is surprising he is little known outside his own country. His participation in international productions is also unfortunately rare.

Sordi entered films in 1938, but his comic sensibilities were not used to full advantage until Federico Fellini cast him as the false hero of photo-romances in *Lo sceicco bianco* and as a weak-willed provincialist in *I vitelloni*. From then on, Sordi was the king of satirical comedy, specializing in portrayals of inept, foolish, and

pompous petite bourgeoisie frightened by progress and change. The films he starred in were far from exceptional, but Sordi's screen persona was powerful enough to transcend the limitations of his directors and production companies. These socially conscious comedies serve as an excellent barometer of the Italian cultural phenomena during the 1950s. His immense popularity generated the demand for at least six films a year. *Un americano a Roma* has become a repertory favorite while *Un eroe dei nostri tempi* serves as a final distillation of his image: cowardly, conformist, and very, very funny.

Sordi's screen image developed more and more tragic overtones during the 1960s and 1970s, culminating in his masterful performance in *Un borghese piccolo piccolo*. He plays a man so blindly dedicated to his common son's vain attempts at social climbing that he becomes a criminal maniac. Since the late 1960s, Sordi has directed and scripted as well as starred in many critically neglected films which have been relatively successful at the box office. One of Sordi's favorite subjects in his own films is the generation gap, a theme he handles with concern and intelligence.

—Elaine Mancini

SOTHERN, Ann

Nationality: American. **Born:** Harriette Lake, Valley City, North Dakota, 22 January 1909; mother was a touring concert singer who later worked as a diction and vocal coach in Hollywood. **Education:**



Ann Southern

Studied voice and musical composition; attended University of Washington, Seattle. **Family:** Married 1) bandleader Roger Pryor, 1936 (divorced 1942); 2) socialite William J. Hart (who became the actor Robert Sterling), 1943 (divorced 1949). **Career:** Bit parts in Hollywood as Harriet Lake, 1927–33; signed contract with Columbia Pictures, 1934 (dropped, 1936); signed contract with RKO, 1936; signed contract with MGM, 1939; appeared in the TV series *Private Secretary*, 1953–57, *The Ann Southern Show*, 1958–61, and as the voice of Gladys Crabtree in *My Mother the Car*, 1965–66; currently retired. **Awards:** Golden Globe for “Best TV Show,” for “The Ann Southern Show,” 1959.

Films:

- 1927 *Broadway Nights The* (Boyle) (uncredited bit part)
- 1929 *The Show of Shows* (Adolfi) (uncredited bit part); *Hearts in Exile* (Curtiz) (uncredited bit part)
- 1930 *The Song of the West* (Enright) (uncredited bit part); *Hold Everything* (Del Ruth) (uncredited bit part); *Doughboys* (Forward March) (Sedgewick) (as Dancer); *Whoopee* (Freeland) (as Chorus Girl)
- 1933 *Broadway Through a Keyhole* (Broadway Thru a Keyhole) (Sherman) (as Dancer); *Footlight Parade* (Bacon) (as Chorus Girl)
- 1934 *The Party's Over* (Lang) (as Ruth); *Melody in Spring* (McLeod) (as Jane Blodgett); *Let's Fall In Love* (Burton) (as Jean); *The Hell Cat* (Rogell) (as Geraldine Sloane); *Blind Date* (Neill) (as Kitty Taylor); *Kid Millions* (Del Ruth) (as Joan Larabee)
- 1935 *Hooray for Love* (Lang) (as Pat Thatcher); *Grand Exit* (Kenton) (as Adrienne Martin); *The Girl Friend* (Buzzell) (as Linda); *Folies-Bergere* (The Man from the Folies Bergere) (Del Ruth) (as Mimi); *Eight Bells* (Neill) (as Marge Walker)
- 1936 *You May Be Next* (Rogell) (as Fay Stevens); *Smartest Girl in Town* (Santley) (as Frances “Cookie” Cooke); *My American Wife* (Young) (as Mary Cantillan); *Don't Gamble With Love* (Murphy) (as Ann Edwards); *Hell-Ship Morgan* (Lederman) (as Mary); *Walking On Air* (Santley) (as Kit Bennett)
- 1937 *There Goes the Groom* (Santley) (as Betty Russell); *There Goes My Girl* (Holmes) (as Connie Taylor); *Super Sleuth* (Stoloff) (as Mary Strand); *Danger—Love At Work* (Preminger) (as Toni Pemberton); *Dangerous Number* (Thorpe) (as Eleanor); *Fifty Races to Town* (Taurog) (as Millicent Kendall); *She's Got Everything* (Santley) (as Carol Rogers)
- 1938 *Trade Winds* (Garnett) (as Jean Livingston)
- 1939 *Maisie* (Marin) (as Maisie Ravier); *Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President* (Sinclair) (as Ethel Turp); *Hotel for Women* (Ratoff) (as Eileen Connelly); *Fast and Furious* (Berkeley) (as Garda Stone)
- 1940 *Dulcy* (Simon) (as Dulcy Ward); *Congo Maisie* (Potter) (as Maisie Ravier); *Brother Orchid* (Bacon) (as Flo Addams); *Gold Rush Maisie* (Marin) (as Maisie Ravier)
- 1941 *Ringside Maisie* (Cash and Carry) (Marin) (as Maisie Ravier); *Maisie Was a Lady* (Marin) (as Maisie Ravier); *Lady Be Good* (McLeod) (as Dixie Donegan)
- 1942 *Panama Hattie* (McLeod) (as Hattie Maloney); *Maisie Gets Her Man* (She Got Her Man) (Del Ruth) (as Maisie Ravier)

- 1943 *Three Hearts for Julia* (Thorpe) (as Julia Seabrook); *Swing Shift Maisie* (*The Girl in Overalls*) (McLeod) (as Maisie Ravier); *Cry Havoc* (Thorpe) (as Pat Conlin); *You, John Jones* (LeRoy) (as Mary Jones [uncredited]); *Thousands Cheer* (Sidney) (as Guest Star)
- 1944 *Maisie Goes to Reno* (*You Can't Do That to Me*) (Beaumont) (as Maisie Ravier)
- 1946 *Up Goes Maisie* (*Up She Goes*) (Beaumont) (as Maisie Ravier);
- 1947 *Undercover Maisie* (*Undercover Girl*) (Beaumont) (as Maisie Ravier)
- 1948 *April Showers* (Kern) (as June Tyme); *Words and Music* (Taurog) (as Joyce Harmon)
- 1949 *The Judge Steps Out* (*Indian Summer*) (Ingster) (as Peggy); *A Letter to Three Wives* (Mankiewicz) (as Rita Phipps)
- 1950 *Shadow on the Wall* (Jackson) (as Dell Faring); *Nancy Goes to Rio* (Leonard) (as Frances Elliott)
- 1953 *The Blue Gardenia* (Lang) (as Crystal Carpenter)
- 1964 *The Best Man* (Schaffner) (as Mrs. Gamadge); *Lady in a Cage* (Grauman) (as Sade)
- 1965 *Sylvia* (Douglas) (as Mrs. Argona)
- 1967 *The Outsider* (Ritchie—for TV) (as Mrs. Kozzek)
- 1968 *Chubasco* (Miner) (as Angela)
- 1971 *The Great Man's Whiskers* (Leacock—for TV) (as Aunt Margaret); *Congratulations, It's a Boy! (So's Your Old Man)* (Graham) (as Ethel Gaines); *Death of Innocence* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Annie La Cossit)
- 1972 *The Weekend Nun* (*Matter of the Heart*) (Szwarc—for TV) (as Mother Bonaventure)
- 1973 *The Killing Kind* (Harrington) (as Thelma Lambert)
- 1974 *Golden Needles* (*Chase for the Golden Needles*) (Clouse) (as Fenzie)
- 1975 *Crazy Mama* (Demme) (as Sheba)
- 1976 *Captains and Kings* (Heyes, Reisner—mini, for TV) (as Mrs. Finch)
- 1978 *The Manitou* (Girdler) (as Mrs. Karmann)
- 1980 *The Little Dragons* (*Karate Kids*) (Hanson) (as Angel)
- 1985 *A Letter to Three Wives* (Elikann—for TV) (as Ma Finney)
- 1987 *The Whales of August* (Anderson) (as Tisha Doughty)

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After an itinerant childhood touring with her concert singer mother, Harriette Lake eventually ended up in Hollywood when her mother retired from the concert stage and took a position coaching actors for the new art of talking motion pictures. Commencing with work as an extra in 1927 (as Harriet Lake) the young actress only appeared in a few bit parts before abandoning Hollywood for Broadway. In New York she was cast in a Florenz Ziegfeld show, "Smiles," and appeared in musicals by Rodgers and Hart and Gershwin. In the early 1930s she returned to Hollywood where she became a platinum blond and had her name changed to Ann Sothorn under a term contract with Columbia Pictures. A string of B-pictures followed, first at Columbia and then at RKO, until she signed with MGM in 1939 for a film which had originally been conceived for Jean Harlow. The on-going *Maisie* films proved as popular as the equally low-budget black-and-white *Andy Hardy* films, and also served as a proving ground for many MGM players.

Aside from the durable *Maisie* series—which ran from *Maisie* in 1939 to *Undercover Maisie* in 1947—Sothorn appeared in a number of slightly higher budget features as well, most notably landing the title role in the film version of Cole Porter's Broadway success, *Panama Hattie*, in 1942. While most of the Broadway score was cut from the film version Sothorn did get to perform a rowdy version of Porter's risqué "I've Still Got My Health." A distinctive singer as well as a charming and glamorous comedienne, Sothorn also starred in an equally cut-and-paste version of Gershwin's *Lady Be Good* in 1941, sensitively performing Kern and Hammerstein's celebrated "The Last Time I Saw Paris" to a simple piano accompaniment. As Sothorn had appeared in Rodgers and Hart's Hollywood satire, "America's Sweetheart" on Broadway in 1931, it was appropriate (and a bit ironic) that she appeared as one of the musical guest stars in MGM's lavish, if unintentionally satiric Rodgers and Hart biofilm, *Words and Music*, in 1948.

Aside from the aforementioned musicals and a few good dramatic roles (such as on loan to Warner Bros. for *Brother Orchid* in 1940, and in MGM's own *Cry Havoc* in 1943) Sothorn's 1940s roles were less than career-boosting, centered primarily around the on-going *Maisie* series. Sothorn's contract with MGM expired in 1947, though she returned to the studio one more time as the glamorous actress who fears daughter Jane Powell is about to become an unwed mother in 1950's glossy Technicolor musical *Nancy Goes to Rio*. One of the best roles of Sothorn's career was at 20th Century-Fox when she was cast as one of the three title characters in Joseph L. Mankiewicz's excellent *A Letter To Three Wives* in 1948.

A recurring struggle with hepatitis curtailed her career for several years in the early 1950s, but in 1953 she made a dramatic come-back in the noir thriller, *The Blue Gardenia*, receiving fine critical notices. The Fritz Lang film failed to revive her film career, however, and Sothorn became one of the first personalities to transfer Hollywood glamour to the small television screen. After a series based on her popular *Maisie* character failed to materialize, Sothorn starred in *Private Secretary*, a comedy series about Susie MacNamara, a charmingly meddlesome secretary to a harassed and ineffectual boss played by Don Porter. The show (which commenced in 1953) ran until 1958 when it became *The Ann Sothorn Show* with a different but equally successful comic format. The Sothorn shows were collectively nominated for four Emmy awards, in 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1959, and in 1959 the *Ann Sothorn Show* won a Golden Globe Award for "Best TV Show."

Sothorn returned to Hollywood for the first time in over a decade in *Lady In A Cage* (1964), in which she played the second lead as

a plumpish prostitute opposite a harrassed Olivia de Havilland. The film was part of an unfortunate phase of the “new” post-studio Hollywood when stars such as de Havilland, Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, and others managed to pump a few extra years out of their film careers with a spate of Gothic semi-horror films, a trend which commenced with *Whatever Happened To Baby Jane* in 1962. But for Sothern 1964 also saw her nominated for another Golden Globe Award (for Best Supporting Actress in a film) for her role in Franklin Schaffner’s film version of Gore Vidal’s Broadway play about Washington politics, *The Best Man*. A number of minor character roles ensued, in films such as Carroll Baker’s opus, *Sylvia* (1965), and *Chubasco* (1968). Sothern achieved minor cult status with her performances as John Savage’s possessive mother in Curtis Harrington’s bizarre *The Killing Kind* in 1973, and as Sheba in Jonathan Demme’s *Crazy Mama* in 1975. Intermixed with this film work were miscellaneous TV movie roles, including a bit as Ma Finney in the 1985 TV version of *A Letter To Three Wives*. While Sothern herself has put down her own acting talents, claiming that “Hollywood sold its stars on good looks and personality buildups. We weren’t really actresses in the true sense. We were just big names—the products of a good publicity department. . . ,” she was a versatile, distinctive, and enduring example of the Hollywood star system at its best, most charming, and hard-working.

—Ross Care

SPACEK, Sissy

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mary Elizabeth Spacek in Quitman, Texas, 25 December 1949. **Education:** Attended Quitman High School; Lee Strasberg Theatrical Institute, New York. **Family:** Married the art director Jack Fisk, 1974, one child. **Career:** Came to New York as a budding rock singer; did some work in commercials and as a background singer, late 1960s; worked as an extra in Warhol’s *Trash*, 1970; had first film role in *Prime Cut*, 1972; won praise for her first important screen role in *Badlands*, 1973; worked with Jack Fisk as set decorator on *Phantom of the Paradise*, 1974; appeared in the TV mini-series *Streets of Laredo*, a sequel to *Lonesome Dove*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Actress, National Society of Film Critics, for *Carrie*, 1976; Best Supporting Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Three Women*, 1977; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, New York Film Critics Circle, Best Actress, National Board of Review, Best Actress, National Society of Film Critics, Best Actress, Los Angeles Critics Association, and Best Motion Picture Actress—Musical/Comedy, Golden Globe, for *Coal Miner’s Daughter*, 1980; Best Actress, New York Film Critics Circle, Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Comedy/Drama, Golden Globe, for *Crimes of the Heart*, 1986. **Agent:** c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1970 *Trash* (Morrissey) (as extra)
- 1972 *Prime Cut* (Ritchie) (as Poppy)
- 1973 *Ginger in the Morning* (Wiles) (title role); *Badlands* (Malick) (as Holly Sargis); *The Girls of Huntingdon House* (Kjellin—for TV)



Sissy Spacek in *Carrie*

- 1974 *The Migrants* (Gries—for TV) (as Wanda Trimpin)
- 1975 *Katherine* (Kagan—for TV) (title role)
- 1976 *Carrie* (De Palma) (title role)
- 1977 *Three Women* (Altman) (as Pinky); *Welcome to L.A.* (Rudolph) (as the maid)
- 1978 *Verna—USO Girl* (Maxwell—for TV) (title role)
- 1980 *Coal Miner’s Daughter* (Apted) (as Loretta Lynn); *Heart Beat* (Byrum) (as Carolyn Cassady)
- 1981 *Raggedy Man* (Fisk) (as Nita Longley)
- 1982 *Missing* (Costa-Gavras) (as Beth Horman)
- 1983 *The Man with Two Brains* (Carl Reiner) (as voice of Ann Uumellmahaye)
- 1984 *The River* (Rydell) (as Mae Garvey)
- 1985 *Marie* (Donaldson) (title role)
- 1986 *’Night, Mother* (Moore) (as Jessie Cates); *Crimes of the Heart* (Beresford) (as Babe Magrath); *Violets Are Blue* (Fisk) (as Gussie Sawyer)
- 1990 *The Long Walk Home* (Pearce) (as Miriam Thompson)
- 1991 *JFK* (Stone) (as Liz Garrison)
- 1992 *A Private Matter* (Joan Micklin Silver—for TV); *Hard Promises* (Grant) (as Chris Coalter)
- 1994 *Trading Mom* (*Mommy Market*) (Brelis—produced in 1992) (as Mommy/Mama/Mom/Natasha); *A Place for Annie* (for TV) (as Susan Lansing)
- 1995 *The Good Old Boys* (Jones—for TV); *The Grass Harp* (Charles Matthau) (as Verena); *Streets of Laredo* (Sargent—mini for TV) (as Lorena Parker)

- 1996 *Thomas Jefferson: A View from the Mountain* (as voice of Martha Jefferson); *If These Walls Could Talk* (Cher, Savoca—for TV) (as Barbara Barrows); *Beyond the Call* (Bill) (as Pam O'Brien)
- 1997 *Affliction* (Schrader) (as Margie Fogg)
- 1999 *The Straight Story* (Lynch) (as Rose); *Blast from the Past* (Wilson) (as Helen Thomas Webber); *The Rage: Carrie 2* (Shea) (archive footage as Carrie White)

Other Films:

- 1974 *Phantom of the Paradise* (De Palma) (set dresser)
- 1977 *Death Game (The Seducers)* (Traynor) (art director)

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Dowell, Pat, "Mettle of the Belle," in *American Film* (New York), vol. 16, no. 3, March 1991.

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The Texas accent, which she has retained throughout her career, has allowed Sissy Spacek to play a variety of characters with Southern-American roots. But beyond this geographic similarity, she has been able to submerge her personality in various screen roles, instilling in them a genuine sincerity and bringing to them much subtlety and intelligence and an impressive emotional range. In the initial phase of her career she played victims: troubled teens and eccentrics, and characters who suffered much even after finding success. In her middle period, she was at her best as heroines, strong-willed women attempting to transcend obstacles as they carved out their lives or battled hypocrisy and bureaucracy. In her career's third period, she graduated to character roles.

Spacek's two best early-career roles are as adolescent outcasts, one a bored, brainlessly misguided teen who links up with a James Dean-obsessed killer in the cult classic *Badlands*, the other a deeply disturbed and repressed teen who comes to realize that she possesses telekinetic powers in *Carrie*. She is equally fine in *Three Women* playing Pinky, a strange, psychologically complex young woman who comes to work in a health care facility for senior citizens and forms a bond with a co-worker. In *Coal Miner's Daughter*, she won an Oscar playing the most solidly grounded of her early roles: Loretta Lynn, who emerged from a poverty-stricken life in the Kentucky coal fields to win fame as a country music legend. Still, Spacek's Loretta is

a deeply vulnerable character. With her success comes feelings of self-doubt, which play themselves out in self-destructive behavior and an eventual on-stage breakdown.

Phase two of Spacek's career commences with *Raggedy Man*, in which she gives an energetic, naturalistic performance as a young divorcee attempting to establish a life for herself and her two children. She is equally effective in *Missing*, as a wife whose husband has mysteriously disappeared in a Latin American country; *The River*, as a Tennessee farm woman fighting to keep the family land out of the hands of bankers; and *Marie*, about a divorced mother who battles corruption in the Tennessee state government.

The next transformation of her career begins with 'Night, Mother (playing an unhappy, suicidal woman) and *Crimes of the Heart* (as the weirdest of three flaky Southern sisters), roles which are older variations of her early-career characterizations. Around this time, she also played a rare, strictly romantic lead in *Violets Are Blue*. Another, albeit different, character part came in *The Long Walk Home*, playing a proper, upper-class representative of traditional Southern womanhood who slowly has her consciousness raised in the pre-integration 1950s.

In the 1990s, Spacek began appearing more frequently in prestige television movies. And she played her first nonglamorous middle-aged screen character in *The Grass Harp*, cast as a haughty, close-minded businesswoman in a small pre-World War II Southern town who is most concerned with making money and owning people. Her character (who is closer in appearance to Edna May Oliver than any freckle-faced ingenue or determined heroine) is contrasted to her gentle-souled sister (Piper Laurie). Both Spacek and Laurie offer award-caliber performances. (Ironically, almost two decades earlier, Laurie had been cast in *Carrie* as Spacek's religious-fanatic mother.)

The late 1990s found Spacek on-screen strictly in character supporting roles. In *Affliction*, she is Nick Nolte's girlfriend, but is overshadowed by the riveting presences of Nolte and James Coburn. She fares better in *The Straight Story* as Richard Farnsworth's speech-impaired live-in daughter, and gives a sharp, scene-stealing comic performance in *Blast from the Past* as Brendan Fraser's loopy, kitchen-puttering mother, a 1960s homemaker who spends 35 years underground in a bomb shelter.

During this period, Spacek has been severely under-used on screen. Nonetheless, she has not lost an iota of her talent.

—Rob Edelman

SPACEY, Kevin

Born: Kevin Spacey Fowler, 26 July 1959, South Orange, New Jersey. **Education:** Attended Los Angeles Valley College; studied drama at Juilliard School, 1979–81. **Career:** Appeared on TV series *Wiseguy*, 1988. **Awards:** Tony Award for best featured actor in a drama, for *Lost in Yonkers*, 1991; Academy Award and National Board of Review Award for best supporting actor, *The Usual Suspects*, 1996; Boston Society of Film Critics Award for best supporting actor, 1997, and London Critics Circle Award for supporting actor of the year, 1998, both for *L.A. Confidential*; Academy Award and British Academy Award, for best actor in a leading role, London Critics Circle Award, for actor of the year, and Screen Actors Guild Award, for outstanding performance by a cast in a theatrical motion



Kevin Spacey (right) and John Cusack in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*

picture, for *American Beauty*, 2000. **Address:** Altman, Greenfield, and Salvaje, 120 West 45th Street, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10036, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1986 *Heartburn* (Nichols) (as Subway Thief)
- 1987 *Wiseguy* (Holcomb, Marshall—for TV) (as Mel Proffitt); *Long Day's Journey Into Night* (Miller—for TV) (as James "Jamie" Tyrone, Jr.)
- 1988 *Rocket Gibraltar* (Petrie) (as Dwayne Hanson); *Working Girl* (Nichols) (as Bob Speck); *The Murder of Mary Phagan* (Hale—for TV) (as Wes Brent)
- 1989 *Dad* (Goldberg) (as Mario); *See No Evil, Hear No Evil* (Hiller) (as Kirgo)
- 1990 *A Show of Force* (Barreto) (as Frank Curtin); *When You Remember Me* (Winer—for TV) (as Wade); *Henry & June* (Kaufman) (as Richard Osborn); *Fall from Grace* (Arthur—for TV) (as Jim Bakker)
- 1991 *Darrow* (Coles—for TV) (as Clarence Darrow)
- 1992 *Consenting Adults* (Pakula) (as Eddy Otis); *Glengarry Glen Ross* (Foley) (as John Williamson)
- 1994 *Doomsday Gun* (Young—for TV) (as Jim Price); *Iron Will* (Haid) (as Harry Kingsley); *The Ref* (*Hostile Hostages*) (Demme) (as Lloyd Chasseur); *Swimming with Sharks* (*The Boss*) (*The Buddy Factor*) (Huang) (as Buddy Ackerman) (+ pr)
- 1995 *Se7en* (*Seven*) (Fincher) (as John Doe); *The Usual Suspects* (Singer) (as Verbal Kint); *Outbreak* (Petersen) (as Casey Schuler)
- 1996 *A Time to Kill* (Schumacher) (as Rufus Buckley); *Looking for Richard* (Pacino) (as Buckingham/Himself)
- 1997 *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (Eastwood) (as Jim Williams); *L.A. Confidential* (Hanson) (as Jack Vincennes)
- 1998 *A Bug's Life* (Lasseter, Stanton) (as voice of Hopper); *Hurlyburly* (Drazan) (as Mickey); *The Negotiator* (Gray) (as Lt. Chris Sabian); *Steve McQueen: The King of Cool* (Katz—for TV) (as Narrator)
- 1999 *American Beauty* (Mendes) (as Lester Burnham); *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (as Himself); *Hitchcock: Shadow of a Genius* (*Dial H Hitchcock: The Genius*)

Behind the Showman, Dial H for Hitchcock (Haimes—for TV) (as Narrator); *Saturday Night Live: 25th Anniversary* (McCarthy—for TV) (as Himself); *The Big Kahuna* (Swanbeck) (as Larry Mann) (+ pr)

2000 *Ordinary Decent Criminal* (O'Sullivan) (as Michael Lynch); *Pay It Forward* (Leder)

Other Films:

1996 *Albino Alligator* (d)

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Epstein, Jan, "Demon Dogs: *L.A. Confidential*," in *Cinema Papers* (Fitzroy), no. 121, November 1997.

Wolf, Matt, "The Unusual Suspect," in *Asian Age*, 11 August 1998.

Eimer, David, "Spacey Exploration," in *Time Out* (London), 27 October 1999.

"The Name of the Rose," in *Film Review*, February 2000.

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"Exciting and dangerous though he is," wrote critic John Lyttle in 1994, "Kevin Spacey will never be a front rank film star: there's something a mite too mean in that pig-cum-pug face and beefy body." A cautionary object-lesson in "never say never," certainly; but the steady rise in Spacey's status since that judgement attests the actor's impressive skill in expanding his range, effecting a turnaround in his screen persona that still leaves room for the deep-dyed scuzzbag roles that first made his name. Not since Lee Marvin, perhaps, has a born heavy so persuasively remoulded himself into star material.

With hindsight the potential seems self-evident, right from his screen debut in Mike Nichols' *Heartburn* when, orange-haired and saturnine, he coolly mugs Meryl Streep's entire therapy group and briefly galvanises an otherwise vapid movie. In *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a showpiece of ensemble acting, Spacey's self-serving office manager astutely holds his own with actors of the calibre of Jack Lemmon and Al Pacino. But his breakthrough year didn't come until 1995, when three films in quick succession—*The Usual Suspects*, *Seven*, and *Swimming with Sharks*—transformed him from a cult actor treasured by connoisseurs to a major star in the making. He played bad guys in all three films, but in such utterly different registers that any lingering thoughts of typecasting were banished.

With his dark eyes and heavy, sullen jowls Spacey scarcely fitted the Hollywood norm for male leads. "I keep seeing the same people," he observed of his fellow-actors, "and I don't look like them. I have to go at it a different way." His way of going at it involved discarding the stock elements in any role, no matter how cursory or underwritten, in favour of a layered, nuanced performance that suggested complexities swirling beneath the surface, facets yet to be exposed. "If you look at a person through only one lens, then you miss truth," he once remarked. "People can be many things at many times." He was referring specifically to *The Usual Suspects* (and not just to his own part in it), but the principle applies to most of the roles he's played.

As the parts have grown larger and more substantial with his improving status, this technique has allowed Spacey to find moments when a character reveals hidden elements, not only to us but to himself. Such a flash of self-revelation comes at a key moment in *L.A. Confidential* when smug "celebrity cop" Jack Vincennes suddenly discovers, to his own dismay, that he has a conscience. Up to this point Spacey has given a preening, dancing performance, as though Vincennes were acknowledging unheard applause on each entry. (He apparently studied several of Dean Martin's films while preparing for the role.) Then all at once, as this unwonted aspect of himself makes itself known, a stillness grips him and a look of inner-directed bemusement fills his eyes: what is this and how did it get here?

Even as producer-from-hell Buddy Ackerman in *Swimming with Sharks*, the least complex of his three 1995 bad guys, Spacey adds layers and ambiguities for us to explore: Buddy's a monster, no question, but we also sense the man putting on his monster act, standing back and savouring his own sadistic riffs. (Does this make him more hateful, or less?) In *The Usual Suspects*, his tour de force of verbal and physical deviousness lurks at the very heart of the labyrinth. Now slumped in maudlin self-abasement, now taking off on another fluent, meandering yarn, his flickering eyes restlessly sizing up the odds, Spacey gives a performance of such masterly indirection that the crucial question (is he or isn't he Keyzer Soze?) remains impossible to resolve, even on multiple viewings.

Between his two Oscars—Best Supporting Actor for *The Usual Suspects*, Best Actor for *American Beauty*—Spacey deliberately set out "to move away from the roles that I first got noticed for. . . . A rather dark impression had been made, because I was playing characters that were quite manipulative and villainous and seemed to be about ten steps ahead of everyone else. That was really great territory to explore, but I started to see that the offers I was getting for other movies were the same roles in lamer films."

By way of transition, he tried out a varied spread of good-bad roles. Besides *L.A. Confidential* there was his gay Southern socialite in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, a model of silky underplaying let down by Eastwood's lethargic direction; and his teaming with Samuel L. Jackson in the police thriller *The Negotiator*—"I wanted to see if I could do a big commercial action movie that I could live with myself in the morning about." He also collected rave notices in O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh* on the London stage, and made his directorial debut with *Albino Alligator*, a psychological heist-gone-wrong drama. His direction was fluent and assured, if a touch under-ambitious.

As Lester Burnham, the shop-soiled protagonist of *American Beauty*, Spacey was at last given room to show what he could do. For him, it was a link back to his theatre work, where rather than being cast as heavies, "I played men more like Lester—having an internal

turmoil with themselves.” Lifting the role, as ever, well clear of easy caricature, Spacey takes the stock figure of the unhappily-married, midlife-crisis suburban male and imbues him with warmth, urgency, and a self-deprecating hand-dog charm. A man who tries to recapture his lost youth out of lust for a 16-year-old schoolgirl could so easily have appeared unsavoury or contemptible; Spacey, without making any crass bids for sympathy, holds us with him right to the film’s final, unlooked-for moment of redemption. Kevin Spacey’s status as a major movie star is now secure. What he does with it should be well worth watching.

—Philip Kemp

STALLONE, Sylvester

Nationality: American. **Born:** Michael Sylvester Stallone in New York City, 6 July 1946; brother of actor Frank Stallone. **Education:** Attended Devereux High School, Berwyn, Pennsylvania; an American college in Leysin, Switzerland (also served as athletic coach); University of Miami, Coral Gables. **Family:** Married 1) Sasha Czack, 1974 (divorced 1985), sons: Sage Moonblood, Seth; 2) the actress Brigitte Nielsen, 1985 (divorced 1987); Jennifer Flavin, 1987, daughters: Sophia Rose, Sistine Rose. **Career:** Worked as a pizza demonstrator, swept zoo cages, and worked as an usher in New York while trying to get acting parts, late 1960s; made his film debut in *Party at Kitty and Studs*, 1970; won stardom playing the title role in *Rocky*,



Sylvester Stallone with Talia Shire in *Rocky*

from his own script, 1976; directed his first film, *Paradise Alley*, 1978. **Awards:** Honorary César Award, 1992; Best Actor Stockholm Film Festival, for *Cop Land*, 1997; Academy of Science Fiction, Horror and Fantasy Film Lifetime Achievement Award, 1997. **Agent:** c/o William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1970 *The Italian Stallion (Party at Kitty and Studs)* (Milton Lewis and Morton Lewis) (as Stud)
- 1971 *Bananas* (Woody Allen) (as mugger)
- 1974 *No Place to Hide* (Shaftel) (as Jerry); *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* (Frank) (as youth in park); *The Lords of Flatbush* (Verona and Davidson, + co-sc) (as Stanley)
- 1975 *Farewell My Lovely* (Richards) (as Kelly/Jonnie); *Capone* (Carver) (as Frank Nitti); *Death Race 2000* (Bartel) (as “Machine Gun” Joe Vitebo); *Rebel* (Schnitzer) (as Jerry Savage)
- 1976 *Rocky* (Avildsen) (as Rocky Balboa, + sc); *Cannonball (Carquake)* (Bartel) (cameo)
- 1978 *F.I.S.T.* (Jewison) (as Johnny Kovak, + co-sc)
- 1981 *Victory (Escape to Victory)* (Huston) (as Robert Hatch); *Nighthawks* (Malmuth) (as Deke DeSilva)
- 1982 *First Blood* (Kotcheff) (as John Rambo, + co-sc)
- 1984 *Rhinestone* (Clark) (as Nick, + co-sc)
- 1985 *Rambo: First Blood, Part II* (Cosmatos) (as John Rambo, + co-sc)
- 1986 *Cobra* (Cosmatos) (as Marion Cobretti, + co-sc); *Over the Top* (Golan) (as Lincoln Hawk, + co-sc)
- 1988 *Rambo III* (MacDonald) (title role, + co-sc)
- 1989 *Lock Up* (Flynn) (as Frank Leone); *Tango and Cash* (Konchalovsky) (as Ray Tango)
- 1990 *Rocky V* (Avildsen) (title role, + sc)
- 1991 *Oscar* (Landis) (as Angelo “Snaps” Provolone)
- 1992 *Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot* (Spottiswoode) (as Sgt. Joe Bomowski)
- 1993 *Cliffhanger* (Harlin) (as Gabe Walker, + sc); *Demolition Man* (Brambilla) (as Sgt. John Spartan)
- 1994 *The Specialist* (Llosa) (as Ray Quick); *A Century of Cinema* (Thomas) (doc) (as himself)
- 1995 *Judge Dredd* (Cannon) (title role); *Assassins* (Richard Donner) (as Robert Rath); *Your Studio and You* (Parker) (short) (as himself)
- 1996 *Daylight* (Cohen) (as Kit Latura)
- 1997 *The Good Life* (Harrison); *An Alan Smithee Film: Burn Hollywood Burn* (Hiller, Smithee) (as himself); *Cop Land* (Mangold) (as Sheriff Freddy Heflin)
- 1998 *Antz* (Darnell, Guterman) (as voice of Weaver)
- 2000 *Get Carter* (Kay) (as Jack Carter)
- 2001 *Eye See You* (Gillespie) (as Jake Malloy)

Films as Director and Scriptwriter:

- 1978 *Paradise Alley* (+ ro as Cosmo Carboni)
- 1979 *Rocky II* (+ title ro)

- 1982 *Rocky III* (+ title ro)
 1983 *Staying Alive* (co-sc, + co-pr)
 1985 *Rocky IV* (+ title ro)

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By STALLONE: articles—

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Regardless of how one may feel about Sylvester Stallone and what he represents, he is still a bankable star of the first magnitude. With Arnold Schwarzenegger, he is the preeminent action-movie star of his era, an actor whose mere presence in films with such generic titles as *Cobra*, *Cliffhanger*, *The Specialist*, *Demolition Man*, and *Judge Dredd* signals to audiences a certain kind of contemporary movie: mindlessly violent action films where character development is secondary to special effects, gushing blood, and high body counts. Stallone’s appeal in such films is based on a combination of his brawn and the physical heroics his character undergoes, rather than any acting ability. Often, Stallone grunts his way through his films, having been given hardly any dialog lasting beyond a few sentences at a time. But then, his characters are meant to be men of action, rather than words.

This is not to say that Stallone has made flawless career choices. He has involved himself in movies that have flopped. In *F.I.S.T.*, a box-office failure (which is nonetheless one of his better films), he had one of his more ambitious roles as a Jimmy Hoffa-like labor leader. Not all of his action films have been successes, either. One example is *Judge Dredd*, a film that on paper seemed a sure-fire hit but which disappointed at the box office. And for the most part, he has met disaster whenever taking a role in a non-action film. *Rhinestone*, for example, starred him with Dolly Parton as a New York cabdriver who becomes a hillbilly singer. As with most Stallone films, it earned dreadful reviews, but in this case audiences stayed away en masse. Stallone’s failures when veering from tried-and-true formulas are what separates him from Schwarzenegger, who has worked successfully in other film genres, even to the point of self-parody (as in *Twins* and *Junior*).

Stallone’s most popular and enduring characters remain boxer Rocky Balboa and Vietnam-veteran John Rambo; he appeared in each role in a separate, hugely successful film series. Indeed, it was a combination of his performance as the lovable proletarian lug Rocky Balboa, compounded by the real-life, rags-to-riches story of how the film came to movie screens, which earned Stallone his initial mass fame. Stallone was just another struggling, unbankable actor, playing bit parts and featured roles as hoods (in, respectively, *Bananas* and *The Lords of Flatbush*), when he penned the *Rocky* screenplay. In a shrewd move, he refused to sell the script unless he would be allowed to play the title role. He won out, and in so doing became one of Hollywood’s most well-publicized success stories and an American myth come to life.

In the great American tradition, the characters of Rocky Balboa and John Rambo reflect the idealized triumph of the individual, and herein lies the essence of their appeal. At the same time, politics also plays no small part in the *Rocky-Rambo* films. Rocky Balboa may have started out as an endearing pug, a heartfelt symbol of the common man who lives out the fantasies of millions of other common men in that he gets his one shot at fame by fighting for the world championship. But as the story of Rocky continued through its sequels, Rocky literally wraps himself in the American flag. John Rambo, meanwhile, rises out of the ashes of the Vietnam folly. He is

a bigger-than-life, thoroughly indestructible superhero—the good guy who can never, ever be defeated, and the good guy that America wishes itself to be. As Rambo battles the yellow and red perils (in *Rambo: First Blood*, *Part II* and *Rambo III*), American males are meant to fantasize about filling his shoes, just as they fantasize about filling the shoes of a Don Mattingly or Dan Marino.

The *Rambo* films in particular are throwbacks to the 1950s, a simpler age. America was then the self-proclaimed leader of the free world. Good and bad were clearly defined, and war movies were popular because they reenacted battles in conflicts from which the United States emerged victorious. So for the *Rambo* films to have been popular, they must portray a soldier as a winner in battle—even if the facts tell you that the war is lost. *First Blood*, the initial *Rambo* film, focuses on the character's status as a Vietnam veteran. Next, he returns to the Asian jungle to liberate MIAs and rewrite the Vietnam history book. Then, he finds a new war. This one may be set in Afghanistan, but it is against the usual enemy: ludicrous commie-miscreant caricatures who claim that they “try to be civilized” as they beat unconscious their red, white, and blue-blooded foes. But after being exposed to a strong dose of *Rambo*, they are destined to fall like cattle rustlers in a John Wayne Western. Indeed, in the 1980s, Stallone came to replace Wayne as the celluloid symbol of love-it-or-leave-it, hit-first-and-ask-questions-later conservatism.

In effect, in his subsequent big-budget action extravaganzas, Stallone has played thinly disguised *Rambo* variations. In the trailer for *The Specialist*, viewers are told all they need to know about Stallone's character when informed that “the government taught him to kill”—a description that also holds true for John Rambo. In *Nighthawks*, Stallone plays a stalwart New York City cop who learned his killing skills—where else?—on the battlefields of Southeast Asia.

Now well into his fifties, Stallone has not yet abandoned playing action heroes. However, he has proven that he can be up to the challenge when assigned a multi-dimensional dramatic role. He offers a sensitive performance in *Cop Land*, playing the antithesis of the standard, brawny, and cartoonish Stallone character: a paunchy, ineffectual sheriff who is mocked by the rough, tough, “real” (not to mention corrupt) lawmen who work in New York City but reside in his New Jersey town. *Cop Land* is of course the rare exception, rather than the rule, for Stallone. Yet however you view him, it cannot be denied that he has made his mark as a late-twentieth-century celluloid icon. His screen persona should not easily be dismissed, just as his pop-cultural success cannot be ignored.

—James M. Welsh, updated by Rob Edelman

STAMP, Terence

Nationality: British. **Born:** Terence Henry Stamp in Stepney, London, England, 22 July 1938. **Education:** Attended the Webber-Douglas Drama School, London. **Career:** Stage actor: role in *Why the Chicken*; 1962—film debut in title role in *Billy Budd*; later stage roles in *Dracula*, *The Lady from the Sea*, and *Alfie*; 1980s—published three volumes of autobiography. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *The Collector*, 1965; Seattle International Film Festival Golden Space Needle Award for Best Actor, for *The Adventures of Priscilla*,



Terence Stamp with Julie Christie in *Far from the Madding Crowd*

Queen of the Desert, 1994; Golden Satellite Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama, for *The Limey*, 1999. **Address:** c/o Markham and Froggatt, 4 Windmill St, London W1, England **Agent:** IFA Talent Agency, 8730 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 490, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1962 *Billy Budd* (Ustinov) (title role); *Term of Trial* (Glenville) (as Mitchell)
- 1965 *The Collector* (Wyler) (as Freddie Clegg)
- 1966 *Modesty Blaise* (Losey) (as Willie Garvin)
- 1967 *Far from the Madding Crowd* (Schlesinger) (as Sgt. Troy); *Poor Cow* (Loach) (as Dave)
- 1968 “Toby Dammit” ep. of *Histoires extraordinaires (Spirits of the Dead)* (Fellini) (title role); *Blue* (Narizzano) (title role); *Teorema (Theorum)* (Pasolini) (as the visitor)
- 1970 *The Mind of Mr. Soames* (Cooke) (as John Soames)
- 1971 *Una stagione all' inferno* (Risi)
- 1974 *Hu Man* (Lapperrousaz)
- 1976 *Strip-Tease* (Lorente); *La divina creatura (The Divine Nymph)* (Griffi) (as Duke Daniele di Bagnasco)
- 1978 *The Thief of Bagdad* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Wazir Jaudur); *Superman* (Richard Donner) (as Gen. Zod)
- 1979 *Amo non amo (I Love You, I Love You Not)* (Balducci); *Meetings with Remarkable Men* (Peter Brook) (as Prince Lubovodsky)

- 1980 *Misterio en la isla de los monstruos* (*Monster Island*; *Mystery of Monster Island*) (Piquer) (as Taskinar); *Superman II* (Lester) (as Gen. Zod)
- 1982 *Morte in Vaticano* (*Death in the Vatican*) (Aliprandi)
- 1983 *Bloody Chamber* (Lewin); *Chess Game* (Tucker—for TV)
- 1984 *The Hit* (Frears) (as Willie Parker); *The Company of Wolves* (Jordan)
- 1986 *Hud* (Lokkeberg) (as Edward, an artist); *Legal Eagles* (Reitman) (as Victor Taft); *Link* (Franklin) (as Dr. Steven Philip); *Directed by William Wyler* (Slesin—doc) (as himself)
- 1987 *The Sicilian* (Cimino) (as Prince Borsa); *Wall Street* (Stone) (as Sir Larry Wildman)
- 1988 *Alien Nation* (Baker) (as William Harcourt); *Young Guns* (Cain) (as John Henry Tunstall)
- 1990 *Genuine Risk* (Voss) (as Paul Hellwart)
- 1991 *Beltenebros* (*Prince of Shadows*) (Pilar Miro) (as Darman)
- 1993 *The Real McCoy* (Mulcahy) (as Jack Schmidt); *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* (Elliott) (as Bernadette)
- 1996 *Tire a part* (Bernard Rapp) (Lamb)
- 1997 *Bliss* (Young) (as Baltazar Vincenza)
- 1998 *Kiss the Sky* (Young) (as Kozen); *Love Walked In* (Juan José Campanella) (as Fred Moore)
- 1999 *The Limey* (Soderbergh) (as Wilson); *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace* (Lucas) (as Chancellor Finis Valorum); *Bowfinger* (Oz) (as Terry Stricter)
- 2000 *Red Planet* (Hoffman) (as Dr. Bud Chantillas)

Films as Director:

- 1990 *Stranger in the House* (+ sc, ro)

Publications

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- Coming Attractions*, London, 1988.
- Double Feature*, London, 1989.
- The Night*, London, 1991.

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Enjoying a late-1990s mini-renaissance in his film career, Terence Stamp is unlikely to find a more apt valedictory role than the part of vengeful Cockney rogue Wilson in *The Limey*. Out to get the shady American music impresario he blames for his daughter’s death, the character is far more than just another vigilante “hero,” drawing on Stamp’s own background and a forceful star persona that has shone, with varying degrees of brightness, for nearly forty years. It says something about the erratic progress of Stamp’s career that this justly acclaimed performance came six years after his last high profile film. Following a lengthy period in which he largely disappeared from the consciousness of moviegoers, Stamp served notice that he was still an actor of considerable range with his eye-opening star turn in *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. Stamp had not exactly been absent from movie screens, but he was commanding neither memorable featured parts nor the prestige starring roles he had won earlier in his career. For instance, when one thinks of *Wall Street*, in which he had a supporting role, one thinks of Oliver Stone, Michael Douglas and Charlie Sheen. When one thinks of *Young Guns*—in which Stamp has one of his better later-career roles as a British gentleman who becomes mentor to six youthful hooligans in the American West—one thinks of Sheen, Emilio Estevez, Lou Diamond Phillips, and Kiefer Sutherland, whose combined thespian efforts looked pretty thin by comparison. When one thinks of *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace*, which wastes Stamp in a brief cameo, one merely hopes he was paid well.

Back in the 1960s, his decade of stardom, Stamp established himself with his Oscar-nominated supporting performance as the ingenuous, ill-fated seaman in Ustinov’s *Billy Budd*. This success led to his being cast with varying degrees of success in high-profile, prestige productions. Stamp’s best roles were complex, enigmatic ones. In *Poor Cow*, he is impressive as the petty criminal whose tenderness towards Carol White is countered by his vicious beating of an elderly victim. He gave his finest star performances in *The Collector*, playing a warped young amateur lepidopterist who kidnaps an art student, hoping that during her imprisonment she will come to love him; the Fellini-directed segment of the three-part *Spirits of the Dead*, a surreal adaptation of an Edgar Allan Poe story in which Stamp is cast as a cynical, alcoholic, ill-fated movie star; and *Teorema*, the story of a mysterious, ambiguous figure who disrupts and transforms the lives of a bourgeois Italian family. While the latter is very much the creation of its writer-director, Pier Paolo Pasolini, the film gains immeasurably from Stamp’s imposing presence and otherworldly features. His lesser roles of the period came in *Far from the Madding Crowd*, in which he has little to do but look good in a cavalry uniform and wave his saber for the benefit of Julie Christie, and the desperately ‘pop’ comic-strip film *Modesty Blaise*, in which he is stranded as Monica Vitti’s sidekick. Lead roles in the sleeper hits *Alfie*—which Stamp offered to play for free—and *Blow Up* eluded him, going instead to relative unknowns Michael Caine and David Hemmings.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Stamp made the transition from leading man to supporting actor. Among his strongest roles were the hunted ex-con in *The Hit* and the thoroughly evil General Zod in *Superman II* (also seen briefly in *Superman*). The character of General Zod may have been one-dimensional, but Stamp is highly effective as he adopts a calm, detached attitude to his acts of destruction. But for the most part, his roles (as well as films) remained undistinguished until, in a brilliant bit of casting, he signed on to play his highest-profile character in years: Bernadette, the dignified yet vulnerable transsexual in *Priscilla*. The film is a funny, moving, sleeper hit comedy in which Stamp is one-third of a drag queen act touring the Australian provinces. Bernadette is a risky character for any actor, one which easily might have degenerated into a campy caricature. But the actor's striking features and sheer presence lent much to the role, which ends up a sensational star turn—and, perhaps, Stamp's most memorable screen characterization.

In the 1990s, *The Limey* returns to Stamp's sixties roots in the most literal way possible, utilizing clips from *Poor Cow* to depict the younger Wilson. Playing opposite fellow 1960s icon Peter Fonda, Stamp is both amusing and poignant as the East End Englishman in L.A., his deliberately impenetrable rhyming slang masking both resilience and resourcefulness. While Dave in *Poor Cow* was amoral and brutal underneath his "charmer" exterior, the equally tough Wilson is a man of principle, sharing Bernadette's sense of battered integrity, if not her taste in high fashion.

—Daniel O'Brien, with previous updates by Rob Edelman

STANWYCK, Barbara

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ruby Stevens in Brooklyn, New York, 16 July 1907. **Education:** Attended elementary schools in Brooklyn. **Family:** Married 1) Frank Fay, 1928 (divorced 1935); 2) the actor Robert Taylor, 1939 (divorced 1951). **Career:** Working girl from early age; wrapper in a department store, telephone operator, pattern cutter, file clerk; then dancer in night clubs; 1923—first stage appearance in musical comedy; toured with *Ziegfeld Folies of 1923*; 1926—in dramatic role in stage play *The Noose*; 1927—film debut in *Broadway Nights*; 1931—contract with Warner Brothers; 1935—freelance actress; 1936—began radio acting with *Lux Radio Theatre*; 1956—formed Barwyk Corporation production company; 1960–61—host of TV series *The Barbara Stanwyck Show*, and in *The Big Valley* series, 1965–69; 1980s—in TV mini-series *The Thorn Birds*, 1983, and 1985–86 in series *The Colbys*. **Awards:** Co-recipient, Special Jury Prize for Ensemble Acting, Venice Festival, for *Executive Suite*, 1954; Special Academy Award, for "superlative creativity and unique contribution to the art of screen acting," 1981. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 20 January 1990.

Films as Actress:

1927 *Broadway Nights* (Boyle) (as dancer)
 1929 *The Locked Door* (Fitzmaurice) (as Ann Carter); *Mexicali Rose* (Kenton) (title role)
 1930 *Ladies of Leisure* (Capra) (as Kay Arnold)
 1931 *Illicit* (Mayo) (as Anne Vincent); *Ten Cents a Dance* (Barrymore) (as Barbara O'Neil); *Night Nurse* (Wellman)



Barbara Stanwyck

(as Lora Hart); *The Miracle Woman* (Capra) (as Florence Fallon)
 1932 *Forbidden* (Capra) (as Lulu Smith); *Shopworn* (Grinde) (as Kitty Lane); *So Big* (Wellman) (as Selina Peake Dejong); *The Purchase Price* (Wellman) (as Joan Gordon)
 1933 *The Bitter Tea of General Yen* (Capra) (as Megan Davis); *Ladies They Talk About* (Bretherton) (as Nan Taylor); *Baby Face* (Green) (as Lily Powers); *Ever in My Heart* (Mayo) (as Mary Archer)
 1934 *Gambling Lady* (Mayo) (as Lady Lee); *A Lost Lady* (Green) (as Marian Ormsby)
 1935 *The Secret Bride* (Dieterle) (as Ruth Vincent); *The Woman in Red* (Florey) (as Shelby Barrett); *Red Salute* (Lanfield) (as Drue Van Allen); *Annie Oakley* (Stevens) (title role)
 1936 *A Message to Garcia* (George Marshall) (as Raphaelita Maderos); *The Bride Walks Out* (Jason) (as Carolyn Martin); *His Brother's Wife* (Van Dyke) (as Rita Wilson); *Banjo on My Knee* (Cromwell) (as Pearl Holley); *The Plough and the Stars* (Ford) (as Nora Clitheroe)
 1937 *Interns Can't Take Money* (Santell) (as Janet Haley); *This Is My Affair* (Seiter) (as Lil Duryea); *Stella Dallas* (King Vidor) (title role); *Breakfast for Two* (Santell) (as Valentine Ransom)
 1938 *Always Goodbye* (Lanfield) (as Margot Weston); *The Mad Miss Manton* (Jason) (title role)
 1939 *Union Pacific* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Mollie Monahan); *Golden Boy* (Mamoulian) (as Lorna Moon)
 1940 *Remember the Night* (Leisen) (as Lee Leander)

- 1941 *The Lady Eve* (Preston Sturges) (as Jean Harrington); *Meet John Doe* (Capra) (as Ann Mitchell); *You Belong to Me* (Ruggles) (as Helen Hunt); *Ball of Fire* (Hawks) (as Sugarpuss O'Shea)
- 1942 *The Great Man's Lady* (Wellman) (as Hannah Sempler); *The Gay Sisters* (Rapper) (as Fiona Gaylord)
- 1943 *Lady of Burlesque* (Wellman) (as Dixie Daisy); *Flesh and Fantasy* (Duvivier) (as Joan Stanley)
- 1944 *Double Indemnity* (Wilder) (as Phyllis Dietrichson); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as herself)
- 1945 *Christmas in Connecticut* (Godfrey) (as Elizabeth Lane)
- 1946 *My Reputation* (Bernhardt) (as Jessica Drummond); *The Bride Wore Boots* (Pichel) (as Sally Warren); *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers* (Milestone) (title role); *California* (Farrow) (as Lily Bishop)
- 1947 *The Two Mrs. Carrolls* (Godfrey) (as Sally Morton Carroll); *The Other Half* (de Toth) (as Karen Duncan); *Cry Wolf* (Godfrey) (as Sandra Marshall); *Variety Girl* (George Marshall) (as herself)
- 1948 *B. F.'s Daughter* (Leonard) (as Polly Fulton); *Sorry, Wrong Number* (Litvak) (as Leona Stevenson)
- 1949 *The Lady Gambles* (Gordon) (as Joan Boothe); *East Side, West Side* (LeRoy) (as Jessie Brown)
- 1950 *The File on Thelma Jordan* (Siodmak) (title role); *No Man of Her Own* (Leisen) (as Helen Ferguson); *The Furies* (Anthony Mann) (as Vance Jeffords); *To Please a Lady* (Brown) (as Regina Forbes)
- 1951 *The Man with a Cloak* (Markle) (as Lorna Bounty)
- 1952 *Clash by Night* (Fritz Lang) (as Mae Doyle)
- 1953 *Jeopardy* (John Sturges) (as Helen Stilwin); *Titanic* (Negulesco) (as Julia Sturges); *All I Desire* (Sirk) (as Naomi Murdoch); *The Moonlighter* (Rowland) (as Rela); *Blowing Wild* (Fregonese) (as Marina)
- 1954 *Executive Suite* (Wise) (as Julie Tredway); *Witness to Murder* (Rowland) (as Cheryl Draper); *Cattle Queen of Montana* (Dwan) (as Sierra Nevada Jones)
- 1955 *The Violent Men* (Maté) (as Martha Wilkinson); *Escape to Burma* (Dwan) (as Gwen Moore)
- 1956 *There's Always Tomorrow* (Sirk) (as Norma Miller); *The Maverick Queen* (Kane) (as Kit Banion); *These Wilder Years* (Rowland) (as Ann Dempster)
- 1957 *Crime of Passion* (Oswald) (as Kathy); *Trooper Hook* (Warren) (as Cora); *Forty Guns* (Fuller) (as Jessica Drummond)
- 1962 *Walk on the Wild Side* (Dmytryk) (as Jo Courtney)
- 1964 *Roustabout* (Rich) (as Maggie Morgan)
- 1965 *The Night Walker* (Castle) (as Irene Trent)
- 1970 *The House That Wouldn't Die* (Llewellyn—for TV) (as Ruth Bennett)
- 1971 *A Taste of Evil* (Llewellyn—for TV) (as Miriam Jennings)
- 1973 *The Letters* (Nelson—for TV) (as Geraldine Parkington)

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Of strong and resolute character, the Stanwyck woman seemed equal to whatever life might bring her, and the result was that there was little in the way of struggle, corruption, sacrifice, hysteria, or fun that Barbara Stanwyck did not experience and convey with startling honesty.

It was Frank Capra who first recognized and elicited Stanwyck's ability to render emotion before it has been rationalized or repressed. Under his direction, she gave her most sensual performance in *The Bitter Tea of General Yen* as a straight-laced, yet fervent missionary who comes to not only accept but love the cultivated warlord who abducts her. The expected changes of heart that Capra's populist comedies would dramatize were first and more subtly worked out in his films with the young, pliant Stanwyck. Capra brought out the

moral passion lurking in Stanwyck's intensity, the counterpart to the talent for evil that her film noir roles would later explore.

Stanwyck's capacity for self-transfiguration, which Capra put to ironic use in his tale of a compromised female evangelist, *The Miracle Woman*, has been overlooked by even her most sympathetic critics, but the last shot of *Stella Dallas* proclaims and glorifies it. Even in less high-toned films about female self-betterment such as *Shopworn* and Capra's *Ladies of Leisure*, Stanwyck showed undisguised feeling for the dreams, often understandably shabby, dreamt by those with little hope and no faith except in themselves.

Her comic heroines never quite forget their relation to their hard-boiled, often manhandled cousins. Even when presented the assured blessings of comic existence, Stanwyck never trusts to luck alone; romantic kismet, in particular, is notoriously unreliable. In *The Lady Eve* she spends the first half of the film falling for her chosen dupe, the irresistibly naive Henry Fonda, the second half revenging herself on him for not seeing that good girls are not as good as they look and bad girls not as bad as he thinks. She is equally convincing in admitting the limits of her wisdom, as in her savvy, yet tenderhearted performance as the newspaperwoman who pleads for the populist idealism she once scoffed at in *Meet John Doe*.

In the late 1940s and through the 1950s, Stanwyck was called upon to exhibit and endure a battery of female neuroses—invalidism, masochism, helpless addiction, and baffled desire—taking on such parts as the hysteric in *Sorry, Wrong Number* and a gambler beaten within an inch of her life in *The Lady Gambles*. Even when possessed of power she would turn it against herself, nursing her impotent hatred for the tycoon who rejected her in *Executive Suite* or, more strikingly, concealing a murderous hatred and even more fatal love in *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers*. But she also struggled against quieter forms of desperation, nowhere with more dignity than in two of Douglas Sirk's less gaudy melodramas of life desiccated by convention, *All I Desire* and *There's Always Tomorrow*. These years touched more boldly, too, on a sexual ambiguity that could shadow her femme fatales and self-reliant frontier women. Her harsh blond in *Double Indemnity* intensifies rather than interrupts the relationship between Fred McMurray's Walter and Edward G. Robinson's Keyes, giving a peculiar suggestion to the desperation in Walter's passion for her. By the time of *Walk on the Wild Side* she unabashedly plays a lesbian madam.

Fearless in whatever psychic territory she was asked to explore, she braved the wilds of the first patently Freudian Western, *The Furies*, and in old age was mortified by sexual desire in *The Thorn Birds*. Whether playing a struggling working girl, burlesque queen, madcap heiress, sassy gunmoll, doting mother, lonely career woman, restless wife, murderous adulteress, or rugged frontier woman, Stanwyck could gaze into the heart of her character and never blink.

—Arthur Nolletti Jr., updated by Maria DiBattista

STEIGER, Rod

Nationality: American. **Born:** Rodney Stephen Steiger in Westhampton, Long Island, New York, 14 April 1925. **Education:** Attended public schools in Irvington, Bloomfield, and Newark, New Jersey; studied acting at the New School for Social Research, New York, two years. **Military Service:** U.S. Navy, 1941–45. **Family:**

Married 1) the actress Sally Gracie, 1952 (divorced 1958); 2) the actress Claire Bloom, 1959 (divorced 1969), daughter: Anna Justine; 3) Sherry Nelson, 1973 (divorced 1979); 4) Paula Ellis, 1986 (divorced 1997). **Career:** 1947—actor on television, and studied acting at the Dramatic Workshop and the Actors Studio, New York; stage debut in *The Trial of Mary Dugan*; 1951—Broadway debut in *Night Music*; film debut in *Teresa*; 1959—on Broadway in *Rashomon*; 1977—in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, *Hollywood Wives*, 1985, *Passion and Paradise*, 1989, *Sinatra*, 1992, *Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City*, 1994, and *Tom Clancy's Op Center*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *The Pawnbroker*, 1965; Best Actor Academy Award, Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Foreign Actor, British Academy, for *In the Heat of the Night*, 1967. **Agent:** Gold/Marshak & Associates, 3500 West Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91505–5320, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1951 *Teresa* (Zinnemann) (as Frank)
- 1954 *On the Waterfront* (Kazan) (as Charley Malloy)
- 1955 *The Big Knife* (Aldrich) (as Stanley Hoff); *The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell (One-Man Mutiny)* (Preminger) (as Maj. Allan Gullion); *Oklahoma!* (Zinnemann) (as Judd Fry)
- 1956 *Jubal* (Daves) (as Pinky); *The Harder They Fall* (Robson) (as Nick Benko); *Back from Eternity* (Zinnemann) (as Vasquez)
- 1957 *Run of the Arrow* (Fuller) (as O'Meara); *Across the Bridge* (Annakin) (as Carl Schaffner); *The Unholy Wife* (Farrow) (as Paul Hochen)
- 1958 *Cry Terror* (Andrew L. Stone) (as Paul Hoplin)
- 1959 *Al Capone* (Wilson) (title role)
- 1960 *Seven Thieves* (Hathaway) (as Paul)
- 1961 *The Mark* (Guy Green) (as Dr. Edmund McNally); *The World in My Pocket (On Friday at Eleven; Vendredi 13 Heures)* (Rakoff) (as Frank Morgan)
- 1962 *Convicts Four* (Kaufman) (as Tiptoes); *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as destroyer commander); *Thirteen West Street* (Leacock) (as Det. Sgt. Koleski)
- 1963 *La mani sulla città (Hands over the City)* (Rosi)
- 1964 *Gli indifferenti (A Time of Indifference)* (Maselli) (as Leo)
- 1965 *The Loved One* (Richardson) (as Mr. Joyboy); *E venne un uomo (And There Came a Man; A Man Named John)* (Olmi) (as the intermediary); *The Pawnbroker* (Lumet) (as Sol Nazerman); *Doctor Zhivago* (Lean) (as Komarovskiy)
- 1967 *In the Heat of the Night* (Jewison) (as Bill Gillespie); *La ragazza e il generale (The Girl and the General)* (Campanile) (as the general)
- 1968 *The Sergeant* (Flynn) (as Sgt. Albert Callan); *No Way to Treat a Lady* (Smight) (as Christopher Gill)
- 1969 *The Illustrated Man* (Smight) (as Carl); *Three into Two Won't Go* (Hall) (as Steve Howard)
- 1970 *Waterloo* (Bondarchuk) (as Napoleon)
- 1971 *Happy Birthday, Wanda June* (Robson) (as Harold Ryan)
- 1972 *Giù la testa (Duck, You Sucker!; A Fistful of Dynamite)* (Leone) (as Juan Miranda)
- 1973 *The Lolly-Madonna War (Lolly Madonna XXX)* (Sarafian) (as Laban Feather); *A proposito Lucky Luciano (Re: Lucky Luciano; Lucky Luciano)* (Rosi) (as Gene Giannini)

Rod Steiger in *Waterloo*

- 1974 *Mussolini: ultimo atto* (*The Last Four Days; Last Days of Mussolini*) (Lizzani) (title role)
- 1975 *Hennessy* (Sharp) (title role); *Les Innocents aux mains sales* (*Dirty Hands*) (Chabrol) (as Louis)
- 1976 *W. C. Fields and Me* (Hiller) (as W. C. Fields)
- 1978 *F.I.S.T.* (Jewison) (as Sen. Madison)
- 1979 *The Amityville Horror* (Rosenberg) (as Father Delaney); *Love and Bullets* (Rosenberg) (as Joe Bomposa); *Breakthrough* (*Sargent Steiner*) (McLagen) (as Gen. Webster)
- 1980 *The Lucky Star* (Fischer) (as Col. Gluck); *Klondike Fever* (*Jack London's Klondike Fever*) (Carter) (as Soapy Smith)
- 1981 *Lion of the Desert* (*Omar Mukhtar*) (Akkad—produced in 1979) (as Mussolini); *Cattle Annie and Little Britches* (Johnson) (as Tilghman)
- 1982 *The Magic Mountain* (Geissendörfer); *The Chosen* (Kagan) (as Reb Saunders)
- 1983 *Cook and Peary: The Race to the North Pole* (Day—for TV)
- 1984 *The Naked Face* (Forbes) (as Lt. McGreavey); *The Glory Boys* (Ferguson—for TV)
- 1986 *Sword of Gideon* (Anderson—for TV)
- 1987 *Catch the Heat* (*Feel the Heat*) (Silberg) (as Jason Hannibal); *The Kindred* (Obrow) (as Dr. Philip Lloyd)
- 1988 *American Gothic* (Hough) (as Pa); *Desperado: Avalanche at Devil's Ridge* (Compton—for TV) (as Silas Slaten)
- 1989 *Try This One for Size* (Hamilton); *The January Man* (O'Connor) (as Mayor Eamon Flynn); *That Summer of White Roses* (Grlic) (as Martin); *The Exiles* (Kaplan—doc) (as himself); *Passion in Paradise* (Hart—for TV) (as Sir Harry Oakes)
- 1991 *The Ballad of the Sad Café* (Callow) (as the Reverend Willin); *In the Line of Duty: Manhunt in the Dakotas* (*Midnight Murders*) (Lowry—for TV) (as Gordon Kahl); *Men of Respect* (Reilly) (as Charlie D'Amico)
- 1992 *The Player* (Altman) (as himself); *Guilty as Charged* (Irvin) (as Ben Kallin); *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—doc for TV) (as voice of Gen. Grant)
- 1993 *The Neighbor* (Gibbons) (as Myron Hatch); *Earth and the American Dream* (Couturie—doc) (as voice)
- 1994 *The Last Tattoo* (John Reid) (as Major Gen. Frank); *The Specialist* (Llosa) (as Joe Leon); *Black Water* (*Tennessee Nights*) (Gessner) (as Judge Prescott); *Seven Sundays* (Tacchella) (as Benjamin)
- 1995 *Columbo: Strange Bedfellows* (for TV) (as Vincenzo Fortelli); *In Pursuit of Honor* (Olin—for TV) (as Col. Owen Stuart); *Choices of the Heart: The Margaret Sanger Story* (Paul Shapiro—for TV) (as Anthony Comstock)
- 1996 *Mars Attacks!* (Tim Burton) (as Gen. Decker)
- 1997 *The Real Thing* (Merendino) (as Victor); *The Kid* (Hamilton) (as Harry Sloan); *Animals* (Di Giacomo); *Shiloh*

- (Rosenbloom) (as Doc Wallace); *Truth or Consequences*, N.M. (Kiefer Sutherland) (as Tony Vago); *Incognito* (Badham) (as Milton A. Donovan)
- 1998 *Modern Vampires* (Elfman) (as Dr. Frederick Van Helsing); *Body and Soul* (as Johnny Ticotin); *Legacy* (T.J. Scott)
- 1999 *Shiloh 2: Shiloh Season* (Tung) (as Doc Wallace); *The Last Producer* (Reynolds); *The Hurricane* (Jewison); *End of Days* (Hyams) (as Father Kovak); *Crazy in Alabama* (Banderas) (as Judge Mead)
- 2000 *The Last Producer* (Burt Reynolds)

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In reexamining Steiger’s riveting tour de force as tortured Sol Nazerman in *The Pawnbroker*, one searches for signs of the overstatement and histrionic effluvia that have marred much of Steiger’s poststardom work. Catching him as a neo-Nazi posing as a garment district merchant on a *Commish* television movie or dropping one’s jaw at his Hispanic crime king in *The Specialist*, one is embarrassed by a personification of Method Acting’s worst excesses. Suited up with various nationalities that never fit comfortably over his stolid Americanness, stocky Steiger now seems like a poor country cousin to world traveler Anthony Quinn, only Quinn wisely uses the same accent no matter what country’s spirit he is supposed to be embodying. Steiger tries to sound different but registers as a party bore doing imitations.

Creating a sensation with that semi-improvised taxicab scene from *On the Waterfront*, Steiger fired audiences’ imaginations whenever he was linked with forthright directors who brooked no nonsense. Although he won an Oscar for the easier role as a bigoted good old boy who sees the light of brotherhood in *In the Heat of the Night*, his repressed basket case in *The Pawnbroker* was a more daring piece of work. Since these halcyon years (which also brought forth a scene-stealing villain lending sharp menace to the soft-focus *Doctor Zhivago*),

Steiger has made curious choices and slipped back into bad habits visible from his pre-stardom days. Huffing and puffing to blow down Jack Palance’s career in *The Big Knife*, his amalgam of Louis B. Mayer and Harry Cohn is such a screaming meemie no one could take him seriously, and this is the kind of barnstorming acting that follows his Oscar with few exceptions. Throughout his career, for every occasion of welcome restraint (*Back from Eternity*), there are distracting performances in major studio events such as the homespun *Oklahoma!* in which Steiger is incongruously threatening in a musical that has no ambition to be a rural *Othello*.

It may be instructive that his applauded work in *In the Heat of the Night* is suffused with humor, and that Steiger is splendid as Mr. Joyboy in the hit-and-miss screen version of *The Loved One* and astounding as a one-man screen actor’s guild in a film in which he revels in getups while murderously demonstrating the fine art of *No Way to Treat a Lady*. Unfortunately, the blustery versatility so compatible with comedy becomes unbearable when applied with ten times the force to prestige dramas. Recently, and best when sampled in small doses, Steiger is both scary and amusing in the direct-to-video *Black Water* as a classical music-loving judge who releases a prisoner from his hellhole on a whim thanks to the accused’s knowledge of the legal dictator’s favorite subject. But more often, Steiger has miscast his own eccentricity. In *W. C. Fields and Me*, he misses the point by delivering an accurate caricature but giving no indication of what made that idiosyncratic comic funny.

Dismissing Steiger as a pompous ham is unfair to a talented actor whose erraticness may be unmatched in movie history. For every incisive portrait such as his white supremacist in television’s *Midnight Murders*, there are examples of his scenery-chewing egregiousness such as his Southern officer in *In Pursuit of Honor* in which Steiger buttonholes General MacArthur less as a dissenting voice against military policy than as a disgruntled upstager determined to milk his one flashy scene for all it is worth. Considering the critical backlash against Steiger yet refusing to abandon his propensity to sweat and strain on camera, he has become something of a Method Acting joke. If he could jettison that stop-and-start line delivery, the multilingual shtick, and the breast-beating, perhaps firm directors will still steer him toward the basics of Strasberg’s acting philosophy—to determine a character’s inner core through sense memory, not to flagellate your emotions in order to stop-the-movie-because-you-want-to-get-off-on-yourself.

—Robert Pardi

STEWART, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Maitland Stewart in Indiana, Pennsylvania, 20 May 1908. **Education:** Attended Model School; Mercersburg Academy; Princeton University, New Jersey, B.S. in architecture 1932. **Military Service:** U.S. Air Force, 1942–45: colonel (remained in the reserves: brigadier general, 1959). **Family:** Married Gloria Hatrick McLean, 1949 (died 1994), twins: Kelly and Judy. **Career:** 1932—joined Joshua Logan’s University Players in West Falmouth, Massachusetts; Broadway debut in the company’s production of *Carrie Nation*; 1935—in short *Important News*, then in feature *Murder Man*; contract with MGM; 1947—on Broadway in *Harvey* (reprised in film version, 1951, and on stage later in his



James Stewart (on horse) in *How the West Was Won*

career); 1971–72—actor in TV series *The Jimmy Stewart Show*, and in series *Hawkins*, 1973–74; 1986—in TV mini-series *North and South II*; The James Stewart Museum was opened in Indiana, Pennsylvania, in 1995. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, 1939; Best Actor Academy Award, for *The Philadelphia Story*, 1940; Best Actor, New York Film Critics, and Best Actor, Venice Festival, for *Anatomy of a Murder*, 1959; Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation*, 1962; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1980; Special Academy Award, for “his 50 years of meaningful performances, for his high ideals, both on and off the screen, with the respect and affection of his colleagues,” 1984. **Died:** 2 July 1997, in Beverly Hills, California, of pulmonary blood clot

Films as Actor:

- 1934 *This Side of Heaven* (William K. Howard) (as Hal); *Art Trouble* (short)
- 1935 *Important News* (Lawrence—short); *Murder Man* (Whelan) (as Shorty)
- 1936 *Rose Marie* (Van Dyke) (as John Flower); *Next Time We Love* (Edward H. Griffith) (as Christopher); *Wife versus Secretary* (Brown) (as Dave); *Small Town Girl* (Wellman) (as Elmer); *Speed* (Marin) (as Terry Martin); *The Gorgeous Hussy* (Brown) (as “Rowdy” Roderick Dow); *Born to Dance* (Del Ruth) (as Ted Barker); *After the Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as David Graham)
- 1937 *Seventh Heaven* (Henry King) (as Chico); *The Last Gangster* (Wellman) (as Paul North Sr.); *Navy Blue and Gold* (Wood) (as “Truck” Cross)
- 1938 *Of Human Hearts* (Brown) (as Jason Wilkins); *Vivacious Lady* (Stevens) (as Peter Morgan); *The Shopworn Angel* (Potter) (as Bill Pettigrew); *You Can’t Take It with You* (Capra) (as Tony Kirby)
- 1939 *Made for Each Other* (Cromwell) (as Johnny Mason); *Ice Follies of 1939* (Schunzel) (as Larry Hall); *It’s a Wonderful World* (Van Dyke) (as Guy Johnson); *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (Capra) (title role); *Destry Rides Again* (George Marshall) (as Tom Destry)
- 1940 *The Shop around the Corner* (Lubitsch) (as Alfred Kralik); *The Mortal Storm* (Borzage) (as Martin Brietner); *No Time*

- for *Comedy* (Keighley) (as Gaylord Easterbrook); *The Philadelphia Story* (Cukor) (as Mike Connor)
- 1941 *Come Live with Me* (Brown) (as Bill Smith); *Pot o' Gold* (George Marshall) (as Jimmy Kaskell); *Ziegfeld Girl* (Leonard) (as Gilbert Young)
- 1942 *Fellow Americans* (short); *Winning Your Wings* (short)
- 1946 *It's a Wonderful Life* (Capra) (as George Bailey)
- 1947 *Magic Town* (Wellman) (as Lawrence "Rip" Smith)
- 1948 *Call Northside 777* (Hathaway) (as McNeal); *10,000 Kids and a Cop* (doc); *On Our Merry Way* (A *Miracle Can Happen*) (King Vidor and Fenton) (as Slim); *Rope* (Hitchcock) (as Rupert Cadell); *You Gotta Stay Happy* (Potter) (as Marvin Payne)
- 1949 *The Stratton Story* (Wood) (as Monty Stratton); *Malaya* (Thorpe) (as John Royer)
- 1950 *Winchester '73* (Anthony Mann) (as Lin McAdam); *Broken Arrow* (Daves) (as Tom Jeffords); *Jackpot* (*How Much Do You Owe?*) (Walter Lang) (as Bill Lawrence)
- 1951 *Harvey* (Koster) (as Elwood Dowd); *No Highway in the Sky* (*No Highway*) (Koster) (as Theodore Honey)
- 1952 *The Greatest Show on Earth* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Buttons); *Bend of the River* (Anthony Mann) (as Glyn McLyntock); *Carbine Williams* (Thorpe) (as Marsh Williams)
- 1953 *The Naked Spur* (Anthony Mann) (as Howard Kemp); *Thunder Bay* (Anthony Mann) (as Steve Martin)
- 1954 *The Glenn Miller Story* (Anthony Mann) (title role); *Rear Window* (Hitchcock) (as L. B. Jeffries)
- 1955 *The Far Country* (Anthony Mann) (as Jeff Webster); *Strategic Air Command* (Anthony Mann) (as Lt. Colonel Robert "Dutch" Holland); *The Man from Laramie* (Anthony Mann) (as Will Lockhart)
- 1956 *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (Hitchcock) (as Ben McKenna)
- 1957 *The Spirit of St. Louis* (Wilder) (as Charles Lindbergh); *Night Passage* (Neilson) (as Grant McLaine)
- 1958 *Vertigo* (Hitchcock) (as John "Scottie" Ferguson); *Bell, Book and Candle* (Quine) (as Shepherd Henderson)
- 1959 *Anatomy of a Murder* (Preminger) (as Paul Biegler); *The FBI Story* (LeRoy) (as Chip Hardesty)
- 1960 *The Mountain Road* (Daniel Mann) (as Major Baldwin)
- 1961 *Two Rode Together* (Ford) (as Guthrie McCabe); *X-15* (Richard Donner) (as narrator)
- 1962 *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (Ford) (as Ranson Stoddard); *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation* (Koster) (title role); *Flashing Spikes* (Ford—for TV) (as Slim Conway)
- 1963 "The Rivers" ep. of *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway) (as Linus Rawlings); *Take Her, She's Mine* (Koster) (as Frank Michaelson)
- 1964 *Cheyenne Autumn* (Ford) (as Wyatt Earp)
- 1965 *Dear Brigitte* (Koster) (as Professor Robert Leaf); *Shenandoah* (McLaglen) (as Charlie); *The Flight of the Phoenix* (Aldrich) (as Frank Towns)
- 1966 *The Rare Breed* (McLaglen) (as Sam Burnett)
- 1968 *Firecreek* (McEveety) (as Johnny Cobb); *Bandolero!* (McLaglen) (as Mace Bishop)
- 1970 *The Cheyenne Social Club* (Kelly) (as John O'Hanlan)
- 1971 *Fools' Parade* (McLaglen) (as Mattie Appleyard); *Directed by John Ford* (Bogdanovich—doc) (as himself); *The American West of John Ford* (doc—for TV)
- 1972 *Harvey* (Cook—for TV) (as Elwood P. Dowd)
- 1973 *Hawkins on Murder* (Taylor—for TV) (as Billy Jim Hawkins)

- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley—compilation) (as narrator)
- 1976 *The Shootist* (Siegel) (as Dr. Hostetler)
- 1977 *Airport '77* (Jameson) (as Philip Stevens)
- 1978 *The Magic of Lassie* (Chaffey) (as Clovis Mitchell); *The Big Sleep* (Winner) (as General Sternwood)
- 1980 *Mr. Krueger's Christmas* (Merrill)
- 1981 *Afurika Monogatari* (*A Tale of Africa*) (Hani) (as old man)
- 1983 *Right of Way* (Schaefer—for TV)
- 1991 *An American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West* (Nibbelink and Wells—animation) (as voice of Wylie Burp)
- 1994 *A Century of Cinema* (Thomas) (as himself)
- 1996 *Marlene Dietrich: Shadow and Light* (Hurt—for TV) (as himself)

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James Stewart has come a long way since his boyhood days in Pennsylvania. Starting out as an amateur magician and accordionist, he made his acting debut in a Boy Scout play and later performed in shows for the Princeton Triangle Club. He was graduated from Princeton in 1932 with a degree in architecture, but eventually joined the University Players at Falmouth, Massachusetts. It was here he befriended future stars Henry Fonda and Margaret Sullavan. Years later Sullavan would prove to be instrumental to Stewart's career by insisting that he be given parts in her films. In the years since his motion picture debut, James Stewart has earned a place in the hearts of moviegoing audiences as one of Hollywood's best-loved actors. His laconic style and boyish manner seem the embodiment of an uncomplicated honesty that also marked the career of his longtime friend, Henry Fonda (Stewart and Fonda were roommates in New York while working in the theater and also when they first arrived in Hollywood in 1935). Both men came to exemplify a uniquely American style of acting that takes simplicity and directness as its foundation.

Stewart's early screen appearances often found him playing rapidly forgettable callow youths. It was director Frank Capra who

first recognized his special blend of bashful humor and underlying strength, and put it to use in several films that cast Stewart as the personification of American idealism. Capra's populist comedies, including *You Can't Take It with You*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*, conveyed the director's belief in the fundamental decency of the common man, and Stewart's skill at combining warmth, humor, and pathos in his performances made him the perfect Capra hero. George Cukor's *The Philadelphia Story* demonstrated his flair for sophisticated comedy alongside Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

Stewart received critical acclaim for *It's a Wonderful Life*, perhaps the quintessential Capra film, in which he gives a moving performance as a man on the verge of suicide whose faith in humanity is restored by a visit from a guardian angel. This movie has since become a holiday staple—being broadcast on television numerous times during the Christmas season. Stewart's air of earnest innocence lent itself naturally to stories of whimsical appeal, as his portrayal of Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey* confirmed. As the gentle alcoholic who believes himself befriended by an invisible six-foot white rabbit, Stewart displays an easy and engaging charm.

Stewart's work in a number of Westerns, including several with director Anthony Mann, drew on his image as a man of honor and with an unswerving sense of duty. Again, Stewart's deliberate manner and tall, lean form made him an effective presence in this uniquely American film genre. John Ford used Stewart's image to examine the truth behind the Western myth in *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, in which Stewart's character wins fame for an act that his friend, John Wayne, has performed.

Alfred Hitchcock also played on Stewart's familiar persona in four films that reveal a very different side to the actor's talents. In *Rope* he is cast as an intellectual gamesman whose musings on the "perfect crime" lead two young friends to commit a murder. *Rear Window* stars Stewart as a photographer ready to risk his fiancée's safety to satisfy his own voyeuristic curiosity, while in *The Man Who Knew Too Much* he is the desperate father of a kidnapped son. *Vertigo*, one of Hitchcock's finest films, features the actor as an emotionally tormented man obsessed with recreating the image of the woman he has lost. In all four films, there is an underlying edge to Stewart's characters, from his mildly paternalistic treatment of his wife in *The Man Who Knew Too Much* to his overtly disturbed behavior in *Vertigo*. The clash of these qualities with the image of Stewart we have come to expect makes his work for Hitchcock among his most challenging.

Stewart's long career was certainly one of Hollywood's most rewarding, and the actor's occasional interviews and television appearances only strengthened the warm regard in which he was held. With the continuing popularity of many of his best films, he remains a much-loved and much-admired figure in American cinema.

—Janet E. Lorenz, updated by Linda J. Stewart

STOCKWELL, Dean

Nationality: American. **Born:** Hollywood, 5 March 1936; son of singer Harry Stockwell and actress-dancer Betty Veronica Stockwell; brother of actor Guy Stockwell. **Education:** Attended Long Island public schools; attended Martin Milmore School, Boston. **Family:**

Married actress Millie Perkins, late 1960s (divorced after two years); married Joy Stockwell, early 1980s; children: one son, one daughter. **Career:** Worked as a real estate agent in New Mexico; performed in dinner theatre productions; Broadway stage debut in short-lived Theater Guild production, 1942; under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Hollywood, 1945–1950; dropped out of films for approximately five years, 1951; worked primarily in television, 1956–1999, appearing in series including *Police Story*, 1973, *Greatest Heroes of the Bible*, 1978, *Quantum Leap*, 1989, *The Tony Danza Show*, 1997, and *It's True*, 1998. **Awards:** Golden Globe Award, Best Juvenile Actor, for *Gentleman's Agreement*, 1947; Cannes Film festival, Best Actor (with Bradford Dillman and Orson Welles), for *Compulsion*, 1959; Cannes Film Festival, Best Actor (with Jason Robards, Jr., and Ralph Richardson), for *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, 1962; Golden Globe Award, Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, for *Quantum Leap*, 1989. **Agent:** Jason Heyman, United Talent Agency, 9560 Wilshire Blvd., 5th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1945 *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett) (as Paulie); *Anchors Aweigh* (Sidney) (as Donald Martin); *Abbott and Costello in Hollywood* (Simon) (as himself/uncredited)
- 1946 *The Mighty McGurk* (Waters) (as Nipper); *The Green Years* (Saville) (as Robert Shannon as a child); *Home Sweet Homicide* (Bacon) (as Archie Carstairs)
- 1947 *Song of the Thin Man* (Buzzell) (as Nick Charles, Jr.); *The Romance of Rosy Ridge* (Rowland) (as Andrew McBean); *The Arnelo Affair* (Oboler) (as Ricky Parkson); *A Really Important Person* (Wrangell); *Gentleman's Agreement* (Kazan) (as Tommy Green)
- 1948 *Deep Waters* (King) (as Danny Mitchell); *The Boy With Green Hair* (Losey) (as Peter Frye)
- 1949 *The Secret Garden* (Wilcox) (as Colin Craven); *Down to the Sea in Ships* (Hathaway) (as Ted Joy)
- 1950 *The Happy Years* (Wellman) (as John Humperdink "Dink" Stover); *Stars in My Crown* (Tourneur) (as John Kenyon); *Kim* (Saville) (as Kim)
- 1951 *Cattle Drive* (Neumann) (as Chester Graham, Jr.)
- 1956 *Gun for a Coward* (Biberman) (as Hade "Harry" Keough)
- 1957 *The Careless Years* (Hiller) (as Jerry Vernon)
- 1959 *Compulsion* (Fleischer) (as Judd Steiner)
- 1960 *Sons and Lovers* (Cardiff) (as Paul Morel)
- 1962 *Long Day's Journey Into Night* (Lumet) (as Edmund Tyrone)
- 1965 *Rapture* (Guillermin) (as Joseph)
- 1968 *Psych-Out* (Rush) (as Dave); *Before Breakfast* (for TV)
- 1970 *The Dunwich Horror* (Haller) (as Wilber Whateley)
- 1971 *The Last Movie* (Chinchero) (Hopper) (as Billy); *The Paper Man* (Grauman—for TV) (as Avery Jensen); *The Failing of Raymond* (Sagal—for TV) (as Raymond)
- 1972 *The Loners* (Roley) (as Stein); *Columbo: The Most Crucial Game* (Kagan—for TV) (as Eric Wagner); *The Adventures of Nick Carter* (Krasny—for TV) (as Freddy Duncan)
- 1973 *The Werewolf of Washington* (Ginsberg) (as Jack Whittier)
- 1974 *Eadweard Muybridge, Zoopraxographer* (Andersen) (as Narrator)
- 1975 *Another Day at the Races* (Bailey); *The Pacific Connection* (*South Pacific Connection*) (Santiago); *Cop on the Beat* (*The Return of Joe Forrester*) (Vogel—for TV) (as Detective Callan); *Columbo: Troubled Waters* (Gazzara) (as Lloyd Harrington)
- 1976 *Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood* (Winner) (as Paul Lavell); *Tracks* (Jaglom) (as Mark)
- 1977 *She Came to the Valley* (*Texas in Flames*) (Band) (as Pat Westall); *A Killing Affair* (*Behind the Badge*) (Sarafian—for TV) (as Kenneth Switzer)
- 1981 *Born to be Sold* (Brinkerhoff—for TV) (as Marty Helick)
- 1982 *Human Highway* (Young) (as Otto Quartz); *Alsino y el Condor* (*Alsino and the Condor*) (Littin) (as Frank); *Wrong Is Right* (*The Man with the Deadly Lens*) (Brooks) (as Hacker)
- 1984 *Paris, Texas* (Wenders) (as Walt); *Dune* (Lynch) (as Doctor Wellington Yueh)
- 1985 *To Live and Die in L.A.* (Friedkin) (as Bob Grimes); *To Kill A Stranger* (*Matar a un extrano aka Secuestrada*) (Moctezuma) (as John Carver); *Papa Was a Preacher* (Feke) (as John); *The Legend of Billy Jean* (Robbins) (as Muldaur)
- 1986 *Ecstasy* (Spinelli); *Blue Velvet* (Lynch) (as Ben)
- 1987 *The Time Guardian* (Hannant/Prowse) (as Boss); *Kenny Rogers as The Gambler, Part III: The Legend Continues* (Lowry); *Beverly Hills Cop II* (Scott) (as Chip Cain); *Banzai Runner* (Thomas) (as Billy Baxter); *Gardens of Stone* (Coppola) (as Horner Thoms)
- 1988 *Tucker: The Man and His Dream* (Coppola) (as Howard Hughes); *Palais Royale* (*Smoke Screen*) (Lavut) (as Michael Dattalico); *Jorge um Brasileiro* (*The Long haul*) (Thiago) (as Mario); *The Blue Iguana* (Lafia) (as Detective Carl Strick); *Married to the Mob* (Demme) (as Tony "The Tiger" Russo)
- 1989 *Limit Up* (Martini) (as Peter Oak); *Buying Time* (Gabourne) (as Detective Novak); *Catchfire* (*Backtrack*) (Hopper/Smithee) (as John Luponi); *Quantum Leap* (Hemmings) (as Rear Admiral Albert "Al" Calaviccii)
- 1990 *Sandino* (Littin) (as Captain Hatfiel)
- 1991 *Son of the Morning Star* (Robe) (as General Sheridan)
- 1992 *Friends and Enemies* (Frank) (as Freddie); *The Player* (Altman) (as Andy Civella); *Shame* (Lerner—for TV) (as Tim Curtis); *Fatal Memories* (*The Eileen Franklin Story*) (Duke—for TV) (as Detective Robert Morse)
- 1993 *Bonanza: The Return* (Jameson—for TV) (as Augustus Brandenburg)
- 1994 *In the Line of Duty: The Price of Vengeance* (Lowry—for TV) (as Jack Lowe); *Chasers* (Hopper) (as Salesman Stig); *Vanishing Son II* (Nicoletta—for TV) (as Mickey Jo); *Justice in a Small Town* (*Hard Evidence*) (Egleson—for TV) (as Commissioner Sam Caldwell); *The Innocent* (Leder—for TV) (as Jason Flaboe); *Madonna: Innocence Lost* (May—for TV) (as Tony Ciccone)
- 1995 *Naked Souls* (Chubbuck) (as Duncan); *The Commish: In the Shadow of the Gallows* (Brazil—for TV) (as Robert Allardyce); *The Langoliers* (Holland—for TV) (as Bob Jenkins); *Deadline for Murder: From the Files of Edna Buchanan* (Chopra—for TV) (as Aaron Bliss)
- 1996 *Unabomber: The True Story* (Purdy—for TV) (as Ben Jeffries); *Twilight Man* (Baxley) (as Hollis Deitz); *Midnight Blue* (Snider) (as Katz-Feeney); *Mr. Wrong* (Castle) (as Jack Tramonte)

- 1997 *The Shadow Men* (Bond) (as Stan Mills); *Close to Danger* (Barnette—for TV) (as Dr. Ames); *The Last Resort* (as Grey Wolf); *McHale's Navy* (Spicer) (as Capt. Wallace B. Binghampton); *Living in Peril* (*The Peril of Being Walter Woods*) (Ersgard) (as William); *Air Force One* (Petersen) (as Defense Secretary Walter Dean); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Judge Harvey Hale)
- 1998 *Sinbad: The Battle of the Dark Knights* (Mehrez) (as Ophisto)
- 1999 *What Katy Did* (Stewart/Curtis—for TV) (as Tramp); *Water Damage* (Battle) (as Frank Skoufaris); *Rites of Passage* (Salva) (as Del Farley); *Restraining Order* (*Der Todfeind*) (Katzin) (as Mains); *The Venice Project* (Dornhelm) (as Senator Campbell)
- 2000 *The Flunky* (Van Patten) (as Micky); *They Nest* (Elkayem—for TV) (as Sheriff Hobbs)

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Dean Stockwell was born into a show business family and, along with brother Guy, was groomed for a show-business career at an early age. (His father, singer Harry Stockwell, gave voice to Prince Charming in Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*). Young Stockwell made his New York stage debut (with brother Guy) in a production of *The Innocent Voyage*, a dramatization of the Richard Hughes novel about an encounter between a group of orphaned children and bloodthirsty pirates.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producer Joe Pasternak discovered Stockwell in *Voyage* and brought him to Hollywood, where he made his screen debut with Gregory Peck and Greer Garson in *Valley of Decision* in 1945. He was featured more prominently in a big George Sidney musical, *Anchor Aweigh*, playing aspiring starlet Kathryn Grayson's nephew, an almost too adorable curly-headed youngster

determined to join the U.S. Navy. In just his second film the young actor managed to hold his own in scenes with pros Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra playing musically inclined Navy buddies.

A variety of films at MGM followed, along with occasional loan outs to Twentieth Century-Fox, though one of Stockwell's peak roles during this period occurred at that most minor of the major Hollywood studios, the title role in RKO's off-beat allegory, *The Boy with Green Hair*, directed by Joseph Losey. A teen-age Stockwell was still juvenile enough to star as Colin Craven opposite the also maturing Margaret O'Brien's Mary Lennox in MGM's 1949 version of *The Secret Garden*. The fact that neither he nor O'Brien were, nor even attempted to be remotely English did not deter MGM from pairing them in the classic British children's tale. This *Secret Garden* is chiefly memorable for its over-the-top temper-tantrum screaming match between MGM's two foremost and inevitably aging juveniles, and the fact that the picture is shot in black-and-white with a Technicolor finale. (MGM had originally hoped Stockwell would be their “male Margaret O'Brien,” but never really found a *Meet Me In Saint Louis* for him).

One of Stockwell's best later juvenile roles was in an small MGM B-picture, 1950's *Stars In My Crown*. Sensitively directed by Jacques Tourneur, the film is a beautifully shot black-and-white period piece about a quietly virile minister (played by Joel McCrea) who deals with crises of faith, family, and racism in a closely-knit small town in the post-Civil War South. Stockwell gives one of his most natural and appealing juvenile performances as the adopted son of McCrea and Ellen Drew. Now well into his teen years, Stockwell completed his MGM years opposite Erroll Flynn in MGM's lavish but somewhat dull Technicolor spectacle, *Kim*, from the Rudyard Kipling story.

Post-MGM, Stockwell's career went through a series of ups and downs which may well have inspired the song “I'm Still Here” from Sondheim's *Follies*, as the maturing juvenile moved rather quickly from Eugene O'Neill to AIP. Like many veterans of the autocratic but also protective studio era Stockwell seemed to resent his childhood spent at MGM, but also seemed uncertain of how to manage a career of his own when his contract ran out. After a brief stint in college Stockwell made a half-hearted attempt at the New York theater scene before passing the rest of the 1950s with television roles and a brief return to films with UI's *Gun for a Coward* and UA's *The Careless Years*. Around this period Stockwell's exceptional good looks also made him a prime candidate for the young male heartthrob leads popular in the youth-enamored Hollywood of the mid-1950s, and for a brief period his handsome visage appeared in the major fan magazines of the period. His romance with (and short-lived marriage to) Millie Perkins, a young unknown model who landed the prime title role in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, was also well publicized. But, aside from garnering him comparisons to the late James Dean, Stockwell's apparently genuine rebel stance (and fondness for fast sports cars) prevented him from ultimately “going Hollywood,” and the key “sensitive young man” roles of the era (for which Stockwell was ideally suited) went primarily to Tony Perkins.

In the late 1950s Stockwell returned to New York where he secured the lead (opposite Roddy McDowell) in *Compulsion*, Meyer Levin's play loosely based on the Leopold/Loeb murder case. The stage role led to the excellent 1959 film version (with Orson Welles), which in turn ushered in the adult Stockwell's choicest roles, that of Paul Morel in Jack Cardiff's British-made film of D. H. Lawrence's

Sons and Lovers in 1960, and the consumptive son in Sidney Lumet's prestigious 1964 film of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, with Ralph Richardson and Katherine Hepburn.

Though hardly a box-office bonanza, the grim 174-minute O'Neill film proved the artistic peak of Stockwell's early career. His first film after *Long Day's Journey* was *Rapture*, a French film in which Stockwell starred opposite Patricia Gozzi, another maturing child performer who had played the title role in the controversial *Sundays and Cybele*. Though *Rapture* was a commercial flop, Leonard Maltin calls it "an intensive, sensitive account of Gozzi's tragic romance with Stockwell, a man on the run." Continuing television work through the 1960s was intercut with two American International potboilers: *Psych-Out*, a drug exploitation flick co-starring Susan Strasberg, and *The Dunwich Horror*, a psyched-out horror film who bore only the most nodding of acquaintances with the H. P. Lovecraft original.

In the 1970s Stockwell's movie career took an emphatically cultish turn. In 1971 he appeared along with Julie Adams, Sylvia Miles, Rod Cameron, and Sam Fuller in Dennis Hopper's follow-up to *Easy Rider*, the equally stoned-out *The Last Movie*, a relatively incomprehensible screenplay about a movie company shooting a film in a small Peruvian village. Soon came *The Loners*, a biker-flick with Scott Brady and Gloria Grahame, and *Tracks*, in which Hopper portrayed an escalatingly psychotic Vietnam veteran. 1984 saw two of Stockwell's more prestigious later appearances, a supporting role in David Lynch's spectacular, if somewhat misguided film of *Dune* (about twenty years earlier Stockwell himself would have made an excellent Paul Atreides), and as Walt, co-starring opposite Harry Dean Stanton and Nastassia Kinski, in Wim Wenders *Paris, Texas*. These two roles led to a career revival of sorts, and were followed by parts in *To Live and Die in L.A.*, *Blue Velvet*, *Tucker*, and *The Player*, among an eclectic variety of other roles throughout the 1990s.

Dean Stockwell once commented: "Acting is my business, my work. I love it, even when I'm miserable." One of the few Hollywood child actors to maintain an active and prolific acting career after his childhood years, Stockwell's numerous roles in films and television have proved that one of the studio era's most charismatic and talented juveniles has never lost the passion for his art.

—Ross Care

STONE, Sharon

Nationality: American. **Born:** Meadville, Pennsylvania, 10 March 1958. **Family:** Married 1) the producer Michael Greenburg, 1984 (divorced 1986); 2) Phil Bronstein, 1998; children; adopted Roan Joseph. **Education:** Attended Edinboro University, Pennsylvania, on a writing scholarship. **Career:** 1977–80—modeled, mostly for TV commercials, in New York, Paris, and Milan; 1980—film debut in *Stardust Memories*; 1983—in TV series *The Bay City Blues*; 1989—in TV mini-series *War and Remembrance*; co-owner of Chaos Productions. **Awards:** Women in Film Crystal Award, 1995; Golden Globe, for *Casino*, 1995. **Address:** PMK Public Relations, 1775 Broadway, Suite 701, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.



Sharon Stone

Films as Actress:

- 1981 *Stardust Memories* (Woody Allen) (as dream girl); *Deadly Blessing* (Craven) (as Lana); *Les Uns et les autres* (*Bolero*) (Lelouch)
- 1982 *Not Just Another Affair* (Steven Hilliard Stern—for TV) (as Lynette)
- 1984 *Irreconcilable Differences* (Shyer) (as Blake Chandler); *Calendar Girl Murders* (William A. Graham—for TV) (as Cassie Bascomb); *The Vegas Strip Wars* (Englund—for TV) (as Sarah Shipman)
- 1985 *King Solomon's Mines* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Jessie Huston)
- 1987 *Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold* (Gary Nelson and Newt Arnold) (as Jessie Huston); *Cold Steel* (Dorothy Ann Puzo) (as Kathy Connors); *Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol* (Jim Drake) (as Claire Mattson)
- 1988 *Above the Law* (*Nico*) (Andrew Davis) (as Sara Toscani); *Action Jackson* (Baxley) (as Patrice Dellaplane); *Tears in the Rain* (Don Sharp—for TV) (as Casey Cantrell)
- 1989 *Blood and Sand* (Elorrieta) (as Doña Sol); *Beyond the Stars* (*Personal Choice*) (Saperstein) (as Laurie McCall)
- 1990 *Total Recall* (Verhoeven) (as Lori Quaid)
- 1991 *He Said, She Said* (Marisa Silver and Kwapis) (as Linda); *Scissors* (DeFelitta) (as Angie Anderson); *Year of the Gun* (Frankenheimer) (as Alison King)
- 1992 *Basic Instinct* (Verhoeven) (as Catherine Tramell); *Diary of a Hitman* (London) (as Kiki)

- 1993 *Last Action Hero* (McTiernan) (cameo as Catherine Tramell); *Sliver* (Noyce) (as Carly Norris); *Where Sleeping Dogs Lie* (Finch) (as Serena Black); *Harlow: The Blond Bombshell* (as narrator)
- 1994 *The Specialist* (Llosa) (as May Munro); *Intersection* (Rydell) (as Sally Eastman)
- 1995 *Casino* (Scorsese) (as Ginger McKenna); *Catwalk* (Leacock); *The Quick and the Dead* (Raimi) (as Ellen)
- 1996 *Last Dance* (Beresford) (as Cindy Liggett); *Diabolique* (Chechik) (as Nicole)
- 1997 *A Salute to Martin Scorsese* (Horvitz—for TV) (Host)
- 1998 *The Mighty* (Chelsom) (as Gwen Dillon); *Antz* (Darnell, Guterman) (as voice of Princess Bala); *Sphere* (Levinson) (as Beth Halpern)
- 1999 *Simpatico* (Warchus) (as Rosie); *Picking up the Pieces* (Arau) (as Candy); *If These Walls Could Talk* (Anderson, Coolidge—for TV); *Gloria* (Lumet) (as title role); *The Muse* (Brooks) (as Sarah)
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Suddenly, with *Casino*, the revelation: Sharon Stone can act! Personally, I never doubted it for a moment (though it did not seem to me her most important attribute). I want first to confront the derision that has been heaped upon her by (mostly male) reviewers over the past few years.

Clearly, the crux is *Basic Instinct*, and specifically the moment when she exposes herself (and her lack of underwear) to a roomful of cops. It is a wonderful moment in a flawed but very interesting film: one of the classic “moments” of modern American cinema, already inscribed in film history. To grasp its significance fully, it is helpful to address an extremely influential article by Peter Baxter, “The Naked Thighs of Miss Dietrich.” Baxter analyzes *The Blue Angel* in terms of castration fears and the resulting fetishism: what terrifies men is the woman’s “lack,” because it arouses their own dread that they might share it. “Miss Dietrich” repeatedly exposes herself “almost, but not quite,” thus at once arousing and assuaging castration fears. Stone in *Basic Instinct* goes all the way, exposing her lack of the phallus proudly and defiantly (and in a film in which, according to reports, Michael Douglas adamantly refused to expose his possession of it: we might have seen that, after all, it is just a bit of anatomy). The resentment and anger of our male reviewers, and their escape into facile ridicule, is only explicable in these terms, and seems an admirable vindication of one aspect of Freudian theory.

Yes, Sharon Stone can act, she always could, and did not suddenly begin to because she was directed by Scorsese. But she remains less striking as an actress than as a *presence*. “Acting” is notoriously difficult to talk about except in the most general terms, but “presence” is even harder. It has something to do with the star’s relationship to the camera, but that scarcely takes us very far. It has a lot to do with the eyes—their aliveness or otherwise, the way they look within the image, at other characters, the way they confront the camera. Two contemporary comparisons come to mind: Demi Moore (because, like Stone, she specializes in playing strong women) and Madonna (because she is blond, and is primarily associated with a defiant sexuality). I have the impression that Moore is a capable actress, but after seeing her in about a dozen films I *still* cannot remember what she looks like. As for Madonna, she has neither presence nor acting ability; she has built her career entirely on sheer nerve and a talent for self-promotion.

Reviewers are always impressed by acting (which, like the people who decide the Oscars every year, they usually confuse with certain roles: Stone can be allowed to “act” in *Casino* because her character goes through various stages of degradation, addiction, and near-insanity). They are not very interested in “presence,” because it is either there or it is not, it is not the product of really hard work, and the Protestant work ethic is still a potent fact in evaluating performance. Stone has a lot in common with two actresses of earlier generations who equally bore their share of ridicule, but whose performances

survive undimmed: Kim Novak and Jean Seberg. Novak in *Vertigo*, Seberg in *Bonjour, Tristesse*: are these not still indelibly stamped in the memory, where so many “great” acting performances have vanished into oblivion? Stone repeatedly reminds me of Novak in particular—perhaps partly because of what Truffaut described as Novak’s “carnality,” but even more because, whatever character she plays (even, or especially, a bisexual murderess), there is always in her performances an underlying sense of vulnerability. Stone is a Kim Novak for the nineties.

Casino is not the first film in which Stone has shown that she can act, but it is the first she has been in of any great distinction, under one of the great contemporary filmmakers. Aside from that, one can make certain claims for *Basic Instinct*, *The Quick and the Dead*, and *Sliver*, chiefly because of Stone’s presence in them. In an attempt to illustrate this “presence” (more precisely, presence-plus-acting), however, I shall draw on a brief scene from a film for which no one is likely to make high claims, *The Specialist*, a very efficient action thriller built upon a strictly formulaic plot (roughly, the pattern long-build-up/big explosion, repeated five times—six if you include the pre-credits sequence). Here, Stone is surrounded by strong actors giving strong performances (notably James Woods and Eric Roberts); the film suffers from an understandable lack of chemistry between Stone and Sylvester Stallone, mitigated by the fact that they do not meet until two-thirds through.

Anyone who wishes to grasp—intuitively, if not intellectually—what is meant by “screen presence” could do no better than examine the brief scene of the second encounter (daytime, in a Miami bar) between Stone and Eric Roberts. (He is one of the three men she watched murder her parents when she was a young child, on whom she has vowed to take revenge). The two-minute scene includes eight full-face shots of Stone as she allows herself to be seduced; they have the effect of close-ups, although the back of Roberts’s head is present in most of them, and are intercut with reverse shots as Roberts speaks:

1. The face, looking very vulnerable, expresses nervous tension.
2. A smile, in response: tense, slightly forced.
3. (After he asks to kiss her): the smile becomes more enigmatic and ambiguous as she says “I hardly know you.”
4. After his “Wait till you try spending the night,” the smile has faded, the lips are tense, the eyes seem to probe; there is a slight look of recoil, almost fear.
5. The smile returns as she glances up at him, then quickly down into her drink.
- 6, 7, 8. He moves away to help a henchman beat somebody up; she watches in the mirror. The beating evokes (brief flashback) the traumatic night of her parents’ murder; her face conveys an extraordinary blend of anger, hatred, and fear.

One might argue that, in such a sequence, the “performance” is constructed in the editing—to which the reply is that nothing can be constructed out of nothing. A suggestion: watch this brief scene on video, then imagine it again with Stone replaced, first by Demi Moore, then by Madonna. The experience should illuminate what is meant by those vague phrases “screen presence” and “star quality.”

Since *Casino* Stone has continued her efforts to prove (to skeptics) that she can act, but most of her choices have been extremely unfortunate. *Last Dance* gave her the opportunity (as a condemned murderess) for emotional histrionics, but her hard work is not enough to turn a mediocre movie into a good one; in *Sphere* she more than holds her own in a cast that includes Dustin Hoffman, giving arguably the best performance in the film, but it remains a feeble sci-fi movie

on a premise *Event Horizon* had already tackled rather more intelligently just a year earlier. Her worst errors were surely those of challenging comparison with two of the most famous female performances in world cinema—Simone Signoret in *Diabolique* and Gena Rowlands in *Gloria*. Neither remake is even nearly as good as its original (one may hate Clouzot’s film, but what it did it did perfectly), provoking predictable sneers from the critics. The best one can say for any of these films is that, if they are worth seeing at all, they are worth seeing for Stone, her presence alone adding distinction.

Two films, and two superb performances, can be salvaged from this period; they also illustrate splendidly two opposite facets of her talent. Stone’s supporting role in *The Mighty* as the troubled, deeply committed mother of a severely handicapped and doomed child is strongly felt and extremely moving. In *The Muse* she demonstrates quite captivatingly what one had long suspected—that she is a wonderful comedienne. Her role as a (hypothetical) Greek muse, daughter of Zeus, inspiring artists with failing powers and shaky status, is very demanding in that she must be convincingly irresistible or the film collapses. It is difficult to think of another current star could have brought this off so triumphantly.

—Robin Wood

STREEP, Meryl

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mary Louise Streep in Summit, New Jersey, 22 June 1949. **Education:** Attended Bernardsville High School, New Jersey; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, B.A., 1971; Yale Drama School, M.F.A., 1975. **Family:** Married Don Gummer, 1978, four children: Henry, Mary Willa, Grace, Louisa. **Career:** Made New York stage debut in *The Playboy of Seville*, 1969; worked in summer stock with Green Mountain Guild, Vermont, 1969; appeared in Joseph Papp’s New York production of *Trelawney of the Wells*, 1975; appeared in the TV film *The Deadliest Season*, and made feature film debut in *Julia*, 1977; appeared in the TV mini-series *Holocaust*, 1978; was the voice of “Jessica Lovejoy” in the episode of *The Simpsons* titled “Bart’s Girlfriend,” 1994; named Best Modern Actress in an *Entertainment Weekly* Internet poll, 1999. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress National Society of Film Critics, for *The Deer Hunter*, 1978; Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series Emmy Award, for *Holocaust*, 1978; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, Best Motion Picture Actress in a Supporting Role Golden Globe, for *Kramer vs. Kramer*, 1979; Best Supporting Actress New York Film Critics Circle, for *Kramer vs. Kramer* and *The Seduction of Joe Tynan*, 1979; Best Supporting Actress National Society of Film Critics, Best Supporting Actress National Board of Review, Best Supporting Actress Los Angeles Film Critics Association, for *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *The Seduction of Joe Tynan*, and *Manhattan*, 1979; Best Actress British Academy Award, Best Actress Los Angeles Film Critics Association, Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama Golden Globe, for *The French Lieutenant’s Woman*, 1981; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress National Society of Film Critics, Best Actress National Board of Review, Best Actress Los Angeles Film Critics Association, Best Actress New York Film Critics Circle, Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama Golden Globe, for *Sophie’s Choice*, 1982; Best Actress Los Angeles Film Critics Association, for *Out of Africa*, 1985; Best Actress New York Film Critics Circle, Best Actress Australian Film Institute, Cannes Film Festival Best Actress,



Meryl Streep with Robert Redford in *Out of Africa*

for *A Cry in the Dark*, 1988; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1998; Berlin Film Festival Berlinale Camera, 1999; Gotham Awards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999. **Agent:** c/o CAA, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

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| <p>1977 <i>The Deadliest Season</i> (Markowitz—for TV); <i>Julia</i> (Zinnemann) (as Anne Marie)</p> <p>1978 <i>The Deer Hunter</i> (Cimino) (as Linda)</p> <p>1979 <i>Manhattan</i> (Woody Allen) (as Jill); <i>The Seduction of Joe Tynan</i> (Schatzberg) (as Karen Traynor); <i>Kramer vs. Kramer</i> (Benton) (as Joanna Kramer); <i>Uncommon Women . . . and Others</i> (Mossman and Robman—for TV) (as Leilah)</p> <p>1981 <i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i> (Reisz) (as Sarah/Anna)</p> <p>1982 <i>Sophie's Choice</i> (Pakula) (title role); <i>Still of the Night</i> (Benton) (as Brooke Reynolds)</p> <p>1983 <i>Silkwood</i> (Nichols) (title role)</p> <p>1984 <i>Falling in Love</i> (Grosbard) (as Molly); <i>In Our Hands</i> (Richer and Warnow—doc) (appearance)</p> | <p>1985 <i>Plenty</i> (Schepisi) (as Susan Traherne); <i>Out of Africa</i> (Pollack) (as Karen Blixen)</p> <p>1986 <i>Heartburn</i> (Nichols) (as Rachel)</p> <p>1987 <i>Ironweed</i> (Babenco) (as Helen Archer)</p> <p>1988 <i>A Cry in the Dark</i> (Schepisi) (as Lindy Chamberlain)</p> <p>1989 <i>She-Devil</i> (Seidelman) (as Mary Fisher)</p> <p>1990 <i>Postcards from the Edge</i> (Nichols) (as Suzanne Vale)</p> <p>1991 <i>Defending Your Life</i> (Albert Brooks) (as Julia)</p> <p>1992 <i>Death Becomes Her</i> (Zemeckis) (as Madeline Ashton)</p> <p>1993 <i>The House of the Spirits</i> (August) (as Clara Del Valle Trueba)</p> <p>1994 <i>The River Wild</i> (Hanson) (as Gail Hartman); <i>A Century of Cinema</i> (Thomas (doc) (as herself)</p> <p>1995 <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> (Eastwood) (as Francesca Johnson); <i>The Living Sea</i> (MacGillivray) (doc) (short) (as Narrator)</p> <p>1996 <i>Before and After</i> (Schroeder) (as Carolyn Ryan); <i>Marvin's Room</i> (Zaks) (as Lee)</p> <p>1997 <i>First Do No Harm</i> (Abrahams) (as Lori Reimuller) (+ exec pr); <i>Assignment Rescue</i> (<i>The Story of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee</i>) (Kaplan) (doc) (short) (as Narrator)</p> |
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- 1998 *Dancing at Lughnasa* (O'Connor) (as Kate Mundy); *Chrysanthemum* (Wilkos) (short) (as Narrator); *One True Thing* (Franklin) (as Kate Gulden); *Eternal Memory: Voices from the Great Terror* (Pultz, Yemec) (doc) (as Narrator)
- 1999 *Music of the Heart* (Craven) (as Roberta Guaspari)

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- “Streeping Beauty,” interview with Wendy Wasserstein, in *Saturday Evening Post*, July/August 1989.
- “Meryl Streep Comes Calling,” interview with Wendy Wasserstein and Brigitte Lacombe, in *Interview* (New York), December 1988.
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Meryl Streep is among the contemporary cinema’s greatest assets—a star of the first order who, like the Spencer Tracys and Edward G. Robinsons before her, is an exceptional and multifaceted actor. One critic has said that she “manages to make her face an astonishingly clear reflection of her characters’ complexities.” Indeed, Streep is a master at shaping the intricacies of emotion and bringing them subtly to life through the use of refined and minimalist expression. The result has been an impressive and memorable list of films in which she has appeared, and in which she has offered consistently credible performances playing an astounding variety of roles.

On occasion, Streep has been criticized for taking on so many “accents” in her films. Her characters have been British, Irish, Australian, Polish; her “American” roles have ranged from sophisticated New Yorkers to small-town blue collar types, average suburbanites to ravaged alcoholics. One suspects, however, that this disapproval comes from a misguided mistrust of her ability to transform herself with such seeming effortlessness. The fact is that Streep can play—and play brilliantly—just about any character she chooses.

Streep’s initial important roles were supporting ones. Her first major part came in *The Deer Hunter*, in which her pale good looks and soft-spoken delivery made a compelling contrast to her male counterparts, small-town Pennsylvania buddies who head off to fight in Vietnam. Her role in the television miniseries *Holocaust* was essentially a reworking of this quietly gentle persona. What is most intriguing about Streep’s early career is that she offered award-caliber performances in roles that were not showy, that easily might have been typically bland feminine characters. The year after she made *The Deer Hunter*, Streep appeared in supporting roles in three films: *The Seduction of Joe Tynan* (playing a bright Southern charmer); *Manhattan* (as Woody Allen’s estranged lesbian spouse); and *Kramer vs. Kramer* (as Dustin Hoffman’s confused, insecure estranged wife). Especially in the latter, she fused the quality of introverted shyness that characterized her role in *The Deer Hunter* with a new external effervescence to convey her character’s disorientation and instability. As a result, she won an Oscar, and firmly entrenched herself in the minds of moviegoers.

From then on, Streep has had her choice of starring roles in high-prestige features. Her best characterizations have been thoughtfully conceived and complexly drawn; they have been women who are severely troubled, or facing an overwhelming life crisis. Her first starring role came in *The French Lieutenant’s Woman*, in which she is cast in a double role, that of an actress and the restrained Victorian woman this character plays in a movie. Here, Streep displays her uncanny ability for understatement and subtle expression as she projects the private madness of the latter character. She was to prove equally brilliant playing a working-class woman under duress in a film that is part drama, part political tract (Karen Silkwood, the ill-fated nuclear parts factory worker, in *Silkwood*); an intellectual in a film that is primarily romantic in tone (Danish writer Karen Blixen, in *Out of Africa*); and an immature, fragile offspring of privileged Hollywood in a cautionary drama whose core is a mother-daughter relationship (the fatigued, drugged-up actress who lives in the shadow of her famous, domineering mother, in *Postcards from the Edge*). On occasion, the torment of Streep’s characters directly relates to one of the most personal concerns of any woman: her maternal feelings, coupled with the very survival of her children. In *Sophie’s Choice*, she won her second Oscar as the tragic Polish concentration camp survivor, whose “choice” was to decide which of her offspring will live and which will die. In *A Cry in the Dark*, she is an otherwise

average Australian woman who experiences the death of her baby and then finds herself charged with murder. In *Before and After*, she is a loving wife and mother whose adolescent son is accused of murdering his girlfriend. In the TV movie . . . *First Do No Harm*, which she executive produced, she is a mother seeking alternative treatment for her epileptic son.

Streep also has accepted roles that are not as psychologically intricate, but which still allow her to display her impressive talent. She can more than effectively play a standard, essentially unglamorous part, such as the average suburban New York commuter who commences an extramarital relationship in *Falling in Love*, and even can add class and intelligence to a generic action-heroine role, as she did in *The River Wild*. And she is capable of playing gentle comedy—witness her likable performance in *Defending Your Life*—as well as in-your-face farce—her hilarious turns were the sole reasons for seeing *She-Devil* and *Death Becomes Her*.

Most any Streep performance can be examined for its nuances and lauded for its sheer believability. Take *Ironweed*, in which she plays Helen Archer, the longtime companion of street bum Francis Phelan (Jack Nicholson). Archer has, in her time, guzzled too much wine, and her insides are now twisted beyond repair. She raves and rants irrationally, and declares that “everything ails me.” At first Streep is almost unrecognizable in the role. Her voice is coarse. Her words sound as if they are emanating from a throat that really has been abused by the constant flow of alcohol. In her best of several exceptional moments, Streep sings a ditty called “He’s Me Pal” in a gin mill—and fantasizes that she is doing so in fine voice for high-class folk, rather than in a roomful of rummies.

As her screen career approached the end of its second decade, Streep remained the preeminent movie actress of her era. Her mid-to-late-1990s roles remained rich and varied: an Iowa farm wife and mother who becomes the lover of photographer Clint Eastwood (*The Bridges of Madison County*); a coarse, chain-smoking trailer trash type who is out of touch with troubled son Leonardo Di Caprio and long-estranged from caregiver sister Diane Keaton (*Marvin’s Room*); a bossy schoolteacher who is the eldest of five unmarried rural Irish sisters (*Dancing at Lughnasa*); a wife and mother who relishes her role as happy homemaker, but is dying of cancer and is looked after by reluctant careerist daughter Renee Zellweger (*One True Thing*); the concerned mothers in *Before and After* and . . . *First Do No Harm*; and a violinist, abandoned by her husband, who reinvents herself as a music teacher and inspires her inner-city charges (*Music of the Heart*). For the latter, Streep earned her 12th Academy Award nomination.

Indeed, Meryl Streep can play (and has played) just about any role. And, one suspects, she will go on doing so.

—Rob Winning, updated by Rob Edelman

STREISAND, Barbra

Nationality: American. **Born:** Barbara Joan Streisand in Brooklyn, New York, 24 April 1942. **Education:** Attended Erasmus Hall High School. **Family:** Married the actor Elliott Gould, 1963 (divorced 1971), son: Jason Emanuel; the actor James Brolin, 1998. **Career:** Singer in New York nightclub; 1961—professional stage debut in *Another Evening with Harry Stoones*; 1963—Broadway debut in *I Can Get It for You Wholesale*; recording star; 1964—phenomenal

success in stage play *Funny Girl*, and later in film version, 1968; 1969—co-founder, with Paul Newman and Sidney Poitier, First Artists Productions; 1983—producer and director, as well as actress, *Yentl*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, David Di Donatello award for Foreign Actress, and Golden Globe award for Best Actress, for *Funny Girl*, 1968; David Di Donatello award for Foreign Actress, *The Way We Were*, 1973; Best Song Academy Award, and Golden Globe award for Best Song, for “Evergreen,” in *A Star Is Born*, 1976; Golden Globe award for Best Director, Silver Ribbon (Italy) as Best New Foreign Director, *Yentl*, 1983; Women in Film Crystal Awards, 1984, 1992; Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety, Music, or Comedy Special, 1985; ASCAP Award for Most Performed Song from a Motion Picture, for “I Finally Found Someone,” 1998; Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille Award for Lifetime Achievement, 2000. **Address:** 301 N. Carolwood Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1968 *Funny Girl* (Wyler) (as Fanny Brice)
- 1969 *Hello Dolly!* (Kelly) (as Dolly Levi)
- 1970 *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever* (Minnelli) (as Daisy Gamble); *The Owl and the Pussycat* (Ross) (as Doris)
- 1972 *What’s Up, Doc?* (Bogdanovich) (as Judy Maxwell); *Up the Sandbox* (Kershner) (as Margaret Reynolds)
- 1973 *The Way We Were* (Pollack) (as Katie Morosky)
- 1974 *For Pete’s Sake* (Yates) (as Henrietta)
- 1975 *Funny Lady* (Ross) (as Fanny Brice)
- 1976 *A Star Is Born* (Pierson) (as Esther Hoffman) (+ exec pr, musical concepts)
- 1979 *The Main Event* (Zieff) (as Hillary Kramer) (+ pr)
- 1981 *All Night Long* (Tramont) (as Cheryl Gibbons)
- 1983 *Yentl* (title role) (+ d, co-pr, sc)
- 1987 *Nuts* (Ritt) (as Claudia Draper) (+ pr, mus)
- 1990 *Listen Up!: The Lives of Quincy Jones* (doc)
- 1991 *The Prince of Tides* (as Susan Lowenstein) (+ d, co-pr)
- 1995 *Barbra Streisand: The Concert* (as herself—for TV) (+ pr)
- 1996 *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (as Rose Morgan) (+ d, co-pr, mus)

Other Films:

- 1995 *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* (Bleckner—for TV) (co-exec pr)
- 1997 *Rescuers: Stories of Courage: Two Women* (Bogdanovich) (pr)
- 1998 *City of Peace* (Koch) (exec pr); *The Long Island Incident* (Sargent—for TV) (exec pr)
- 1999 *The King and I* (song composer)

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Barbra Streisand has become, by sheer force of talent and the strength of her personality, one of the icons of the American cinema and popular culture. Her career has been long, unusual, and incredibly successful, despite the fact that for such a major star, she has a relatively short list of film credits. During the late seventies and eighties when men overwhelmingly dominated the American box office, Streisand was, for the most part, the only woman consistently considered bankable, that is, a performer who could make a project happen. And having directed only three films, she has become one of the most powerful directors in Hollywood as well. In short, Streisand is an industry to herself: a director, a producer, a concert performer, a recording star, and an actress who could secure virtually any part she chooses. She is one of the few performers who has won all four major American entertainment awards: the Emmy for television work, the Grammy for music recording, the Tony for the Broadway stage, and the Academy award for film work. Incredibly, she has even won several awards for composing music. Despite her achievements, criticism of Streisand has always been centered on two fronts: first, charges of egotism and self-centeredness which her defenders reject as actually representing her perfectionism; and second, her choice of projects, many of which have been rather safe vehicles that have not especially stretched her abilities as performer.

Streisand's first screen appearance was in the role she originated on Broadway, Fanny Brice in the film *Funny Girl*. In *Funny Girl* Streisand established the persona which she was to express, with only slight variation, in a series of vehicles over the next several years: an unattractive woman, generally with Jewish vocal inflections, intelligence, ego, and humor, who disarms all about her and is able to transform herself into the successful and morally superior creature who is the romantic object of a Gentile man's affections. In *Funny Girl*, Streisand's energy was overwhelming, indeed threatening. Her slightly crossed eyes and long, crooked nose proved no impediment to her triumphant announcement, in her first film, that "I'm the greatest star. . . ." Along with Dustin Hoffman, Streisand was one of the new generation of Hollywood stars who refused to change their names, get plastic surgery, or conform to the conventional Hollywood stereotypes of attractiveness. That Streisand became a star at all, looking as she did, is itself a sign of her enormous talent: the strong singing voice, the comic timing, the photogenic face, the considerable on-screen charisma. To say that Streisand forced the Hollywood community and American moviegoers to reevaluate their concepts of beauty would not really be an overstatement. For her first film, Hollywood awarded Streisand an Academy Award, though in a tie with Katharine Hepburn—a symbol, as it were, of Streisand's uneasy alliance with Hollywood, a community that fears and respects her, but does not, apparently, love her with the kind of fervor they reserve for her more conventional male counterparts.

Funny Girl was followed by two musicals, *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*, and the highly underrated *Hello, Dolly!* Her performance as Dolly Levi was controversial at the time for its tongue-in-cheek synthesis of Vivien Leigh and Mae West mannerisms. The film's climax is in a restaurant filled with patrons contemplating Streisand's beauty (rather than her talent), a concept that would have been unthinkable only several years earlier. A series of comedies harkening back to the screwball era followed, including *What's Up, Doc?*, in which Streisand wooed the blond WASP Ryan O'Neal, *For Pete's Sake*, in which Streisand starred opposite the pretty Michael Sarrazin, and *The Owl and the Pussycat*, in which Streisand plays opposite George Segal, and gives what many feel is her most energetic and inspired comic performance. At least two films in this period indicated untapped wells of dramatic abilities: the commercially unsuccessful feminist comedy *Up the Sandbox*, in which Streisand quietly and naturalistically plays a mother contemplating another pregnancy, and *The Way We Were*. The latter, which starred Streisand opposite blonde WASP superstar Robert Redford, was an incredibly successful and romantic film. The pairing evoked the kind of chemistry generally associated with the greatest stars of the past, such as Gable and Crawford. Streisand's persona was fundamentally the same: the awkward, ugly duckling who becomes the romantic object of a handsome man's affections. When Redford and Streisand divorce at the end of the film, it is Streisand who is morally righteous. In the three decades since the release of *The Way We Were*, the film looks increasingly like a great Hollywood classic, valorized and remembered, its images and sounds strongly reverberating in our national consciousness, a love story that one can put alongside *Casablanca* as an immortal icon of American identity.

Streisand followed *The Way We Were* with a series of films attacked by many for being lazy, self-indulgent, or redundant: another comedy called *The Main Event*; a sequel to *Funny Girl*, entitled *Funny Lady*, in which Streisand gets to reject Omar Sharif, reversing the pattern of the original; and an almost universally reviled but commercially successful remake of *A Star Is Born*. The latter, like *Funny Girl* and *Funny Lady*, chronicles the rise to fame of Streisand in a narrative that also chronicles the decline and moral inferiority of the handsome man with whom she becomes involved.

Yentl definitely ushered in a new era for Streisand and her career. The story of a young Jewish woman who masquerades as a man in order to study the Talmud, this quasi-musical (in an era when the film musical had been long considered as extinct as the dinosaur) was directed and produced by Streisand. Although most critics were prepared to accuse Streisand of total self-centeredness, *Yentl*'s genuine and ostensible quality, for the most part, disarmed them. Certainly Streisand the director is by no means self-indulgent with Streisand the star: close-ups of Streisand do not automatically reveal the actress's "good" (left) side; occasionally, the star will even be photographed out of focus so the director can emphasize something else within the frame. The film's cinematography is extraordinary. In *Yentl*, director Streisand reveals a fetching sensitivity, an interest in androgyny (which would foreshadow her interest in gay and lesbian issues in the nineties), and a profoundly lyrical sensuality. Unlike *A Star Is Born*, *Yentl* seems organically unified, with all facets of production working in harmony toward one artistic end. For the first time, Streisand's love interest is as Jewish as she and not morally inferior. Much sympathy (as well as screen time) is extended to the secondary female lead in the film as well—another break with the patterns of Streisand's past films.

In 1991, Streisand both directed and acted in *Prince of Tides*, a deviously entertaining love story-cum-melodrama in the style of the

classic women's films of the forties and fifties, updated with subtlety and intelligence to deal head-on with a variety of current issues, most notably childhood sexual abuse and the socially prescribed gender roles for men and women. To the surprise of many, including Streisand, the film turned into a huge event, winning the enthusiastic approbation of an emotionally moved public and significant critical raves. Streisand garnered sensitive performances from her son, Jason Gould, who played her on-screen son, and particularly from macho Nick Nolte, whose key scene required him to break down emotionally to childlike vulnerability as he admits to having been raped as a young boy. The negative backlash to the film was, unfortunately, muddled in sexism: criticism of Streisand's having photographed herself in a glamorous way (with no criticism of director Streisand having photographed Nolte similarly), accusations against the genre of melodrama as inherently unworthy (except to the extent that its focus is on male characters), and so forth. That the film received seven Academy award nominations, but again not one for Streisand, its director and star, became a matter for such public comment that Streisand became the de facto, acclaimed director of the year.

From 1992, Streisand worked on a variety of projects: particularly her long-awaited return to live performance—her first in over twenty-five years—via a triumphantly successful concert tour. Notably, the tour was itself marked by Streisand's expanded political consciousness: notably absent were many of the "lonely-woman-as-victim" songs that had made Streisand famous. Streisand also became increasingly involved in feminist issues, AIDS research and education, and children's rights. Although always politically active and socially conscious in the past (particularly through her philanthropic Streisand Foundation), Streisand transformed herself into Hollywood's leading liberal spokesperson, notably giving a very public and controversial speech against Colorado legislation designed to prevent civil rights protection to gays and lesbians, in the process cementing a tourism boycott against the entire state. Similarly, Streisand has been vocal in her support for the beleaguered President Clinton.

After co-producing, with Glenn Close, a successful Emmy award-winning TV movie on homophobia in the military, *Serving in Silence: The Margarette Cammermeyer Story*, Streisand finally abandoned her long-cherished project of directing Larry Kramer's angry exposé of government inaction during the first wave of the AIDS epidemic, *The Normal Heart*. This abandonment, after having kept the optioned property away from other potential producers for so many years, angered Kramer and garnered negative publicity for Streisand, which perhaps contributed to the markedly tepid reaction to her "replacement" project (on a less overtly important subject), *The Mirror Has Two Faces*.

Perhaps surprisingly, although a Hollywood entertainment, *The Mirror Has Two Faces* is amazingly ambitious, synthesizing the genres of traditional romantic comedy with the mother/daughter melodrama. Streisand's hybrid, which works as a kind of ideological re-invention, miraculously avoiding all the sexist claptrap endemic to both genres, managed to attract a large, popular audience in an era in which "feminism" had been turned into a dirty word. Streisand's exploration of romantic vs. courtly love is a testament to the political resolve of its director's obsessive work with screenwriter Richard Lagravanese. Streisand also takes the role of Rose, and the cinematography glows with an appropriate pink burnish, its art direction witty and inspired. That *The Mirror Has Two Faces* was under-esteemed by both Hollywood and the critical community suggests that the film's very real intellectual achievements were, like

the proverbial purloined letter, not particularly noticed, if nevertheless in plain sight. A witty, deft comedy filled with compassion (based, oddly enough, on a French film by André Cayatte), *The Mirror Has Two Faces* offers warm performances by Streisand and her co-star Jeff Bridges, as well as generous opportunities for a supporting cast headed by Lauren Bacall.

Including references to *It Happened One Night*, *Brief Encounter*, and particularly, *Now Voyager* (with its tortured mother/daughter relationship, theme of female transformation, and iconography of cigarette smoking as the epitome of romantic chic), *The Mirror Has Two Faces* at times is rather reflexive. The truth about lasting love, contends Bridges, is that unlike lovers in the movies, "we don't hear music when we kiss." Later, when the stars kiss for the first time, romantic soundtrack music is notably absent. Amazingly for a Hollywood film, Bridges falls in love with Streisand not because of her looks or sexual allure, but because of "your mind, your humor, your passion for ideas." Streisand's eventual physical transformation—which takes place *after* she and Bridges have already married—turns out to be laudably irrelevant: wittily, Bridges prefers her appearance pre-transformation. "I don't care if you are pretty," offers Bridges, "I love you anyway." The final fade-out kiss on the streets of New York suggests a feminist correction of the final scene of *The Way We Were*. Although this kiss is accompanied by Puccini (Streisand's metaphor for how it feels to be in love), *Turandot* is presented as source music from an apartment above, rather than as extra-diegetic comment.

Energized by her feminism and political activism, and now the most visible role model for Hollywood women interested in social change through art or grassroots political action, Streisand has effectively shut down her career as an actress-for-hire. Whereas once one might have looked forward to Streisand in a Bergman film (who once had wanted to cast her), or in a Scorsese film, or even in a Woody Allen film, it is clear that Streisand's future projects will continue to be carefully chosen and painstakingly produced in the service of her *own* artistic vision. Perhaps one emotional climax to her career is the Lifetime Achievement Award given her by the Foreign Press Association (Golden Globes), whose ceremony in 2000 was marked by a Streisand testament and climaxed by her unusually intelligent and inspiring speech, which strongly emphasized the integrity of the "work" itself as the supreme value for all artists, even those working in Hollywood.

—Charles Derry

STUART, Gloria

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gloria Finch in Santa Monica, California, on 4 July 1910. **Education:** Santa Monica High School, University of California at Berkeley. **Family:** Married Blair Gordon Newell on 21, June 1930, Divorced in 1934; Married Arthur Sheekman in 29 July 1934; Had one child Sylvia Thompson, born in 1935; four grandchildren. **Career:** After she trod the boards of the Pasadena Playhouse in the classics, she graced the classic horror films of James Whale, including *The Old Dark House* and *The Invisible Man*; other highlights include the melodrama, *Sweepings*, and the musical, *Gold Diggers of 1935*, and films by such major directors as William

Wellman, George Stevens, John Ford; unable to make a splash on Broadway after her film career dissipated, she became an accomplished painter and, later, a renowned book designer and printer; after decades of virtual inactivity, she staged Cinema's most spectacular renaissance in *Titanic*. **Awards:** Academy of Family Films and Television Honor, 1997; Screen Actors Guild Award, for best supporting actress, for *Titanic*, 1997; Screen Actors Guild Award, special achievement award, 1998. **Address:** Jeff Hunter, the William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

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- 1933 *Sweepings* (Cromwell) (as Phoebe Pardway Gilitziv); *The Invisible Man* (Whale) (as Flora Cranley); *Hollywood on Parade No. 9* (Film Short) (as Herself); *The Girl in 419* (Hall and Somnes) (as Mary Dolan); *The Kiss Before The Mirror* (Whale) (as Frau Lucie Bernsdorf); *Secret of the Blue Room* (Neumann) (as Irene Von Helldorf); *Private Jones* (Mack) (as Mary Gregg); *Laughter in Hell* (Cahn) (as Lorraine); *It's Great To Be Alive* (Werker) (as Dorothy Wilton); *Roman Scandals* (Berkeley) (as Princess Sylvia)
- 1934 *Beloved* (Schertzing) (as Lucy Hausmann); *The Love Captive* (Marcin) (as Alice Trask); *I'll Tell The World* (Sedgwick) (as Jane Hamilton); *Here Comes The Navy* (Bacon) (as Dorothy Martin); *Gift of Gab* (Freund) (as Barbara Kelton); *I Like It That Way* (Lachman) (as Anne Rogers)
- 1935 *Laddie* (Stevens) (as Pamela Pryor); *Gold Diggers of 1935* (Berkeley) (as Ann Prentiss); *Maybe It's Love* (Wellman) (as Bobby Halevy)
- 1936 *Professional Soldier* (Garnett) (as Countess Sonia); *The Prisoner of Shark Island* (Ford) (as Peggy Mudd); *Poor Little Rich Girl* (Cummings) (as Margaret Allen); *Girl Overboard* (Salkow) (as Mary Chesbrooke); *The Girl on the Front Page* (Beaumont) (as Joan Langford); *36 Hours to Kill* (Forde) (as Anne Marvis); *Wanted: Jane Turner* (Killy) (as Doris Martin); *The Crime of Dr. Forbes* (Marshall) (as Ellen Godfrey)
- 1937 *Life Begins in College* (Seiter) (as Janet O' Hara); *The Lady Escapes* (Forde) (as Linda Ryan)
- 1938 *Keep Smiling* (Leeds) (as Carol Walters); *The Lady Objects* (Kenton) (as Ann Adams); *Island in the Sky* (Leeds) (as Julie Hayes); *Change of Heart* (Tinling) (as Carol Murdock); *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* (Dwan) (as Gwen Warren); *Time Out for Murder* (Humberstone) (as Margie Ross)
- 1939 *It Could Happen to You* (Werker) (as Doris Winslow); *Winner Take All* (Brower) (as Julie Harrison); *The Three Musketeers* (Dwan) (as Queen Anne)
- 1943 *Here Comes Elmer* (Stanley) (as Glenda Forbes)
- 1944 *The Whistler* (Castle) (as Alice Walker); *Enemy of Women* (Zeisler) (as Bertha)
- 1946 *She Wrote the Book* (Lamont) (Phyllis Fowler)
- 1975 *The Legend of Lizzie Borden* (Wendkos—for TV) (as Store Customer); *Adventures of the Queen* (Rich—for TV); *Barbary Coast* (Bixby—for TV)

- 1976 *Flood* (Bellamy—for TV) (as Mrs. Parker); *Gibbsville* (AKA: The Turning Point of Jim Malloy) (Gilroy—for TV)
- 1977 *In the Glitter Palace* (Butler—for TV) (as Mrs. Bowman)
- 1978 *The Two Worlds of Jenny Logan* (de Felitta—for TV) (as Roberta)
- 1979 *The Incredible Journey of Dr. Meg Laurel* (Green—for TV) (as Rose); *The Best Place to Be* (Miller—for TV)
- 1980 *Fun and Games* (Smithee—for TV)
- 1981 *Merlene of the Movies* (Malone—for TV) (as Evangeline Eaton); *The Violation of Sarah Mc David* (Llewelyn Moxey—for TV) (as Mrs. Fowler)
- 1982 *My Favorite Year* (Benjamin) (as Mrs. Horn)
- 1984 *Mass Appeal* (Jordan) (as Mrs. Curry)
- 1986 *Wildcats* (Ritchie) (as Mrs. Connolly)
- 1988 *Shootdown* (Pressman—for TV) (as Gertrude)
- 1997 *Titanic* (Cameron) (as Old Rose)
- 1999 *The Love Letter* (Ho-Sun Chan) (as Eleanor)
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When a cherished actress's stardom fades, moviegoers customarily consign their favorite to the "Whatever Happened to Her" category. You cannot, however, take shortcuts through the life of Gloria Stuart.

Was it so long ago that film enthusiasts took female beauty for granted? In that faraway Hollywood, where film stars seemed like mythical creatures born into their Orry-Kelly creations, no one was lovelier than Gloria Stuart. And yet, Stuart was never just another pretty face; she dreamt about Max Reinhardt, not Max Factor. Having distinguished herself in the Los Angeles theatrical community, she took *Movieland* by storm as the prize in a bidding war between Paramount and Universal Studios. Ironically, after Universal claimed her, the sought-after actress was subsequently deprived of the star-making opportunities that would have revealed her range. Of all the second acts in show biz history, however, only Gloria Swanson's re-emergence in *Sunset Boulevard* rivals Stuart's 1997 comeback in *Titanic*. The first phase of her career demonstrates the validity of the expression, "Beauty is a curse." When you first gaze at Stuart in, for example, *The Kiss Before The Mirror*, you're so distracted by aesthetic perfection that you're initially distanced from the acuity of her portrayal. A proponent of seamless acting, she never succumbed to the Sturm and Drang tactics that might have garnered attention. In Hollywood, you don't score points for being a dutiful leading lady; that's the mold she quickly found herself trapped in. As long as youth holds out, a leading lady works, but rarely gets the chance to step into an unshared spotlight.

Felicitously teamed with director James Whale, Stuart stood out in two of his classics. In *The Invisible Man*, she meets the challenge of playing a standard girlfriend role to someone who isn't even there. Never resorting to obvious theatrics, she grounds the H.G. Wells scenario in reality, so that the story's fancifulness doesn't alienate the audience. In *The Old Dark House*, Whale insisted she wear a white gown that Stuart thought was improbably glamorous for this mystery's plot purposes. (Even after emerging from a downpour, apparently screen goddesses don't get wet.) The visionary Whale wanted her to run through the *mise-en-scene* "A White Flame," and Stuart more than embodied that description. Not only does Stuart scream in a compelling variety of keys, but she also provides a stark contrast for the film's unremitting parade of physical and psychological ugliness.

For Whale's oeuvre alone, she had secured a place in film history, but Stuart could have done so much more.

In the unjustly overlooked *Gold Diggers of 1935*, she manages to make Dick Powell seem less callow than usual. Effortlessly exhibiting the drop-dead timing of the best screwball comedienne, she plays a nouveau riche heiress regarded by her social-climbing mother as her surrogate entree into high society. In a fairer world, Stuart might have given Carole Lombard a run for her money, but those patrician looks would once again prove a stumbling block. She never found another James Whale who understood her bohemian spirit; Hollywood couldn't get past that luminescent bloneness to glimpse a brunette spirit smoldering underneath.

If the frustrated actress didn't score many laughs onscreen, she found them offscreen as the wife of the Marx Brothers' favorite writer, Arthur Sheekman. During this long-term union, she became the film colony's premier hostess for Hollywood personalities witty enough to supply their own dialogue. Apparently typecast by her husband as the perfect wife, Stuart must have also bristled at the limited acting opportunities coming her way, including two gigs as a prop for Shirley Temple. Nor did Darryl F. Zanuck reward her with any juicy roles for gamely agreeing to provide a shoulder for Shirley to cry on. Unfulfilled, she drifted into B movies, as younger decorative players came and went.

It is at this point that Stuart's remarkable resiliency comes to the fore. In real life, Stuart got to play the variety of roles denied her in her studio heyday. Having helped to organize the Screen Actors Guild, she fought against Nazi oppression before it became popular. Out of the Hollywood rat race, she funneled her artistic blockage into a new venues throughout the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s; she became an acclaimed painter with several one-woman shows and an accomplished book designer/printer with exquisite hand-made volumes to her credit. Still, to paraphrase the title of her memoirs, she just kept hoping.

Several decades later, that hope bore fruit. (One bright spot of this period was a guest role on a 1987 *Murder, She Wrote* episode, entitled "The Days Dwindle Down.") Although the 1980s added only bit parts to her filmography, a movie about a legendary boat sinking would lift Stuart's career out of its submerged status. The biggest money-maker of all time, *Titanic* was an epic whose truest distinction lies in Stuart's elegant acting as shipwreck survivor, Old Rose; she is the heart and soul of the film. With her impeccable line readings, Stuart lent an air of gravity to a spectacle that portrayed the oceanic catastrophe as a backdrop for doomed romance. Stuart might be justifiably grateful to James Cameron for resurrecting her stardom, but he was damned lucky to have found her. The oldest performer ever to be nominated for an Academy Award, Stuart lost that statuette but plunged into a career as a character actress at age 87. Yet, her real triumph is that she has never lived her life as a has-been. Has any other under-utilized star ever had such delicious vindication? To see her interviewed on TV talk shows is to witness a free spirit, whose undimmed loveliness and grit make her a poster girl for all vintage souls. What Stuart's resurrection as a performer demonstrates is the durability of talent. What her life demonstrates is the magic of believing in second chances. Symbolically, she puts miracles within the grasp of anyone, who's ever waited for opportunity to knock twice. As a movie icon, she's had the last laugh on all those long-dead moguls who never gave her a first chance in the first place.

—Robert J. Pardi

SULLAVAN, Margaret

Nationality: American. **Born:** Margaret Brooke Sullavan in Norfolk, Virginia, 16 May 1911. **Education:** Attended Chatham Episcopal Institute; Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia; E. E. Clive Dramatic School, Boston. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Henry Fonda, 1931 (divorced 1933); 2) the director William Wyler, 1934 (divorced 1936); 3) the agent Leland Hayward, 1936 (divorced 1948), daughter: Brooke; 4) Kenneth Wagg, 1950. **Career:** Late 1920s—joined Joshua Logan's University Players in West Falmouth, Massachusetts; 1931—Broadway debut in *The Modern Virgin*; 1933—contract with Universal: film debut in *Only Yesterday*, 1934; 1938—contract with MGM; 1943—on Broadway in *The Voice of the Turtle*; late 1940s—increasing deafness; 1952—in stage play *Sabrina*. **Awards:** Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Three Comrades*, 1938. **Died:** 1 January 1960.

Films as Actress:

- 1934 *Only Yesterday* (Stahl) (as Mary Lane); *Little Man, What Now?* (Borzage) (as Lammchen Pinneberg)
- 1935 *The Good Fairy* (Wyler) (as Luisa Ginglebusher); *So Red the Rose* (Vidor) (as Vallette Bedford)
- 1936 *The Next Time We Love* (Edward Griffith) (as Cicely Tyler); *The Moon's Our Home* (Seiter) (as Cherry Chester)
- 1938 *Three Comrades* (Borzage) (as Patricia Hollman); *The Shopworn Angel* (Potter) (as Daisy Heath)
- 1940 *The Shop around the Corner* (Lubitsch) (as Klara Novak); *The Mortal Storm* (Borzage) (as Freya Roth)
- 1941 *So Ends Our Night* (Cromwell) (as Ruth Holland); *Back Street* (Stevenson) (as Ray Smith); *Appointment for Love* (Seiter) (as Jane Alexander)
- 1943 *Cry Havoc* (Thorpe) (as Lt. Smith)
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Margaret Sullavan's personal independence characterized her life on and off screen. Her reluctance to bind herself to a movie star's contract resulted in a relatively limited number of films. Nevertheless, she established a strongly identifiable persona of individuality and courage amid suffering. She used her naturally pensive appearance and husky, breathless voice as means of characterizing women who were often doomed but confronted their fate with spirit.

The majority of Sullavan's films were melodramas in which her characters faced adversity in the form of poverty, sickness, hopeless romance, political oppression, and, often, death. But even in comedies she projected an air of underlying sadness. When the correspondent never shows up for their first meeting in *The Shop around the Corner*, for example, she wears her disappointment with the same resigned but indomitable acceptance that she does facing serious illness in *Three Comrades* or sitting alone on New Year's Eve waiting for her married lover in *Back Street*.

There was often an otherworldly quality to Sullavan's characters, roles that called for idealism and principle. Her hair was frequently lighted to make it shine, accentuating the angelic way in which her characters accepted their fate. As the mother in *Little Man, What Now?* she makes the birth of her son akin to the Nativity. And those films that call for her character to die seem the fulfillment of her tragic spirit, for the films suggest that her characters are not limited by mortality. In *The Mortal Storm* Freya is killed as she and Martin (James Stewart) are escaping from Nazi Germany, but Stewart nevertheless carries her body to freedom. The memory of her goodness seems to influence her Nazi brother (Robert Stack) to reconsider his commitment to evil. Her final role, in *No Sad Songs for Me*, is perhaps the quintessence of her persona. Told that she is dying, she ingratiates her husband and daughter with another woman, one who can take her place when she is gone.

A sense of self-sacrificing concern was combined with a unique presence, submissive yet strong, smiling but mournful, courageous though doubtful, that made Margaret Sullavan's characters, paradoxically, vulnerable while living—and dying—heroically.

—Jerome Delamater

SUTHERLAND, Donald

Nationality: Canadian. **Born:** Donald McNichol Sutherland in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, 17 July 1935. **Education:** Attended public schools in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; University of Toronto, B.A. 1956; London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, England. **Family:** Married 1) Lois May Hardwick, 1959 (divorced); 2) the actress Shirley Jean Douglas, 1966 (divorced), son: the actor Kiefer,



Donald Sutherland (left) with Elliott Gould in *M * A * S * H*

daughter: Rachel; since 1974, has lived with the actress Francine Racette, sons: Roeg, Rossif, and Angus. **Career:** Late 1950s—worked in repertory companies in the United Kingdom; professional debut in London in *The Gimmick*; also acted on television; 1964—film debut in *Castle of the Living Dead*; late 1970s—formed McNichol Picture production company; 1981—New York stage debut in *Lolita*; 1994—in TV mini-series *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*. **Awards:** Emmy Award, Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor, for *Citizen X*, 1995. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1964 *Il castello dei morti vivi (Castle of the Living Dead)* (Ricci) (as witch/sergeant)
- 1965 *The Bedford Incident* (James B. Harris) (as Nerny); *Dr. Terror's House of Horrors* (Francis) (as Bob Carroll); *Fanatic (Die! Die! My Darling)* (Narizzano) (as Joseph)
- 1966 *Promise Her Anything* (Hiller)
- 1967 *The Dirty Dozen* (Aldrich) (as Vernon Pinkley); *Oedipus the King* (Saville) (as chorus leader)
- 1968 *The Sunshine Patriot* (Sargent—for TV) (as Benedeck); *Interlude* (Billington) (as Lawrence); *Joanna* (Sarne) (as Lord Peter Sanderson); *The Split* (Fleming) (as Dave Negli); *Mr. Sebastian (Sebastian)* (David Greene) (as American)
- 1970 *Start the Revolution without Me* (Yorkin) (as Charles/Pierre); *Acte du Coeur (Act of the Heart)* (Almond) (as Father Michael Ferrier); *M*A*S*H* (Altman) (as Capt. Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce); *Kelly's Heroes (The Warriors)* (Hutton) (as Oddball); *Alex in Wonderland* (Mazursky) (title role)
- 1971 *Johnny Got His Gun* (Trumbo) (as "Christ"); *Little Murders* (Arkin) (as the Minister); *Klute* (Pakula) (title role)
- 1972 *The FTA Show (F.T.A.; Foxtrot Tango Alpha; Free the Army; Fuck the Army)* (Francine Parker—doc) (+ co-pr, sc)
- 1973 *Steelyard Blues* (Myerson) (as Veldini); *Lady Ice* (Gries) (as Andy Hammond); *Don't Look Now* (Roeg) (as John Baxter)
- 1974 *S*P*Y*S* (Kershner) (as Brulard)
- 1975 *Der Richter und sein Henker (End of the Game; Murder on the Bridge; Getting Away with Murder)* (Schell) (as corpse);

- The Day of the Locust* (Schlesinger) (as Homer Simpson); *Alien Thunder* (*Dan Candy's Law*) (Fournier)
- 1976 **1900** (Novecento) (Bertolucci) (as Attila); *Casanova* (Fellini's *Casanova*) (Fellini) (title role); *The Eagle Has Landed* (John Sturges) (as Liam Devlin)
- 1977 *The Kentucky Fried Movie* (Landis) (as waiter); *The Cinema According to Bertolucci* (Bertolucci—doc); *Les Liens de sang* (*Blood Relatives*) (Chabrol) (as Carella); *The Disappearance* (Cooper) (as Jay Mallory)
- 1978 *National Lampoon's Animal House* (Landis) (as Dave Jennings); *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (Kaufman) (as Matthew Bennel); *The Great Train Robbery* (*The First Great Train Robbery*) (Michael Crichton) (as Agar)
- 1979 *Murder by Decree* (Clark) (as Robert Lees); *A Very Big Withdrawal* (*A Man, a Woman, and a Bank*) (Black) (as Reese Halperin); *Bear Island* (Sharp) (as Frank Lansing)
- 1980 *Ordinary People* (Redford) (as Calvin); *Nothing Personal* (Bloomfield) (as Professor Roger Kelly)
- 1981 *Gas* (Rose) (as Nick the Noz); *Eye of the Needle* (Marquand) (as Henry Faber); *Threshold* (Pearce) (as Dr. Thomas Vrain)
- 1983 *Max Dugan Returns* (Ross) (as Brian Costello); *The Winter of Our Discontent* (Hussein—for TV); *Nothing Personal* (Bloomfield)
- 1984 *Crackers* (Malle) (as Weslake); *Ordeal by Innocence* (Desmond Davis) (as Dr. Arthur Calgary)
- 1985 *Heaven Help Us* (*Catholic Boys*) (Dinner) (as Brother Thadeus); *Revolution* (Hudson) (as Sgt. Maj. Peasy)
- 1986 *The Wolf at the Door* (*Oviri*) (Carlsen) (as Paul Gauguin)
- 1987 *The Rosary Murders* (Walton) (as Father Bob Koesler); *The Trouble with Spies* (Kennedy) (as Appleton Porter)
- 1988 *Apprentice to Murder* (Thomas) (as John Reese)
- 1989 *A Dry White Season* (Palcy) (as Ben du Toit); *Lock Up* (Flynn) (as Warden Drumgoole); *Lost Angels* (*The Road Home*) (Hudson) (as Dr. Charles Loftis)
- 1990 *Bethune: The Making of a Hero* (*Dr. Bethune*) (Borsos—released in U.S. in 1993) (title role); *Buster's Bedroom* (Horn); *Schrei aus Stein* (*Scream of Stone*) (Herzog) (as Ivan)
- 1991 *Eminent Domain* (Irvin) (as Jozef Burski); *Backdraft* (Ron Howard) (as Ronald Bartel); *JFK* (Oliver Stone) (as Colonel "X")
- 1992 *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (Kuzui) (as Merrick); *The Railway Station Man* (Whyte—for TV) (as Roger Hawthorne); *Quicksand: No Escape* (Pressman—for TV)
- 1993 *Benefit of the Doubt* (Heap) (as Frank); *Shadow of the Wolf* (Agakuk) (Dorfmann) (as Henderson); *Six Degrees of Separation* (Schepisi) (as Flan Kittredge); *Younger and Younger* (Adlon) (as Jonathan Younger)
- 1994 *Disclosure* (Levinson) (as Bob Garvin); *The Puppet Masters* (Orme) (as Andrew Nivens); *Punch* (Birkinshaw and Fluetsch); *The Lifeforce Experiment* (*The Breakthrough*) (Haggard—for TV) (as Dr. "MAC" MacLean)
- 1995 *Outbreak* (Petersen) (as Gen. Donnie McClintock); *Citizen X* (Gerolmo—for TV) (as Fetisov)
- 1996 *The Shadow Conspiracy* (*The Shadow Program*) (Cosmatos); *Hollow Point*; *A Time to Kill* (Schumacher) (as Lucien Wilbanks)
- 1997 *Natural Enemy* (Jackson) (as Ted); *Shadow Conspiracy* (Cosmatos) (as Conrad); *The Assignment* (Duguay) (as Jack Shaw/Henry Fields)

- 1998 *Fallen* (Hoblitt) (as Lt. Stanton); *Without Limits* (Towne) (as Bill Bowerman); *Free Money* (Simoneau) (as Judge Rolf Rausenberg)
- 1999 *Virus* (Bruno) (as Captain Robert Everton); *Behind the Mask* (McLoughlin—for TV) (as Dr. Bob Shushan); *Instinct* (Turteltaub) (as Dr. Ben Hillard); *The Hunley* (Gray—for TV) (as General Pierre Beauregard)
- 2000 *Panic* (Bromell) (as Michael); *Space Cowboys* (Eastwood) (as Jerry O'Neill); *The Art of War* (Duguay) (as U.N. Secretary General Douglas Thomas)

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Donald Sutherland continues a long and distinguished, although eclectic, career in North American and European cinema. He has proven himself adept in a wide variety of roles and acting styles, from broad work in action thrillers to subtle, self-deferential characterizations in domestic dramas, as well as conceptual interpretations in European art films.

Sutherland achieved stardom in Robert Altman's *M*A*S*H* as Hawkeye Pierce in 1970, but he had been acting (in Europe and Canada) in a variety of character parts during the 1960s. In an earlier era, the tall, gawky-looking Sutherland might not have achieved the stardom that followed *M*A*S*H*, but Hollywood in the early seventies was open for male stars with unconventional looks. He was hired for the title roles in Paul Mazursky's *Alex in Wonderland* and Alan Pakula's *Klute*, yielding attention in the latter to Jane Fonda's riveting

prostitute, Bree Daniels. Sutherland was known to have had antagonistic relationships with some of his early directors (it is an oft-reported story that Sutherland and Elliott Gould attempted to get the studio to fire Altman from *M*A*S*H*), but by the mid-seventies he had rethought his role in the collaborative process. “What I was trying to do all the time was impose my thinking,” Sutherland later remarked. “Now I contribute. I offer, I don’t put my foot down.”

As his career continued, Sutherland would offer his services to many of the brightest directors of the age—John Schlesinger, Bernardo Bertolucci, Federico Fellini, Claude Chabrol, and Louis Malle, among others—but he would have the misfortune of doing so as those directors embarked on some of their more problematic films.

Sutherland’s commitment to a director’s vision would, however, serve him well in Nicolas Roeg’s brilliant *Don’t Look Now*, where his willingness to become the object of Julie Christie and Roeg’s erotic gaze was unique even in that era’s tradition of frontal male nudity. *Don’t Look Now*’s John Baxter provided Sutherland with a role that balanced his ability to display subtle nuance through a generally repressed character who could, occasionally, display great depths of emotion. Later, continuing to work in Europe with Bertolucci on *1900* and on *Fellini’s Casanova*, Sutherland would take heroic dives off the artistic cliffs his directors put in front of him. While his work as the monstrous fascist Attila in the former would eventually win him respect and even a certain amount of awe (and surely contribute to casting directors’ willingness to give him larger-than-life roles in the future), it was considered an embarrassing misstep at the time. Fellini’s conception of Casanova would, however, effectively turn Sutherland into a life-sized marionette in one of the Italian auteur’s worst pictures.

If Sutherland’s allegiance to some directors would backfire in the direction of “overacting,” his commitment to Robert Redford in *Ordinary People* (1980) and Fred Schepisi in *Six Degrees of Separation* (1993) would require him to defer attention to the films’ other cast members. Surely Sutherland’s work in Redford’s film equaled Mary Tyler Moore’s and Timothy Hutton’s, but as a gentle man trying to hold his family together, it was not the kind of performance that impressed casual viewers or won awards. In Schepisi’s adaptation of John Guare’s dazzling play, Sutherland was given the script’s one underconceived part—art speculator Flan Kittredge who is locked into a life by rote while his wife Ouisa has the epiphanies. Still, Sutherland was able to suggest a certain sorrow over a life of unconsummated possibilities.

Perhaps Sutherland’s work as a villain, or at least a character prone to malevolence, in numerous films such as *Eye of the Needle*, *Lock Up*, *Backdraft*, and *Disclosure*, used him to most impressive effect in the eighties and nineties. *Eye of the Needle*’s Nazi spy Henry Faber was a complex and bone-chilling characterization; Sutherland’s Warden Drumgoole in the Stallone film *Lock Up* evoked his Attila; and in *Disclosure*, as Michael Douglas’s corporate boss, Sutherland was able to use his flashing eyes, curling upper lip, and imposingly large frame to subtly convey malevolent intent without any direct acknowledgment within the script. Sutherland did give at least one completely stunning performance in this period as a sympathetic Paul Gauguin in the 1986 film *The Wolf at the Door*, but few saw that French-Danish co-production.

Still, one wishes for more opportunities for this risk-taking actor, one of the most talented of his generation. In the late nineties,

Sutherland would be heard doing voice-overs for Volvo commercials and turning in still more villainous performances in such films as *Outbreak*, where boredom seems finally to be creeping into his performances. Considering the quality of the scripts, it is hard to entirely fault him for this.

—Daniel I. Humphrey

SWANSON, Gloria

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gloria May Josephine Svensson in Chicago, Illinois, 27 March 1899. **Education:** Attended public schools in Chicago; Key West, Florida; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and elsewhere. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Wallace Beery, 1916 (divorced 1918); 2) William Somborn, 1919 (divorced), daughter: Gloria, adopted son: Joseph; 3) Marquis Henri de la Falaise, 1924 (divorced 1930); 4) Michael Farmer, 1931 (divorced 1934), daughter: Michelle; 5) William Davey, 1945 (divorced 1948); 6) the writer William Dufty, 1975 (divorced 1981). **Career:** 1915—film debut as extra in *The Fable of Elvira and Farina and the Meal Ticket*, made in Chicago; 1916—leading roles in comedies for Keystone company; 1918—in dramatic roles for Triangle; 1919—contract with Cecil B. DeMille; 1926—formed Gloria Swanson Productions, with backing of producer Joseph Kennedy; 1938—formed Multiprises; 1940s—on stage in *Reflected Glory*, *Let Us Be Gay*, and *A Goose for a Gander*; 1951—on stage in *Twentieth Century*; also clothes designer and artist; founder, Essence of Nature Cosmetics. **Died:** In New York, 4 April 1983.



Gloria Swanson

Films as Actress:

- 1915 *The Fable of Elvira and Farina and the Meal Ticket* (Baker); *Sweedie Goes to College* (Baker); *The Romance of an American Duchess*; *The Broken Pledge*; *At the End of a Perfect Day* (as extra, hands bouquet to Holmes); *The Ambition of the Baron*; *His New Job* (Charlie's New Job) (Chaplin) (as extra, stenographer)
- 1916 *A Dash of Courage* (Chase); *Hearts and Sparks* (Parrott); *A Social Club* (Badger); *The Danger Girl*; *Love on Skates*; *Haystacks and Steeples* (Badger); *The Nick of Time Baby* (Whose Baby?) (Badger)
- 1917 *Teddy at the Throttle* (Badger); *Baseball Madness* (Mason); *Dangers of a Bride*; *The Sultan's Wife*; *A Pullman Bride* (Badger)
- 1918 *Society for Sale* (*The Honorable Billy*) (Borzage) (as Phyllis Cline); *Her Decision* (Conway) (as Phyllis Dunbar); *You Can't Believe Everything* (Conway) (as Patricia Reynolds); *Everywoman's Husband* (Hamilton) (as Edith Emerson); *Shifting Sands* (Albert Parker) (as Marcia Grey); *Station Content* (Hoyt); *Secret Code* (Albert Parker) (as Sally Carter Rand); *Wife or Country* (E. Mason Hopper) (as Sylvia Hamilton)
- 1919 *Don't Change Your Husband* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Leila Porter); *For Better, for Worse* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Sylvia Norcross); *Male and Female* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Lady Mary Lasenby)
- 1920 *Why Change Your Wife?* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Beth Gordon); *Something to Think About* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Ruth Anderson); *The Great Moment* (Wood) (as Nada Pelham)
- 1921 *The Affairs of Anatole* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Vivian Spencer); *Under the Lash* (Wood) (as Deborah Krillet); *Don't Tell Everything* (Wood) (as Marion Westover)
- 1922 *Her Husband's Trademark* (Wood) (as Lois Miller); *Beyond the Rocks* (Wood) (as Theodora Fitzgerald); *Her Gilded Cage* (Wood) (as Suzanne Orloff); *The Impossible Mrs. Bellew* (Wood) (title role)
- 1923 *My American Wife* (Wood) (as Natalie Chester); *Prodigal Daughters* (Wood) (as Elinor "Swiftie" Forbes); *Bluebeard's Eighth Wife* (Wood) (as Mona de Briac); *Zaza* (Dwan) (title role); *Hollywood* (*Joligud*) (Cruze and Vacariello) (guest appearance)
- 1924 *The Humming Bird* (Olcott) (as Toinette); *A Society Scandal* (Dwan) (as Marjorie Colbert); *Manhandled* (Dwan) (as Tessie McGuire); *Her Love Story* (Dwan) (as Princess Maria); *Wages of Virtue* (Dwan) (as Carmelita)
- 1925 *Madame Sans-Gêne* (Perret) (as Catherine Hubscher); *The Coast of Folly* (Dwan) (as Nadine/Joyce Gathway); *Stage Struck* (Dwan) (as Jennie Hagen)
- 1926 *Untamed Lady* (Tuttle) (as St. Clair Van Tassel); *Fine Manners* (Rosson) (as Orchid Murphy)
- 1927 *The Love of Sunya* (Albert Parker) (title role, + pr)
- 1928 *Sadie Thompson* (Walsh) (title role, + pr); *Queen Kelly* (von Stroheim) (title role, + pr)
- 1929 *The Trespasser* (Goulding) (as Marion Donnell)
- 1930 *What a Widow!* (Dwan) (as Tamarind Brooks, + pr)
- 1931 *Indiscreet* (McCarey) (as Geraldine "Jerry" Trent); *Tonight or Never* (LeRoy) (as Nella Vago)
- 1933 *Perfect Understanding* (Gardner) (as Judy Rogers, + pr)

- 1934 *Music in the Air* (Joe May) (as Frieda Hertefeld)
- 1941 *Father Takes a Wife* (Hively) (as Leslie Collier)
- 1949 *Down Memory Lane* (Karlson—compilation)
- 1950 *Sunset Boulevard* (Wilder) (as Norma Desmond)
- 1952 *Three for Bedroom C* (Bren) (as Ann Haven)
- 1956 *Mio figlio Nerone* (*Nero's Mistress*; *Nero's Weekend*) (Steno) (as Agrippina)
- 1960 *When Comedy Was King* (Youngson—compilation) (as herself)
- 1972 *Chaplinesque, My Life and Hard Times* (Hurwitz—doc) (as narrator)
- 1974 *The Killer Bees* (Harrington—for TV) (as Mme. Von Bohlen); *Airport 1975* (Smight) (as herself)

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To a generation of filmgoers, Gloria Swanson will only be the half-mad movie queen of *Sunset Boulevard* who traps screenwriter William Holden in a bizarre world behind the walls of her 1920s mansion. But there is much more to Swanson's career than just this image indelibly etched in film history.

Swanson was one of the biggest stars of the silent era. No personality was more vital, more visible, more passionately alive in Hollywood. Cecil B. DeMille changed her from a routine Mack Sennett comedienne into an elegant, vivacious, and narcissistic clotheshorse. He seldom required his teenage star to act, merely pose, flirt, tyrannize servants, and discreetly reveal portions of her slim, perfectly proportioned body. She became noted for the bathing rituals DeMille incessantly constructed for her. Precisely reflecting the Paramount taste for European manners, lush lighting, and sexual innuendo, DeMille created, in his drawing room sex comedies such as *Don't Change Your Husband*, *Why Change Your Wife?*, and *The Affairs of Anatol*, a style that persisted into Swanson's life outside the studio; her best performances were usually for the papers.

Swanson capitalized on her provocative glance and perpetual slouch to epitomize the emancipated female predator. She collected only the most prestigious male trophies who guaranteed her continued presence in the headlines. Her third husband, an impoverished French marquis, made her one of Hollywood's first legitimate aristocrats. In the mid-1920s she snared as a lover and financier Joseph P. Kennedy, father of John F. Kennedy. Kennedy backed her in the doomed production of Eric von Stroheim's *Queen Kelly*. Ironically, she watches a scene from *Queen Kelly* projected by her butler played by von Stroheim in *Sunset Boulevard*.

Swanson was only 30 years old when sound came. She had no stage training, but a clear, almost piercing voice that suited the primitive systems of the time. She even learned to sing for the 1934 musical *Music in the Air*. But nobody was making films in her intense, sultry style. Clutching at William Holden the way her creator, Gloria Swanson, dug her manicured nails into her stardom, *Sunset Boulevard*'s Norma Desmond was as deluded in her quest for immortality as Swanson was practical in hers. If operettas could not revive her luster in the 1930s, then maybe a screwball comedy such as *Father Takes a Wife* would do the trick in the 1940s. Ultimately, Swanson realized that her legend was not genre or trend dependent. The

designer clothes diva remained a media magnet for decades because Swanson elegantly embodied the entire bygone era of the silent cinema; her gift for adaptability prevented her from becoming a dinosaur like Norma Desmond.

Still, it could not have been easy for a grandiloquent symbol to find roles in keeping with her eminence. Incredibly, her follow-up to *Sunset Boulevard*—the greatest comeback of all time—was a tepid farce, *Three for Bedroom C*. In addition to triumphing on Broadway in a revival of *Twentieth Century*, Swanson toured with comedic élan in such plays as *Butterflies Are Free*. That she acted her roles to the hilt seemed of less consequence than her providing living proof of one of *Sunset Boulevard*'s most famous lines: "Stars are ageless. No one ever leaves a star." Her fans never did.

Whether she slumped in the gimmicky horror of a literal B movie, *The Killer Bees*, or sashayed haughtily through the all-star peril of *Airport 1975* in variations of her aristocratic screen image, she remained Swanson: Hallowed Defeater of Crow's Feet and Nutritional Warrior against Junk Food. She defeated Time. However confining it must have been to never sink her teeth into another juicy role, it must have been comforting to know that the public did not make the same demands of her that they did of other silent-era survivors such as Crawford and Gish. As always, her private life was her most effective performance. Even in a silly guest spot on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, Swanson maintained her dignity so thoroughly that even the Clampetts behaved with propriety. Whereas other stars curried admiration, Swanson commanded respect without really trying.

—John Baxter, updated by Robert Pardi

SWEET, Blanche

Nationality: American. **Born:** Sarah Blanche Sweet in Chicago, Illinois, 18 June 1896. **Family:** Married 1) the director Marshall Neilan, 1922 (divorced 1929); 2) the actor Raymond Hackett, 1936 (died). **Career:** On stage from 18 months, then billed as "Baby Blanche" and "Little Blanche"; dancing lessons with Ruth St. Denis; 1909—film debut in *A Man with Three Wives* in New York; 1911—joined the Griffith film group in California, and made a long series of shorts for him; 1914—starred in *Judith of Bethulia*; then contract with Jesse Lasky, and starred in a group of dramas; 1919—contract with Jesse Hampton Productions; 1924–25—made several films in England with Marshall Neilan; 1930—film career ended; toured in vaudeville act *Sweet and Lovely*, and appeared on stage in *The Party's Over* and *The Petrified Forest*; also had a radio program in 1930s; 1950s—clerk in a New York department store. **Died:** In New York City, 6 September 1986.

Films as Actress:

- 1909 *A Man with Three Wives*; *A Corner in Wheat* (Griffith); *The Day After* (Griffith)
- 1910 *All on Account of the Milk* (Powell)
- 1911 *Country Lovers* (Sennett); *Was He a Coward?* (Griffith); *The Lonedale Operator* (Griffith); *How She Triumphed* (Griffith); *The White Rose of the Wild* (Griffith); *A Smile of a Child* (Griffith); *The Last Drop of Water* (Griffith); *Out*

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- 1912 *The Eternal Mother* (Griffith); *For His Son* (Griffith); *The Transformation of Mike* (Griffith); *Under Burning Skies* (Griffith); *The Goddess of Sagebrush Gulch* (Griffith); *The Punishment* (Griffith); *One Is Business, The Other Crime* (Griffith); *The Lesser Evil* (Griffith); *The Outcast among Outcasts* (Griffith); *A Temporary Truce* (Griffith); *The Spirit Awakened* (Griffith); *Man's Lust for Gold* (Griffith); *The Painted Lady* (Griffith); *With the Enemy's Help* (Griffith); *A Change of Spirit* (Griffith); *Blind Love* (Griffith); *The Chief's Blanket* (Griffith); *A Sailor's Heart* (Griffith); *The God Within* (Griffith)
- 1913 *Three Friends* (Griffith); *Pirate Gold*; *Oil and Water* (Griffith); *A Chance Deception* (Cabanne); *Broken Ways* (Griffith); *The Hero of Little Italy* (Griffith); *The Stolen Bride* (Griffith); *Classmates* (Griffith); *Love in an Apartment Hotel* (Griffith); *If We Only Knew* (Griffith); *Death's Marathon* (Griffith); *The Coming of Angelo* (Griffith); *The Mistake* (Griffith); *Two Men on the Desert* (Griffith); *The House of Discord* (Kirkwood); *Her Wedding Bell*
- 1914 *The Sentimental Sister*; *The Massacre* (Griffith); *Strongheart* (Kirkwood); *Men and Women* (Kirkwood); *Ashes of the Past* (Kirkwood); *The Soul of Honor* (Kirkwood); *The Painted Lady* (Griffith); *The Second Mrs. Roebuck* (O'Brien); *For Those Unborn* (Cabanne); *Her Awakening* (Cabanne); *For Her Father's Sins* (O'Brien); *The Tear That Burned* (O'Brien); *The Odalisque* (Griffith); *The Little Country Mouse* (Griffith); *The Old Maid* (O'Brien); *Judith of Bethulia* (Her Condoned Sin) (Griffith) (title role); *The Escape* (Griffith); "The Marriage of Roses and Lilies" ep. of *Home Sweet Home* (Griffith); *The Avenging Conscience* (Griffith) (as Annabel)
- 1915 *The Warrens of Virginia* (Cecil B. DeMille); *The Captive* (Cecil B. DeMille); *Stolen Goods* (Melford); *The Clue* (Neill); *The Secret Orchard* (Reicher); *The Case of Becky* (Reicher) (title role); *The Secret Sin* (Reicher) (as twin sisters)
- 1916 *The Ragamuffin* (William DeMille); *Blacklist* (William DeMille); *The Sowers* (William DeMille); *The Thousand Dollar Husband* (Young); *The Dupe* (Reicher); *Public Opinion* (Reicher); *The Storm* (Reicher); *Unprotected* (Young)
- 1917 *The Evil Eye* (Melford); *Those without Sin* (Neilan); *The Tides of Barnegat* (Neilan); *The Silent Partner* (Neilan)
- 1919 *The Unpardonable Sin* (Neilan) (as Alice Parcot/Dimmy Parcot); *The Hushed Hour* (Mortimer); *A Woman of Pleasure* (Worsley); *Fighting Cressy* (Thornby) (title role)
- 1920 *The Deadlier Sex* (Thornby); *Simple Souls* (Thornby); *The Girl in the Web* (Thornby); *Help Wanted—Male* (Object Matrimony) (King); *Her Unwilling Husband* (Scardon)
- 1921 *That Girl Montana* (Thornby)
- 1922 *Quincy Adams Sawyer* (Badger)
- 1923 *The Meanest Man in the World* (Cline); *Anna Christie* (Wray) (title role); *In the Palace of the King* (Flynn)
- 1924 *Those Who Dance* (Hillyer); *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* (Neilan) (title role)

- 1925 *The Sporting Venus* (Neilan); *His Supreme Moment* (Fitzmaurice); *Why Women Love* (Carewe); *The New Commandment* (Higgin)
- 1926 *Bluebeard's Seven Wives* (Santell); *The Far Cry* (Balboni); *The Lady from Hell* (Paton) (as Lady Margaret); *Diplomacy* (Neilan)
- 1927 *Singed* (Wray)
- 1929 *The Woman in White* (Wilcox) (dual role); *Always Faithful* (Middleton)
- 1930 *The Woman Racket* (Ober and Kelley); *Showgirl in Hollywood* (LeRoy); *The Silver Horde* (Archainbaud)
- 1982 *Before the Nickelodeon: The Early Cinema of Edwin S. Porter* (Musser) (as narrator)

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A pioneering actress, Blanche Sweet had a curious career replete with highlights, falls from favor, and inexplicable absences from the screen. She was one of D. W. Griffith's first stars at Biograph, the

actress chosen to head the cast of his first feature-length production, *Judith of Bethulia*, and the star of Griffith's subsequent features. She was set to play the role of Elsie Stoneman in *The Birth of a Nation* when Griffith gave the part to Lillian Gish. Sweet continued to star in films that did little to enhance her career. Then came *Anna Christie*, the first filming of the Eugene O'Neill play and a major dramatic success for its star. Another group of features followed, all minor, except for *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* with a fine performance from Sweet. She had no difficulty adapting to sound film production. She was a delight as the fading silent star in *Showgirl in Hollywood*, playing a suicide scene with consummate skill. Within two years, however, she had disappeared from the screen never to appear again.

Unlike her contemporary Lillian Gish, Blanche Sweet did not handle her professional life successfully. An unhappy marriage to director Marshall Neilan, too many program features, and too few major productions cut short a promising career. It is unfortunate because she was capable of fine and subtle emotional performances. Her range of characterizations was quite extraordinary, from biblical figures to drug addicts and prostitutes. She was a major silent star who deserved better from her career and deserves more recognition today.

—Anthony Slide

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TAKAMINE, Hideko

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Hideko Hirayama in Hakodate City, 27 March 1924. **Education:** Attended Bunka Gakuin High School to 1939. **Family:** Married the director Zenzo Matsuyama, 1955. **Career:** Child actress: made film debut at age five in *Haha* for Shochike studio; 1932—first stage appearance; worked for P.C.L. (later Toho) studio until 1946, and Shin-Toho studio, 1947–50; then freelance; popular singer from 1949; also a writer and painter; worked on television from 1968. **Awards:** Japan Mainichi Eiga Concourse, 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1961; Japan Kirema Jumbo Award for Best Actress, for *Floating Clouds*, 1955. **Address:** 1 Azabu Nagasaka-cho, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 *Haha* (Nomura) (as Haruko)
- 1930 *Dai-Tokyo no ikkaku* (*A Corner of Great Tokyo*) (Gosho); *Reijin* (Shimazu); *Chichi*
- 1931 *Watashi no papa-san mamaga suki*; *Uruhashiki ai*; *Ai yojinrui to tomo ni are* (Shimazu); *Bofuu no bara*; *Onna wa itsuno you nimo*; *Shimai*; *I chitaro yaai* (Nomura); *Tokyo no gassho* (*Tokyo's Chorus*) (Ozu) (as the daughter); *Reijin no bisho*
- 1932 *Jonetsu*; *Nanatsu no umi*; *Teiso-hen*; *Edo gonomi*; *Ryogoku-zoshi* (Inoue); *Yokin ajo-san*; *Tengoku ni musubu koi*; *Hototogisu* (*A Cuckoo*) (Gosho); *Nezumi-kozo Jirokichi: Kaiketsu-hen* (Akiyama)
- 1933 *Jukyu-sai no haru*; *Yotamono to kyakusen-bi*; *Hoho o yosureba* (Shimazu); *Riso no otto*; *Rappa to musume* (Shimazu); *Hatsukoi no haru*
- 1934 *Onna to umareta karanya*; *Toyo no haha*; *Nukiashi sashiashi*; *Nihon josei no uta*; *Sonoyo no onna* (Shimazu)
- 1935 *Haha no ai* (Ikeda); *Ramuru eteruneru*
- 1936 *Shindo: Akemi no maki*; *Ryota no maki*
- 1937 *Hanayome karuta* (Gosho); *Hanakago no uta* (*Song of the Flower Basket*) (Gosho) (as Hamako); *Otto no teiso: Haru kitareba*; *Aki futatabi* (Yamamoto) (as Mutsuko); *Edokko Kenchan*; *Misemono okoku*; *Ojo-san*; *Nampu no oka*; *Kaminari oyaji*
- 1938 *Hanataba no yume*; *Shinryu-ro*; *Tsuzurikata kyoshitsu* (Yamamoto) (as Masako); *Niji tatsu oka* (Otani); *Chokoreito to heitai* (Sato)
- 1939 *Uruhashiki shupatsu* (Yamamoto); *Hojiro sensei* (Abe); *Chushingura*; *Higuchi Ichiyo* (Namiki); *Wareraga kyokan* (*Our Teacher*) (Imai)
- 1940 *Hideko no oendancho* (Chiba); *Shinpen Tange Sazen: Koiguruma no maki*; *Soyokaze chichi to tomoni* (Yamamoto); *Ane no shusse* (Kondo); *Tsurigane-so* (Ishida); *Songoku*
- 1941 *Sakujitsu kieta otoko* (Makino) (as Okyo); *Uma* (*Horse*) (Yamamoto) (as Ine); *Awa no odoriko* (Makino); *Jogakuseiki*; *Hideko no shasho-san* (*Hideko the Bus Conductor*) (Naruse)
- 1942 *Musashibo Benkei*; *Kobo no seishun*; *Matteita oyoko* (Makino); *Minami kara kaetta hito*; *Fukei-zu* (Makino) (as Taeho); *Suiko-den* (as Taeho); *Zohu fuhei-zu* (Makino) (as Taeho)
- 1943 *Ahen senso* (Makino); *Ai no sekai* (Aoyagi); *Yamaneko Tomi no hanashi*; *Hanako-sen*; *Hyoroku yume monogatari*; *Wakiki hi no yorokobi*
- 1944 *Obaasan*; *Sanjaku Sagohei*; *Yottsu no kekkon*
- 1945 *Shori no himade*
- 1946 *Urashima Taro no koei* (*The Descendants of Taro Urashima*) (Naruse); *Aru yo no tonosama* (*Lord for a Night*) (Kinugasa) (as Taeko); *Toho shoboto*; *Kita no san-nin* (Saeki); *Yoki no onna* (Saeki)
- 1947 *Toho sen-ichi-ya* (*1001 Nights with Toho*) (Ichikawa); *Oedo no oni* (Hagiwara); *Ai yo hoshi to tomoni* (Abe); *Kofuku he no shotai* (Chiba)
- 1948 *Aijo shindansho*; “*Machiko*” yori: *Hana hiraku* (*A Flower Blooms*) (Ichikawa); *Sanbyaku-rokujugo-ya*: (*365 Nights in Tokyo*); *Tokyo-hen* (Ichikawa); *Sanbyaku-rokujugo-ya* (*365 Nights in Osaka*) (Ichikawa); *Niji o idaku shojo*
- 1949 *Haru no tawamure* (Yamamoto); *Guddobai* (Shima); *Ginza kankan musume* (Shima)
- 1950 *Shojo-dakara* (Shima); *Sasameyuki* (Abe) (as Taeko); *Munekata Shimai* (*The Munekata Sisters*) (Ozu) (as Mariko); *Senka o koete*; *Sasaki Kojiro*
- 1951 *Onna no mizukakami*; *Karumen Kokyo ni kaeru* (*Carmen Comes Home*) (Kinoshita) (title role); *Zoku Sasaki Kojiro*; *Karumen Junjo su* (*Carmen's Pure Love*) (Kinoshita) (title role); *Wagaya wa tanoshi* (Nakamura)
- 1952 *Asa no hamon* (*Trouble in the Morning*; *Morning Conflicts*) (Gosho) (as Atsuko Takimoto); *Tokyo no ekubo*; *Inazuma* (*Lightning*) (Naruse); *Onna to iu shiro: Mari no maki*; *Onna to iu shiro: Yuko no maki*
- 1953 *Entotsu no mieru basho* (*Four Chimneys*; *Where Chimneys Are Seen*) (Gosho) (as Senko Azuma); *Asu wa docchi da*; *Gan* (*Wild Geese*) (Toyoda) (as Otama)
- 1954 *Dai-ni no seppun*; *Onna no sono* (*The Garden of Women*) (Kinoshita) (as Yoshie Deishi); *Kono hiroi sora no dokokani*; *Nijushi no hitomi* (*Twenty-Four Eyes*) (Kinoshita) (as Miss Hisako Oishi)
- 1955 *Ukigumo* (*Floating Clouds*) (Naruse) (as Yukiko Koda); *Wataridori itsukaeru* (Hisamatsu); *Tooi kumo* (*Distant Clouds*) (Kinoshita); *Kuchizuke*; *Onna doshi*
- 1956 *Shin Heike monogatari Yoshinaka o meguru san-nin no onna* (*Three Women around Yoshinaka*) (Kinugasa) (as Fuyuhime); *Kodomo no me* (Kawazu); *Tsuma no kokoro* (*A Wife's Heart*) (Naruse); *Nagareru* (*Flowing*) (Naruse)

- 1957 *Kumo no bohyo yori: Sora yukaba; Arakure (Untamed)* (Naruse) (as Oshima); *Yorokobi mo Kanashimi mo ikutoshitsuki (The Lighthouse)* (Kinoshita); *Fuzen no tomoshibi (A Candle in the Wind; Danger Stalks Near)* (Kinoshita)
- 1958 *Harikomi* (Nomura); *Muhomatsu no issho (The Rickshaw Man)* (Inagaki) (as Mrs. Yoshiko Yoshioka)
- 1960 *Onna ga kaidan o agaru toki (When a Woman Ascends the Stairs)* (Naruse) (as Keiko Yashiro); *Musume tsuma haha (Daughters, Wives, and a Mother)* (Naruse); *Fuefuki-gawa (The River Fuefuki)* (Kinoshita)
- 1961 *Namonaku mazushiku utsukushiku (Happiness of Us Alone)* (Kinoshita) (as Akiko Katayama); *Ningen no joken III (A Soldier's Prayer; The Human Condition)* (Kobayashi) (as woman in settler's village); *Tsuma to shite haha to shite (As a Wife; As a Woman; The Other Woman)* (Naruse); *Eien no hito (The Bitter Spirit; Immortal Love)* (Kinoshita)
- 1962 *Onna no za (The Wiser Age; Woman's Status)* (Naruse); *Futari de aruita ikutoshitsuki (The Seasons We Walked Together)* (Kinoshita); *Horoki (A Wanderer's Notebook; Lonely Lane)* (Naruse) (as Fumiko Hayashi); *Burari burabura monogatari (My Hobo)* (Matsuyama) (as Komako)
- 1963 *Onna no rekishi (A Woman's Life; A Woman's Story)* (Naruse) (as Nobuko)
- 1964 *Midareru (Yearning)* (Naruse) (as Reiko Morita)
- 1965 *Ware hitotsubu no mugi naredo (Could I but Live)* (Matsuyama); *Rokujo yuki yama tsumugi (Dark the Mountain Snow)* (Matsuyama) (as Ine Rokujo)
- 1966 *Hikinige (Moment of Terror)* (Naruse) (as the mother)
- 1967 *Zoku namo naku mazushiku utsukushiku* (Matsuyama); *Chichi to ko (Our Silent Love)* (Matsuyama); *Hanaoko Seishu no tsuma (The Wife of Seishu Hanaoka)* (Masumura) (as Ojaku)
- 1969 *Oni no sumu yakata (Devil's Temple)* (Misumi) (as Kaede)
- 1973 *Kokotsu no hito* (Toyoda)
- 1976 *Suri Lanka no ai to wakare (Love and Separation in Sri Lanka)* (Kinoshita); *Futari no lida*
- 1979 *Shodo satsujin: Musuko yo (Oh My Son!)* (Kinoshita) (as the mother)

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From her first screen appearance at age five, Hideko Takamine was for decades one of the most beloved Japanese screen stars. At the Shochiku Studio, she appeared in films of Goshō, Shimazu, Hotei Nomura, and others, mostly in the family-film genre. Her recognition increased after she moved to the Toho Studio and began to work under the producer Fujimoto and the director Kajiro Yamamoto. In *Tsuzurikata kyoshitsu*, based on a best-selling autobiography, she played an impoverished 13-year-old girl struggling to live a decent life. In *Uma* she played a village girl who raises a horse for the army, and her affection for the horse is delicately accented by the naturalistic direction of the film. In these two films, Takamine won critical acclaim, in addition to her popular fame.

After the Toho labor union's strike of 1946, she left for a new studio, Shin-Toho, and became the main actress there. Her most representative work at this studio was in Ozu's *The Munekata Sisters*, to which she brought her light, comic flair to the serious and tragic tone of the film. After becoming freelance, she began to choose more meaningful roles. Among her various postwar roles, her collaborations with Naruse, Kinoshita, and her husband, Matsuyama, are most important.

Takamine became the indispensable heroine in 12 Naruse films, in which she created the archetype of the strong-willed, hardworking woman unrewarded at the bottom of society or subjugated by the family system. Among these excellent portrayals, her roles in *Floating Clouds* was outstanding, bringing her and the film all the major awards of 1955. Playing a character living in the confusion of postwar Japan, she gave a passionate performance as a woman who cannot help clinging to an unfaithful man, leading to her own destruction.

While Naruse's heroines tend to be caught in tense conflicts with men, which eventually are resolved by the woman's spiritual victory, the heroines of Kinoshita and his student Matsuyama are more melodramatic. Takamine impressively played humanistic heroines who survive their unfortunate environment by good-natured sincere efforts. She moved audiences to tears with her performance in Kinoshita's *Twenty-Four Eyes* and *The Lighthouse* and in Matsuyama's *Zoku namo naku mazushiku utsukushiku*. She also showed her comedic talent as a half-witted stripper in Kinoshita's light satires *Carmen Comes Home* and *Carmen's Pure Love*, which reflected the optimistic mood of the immediately postwar democracy. As Takamine gradually undertook more serious roles, however, she had little subsequent opportunity to demonstrate her comic flair.

—Kyoko Hirano

TALMADGE, Norma

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jersey City, New Jersey, 26 May 1897; sister of the actress Constance Talmadge. **Family:** Married 1) the producer Joseph M. Schenck, 1916 (divorced 1934); 2) the

entertainer George Jessel, 1934 (divorced 1939); 3) Carvel James, 1946. **Career:** Model; actress for Vitagraph in New York at age 13; 1911—contract with Vitagraph: made many short films in the period 1910–15; 1913—first billing as Norma Talmadge; 1915—contract with National Pictures, then with D. W. Griffith; 1916—Norma Talmadge Film Company set up by Joseph Schenck: first film for the company, *Panthea*, 1917; 1930—retired from films. **Died:** 24 December 1957.

Films as Actress:

(between 1910–15, Talmadge appeared in numerous Vitagraph shorts including:)

- 1910 *The Household Pest*; *The Dixie Mother*; *Love of Chrysanthemum*; *A Broken Spell*; *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- 1911 *Paola and Francesca*; *In Neighboring Kingdoms*; *Mrs. 'Enery Awkins*; *A Tale of Two Cities* (Blackton) (as a midinette); *The Sky Pilot*; *The General's Daughter*; *The Thumb Print*; *Her Hero*; *The Child Crusoes*
- 1912 *The First Violin* (Brooke); *The Troublesome Stepdaughters*; *Mr. Butler Butties*; *Fortunes of a Composer*; *Omens and Oracles*; *The Midget's Revenge*; *The Lovesick Maidens of Cuddleton*; *Captain Barnacle's Messmate*; *O'Hara—Squatter and Philosopher*; *Casey at the Bat*
- 1913 *Just Show People*; *Extremities*; *His Official Appointment*; *Under the Daisies* (Brooke); *The Doctor's Secret* (Brooke); *Father's Husband* (Brooke); *Fanny's Conspiracy* (Brooke); *His Silver Bachelorhood* (Brooke); *'Arriet's Baby*; *An Old Man's Love Story*; *Solitaires*; *The Other Woman*; *The Blue Rose*; *An Elopement at Home* (Brooke); *The Honorable Algernon* (Brooke); *His Little Page* (Brooke); *Officer John Donovan* (Brooke); *The Sacrifice of Kathleen* (Brooke); *Counsel for the Defense*; *The Silver Cigarette Case*
- 1914 *Sawdust and Salome* (Brooke); *The Vavasour Ball*; *The Helpful Sisterhood* (Brooke); *Cupid versus Money*; *The Right of Way* (Brooke); *John Rance—Gentleman* (Brooke); *Under False Colors* (Brooke); *Goodbye Summer* (Brooke); *The Curing of Myra May*; *Sunshine and Shadow* (Brooke); *A Daughter of Israel* (Brooke); *Miser Murphy's Wedding Present* (Brooke); *Old Reliable* (Brooke); *The Hex on Fogg's Millions* (Thomson); *The Hidden Letters* (Brooke); *Memories and Men's Souls* (Brooke); *Politics and the Press* (Brooke); *The Mill of Life*; *A Loan Shark King* (Brooke); *The Peacemaker* (Brooke)
- 1915 *A Daughter's Strange Inheritance*; *Janet of the Chorus*; *The Pillar of Flame*; *The Barrier of Faith*; *The Criminal*; *The Battle Cry of Peace* (North); *The Crown Prince's Double* (Brooke); *The Captivating Mary Carstairs* (Mitchell)
- 1916 *The Missing Links* (Ingraham); *Martha's Vindication* (S. and C. Franklin); *The Children in the House* (S. and C. Franklin); *Going Straight (Corruption)* (S. and C. Franklin); *The Devil's Needle* (Withey); *The Social Secretary* (Emerson); *Fifty-Fifty* (Dwan)
- 1917 *Panthea* (Dwan); *The Law of Compensation* (Styger and Goulden); *Poppy* (Jose); *The Moth* (Jose); *The Secret of the Storm Country* (Miller)
- 1918 *Ghosts of Yesterday* (Miller); *By Right of Purchase* (Miller); *Deluxe Annie* (West); *The Safety Curtain* (Franklin); *Her Only Way* (Franklin); *The Forbidden City* (Franklin); *The Heart of Wetona* (Franklin)
- 1919 *Prohibition Wife* (Franklin); *The New Moon* (Withey); *The Way of a Woman* (Leonard); *Isle of Conquest* (Jose)
- 1920 *She Loves and Lies* (Withey); *A Daughter of Two Worlds* (Young); *The Woman Gives* (Neill); *Yes or No?* (Neill); *The Branded Woman* (Parker); *Passion Flower (Love or Hate)* (Brenon); *The Sign on the Door* (Brenon); *The Wonderful Thing* (Brenon); *Love's Redemption* (Parker)
- 1922 *Smilin' Through* (Franklin); *The Eternal Flame* (Lloyd)
- 1923 *The Voice from the Minaret* (Lloyd); *Within the Law* (Lloyd); *Ashes of Vengeance* (Lloyd); *Song of Love (Dust of Desire)* (Marion and Franklin)
- 1924 *Secrets* (Borzage); *The Only Woman* (Olcott)
- 1925 *The Lady* (Borzage); *Graustark* (Buchowetzki)
- 1926 *Kiki* (Brown)
- 1927 *Camille* (Niblo) (title role)
- 1928 *The Dove* (West); *The Woman Disputed* (King and Taylor)
- 1929 *New York Nights* (Milestone)
- 1930 *DuBarry: Woman of Passion* (Taylor) (title role)

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Theatrical families were nothing new in Hollywood, but the offspring of Peg Talmadge secured a permanent place in film history. They may not have received the accolades of revival accorded to other players, but their contribution to the cinema was nevertheless considerable.

The eldest of the three Talmadge girls, Norma began her film career with Vitagraph in New York. She made several short films before attracting attention with her small role as the little midinette who accompanied Maurice Costello (Sidney Carton) on his way to the guillotine in the 1911 *Tale of Two Cities*. She eventually blossomed under the direction of Van Dyke Brooks and played frequently with Antonio Moreno as her leading man. In 1915 she made her last appearance with Vitagraph in the propaganda-laden *Battle Cry of Peace*.

A move to the National Picture Corporation with a more gratifying contract did not meet with success. She then joined D. W. Griffith's Fine Arts Company, for which she made seven films—none, however, directed by Griffith. Having made no less than 250 films for Vitagraph, Talmadge had by now developed a gallery of threatened and misunderstood heroines which appealed to her fans. Her great beauty was to remain a permanent asset. *The Social Secretary*, a comedy written by Anita Loos and directed by John Emerson, gave her an opportunity to disguise that beauty as a girl trying to avoid the unwelcome attentions of her male employers.

Her marriage to Joseph M. Schenck in 1916 was all-important. Under his aegis, and the banner of The Norma Talmadge Film Company, she seriously challenged the popularity of Mary Pickford. Her first film for the company was *Panthea*, directed by Allan Dwan. She made many films opposite Eugene O'Brien, a sophisticated and polished actor who provided a perfect foil to her beauty. Her roles included Chinese maidens, Indian half-breeds, and Russian noblewomen. A series of films for First National included those directed by Herbert Brenon, whose version of Benevente's *Passion Flower* allowed her to play a proud Spanish girl caught up in the toils of love and murder. Sidney Franklin's *Smilin' Through* was one of her most popular films—a sentimental story that has earned several remakes. *The Eternal Flame*, based on Balzac's *La Duchesse de Langeais*, was a costume picture, as was *Ashes of Vengeance*, set in the time of the Medicis in France. Bayard Veiller's *Within the Law* presented her as a wrongly imprisoned girl driven to seek revenge through blackmail, but eventually redeemed by love and cleared of her supposed crime. In contrast, the sentimental *Secrets*, directed by Frank Borzage, shows her as an old lady at her sick husband's bedside, dreaming of the past episodes of her life. Inevitably she attempted the role of the Lady of the Camellias in *Camille*, directed by Frank Niblo. Her leading man was the attractive Gilbert Roland, with whom she was to have an affair for some years. The film was elaborately staged, and Talmadge's performance was good, but Niblo never brought the story to life. It is interesting to note that Armand's father was played by her old Vitagraph colleague Maurice Costello.

By now Talmadge was installed in Hollywood and part of the film establishment. She and Schenck remained married until 1927, but he

continued to advise her on business matters after the divorce. She acted with Roland in a Mexican story, *The Dove*, and her last silent film was the unhappy *The Woman Disputed*, directed by Henry King, and mangled by front office politics. It was loosely based on de Maupassant's *Boule de Suif*.

Her entry into talking pictures was not auspicious. *New York Nights* and *DuBarry: Woman of Passion* failed (in spite of the elaborate sets by William Cameron Menzies), and her retirement was immediate.

—Liam O'Leary

TANAKA, Kinuyo

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Shinomoseki City, 29 December 1909.

Education: Attended Tennoji Elementary School, Osaka to 1919; studied the musical instrument the chikuzen-biwa, licence 1919.

Family: Married the director Hiroshi Shimizu, 1929 (divorced 1929).

Career: 1920–23—member of the Biwa Shojō Kageki girls revue, Osaka; 1924—film debut in *Genroku onna*; 1925—joined Shochiku Kamata Studio, Tokyo, and over the next 15 years became their leading star; 1953—directed her first film, *Koibumi*; appeared on television from the late 1960s. **Awards:** Japan Mainichi Eiga Course, 1947, 1948, 1957, 1960, 1974; Japan Kinema Jūpō Awards for Best Actress, for *Ballad of Narayama*, 1958, and *Sandakan, House No. 8*, 1974. Best Actress, Berlin Festival, for *Sandakan, House No. 8*, 1975. **Died:** Of a brain tumor, 21 March 1977.

Films as Actress:

- 1924 *Genroku onna* (Nomura) (as a maid); *Mura no bokujo* (Shimizu) (as Oharu)
- 1925 *Chiisaki tabigeinin* (Shimizu); *Gekitsu no sakebi* (Shimizu); *Yukan naru koi* (Shimazu); *Shizen wa sabaku* (Shimazu); *Isshinji no hyakunin-giri* (Shimizu); *Koi no torinawa* (Shimizu); *Ochimusha* (Shimizu); *Goiken Gomuyo*
- 1926 *Nayamashiki koro* (Shimizu); *Machi no hitobito* (People in the Town; Town People) (Gosho); *Honryu* (A Torrent) (Gosho); *Ara nonkida ne*; *Obocchan* (Shimazu); *Uragirareta mono* (Shimizu); *Koi no ikuji*; *Yoto* (Shimizu); *Karabotan* (Nomura); *Shimizu no Jirocho Zen-den: Kohen Ashura fukushu no maki* (Kamata); *Kanojo* (She; Girl Friend) (Gosho); *Hirameku yaiba*
- 1927 *Kurayami*; *Chikashitsu*; *Yakko no Koman*; *Tennoji no harakiri*; *Tkada-no-baba*; *Hazukashiiyume* (Shameful Dream; Intimate Dream) (Gosho); *Kokkyo no uta*; *Mado*; *Shinju fujin*; *Byakko-tai*; *Higan sen-nin giri*; *Musasabi no Sankichi*; *Yoru no kyoja*; *Kisoshinju*
- 1928 *Kindai musha shugyo* (Ushihara); *Kaikoku-ki* (Tales from a Country by the Sea) (Kinugasa); *Moshimo kanojo ga*; *Haha yo kimi no na o kegasu nakare* (Mother, Do Not Shame Your Name) (Gosho); *Mura na hanayome* (The Village Bride) (Gosho); *Kangeki jidai* (Ushihara); *Fumetsu so ai*; *Eien no kokoro*; *Tetsu no shōjo*; *Appare binanshi*
- 1929 *Hito no yo no sugata* (The Situation of the Human World; Man's Worldly Appearance) (Gosho); *Kare to den'en* (Ushihara); *Gokurosama*; *Riku no ooja* (Ushihara); *Kagayaku*

- Showa; Seishun kokyogaku; Mura no kajiya; Echigo-jishi; Kare to jinsei* (Ushihara); *Hinarai naku sato; Daitokai: Bakuhatu-hen* (Ushihara); *Shin josei-kagami; Yokina uta Daigaku wa detakeredo* (I Graduated, But . . .) (Ozu) (as Machiko); *Yama no gaika* (Ushihara)
- 1930 *Hohoemu jinsei* (A Smiling Life) (Gosho); *Onna wa doko he iku; Daitokai: Bakuhatu-hen* (Ushihara); *Kinuyo monogatari* (The Kinuyo Story) (Gosho); *Aiyoku no ki; Wakamono yo naze naku ka* (Ushihara); *Ojosan* (Young Miss) (Ozu); *Seishun-fu; Shingun* (Ushihara); *Tekken seisai*
- 1931 *Rakudai wa shitakeredo* (I Flunked, But . . .) (Ozu) (as Sayoko); *Ai yo jinrui to tomo ni are* (Shimazu); *Hogaraka no nake; Shimai* (Shimazu); *Madamu to nyobo* (The Neighbor's Wife and Mine) (Gosho) (as the wife); *Runpen to sono musume; Shima no ratai-jiken; Seikatsusen ABC: Fujie nomaki* (Shimazu) (as Fujie); *Seikatsusen ABC: Zenpen* (Shimazu) (as Kieko)
- 1932 *Konjiki-yasha* (Nomura) (as Omiya); *Shohai; Niisan no baka* (You Are Stupid; My Stupid Brother) (Gosho); *Ginza no yanagi* (Willows of Ginza; A Willow Tree in the Ginza) (Gosho); *Taiyo wa higashi yori; Satsueijo remansu: Renai annai; Kagayake nihon no josei; Koi no Tokyo; Seishun no yume ima izuko* (Where Now Are the Dreams of Youth?) (Ozu) (as Oshige); *Chushingura* (The Loyal 47 Ronin; The Vengeance of the 47 Ronin) (Kinugasa) (as Yae)
- 1933 *Hanayome no negoto* (Sleeping Words of the Bride; The Bride Talks in Her Sleep) (Gosho) (as Haruko); *Izu no odoriko* (Dancing Girls of Izu) (Gosho) (as Kaoru); *Tokyo no onna* (A Tokyo Woman) (Ozu) (as Harue); *Oen-dancho no koi; Hijosen no onna* (Dragnet Girl) (Ozu) (as Tokiko); *Seidon; Kekkunkaido; Yomeiri mae; Chinchoge* (Nomura); *Futamabatu*
- 1934 *Toyo no haha; Fukei-zu* (Nomura); *Sakura onda; Chijo no seiza; Chijo-hen, Seizahen* (Nomura); *Shinkon-ryoko* (Nomura); *Machi no bofu* (Nomura); *Osaya koisugata* (Shimazu); *Sono yo no onna* (Shimazu); *Watashi no niisan* (Shimazu)
- 1935 *Hakoiri musume* (An Innocent Maid) (Ozu); *Shunkin-sho: Okoto to Sasuke* (Shimazu) (as Okoto); *Yume Utsutsu; Eikyu no ai; Semete koyoi o; Jinsei ni onimotsu* (Burden of Life) (Gosho) (as Ituko); *Hanayome kurabe*
- 1936 *Naniwa ereji* (Osaka Elegy) (Mizoguchi) (as Ochika); *Onatsu Seijuro* (Onozuka); *Dansei tai josei; Shindo: Akemi no make, Ryota no maki* (New Way) (Gosho); *Waga haha no sho; Hanakago no uta* (Song of the Flower Basket) (Gosho) (as Yoko Mori); *Joi Kinuyo sensei* (Nomura); *Otoko no tsugunai* (Nomura)
- 1937 *Bancho sarayashiki* (Fuyushima); *Akatsuki wa tokedo*
- 1938 *Hanauta ojosan; Shuppatsu; Haha to ko* (Shibuya); *Aizen katsura* (Nomura) (as Katsue Takaishi); *Haha no uta; Shinshaku: Tojin Okichi, Funshin hen*
- 1939 *Okayo no kakugo; Minamikaze* (Shibuya); *Shunrai; Zoku aizen katsura* (Nomura) (as Katsue Takaishi); *Hana aru zasso* (Shimizu); *Kuwa no mi wa akai* (Shimizu); *Aizen katsura: Kanketsu-hen* (Nomura) (as Katsue Takaishi)
- 1940 *Aizen tsubaki; Watashi niwa otto ga aru; Kinuyo no hatsukoi* (Nomura); *Akatsuki ni inoru; Josei no kakugo; Butai sugata; Okinu to banto* (Nomura)
- 1941 *Toka kan no jinsei; Genki de ikauyo* (Nomura); *Hana* (Flower) (Yoshimura); *Kanzashi* (Shimizu); *Joi no Kiroku* (Shimizu)
- 1942 *Kazoku* (Shibuya); *Nihon no haha; Aru Onna* (Shibuya)
- 1943 *Kaisen no zena; Tekki kushu* (Enemy Air Attack) (Yoshimura, Shibuya, and Nomura); *Bocchan dohyo-iri*
- 1944 *Danjuro sandai* (Three Generations of Danjuro) (Mizoguchi) (as Okano); *Kaettekita otoko; Rikugun* (The Army) (Kinoshita) (as the mother); *Miyamoto Musashi* (Musashi Miyamoto) (Mizoguchi) (as Shinobu); *Hissho-ka; Sanjusan-gen-do toshi ya monogatari* (A Tale of Archery at the Sanjusanendo) (Naruse)
- 1946 *Nikoniko taikai: Uta no hanakago; Kanojo no hatsugen* (Nomura); *Josei no shori* (The Victory of Women) (Mizoguchi) (as Hiroko); *Utamaro o mehuru go-nin no onna* (Utamaro and Five Women) (Mizoguchi) (as Okita)
- 1947 *Kekkon* (Marriage) (Kinoshita); *Joyu Sumako no koi* (Love of Sumako) (Mizoguchi) (as Sumako Matsui); *Fujicho* (Phoenix) (Kinoshita)
- 1948 *Yoru no onna tachi* (Women of the Night) (Mizoguchi) (as Fusako); *Kaze no naka no mendori* (A Hen in the Wind) (Ozu) (as Tokiko Amamiya)
- 1949 *Waga koi wa moenu* (My Love Has Been Burning) (Mizoguchi) (as Eiko Hirayama); *Yotsuya kaidan* (The Yotsuya Ghost Story) (Kinoshita) (as Oiwa/Osode); *Mahiru no enbukyoku* (Waltz at Noon) (Yoshimura)
- 1950 *Engeiji ringu* (Konyaku yubiwa; Engagement Ring) (Kinoshita); *Munekata shimai* (The Munekata Sisters) (Ozu) (as Setsuko); *Okusama ni goyojin*
- 1951 *Oboro kago* (Ito); *Ginza gesho* (Ginza Cosmetics) (Naruse); *Oyu-sama* (Miss Oyu) (Mizoguchi) (title role); *Yoru no mibojin; Musashino fujin* (Lady Musashino) (Mizoguchi) (as Michiko Akiyama); *Aizen-bashi; Inazuma-zoshi*
- 1952 *Nishijin no shimai* (Sisters of Ninshijin) (Yoshimura); **Saikaku inchidai onna** (Life of Oharu) (Mizoguchi) (as Oharu); *Atake-ke no hitobito* (Hisamatsu); *Okasan* (Mother) (Naruse) (title role); *Himitsu* (Hisamatsu)
- 1953 *Magokoro; Entotsu no mieru basho* (Four Chimneys) (Gosho) (as Hiroko Ogata); **Ugetsu monogatari** (Ugetsu) (Mizoguchi) (as Miyaki); *Shinsho Taiheiki: Ruten Hiyoshimura* (Hagiwara); *Shishi no za* (Ito) (as Hisa)
- 1954 **Sansho dayu** (Sansho: The Bailiff) (Mizoguchi) (as Tamaki); *Onna no koyomi; Uwasa no onna* (The Woman of Rumor) (Mizoguchi) (as Hatsuko Mabuchi)
- 1955 *Wataridori itsu kaeru; Shonen shikei-shu; Tsukiyo no kasa* (Hisamatsu); *Osho ichidai* (Ito) (as Koharu)
- 1956 *Iro-zange; Byosai monogatari: Aya ni kanashiki; Joshu to tomoni* (Hisamatsu); *Arashi; Nagareru* (Flowing) (Naruse)
- 1957 *Kiirō karasu* (Yellow Crow; Behold Thy Son) (Gosho) (as Yokiko Matumoto); *Ibo-kyodai* (Ieki); *Dayu san yori: Jotai wa kanashiku* (Inagaki); *Chijo* (On the Earth) (Yoshimura)
- 1958 *Kanashimi wa onna dakeni* (Sorrow Is Only for Women) (Shindo); *Narayamabushi-ko* (Ballad of Narayama) (Kinoshita) (as Orin); **Higanbana** (Equinox Flower) (Ozu) (as Kiyoko Hirayama); *Kono ten no niji*
- 1959 *Hahako-gusa; Subarashiki musumetachi; Taiyo ni somuku mono; Naniwa ni koi no monogatari; Nihon tanjo* (Inagaki)
- 1960 *Ototo* (Her Brother) (Ichikawa) (as stepmother)
- 1961 *Wakaret ikiru toki mo* (Eternity of Love) (Horikawa)
- 1962 *Horo-ki* (Lonely Lane) (Naruse); *Tateshi Danpei; Kaasan nagaiki shite ne*
- 1963 *Kekkon-shiki kekkon shiki* (Nakamura); *Shito no densetsu* (Legend of a Duel to the Death; A Legend, Or Was It?)

- (Kinoshita); *Taiheiyo hitoribocchi* (*Alone in the Pacific; My Enemy the Sea*) (Ichikawa); *Hikaru umi* (Nakahira)
- 1964 *Koge* (*The Scent of Incense*) (Kinoshita); *Kono sora no aru kagiri*
- 1965 *Haha no saigetsu; Akahige* (*Red Beard*) (Kurosawa) (as Yasumoto's mother)
- 1966 *Eriki no wakadaisho* (*Campus a Go-Go*) (Iwaschi); *Arupusu no wakadaisho* (*It Started in the Alps*) (Furusawa)
- 1972 *Otoko wa tsuraiyo: Torajiro yume-makura* (Yamada)
- 1974 *Sanba* (Nakamura); *Sandakan hachi-ban shokan: Bokyo* (*Sandakan, House No. 8*) (Kumai) (as Osaki)
- 1975 *Aru eiga kantoku no shogai: Mizoguchi Kenji no kiroku* (*Life of a Film Director: Record of Kenji Mizoguchi*) (Shindo—doc)
- 1976 *Kita no misaki* (Kumai); *Daichi no komori-uta* (Masumura)

Films as Director:

- 1953 *Koibumi* (+ ro)
- 1955 *Tsuki wa noborinu* (+ ro); *Nyubo yo eien nare* (+ ro)
- 1960 *Ruten no oohi* (+ ro); *O-gin Sama* (*Love under the Crucifix*)

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Kinuyo Tanaka's half-century of film stardom began in the 1920s at the Shochiku Studio, leading her to become one of the few Japanese woman directors (producing six films between 1953–62).

She started appearing in contemporary and period melodramas by Hotei Nomura, Shimazu, and Goshō—specializing in cute and naive girl's roles. Through her casting opposite popular stars such as Denmei Suzuki (for director Ushihara) and Chojiro Hayashi (for director Kinugasa), she gradually established her stardom. After she appeared in the first Japanese talkie, Goshō's *Madame and Wife*, her soft voice, with a colloquial accent, attracted more fans. Her attractive, light, and familiar character brought a rush of popularity, making her one of the most commercially successful stars in the early 1930s. Her legendary roles include the heroines of *Konjiki-yasha* and *Zoku aizen katsura*.

Her real critical recognition came when she played the blind Koto player in Shimazu's *Okoto to Sasuke*. Not only did she master the difficult role as a blind woman: she enriched her acting style by

successfully conveying the complicated psychology of a strong-willed, wealthy girl, after tremendous effort and training.

The work for Mizoguchi finally awakened Tanaka as an actress. From 1936 (*Osaka Elegy*) she collaborated with this perfectionist director until 1954 (*The Woman of Rumor*). They later parted when she decided to become a director herself. Mizoguchi demanded that she study the role thoroughly, including its background, and her hard work successfully met Mizoguchi's extremely high artistic standards. She became his indispensable partner, creating his ideal woman type in various roles, usually exploited by men, yet in the end "saving" them by warmly supporting them without thought of reward. As Oharu in *Life of Oharu*, she portrayed a woman's terrible fate at the hands of men and the social system. Particularly memorable was her performance as the lowest-class street walker, in which she dared to show the ultimate ugliness and misery of aged and weary womanhood. Contrasting with this dramatic portrayal, her performance as a warm wife who welcomes her unfaithful potter husband in *Ugetsu monogatari* was rather static, yet equally impressive, and elicited equally sensational acclaim from the critics and public.

Tanaka also did fine work collaborating with Naruse (*Ginza Cosmetics* and *Mother*) and Gosho (*Four Chimneys*), playing ordinary, hard-working women with her strong screen presence and convincingly realistic acting style.

—Kyoko Hirano

TANDY, Jessica

Nationality: American. **Born:** London, England, 7 June 1909; emigrated to United States, 1940, became American citizen, 1954. **Education:** Dame Owen's Girls' School; trained for the stage at the Ben Greet Academy of Acting, 1924–27. **Family:** Married 1) actor Jack Hawkins, 1932 (divorced 1940), one daughter; 2) actor Hume Cronyn, 1942, one son and one daughter. **Career:** Stage debut, London, 1927; actress, Birmingham Repertory Company, from 1928; New York debut, 1930; film debut, 1932; dramatic adviser, Goddard Neighbourhood Centre, New York, 1948; played Liz Marriott on *The Marriage* TV series, 1954; acclaimed in range of classical and modern roles on stage and screen. **Awards:** Tony Award, 1948, 1979, 1983; Twelfth Night Club Award, 1948; Comedia Matinee Club Award, 1952; Delia Austria Award, New York Drama League, 1960; two Obie Awards, 1973; Drama Desk Award, 1973, 1979, 1983; Brandeis University Creative Arts Award, 1978; Theatre Arts Medal, 1978; Los Angeles Critics Award, 1979; Sarah Siddons Award, 1979; National Press Club Award, 1979; Outer Circle Critics Award, 1983; Commonwealth Award, 1983; Kennedy Center Honours, 1986; Alley Theatre Award, 1987; Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films Saturn Award, for **batteries not included*, 1988; Franklin Haven Sargent Award, American Academy of Dramatic Arts, 1988; Emmy Award, for *Foxfire*, 1988; Golden Globe Award, Oscar Award, for Best Actress, and Silver Berlin Bear, Berlin International Film Festival, all for *Driving Miss Daisy*, all 1990; National Medal of the Arts, 1990; BAFTA Film Award, British Academy Awards, for *Driving Miss Daisy*, 1991; Women in Film Crystal Award, 1991. LL.D: University of Western Ontario, London, 1974; LHD: Fordham University, Bronx, New York, 1985. **Died:** Easton Connecticut, 11 September 1994.



Jessica Tandy

Films as Actress:

- 1932 *The Indiscretions of Eve (New Year's Eve)* (Lewis) (as Maid)
- 1938 *Murder in the Family* (Parker) (as Ann Osborne)
- 1944 *The Seventh Cross (The Seven Crosses)* (Zinneman) (as Liesel Roeder); *Blonde Fever* (Whorf) (uncredited)
- 1945 *The Valley of Decision* (Garnett) (as Louise Kane)
- 1946 *Dragonwyck* (Mankiewicz) (as Peggy O'Malley); *The Green Years* (Saville) (as Kate Leckie)
- 1947 *Forever Amber* (Preminger) (as Nan Britton)
- 1948 *A Woman's Vengeance (The Gioconda Smile)* (Korda) (as Janet Spence)
- 1950 *September Affair* (Dieterle) (as Catherine Lawrence)
- 1951 *The Desert Fox: The Story of Rommel* (Hathaway) (as Lucie Rommel)
- 1958 *The Light in the Forest* (Daugherty) (as Myra Butler)
- 1959 *The Fallen Idol* (Narizzano—for TV); *The Moon and Sixpence* (Mulligan—for TV) (as Blanche Stroeve)
- 1962 *Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man (Adventures of a Young Man)* (Ritt) (as Mrs. Adams)
- 1963 *The Birds* (Hitchcock) (as Lydia Brenner)
- 1974 *Butley* (Pinter) (as Edna Shaft)
- 1981 *Honky Tonk Freeway* (Schlesinger) (as Carol); *The Gin Game* (Nichols—for TV) (as Fonsia Dorsey)
- 1982 *Best Friends* (Jewison) (as Eleanor McCullen); *Still of the Night* (Benton) (as Grace Rice); *The World According to Garp* (Hill) (as Mrs. Fields)
- 1984 *The Bostonians* (Ivory) (as Miss Birdseye)
- 1985 *Cocoon* (Cocoon) (as Alma Finley)
- 1987 **batteries not included* (Robbins) (as Faye Riley); *Foxfire* (Taylor—for TV) (as Annie)
- 1988 *Cocoon: The Return* (Petrie) (as Alma Finley); *The House on Carroll Street* (Yates) (as Miss Venable)
- 1989 *Driving Miss Daisy* (Beresford) (as Daisy Werthan)
- 1991 *Fried Green Tomatoes (Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe)* (Avnet) (as Ninny Threadgoode); *The Story Lady* (Elikann—for TV) (as Grace McQueen)
- 1992 *Used People* (Kidron) (as Freida)
- 1993 *To Dance with the White Dog* (Jordan—for TV) (as Cora Samuel)
- 1994 *Camilla* (Mehta) (as Camilla Cara); *Nobody's Fool* (Benton) (as Miss Beryl); *A Century of Cinema* (Thomas) (as Herself)
- 1996 *An African Love Story* (Brown—for TV)

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By the end of her life, Jessica Tandy was hailed as a Hollywood legend, and acclaimed one of the screen's great talents. Her cinematic beginnings were much more humble.

Born in England, Tandy worked her way up through the ranks of the British repertory system before making her way to the London stage, where she had a successful career during the 1930s. She played Ophelia to John Gielgud's 1934 *Hamlet* and Viola in Tyrone Guthrie's acclaimed *Twelfth Night* three years later. She made her way across the Atlantic in 1940 and, shortly after arriving in New York City, she met a young Canadian actor named Hume Cronyn. The couple was married in 1942 and together they headed for Hollywood, where Cronyn's career quickly took off. Tandy, however, had a much more difficult go of it.

The actress made her American screen debut in 1944 Fred Zinneman's World War II thriller, *The Seventh Cross*, appearing with Spencer Tracy, Agnes Moorehead, and Cronyn. But it was her husband who received the acclaim—and an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Tandy was instead relegated to playing maids in hits such as *Dragonwyck* and *Forever Amber*. In 1946, Tennessee Williams chose Tandy to play Blanche DuBois in his new play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The actress' electrifying performance garnered her rave reviews and a Tony for Best Actress. But it did not earn her the role in the 1951 Hollywood film, which went to Vivien Leigh. Instead, during the 1950s, Tandy and Cronyn became America's most

acclaimed stage duo, the successors to Lunt and Fontanne. Tandy did not make a significant film contribution until 1963, when she played the frosty and controlling mother in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*. Tandy and Cronyn continued to win accolades for stage performances such as *The Gin Game*, which earned Tandy her second Oscar. But it wasn't until the actress entered her seventies that she began to find work suited to her extraordinary talent. When Ron Howard assembled a star-studded cast of Hollywood veterans for *Cocoon*, he did not overlook Cronyn and Tandy. The immensely popular film about senior citizens who literally find the fountain of youth ignited Tandy's film career, and she appeared in **batteries not included* in 1987 and *Cocoon: The Return* the following year.

In 1989, director Bruce Beresford cast the 80-year-old Tandy as Miss Daisy Werthan in *Driving Miss Daisy*. Spanning twenty-five years, from 1948 to 1973, the film depicts the relationship between a wealthy Southern Jewish widow (Tandy) and her dignified African American chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). After years of developing her acting skills in tandem with her husband, Tandy and Freeman achieve what critic Pauline Kael called "a beautiful equilibrium." In a performance that many felt was the best of her long career, Tandy won the Oscar for Best Actress.

During her eighties, Tandy made up for lost time by becoming a fixture in films aimed largely at female audiences, such as *Fried Green Tomatoes* (1991), *Used People* (1992), and *Nobody's Fool* (1994). In her last three films, the indomitable spirit that Tandy brought to her stage performances and that kept her committed to a profession that sometimes overlooked her wide-ranging talents finally shone through and found a place in the hearts and minds of film audiences. The fact that Hollywood did not come to appreciate Jessica Tandy sooner can only be rued, even as fans of superb acting can be grateful that her formidable talents finally found a suitable cinematic home.

—Victoria Price

TAYLOR, Elizabeth

Nationality: British. **Born:** Elizabeth Rosemond Taylor in London of American parents, 27 February 1932. **Education:** Attended the Hawthorne School, Beverly Hills, California; MGM studio school; University High School, Hollywood, graduated 1950. **Family:** Married 1) Conrad "Nicky" Hilton, Jr., 1950 (divorced 1951); 2) the actor Michael Wilding, 1952 (divorced 1957), sons: Michael and Christopher; 3) the producer Michael Todd, 1957 (died 1958), daughter: Elizabeth Frances; 4) the singer Eddie Fisher, 1959 (divorced 1964); 5) the actor Richard Burton, 1964 (divorced 1974; remarried 1975, divorced 1976), adopted daughter: Maria; 6) the politician John Warner, 1976 (divorced); 7) Larry Fortensky, 1991 (divorced, 1996). **Career:** Evacuated to California at outbreak of World War II; 1942—film debut as child in *There's One Born Every Minute*; 1943—contract with MGM: series of successful films as child, adolescent, and adult over the next ten years; 1981—on Broadway in *The Little Foxes*; 1985-present—founder and National Chairman of American Foundation for AIDS Research; in TV mini-series *North and South*; 1987—launched own perfume line. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *Butterfield 8*, 1960; Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress, New York Film Critics, and Best

Actress, British Academy, for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, 1966; Best Actress, Berlin Festival, for *Hammersmith Is Out*, 1972; French Légion d'honneur, 1987; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1993; Dame of British Empire, 2000. **Agent:** Chén Sam, 506 E 74th Street, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1942 *There's One Born Every Minute* (Young) (as Gloria)
- 1943 *Lassie Come Home* (Wilcox) (as Priscilla)
- 1944 *Jane Eyre* (Stevenson) (as Helen Burns); *The White Cliffs of Dover* (Brown) (as Betsy, age 10); *National Velvet* (Brown) (as Velvet Brown)
- 1946 *Courage of Lassie* (Wilcox) (as Kathie Merrick)
- 1947 *Cynthia* (Leonard) (title role); *Life with Father* (Curtiz) (as Mary Skinner)
- 1948 *A Date with Judy* (Thorpe) (as Carol Foster); *Julia Misbehaves* (Conway) (as Susan Packett)
- 1949 *Little Women* (LeRoy) (as Amy)
- 1950 *Conspirator* (Saville) (as Melinda Greyton); *The Big Hangover* (Krasna) (as Mary Belney); *Father of the Bride* (Minnelli) (as Kay Banks)
- 1951 *Father's Little Dividend* (Minnelli) (as Kay Dunston); *A Place in the Sun* (Stevens) (as Angela Vickers); *Quo Vadis* (LeRoy) (cameo role); *Callaway Went Thataway* (Panama) (as herself)
- 1952 *Love Is Better Than Ever* (Donen) (as Anastacia Macaboy); *Ivanhoe* (Thorpe) (as Rebecca)
- 1953 *The Girl Who Had Everything* (Thorpe) (as Jean Latimer)
- 1954 *Rhapsody* (Charles Vidor) (as Louise Durant); *Elephant Walk* (Dieterle) (as Ruth Wiley); *Beau Brummel* (Bernhardt) (as Lady Patricia); *The Last Time I Saw Paris* (Richard Brooks) (as Helen Ellsworth)
- 1956 *Giant* (Stevens) (as Leslie Lynnton Benedict)
- 1957 *Raintree County* (Dmytryk) (as Susanna Drake)
- 1958 *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Richard Brooks) (as Maggie Pollitt)
- 1959 *Suddenly, Last Summer* (Mankiewicz) (as Catherine Holly)
- 1960 *Scent of Mystery* (Cardiff) (as Sally Kennedy); *Butterfield 8* (Daniel Mann) (as Gloria Wandrous)
- 1963 *Cleopatra* (Mankiewicz) (title role); *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Frances Andros)
- 1965 *The Sandpiper* (Minnelli) (as Laura Reynolds)
- 1966 *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (Nichols) (as Martha)
- 1967 *The Taming of the Shrew* (Zeffirelli) (as Katharina, + pr); *Reflections in a Golden Eye* (Huston) (as Leonora Penderton); *The Comedians* (Glenville) (as Martha Pineda); *Doctor Faustus* (Burton) (as Helen of Troy)
- 1968 *Boom!* (Loosey) (as Flora "Sissy" Goforth); *Secret Ceremony* (Loosey) (as Leonora)
- 1970 *The Only Game in Town* (Stevens) (as Fran Walker)
- 1972 *X, Y, & Zee* (Hutton) (as Zee Blakeley); *Hammersmith Is Out* (Ustinov) (as Jimmie Jean Jackson)
- 1973 *Under Milk Wood* (Sinclair) (as Rosie Probert); *Night Watch* (Hutton) (as Ellen Wheeler); *Divorce: His/Divorce: Hers* (Hussein—for TV) (as Jane Reynolds); *Ash Wednesday* (Peerce) (as Barbara Sawyer)



Elizabeth Taylor with Richard Burton in *Cleopatra*

- 1974 *That's Entertainment!* (Haley—compilation) (as narrator)
- 1975 *The Driver's Seat* (*Identikit*) (Patroni-Griffi) (as Lise)
- 1976 *The Blue Bird* (Cukor) (as Mother/Witch/Light/Maternal Love)
- 1977 *A Little Night Music* (Prince) (as Desiree Armfeldt); *Victory at Entebbe* (Chomsky—for TV) (as Edra Vilnosky); *Winter Kills* (Richert) (as Lola Comante)
- 1978 *Return Engagement* (Hardy—for TV)
- 1980 *The Mirror Crack'd* (Hamilton) (as Marina Rudd); *Genocide* (Schwartzman—doc) (as narrator)
- 1982 *Between Friends* (Antonio—for TV) (as Deborah Shapiro)
- 1985 *Malice in Wonderland* (Trikonis—for TV) (Louella Parsons)
- 1986 *There Must Be a Pony* (Sargent—for TV) (as Marguerite Sydney)
- 1987 *Poker Alice* (Seidelman—for TV) (as Alice Moffit)
- 1988 *Giovane Toscanini* (*Young Toscanini*) (Zeffirelli) (as Nadina Bulcicoff); *Who Gets the Friends?* (Lila Garrett—for TV)
- 1989 *Sweet Bird of Youth* (Roeg—for TV)
- 1994 *The Flintstones* (Levant) (as Pearl Slaghoople)
- 1997 *Happy Birthday Elizabeth: A Celebration of Life* (Margolis—for TV) (as herself)
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Elizabeth Taylor's star image always has overshadowed her capabilities as a performer. Public and media attention has fallen not on her achievements as an actress, but on the sensational aspects of her private life. Her passage from youth to maturity has been studded with highly publicized marriages and divorces and Lazarus-like recoveries from serious illness, all of which have sustained her reputation as one of the most celebrated products of Hollywood.

Interest in her acting skills has been further diverted by a widespread preoccupation with her appearance. When she was young, her lavender eyes and all-around beauty enthralled audiences and clouded the critical faculties of the press. Decades later, persistent weight problems attracted negative comment from all quarters. Few screen personalities have been so consistently evaluated in terms of physical criteria. Considerations of looks and celebrity aside, however, Taylor emerges as an actress of definite ability whose talents—despite several worthy screen roles in the 1950s and 1960s—have too often been exaggerated or underused.

In the early 1940s, child stars were major revenue earners at the box office. Taylor's uncommon beauty, even at the age of nine, had much to do with her being selected for stardom by MGM, but it was the warmth and freshness of her screen presence which ensured success. The luminous charm that she projected in her earliest films, especially *National Velvet*, struck a chord with the moviegoing public. Unlike many child actors, she made a smooth transition to adult parts, although the path was strewn with weak scripts and undemanding roles. MGM, to which she was under contract for 18 years, was apt to use her as decoration in frothy comedies or typecast her as a poor little rich girl. She received good notices for Minnelli's *Father of the Bride*, and provided solid evidence of acting talent in George Stevens's *A Place in the Sun*. Stevens, who acted as midwife to another memorable Taylor performance in *Giant*, induced her to display considerable emotional range and an unforgettable sensuality. Most of the films she made in the early 1950s, however, were lacking in distinction.

The years from the mid-1950s to mid-1960s represent the zenith of Taylor's career. During this period she created various portraits of women wrestling with adversity, usually of a psychological nature. As Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, she suffered intense emotional and sexual frustration at the hands of a morose, self-absorbed husband. In *Raintree County* and *Suddenly, Last Summer*, both Oscar-nominated performances, the battle was with the imminent threat of mental disintegration. As Katharina in Zeffirelli's *The Taming of the Shrew*, she was a fury who vigorously warded off the role of obedient wife. In *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (for which she won her second Best Actress Oscar, after *Butterfield 8*), she was a raucous harridan using drink to anaesthetize life's disappointments and verbal aggression to provide the illusion of control.

Taylor has been at her best when playing brash, shrewish women. Few actresses have better demonstrated the power of sarcasm as a weapon against the male ego. After the mid-1960s, however, she seemed increasingly unable to make effective use of her abilities. Even as regal *Cleopatra*, she drew critical fire for being excessively shrill in voice. For many years, too much faith was placed in her drawing power at the box office, and too little thought given to the selection of appropriate parts. Since she never attempted a transition from leading lady to character actress, the onset of middle age accelerated the decline of her film career.

In response to the dearth of suitable movie roles, she has recently diversified into theater and television. Most of these ventures have done little more than capitalize on her star status. A notable exception was *Between Friends*, a television movie in which she and Carol Burnett help each other confront the problems of lonely middle-aged existence in a youth-oriented society. Taylor gives a sensitive, multi-dimensional performance, distinguished by its responsiveness to her fellow actors.

Yet public attention to this day remains directed towards Taylor the legend, rather than Taylor the actress. She continues to be the quintessential star, providing a focus for the fantasies of successive generations. In recent years she has experienced more frequent hospitalizations for hip replacement surgery and a brain tumor, yet she also has managed to be at the forefront of the movie industry's campaign to raise awareness of the devastation of AIDS.

—Fiona Valentine, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

TAYLOR, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Spangler Arlington Brugh in Filley, Nebraska, 5 August 1911. **Education:** Attended Beatrice High School, Nebraska, graduated 1929; Doane College, Crete, Nebraska; Pomona College, California, B.A. 1933; Neely Dixon Dramatic School, Hollywood. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Barbara Stanwyck, 1939 (divorced 1951); 2) the actress Ursula Thiess, 1954, two children. **Career:** 1934—film debut in *Handy Andy*; 1934–58—contract with MGM; 1943–46—flying instructor in Naval Air Corps, and also directed training films: Lieutenant; 1958—formed Robert Taylor Productions; 1959–62—star of TV series *The Detectives*; 1966–68—host (and occasional actor), TV series *Death Valley Days*. **Died:** 8 June 1969.

Films as Actor:

- 1934 *Handy Andy* (Butler) (as Lloyd Burmeister); *There's Always Tomorrow* (Sloman) (as Arthur); *A Wicked Woman* (Brabin) (as Bill Renton)
- 1935 *Buried Loot* (Seitz) (as Al Douglas); *Society Doctor* (Seitz) (as Dr. Ellis); *Times Square Lady* (Seitz) (as Steve); *West Point in the Air* (Rossen) (as Jaskerelli); *Murder in the Fleet* (Sedgewick) (as Lt. Tom Randolph); *Broadway Melody of 1936* (Del Ruth) (as Bob Gordon); *Magnificent Obsession* (Stahl) (as Bobby Merrick)
- 1936 *Small Town Girl* (Wellman) (as Bob Dakin); *Private Number* (Del Ruth) (as Richard Winfield); *His Brother's Wife* (Van Dyke) (as Chris); *The Gorgeous Hussy* (Brown) (as Bow Timberlake)
- 1937 *Camille* (Cukor) (as Armand Dural); *Personal Property* (Van Dyke) (as Raymond Dabney); *This Is My Affair* (Seiter) (as Lt. Richard Perry); *Broadway Melody of 1938* (Del Ruth) (as Steve); *Lest We Forget* (Whitbeck—doc) (as himself)
- 1938 *A Yank at Oxford* (Conway) (as Lee Sheridan); *Three Comrades* (Borzage) (as Erich Lokcamp); *The Crowd Roars* (Thorpe) (as Tommy McCoy)
- 1939 *Stand Up and Fight* (Van Dyke) (as Blake Cantrell); *Lucky Night* (Taurog) (as Bill Overton); *Lady of the Tropics* (Conway) (as Bill Carey); *Remember?* (McLeod) (as Jeff Holland)
- 1940 *Flight Command* (Borzage) (as Ensign Alan Drake); *Waterloo Bridge* (LeRoy) (as Roy Cronin); *Escape* (LeRoy) (as Mark Preiping)
- 1941 *Billy the Kid* (Miller) (as Billy Bonney); *When Ladies Meet* (Leonard) (as Jimmy Lee)
- 1942 *Johnny Eager* (LeRoy) (title role); *Her Cardboard Lover* (Cukor) (as Terry Trindale)
- 1943 *Stand by for Action* (Leonard) (as Lt. Gregg Masterson); *Bataan* (Garnett) (as Sgt. Bill Dane); *The Youngest Profession* (Buzzell) (as himself)
- 1944 *Song of Russia* (Ratoff) (as John Meredith)
- 1945 *The Fighting Lady* (de Rochemont—doc) (as narrator)
- 1946 *Undercurrent* (Minnelli) (as Alan Garroway)
- 1947 *The High Wall* (Bernhardt) (as Steven Kenet)
- 1948 *The Secret Land* (Dull—doc) (as narrator)
- 1949 *The Bribe* (Leonard) (as Rigby)
- 1950 *Ambush* (Wood) (as Ward Kinsman); *Conspirator* (Saville) (as Major Michael Curragh); *The Devil's Doorway* (Anthony Mann) (as Lance Poole)
- 1951 *Quo Vadis* (LeRoy) (as Marcus Vinicius); *Westward the Women* (Wellman) (as Buck)
- 1952 *Ivanhoe* (Thorpe) (title role)
- 1953 *Above and Beyond* (Frank and Panama) (as Colonel Paul Tibbets); *I Love Melvin* (Weis) (as himself); *Ride Vaquero!* (Farrow) (as Rio); *All the Brothers Were Valiant* (Thorpe) (as Joel Shore)
- 1954 *Knights of the Round Table* (Thorpe) (as Sir Lancelot); *Valley of the Kings* (Pirosh) (as Mark Brandon); *Rogue Cop* (Rowland) (as Christopher Kelvaney)
- 1955 *Many Rivers to Cross* (Rowland) (as Bushrod Gebtry); *Quentin Durward* (Thorpe) (title role)
- 1956 *The Last Hunt* (Brooks) (as Charles Gilson); *D-Day, the Sixth of June* (Koster) (as Brad Parker)
- 1957 *Tip on a Dead Jockey* (Thorpe) (as Lloyd Fredman)
- 1958 *Saddle the Wind* (Parrish) (as Steve Sinclair); *The Law and Jake Wade* (Sturges) (title role); *Party Girl* (Ray) (as Thomas Farrell)
- 1959 *The Hangman* (Curtiz) (as Mackenzie Bovard); *The House of the Seven Hawks* (Thorpe) (as John Nordley)
- 1960 *Killers of Kilimanjaro* (Thorpe) (as Adamson)
- 1963 *Miracle of the White Stallions* (Hiller) (as Colonel Podhajsky); *Cattle King* (Garnett) (as Sam Brassfield)
- 1964 *A House Is Not a Home* (Rouse) (as Frank Costigan)
- 1965 *The Night Walker* (Castle) (as Barry Morland)
- 1966 *Johnny Tiger* (Wendkos) (as George Dean)
- 1967 *Savage Pampas* (*Prade's Comet*) (Fregonese) (as Captain Martin); *Return of the Gunfighter* (Nielson—for TV)
- 1968 *La esfinge de cristal* (*The Glass Sphinx*) (Scattini and Sheikh) (as Prof. Karl Nichols); *Where Angels Go—Trouble Follows* (Nielson) (as Mr. Farriday); *The Day the Hotline Got Hot* (Perier) (as Anderson)

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There seem almost to have been two Robert Taylors. The first was a callow youth, stiff and unformed as an actor, but so very handsome that his stock soared for over a decade after his film debut in the mid-1930s. This young Taylor was earnest in *Magnificent Obsession*, snide and shallow in *Small Town Girl*, the epitome of the naive dream lover in *Camille*. MGM, where Taylor spent most of his career, was a glamour factory and he was groomed to be the perfect leading man: smooth, charming, boyishly sincere.

The other Taylor was less a studio creation than the inevitable assertion of the actor's capabilities and nature. Early in the 1940s, a hard, cold aspect of his personality began to emerge: in *Johnny Eager* he is an unsympathetic racketeer, in *Undercurrent* an unscrupulous, dangerous husband, in *The Bribe* a tough federal agent. Taylor's increasingly craggy countenance made him a natural for Westerns; the Pretty-Boy played the title role in the glamorized *Billy the Kid* but the tougher, more humorless Taylor took things firmly in hand in *Ambush*, *Westward the Women*, *Devil's Doorway*, and *Ride Vaquero!* His willingness to take on harsh characters, as in *The High Wall*, *Rogue Cop*, and *The Last Hunt*, exhibits his desire to transform himself into a player of greater versatility. Unfortunately, either he did not have it in him or MGM never gave him the chance to stretch. That he had a way with comedy is evidenced by his witty cameo in *I Love Melvin* and some boisterous scenes in *Westward the Women*, but his comedic talents went otherwise unexplored.

Taylor's only respite from the hard, often villainous roles of his later career came in splashy costume dramas—*Ivanhoe*, *Knights of the Round Table*, *Quo Vadis*—in which his dash could be displayed in technicolor opposite such leading ladies as Elizabeth Taylor, Ava Gardner, and Deborah Kerr.

His last decade in films was spent treading water, but *Party Girl*, *The House of the Seven Hawks*, and *Cattle King* are indications of what he could accomplish with a good director and an offbeat setting. He and his ex-wife, Barbara Stanwyck, even accomplished that rarity of rarities in *The Night Walker*: they make it a pretty good William Castle film.

—Frank Thompson

TEMPLE, Shirley

Nationality: American. **Born:** Shirley Jane Temple in Santa Monica, California, 23 April 1928. **Education:** Attended Westlake School for Girls. **Family:** Married 1) the actor John Agar Jr., 1945 (divorced 1949), daughter: Linda Susan; 2) Charles Alden Black, 1950, son: Charles, daughter: Lori. **Career:** Child actress from age four in series of shorts for Educational Pictures; 1934—contract with Fox: series of popular films in the 1930s made her the most popular Hollywood star for the years 1935–38; 1940s—declining popularity; made films for various studios; 1958–60—host, and occasional actor, *The Shirley Temple Storybook* TV series; 1968—appointed U.S. Representative to the United Nations; 1974–76—U.S. Ambassador to Ghana; 1976–77—U.S. Chief of Protocol; 1989–92—U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. **Awards:** Special Academy Award, “in grateful recognition of her outstanding contribution to screen entertainment during the year 1934”; Recipient of Kennedy Center Honors, 1998. **Address:** 115 Lakeview Drive, Woodside, CA 94062, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1932 *War Babies* (Lamont—short) (as Charmaine); *The Runt Page* (La Verne—short) (as Lulu Parsnips); *Pie Covered Wagon* (Lamont—short) (as captive); *Glad Rags to Riches* (Lamont—short) (as La Belle Diaperina); *The Red-Haired Alibi* (Cabanne) (as Gloria)
- 1933 *Kid's Last Fight* (Lamont—short) (as girlfriend); *Kid 'n' Hollywood* (Lamont—short) (as Morelegs Sweet Trick); *Pooly-tix in Washington* (Lamont—short) (as gold digger); *Kid 'n' Africa* (Lamont—short) (as Madame Cradlebait); *Merrily Yours* (Lamont—short) (as Mary Lou Rogers); *Dora's Dunkin' Doughnuts* (Edwards—short) (as pupil); *To the Last Man* (Hathaway) (as Mary Standing); *Out All Night* (Sam Taylor) (as child)
- 1934 *Pardon My Pups* (Lamont—short) (as Mary Lou); *Managed Money* (Lamont—short) (as Mary Lou); *New Deal Money* (short); *Carolina (The House of Connelly)* (Henry King) (as girl); *Mandalay* (Curtiz) (as Betty Shaw); *Stand Up and Cheer* (McFadden) (as Shirley Dugan); *Now I'll Tell (While New York Sleeps)* (Burke) (as Mary Golden); *Change of Heart* (Blystone) (as Shirley, girl on airplane); *Little Miss Marker* (Hall) (title role); *Baby, Take a Bow* (Lachman) (as



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- Shirley); *Now and Forever* (Hathaway) (as Penelope Day); *Bright Eyes* (David Butler) (as Shirley Blake)
- 1935 *The Little Colonel* (David Butler) (as Lloyd Sherman, the Little Colonel); *Our Little Girl* (Robertson) (as Molly Middleton); *Curly Top* (Cummings) (as Betsy Blair); *The Littlest Rebel* (David Butler) (as Virginia Houston Cary)
- 1936 *Captain January* (David Butler) (as Star); *Poor Little Rich Girl* (Cummings) (as Barbara Barry); *Dimples* (Seiter) (as Sylvia Dolores); *Stowaway* (Seiter) (as Ching-Ching)
- 1937 *Wee Willie Winkie* (Ford) (as Priscilla Williams); *Heidi* (Dwan) (title role)
- 1938 *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* (Dwan) (title role); *Little Miss Broadway* (Cummings) (as Betsy Brown); *Just around the Corner* (Cummings) (as Penny Hale)
- 1939 *The Little Princess* (Walter Lang) (as Sara Crewe); *Susannah of the Mounties* (Seiter) (title role)
- 1940 *The Blue Bird* (Walter Lang) (as Mytyl); *Young People* (Dwan) (as Wendy)
- 1941 *Kathleen* (Bucquet) (title role)
- 1942 *Miss Annie Rooney* (Marin) (title role)
- 1944 *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell) (as Bridget Hilton); *I'll Be Seeing You* (Dieterle) (as Barbara Marshall)
- 1945 *Kiss and Tell* (Wallace) (as Corliss Archer)
- 1947 *Honeymoon (Two Men and a Girl)* (Keighley) (as Barbara Olmstead); *The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer (Bachelor Knight)* (Reis) (as Susan); *That Hagen Girl* (Godfrey) (title role)
- 1948 *Fort Apache* (Ford) (as Philadelphia Thursday)

- 1949 *Mr. Belvedere Goes to College* (Nugent) (as Ellen Baker); *Adventure in Baltimore (Bachelor Bait)* (Wallace) (as Dinah Sheldon); *The Story of Seabiscuit* (David Butler) (as Margaret O'Hara); *A Kiss for Corliss* (Wallace) (as Corliss Archer)
- 1985 *That's Dancing!* (Haley Jr.) (as herself)
- 1986 *Going Hollywood: The War Years* (doc—archival)
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Shirley Temple was the darling of the Great Depression. She was the biggest box-office attraction during one of the bleakest periods of American history. As she sang and danced her way into the hearts of millions of Americans, Temple became an institution. There were Shirley Temple dolls, toys, and clothes (including a line of bathing suits), and her curly hair (which evoked the celebrated curls of America's first "Little Sweetheart"—Mary Pickford) was imitated eagerly by countless little girls. Why was Shirley Temple so beloved? Although her films were formulaic and generally dismissed by critics, she redeemed them with her overwhelming charisma and spirited performances. Indeed, there has been no other child star before or since who has been as popular or who demonstrated her extraordinary talents as a singer, dancer, or actress.

Shirley played bit parts in several short films during the early 1930s, but her star soared with *Stand Up and Cheer* in which she sang "Baby, Take a Bow." Although she played a minor role, she stole the show with her cute, dimpled face and irresistible charm, and the film proved to be a smash hit. Temple's success continued in movies such as *Little Miss Marker*, *Baby, Take a Bow*, and *Bright Eyes*—in which she delivered her memorable song-and-dance rendition of "On the Good Ship Lollipop." Despite their youth and innocence, it seemed there was no challenge too large for Temple's characters. During the mid-1930s, Temple played an orphan at least nine times, a matchmaker at least twice, and she reunited her own broken family at least four times. Her screen characters had even loftier goals as well: she brings peace to India in *Wee Willie Winkie* and personally asks President Lincoln to pardon her imprisoned Confederate father in *The Littlest Rebel*. Also compelling is that Temple's characters display no overt racial or class biases (although the same cannot be said about her films in general). On several occasions, she performs with black characters; and when her characters were wealthy, they typically cavorted with less fortunate characters. Indeed, one of her most engaging performances occurs in *The Little Colonel* when she dances with the legendary Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Accordingly, it seems, wrapped up in this little girl were many of the ideals that Americans cherished but rarely practiced.

Despite that she provided an antidote of sorts to Mae West's scandalously aggressive screen sexuality, the Temple persona evokes

an unmistakable sexual quality that was visible in both her screen characterizations and her publicity photographs. Indeed, even in her earliest screen roles she played the leads in a series of one-reel films titled “Baby Burlesks,” that lampooned popular movies and movie stars, including the sultry Marlene Dietrich. And, in her subsequent leading roles, she was invariably paired with attentive older men with whom she expressed a distinct and rather demonstrative affection.

Between 1934 and 1939 Temple was enormously popular, but in her early teens her popularity started to decline. Her audience was accustomed to seeing her play enchanting little girls, and was apparently unwilling to accept her on-screen maturity. As a result, in the early 1940s she played mostly supporting roles as a teenager, though she did enjoy a brief comeback that started with her appearance in the wartime epic *Since You Went Away*, and continued with *I’ll Be Seeing You*, and *Kiss and Tell*. Soon however, her star started to sink once again, and when she was only 21, Temple retired from movies. Then, after her experience in two short-lived television shows in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Temple permanently left acting behind. In the late 1960s, she tried her hand at politics, and she has been successful in this realm ever since. Her résumé includes her service as a United Nations representative, the U.S. Chief of Protocol, and as ambassador to both Ghana and Czechoslovakia.

—Maryann Oshana, updated by Cynthia Felando

TERRY-THOMAS

Nationality: British. **Born:** Thomas Terry Hoar Stevens in London, 14 July 1911. **Education:** Attended Ardingly College. **Family:** Married 1) the dancer Ida Patlanskey, 1938 (divorced 1962); 2) Belinda Cunningham, 1963, sons: Tiger and Cushan. **Career:** 1930s—transport clerk, Smithfield Meat Market; also dancer, and ukelele player in band, The Rhythm Maniacs; cabaret work led to film debut as extra, 1936, and radio debut, 1938; 1941–46—served in Army, Signal Corps (won four military service medals); also Entertainments National Service Association; 1946—West End debut in *Piccadilly Hayride*; from 1951—TV performer; shows include *How Do You View?*, and *Strictly T-T*; 1970s—worked in Italy, then forced to stop work through illness. **Died:** In Godalming, Surrey, of Parkinson’s disease, 8 January 1990.

Films as Actor:

- 1936 *It’s Love Again* (Saville) (as extra); *Rhythm in the Air* (Woods); *This’ll Make You Whistle* (Wilcox)
- 1937 *Rhythm Racketeer* (Seymour)
- 1940 *For Freedom* (Elvey); *Under Your Hat* (Elvey)
- 1948 *A Date with a Dream* (Leeman) (as Terry); *The Brass Monkey* (*Lucky Mascot*) (Freeland)
- 1949 *Helter Skelter* (Thomas) (as announcer); *Melody Club* (Berman) (as Freddy Forrester)
- 1951 *Cookery Nook* (short); *The Queen Steps Out* (Henryson—short)
- 1956 *Private’s Progress* (Boulting) (as Major Hitchcock); *The Green Man* (Day) (as Boughtflower)
- 1957 *The Brothers in Law* (Boulting) (as Alfred Green); *Lucky Jim* (Boulting) (as Bertrand Welch); *Blue Murder at St. Trinian’s* (Launder) (as Captain Romney Carlton-Ricketts); *The Naked Truth* (*Your Past Is Showing*) (Zampi) (as Lord Mayley)
- 1958 *Happy Is the Bride* (Boulting) (as PC); *Tom Thumb* (Pal) (as Ivan)
- 1959 *Too Many Crooks* (Zampi) (as Billy Gordon); *Carlton-Browne of the F.O.* (*Man in a Cocked Hat*) (Boulting and Dell) (as Cadogan deVere Carlton-Browne); *I’m All Right, Jack* (Boulting) (as Major Hitchcock)
- 1960 *School for Scoundrels* (Hamer) (as Raymond Delauney); *Make Mine Mink* (Asher) (as Major Albert Rayne)
- 1961 *His and Hers* (Hurst) (as Reggie Blake); *A Matter of Who* (Chaffey) (as Archibald Bannister)
- 1962 *Operation Snatch* (Day) (as Lt. Piggy Wigg); *Bachelor Flat* (Tashlin) (as Professor Bruce); *Kill or Cure* (Pollock) (as J. Barker-Rynde); *The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm* (Levin and Pal) (as Ludwig)
- 1963 *The Mouse on the Moon* (Lester) (as Spender); *It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (as J. Algernon Hawthorne); *The Wild Affair* (Krish) (as Godfrey Deane)
- 1964 *Strange Bedfellows* (Frank) (as Assistant Mortician); *How to Murder Your Wife* (Quine) (as Charles)
- 1965 *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines; or, How I Flew from London to Paris in 25 Hrs and 11 Minutes* (Annakin) (as Sir Percy Ware-Armitage); *You Must Be Joking!* (Winner) (as Major Foksett)
- 1966 *The Daydreamer* (Bass) (as voice only); *Our Man in Marrakesh* (Bang, Bang, *You’re Dead*) (Sharp) (as El Caid); *The Sandwich Man* (Hartford-Davis) (as Scoutmaster); *Munster, Go Home* (Bellamy) (as Freddie Munster); *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die* (*Se tutte le donne del mondo*) (Levin and Maiuri) (as Lord Aldric/James); *Don’t Look Now, We’re Being Shot At* (*La Grande Vadrouille*) (Oury) (as Reginald)
- 1967 *Jules Verne’s Rocket to the Moon* (*Those Fantastic Flying Fools*) (Sharp) (as Sir Harry Washington-Smythe); *A Guide for the Married Man* (Kelly) (as Technical Adviser); *Arabella* (Bolognini) (as the Hotel Manager/the General/the Duke); *Arriva Dorellik* (de Steno); *The Karate Killers* (Shear) (as Constable); *The Perils of Pauline* (Leonard) (as Sten Martin); *Top Crack* (Russo); *Diabolik* (*Danger: Diabolik*) (Bava) (as Minister of Finance)
- 1968 *Don’t Raise the Bridge, Lower the River* (Paris) (as H. William Homer); *Uno scacco tutto matto* (Fiz); *Seven Times Seven* (Lupo); *How Sweet It Is* (Paris) (as Gilbert Tilly); *Where Were You When the Lights Went Out?* (Averback) (as Ladislau Walicheck)
- 1969 *Arthur, Arthur* (Gallu); *2000 Years After* (Tenzer) (as Charles Goodwyn); *Monte Carlo or Bust!* (*Those Daring Young Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies*) (Annakin) (as Sir Cuthbert Ware-Armitage); *Twelve Plus One* (*Thirteen; Una su tredici*) (Gessner) (as Albert)
- 1970 *Le Mur de l’Atlantique* (Camus); *The Cherry Picker* (Curran)
- 1971 *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* (Fuest) (as Dr. Longstreet)
- 1972 *Gli eroi* (*The Heroes*) (Tessari); *Dr. Phibes Rises Again* (Fuest) (as Lombardo)
- 1973 *The Vault of Horror* (*Tales from the Crypt II*) (Baker) (as Critchit); *Robin Hood* (Reitherman) (voice only)



Terry-Thomas (left) in *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*

- 1975 *Side by Side* (Beresford); *The Bawdy Adventures of Tom Jones* (Owen); *Spanish Fly* (Kellett)
 1976 *The Mysterious House of Dr. C* (Kneeland) (voice only)
 1977 *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Morrissey) (as Dr. Mortimer);
The Last Remake of Beau Geste (Feldman) (as Prison Governor)
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Terry-Thomas began his 1990 autobiography with some of the descriptions offered by critics through his career: “Terry-Thomas with his permanent air of caddish disdain . . . bounder . . . aristocratic rogue . . . upper-class English twit . . . genuine English eccentric . . . one of the last real gentlemen . . . wet, genteel Englishman . . . high-bred idiot . . . cheeky blighter . . . camel-haired cad . . . amiable buffoon . . . pompous Englishman . . . twentieth-century dandy . . . stinker . . . king of the cads . . .” Such phrases instantly conjure up one of the most easily recognizable of film stars, whose gap-toothed

smile, military moustache, florid accent and dapper dress sense cropped up in (and too often propped up) so many films in the 1950s and 1960s.

Yet Terry-Thomas, while invariably playing himself, managed to create a persona whose appeal to film audiences in the 1950s was based on more than just his well-polished comic ability. In those dour days, with its rationing and its collapsing empire, Britain welcomed the fruity humor of Terry-Thomas, with his loud waistcoats, exaggerated vowels, and overfamiliar manner. He was the comic incarnation of the sort of ex-minor-public-schoolboys whose shady dealings were such a feature of postwar British culture.

Though sometimes seen as aristocratic, Terry-Thomas, as British audiences (rather than American ones) may have suspected, was not quite the genuine article. To his own disgust, he was born and raised in Finchley, a suburb of London which was, at most, respectable. As he himself said, ‘I’ve cashed in on playing the lower-middle-class pretending to be upper-class.’ Though educated privately, he was unable subsequently to join the British Army, despite being his school’s star cadet officer, since an officer at that time needed an independent income. Instead he took a rather less glamorous job as a transport clerk at Smithfield Meat Market. Though he remained there six years, he made a mark less with his abilities as a clerk than with his regular attire of a boutonniere, a silver-topped Malacca cane and slip-on suede shoes.

He developed his show-business career in the early 1930s through organizing and playing the ukelele with a band called The Rhythm Maniacs, through dancing as a professional at the Cricklewood Palais, and by impersonating well-known singers on the cabaret circuit. In World War II he served in the army, rising to the rank of sergeant. His success in ENSA, the Forces Entertainment wing, ensured that, like many of his colleagues, he then went on to the London stage. His popularity with British audiences was consolidated by radio work and by his own television show, *How Do You View?*, in 1951.

It is for his film appearances that Terry-Thomas will be remembered, as new generations, seeing his work reshowed on television, relish his improbably plummy drawl, and his inevitable catch-phrases. As Major Hitchcock in the Boulting brothers’ *Private’s Progress*, he described his troops, memorably, as ‘a shower! An absolute shower!’ Similarly, the lecherous charm underlying the apparently innocent enquiry, ‘How do you do?’ delighted audiences then and now. Yet his film work in the late 1950s, from his pseudointellectual in *Lucky Jim* to his crooked personnel manager in *I’m All Right, Jack*, and from his bumbling diplomat in *Carleton-Browne of the F.O.* to the hilariously bumptious cad in *School for Scoundrels*, showed Terry-Thomas carrying off subtly different, yet similarly priceless studies of fraudulent Englishmen, with a talent whose depth was perhaps never fully tapped.

By 1960, he was a genuine star, if only as a cameo performer, and inevitably Hollywood beckoned. By happy coincidence, a shift in English culture was occurring which threatened to make his brand of humour an anachronism. Some excellent work (opposite Jack Lemmon in *How to Murder Your Wife*, for example), was almost overshadowed by a series of cameo roles in less-than-challenging, though financially rewarding, projects. Struck by the amount of money available merely for reproducing what Americans saw as an archetypal Britisher on film, Terry-Thomas was able to finance an extravagant lifestyle without ever extending or developing his considerable comic talents. Although he was never less than watchable, the projects became more obscure and his career waned.

His unusual name was the result of several experiments. Disliking his given name, Tom Stevens, he decided to spell it backwards. But Mot Snevets gave way to Thomas Terry, until confusion with the Terry acting family prompted the adoption of Terry Thomas. The subsequent hyphen, he would often point out, matched the trademark gap between his front teeth. Later, he was delighted when his name was adopted by the field of orthopedic surgery, to describe the gap produced by a disruption of the ligaments in the carpal bones of the wrist.

In the mid-1970s he was diagnosed as having Parkinson’s disease, and spent the later years of his life struggling to pay for medical treatment. In the late 1980s, a picture in the British press, showing this once immaculately turned out bon vivant huddled in a blanket, almost unrecognizable and all too clearly stricken by his illness, prompted a charity show from fellow British entertainers. It is to be hoped that he was, at the last, aware of the tremendous affection in which he was held.

—Nicholas Thomas

THOMPSON, Emma

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, England, 15 April 1959; daughter of the stage and TV director Eric Thompson and the actress Phyllida Law; sister of the actress Sophie Thompson. **Family:** Married the actor Kenneth Branagh, 1989 (divorced 1996); one daughter with actor Greg Wise, 1999. **Education:** Studied English literature at Cambridge University. **Career:** Began acting while at Cambridge with the comedy troupe Footlights, and wrote and performed in an all-woman program of comedy routines, late 1970s; performed as a stand-up comic, then worked on the stage and in British TV, 1980s; appeared on the BBC mini-series *Tutti Frutti* and *Fortunes of War*, 1987; created her own six-part TV comedy series, *Thompson*, co-starring her sister and mother; began performing with Kenneth Branagh’s Renaissance Theatre Company, 1988; first appeared on-screen with Branagh in *Henry V*, 1989; became member of board of advisers, FAHRENHEIT Theatre Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1995. **Awards:** Variety Club Newcomer of the Year, 1987; British Academy Award Best Actress, for *Tutti Frutti* and *Fortunes of War*, 1987; New York Film Critics Circle Best Actress, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actress, National Board of Review Best Actress, Best Actress Academy Award, Best Actress British Academy Award, Best Actress National Society of Film Critics, Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama Golden Globe, for *Howards End*, 1992; Outstanding Guest Appearance in a Comedy Series Emmy Award, for *Ellen*, 1994; Best Adapted Screenplay Academy Award, Best Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published Writers Guild of America Award, New York Critics Circle Best Screenplay, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Screenplay, National Board of Review Best Actress, Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role British Academy Award, Best Screenplay Golden Globe, for *Sense and Sensibility*, 1995; Best Actress Venice Film Festival, for *The Winter Guest*, 1997.



Emma Thompson (left) with Kate Winslet and Gemma Jones in *Sense and Sensibility*

Agents: Lorraine Hamilton Management, 19 Denmark Street, London WC2H 8NA, England; and William Morris, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1988 *The Winslow Boy* (for TV) (as Catherine)
- 1989 *The Tall Guy* (Mel Smith) (as Kate Lemon); *Henry V* (Branagh) (as Katherine of France); *Look Back in Anger* (Dench—for TV) (as Alison Porter)
- 1991 *Impromptu* (Lapine) (as Duchesse d'Antan); *Dead Again* (Branagh) (as Grace/Margaret Strauss)
- 1992 *Howards End* (Ivory) (as Margaret Schlegel); *Peter's Friends* (Branagh) (as Maggie)
- 1993 *Much Ado about Nothing* (Branagh) (as Beatrice); *The Remains of the Day* (Ivory) (as Miss Kenton); *In the Name of the Father* (Sheridan) (as Gareth Peirce)
- 1994 *My Father, the Hero (Daddy Cool)* (Miner) (unbilled cameo as Isabelle); *Junior* (Reitman) (as Dr. Diana Reddin); *The Blue Boy* (Murton—for TV) (as Marie)

- 1995 *Carrington* (Hampton) (as Dora Carrington); *Sense and Sensibility* (Ang Lee) (as Elinor Dashwood, + sc)
- 1997 *Hospital!* (Henderson—for TV); *The Winter Guest* (Rickman) (as Frances)
- 1998 *Primary Colors* (Nichols) (as Susan Stanton); *Judas Kiss* (Gutierrez) (as FBI Agent Sadie Hawkins)
- 2000 *Maybe Baby* (Elton) (as Desiree)

Other Films:

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Emma Thompson’s versatility seems boundless. With roots in the British theater and an early inclination towards comedy, she also has a gift for developing full-blooded period characters and has performed adroitly in Shakespearean parts, as well. Her acting education began during childhood as the daughter of television and stage director Eric Thompson and actress Phyllida Law. She studied English literature at Cambridge University, where she performed with a troupe called Footlights, which specialized in comedy. After graduation, she appeared as a stand-up comic and did television work before obtaining a starring role in the hit musical comedy revival *Me and My Girl*. So it is appropriate for Thompson’s screen debut to have come in a comedy. She co-starred in *The Tall Guy*, an underrated farce in which she is the love interest of an American actor in London (Jeff Goldblum) who finds himself cast in a musical version of *The*

Elephant Man (which, when you think about it, is as silly a vehicle for song and dance as *Les Misérables*).

While working on *Fortunes of War* for the BBC, she met actor-director Kenneth Branagh, who cast her as Katherine of France in his screen version of *Henry V*. They married shortly after the release of *Henry V*, and Branagh cast her in several very different roles in three of his subsequent films. In *Dead Again*, she gives a bravura performance in the dual role of a dazed woman tormented by memories of another woman’s murder, and a concert pianist (in flashbacks to the 1940s). In the ensemble film *Peter’s Friends*, Thompson has the plum role of Maggie, a spinsterish flake who leaves photos around her apartment so her cat will not forget her. She brings a guileless quality to the role, making it one of the film’s stand-out performances. Finally, in *Much Ado about Nothing*, she stars as Beatrice to Branagh’s Benedick. As the real-life husband-wife team traded sex-based jibes in the Bard’s poetic format, they brought an energy to the film that touched a broad-based audience. In 1995, Thompson and Branagh announced they were separating, putting an end to a dynamic professional partnership.

It was *Howards End*, not a Branagh project, that propelled Thompson into the upper ranks of screen personalities. She won an Academy Award for her work in this Merchant-Ivory production of an E. M. Forster tale of the social classes in 1910 England. Thompson portrays a self-reliant woman of no economic means who marries a prosperous man (Anthony Hopkins) whose pleasant veneer hides a heartless nature. Thompson and Hopkins are brilliant together, with both characters storing wells of emotion under the constraints of Edwardian British custom.

She was splendidly re-teamed with Hopkins in another Merchant-Ivory film, *The Remains of the Day*, set between the two World Wars. Thompson is cast as Miss Kenton, the new housekeeper in the castle of a British lord. Miss Kenton just might be a potential romantic partner to the world’s most perfect servant: Stevens (Hopkins), a reserved British butler who is single-mindedly dedicated to his employer. *The Remains of the Day* essentially is a character study of Stevens, who is steadfastly absorbed in his professional role to the exclusion of all else. Thompson brings intelligence and intensity to a role which might have been little more than a plain-Jane housekeeper in another actress’s hands. Her layered interpretation of Miss Kenton helps to give dimension to Stevens’s character and brings the film to a disturbing and extraordinary ending.

After earning more critical acclaim as a lawyer defending an accused IRA bomber (Daniel Day Lewis) in the U.S.-Irish production *In the Name of the Father*, Thompson surprised moviegoers who only were familiar with her Shakespearean and somber characterizations. Sharing the screen with “pregnant” Arnold Schwarzenegger, Thompson garnered laughs as an eminent British cryogenicist in the Hollywood farce *Junior*. In good spirited fun, she was given an opportunity to spoof the prim image she has gained during her screen career.

She returned to period filmmaking in *Carrington*, a film with lofty ambitions that is more interesting for what it attempts than what it achieves. It is a based-on-fact story, set in the early twentieth century, that charts the evolution of the deep love between a homosexual British writer, Lytton Strachey (Jonathan Pryce), and a little-known painter, Dora Carrington (Thompson). This is fascinating material, but the film often is too slow-moving and unevenly paced. Still, Thompson (along with Pryce) offers an effectively subtle performance. She next scored one of her biggest hits with *Sense and Sensibility*, a pleasing, literate adaptation of the Jane Austen novel. Thompson not only stars as Elinor Dashwood but also scripted—and

earned an Academy Award for her effort—lending to the material a refreshing contemporary air.

In the mid-1990s, Thompson was at the forefront of contemporary world cinema. Curiously, in the second half of the decade, she either has found herself miscast onscreen or has not won the high-quality, high-profile roles that enabled her to earn screen stardom. She worked with actor-turned-director Alan Rickman and her mother in the deeply personal but little-seen *The Winter Guest*, featuring the two actresses as mother and daughter. By far her highest-visibility role came in *Primary Colors*, a pithy satire of Bill and Hillary Clinton that was based on the notorious, best-selling novel. Thompson fell into trouble by taking on the role of Susan Stanton, the Hillary Clinton character. John Travolta, playing her husband, Clintonian presidential candidate Jack Stanton, imitates the real-life president to the point of caricature. Meanwhile, Thompson—who bears a resemblance to Mrs. Clinton—plays her character straight, and thus is overshadowed by Travolta and a strong supporting cast of character actors. Furthermore, her attempt to speak with an American accent is less than successful.

During her film career, Emma Thompson has proven her ability to play all sorts of roles. She can take a character from the pages of literature and make that personality live on-screen, or she can breathe life into broad comedy parts. She has shown audiences many of her talents, and one hopes that she will continue receiving the types of roles that will enable her to display those abilities.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

THE THREE STOOGES

SHEMP HOWARD. Nationality: American. **Born:** Samuel Horwitz in Brooklyn, New York, 17 March 1895. **Family:** Married Gertrude Frank, 1925, one son. **Military Service:** U.S. Army during World War I. **Career:** Worked as comic in vaudeville; 1922—worked with Ted Healy; 1938–49—made a number of solo films. **Died:** 23 November 1955.

MOE HOWARD. Nationality: American. **Born:** Moses Horwitz in Bensonhurst, New York, 19 June 1897. **Family:** Married Helen Schonberger, 1925, two children. **Career:** In show business from age 12; ran errands at Vitagraph studios; worked in various comic and singing acts with Ted Healy. **Died:** 4 May 1975.

LARRY FINE. Nationality: American. **Born:** Louis Feinberg in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 5 October 1902. **Family:** Married Mabel Haney (died 1967), two children. **Died:** 24 January 1975.

CURLY HORWITZ. Nationality: American. **Born:** Jerome Lester Horwitz in Brooklyn, New York, 22 October 1903. **Family:** Married 1) unknown marriage (annulled); 2) Elaine Ackerman, 1937 (divorced 1940), one daughter; 3) Marion Buxbaum, 1945 (divorced 1946); 4) Valerie Neman, 1947, one daughter. **Died:** 18 January 1952.

Moe, Larry, and Shemp teamed with Ted Healy in mid-1920s for early Stooges act; 1930—film debut in *Soup to Nuts*; 1932—Shemp replaced by Curly in the act, and Healy dropped: long series of shorts and features, for MGM, 1933, and Columbia, 1934–57; 1946—Curly retired from the act for health reasons, and was replaced by Shemp;

1955—Joe Besser joined the act after Shemp's death; 1959—Curly Joe DeRita replaced Joe Besser in the act; 1965—made a series of five-minute TV cartoons.

Films as Actors (all shorts unless noted):

(Larry, Moe, Shemp, and Ted Healy)

- 1930 *Soup to Nuts* (Stoloff—feature)
- 1933 *Turn Back the Clock* (Selwyn—feature); *Meet the Baron* (Walter Lang—feature); *Dancing Lady* (Leonard—feature); *Beer and Pretzels* (Cummings); *Hello Pop* (Cummings); *Plane Nuts* (Cummings); *Myrt and Marge* (*Laughter in the Air*) (Boasberg—feature) (as Mullins's helpers); *Nertsery Rhymes* (Cummings); *Hollywood on Parade*; *Screen Snapshots* (Staub)
- 1934 *Fugitive Lovers* (Boleslawski—feature); *Hollywood Party* (Boleslawski, Dwan, and Rowland—feature); *The Big Idea* (Crowley)

(Larry, Moe, and Curly)

- 1934 *Woman Haters* (Gottler); *Punch Drunk* (Breslow); *Men in Black* (McCarey); *Three Little Pigskins* (McCarey); *The Captain Hates the Sea* (Milestone—feature); *Crazy People* (Hiscott—feature)
- 1935 *Screen Snapshots Number Six* (Staub); *Horses Collars* (Buckman); *Restless Knights* (Lamont); *Pop Goes the Easel* (Del Lord); *Uncivil Warriors* (Del Lord); *Pardon My Scotch* (Del Lord); *Hoi Polloi* (Del Lord); *Three Little Beers* (Del Lord)
- 1936 *Ants in the Pantry* (Black); *Movie Maniacs* (Del Lord); *Half-shot Shooters* (Black); *Disorder in the Court* (Black); *A Pain in the Pullman* (Black); *False Alarms* (Del Lord); *Whoops I'm an Indian* (Del Lord); *Slippery Silks* (Black)
- 1937 *Grips, Grunts, and Groans* (Black); *Dizzy Doctors* (Del Lord); *Three Dumb Clucks* (Del Lord); *Back to the Woods* (Black); *Goofs and Saddles* (Del Lord); *Cash and Carry* (Del Lord); *Playing the Ponies* (Lamont); *The Sitter-Downers* (Del Lord); *Start Cheering* (Rogell—feature)
- 1938 *Termites of 1938* (Del Lord); *Wee Wee Monsieur* (Del Lord); *Tassels in the Air* (Chase); *Flat Foot Stooges* (Chase); *Healthy, Wealthy, and Dumb* (Del Lord); *Violent Is the Word for Curly* (Chase); *Three Missing Links* (White); *Mutts to You* (Chase)
- 1939 *Screen Snapshots Number Nine* (Staub); *Three Little Sew and Sews* (Del Lord); *We Want Our Mummy* (Del Lord); *A-Ducking They Did Go* (Del Lord); *Yes, We Have No Bonanza* (Del Lord); *Saved by the Belle* (Chase); *Calling All Curs* (White); *Oily to Bed, Oily to Rise* (White); *Three Sappy People* (White)
- 1940 *You Nazy Spy* (White); *Rockin' through the Rockies* (White); *A-Plumbing We Will Go* (Del Lord); *Nutty but Nice* (White); *How High Is Up?* (Del Lord); *From Nurse to Worse* (White); *No Census, No Feelings* (White); *Cockoo Cavaliers* (White); *Boobs in Arms* (White)
- 1941 *So Long, Mr. Chumps* (White); *Dutiful but Dumb* (Del Lord); *All the World's a Stoooge* (Del Lord); *I'll Never Heil Again* (White); *Time Out for Rhythm* (Salkow—feature); *An Ache*



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- in *Every Stake* (Del Lord); *In the Sweet Pie and Pie* (White); *Some More of Samoa* (Del Lord)
- 1942 *Loco Boy Makes Good* (White); *Cactus Makes Perfect* (Del Lord); *What's the Matador?* (White); *Matri-Phony* (Edwards); *Three Smart Saps* (White); *Even as I.O.U.* (Del Lord); *My Sister Eileen* (Hall—feature) (as workmen); *Sock-a-Bye Baby* (White)
- 1943 *The Stogie to Conga* (Del Lord); *Dizzy Detectives* (White); *Back from the Front* (White); *Spook Louder* (Del Lord); *Three Little Twerps* (Edwards); *Higher Than a Kite* (Del Lord); *I Can Hardly Wait* (White); *Dizzy Pilots* (White); *Phony Express* (Del Lord); *A Gem of a Jam* (Del Lord)
- 1944 *Crash Goes the Hash* (White); *Busy Buddies* (Del Lord); *The Yoke's on Me* (White); *Idle Roomers* (Del Lord); *Gents without Cents* (White); *No Dough, Boys* (White)
- 1945 *Three Pests in a Mess* (Del Lord); *Booby Dupes* (Del Lord); *Idiots Deluxe* (White); *Rockin' in the Rockies* (Keays—feature); *If a Body Meets a Body* (White); *Micro-Phonies* (Bernds)
- 1946 *Beer Barrel Polecats* (White); *Swing Parade of 1946* (Karlson—feature); *A Bird in the Head* (Bernds); *Uncivil Warbirds* (White); *Three Troubledoers* (Bernds); *Monkey Businessmen* (Bernds); *Three Loan Wolves* (White); *G.I. Wanna Go Home* (White); *Rhythm and Weep* (White); *Three Little Pirates* (Bernds)
- 1947 *Half-Wit's Holiday* (White)
- (Larry, Moe, Curly, and Shemp)
- 1947 *Hold That Lion* (White)
- 1986 *Stoogemania* (Workman)
- (Larry, Moe, and Shemp)
- 1947 *Fright Night* (Bernds); *Out West* (Bernds); *Brideless Grooms* (Bernds); *Sing a Song of Six Pants* (White); *All Gummed Up* (White)
- 1948 *Shivering Sherlocks* (Del Lord); *Pardon My Clutch* (Bernds); *Squareheads of the Round Table* (Bernds); *Fiddlers Three* (White); *Hot Scots* (Bernds); *Heavenly Daze* (White); *I'm a Monkey's Uncle* (White); *Mummy's Dummies* (Bernds); *Crime on Their Hands* (Bernds)

- 1949 *The Ghost Talks* (White); *Who Done It?* (Bernds); *Hocus Pocus* (White); *Fuelin' Around* (Bernds); *Malice in the Palace* (White); *Vagabond Loafers* (Bernds); *Dunked in the Deep* (White)
- 1950 *Punchy Cowpunchers* (Bernds); *Hugs and Mugs* (White); *Dopey Dicks* (Bernds); *Love at First Bite* (White); *Self-Made Maids* (McCollum); *Three Hams on Rye* (White); *Studio Stoops* (White); *Slap-Happy Sleuths* (McCollum); *A Snitch in Time* (White)
- 1951 *Three Arabian Nuts* (Bernds); *Baby Sitters' Jitters* (White); *Don't Throw That Knife* (White); *Scrambled Brains* (White); *Merry Mavericks* (Bernds); *The Tooth Will Out* (Bernds); *Gold Raiders* (Bernds—feature); *Hula La La* (McCollum); *The Pest Man Wins* (White)
- 1952 *A Missed Fortune* (White); *Listen, Judge* (Bernds); *Corny Casanovas* (White); *He Cooked His Goose* (White); *Gents in a Jam* (Bernds); *Three Dark Horses* (White); *Cuckoo in a Choo Choo* (White)
- 1953 *Up in Daisy's Penthouse* (White); *Booty and the Beast* (White); *Loose Loot* (White); *Tricky Dicks* (White); *Spooks* (White); *Pardon My Backfire* (White); *Rip, Sew, and Stitch* (White); *Bubble Trouble* (White); *Goof on the Roof* (White)
- 1954 *Income Tax Sappy* (White); *Musty Musketeers* (White); *Pals and Gals* (White); *Knutzy Knights* (White); *Shot in the Frontier* (White); *Scotched in Scotland* (White)
- 1955 *Fling in the Ring* (White); *Of Cash and Hash* (White); *Gypped in the Penthouse* (White); *Bedlam in Paradise* (White); *Stone Age Romeos* (White); *Wham Bam Slam* (White); *Hot Ice* (White); *Blunder Boys* (White)
- 1956 *Husbands Beware* (White); *Creeps* (White); *Flagpole Jitters* (White); *For Crimin' Out Loud* (White); *Rumpus in the Harem* (White); *Hot Stuff* (White); *Scheming Schemers* (White); *Commotion on the Ocean* (White)

(Larry, Moe, and Joe Besser)

- 1957 *Hoofs and Goofs* (White); *Muscle Up a Little Closer* (White); *A Merry Mix-Up* (White); *Space Ship Sappy* (White); *Guns A-Poppin'* (White); *Horsing Around* (White); *Rusty Romeos* (White); *Outer Space Jitters* (White)
- 1958 *Quiz Whiz* (White); *Fifi Blows Her Top* (White); *Pies and Guys* (White); *Flying Saucer Daffy* (White); *Oil's Well That Ends Well* (White); *Triple Crossed* (White); *Sappy Bullfighters* (White); *Sweet and Hot* (White)

(Larry, Moe, and Curly Joe DeRita)

- 1959 *Have Rocket, Will Travel* (Lowell—feature)
- 1960 *Three Stooges Scrapbook* (Maurer—feature)
- 1961 *Snow White and the Three Stooges* (*Snow White and the Three Clowns*) (Walter Lang—feature)
- 1962 *The Three Stooges Meet Hercules* (Bernds—feature); *The Three Stooges in Orbit* (Bernds—feature)
- 1963 *The Three Stooges Go around the World in a Daze* (Maurer—feature); *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer—feature) (as firemen); *Four for Texas* (Aldrich—feature)

- 1965 *The Outlaws IS Coming!* (*Three Stooges Meet the Gunslinger*) (Maurer—feature)
- 1968 *Star Spangled Salesman* (Maurer—feature)

Films of Moe Howard (features):

- 1958 *Space Master X-7* (*Mutiny in Outer Space*) (Bernds) (as cab driver)
- 1959 *Senior Prom* (Rich)
- 1966 *Don't Worry, We'll Think of a Title* (Harmon Jones) (as Mr. Raines)
- 1973 *Doctor Death: Seeker of Souls* (Saeta) (as volunteer)

Films of Shemp Howard (features unless noted):

- 1934–7 as Knobby Walsh in *Joe Palooka* shorts for Vitaphone
- 1935 *Convention Girl* (Luther Reed) (as Dan)
- 1937 *Headin' East* (Ewing Scott) (as Windy)
- 1938 *Hollywood Roundup* (Ewing Scott) (as Oscar)
- 1939 *Another Thin Man* (Van Dyke) (as Wacky)
- 1940 *Millionaires in Prison* (Ray McCarey) (as Professor); *The Leather-Pushers* (Rawlins) (as sailor); *Give Us Wings* (Lamont) (Whitey); *The Bank Dick* (*The Bank Detective*) (Cline) (Joe Guelpe); *Murder over New York* (Lachman) (as Fakir)
- 1941 *Meet the Chump* (Cline) (as Stinky Fink); *Buck Privates* (*Rookies*) (Lubin) (as Chef); *The Invisible Woman* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Frankie); *Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga* (Rawlins) (as Gabby); *Mr. Dynamite* (Rawlins) (as Abdullah); *In the Navy* (*Abbott and Costello in the Navy*) (Lubin) (as Dizzy); *Tight Shoes* (Rogell) (as Okay); *San Antonio Rose* (Lamont) (as Benny the Bounce); *Hold That Ghost* (*Oh, Charlie*) (Lubin) (as soda jerk); *Hit the Road* (Joe May) (as Dingbat); *Too Many Blondes* (Freeland) (as hotel manager); *Hellzapoppin'* (Potter) (as Louie); *The Flame of New Orleans* (Clair) (as waiter); *Cracked Nuts* (Cline) (as Robot)
- 1942 *The Strange Case of Dr. Rx* (Nigh) (as Sgt. Sweeney); *Butch Minds the Baby* (Rogell) (as Squinty Sweeney); *Mississippi Gambler* (Maté) (as Milton Davis); *Private Buckaroo* (Cline) (as Sgt. "Muggsy" Shavel); *Pittsburgh* (Seiler) (as Shorty); *Arabian Nights* (Rawlins) (as Sinbad); *Who Done It?* (Kenton) (as Goof)
- 1943 *Keep 'em Slugging* (Cabanne) (as Binky); *It Ain't Hay* (*Money for Jam*) (Kenton) (as Umbrella Sam); *How's About It?* (Fenton) (as Alf); *Strictly in the Groove* (Keays) (as Pops); *Crazy House* (Cline) (as Mumbo)
- 1944 *Moonlight and Cactus* (Cline) (as Punchy); *Strange Affair* (Alfred E. Green) (as laundry truck driver); *Three of a Kind* (Lederman); *Crazy Knights* (*Ghost Crazy*) (Beaudine)
- 1946 *Blondie Knows Best* (Berlin) (as Jim Gray); *Dangerous Business* (Lederman); *The Gentleman Misbehaves* (Sherman); *One Exciting Week* (Beaudine) (as Marvin)
- 1949 *Africa Screams* (Barton) (as Gunner)

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The quality of the comedy films created by the Three Stooges will always be an arguable controversy because critics and fans of the group will never agree on what is good taste. If the talents of this comedy team are compared with other teams—Laurel and Hardy, the

Marx Brothers, or even Wheeler and Woolsey and the Ritz Brothers—the ability to create a wide range of humor will balance out in favor of these other groups. Fans will, of course, not care—they like the simple, unpretentious directness of Three Stooges comedy. Over three decades the team created almost 200 shorts, appeared in or starred in some 20 features, and evidently lasted longer than any other team of comedians. In the popular cinema Moe, Larry, and Curly have made a contribution that cannot be dismissed.

The Three Stooges are actually a latter-day version of the wacky slapstick tradition developed by Mack Sennett in the 1920s—a type of unsophisticated comedy that springs from the verbal and physical altercations of circus clowns and vaudeville comedians. All of the kings of silent and sound screen comedy—Charles Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton, Harry Langdon, W. C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, and the Marx Brothers—used many scenes with physical abuse (slapstick) and verbal invective. If the Three Stooges can be faulted for the use of such material, it lies mostly in the thin motivation for face slapping and eye poking. A minor disagreement in their films causes Moe to slap Curly or Larry and an exchange of blows develops that seems unnecessary or even silly. Such exchanges, however, are well divorced from reality. As fans know, these are childlike men who will soon be working as a trio to solve, in a bungling way, the problem that confronts them.

Many of the shorts created by the Three Stooges show the basic materials used by other comedians in the 1920s and 1930s. To create a basic situation that was different, the group would take up a variety of occupations: they were waiters, plumbers, salesmen, detectives, soldiers, physicians, and businessmen. And in any of these endeavors, they would botch up the job. Moe, Larry, and Curly also had a relationship that was similar to that used by other comedy teams. Moe Howard, the most durable Stoooge over the years, was a leader of sorts—a low-brow version of Groucho Marx. He also believed he knew more than the others in much the same way Oliver Hardy thought he knew more than Stan Laurel, but Moe had about the same brain power as his comrades. Larry and Curly sometimes served as foils for Moe; they were not merely detractors, they were threats to his assumed leadership. In this sense they worked on a rudimentary level as Chico and Harpo did in their relationship with Groucho. While these relationships are not as clear-cut and consistent as those that existed in the major comedy teams, they indicate the Three Stooges were working on common ground in a way that would appeal to less sophisticated audiences.

While the revival of interest in the Three Stooges was prompted by the 1958 release of many of their shorts to television, it should be realized that theatrical releases of the group's shorts lasted into the late 1950s, ten years after most two-reel comedies had faded from the movie program. The immediate success of the television releases did promote one of their first features in years, the 1959 *Have Rocket, Will Travel*. The features that followed in the 1960s, such as *The Three Stooges Meet Hercules* and *The Three Stooges in Orbit*, were starring vehicles, whereas the features of the 1930s and 1940s were light comedies and musicals that used the group as a minor part in the total films.

The box-office success of the Three Stooges probably assisted in a revival of interest in slapstick comedy such as the high-budget features *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (1963), *The Great Race* (1965), and *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* (1965).

Many of the works of the Marx Brothers, W. C. Fields, Mae West, Laurel and Hardy, and the silent films of Charles Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, and Buster Keaton were revived in the 1960s. As humble as the

humor of the Three Stooges might be, they obviously had a part in a comedy tradition that refused to die.

—Donald McCaffrey

THULIN, Ingrid

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Solleftea, 27 January 1929. **Education:** Studied ballet; then studied at the Royal Dramatic Theater, Stockholm. **Family:** Married 1) Claes Sylwander, 1951; 2) Harry Schein, 1956. **Career:** Stage actress at theaters in Stockholm, Malmö, and other Swedish cities; 1948—film debut in *Känn dej som Hemma*; 1957—first of several films for Ingmar Bergman, *Wild Strawberries*; 1965—first film directed, *Hängivelse*. **Awards:** Best Actress (collectively awarded), Cannes Festival, for *Brink of Life*, 1958; Swedish Golden Bug for Best Actress, for *The Silence*, 1963. **Address:** Kevingestrand 7B, 18231 Danderyd, Sweden.

Films as Actress:

- 1948 *Känn dej som Hemma* (Holmsen); *Dit Vindarna Bär* (Ohberg)
- 1949 *Havets Son* (Husberg); *Kärleken segrar* (*Love Will Conquer*) (Molander)
- 1950 *Hjärter Knekt* (Ekman); *När Kärleken kom till byn* (Mattsson)
- 1951 *Leva på hoppet* (Gentele) (as Yvonne)
- 1952 *Möte med Livet* (Werner); *Kalle Karlsson från Jularbo* (Johansson)
- 1953 *En Skärgårdsnatt* (Logardt); *Goinge hovdingen* (Ohberg)
- 1954 *Två Sköna Juveler* (Huberg); *I Rök och Dans* (Gamlin and Blomgren)
- 1955 *Hoppas!* (Olin); *Danssalongen* (Larsson)
- 1956 *Foreign Intrigue* (Sheldon Reynolds) (as Brita)
- 1957 *Aldrig i livet* (Ragneborn); *Smultronstället* (*Wild Strawberries*) (Bergman) (as Marianne Borg)
- 1958 *Nära livet* (*Brink of Life*; *So Close to Life*) (Bergman) (as Cecilia Elius); *Ansiktet* (*The Face*; *The Magician*) (Bergman) (as Manda Vogler/Aman)
- 1960 *Domaren* (Sjöberg)
- 1962 *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Minnelli) (as Marguerite Laurier); *Agostino* (Bolognini) (as the mother)
- 1963 *Nattvardsgästerna* (*Winter Light*) (Bergman) (as Märta Lundberg); *Tystnaden* (*The Silence*) (Bergman) (as Ester); *Sekstet* (*Sextet*) (Hovmand)
- 1964 *Die Lady* (*Games of Desire*; *Frustration*) (Albin and Berneis) (as Nadine Anderson); *Der Film den Niemand sieht* (Triandafilidis)
- 1965 *Return from the Ashes* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Dr. Michele Wolf)
- 1966 *Nattlek* (*Night Games*) (Zetterling) (as Irene); *La Guerre est finie* (*The War Is Over*; *Kriget är slut*) (Resnais) (as Marianne)
- 1967 *Domani non siamo più qui* (Rondi)
- 1968 *Vargtimmen* (*Hour of the Wolf*) (Bergman) (as Veronica Vogler); *Badarna* (*I, a Virgin*) (Gamlin) (as the cook); *Adelaide* (*Fino a farti male*; *The Depraved*) (Simon) (as Elisabeth Hermann); *Cuore di mamma* (*Mother's Heart*) (Benelli) (as Eloisa)

- 1969 *Riten* (*The Rite*; *The Ritual*) (Bergman—for TV) (as Thea Winkelmann); *La caduta degli dei* (*The Damned*) (Visconti) (as Baroness Sophie von Essenbeck); *Un diablo bajo la Almohada* (Forque)
- 1970 *It Rained All Night the Day I Left* (Gessner)
- 1971 *N. P.* (*N.P.—The Secret*) (Agosti) (as the wife); *Malastrana* (*Corta notte delle bambole di vetro*) (Lado)
- 1972 *Viskningar och rop* (*Cries and Whispers*) (Bergman) (as Karin); *La Sainte famille* (Marchon)
- 1973 *En handfull kärlek* (*A Handful of Love*) (Sjoman)
- 1975 *Mose* (*Moses*; *The Lawgiver*) (de Bosio—for TV) (as Miriam); *Monismanien 1995* (*Monismania 1995*) (Fant); *La Cage* (Granier-Deferre) (as Hélène); *Il viaggio nella vertigini* (De Gregorio)
- 1976 *Salon Kitty* (*Madame Kitty*) (Brass) (title role)
- 1977 *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Elena Stradner)
- 1983 *Le Corsaire* (Giraldi—for TV)
- 1984 *Efter Repetitionen* (*After the Rehearsal*) (Bergman) (as Rakel Egerman)
- 1985 *Freibuter* (Giraldi—for TV)
- 1987 *Il giorno prima* (*Control*) (Montaldo) (as Mrs. Havemeyer); *Orn*
- 1988 *La Casa del sorriso* (*House of Smiles*) (Ferreri)
- 1990 *Faccia di lepre*

Films as Director:

- 1965 *Hängivelse* (short)
- 1978 *En och en* (*One and One*) (co-d with Josephson and Nykvist, + ro as Ylva)
- 1982 *Brusten Himmel* (*Broken Sky*)

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Of all the actresses brought to prominence through the films of Ingmar Bergman, Ingrid Thulin perhaps best exemplifies the cool, blond Swedish beauty who combines sensuality and suffering with Nordic intensity. She first worked with Bergman, who was the artistic director of the Malmö Municipal Theater, after she had trained at the



Ingrid Thulin in *Return from the Ashes*

Royal Dramatic Theater in Stockholm in the late 1940s. In the film *Wild Strawberries*, however, playing the sister-in-law, she made her mark in Swedish cinema and began her long and fruitful career in Bergman's films. She appeared in a variety of roles in his films from 1958 in *Brink of Life*, for which she received an award at Cannes along with Bibi Andersson, to 1972 when she starred with Harriet Andersson and Liv Ullmann in *Cries and Whispers*. Often cast as a mistress (*Winter Light*, *Hour of the Wolf*, *The Rite*), Thulin capitalized on the enigmatic quality of her stunning beauty and her tragic face which conveys a unique combination of pain and pleasure. Her career in Swedish cinema has not been restricted to the films of Bergman, however, and she also has been active in the movies of many other Swedish filmmakers—among them Alf Sjöberg and Mai Zetterling. Particularly noteworthy was her appearance in the latter's *Night Games*.

Ingrid Thulin's international career ranks her among the three great Swedish actresses with Ingrid Bergman and Greta Garbo. While the films in which she has appeared outside Sweden have made uneven use of her talents, her performances in Luchino Visconti's *The Damned* and Alan Resnais's *La Guerre est finie* were marked by brilliance. Especially memorable, because it so movingly captured

her unique style, was her portrayal of Yves Montand's loving and long-suffering wife in the Resnais film. She has acted, but not always very effectively, in a wide variety of other international films—among them a number of Italian productions, as well as Vincente Minnelli's remake of *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*. She has directed the short film *Hängivelse* and the feature *Brusten Himmel*, and co-directed *One on One* with Erland Josephson and Sven Nykvist.

—Charles L. P. Silet

THURMAN, Uma

Nationality: American. **Born:** Uma Karuna Thurman in Boston, Massachusetts, 29 April 1970. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Gary Oldman, 1990 (divorced 1992); 2) the actor Ethan Hawke, 1998, one daughter: Maya Ray Thurman-Hawke. **Education:** Attended the Professional Children's School, New York. **Career:** Began modeling while in high school, mid-1980s; began her screen career at age 17 in



Uma Thurman with Ralph Fiennes in *The Avengers*

the independent production *Kiss Daddy Goodnight*, 1987; made her first notable screen appearance in *Dangerous Liaisons*, 1988. **Awards:** Cognac Festival du Film Policier-Jury Coup de Chapeau, for *Jennifer Eight*, 1992. **Address:** 9057 Nemo Street, #A, Los Angeles, CA 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1987 *Kiss Daddy Goodnight* (Huemer) (as Laura)
- 1988 *Johnny Be Good* (Bud Smith) (as Georgia Elkans); *Dangerous Liaisons* (Frears) (as Cecile de Volanges)
- 1989 *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* (Gilliam) (as Venus/Rose)
- 1990 *Henry & June* (Kaufman) (as June Miller); *Where the Heart Is* (Boorman) (as Daphne)
- 1991 *Robin Hood* (Irvin—for TV) (as Maid Marian)
- 1992 *Final Analysis* (Joanau) (as Diana Baylor); *Jennifer Eight* (Robinson) (as Helena Robertson)
- 1993 *Mad Dog and Glory* (McNaughton) (as Glory)
- 1994 *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (Van Sant) (as Sissy Hankshaw); *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Mia)
- 1995 *A Month by the Lake* (Irvin) (as Miss Beaumont); *The Duke of Groove* (Dunne) (short) (as Maya)

- 1996 *Beautiful Girls* (Ted Demme) (as Andrea); *The Truth about Cats & Dogs* (Michael Lehmann) (as Noelle Slusarsky)
- 1997 *Batman & Robin* (Schumacher) (as Poison Ivy/Dr. Pamela Isley); *Gattaca* (Niccol) (as Irene Cassini)
- 1998 *Les Misérables* (August) (as Fantine); *The Avengers* (Chechik) (as Emma Peel)
- 1999 *Sweet and Lowdown* (Allen) (as Blanche)
- 2000 *The Golden Bowl* (Ivory) (as Charlotte); *Vatel* (Joffe)

Other Films:

- 1997 *Julian Po (The Tears of Julian Po)* (Wade) (for “acknowledged contribution”)

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Uma Thurman is a lanky, thoroughly beguiling actress whose exotic good looks separate her from such all-American beauties as Julia Roberts and Michelle Pfeiffer. After making her screen debut in an obscure independent film (*Kiss Daddy Goodnight*) and appearing to little effect in an atrocious comedy throwaway (*Johnny Be Good*), Thurman established herself in her first important film: Stephen Frears’s savagely witty *Dangerous Liaisons*, made when she was all of 18, in which she plays the seduced virgin Cecile de Volanges. Thurman more than held her own playing opposite a well-seasoned cast (including John Malkovich, Glenn Close, and Pfeiffer). Indeed, in a number of her subsequent roles she specialized in playing defenseless innocents. She was especially good in this capacity in *Jennifer Eight*, in which she has the difficult role of a young blind

woman who just may be the next victim of a serial killer. In one scene, as her character is left alone at a noisy party, Thurman’s face subtly and effectively expresses just the right amount of fear, confusion, and anxiety.

Her early-career characters ooze vulnerability even when they are sexually experienced. In *Mad Dog and Glory*, her role in essence is that of a gift, presented to a reserved crime scene photographer (Robert De Niro) who has saved the life of a mobster (Bill Murray). While the focus of *Henry & June* is on the erotic relationship between the writers Henry Miller (Fred Ward) and Anais Nin (Maria de Medeiros) in early 1930s Paris, Thurman’s June Miller is very much a part of the scenario as she becomes the final link in a three-cornered love affair. In both these films, Thurman is an exhilarating presence, with her characters at once sexually alluring and deeply human. In *Mad Dog and Glory*, she is especially impressive as she interacts with De Niro.

Perhaps Thurman’s most disappointing screen appearance came in Gus Van Sant’s disastrous *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*. She plays a young woman named Sissy Hankshaw, who is “somewhat of a medical oddity” in that she was born with abnormally large thumbs. For years, Sissy has been fulfilling her calling by hitchhiking across America. The crux of the story details her experiences as she encounters a band of lesbian-feminist cowgirl-revolutionaries in a western spa-resort. The film was screened to standing-room-only crowds at the 1993 Toronto Film Festival. Van Sant was not happy with audience reaction, so he took his work back to the editing room. Despite his alterations, critics and audiences remained unenthralled.

Fortunately for Thurman, she escaped unscathed. Her follow-up was the most talked-about film of 1994, and one of the most influential films of the 1990s: Quentin Tarantino’s *Pulp Fiction*. Here, she exchanges vulnerability for outright kookiness and take-charge attitude in her role as Mia, the sexy, flaky wife of a crime lord, who spends an eventful evening in the company of hired gun Vincent Vega (John Travolta). Mia is a character straight out of 1940s film noir, and Thurman gives a deliciously watchable performance, full of clever and outrageous mannerisms. As a result, she earned reams of publicity, and a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination. And in the far more conventional *A Month by the Lake*, set in a totally different time and place, her performance is almost as equally over-the-top. Here she plays Miss Beaumont, a nanny who flirts with a dapper older man (Edward Fox) in a Lake Como, Italy, resort immediately prior to the start of World War II.

In the second half of the 1990s, Thurman has played characters who are coolly sexy (in the sci-fi thriller *Gattaca*); goofy and ditzy (the *Cyrano*-like romantic comedy *The Truth About Cats & Dogs*); sharp, knowing, and much-coveted (the small town slice-of-life/ensemble piece *Beautiful Girls*); and eccentric (Woody Allen’s *Sweet and Lowdown*). And her reputation was not hampered by the less-than-successful *Batman & Robin* (playing the villainous Poison Ivy) and *The Avengers* (as Emma Peel).

All these roles are linked in that they hinge on her looks—and none offered her a character as eye-opening as that of *Pulp Fiction*’s Mia. In *Sweet and Lowdown*, costars Sean Penn and Samantha Morton garnered the good reviews and Oscar nominations; Thurman’s presence mostly was overlooked.

—Rob Edelman

TIERNEY, Gene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gene Eliza Tierney in Brooklyn, New York, 19 November 1920. **Education:** Attended Chateau Brilliantmont, Switzerland; Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Connecticut. **Family:** Married 1) the designer Oleg Cassini, 1941 (divorced 1947; remarried, divorced 1952), two daughters; 2) W. Howard Lee, 1960. **Career:** 1939—Broadway debut in *Mrs. O'Brien Entertains*; 1940—successful role in Broadway play *The Male Animal*; contract with 20th Century-Fox: film debut in *The Return of Frank James*; mid-1950s—voluntarily entered the Institute of Living for depression, and later at the Menninger Clinic; 1960s—made films and appeared on television; 1980—in TV mini-series *Scruples*. **Died:** 6 October 1991.

Films as Actress:

- 1940 *The Return of Frank James* (Fritz Lang) (as Eleanor Stone); *Hudson's Bay* (Pichel) (as Barbara)
- 1941 *Tobacco Road* (Ford) (as Ellie May); *Belle Starr* (Cummings) (title role); *Sundown* (Hathaway) (as Zia)
- 1942 *The Shanghai Gesture* (von Sternberg) (as Poppy Charteris); *Son of Fury* (Cromwell) (as Eve); *Rings on Her Fingers* (Mamouljian) (as Susan Miller/Linda Worthington); *Thunder Birds* (Wellman) (as Kay Saunders); *China Girl* (Hathaway) (as Miss Young)
- 1943 *Heaven Can Wait* (Lubitsch) (as Martha)
- 1944 *Laura* (Preminger and Mamouljian) (title role)



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- 1945 *A Bell for Adano* (King) (as Tina); *Leave Her to Heaven* (Stahl) (as Ellen Berent)
- 1946 *Dragonwyck* (Lubitsch and Mankiewicz) (as Miranda); *The Razor's Edge* (Goulding) (as Isabel Bradley)
- 1947 *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (Mankiewicz) (as Lucy)
- 1948 *The Iron Curtain* (Wellman) (as Anna Gouzenko); *That Wonderful Urge* (Sinclair) (as Sara Farley)
- 1949 *Whirlpool* (Preminger) (as Ann Sutton)
- 1950 *Night and the City* (Dassin) (as Mary Bristol); *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (Preminger) (as Morgan Taylor)
- 1951 *The Mating Season* (Leisen) (as Maggie Carleton); *On the Riviera* (Walter Lang) (as Lilli); *The Secret of Convict Lake* (Gordon) (as Marcia Stoddard); *Close to My Heart* (Keighley) (as Midge Sheridan)
- 1952 *Way of a Gaucho* (Tourneur) (as Teresa); *Plymouth Adventure* (Brown) (as Dorothy Bradford)
- 1953 *Never Let Me Go* (Daves) (as Marya Lamarkina)
- 1954 *Personal Affair* (Pelissier) (as Kay Barlow); *Black Widow* (Johnson) (as Iris); *The Egyptian* (Curtiz) (as Baketamon)
- 1955 *The Left Hand of God* (Dmytryk) (as Ann Scott)
- 1962 *Advise and Consent* (Preminger) (as Dolly Harrison)
- 1963 *Toys in the Attic* (Hill) (as Albertine Prine)
- 1964 *The Pleasure Seekers* (Negulesco)
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Gene Tierney's exquisitely modeled features graced more than 30 feature films over a period of 25 years. As a contract player for Twentieth Century-Fox she was best cast in roles that combined her qualities as a fresh-faced ingenue with elements that hinted at a more enigmatic, possibly sinister exoticism, as in *Laura* or *Leave Her to Heaven*. Tierney seemed least effective when saddled with parts that utilized only one of these traits; unfortunately, this was most often the case. She was fortunate enough to work with the finest directors Fox had under contract: Lang, Ford, Mamoulian, Wellman, Lubitsch, King, Stahl, Mankiewicz. Otto Preminger directed her in four films, including the role with which she is most often identified, *Laura*. In *Laura* Preminger contrasted her persona as an obscure object of desire in an emblematic painting with the radiantly beautiful, yet more conventional woman she proves to be in real life. Earlier, her country slattern in Ford's *Tobacco Road*, South Seas maiden in *Son of Fury*, and corrupted innocent in von Sternberg's *The Shanghai Gesture* (where she was cast as a Eurasian) displayed her more sultry elements, to her disadvantage.

John Stahl's refined melodrama *Leave Her to Heaven* gave Tierney her most complex role and she rose to the occasion, achieving the only Academy Award nomination of her career. As a jealous, possessive woman who destroys anything that comes between her and her husband's attentions, Tierney's placid beauty contrasts with the methodical working out of her psychosis, which involves drowning, miscarriage, and eventual suicide. Though she was touching in *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* and remarkably warm in *Night and the City*, her subsequent "starring" roles were often in support of the male leads, as in *The Iron Curtain* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. Only in Preminger's *Whirlpool* was her masklike calm used to best advantage. Her 1950s and 1960s work is negligible, but she registers as a sympathetic Washington matron in *Advise and Consent*.

—Lee Tsiantis

TRACY, Spencer

Nationality: American. **Born:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 5 April 1900. **Education:** Attended St. Rosa's Parochial School and West Side High School, Milwaukee; Marquette Academy, Milwaukee; Northwestern Military Academy, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Ripon College, Wisconsin, for three semesters; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, graduated 1923. **Family:** Married Louise Treadwell, 1923, son: John, daughter: Susan. **Career:** 1922—stage debut in Theatre Guild's production of *R.U.R.* in New York; on stage in stock in Grand Rapids and Trenton, also in plays on Broadway, including *Yellow*, 1926, *Baby Cyclone*, 1927, and *The Last Mile*, 1930; 1930—feature film debut in *Up the River*; contract with Fox; 1935–55—contract with MGM; 1942—first of a series of films with Katharine Hepburn, *Woman of the Year*; 1945—on Broadway in *The Rugged Path*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *Captains Courageous*, 1937; Best Actor Academy Award for *Boys' Town*, 1938; Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Bad Day at Black Rock*, 1955; Best Actor, British Academy, for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*, 1968. **Died:** 10 June 1967.



Spencer Tracy (left) in *Seventh Cross*

Films as Actor:

- 1930 *Taxi Talks* (short) (as a gunman); *The Hard Guy* (Hurley—short) (as World War I veteran); *Up the River* (Ford) (as St. Louis)
- 1931 *Quick Millions* (Brown) (as "Bugs" Raymond); *Six Cylinder Love* (Freeland) (as William Dontoy); *Goldie* (Stoloff) (as Bill)
- 1932 *She Wanted a Millionaire* (Blystone) (as William Kelly); *Sky Devils* (Sutherland) (as Wilkie); *Disorderly Conduct* (Considine) (as Dick Fay); *Young America* (Borzage) (as Jack Doray); *Society Girl* (Lanfield) (as Briscoe); *The Painted Woman* (Blystone) (as Tom Brian); *Me and My Gal* (Walsh) (as Don Dolan)
- 1933 *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (Curtiz) (as Tom Connors); *The Face in the Sky* (Lachman) (as Joe Buck); *The Power and the Glory* (William K. Howard) (as Tom Garner); *Shanghai Madness* (Blystone) (as Pat Jackson); *The Mad Game* (Cummings) (as Edward Carson); *Man's Castle* (Borzage) (as Bill)
- 1934 *The Show-Off* (Riesner) (as Aubrey Piper); *Bottoms Up* (Butler) (as Smoothie King); *Looking for Trouble* (Wellman) (as Joe Graham); *Now I'll Tell* (Burke) (as Murray Golden); *Marie Galante* (Henry King) (as Crawbett)
- 1935 *It's a Small World* (Cummings) (as Bill Shevlin); *Dante's Inferno* (Lachman) (as Jim Carter); *The Murder Man* (Whelan) (as Steve Gray); *Whipsaw* (Wood) (as Ross McBride)

- 1936 *Riffraff* (Leonard) (as Dutch); *Fury* (Fritz Lang) (as Joe Wheeler); *San Francisco* (Van Dyke) (as Father Mullin); *Libeled Lady* (Conway) (as Haggerty)
- 1937 *They Gave Him a Gun* (Van Dyke) (as Fred); *Captains Courageous* (Fleming) (as Manuel); *The Big City* (Borzage) (as Joe)
- 1938 *Mannequin* (Borzage) (as John L. Hennessey); *Test Pilot* (Fleming) (as Gunner Sloane); *Boys' Town* (Taurog) (as Father Flanagan)
- 1939 *Stanley and Livingston* (Henry King) (as Henry Stanley)
- 1940 *I Take This Woman* (Van Dyke) (as Karl Decker); *Northwest Passage* (King Vidor) (as Major Rogers); *Edison, the Man* (Brown) (title role); *Boom Town* (Conway) (as Square John Sand)
- 1941 *Men of Boys' Town* (Taurog) (as Father Flanagan); *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Fleming) (title role)
- 1942 *Ring of Steel* (Kanin—short) (as narrator); *Woman of the Year* (Stevens) (as Sam Craig); *Tortilla Flat* (Fleming) (as Pilon)
- 1943 *Keeper of the Flame* (Cukor) (as Steven O'Malley); *A Guy Named Joe* (Fleming) (as Pete Sandidge)
- 1944 *Battle Stations* (Kanin—short) (as narrator); *The Seventh Cross* (Zinnemann) (as George Heisler); *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo* (LeRoy) (as Lt. Col. James Doolittle)
- 1945 *Without Love* (Bucquet) (as Pat Jamieson)
- 1947 *The Sea of Grass* (Kazan) (as Jim Brewton); *Cass Timberlane* (Sidney) (title role)
- 1948 *State of the Union* (Capra) (as Grant Matthews)
- 1949 *Edward, My Son* (Cukor) (as Arnold Boulton); *Adam's Rib* (Cukor) (as Adam Bonner)
- 1950 *Malaya* (Thorpe) (as Carnahan); *Father of the Bride* (Minnelli) (as Stanley Banks)
- 1951 *Father's Little Dividend* (Minnelli) (as Stanley Banks); *The People against O'Hara* (John Sturges) (as James Curtayne)
- 1952 *Pat and Mike* (Cukor) (as Mike Conovan); *The Plymouth Adventure* (Brown) (as Captain Christopher Jones)
- 1953 *The Actress* (Cukor) (as Clinton Jones)
- 1954 *Broken Lance* (Dmytryk) (as Matt Deveraux); *Bad Day at Black Rock* (John Sturges) (as John McReedy)
- 1956 *The Mountain* (Dmytryk) (as Zachary Teller)
- 1957 *The Desk Set* (Walter Lang) (as Richard)
- 1958 *The Old Man and the Sea* (John Sturges) (title role); *The Last Hurrah* (Ford) (as Frank Skeffington)
- 1960 *Inherit the Wind* (Kramer) (as Henry Drummond)
- 1961 *The Devil at Four O'Clock* (LeRoy) (as Father Matthew Doonan); *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Judge Dan Haywood)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway, Ford, and Marshall) (as narrator); *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (Kramer) (as Captain C. G. Culpeper)
- 1967 *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* (Kramer) (as Matt Drayton)

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Few actors on the American screen have enjoyed a stardom as sustained and respected as Spencer Tracy's. His roles were wide ranging, the films that contained them generically diverse. He appeared in gangster films, screwball comedies, Westerns, biographies, and romantic adventures. He played seamen, airmen, journalists, lawyers, judges, politicians, and priests. His characters included society's victims and, occasionally, its victimizers—sometimes both at the same time, as in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. But even when he portrayed ruthless conniving men, Tracy exuded a rugged self-confidence that seemed to etch facets central to the American spirit. He had no airs, on-screen or off. Perhaps because his average looks and chunky frame denied him the romantic casting opportunities available to his more urbane contemporaries, William Powell and Clark Gable, he remained a character actor masquerading as a star.

Tracy's most vivid roles suggest a pragmatic if accidental blending of James Stewart's all-American affability and basic decency with the roguish Irish pugnacity of James Cagney. Although his more mean-spirited characters generally come to their moral senses before the final fadeout, Tracy's delight in depicting comic chicanery

(*Libeled Lady*, *Adam's Rib*, *The Last Hurrah*, and *It's a Mad . . . World*) and savage revenge (*Murder Man*, *Sea of Grass*, and, notably, *Fury*) contradict the notion that he was primarily a player of paragons, such as Father Flanagan in *Boys' Town* and *Edison the Man*.

Arguably Tracy's most atypical role was the aforementioned *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In contrast to John Barrymore and Fredric March, who had played the dual roles in previous versions, Tracy donned little makeup for his Hyde. His was a more psychological approach. For many, including the critics, the subtlety of it all did not work. Reportedly author Somerset Maugham once visited the set and commented, "Which is he now? Jekyll or Hyde." At the height of his fame, and his alcoholism, the always-insecure Tracy would often disappear from the set for days, have to be tracked and persuaded to come back. He remained ashamed of his performance in the film to the end of his life. While perhaps not ranking with the best of his career, it was polished and professional and has worn quite well over the years. One suspects that the hostility with which it was greeted at the time had much to do with critic and audience expectations, and with Tracy's having been cast so firmly against type, a problem that does not seem to arise for viewers today.

Most enduringly of all, however, Tracy will be remembered for his legendary partnership with Katharine Hepburn, with whom he maintained an offscreen relationship for 25 years and co-starred in seven MGM films. Three of them (*Keeper of the Flame* and, memorably, *Adam's Rib* and *Pat and Mike*) were directed by George Cukor, who once characterized their improbable alliance: "They were a very amusing combination. She says that he helped her very much and he didn't spare her, you know. If he thought she was grandiose, he could be terribly funny about her. She talked in a certain elegant way and there was nothing la-di-da about him so, chemically, they were very amusing together." Those personality contrasts provided ore for their best film pairings. In *Woman of the Year*, *Adam's Rib*, and *Pat and Mike* a progressive battle of the sexes is fought to a sparkling standoff as Tracy's plain dealing, cynical men defend their turf against Hepburn's competitive incursions. Together, they Americanized the Restoration comedy of manners.

—Mark W. Estrin, updated by John McCarty

TRAVOLTA, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Englewood, New Jersey, 18 February 1954. **Education:** Attended Dwight Morrow High School. **Family:** Married Kelly Preston (1991); son: Jett. **Career:** In Actors Studio workshop production of *Who'll Save the Plowboy?*, 1966; as teenager, appeared in summer stock, supper club productions, and commercials, late 1960s-early 1970s; made off-Broadway debut in *Rain*; toured with the musical *Grease*, 1973; made Broadway debut in musical *Over Here!*, 1974; made film debut in *The Devil's Rain*, 1975; appeared on TV series *Welcome Back, Kotter*, 1975-77; won instant screen stardom starring in *Saturday Night Fever*, 1977; made screen comeback in *Pulp Fiction*, 1994. **Awards:** National Board of Review award for Best Actor, Academy Award nomination for Best

Actor, and Golden Globe nomination for Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy, for *Saturday Night Fever*, 1977; Golden Globe nomination for Best Motion Picture Actor-Musical/Comedy, for *Grease*, 1978; Academy Award nomination for Best Actor, British Academy Award nomination for Best Leading Actor, Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role, Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama, London Critics Circle Award as Actor of the Year, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for Best Actor, Stockholm Film Festival award for Best Actor, for *Pulp Fiction*, 1994; Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, for *Get Shorty*, 1995; Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Comedy/Musical, for *Primary Colors*, 1998. **Address:** 12522 Moorpark Street, #109, Studio City, CA 91604, U.S.A.

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- 1976 *Carrie* (De Palma) (as Billy Nolan); *The Boy in the Plastic Bubble* (Kleiser—for TV) (as Tod Lubitch)
- 1977 *Saturday Night Fever* (Badham) (as Tony Manero)
- 1978 *Moment by Moment* (Wagner) (as Strip); *Grease* (Kleiser) (as Danny Zuko)
- 1980 *Urban Cowboy* (Bridges) (as Bud)
- 1981 *Blow Out* (De Palma) (as Jack)
- 1983 *Staying Alive* (Stallone) (as Tony Manero); *Two of a Kind* (Herzfeld) (as Zack)
- 1985 *Perfect* (Bridges) (as Adam)
- 1987 *The Dumb Waiter* (Basements, *The Room*) (Altman—for TV) (as Ben)
- 1989 *The Experts* (Thomas) (as Travis); *Look Who's Talking* (Heckerling) (as James Ubriacco)
- 1990 *Look Who's Talking Too* (Heckerling) (as James Ubriacco)
- 1991 *Shout* (Hornaday) (as Jack Cabe); *Chains of Gold* (Holcomb—for TV, produced 1989) (as Scott Barnes)
- 1992 *Boris and Natasha: The Movie* (Smith—for TV) (as Himself)
- 1993 *Look Who's Talking Now* (Ropelewski) (as James Ubriacco); *Eyes of an Angel* (*The Tender*) (Harmon—produced in 1990) (as Bobby)
- 1994 *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Vincent Vega)
- 1995 *Get Shorty* (Sonnenfeld) (as Chili Palmer); *White Man's Burden* (Nakano) (as Louis Pinnock)
- 1996 *Broken Arrow* (Woo) (as Vic Deakins); *Phenomenon* (Turteltaub) (as George Malley); *Michael* (Ephron) (as Michael)
- 1997 *She's So Lovely* (Cassavetes) (as Joey, + exec pr); *Face/Off* (Woo) (as Sean Archer/Castor Troy); *Mad City* (Costa-Gavras) (as Sam Bailly)
- 1998 *Welcome to Hollywood* (Markes, Rifkin) (as Himself); *Primary Colors* (Nichols) (as Gov. Jack Stanton); *The Thin Red Line* (Malick) (as Brig. Gen. Quintard); *A Civil Action* (Zaillian) (as Jan Schlichtmann)
- 1999 *Forever Hollywood* (Glassman, McCarthy) (as Himself); *The General's Daughter* (West) (as Warrant Officer Paul Brenner)



John Travolta (right) and Nicolas Cage in *Face/Off*

2000 *Battlefield Earth* (Christian) (as Terl); *Lucky Numbers* (Ephron)
(as Russ Richards)
2001 *Swordfish* (Sena)

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It might be argued that no other actor in the history of motion pictures enjoyed the kind of career renaissance experienced by John Travolta in 1994. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he was a red-hot commodity in Hollywood, as the star of the enormously popular *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*. Over the years, however, his career had faltered; before being cast in Quentin Tarantino’s *Pulp Fiction*, he was considered a has-been. Despite his appearance in the popular comedy *Look Who’s Talking* and its two sequels, Travolta could not buy a prestige part. In fact, a number of his films even were released directly to video, quite an embarrassment for a star of his stature. But *Pulp Fiction*, one of the most talked-about movies of its year—and most influential films of its era—jump-started his career. For a second time, Travolta found himself atop the A-list of Hollywood stars.

Travolta earned his initial mainstream stardom as Vinnie Barbarino on the television situation comedy *Welcome Back, Kotter*. Teen girls swooned over him, he became a hot new sex symbol—and he was destined to be spared the fate of innumerable other television phenoms who eventually fade into oblivion. Actors who come to stardom in television series often are unable to surmount the public’s perception of them in their series role. For this reason, they cannot find work once their shows leave the air. Fortunately for Travolta, he was able to play an extension of Barbarino in his role as disco dancing Tony Manero in

Saturday Night Fever, the film that earned him an Oscar nomination and won him his big-screen fame. The actor’s Brooklyn Italian-American street-boy attitude further endeared him to (mostly female) moviegoers, and his fancy moves on the dance floor almost single-handedly helped popularize the disco craze of the late 1970s. In fact, Travolta-as-Tony Manero became one of the icons of 1970s pop culture. He is as representative of the era as Bogie’s Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe are mirrors of the film noirish 1940s, or as Dustin Hoffman’s Benjamin Braddock reflects the late 1960s.

Travolta followed *Saturday Night Fever* with another tailor-made screen role: Danny Zuko in *Grease*. The popular musical, a nostalgia piece which fondly looks back on 1950s rock ‘n’ roll culture, was an ideal property for Travolta, allowing him to dance as impressively as in *Saturday Night Fever* and play yet another Barbarino clone. He also gave impressive performances in two other films: *Urban Cowboy* (which unfortunately failed at the box office), cast as a mechanical bull-riding hard hat; and *Blow Out*, Brian De Palma’s variation of Antonioni’s *Blow-Up*, playing a sound-effects man who inadvertently becomes involved in a murder scenario.

Travolta’s celluloid successes, however, were destined to be outweighed by his misfires. In 1978, one year after *Saturday Night Fever* and the same year as *Grease*, he co-starred with Lily Tomlin in the dreadful *Moment by Moment*. Through the potentially interesting pairing of Travolta and Tomlin, the film confronts a number of social taboos: the older woman/younger man syndrome; the relationship between a rich woman and poor man; and, above all else, gender reversal. But the film proved a shallow, forced attempt at a feminist declaration. Even if *Moment by Moment* had been artistically successful, it would not have advanced Travolta’s career. In *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*, he is the macho male, the focus of attention. In *Moment by Moment*, he plays the passive leading role, that of Strip, a drifter-beach bum. Tomlin is the dominant partner, with Travolta the object of desire, and he expresses markedly “feminine” characteristics such as vulnerability, sensitivity, and passivity. Travolta’s army of fans had no desire to watch him playing such a role. To add to his misfortune, all of his mid-1980s films—*Staying Alive* (in which he reprises Tony Manero), *Two of a Kind*, and *Perfect*—were downright disasters. By the end of the decade, he was considered a faded star, a view which remained unaltered despite his appearance in *Look Who’s Talking*.

In *Pulp Fiction*, the new John Travolta rose like a phoenix from its ashes. In the film, he at once redesigned his on-screen personality and revived his career. Travolta plays ultracool hitman Vincent Vega, who converses memorably with his criminal cohort (Samuel L. Jackson) and his employer’s wife (Uma Thurman). In *Pulp Fiction*, Travolta was one of an ensemble; his role as Vega was as important to the story as any one of a half-dozen other characters, and his Oscar nomination as Best Actor easily might have been in the Supporting Actor category. But in his follow-up, *Get Shorty*, he most decidedly was the star of the show. He plays Chili Palmer, another hip thug, a loan shark who loves old movies and ends up hustling his way into the film industry. In *Get Shorty*, Travolta solidified the fame he had re-won in *Pulp Fiction*.

He next appeared as unlucky, inarticulate factory worker Louis Pinnock in *White Man’s Burden*, a provocative morality tale set in a society in which African Americans are ensconced in the upper classes while whites inhabit the lower economic wrung. While far more artistically successful than *Moment by Moment*, both films are linked as radical departures at pivotal points in Travolta’s career. If

Tony Manero and Danny Zuko are macho and Strip is feminized, Vincent Vega and Chili Palmer are empowered and Louis Pinnock is helpless and victimized.

In the second half of the 1990s Travolta—now ensconced as one of Hollywood's \$15-\$20-million dollar men—has been a prolific screen presence. Travolta has experimented with a variety of roles; he has played military men, heroes and villains, and blue-collar and white-collar types. In all, he has been interesting to watch, even when his scripts fail to match his talent. Travolta did well as an over-the-top bad guy in *Broken Arrow*, playing a rugged, diabolical Air Force aviator who hatches a scheme to steal nuclear weapons and blackmail the government for \$250 million. This was Travolta's first outright villain since his supporting role as a low-class teen in *Carrie*, one of his pre-*Saturday Night Fever* credits. On the other end of the scamp-to-champ scale, Travolta literally played a cherub (albeit an atypical one) in *Michael*, cast as a cigarette-smoking, beer-swilling, sexually active archangel. As a standard-issue sleuth, he is a tenacious army warrant officer investigating a murder in *The General's Daughter*. In *A Civil Action*, he is a slick, ambulance-chasing lawyer who is humanized and humbled while researching an environmental pollution lawsuit. He even played stalwart hero and psychotic villain in the same film: *Face/Off*, in which he is an FBI agent who, via special effects, switches faces with a sadistic terrorist. Extending his Louis Pinnock character, Travolta has played average Joes who find themselves in extraordinary situations. In *Mad City*, he is a dim-witted, recently fired museum security guard who becomes a hostage-taker. In *Phenomenon*, he is another blue-collar type, an auto repair shop proprietor mysteriously transformed into a modern-era Einstein. In contrast, Travolta won the coveted role of an aspiring President of the United States in *Primary Colors*, based on the notorious novel by "Anonymous" (aka Joe Klein). In his rendering of a charismatic, Clintonesque presidential contender, Travolta shows what a fine actor he is.

—original essay by Robin Wood
—updated by Rob Edelman

TREVOR, Claire

Nationality: American. **Born:** Claire Wemlinger in Bensonhurst, Long Island, New York, 8 March 1909 (some sources say 1912). **Education:** Attended high school in Mamaroneck, Long Island; Columbia University, New York; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, for six months. **Family:** Married 1) the producer Clark Andrews, 1938 (divorced 1942); 2) Cylos William Dunsmoore, 1943 (divorced 1947), son: Charles Cylos; 3) the producer Milton Bren, 1948. **Career:** 1929—professional stage debut with Robert Henderson's Repertory Players in Ann Arbor, Michigan; 1930—with Warner Brothers stock company in St. Louis; 1931—summer stock with Hampton Players in Southampton, Long Island; 1932—Broadway debut in *Whistling in the Dark*; 1933–37—contract with Fox: feature film debut in *Life in the Raw*; 1937–40—in radio series *Big Town* with Edward G. Robinson; 1938–43—contract with Warner Brothers; 1947—on Broadway in *The Big Two*; on television from mid-1950s. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *Key Largo*, 1948. **Died:** 8 April 2000.

Films as Actress:

- 1929 two Vitaphone shorts
- 1933 *Life in the Raw* (Louis King); *The Last Trail* (Tinling); *The Mad Game* (Cummings) (as Jane Lee); *Jimmy and Sally* (Tinling) (as Sally Johnson)
- 1934 *Hold That Girl* (MacFadden) (as Tony Bellamy); *Wild Gold* (George Marshall) (as Jerry Jordan); *Baby, Take a Bow* (Lachman) (as Kay Ellison); *Elinor Norton* (MacFadden) (title role)
- 1935 *Spring Tonic* (Bruckman) (as Betty Ingals); *Black Sheep* (Dwan) (as Janette Foster); *Dante's Inferno* (Lachman) (as Betty McWade); *Beauty's Daughter* (Dwan)
- 1936 *My Marriage* (Archainbaud) (as Carol Barton); *The Song and Dance Man* (Dwan) (as Julia Carroll); *Human Cargo* (Dwan) (as Bonnie Brewster); *To Mary—With Love* (Cromwell) (as Kitty Brant); *Star for a Night* (Seiler) (as Nina Lind); *15 Maiden Lane* (Dwan) (as Jane Martin); *Career Woman* (Seiler) (as Carroll Aiken); *Navy Wife* (Dwan) (as Vicky Blake)
- 1937 *Time Out for Romance* (St. Clair) (as Barbara Blanchard); *King of Gamblers* (Florey) (as Dixie); *One Mile from Heaven* (Dwan) (as Lucy "Tex" Warren); *Dead End* (Wyler) (as Francie); *Second Honeymoon* (Walter Lang) (as Marcia); *Big Town Girl* (Werker) (as Fay Loring)
- 1938 *Walking Down Broadway* (Norman Foster) (as Joan Bradley); *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse* (Litvak) (as Jo Keller); *Valley of the Giants* (Keighley) (as Lee Roberts); *Five of a Kind* (Leeds) (as Christine Nelson)
- 1939 *Stagecoach* (Ford) (as Dallas); *I Stole a Million* (Tuttle) (as Laura Benson); *Allegheny Uprising* (Seiter) (as Janie)
- 1940 *Dark Command* (Walsh) (as Mary McCloud)
- 1941 *Texas* (George Marshall) (as "Mike" King); *Honky Tonk* (Conway) (as "Gold Dust" Nelson)
- 1942 *Crossroads* (Conway) (as Michelle Allain); *Street of Chance* (Hively) (as Ruth Dillon); *The Adventures of Martin Eden* (Salkow) (as Connie Dawson)
- 1943 *The Desperadoes* (Carson) (as Countess Maletta); *Good Luck, Mr. Yates* (Enright) (as Ruth Yates); *The Woman of the Town* (Archainbaud) (as Dora Hand)
- 1944 *Murder, My Sweet* (*Farewell, My Lovely*) (Dmytryk) (as Mrs. Grayle)
- 1945 *Johnny Angel* (Marin) (as Lilah)
- 1946 *Crack-Up* (Reis) (as Terry Cordeau); *The Bachelor's Daughters* (*Bachelor Girls*) (Andrew L. Stone) (as Cynthia)
- 1947 *Born to Kill* (*Lady of Deceit*) (Wise) (as Helen Trent)
- 1948 *Raw Deal* (Anthony Mann) (as Pat); *Key Largo* (Huston) (as Gaye Dawn); *The Velvet Touch* (Gage) (as Marion Webster); *The Babe Ruth Story* (Del Ruth) (as Claire Hodgson)
- 1949 *The Lucky Stiff* (Lewis R. Foster) (as Marguerite Seaton)
- 1950 *Borderline* (Seiter) (as Madeleine Haley)
- 1951 *Best of the Badmen* (William D. Russell) (as Lily Fowler); *Hard, Fast, and Beautiful* (Lupino) (as Milly Farley)
- 1952 *Hoodlum Empire* (Kane) (as Connie Williams); *My Man and I* (Wellman) (as Mrs. Ansel Ames); *Stop, You're Killing Me* (Del Ruth) (as Nora Marko)
- 1953 *The Stranger Wore a Gun* (De Toth) (as Josie Sullivan)



Claire Trevor with John Wayne in *Stagecoach*

- 1954 *The High and the Mighty* (Wellman) (as May Hoist)
- 1955 *Man without a Star* (King Vidor) (as Idonee); *Lucy Gallant* (Oil Town) (Parrish) (as Lady MacBeth)
- 1956 *The Mountain* (Dmytryk) (as Marie)
- 1958 *Marjorie Morningstar* (Rapper) (as Rose Morgenstern)
- 1962 *Two Weeks in Another Town* (Minnelli) (as Clara Kruger)
- 1963 *The Stripper* (Schaffner) (as Helen Baird)
- 1965 *How to Murder Your Wife* (Quine) (as Edna)
- 1967 *Capetown Affair* (Webb)
- 1982 *Kiss Me Goodbye* (Mulligan) (as Charlotte Banning)
- 1987 *Breaking Home Ties* (John Wilder—for TV) (as Grace)

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In the early 1930s, Claire Trevor was one of the “Broadway Imports” to the film colony in the rush to find actors who were capable of performing in talking pictures. She studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, worked briefly on Broadway, and appeared in Vitaphone shorts before being signed to a contract with Twentieth Century-Fox. Unfortunately, her stay there was not marked

by any great distinction, and she found herself typecast as assorted bad girls in a slew of unmemorable B films. Her presence in *Dead End* (made on loan to Samuel Goldwyn), with Sylvia Sidney, Joel McCrea, Humphrey Bogart, and the Dead End Kids, was the exception, rather than rule, of her early career.

Trevor was destined never to become a star. Indeed, in a 1983 *Films in Review* interview, she explained that she was unwilling to deal with the pressures that stardom demanded, and was content to acquit herself in subsidiary roles. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, the quality of her films increased, and she was never better than when playing hard-bitten women on the periphery of society. Perhaps her two greatest roles are the no-nonsense yet understanding prostitute opposite John Wayne's Ringo Kid in John Ford's *Stagecoach*, and the tough mistress of Edward G. Robinson in John Huston's *Key Largo*. She also appeared with Wayne in *Allegheny Uprising*, *Dark Command*, and *The High and the Mighty*, and had showy roles in *Street of Chance*, *Murder, My Sweet*, and *Hard, Fast, and Beautiful*. Her career continued apace until the mid-1950s, at which point she semiretired.

From then on, Trevor only appeared sporadically on screen. Her last theatrical film, a Sally Field/James Caan vehicle called *Kiss Me Goodbye*, received bad reviews, yet she—ever so typically—won enthusiastic personal notices.

—Joseph Arkins, updated by Rob Edelman

TRINTIGNANT, Jean-Louis

Nationality: French. **Born:** Port-St. Esprit, 11 December 1930. **Education:** Studied law to age 20; studied acting with Charles Dullin and Tatania Balacgova. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Stéphane Audran, 1954 (divorced); 2) Nadine Marquand (i.e., the director Nadine Trintignant), 1960, one son and two daughters (one deceased), including the actress Marie Trintignant. **Career:** 1951—stage debut; 1955—film debut in *Si tous les gars du monde*; 1956–59—military service; 1966—“rediscovered” after role in *Un Homme et une femme*; 1972—directed the film *Une Journée bien remplie*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Berlin Festival, for *L'Homme qui ment*, 1968; Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *Z*, 1969. **Agent:** c/o Artmédia, 10 av George V, 75008 Paris, France.

Films as Actor:

- 1955 *Si tous les gars du monde* (*If All the Guys in the World; Race for Life*) (Christian-Jaque) (as Jean-Louis)
- 1956 *Et Dieu créa la femme* (*And God Created Woman*) (Vadim) (as Michel); *La Loi des rues* (Habib); *Club de femmes* (Habib)
- 1959 *Estate violenta* (*Violent Summer*) (Zurlini) (as Carlo); *Les Liaisons dangereuses* (Vadim) (as Danceny)
- 1960 *Austerlitz* (Gance and Richebé); *Le Cœur battant* (*The French Game*) (Doniol-Valcroze) (as François); *La Millième Fenêtre* (Menegoz) (as Georges)
- 1961 *Plains feux sur l'assassin* (Franju) (as Jean-Marie); *Le Combat dans l'île* (*Fire and Ice*) (Cavalier) (as Clement); *Le Jeu de la vérité* (Hossein) (as Guy); *L'Antinea* (*L'Atlantide; Journey beneath the Desert; The Lost Kingdom*) (Ulmer and Masini) (as Pierre)
- 1962 “La Luxure” ep. of *Les Sept Péchés capitaux* (*The Seven Capital Sins*) (Demy) (as Paul); *Il sorpasso* (*The Easy Life*) (Risi) (as Roberto Mariani); *Horace '62* (Versini) (as Joseph)
- 1963 *Il successo* (Morassi) (as Sergio); *Château en Suède* (*Nutty Naughty Chateau*) (Vadim) (as Eric)
- 1964 *Mata-Hari, Agent H21* (Richard) (as Capt. François Lassalle); *Les Pas perdus* (Robin) (as Georges); *Merveilleuse Angélique* (Borderie) (as the poet)
- 1965 *Compartiment tueurs* (*The Sleeping Car Murders*) (Costa-Gavras) (as Eric); *La Bonne Occase* (Drach); *Un Jour à Paris* (short); *Fragilité, ton nom est femme* (short); “La donna che vive va sola” ep. of *Io uccido, tu uccidi* (Puccini)
- 1966 *Le Dix-septième Ciel* (Korber) (as François); *La Longue Marche* (Astruc) (as Philippe); *Paris brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément) (as Serge); *Un Homme et une femme* (*A Man and a Woman*) (Lelouch) (as Jean-Louis Duroc); *Safari diamants* (Drach) (as Raphael)
- 1967 *Col cuore in gola* (*With Baited Breath; Deadly Sweet*) (Brass) (as Bernard); *Trans-Europ Express* (Robbe-Grillet) (as Elias/himself); *Un Homme à abattre* (*A Man to Kill*) (Condroyer) (as Raphael); *La morte, la fatto, l'uovo* (*Plucked; A Curious Way to Love*) (Questi) (as Marco); *Mon amour, mon amour* (Nadine Trintignant) (as Vincent)
- 1968 *Les Biches* (*The Does*) (Chabrol) (as Paul Thomas); *Z* (Costa-Gavras) (as the magistrate)
- 1969 *Le Voleur de crimes* (Nadine Trintignant) (as Jean); *Metti, una sera a cena* (*The Love Circle; One Night at Dinner*) (Griffi) (as Michele); *Ma nuit chez Maud* (*My Night at Maud's*) (Rohmer) (as Jean-Louis); *La matriarca* (*The Libertine*) (Campanile) (as Dr. De Marchi); *L'Homme qui ment* (*Shock Troops; The Man Who Lies*) (Robbe-Grillet) (as Boris Varissa); *Il grande silenzio* (Corbucci); *L'Opium et le bâton* (Rachedi); *Così dolce così perversa* (Lenzi)
- 1970 *L'Américain* (Bozzuffi) (as Bruno); *Le Voyou* (*The Crook*) (Lelouch) (as Simon); *Il conformista* (*The Conformist*) (Bertolucci) (as Marcello)
- 1971 *L'Homme au cerveau greffé* (Doniol-Valcroze); *La Course du lièvre à travers les champs* (*And Hope to Die*) (Clément) (as Froggy); *Sans mobile apparent* (*Without Apparent Motive*) (Labro) (as Detective Carella)
- 1972 *L'Attentat* (*Plot; The French Conspiracy*) (Boisset) (as Darien)
- 1973 *Un Homme est mort* (*The Outside Man*) (Deray) (as Lucien); *Defense de savoir* (*Forbidden to Know*) (Nadine Trintignant) (as Laubre); *Le Train* (Granier-Deferre) (as Meyereu)
- 1974 *Les Violons du bal* (Drach) (as Michel); *Le Secret* (*The Secret*) (Enrico) (as David); *Le Mouton enragé* (*Love at the Top*) (Deville) (as Nicholas); *L'Escapade* (Soutter) (as Ferdinand); *Le Jeu avec le feu* (*Playing with Fire*) (Robbe-Grillet) (as Frantz)
- 1975 *Le Voyage de noces* (Nadine Trintignant) (as Paul); *L'Agression* (*Act of Aggression*) (Pirès) (as Paul Varlin); *Flic Story* (Deray) (as Buisson); *Il pleut sur Santiago* (Soto) (as the Senator); *La donna della domenica* (*The Sunday Woman*) (Comencini) (as Massimo)
- 1976 *Les Passagers* (Leroy) (as Alex)
- 1977 *Il deserto dei Tartari* (*The Desert of the Tartars*) (Zurlini) (as the doctor)
- 1978 *L'Argent des autres* (*Other People's Money*) (du Chalonge) (as Rainier); *Repérages* (*Faces of Love*) (Soutter) (as Victor)

- 1980 *La Banquière* (Girod) (as Horance Vannister); *Je vous aime (I Love All of You)* (Berri)
- 1981 *Malevil* (du Chalonge) (as Rulbert); *Passion d'amore (Passion of Love)* (Scola) (as the doctor); *Eaux profondes* (Deville) (as Victor)
- 1982 *Colpa al cuore (Blow to the Heart)* (Amelio—for TV); *Boulevard des assassins* (Tioulang); *Le Grand Pardon* (Arcady)
- 1983 *Le Bon Plaisir* (Girod) (as the president); *Under Fire* (Spottiswoode) (as Jazy); *La Nuit de Varennes* (Scola) (as Monsieur Sauce); *Vivement dimanche! (Confidentially Yours; Finally, Sunday)* (Truffaut) (as Julien Vercel); *La Crime (Cover-Up)* (Labro) (as Christian Lacassagne)
- 1984 *Viva la vie!* (Lelouch) (as François Gaucher); *Partir, revenir (Going and Coming Back)* (Lelouch) (as Roland Rivière); *Femmes de personne* (Frank) (as Gilquin)
- 1985 *L'Été prochaine (Next Summer)* (Nadine Trintignant) (as Paul); *L'Homme aux yeux d'argent* (Granier-Deferre) (as Inspector Mayene); *Rendez-vous* (Téchiné) (as Scrutzler); *Sortuz egy fekete bivalyert* (Laszlo Szabo) (as Fodo the Teacher)
- 1986 *La Femme de ma vie* (Wargnier) (as Pierre); *Un Homme et une femme: vingt ans déjà (A Man and a Woman: 20 Years Later)* (Lelouch) (as Jean-Louis Duroc); *Quinzième août* (Garcia)
- 1987 *Le Moustachu* (Chaussois) (as the general); *La Vallée fantôme* (Tanner) (as Paul)
- 1989 *Bunker Palace Hotel* (Bilal) (as Holm); *Pour un oui ou pour un non* (Doillon)
- 1991 *Merci la vie (Thanks for Life)* (Blier) (as S.S. officer)
- 1993 *L'Instinct de l'Ange* (as the colonel)
- 1994 *Regarde les hommes tomber (See How They Fall)* (Audiard) (as Marx); *Trzy Kolory: Czerwony (Red; Rouge)* (Kieślowski) (as Judge Joseph Kern); *Ernesto Che Chuevara: Das bolivianische Tagebuch* (Dindo—doc) (as narrator of French version)
- 1995 *Fiesta* (Pierre Boutron) (as Masagual); *La Cite des Enfants Perdus (The City of Lost Children)* (Jeunet and Caro) (as voice of Irvin)
- 1996 *Les Bidochons* (Serge Korber); *C'est jamais loin* (Centonze); *Un héros très discret* (Audiard) (as old Albert Dehousse); *Tykho Moon* (Bilal)
- 1998 *Ceux qui m'aiment prendront le train (Those Who Love Me Can Take the Train)* (Chéreau) (as Lucien/Jean-Baptiste)

Films as Director:

- 1972 *Une Journée bien remplie* (A Well-Filled Day)
- 1979 *Le Maître nageur*

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After training in Paris under Charles Dullin, Jean-Louis Trintignant appeared in theatrical repertory before making his film debut in a maritime drama, *Si tous les gars du monde*. In a career closely associated with the French New Wave and with Italian productions, he has achieved distinction in romantic, comic, and dramatic parts but especially in his portrayal of psychologically disturbed characters.

Slight in build with limpid eyes and pale complexion, he projected a romantic image defined by gentleness, diffidence, and vulnerability. In *Et Dieu créa la femme*, he established himself as the kind, unassertive deceived husband, and roles as the vulnerable, inexperienced male followed. In *Estate violenta*, he played the innocent youth seduced by a knowing female, in *Les Liaisons dangereuses* a too-trusting Danceny, in *La Matriarca* a shy doctor initiated into eroticism by a widowed patient, and in *Les Biches* a compliant male for two lesbians. His wittiest exploration of the insecure, morally confused male character came in *Ma nuit chez Maud* as an upright Catholic offered, but not recognizing, sexual opportunity.

Romantic comedy roles came in *Le Coeur battant* and *Le Dix-Septième Ciel*, and in two Italian productions: *Metti, una sera a cena*, as the seductive playwright, and *Passion d'amore*, as the doctor counseling lovesick patients. For Franju he was the romantic lead in *Pleins Feux sur l'assassin*, for Vadim he appeared in *Château en Suède*, and for Lelouch in *Le Voyou* and *Viva la vie*. More serious studies of romantic involvement are found in *Le Train*, where against the setting of the Nazi occupation he falls in love with a fleeing Jewess, played by Romy Schneider, and in Nadine Trintignant's study of an affair in *Mon amour, mon amour*. His most memorable romantic part, however, came in *Un Homme et une femme*, where, partnered with Anouk Aimée, he gave a sensitive but unsentimental performance as the widowed racing driver learning to love again. The two actors were reunited by Lelouch for an unusually late and unmemorable sequel, *Un Homme et une Femme: vingt ans déjà*.

Trintignant's taut and impassively cryptic acting style has suited films dealing with crime, political intrigue, war, or espionage. After an engaging performance as a juvenile criminal in *La Loi des rues*, he was the fascist thug of *Le Combat dans l'île*, the murderer's accomplice in *Compartment tueurs*, the Frenchman Froggy in Clément's thriller *La Course du lièvre à travers les champs*, and the bored parachutist choosing crime in *Safari-Diamants*. Variations within the detective genre brought roles as Inspector Carella in *Sans mobile apparent*, the disquieting investigator in *Glissements progressifs du plaisir*, and a detective remorselessly pursuing his colleague's killers in *L'Homme aux yeux d'argent*, while as Paul Varlin in *Agression* and Julien Vercel in *Vivement Dimanche!* he turns investigator to establish his innocence.

Roles in war films have included that of Captain François Lassalle in the spy drama *Mata-Hari*, Serge in the liberation spectacle *Paris brûle-t-il?*, the resolute but fallible Resistance leader Philippe in *La Longue Marche*, and, in his first American film, the French spy Jazy working for the CIA in *Under Fire*. In political thrillers he has been a venal left-wing journalist duped by the authorities in *L'Attentat*, the infamous dictator Rulbert in *Malevil*, and the left-wing intellectual implicated in terrorism in *Colpe al cuore*. It was in *Z*, however, that he had his most commanding role as the principled examining magistrate who refuses to bow to political pressures.

In roles as persecuted individuals he was impressive in *Les Violons du bal* as the Jew recalling his boyhood in Nazi France and *Les Passagers* as the increasingly distraught man pursued by a murderous rival, and, in another psychological thriller, *Un Homme est mort*, as a frightened amateur killer tangling with ruthless professionals.

Trintignant's particular strength, however, is depicting the inadequate, sexually depraved, actively or passively aggressive male. In *Trans-Europ Express*, he exteriorized sadistic fantasies with a prostitute; in *La morte, la fatto, l'uovo*, he acted out Jack the Ripper obsessions at a brothel; in *L'Homme qui ment*, he was a pathological liar; and in *Le Voleur de crimes*, directed by his wife Nadine, he was a fantasist claiming homicidal responsibility for a suicide. More actively vicious roles came in *Le Mouton enragé*, as the timid bank clerk turned cynical womanizer. In *Le Secret*, he was a murderous paranoiac; in *Flic Story*, a psychopathic killer; in *La Banquière*, he displayed a chilling Machiavellianism; in *Eaux profondes*, he was the viciously perverse husband; while in *Rendez-vous* and *L'Été prochaine* he was unscrupulously manipulative. His finest portrayal of an essentially immature and inadequate individual came in *Il conformista* as Marcello Clerici, the guilt-ridden sycophantic homosexual fascist, masterfully depicted with his self-consciously studied movements and his thin, self-absorbed smile.

Recent films have confirmed a growing diversity in Trintignant's roles. In *La Vallée fantôme*, he is seen as a filmmaker seeking inspiration and reflecting on his art; in the black comedy *Le Moustachu*, he appears as a grotesque secret service chief investigating infiltration; in the cartoon-styled science-fiction *Bunker Palace Hotel*, he appeared as the disconcerting, shaven-headed Holm; while in *La Femme de ma vie*, he gave a critically acclaimed performance as a reformed alcoholic helping a fellow victim.

Trintignant's most widely seen later-career performance came in *Red*, the final installment in Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Trois Couleurs* trilogy, playing an embittered, reclusive retired judge, a man on the edge of old age. On occasion, the judge peeps in on his neighbors through the window. More often, via the wonders of modern technology, he listens in on their telephone conversations. The judge,

ultimately, is grappling with the moral implications that have deeply rattled his soul. How have his many guilty-or-innocent verdicts affected the lives of those he was empowered to judge? How have his own prejudices and moods affected his ability to judge impartially? Trintignant convincingly peels away the layers of this character, as he reveals himself to the young woman with whom he has come in contact.

Trintignant's spare, undemonstrative acting style has lent itself well to comic understatement, to seeming diffidence or innocence in romantic roles, but most powerfully to the depiction of repressed or dangerously unbalanced individuals given to private fantasies. The interiority of these characters is conveyed through noted idiosyncrasy and telling mannerisms so that they are gradually established as powerful screen presences.

—R. F. Cousins, updated by Rob Edelman

TSUKASA, Yoko

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Yoko Shoji in Sakai-minato City, 20 August 1934. **Education:** Studied home economics at the Kyoritsu Women's Junior College, was graduated in 1954. **Family:** Married Eisuke Aizawa, 1969. **Career:** 1954—secretary for Shin-Nihon Broadcast Company, Osaka; also a model; 1954—film debut in *Kimi shinitamoukoto nakare*; then worked for Toho Studio; acted on television from the mid-1960s, and on stage from the mid-1970s. **Awards:** Japan Mainichi Eiga Concourse, Kinema Juappo Award, and Tokyo Blue Ribbon, all 1966. **Address:** 7-10-3 Seijo, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Films as Actress:

- 1954 *Kimi shinitamoukoto nakare* (Maruyama) (as Kumiko)
- 1955 *Tenka taihei*; *Yuki no honoo*; *Fumetsu no nekkyu* (Suzuki); *33-go-sha oto nashi* (Taniguchi); *Oensan*; *Hatsukoi san-nin masuko* (Aoyagi); *Ai no rekishi*; *Meoto zenzai* (Toyoda); *Kuchizuke*; *Ni-wa, kaettekita wakadanna* (Aoyogi)
- 1956 *Hesokuri shacho* (Chiba); *Hanayome kaigi* (Aoyogi); *Chiemi no hatsukoi chaccha musume* (Aoyogi); *Mogotona musume* (Mizuho); *Zoku hesokuri shacho* (Chiba); *Aoi me* (Suzuki); *Konyaku samba-garasu* (Sugie); *Gendai no yokubo*; *Harikiri shacho* (Watanabe); *Aru to sono no baai* (Mizuho); *Ani to sono imoto* (Matsubayashi); *Nisshoku no natsu* (Horikawa)
- 1957 *Bibo no miyako* (Matsubayashi); *Bokuyaku no hanabira*; *Kanketsu-hen*; *Kiken na eiyu* (Suzuki); *Sono yo no himegoto* (Kimura); *Daigaku no samuri-tachi* (Aoyogi); *Aoi sanmyaku: enpen* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku aoi sanmyaku* (Matsubayashi)
- 1958 *Aijo no miyako* (Sugie); *Shacho sandai-ki* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku shacho sandai-ki* (Matsubayashi); *Tokyo no Kyujitsu*; *Hana no bojo* (Suzuki); *Furyu onsen nikki* (Matsubayashi); *Iwashigumo* (Herringbone Clouds) (Naruse); *Mimizuku seppo* (Hisamatsu)
- 1959 *Suzukake no sampo-michi* (Horikawa); *Hananoren* (Toyoda); *Aisai-ki* (Hisamatsu); *Daigaku no oneichan* (Sugie); *Aru*

- kengo no shogai (Samurai Saga)* (Inagaki) (as Chive Hime); *Daigaku no nijuhachi-nin shu; Sengoku gunto-den (Saga of the Vagabonds)* (Sugie) (as Tazu); *Wakai koibito-tachi; Nippon tanjo* (Inagaki)
- 1960 *Ankokugai no taiketsu (The Last Gunfight)* (Okamoto); *Hijo-toshi* (Suzuki); *Aoi yaju (The Blue Beast)* (Horikawa) (as Ayaka Eto); *Yoru no nagare* (Kawashima); *Shin onna daigaku* (Hisamatsu); *Chino hate ni ikiru mono (The Angry Sea)* (Hisamatsu); *Akibiyori (Late Autumn)* (Ozu) (as Ayako, the daughter); *Sarariiman Chushingura* (Matsubayashi)
- 1961 *Zoku sarariiman Chushingura* (Matsubayashi); *Wakarete ikiru toki mo (Eternity of Love)* (Horikawa) (as Michi); *Yojimbo (The Bodyguard)* (Kurosawa) (as Nui); “Chosen” yoi: *Ali to honoo to (Challenge to Live)* (Sugawa) (as Saeko Sawada); *Honkon no yoru (A Night in Hong Kong)* (Chiba) (as Keiko Kimura); *Kohayagawa-ke no aki (The End of Summer; Early Autumn; Last of Summer)* (Ozu) (as Noriko)
- 1962 *Sarariiman Shimizu minato* (Matsubayashi); *Onna no za (The Wiser Age; Woman's Status)* (Naruse); *Horoki (Lonely Lane)* (Naruse); *Sonoobasho no onna arite; Zoku sarariiman Shimizu minato* (Matsubayashi); *Yoru no keisha* (Uchikawa); *Ekimae onsen; Chushingura (Loyal 47 Ronin; 47 Samurai)* (Inagaki) (as Yozenin); *Furyu onsen: banto nikki*
- 1963 *Onna no tsuyokunaru kufu no kazukazu* (Chiba); *Tsuma to iu na no onnatachi; Domburi-ike; Warera sarariiman*
- 1964 *Shacho shinshiroku* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku shacho shinshiroku* (Matsubayashi); *Tadaima shinsatsu-chu; Tensai sagishi monogatari; Tanuki no hanamichi; Nishi no taisho higashi no taisho* (Furusawa); *Gendai shinshi yaro; Danchi nanatsu-no taizai* (Chiba and Kakehi)
- 1965 *Shacho ninpo-cho (Five Gents' Trick Book)* (Matsubayashi) (as Kyoko Ishikawa); *Daikon to ninjin (Twilight Path)* (as Haruko); *Zoku shacho ninpo-cho* (Matsubayashi); *Urakaidan; Kokokara hajimaru* (Tsuboshima)
- 1966 *Shacho gyojo-ki* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku shacho gyogo-ki (Five Gents on the Spot)* (Matsubayashi); *Hikinige (Moment of Terror)* (Naruse); *Kinokawa: Hana-no maki, Fumio-no maki (The River Ki)* (Nakamura) (as Mayaka); *Jinchoge (The Daphne)* (Chiba) (as the second daughter)
- 1967 *Shacho sen-ichiya* (Matsubayashi); *Sasaki Kojiro (Kojiro)* (Inagaki) (as Okinawa Princess); *Joi-uchi (Rebellion; Hairyozena shimatsu-ki)* (Kobayashi) (as Ichi Sasahara); *Zoku shacho sen-ichiya* (Matsubayashi); *Midaregumo (Two in the Shadow; Scattered Clouds)* (Naruse) (as Yumiko)
- 1968 *Haru ranman* (Chiba); *Shacho hanjo-ki* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku shacho hanjo-ki* (Matsubayashi); *Yamamoto Isoroku (Admiral Yamamoto)* (Maruyama)
- 1969 *Shacho enma-cho* (Matsubayashi); *Nippon-kai dai-kaisen (Battle of the Japan Sea)* (Maruyama); *Zoku shacho enma-cho* (Matsubayashi); *Goyokin* (Gosha) (as Shino)
- 1970 *Shinsen-gumi (Band of Assassins)* (Sawashima); *Shachogaku ABC* (Matsubayashi); *Zoku shachogaku ABC* (Matsubayashi); *Nihon ichi no yakuza otoko*
- 1971 *Yomigaeru daichi; Tochan no po ga kikoeru*
- 1974 *Nagare no fu; Doran, Yoake* (Sadanaga); *Nostoradamusu no daiyogen (Prophecies of Nostradamus; Catastrophe 1999)* (Masuda)

- 1977 *Gokumon-to (The Devil's Island; Island of Horrors)* (Ichikawa) (as the mother)
- 1978 *Joobachi* (Ichikawa) (as the maid); *Zansho*
- 1980 *Harukanaru soro*

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Yoko Tsukasa began her career as an actress specializing in the role of the beautiful and sympathetic bourgeois girl so common in the Toho Studio's productions. Cast opposite such popular stars as Ryo Ikebe, Akira Takarada, and Koji Tsuruta, she soon became the most popular Toho melodrama actress of the late 1950s. She projected an air of refined upper-class beauty so successfully that it resulted in her being typecast; nevertheless, she gradually became more ambitious and tried to expand her ability.

She attracted some attention with her enthusiastic performances as the wife of a poor novelist in Hisamatsu's *Aisai-ki* and as the wealthy daughter who is used by the ambitious hero in Horikawa's *The Blue Beast*. Finally, her roles as kindhearted daughters in Ozu's two films, *Late Autumn* and *The End of Summer* brought her real recognition. In both films Tsukasa's soft and natural personality matched Ozu's sensitive portrayal of the serenity of bourgeois family life. A critic pointed out that her character was unusually believable in contrast to the overly dramatized feeling projected by many other actors of that period.

Aside from her contribution to the countless studio comedy series and melodramas through the 1960s, Tsukasa's next important step was the collaboration with Naruse. In *Moment of Terror* she played the dramatic role of a company president's wife who causes a car accident, and in *Two in the Shadow*, by contrast, she played the wife of a car accident victim. Her sensitive performance in the latter, a psychologically complex role in which she is gradually attracted to the man who caused the accident, won her much acclaim.

Although she was also called upon by other directors, such as Kurosawa, Kobayashi, and Ichikawa, her most famous role was as the heroine in Nakamura's *The River Ki*. Here, she gave perhaps her most powerful, yet restrained performance, as she portrayed the life of a woman in a traditional local family.

—Kyoko Hirano

TURNER, Kathleen

Nationality: American. **Born:** Springfield, Missouri, 19 June 1954. **Education:** Attended Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield; University of Maryland, M.F.A., 1977; trained for the stage at Central School of Speech and Drama, London. **Family:** Married Jay Weiss, 1983, daughter: Rachel. **Career:** Acted with the Manitoba Theatre Company, Baltimore Arena Players, and in New York off-off-Broadway; 1976—on Broadway in *Gemini*; 1977–78—in the daytime TV soap opera *The Doctors*; 1981—film debut in *Body Heat*; 1994—directed TV special *Leslie's Folly*. **Awards:** Best Actress, Los Angeles Film Critics, for *Romancing the Stone*, 1984. **Agent:** c/o Phil Gersh, The Gersh Agency, 222 N. Canon Drive, Suite 202, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.



Kathleen Turner and Sting in *Julia and Julia*

Films as Actress:

- 1981 *Body Heat* (Kasdan) (as Matty Walker)
- 1983 *The Man with Two Brains* (Carl Reiner) (as Mrs. Hfuhruhurr)
- 1984 *Romancing the Stone* (Zemeckis) (as Joan Wilder); *A Breed Apart* (Mora) (as Stella Clayton); *Crimes of Passion* (Russell) (as China Blue/Joanna)
- 1985 *Prizzi's Honor* (Huston) (as Irene Walker); *The Jewel of the Nile* (Teague) (as Joan Wilder)
- 1986 *Peggy Sue Got Married* (Coppola) (as Peggy Sue)
- 1987 *Giulia e Giulia (Julia and Julia)* (Del Monte) (as Julia); *Switching Channels* (Kotcheff) (as Christy Colleran)
- 1988 *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* (Zemeckis) (as voice of Jessica Rabbit); *The Accidental Tourist* (Kasdan) (as Sarah Leary)
- 1989 *The War of the Roses* (DeVito) (as Barbara Rose); *Tummy Trouble* (Minkoff—short) (as voice)
- 1990 *Rollercoaster Rabbit* (short) (as voice of Jessica Rabbit)
- 1991 *V. I. Warshawski* (Kanew) (title role)
- 1993 *Trail Mix-Up* (short) (as voice of Jessica Rabbit); *House of Cards* (Lessac) (as Ruth Matthews); *Undercover Blues* (Ross) (as Jane Blue)
- 1994 *Serial Mom* (Waters) (Mom/Beverly Sutphin); *Naked in New York* (Algrant) (as Dana Coles)
- 1995 *Friends at Last* (for TV) (as Fanny Conlon, + pr); *Moonlight and Valentino* (Anspaugh) (as Alberta Russell)
- 1995 *Stories from My Childhood* (anim for TV) (as The Snow Queen)
- 1997 *Bad Baby* (as voice of Mom); *A Simple Wish* (Ritchie) (as Claudia); *Love in the Ancient World* (Miles—doc for TV)

(as Host); *The Real Blonde* (Tom DiCillo) (as Dee Dee Taylor)

- 1998 *Legalese* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Brenda Whitlass)
- 1999 *Prince of Central Park* (Leekley) (as Rebecca); *Baby Geniuses* (Clark) (as Elena Kinder); *The Virgin Suicides* (Sofia Coppola) (as Mrs. Lisbon); *Love and Action in Chicago* (Johnson-Cochran) (as Middleman); *Cinderella* (Kidron—for TV) (as Claudette)
- 2000 *Beautiful* (Sally Field) (as Verna Chickie)

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With her Tallulah voice and sensuous pout, Turner created a sensation by out-fataling the femme fatales of Hollywood's Golden Age in *Body Heat*. This rather academic film noir about instant divorce could have been retitled *Lethal Weapon* with Kathleen unleashed in the title role, but Turner has gone from thinking man's sexpot to character actress with only a brief stopover as major star. While many of her projects outgrossed those of more prestigious contemporaries, she found herself too often pigeonholed vis-à-vis male box-office attractions, with only two hits, *Romancing the Stone* and *Peggy Sue Got Married* (replacing Debra Winger) weighted in her favor. A risk-taker, she shrewdly balanced her steamy debut with a Steve Martin lark, *The Man with Two Brains*, in which she burlesqued her own bitch goddess image. Then, she followed her sensationally popular feminization of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Romancing the Stone*, with a bravura performance as a woman fogged by a sexual identity crisis.

Whereas Turner's two-faced characters often camouflaged their amoral purpose, *Crimes of Passion* cleverly split the scheming Turner persona into two aspects of the same personality: Joanna, a repressed 9-to-5 careerist and her after-hours alter ego, a whore named China Blue who indulges Joanna's fantasies. Somehow, her talent flowered in the hothouse atmosphere of Ken Russell's camera flourishes and Barry Sandler's memorably florid dialogue. What lent Turner's work variety was her method of shading a good girl role such as Peggy Sue with a subversive edge while endowing her terminatrix in the corrosively funny *Prizzi's Honor* with a nesting instinct; Irene Walker just happens to kill for a living. Whether victor (*Body Heat*) or victim (*Prizzi's Honor*) in the battle of the sexes, Turner's formidable women never surrender; the impact of her provocative accessibility and killer instinct can be devastating.

After succumbing to sequeldom in *Jewel of the Nile* and rising above the sloppily fashioned but fetching time travel of *Peggy Sue Got Married*, Turner's instincts failed her. Although the leaden black comedy *War of the Roses* drew crowds to its screaming matches, Turner miscalculated by repaying her discoverer, Lawrence Kasdan, by accepting a matronly mourner role in *Accidental Tourist*. More damaging than the Euro-nonsense of *Julia and Julia* or the thuddingly inept remake of *The Front Page*, *Switching Channels*, Turner's drab ancillary turn in *Accidental Tourist* evaporated her sexy demeanor and created the false perception that she was no longer big time. Despite kudos on Broadway for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *Indiscretions*, Turner slid through muddy problem dramas (*House of Cards*) and inane commercial misfires (*Undercover Blues*) into a slump where her come-hither look now seemed like ancient history.

Perhaps, Turner will rebound as a latter-day Shelley Winters and grace us with powerhouse supporting turns. That being said, has there ever been as rapid a decline and fall of a goddess in movie history. She's gone from being the top female draw in films to scrambling for character work in vanilla-flavored flops like *The Real Blonde* and *Moonlight and Valentino*, neither of which made her ingrained arrogance particularly fetching.

Although this is a sexist proposition, one cannot overlook how her ravaged leading lady looks have limited her options. What makes the discussion of her decline so troubling is that Turner was never just another pneumatic sexpot deflated by the passage of time. But what pray tell, is the brilliant comedienne of *Prizzi's Honor* and the heartbreaking camp tragedienne of *Crimes of Passion* doing in the diaper-changing arena of *Baby Geniuses*? Her broad playing of a private eye in *V.I. Warshawski* made her a critical laughing stock instead of providing her with the signature franchise she had coveted. None of her contemporaries has had to settle for less than leading lady status or prestigious cameos, so it's dismaying to see her reduced to preening in the meandering kiddie flick, *A Simple Wish*. Often relegated to playing generic ballbusters, Turner can point to only two cinematic highlights over the past dozen years: (1) as a witchy newsmonger in the TV film, *Legalese*, and (2) as a demented suburbanite in John Waters media satire *Serial Mom*. In the latter, she's a bewitching substitute for Divine as she blithely towers above the over-the-top material. Because that smoky voice and fierce bravado are still intact, one hopes the crushing disappointments of recent vintage will lend a vulnerability to her range. (It's a pity she never remade *Of Human Bondage* earlier in her career.) Even in dire artistic straits, however, the unbowed Turner seems to be saying,

"Don't cry for me baby; I'll deliver my Oscar acceptance speech on your grave!"

—Robert Pardi

TURNER, Lana

Nationality: American. **Born:** Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner in Wallace, Idaho, 8 February 1920. **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School. **Family:** Married 1) the musician Artie Shaw, 1940 (divorced 1940); 2) Joseph Stephen Crane, 1942 (divorced 1944), daughter: Cheryl Christine; 3) Henry J. Topping, 1948 (divorced 1952); 4) the actor Lex Barker, 1953 (divorced 1957); 5) Fred May, 1960 (divorced 1962); 6) Robert Eaton, 1965 (divorced 1969); 7) Ronald Dante, 1969 (divorced 1972). **Career:** 1937—film debut in *A Star Is Born*; contract with the director Mervyn LeRoy; role in *They Won't Forget* led to publicity as "Sweater Girl"; 1938–56—contract with MGM; 1958—formed Lanturn Productions; 1966—formed Eltee Productions; 1969—in TV series *The Survivors*; 1971—on stage in *40 Carats*; 1983—in TV series *Falcon Crest*. **Died:** Of throat cancer, in Century City, California, 29 June 1995.

Films as Actress:

- 1937 *A Star Is Born* (Wellman) (as extra); *They Won't Forget* (LeRoy) (as Mary Clay); *The Great Garrick* (Whale) (as Auber)
- 1938 *The Adventures of Marco Polo* (Mayo) (as Nazama's maid); *Love Finds Andy Hardy* (Seitz) (as Cynthia Potter); *The Chaser* (Marin) (as Miss Rutherford); *Rich Man, Poor Girl* (Schunzel) (as Helen Thayer); *Dramatic School* (Sinclair) (as Mado); *Four's a Crowd* (Curtiz)
- 1939 *Calling Dr. Kildare* (Bucquet) (as Rosalie); *These Glamour Girls* (Simon) (as Jane Thomas); *Dancing Co-Ed* (Every) (as Patty Morgan)
- 1940 *Two Girls on Broadway* (Choose Your Partner) (Simon) (as Pat Mahoney); *We Who Are Young* (Bucquet) (as Margy Brooks)
- 1941 *Ziegfeld Girl* (Leonard) (as Sheila Regan); *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Fleming) (as Beatrix Emery); *Honky Tonk* (Conway) (as Elizabeth Cotton)
- 1942 *Johnny Eager* (LeRoy) (as Lisbeth Bard); *Somewhere I'll Find You* (Ruggles) (as Paula Lane)
- 1943 *Slightly Dangerous* (Ruggles) (as Peggy Evans/Carol Burden); *The Youngest Profession* (Buzzell) (as herself); *DuBarry Was a Lady* (Del Ruth) (as herself)
- 1944 *Marriage Is a Private Affair* (Leonard) (as Theo Scofield West)
- 1945 *Keep Your Powder Dry* (Buzzell) (as Valerie Parks); *Weekend at the Waldorf* (Leonard) (as Bunny Smith)
- 1946 *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (Garnett) (as Cora Smith)
- 1947 *Green Dolphin Street* (Saville) (as Marianne Patourel); *Cass Timberlane* (Sidney) (as Virginia Marshland)
- 1948 *Homecoming* (LeRoy) (as Lt. Jane "Snapshot" McCall); *The Three Musketeers* (Sidney) (as Milady Countess Charlotte de Winter)



Lana Turner and John Garfield in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*

- 1950 *A Life of Her Own* (Cukor) (as Lily Brannel James)
 1951 *Mr. Imperium (You Belong to My Heart)* (Hartman) (as Fredda Barlo)
 1952 *The Merry Widow* (Bernhardt) (as Crystal Radek); *The Bad and the Beautiful* (Minnelli) (as Georgia Lorrison)
 1953 *Latin Lovers* (LeRoy) (as Nora Taylor)
 1954 *The Flame and the Flesh* (Thorpe) (as Madeline); *Betrayed (The True and the Brave)* (Reinhardt) (as Carla Van Owen)
 1955 *The Prodigal* (Thorpe) (as Samarra); *The Sea Chase* (Farrow) (as Elsa Keller); *The Rains of Ranchipur* (Negulesco) (as Edwina Esketh); *Diane* (David Miller) (title role)
 1957 *Peyton Place* (Robson) (as Constance MacKenzie)
 1958 *The Lady Takes a Flyer* (Arnold) (as Maggie Colby); *Another Time, Another Place* (Lewis Allen) (as Sara Scott)
 1959 *Imitation of Life* (Sirk) (as Lora Meredith)
 1960 *Portrait in Black* (Michael Gordon) (as Sheila Cabot)
 1961 *By Love Possessed* (John Sturges) (as Marjorie Penrose); *Bachelor in Paradise* (Arnold) (as Rosemary Howard)
 1962 *Who's Got the Action?* (Daniel Mann) (as Melanie Flood)
 1965 *Love Has Many Faces* (Singer) (as Kit Jordan)
 1966 *Madame X* (Rich) (as Holly Anderson)

- 1969 *The Big Cube* (Tito Davison) (as Adriana Roman)
 1971 *The Last of the Powerseekers* (Doniger, Leytes, and Henreid—for TV) (as Tracy Carlyle Hastings)
 1974 *Persecution (Terror of Sheba; The Graveyard)* (Chaffey) (as Carrie Masters)
 1976 *Bittersweet Love* (David Miller) (as Claire)
 1978 *Witches' Brew* (Shorr)

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Lana Turner has come to epitomize the concept of the classical Hollywood movie star. She is identified with glamour, artifice, and excess. The last is not only associated with her on-screen image but also with her offscreen identity. In fact, numerous critics have suggested that Turner's offscreen activities are her primary claim to fame. Aside from the many marriages, the most spectacular instance of her notoriety was the 1958 killing of Turner's gangster lover by her teenaged daughter. The incident catapulted Turner into the realm of celebrity status and it is this distinction that gives her star image a strong contemporary edge. The situation, in deed and coverage, has been only recently surpassed by the media's responses to O. J. Simpson and the double murder. That the scandal has become incorporated into the culture was evidenced by Woody Allen's *September* which features a famous actress and her daughter, who, as a teenager, allegedly killed the mother's lover.

If scandal is an aspect of Turner's contemporary identity, another is a very specific filmic image. The image, Turner dressed in white shorts and halter and wearing a turban, is taken from *The Postman Always Rings Twice* which, in addition to connecting Turner to an illicit lover and murder, presents the actress at her most sexual. It is fitting that she is summed up in a static image since Turner's identity is not associated strongly with performing or a distinctive personality. Martin Scorsese's *Raging Bull* underscores this point in its fleeting but unmistakable reference to the actress—Cathy Moriarty appears, in a poolside scene, in a facsimile of the above-mentioned sunsuit, and, significantly, the context is a nonverbal sequence.

Turner's image as a celebrity is probably reinforced by her films which, on the whole, are not distinguished. Nevertheless, it would be inaccurate to claim that her film career is negligible. Turner, in addition to having an ability to project sexual desire, cultivated a very feminine identity, to the extent that her presence, in terms of grooming and gesture suggested artifice. But Turner is not a passive on-screen presence. Rather, she tends to play women who struggle and refuse to settle for less than what can be had. These characterizations suggest a woman who is desperate and, therefore, reckless; yet, Turner's behavior is often constrained and she, unlike actresses such as Joan Crawford, seems incapable of fully challenging or overriding gender and, in numerous instances, class dictates. Arguably, this happens because she is too fully aligned to femininity, hence a socially controlled identity. Turner's skill resides in her ability to articulate her situation and the insecurities it produces; beneath the somewhat glacial and carefully constructed exterior image, there is a person who is anxious, fearful, and needs help. It is perhaps this tension which contributes to her appeal as it foregrounds the conflicting responses women experience under patriarchy.

Turner's star image is tightly bound to her sexuality. Such films as *The Prodigal* and *Diane*, in which Turner is paired with weak male co-stars and virtually carries the films herself, suggest that it is her sexual desire that makes her an exciting and transgressive figure. This on-screen emphasis on sex was mirrored offscreen through the marriages and the affairs; yet Turner's offscreen identity was mediated by an emphasis on her as a woman who wanted a lasting marriage, who was a good mother and who was serious about her career. The many contradictions in her identity exploded with the real-life stabbing of her lover and these same contradictions are skillfully utilized by Douglas Sirk in *Imitation of Life*.

Although Turner continued to work into the late 1970s, her film career effectively ends with *Madame X*. From the 1980s onward, Turner shied away from public exposure and the decision to avoid the limelight invested her latter-day image with a degree of dignity. While Turner never fully gained critical acceptance as a performer, she proved herself to be an extremely professional and hard-working woman; and she managed to make an indelible mark on the Hollywood cinema through her presence and star image.

—Richard Lippe

TURTURRO, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 28 February 1957; brother of the actor Nicholas Turturro; cousin of the actress Aida Turturro. **Family:** Married the actress Katherine Borowitz, son: Amadeo. **Education:** Was graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz; earned an M.F.A. in Drama at the Yale Drama School. **Career:** Made his screen debut in a bit role in *Raging Bull*, 1980; acted in regional and off-Broadway plays, 1980s; made his Broadway debut in *Death of a Salesman*, 1984; appeared in the TV mini-series *Mario Puzo's The Fortunate Pilgrim*, 1988; first appeared in a Spike Lee-directed film, *Do the Right Thing*, 1989; made his screen directing debut with *Mac*, 1992. **Awards:** Obie Award, for



John Turturro (right) with Harvey Keitel (left) and Mekhi Phifer in *Clockers*

Danny and the Deep Blue Sea, 1985; Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, Independent Feature Project Gotham Award, for *Barton Fink*, 1991; Cannes Film Festival Camera d'Or, for *Mac*, 1992. **Address:** 16 North Oak Street, #2B, Ventura, CA 93001, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

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| <p>1980 <i>Raging Bull</i> (Scorsese)</p> <p>1984 <i>Exterminator II</i> (Buntzman and Sachs) (as Guy No. 1); <i>The Flamingo Kid</i> (Garry Marshall) (as Ted from Pinky's)</p> <p>1985 <i>Desperately Seeking Susan</i> (Susan Seidelman) (as Ray); <i>To Live and Die in L.A.</i> (Friedkin) (as Carl Cody)</p> <p>1986 <i>The Color of Money</i> (Scorsese) (as Julian); <i>Gung Ho</i> (<i>Working Class Man</i>) (Ron Howard) (as Willie); <i>Hannah and Her Sisters</i> (Woody Allen) (as Writer); <i>Off Beat</i> (Dinner) (as Neil Pepper)</p> <p>1987 <i>The Sicilian</i> (Cimino) (as Aspanu Pisciotta)</p> <p>1989 <i>Five Corners</i> (Bill) (as Heinz Sabantino); <i>Do the Right Thing</i> (Spike Lee) (as Pino); <i>Backtrack</i> (<i>Catchfire</i>) (Dennis Hopper—released in U.S. in 1991) (as Pinella)</p> | <p>1990 <i>Mo' Better Blues</i> (Spike Lee) (as Moe Flatbush); <i>Miller's Crossing</i> (Coen) (as Bernie Bernbaum); <i>State of Grace</i> (Joanou) (as Nick)</p> <p>1991 <i>Men of Respect</i> (Reilly) (as Mike Battaglia); <i>Barton Fink</i> (Coen) (title role); <i>Jungle Fever</i> (Spike Lee) (as Paulie Carbone)</p> <p>1992 <i>Mac</i> (title role) (+ d, co-sc); <i>Brain Donors</i> (Dugan) (as Roland T. Flakfizer)</p> <p>1993 <i>Fearless</i> (Weir) (as Bill Perlman)</p> <p>1994 <i>Quiz Show</i> (Redford) (as Herbert Stempel); <i>Being Human</i> (Forsyth) (as Lucinnius)</p> <p>1995 <i>Clockers</i> (Spike Lee) (as Larry Mazilli); <i>Unstrung Heroes</i> (Diane Keaton) (as Sid Lidz); <i>Search and Destroy</i> (Salle) (as Ron); <i>Sugartime</i> (Smith—for TV) (as Sam Giancana)</p> <p>1996 <i>Girl 6</i> (Spike Lee) (as Murray, the agent); <i>The Search for One-eye Jimmy</i> (Sam Henry Kass) (as Disco Bean); <i>Grace of my Heart</i> (Anders) (as Joel Millner); <i>Box of Moonlight</i> (Di Cillo) (as Al Fountain); <i>La Tregua</i> (<i>The Truce</i>) (Rosi) (as Primo Levi)</p> <p>1997 <i>Lesser Prophets</i> (De Vizia) (as Leon); <i>Animals</i> (Di Giacomo) (as Tuxedo Man)</p> |
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- 1998 *Illuminata* (as Tuccio) (+ d, co-sc, pr); *The Big Lebowski* (Joel Coen) (as Jesus Quintana); *O.K. Garage* (Cole) (as Johnny Candellano); *He Got Game* (Spike Lee) (as Coach Billy Sunday); *Rounders* (Dahl) (as Joey Knish)
- 1999 *The Source* (Workman) (doc) (as Allen Ginsberg); *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Aldo Silvano); *Summer of Sam* (Spike Lee) (as voice of Harvey the Black Dog)
- 2000 *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Joel Coen) (as Pete); *Company Man* (Askin, McGrath); *2000 and None* (Paragamian)

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John Turturro is an actor in the mold of Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, and Harvey Keitel: intense and multit talented, New York City-born and very much the New York performer. After knocking around films for several years, this Yale Drama School grad first earned notice in *Five Corners*, set in the Bronx, in which he offers a hair-raising performance as Heinz Sabantino, a creep who is sexually obsessed with pet store worker Linda (Jodie Foster).

Turturro’s primary strength is that he is a master at playing a range of attitudes. He can portray racists who are either upfront in their bias (Pino, the epithet-spewing pizza man, in Spike Lee’s *Do the Right Thing*) or more subtle and cunning (Moe Flatbush, the greedy jazz club owner—a character who is an anti-Semitic caricature—in Lee’s *Mo’ Better Blues*). On the other hand, he just as effectively can play a child of the working class who is a gentle soul, one who is put off by the racial prejudices of others and even is open to a relationship with a black woman (Paulie Carbone, the sensitive luncheonette operator, in Lee’s *Jungle Fever*).

Turturro can play a thug with a devilishly comic flair (Bernie Bernbaum, the manic lowlife who earns his keep as an informer and double-crosser, in *Miller’s Crossing*) and a reckless, neurotic nebbish (sore-loser *Twenty-One* contestant Herbert Stempel, in *Quiz Show*). He can portray a sweetly eccentric husband and father (Sid Lidz, who is faced with the terminal illness of his wife, in *Unstrung Heroes*) and a fervently radical, mostly unemployed actor who also is a husband and father (Aldo Silvano, one of the few fictional characters, in *Cradle Will Rock*). He can play an entertainment industry businessman (Joel Millner, the wig-wearing Brill Building rock ‘n roll talent manager, in *Grace of My Heart*) and an entertainment industry intellectual (the title character in the Hollywood satire *Barton Fink*, a dedicated New York playwright who heads West in 1941 and whose primary concern is the plight of the “Common Man”; but he finds himself assigned to pen a wrestling picture for Wallace Beery—and promptly develops a severe case of writer’s block). Indeed, Turturro can portray characters as diverse as the mobster Sam Giancana (in the TV movie *Sugartime*) and the Jewish-Italian chemist-turned-writer Primo Levi, who survived ten months in a concentration camp (in *The Truce*).

Turturro made his directorial debut with *Mac*, a heartfelt comedy-drama about one man’s determination to realize his American Dream. The film is set in the mid-1950s and tells the story of three Italian-American brothers, sons of an immigrant tradesman who has just

died. The story focuses on the title character, Niccolo “Mac” Vitelli, played by Turturro. The eldest of the trio, Mac is a carpenter like his dad, and he labors for a bullheaded, penny-pinching contractor who offends his sense of professionalism; he decides to start his own construction company, satisfied he can erect better houses and be a more humane employer. *Mac*, which Turturro co-scripted (with Brandon Cole), clearly is a film from his heart. It is dedicated to his own carpenter father, and inspired by the senior Turturro’s life. The result is a refreshingly sincere depiction of the lives and struggles of average, working-class Americans, a subject rarely explored in mainstream Hollywood movies. But more than anything else, *Mac* is a film about the dignity of work. “You know what I think happiness is?” Mac asks at one point. “To love your job. Not many people know this—that’s why they take vacations—but it’s the truth. If you hate your work, you hate your life. I love my work.”

Clearly, Turturro loves his work. And if he permits scenes in *Mac* to run a tad too long, one suspects it is because his respect for the acting craft obscured his good judgment as a director-storyteller.

He went on to direct, co-script, and star in a second feature: *Illuminata*, a farce detailing the screwball antics of a group of struggling theater-folk in turn-of-the-twentieth-century New York. Turturro plays Tuccio, an embattled playwright who will go to all extremes to see his play performed. In tone and setting, *Illuminata* may be the polar opposite of *Mac*. Yet both are linked in that they explore the dynamics of what it means to create something, whether it be building a house or writing and mounting a stage play.

—Rob Edelman

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ULLMANN, Liv

Nationality: Norwegian. **Born:** Liv Johanne Ullmann in Tokyo, Japan, to Norwegian parents, 16 December 1939. **Education:** Attended schools in Trondheim, Norway; studied acting in London for eight months. **Family:** Married 1) Gappe Stang, 1960 (divorced 1965); 2) Donald Saunders, 1985; one daughter by the director Ingmar Bergman. **Career:** Late 1950s—acted with a repertory company in Stavanger for three years; 1957—film debut in *Fjols til Fjells*; 1960—acted with the National Theatre and the Norwegian Theatre, both in Oslo; 1966—first of a series of films for Bergman. **Awards:** Swedish Gold Bug for Best Actress, for *Skammen*, 1969; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Cries and Whispers* and *The Emigrants*, 1972; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Scenes from a Marriage*, 1974; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Face to Face*, 1976. **Address:** 15 West 81st Street, New York, NY 10024, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1957 *Fjols til Fjells (Fools in the Mountains)* (Carlmar)
- 1959 *Ung flukt (Young Escape)* (Carlmar)
- 1962 *Kort är Sommaren (Summer Is Short)* (Henning-Jensen) (as Eva)
- 1965 *De kalte ham Skarven (They Call Him Skarven)* (Gustavson) (as Ragna)
- 1966 *Persona* (Bergman) (as Elisabeth Vogler)
- 1968 *Vargtimmen (Hour of the Wolf)* (Bergman) (as Alma); *An-Magritt* (Skouen) (title role); *Skammen (The Shame)* (Bergman) (as Eva Rosenberg)
- 1969 *En Passion (A Passion; The Passion of Anna)* (Bergman) (as Anna Fromm)
- 1971 *The Night Visitor* (Benedek) (as Esther Jenks)
- 1972 *Pope Joan* (Anderson) (title role); *Viskningar och rop (Cries and Whispers)* (Bergman) (as a sister); *Utvandrarna (The Emigrants)* (Troell) (as Kristina)
- 1973 *Nybyggarna (The New Land)* (Troell) (as Kristina); *Lost Horizon* (Jarrott) (as Catherine); *40 Carats* (Katselar) (as Ann Stanley); *Scener ur ett äktenskap (Scenes from a Marriage)* (Bergman—for TV) (as Marianne)
- 1974 *Zandy's Bride* (Troell) (as Hannah Land); *The Abdication* (Harvey) (as Queen Christina); *L'uomo dalle due ombre (De la part des copains; Cold Sweat)* (Young) (as Fabienne); *Léonor* (Juan Buñuel) (title role)
- 1976 *Ansikte mot ansikte (Face to Face)* (Bergman—for TV) (as Jenny)
- 1977 *A Bridge Too Far* (Attenborough) (as Kate ter Horst); *The Serpent's Egg (Das Schlangenei; Örmens ägg)* (Bergman) (as Manuela Rosenberg)

- 1978 *Herbstsonate (Autumn Sonata)* (Bergman) (as Eva); *Couleur chair* (Wyerans)
- 1979 *A Look at Liv* (Kaplan—doc) (as herself)
- 1980 *The Gates of the Forest*
- 1981 *Richard's Things* (Harvey) (as Kate)
- 1983 *Children in the Holocaust* (Eisner—doc) (as narrator); *Jacobo Timerman (Prisoner without a Name, Cell without a Number)* (Greene—for TV)
- 1984 *Jenny* (Bronken—for TV); *The Wild Duck* (Safran) (as Gina); *La Diagonale du fou (Dangerous Moves)* (Dembo) (as Marina Fromm)
- 1985 *The Bay Boy* (Petrie) (as Jennie Campbell); *Ingrid* (Annakin, Crabtree, and French)
- 1986 *Speriamo che sia femmina (Let's Hope It's a Girl)* (Monicelli) (as Elena)
- 1987 *Gaby: A True Story* (Mandoki) (as Sari Brimmer); *Mosca Addio (Moscow Goodbye)* (Bolognini) (as Ida Nudel)
- 1988 *La amiga* (Meerapfel) (as Maria)
- 1989 *The Rose Garden* (Rademakers) (as Gabriele Schlueter-Freund)
- 1991 *Mindwalk* (Bernt Capra) (as Sonia Hoffman); *The Ox* (Nykivist) (as Maria)
- 1992 *The Long Shadow* (Zsigmond) (as Katherine)
- 1994 *Drømspel (Dreamplay)* (Unni Straume) (as ticket seller); *Zorn* (as Gunnar Hallström) (as Emma Zorn)
- 1995 *Lumière et compagnie (Lumière and Company)*
- 1997 *Liv Ullmann scener fra et liv* (Hambro)
- 2000 *Ljuset håller mig sällskap (Light Keeps Me Company)* (Nykivist) (as herself)

Films as Director:

- 1982 *Love* (co-d)
- 1992 *Sofie* (+ sc)
- 1995 *Kristin Lavransdatter* (+ sc)
- 1996 *Enskilda samtal (Private Confessions)* (series for TV)

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From the mid-1960s, Liv Ullmann represented to American audiences a sensual and sophisticated screen presence that did not exist within Hollywood. Her earthy beauty was best utilized in a series of provocative films directed by her mentor, Ingmar Bergman.

Her film credits were few and minor—she had appeared in several little-known Norwegian features—when Ullmann first met Bergman

in Stockholm. He offered her the principal role of the mute Elisabeth Vogler in the psychologically complicated and exacting study *Persona*. There followed not only an artistic collaboration between the director and actress, but for a time, a deep personal and emotional relationship. *Persona* gave Ullmann a great acting opportunity, and was both an artistic and personal success for her. "It was difficult," says Ullmann. "I prepared myself so that I read the script several times and I tried to divide it into certain sections. Bergman helped me a lot. He differs very much from what the majority of people think of him. People say that he is a demon, but it is not true at all. He simply knows whom to engage. He listens and then he tries to get the maximum from an actor."

Under Bergman's influence, Ullmann became an internationally recognized actress. In the films *Persona*, *Hour of the Wolf*, *Shame*, *Cries and Whispers*, *Scenes from a Marriage*, and *Face to Face*, she creates immensely complicated portraits of contemporary women. Able to communicate an entire range of emotions through minute details of action, she relies neither on sharp mimicry nor intensified vocal intonation in her portrayals. Nevertheless, she is capable of expressing urgency, sensitivity, and agitation by the slightest movement of her eyes. Ullmann interprets the feelings and inner actions of her heroines by suggestion. Although trained in the theater, her experience there is not evident, except perhaps in some long Bergmanesque dialogue passages in which, through her ardor, she is able to draw the audience into her own inner conflict. Ullmann's mastery of the dramatic consists precisely of the simplicity and realism of her expression.

While Ullmann is best known for her work with Bergman, she has performed equally exacting roles while working with other directors. In particular, her portrayal of the rural woman, Kristina, in *The Emigrants* and *The New Land*, Jan Troell's two-part film of immigrant life in 19th-century America, merits extraordinary attention. She also acted under Troell's direction in the psychological drama *Zandy's Bride*.

After the successes of these films, Ullmann accepted several American offers. Her appearances in such films as the musical version of *Lost Horizon*, *40 Carats*, *The Abdication*, and *A Bridge Too Far* are tremendous disappointments to the art-house audiences who had followed her rise to stardom with Bergman.

Between films, Ullmann returns to the stage. "I think that one should not go from one film to another. It is no good. If I do not shoot, I write and meet friends. I make about two films per year and one theatrical play. This is a good working program." Ullmann has performed successfully on the stage in Norway, London, and other cities, in addition to her highly praised literary efforts. Most recently, she has worked behind the camera, having directed and scripted two well-received, similar-themed features: *Sofie*, the tale of a young woman in nineteenth-century Copenhagen who is unable to sever her constricting family ties; and *Kristin Lavransdatter*, set in the Middle Ages, in which a well-born young woman, betrothed to another from her class, disgraces her family upon falling in love with a knight.

These multiple achievements rank Ullmann on a high level of accomplishment—along with such actresses as Ingrid Thulin, Bibi and Harriet Andersson, and Gunnel Lindblom, she has made a remarkable contribution to Scandinavian film art.

—Vacláv Merhaut, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

USTINOV, (Sir) Peter

Nationality: British. **Born:** Peter Alexander Ustinov in London, England, 16 April 1921. **Education:** Attended Westminster School, London, 1934–37; studied for the stage under Michel St. Denis at the London Theatre Studio, 1937–39. **Military Service:** British Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Sussex Regiment, 1942–46; Army film unit, 1943. **Family:** Married 1) Isolde Denham, 1940 (divorced 1950), daughter: Tamara; 2) Suzanne Cloutier, 1954 (divorced 1971), son: Igor, daughters: Pavla and Andrea; 3) Hélène du Lau d'Allemans, 1972. **Career:** 1938—stage debut in a theater in Shere, Surrey; 1939—London stage debut in revue sketch; acted with Aylesbury Repertory Company; 1941—film debut in *Hullo Fame*; 1946—directed first film, *School for Secrets*; playwright and director: appeared in his own plays *The Love of Three Oranges*, 1951, *Romanoff and Juliet*, 1956 (and in film version, 1961), *Photo Finish*, 1962, *The Unknown Soldier and His Wife*, 1968, and *Beethoven's Tenth*, 1983; 1962—directed an opera triple bill at Covent Garden, London; also directed operas in Hamburg and Berlin; 1968–73—Rector, Dundee University; in TV mini-series *Jesus of Nazareth*, 1977, *Around the World in 80 Days*, 1989, *The Old Curiosity Shop*, 1995, and *Planet Ustinov*, 1998; also made recordings of monologues and sketches. **Awards:** Emmy Award, for *The Life of Samuel Johnson*, 1957; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Spartacus*, 1960; Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, for *Topkapi*, 1964; Emmy Award, for *Barefoot in Athens*, 1966; Emmy Award, for *A Storm in Summer*, 1970; Special Prize, Berlin Festival, 1972; Commander, Order of the British Empire, 1975; knighted, 1990; several



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Films as Actor:

- 1941 *Hullo Fame* (Buchanan); *Mein Kampf—My Crimes* (Lee)
 1942 *Let My People Sing* (Baxter); *The Goose Steps Out* (Dearden and Hay) (as Krauss); *One of Our Aircraft Is Missing* (Powell and Pressburger) (as priest)
 1943 *The New Lot* (Reed—doc)
 1944 *The Immortal Battalion (The Way Ahead)* (Reed) (as Rispoli, + co-sc)
 1945 *The True Glory* (Reed and Kanin)
 1950 *Odette* (Wilcox) (as Arnaud)
 1951 *Quo Vadis* (LeRoy) (as Nero); *Hotel Sahara* (Annakin) (as Emad); *The Magic Box* (John Boulting) (as film distributor); “The Mask,” “The Model,” and “The House of Madame Tellier” eps. of *Le Plaisir (House of Pleasure)* (Max Ophüls) (as narrator of English-language version)
 1954 *Beau Brummel* (Bernhardt) (as Prince of Wales); *The Egyptian* (Curtiz) (as Kaptah)
 1955 *We’re No Angels* (Curtiz) (as Jules); *Lola Montès* (*The Sins of Lola Montès*; *The Fall of Lola Montès*) (Max Ophüls) (as ringmaster)
 1956 *I girovaghi (The Wanderers)* (Fregonese) (as Don Alfonso)
 1957 *Un angel pasò por Brooklyn (An Angel over Brooklyn; The Man Who Wagged His Tail)* (Vajda) (as Mr. Bossi); *Les Espions (The Spies)* (Clouzot) (as Michael Kiminsky)
 1959 *The Adventures of Mr. Wonderful* (Grimault) (as voice)
 1960 *Spartacus* (Kubrick) (as Lentulus Batiatus); *The Sundowners* (Zinnemann) (as Rupert Venneker)
 1963 *La donna del mondo (Women of the World)* (Jacopetti) (as narrator); *Alleman (Everyman; The Human Dutch)* (Haanstra—doc) (as English-language narrator)
 1964 *The Peaches* (Gill—short) (as narrator); *Topkapi* (Dassin) (as Arthur Simpson); *John Goldfarb, Please Come Home* (Lee Thompson) (as King Fawz)
 1967 *The Comedians* (Glenville) (as Ambassador Pineda)
 1968 *Blackbeard’s Ghost* (Stevenson) (as Capt. Blackbeard); *Hot Millions* (Till) (as Marcus Pendleton, + co-sc)
 1969 *Viva Max!* (Paris) (as Gen. Maximilian Rodrigues de Santos)
 1973 *Robin Hood* (Reitherman—animation) (as voice of Prince John)
 1975 *One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing* (Stevenson) (as Hnup Wan)
 1976 *Treasure of Matecumbe* (McEveety) (as Dr. Ewing T. Snodgrass); *Logan’s Run* (Michael Anderson) (as Old Man)
 1977 *Un Taxi mauve (The Purple Taxi)* (Boisset) (as Taubelman); *The Last Remake of Beau Geste* (Feldman) (as Sgt. Markov); *The Mouse and His Child* (Wolf and Swenson—animation) (as voice of Manny the Rat)
 1978 *Doppio delitto (Double Murders)* (Steno) (as Harry Hellman); *Death on the Nile* (Guillermin) (as Hercule Poirot); *Tarka the Otter* (Cobham) (as narrator); *Winds of Change* (Tokashi) (as narrator); *The Thief of Bagdad* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as the Caliph)
 1979 *Ashanti* (Fleischer) (as Suleiman); *Nous maigrirons ensemble (We’ll Grow Thin Together)* (Vocoret) (as Victor)
 1981 *Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen* (Clive Donner) (as Charlie Chan); *The Great Muppet Caper*

- (Henson) (cameo as truck driver); *Grendel, Grendel, Grendel* (Stitt—animation) (as voice of Grendel)
 1982 *Evil under the Sun* (Hamilton) (as Hercule Poirot)
 1984 *Abgehört* (Rolf Von Sydow—for TV)
 1985 *Thirteen at Dinner* (Antonio—for TV) (as Hercule Poirot)
 1986 *Dead Man’s Folly* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Hercule Poirot); *Ferdinand* (Behle) (as narrator)
 1987 *Three Act Tragedy (Murder in Three Acts)* (Gary Nelson—for TV) (as Hercule Poirot)
 1988 *Appointment with Death* (Winner) (as Hercule Poirot); *Peep and Big Wide World* (short); *Kinderen van Ghana* (Haanstra—doc, short) (as narrator)
 1989 *La Revolution Française (The French Revolution)* (Enrico) (as Mirabeau); *Grandpa* (Jackson) (as voice)
 1990 *C’era un Castello con 40 Cani*
 1992 *Lorenzo’s Oil* (George Miller) (as Professor Nikolais)
 1998 *Stiff Upper Lips* (Sinyor) (as Horace)
 1999 *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing—for TV) (as Walrus); *Animal Farm* (John Stephenson) (as voice of Old Major); *The Bachelor* (Keaton and Sinyor) (as Grandfather)

Films as Director and Scriptwriter:

- 1946 *School for Secrets (Secret Flight)* (d only, + co-pr)
 1947 *Vice Versa* (+ ro, co-pr)
 1949 *Private Angelo* (co-d with Michael Anderson, co-sc, + title role, pr)
 1961 *Romanoff and Juliet (Dig That Juliet)* (+ ro as the general, pr)
 1962 *Billy Budd* (co-sc, + ro as Capt. Edward Fairfax Vere, pr)
 1965 *Lady L* (+ ro as Prince Otto of Bavaria)
 1972 *Hammersmith Is Out* (d only, + ro as the doctor)
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Juggling as many careers as the multitasking Peter Ustinov does—screen and stage actor, film and stage director, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, and raconteur—he has never had the inclination to channel his enormous creative energies into screen acting. Nor does he possess the pure acting ability to warrant such a career decision. Still, despite a casualness about his acting that makes him seem a begrudging on-screen performer (a stance happily appropriate to the playing of comedy), he has nevertheless accomplished much as a movie actor with a predisposition toward the humorous.

Born in London, of French and Russian descent, Ustinov attended the London Theatre Studio as an aspiring actor, debuted on stage at age 17, and appeared in his first film—*Hullo Fame*—three years later. The film that first brought him substantial recognition was Mervyn LeRoy’s spectacle, *Quo Vadis*, in which he portrays ancient Rome’s reigning Emperor Nero. His prominent roles thereafter include: Michael Curtiz’s *We’re No Angels* as a fellow convict who has escaped Devil’s Island with Humphrey Bogart; Max Ophüls’ *Lola Montès* as the circus ringmaster exhibiting Martine Carol’s titular courtesan; Stanley Kubrick’s *Spartacus* as an avaricious slave dealer, a performance that won him the Best Supporting Actor Oscar; *Romanoff and Juliet*, which he also wrote and directed, as the ruler of a mythical country; his own film version of Herman Melville’s *Billy Budd* as Captain Vere; Jules Dassin’s *Topkapi* as a comic con man (and his second Oscar); Eric Till’s *Hot Millions* as a computer-aided embezzler; and Jerry Paris’s *Viva Max!* as a contemporary Mexican general reclaiming the Alamo.

After a quiet decade or so, during which time his film career remained a virtual afterthought, the character actor was cast in 1978 as the idiosyncratic, indomitable Belgian supersleuth, Hercule Poirot, in John Guillermin’s *Death on the Nile*, an Agatha Christie mystery with a star-studded cast. In this bit of fluff, Ustinov’s effortless expertise at dialectal and physical comedy is smoothly integrated and brightly highlighted, a reminder of how winning this one-man creative conglomerate’s acting franchise can be in the right comic role.

In the 1980s, he reprised the Poirot role in several subsequent television movies and two additional theatrical films, *Evil under the Sun* and *Appointment with Death*. After playing a rather soft-pedaled version of Mirabeau in the somewhat disappointing big-budget international co-production *The French Revolution* in 1989, Ustinov entered another period of scant screen appearances in the 1990s. He had a nice turn, however, in the disease thriller *Lorenzo’s Oil* as a sympathetic yet cautious doctor representative of a risk-averse medical profession.

—Bill Wine, updated by David E. Salanie

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VALENTINO, Rudolph

Born: Rodolpho Alfonzo Raffaello di Valentina d'Antonguolla in Castellaneta, Italy, 6 May 1895. **Education:** Attended a military academy; Royal Academy of Agriculture. **Family:** Married 1) Jean Acker, 1919 (divorced 1922); 2) Natasha Rambova, 1922 (separated 1925). **Career:** Left home for Paris, 1912, and emigrated to the United States, 1913; worked at odd jobs, then a dancer in dance halls, clubs and musicals; worked as extra in films on the east coast, and then in Hollywood; 1921—enormous hit in film *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, then *The Sheik*. **Died:** Of peritonitis in New York, 23 August 1926.

Films as Actor:

- 1914 *My Official Wife* (Young)
1916 *Patricia* (L. and T. Wharton—serial)



Rudolph Valentino in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*

- 1918 *Alimony* (Flynn); *A Society Sensation* (Powell); *All Night* (Powell)
1919 *The Delicious Little Devil* (Leonard); *A Rogue's Romance* (Young); *The Homebreaker* (Schertzinger); *Virtuous Sinners* (Flynn); *The Big Little Person* (Leonard); *Out of Luck* (Clifton); *Eyes of Youth* (Parker)
1920 *The Married Virgin* (*Frivolous Wives*) (Maxwell); *An Adventuress* (Balshofer); *The Cheater* (Otto); *Passion's Playground* (Barry); *Once to Every Woman* (Holubar); *Stolen Moments* (Vincent); *The Wonderful Chance* (Archainbaud)
1921 *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Ingram) (as Julio Desnoyers); *Uncharted Seas* (Ruggles) (as Frank Underwood); *Camille* (Smallwood) (as Armand); *The Conquering Power* (Ingram) (as Charles Grandet); *The Sheik* (Melford) (as Sheik Ahmed Ben Hassan)
1922 *Moran of the Lady Letty* (Melford) (as Ramon Laredo); *Beyond the Rocks* (Wood) (as Lord Bracondale); *Blood and Sand* (Niblo) (as Juan Gallardo); *The Young Rajah* (Rosen) (as Amos Judd)
1924 *Monsieur Beaucaire* (Olcott) (title role); *A Sainted Devil* (Henabery) (as Don Alonzo de Castro)
1925 *Cobra* (Henabery) (as Count Torriani); *The Eagle* (Brown) (as Vladimir Dubrovsky)
1926 *Son of the Sheik* (Fitzmaurice) (as Ahmed)

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To sustain an image as the world's greatest lover is not an easy task in life; to continue that image after death is even harder. Yet Rudolph Valentino contrived to be a legend in his lifetime and, thanks to the ministrations of his fans and a life that was both contradictory and confused, he continues as one of the few immediately recognizable giants of the silent screen more than 50 years after his death.

Because Valentino's performances are not major artistic achievements, his career can only be discussed in relation to his private life, a stormy one which certainly helped keep him in the public eye. As a great lover, the star's personal life presents a number of problems, including a first marriage to a lesbian who left her husband on their wedding night for another woman. His second marriage was to the domineering Natasha Rambova who engineered her husband's interest in spiritualism and influenced Valentino's screen performances. Valentino took an almost masochistic pleasure in conforming to her every whim. *Blood and Sand* at times mirrors the actor's real life, as Nita Naldi (who looks as tempestuous and as Continental as Rambova) seduces the young bullfighter (Valentino), while very much in command of the lovemaking process. It was Rambova who selected *Monsieur Beaucaire* for Valentino, a role which demanded that the star be overly made-up to the point of looking effeminate, and so dandified in his attire that the clothing symbolizes his almost slavish place in her household.

Through it all, Valentino remained remarkably docile and unaffected; only when a journalist accused him of being effeminate and sporting a slave bracelet did the actor respond with anger. He seemed happy to give his fans whatever he felt they would enjoy. He would strip to the waist in *Monsieur Beaucaire*, offer a little sadistic pleasure in *Son of the Sheik* through being viciously whipped, appear in only the briefest of shorts in *The Young Rajah*. In one promotional short he titillates the audience by sitting in his car and beginning to disrobe, until at a crucial moment in the proceedings he recognizes the presence of the camera and discreetly draws the blinds.

Valentino was not a great actor. Only in the two features directed by Rex Ingram, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* and *The Conquering Power*, does he display any real ability to lose his identity in the characters he is portraying. In only one other feature, *Moran of the Lady Letty*, does Valentino emerge as a masculine hero, strong and virile. Otherwise the actor is strictly a personality; indeed in *Blood and Sand* and *Monsieur Beaucaire* he is little more than a clothes-horse. Certainly his performances are not without their moments of fun; his forceful seduction of Agnes Ayres in *The Sheik* is memorable, as is his tongue-in-cheek playing throughout *Son of the Sheik*. A great on-screen lover Valentino is certainly not—not by today's standards and almost certainly not by the standards of his day. There is, however, one exception, a memorable moment in *Monsieur Beaucaire* in which he makes love to Doris Kenyon. The emotional intensity between these two is so extraordinary that after 60 years it is still an erotic experience.

By a curious quirk of fate, Valentino's most entertaining film, *Son of the Sheik* was also his last. Had he survived into sound he would certainly not have attained legend status; through his death he became immortal. As one of his leading ladies, Alice Terry, aptly remarked, "The biggest thing Valentino ever did was to die."

—Anthony Slide

VALLI, Alida

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Alida Maria Altenburger in Pola, 31 May 1921; often billed as Valli in non-Italian films. **Education:** Attended the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia, Rome. **Family:** Married the pianist Oscar de Mejo, 1944 (divorced), two sons. **Career:** 1935—film debut in *Il capello a tre punte*; 1947—contract with David O. Selznick: U.S. film debut in *The Paradine Case*; 1949—role in *The Third Man* brought international recognition; international films followed; 1956—founded her own theater company. **Awards:** Nastro d'Argento, 1946–47; David Di Donatello, 1981–82.

Films as Actress:

- 1935 *Il capello a tre punte*
 1936 *I due sargenti* (Guazzoni)
 1937 *Sono stato io!* (Matarazzo); *Il feroce Saladino* (Bonnard)
 1938 *L'ultima nemica* (Barbaro); *Ma l'amore mio non muore* (Amato); *La casa del peccato* (Neufeld); *Mille lire al mese* (Neufeld); (as Magda)
 1939 *Assenza ingiustificata* (Neufeld) (as Vera); *L'ha fatto una signora* (Mattòli); *Ballo al castello* (Ball at the Castle) (Neufeld) (as Greta Larsen); *Taverna rossa* (Neufeld)
 1940 *La prima donna che passa* (Neufeld) (as Gabriele de Verneine); *Otre l'amore* (Gallone); *Manon Lescaut* (Gallone) (title role)
 1941 *Piccolo mondo antico* (Little Old World) (Soldati) (as Lucia); *Ore nove lezione di chimica* (Schoolgirl Diary) (Mattòli) (as Anna); *L'amante segreta* (Gallone) (as Renata Kreuze); *Luce nelle tenebre* (Mattòli)
 1942 *Catene invisibili* (Mattòli); *Stasera niente di nuovo* (Mattòli); *Noi vivi—addio Kira* (We the Living) (Alessandrini) (as Kira Argounova); *Le due orfanelle* (The Two Orphans) (Gallone) (as Henrietta)
 1943 *I pagliacci* (Laugh Pagliacci) (Fatigati) (as Julia); *T'amero sempre* (Camerini)
 1944 *Apparizione* (De Limur) (as Andreina); *Circo equestre Za-Bum* (The Za-Bum Circus) (Mattòli)
 1945 *Il canto della vita* (Gallone); *La vita ricomincia* (Life Begins Anew; *The Sin of Patricia*) (Mattòli) (as Patrizia)
 1946 *Eugenia Grandet* (Soldati) (title role)
 1947 *The Paradine Case* (Hitchcock) (as Maddalena Anna Paradine)
 1948 *The Miracle of the Bells* (Pichel) (as Olga Treskovna)
 1949 *The Third Man* (Reed) (as Anna Schmidt)
 1950 *Walk Softly, Stranger* (Stevenson) (as Elaine Corelli); *The White Tower* (Tetzlaff) (as Carla Alton)
 1951 *Les Miracles n'ont lieu qu'une fois* (Yves Allégret) (as Claudia); *Ultimo incontro* (Franciolini) (as Lina)
 1953 *Les Amants de Tolède* (The Lovers of Toledo) (Decoin) (as Inez); "Siam Donne" ep. of *Il mondo le condanna* (Franciolini); *La mano dello straniero* (The Stranger's Hand) (Soldati) (as Roberta)
 1954 *Senso* (The Wanton Countess) (Visconti) (as Countess Livia Serpieri)
 1957 *Il grido* (The Outcry) (Antonioni) (as Irma); *Les Bijoutiers du clair de lune* (The Night Heaven Fell; Heaven Fell That Night) (Vadim) (as Florentine); *La grande strada azzura* (Pontecorvo) (as the wife)
 1958 *Barrage contre le Pacifique* (This Angry Age; The Sea Wall; La Diga sul Pacifico) (Clément) (as Claude); *L'uomo dai calzoni corti, o L'amore piu grande* (Pellegrini)
 1959 *Arsène Lupin et la toison d'or* (Robert)
 1960 *Les Dialogues des Carmélites* (Agostini and Bruckberger) (as Mother Therese); *Le Gigolo* (Deray); *Les Yeux sans visage* (Eyes without a Face; The Horror Chamber of Dr. Faustus) (Franju) (as Louise); *La Fille du torrent* (Herwig)
 1961 *Il peccato degli anni verdi, o L'assegno* (Trieste); *Une Aussi Longue Absence* (The Long Absence) (Colpi) (as Therese Langlois)
 1962 *Il disordine* (Le desorde; Disorder) (Brusati) (as the mother); *Furto su misura*; *The Happy Thieves* (Once a Thief) (George Marshall) (as Duchess Blanca); *Ophélia* (Chabrol) (as Claudia Lesurf); *Homenaje a la hora de la siesta* (Homage at Siesta Time) (Nilsson) (as Constance); *Al otro lado de la ciudad*
 1963 *El valle de las espadas* (The Castillian; Valley of the Swords) (Setó) (as Queen Teresa)
 1964 *L'Autre Femme* (Villiers)
 1965 *Humour noir* (La muerta viaje demasiado; Death Travels Too Much) (Autant-Lara)
 1967 *Edipo Re* (Oedipus Rex) (Pasolini) (as Merope)
 1969 *Le Champignon* (Simenon) (as Linda); *La strategia del ragno* (The Spider's Strategem) (Bertolucci) (as Draifa)
 1970 *Concerto per pistola solista* (The Weekend Murders) (Lupo); *L'occhio nel labarinto* (Blood) (Caiano—for TV)
 1972 *La prima notte di quiete* (Zurlini) (as mother); *Lisa e il diavolo* (Lisa and the Devil; The House of Exorcism; La Casa dell'exorcismo) (Bava) (as countess); *Diario di un italiano* (Diary of an Italian) (Capogna) (as Olga)
 1973 *No es nada mama, solo un juego* (It's Nothing, Only a Game) (Forque)
 1974 *La Grande Trouille* (Grunstein) (as Heloise); *La Chair de l'orchidée* (Flesh and the Orchid; Flesh of the Orchid) (Chereau) (as woman); *L'anticristo* (The Antichrist; The Tempter) (De Martino) (as Irene); *Tendre Dracula* (La Grande Trouille; Tender Dracula) (Grunstein) (as Eloise)
 1975 *Cher Victor* (Robin Davis) (as Anna); *Il caso Raoul* (Ponzi)
 1976 *1900* (Novecento) (Bertolucci) (as Signora Pioppi); *Le Jeu de solitaire* (Adam) (as friend); *Indagine su un delitto perfetto* (Leviathan)
 1977 *Suspiria* (Argento) (as Miss Tanner); *Berlinguer ti voglio bene* (Bertolucci); *The Cassandra Crossing* (Cosmatos) (as Mrs. Chadwick); *The Cinema According to Bertolucci* (G. Bertolucci—doc); *Un cuore Semplice* (Ferrara)

- 1978 *Zoo Zero* (Fleischer); *Suor omicidi* (*Killer Nun*) (Berruti); *Porco mundo* (*Porno*) (Bergonzelli); *Un cuore semplice* (Ferrara)
- 1979 *La Luna* (*Luna*) (Bertolucci) (as Giuseppe's mother)
- 1980 *Aquella casa en las afueras* (*That House in the Outskirts*) (Martin) (as Isabel); *Puppenspiel mit toten Augen*; *Inferno* (Argento) (as Carol)
- 1981 *Sezona mira u parizu* (Golubovic); *La caduta degli angeli ribelli* (*The Fall of the Rebel Angels*) (Giordana)
- 1982 *Sogni mostruosamente proibiti* (Parenti)
- 1983 *Aspern* (de Gregorio)
- 1985 *Segreti, segreti* (*Secrets, Secrets*) (Giuseppe Bertolucci)
- 1987 *A Notre Regrettable Epoux* (Korber) (as Catarina); *Le Jupon rouge* (*Manuela's Loves*) (Lefèbvre) (as Bacha)
- 1991 *La Bocca* (as The Countess); *Zitti e Mosca* (*The Party's Over*) (Benvenuti) (as Clara)
- 1993 *Il Lungo Silenzio* (*The Long Silence*) (von Trotta) (as Carla's mother)
- 1995 *A Month by the Lake* (Irvin) (as Signora Fascioli)
- 1995 *Fatal Frames* (*Fotogrammi mortali*) (Al Festa) (as Countess Mirafiori)
- 1998 *Probably Love* (Giuseppe Bertolucci)
- 1999 *Vino santo* (Schwarzenberger—for TV) (as Sveva); *Il Dolce rumore della vita* (Giuseppe Bertolucci)

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Born of an Austrian father and an Italian mother, Alida Valli was one of the first students to enroll in the acting program of the Rome film school, the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia. Debuting in films when she was only 14, she scored an immediate success due to her physical grace and striking looks. She starred in many costume dramas—the most lavish productions in Italy both during and after the war. Especially noteworthy was her performance as the grief-stricken mother in Soldati's screen version of Fogazzaro's novel *Piccolo mondo antico*, and her portrayal of Balzac's Eugenia Grandet. These were romantic dramas in which Valli's grace enabled her to make a more convincing impression in hoop skirts, bonnets, and powdered wigs than did her colleagues.

After the war, David O. Selznick offered her a Hollywood contract but Valli did not make a favorable impression on American audiences. Instead, she went to Britain where she did achieve acclaim, especially in Carol Reed's *The Third Man*, in which she plays a much-suffering refugee in postwar Vienna. In *The Third Man*, as in many of her foreign films, she was billed simply as Valli.

Valli's finest performance was in *Senso*, where she plays an Italian countess during the Austrian occupation of Venice. An aging beauty, she is torn between admiration of her cousin, an Italian army official, her patriotic duty to aid partisan activities, and her passion for a younger, handsome, but degenerate Austrian officer. She also gave a powerful performance as Irma, a poor woman, in Antonioni's *Il grido*.

In 1956 she founded a theater company and appeared on stage occasionally for the following 15 years. She participated in many productions in the United States, Spain, Italy, and France in the 1960s and 1970s. Her services have been called upon to play strong, sometimes eccentric, character roles; among the best of these films are Bertolucci's *1900* and, most particularly, *La strategia del ragno*.

—Elaine Mancini

VAN CLEEF, Lee

Nationality: American. **Born:** Somerville, New Jersey, 9 January 1925. **Family:** Married 1) Ruth Ann (Van Cleef) (divorced); 2) Joan (Van Cleef) (divorced), two sons and one daughter; 3) Barbara Hevelone, 1976. **Career:** World War II—served in the U.S. Navy; then farmhand, factory worker, and accountant; amateur actor; 1950—in road company of play *Mister Roberts*; 1952—film debut in *High Noon*; followed by a series of minor roles as villains; 1954—television debut; 1966—role in *For a Few Dollars More* brought international attention; subsequently a star in his own right, especially in Italy. **Died:** Of a heart attack in Oxnard, California, 16 December 1989.

Films as Actor:

- 1952 *High Noon* (Zinnemann) (as Jack Colby); *Untamed Frontier* (Fregonese) (as Dave Chittun); *Kansas City Confidential* (Karlson) (as Tony Romano)
- 1953 *The Lawless Breed* (Walsh) (as Dick Hanley); *Tumbleweed* (Juran) (as Marv); *Arena* (Fleischer) (as Smitty); *Jack Slade* (Schuster) (as Toby MacKay); *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* (Lourie) (as Corporal Stone); *White Lightning* (Bernds) (as Brutus); *Vice Squad* (Laven) (as Pete); *The Nebraskan* (Sears) (as Reno); *Private Eyes* (Bernds)
- 1954 *Rails into Laramie* (Hibbs) (as Ace Winton); *The Bandits of Corsica* (Nazarro) (as Nerva); *The Desperado* (Carr) (as Buck/Paul Creyton); *Gypsy Colt* (Marton) (as Hank); *Arrow in the Dust* (Selander) (as crew boss); *The Yellow Tomahawk* (Selander) (as Fireknife); *Dawn at Socorro* (Sherman) (as Earl Ferris); *Princess of the Nile* (Jones) (as Hakar)

- 1955 *The Big Combo* (Lewis) (as Fante); *The Road to Denver* (Kane) (as Pecos Larry); *A Man Alone* (Milland) (as Clantin); *The Vanishing American* (Kane) (as Jay Lord); *Treasure of Ruby Hills* (McDonald) (as Emmett); *Ten Wanted Men* (Humberstone) (as Al Drucker); *I Cover the Underworld* (Springsteen) (as Flash Logan); *Man without a Star* (Vidor); *The Naked Street* (Shane); *The Kentuckian* (Lancaster)
- 1956 *The Conqueror* (Powell) (as Chepei); *It Conquered the World* (Corman) (as Tom Anderson); *Tribute to a Bad Man* (Wise) (as Fat Jones); *Backlash* (John Sturges); *Red Sundown* (Arnold); *Pardners* (Taurog) (as Gus)
- 1957 *Accused of Murder* (Kane) (as Sgt. Lackey); *The Quiet Gun* (Claxton) (as Sadler); *The Badge of Marshal Brennan* (Gannaway) (as Shad Donaphin); *The Last Stagecoach West* (Kane); *The Lonely Man* (Levin) (as Faro); *Joe Dakota* (Bertlett) (as Adam Grant); *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (John Sturges) (as Ed Bailey); *Gun Battle at Monterey* (Hittelman) (as Kirby); *China Gate* (Fuller) (as Major Cham); *The Tin Star* (Mann) (as Ed McGaffey); *Raiders of Old California* (Gannaway)
- 1958 *Day of the Badman* (Keller) (as Jake Hayes); *The Bravados* (King) (as Alfonso Parral); *The Young Lions* (Dmytryk) (as Sgt. Rickett); *Machete* (Neumann) (as Miguel)
- 1959 *Ride Lonesome* (Boetticher) (as Frank); *Guns, Girls, and Gangsters* (Cahn) (as the husband)
- 1960 *The Guns of Zangara*
- 1961 *Posse from Hell* (Coleman) (as Leo)
- 1962 *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (Ford) (as Reese)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Ford and others) (as Marty)
- 1966 *Per qualche dollaro in più (For a Few Dollars More)* (Leone) (as Colonel Douglas Mortimer); *Call to Glory*; *Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo (The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly)* (Leone) (as Setenza)
- 1967 *Da uomo a uoma (Death Rides a Horse)* (Petroni) (as Ryan); *La resa dei conti (The Big Gundown)* (Sollima) (as Jonathon Corbett); *I giorno dell'ira (Der Tod ritt Dienstags; Day of Anger)* (Valerii) (as Frank Tolby)
- 1968 *Commandos* (Crispino); *L'uomo che viene de lontano (The Man from Far Away)*; *Al di là della legge (Beyond the Law)* (Stegani)
- 1969 *Bite the Dust*; *Ehi, amico . . . c'è Sabata, hai chiuso? (Sabata)* (Kramer) (title role); *Creed of Violence*
- 1970 *Barquero* (Douglas) (as Travis); *El Condor* (Guillermin) (as Jaroo)
- 1971 *. . . e continuavano a fregarsi il milione di dollari* (Martin); *Captain Apache* (Singer) (title role)
- 1972 *E tornato Sabata . . . hai chiuso (Return of Sabata)* (Kramer) (title role); *El gran duelo (The Grand Duel)* (Santi); *The Magnificent Seven Ride!* (McGowan) (as Chris)
- 1973 *Johnny le Flicueur (Mean Frank and Crazy Tony)*; *Dio, sei proprio un padreterno (Il suo nome faceva tremare . . . Interpol in allarme!; Gangster Story; The Gun)* (Lupo)
- 1974 *Moneda sangrienta (Blood Money)* (Dawson)
- 1975 *Take a Hard Ride* (Dawson) (as Kiefer)
- 1976 *The Stranger and the Gunfighter* (Dawson); *God's Gun* (Kramer)

- 1977 *Kid Vengeance* (Manduke); *Verano sangrieto (Killers)* (Sirko); *Nowhere to Hide* (Starrett—for TV)
- 1978 *Controrapina (The Squeeze; The Big Ripoff)* (Dawson)
- 1979 *The Hard Way* (Dryhurst—for TV)
- 1980 *Trieste File; The Octagon* (Karson) (as McCarn)
- 1981 *Escape from New York* (Carpenter) (as Bon Hauk)
- 1983 *The Killing Machine* (Loma) (as Maitre Julot)
- 1984 *Codename Wildgeese* (Dawson); *Goma 2* (Loma)
- 1985 *The Master* (Hessler—for TV); *Jungle Raiders (Captain Yankee; La legenda del rudio malese)* (Dawson) (as Inspector Warren)
- 1986 *Armed Response* (Olen Ray) (as Burt Roth)
- 1988 *Commander* (Dawson)
- 1989 *Speed Zone* (Drake) (as Grandfather)

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Lee Van Cleef entered films after a brief and unspectacular stage career. For a while he was a member of a small amateur dramatics group, after which he appeared in Joshua Logan's stage production of *Mister Roberts*. He was then spotted by Stanley Kramer in his starring role in *Heaven Can Wait*. Eventually, he won the part of one of the desperadoes stalking Gary Cooper in *High Noon*, in which Van Cleef was first typecast as a baddie.

Over the years, Van Cleef perfected his screen persona as a ruthless villain. His athletic frame, steely-eyed stare, hooked nose, demonic smile, and imposing presence all contributed to his success as an antihero. Inevitably portraying a lone, proficient killer, Van Cleef concealed a gentility beneath his tough exterior that gained the sympathy of the audience; although brutal, his actions could usually be traced to a justifiable grievance.

Van Cleef's flagging film career suddenly picked up in the mid-1960s when he appeared opposite Clint Eastwood in Sergio Leone's

spaghetti Westerns *Per qualche dollaro in più* and *Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo*. Unlike Eastwood, who returned to Hollywood to further his career, Van Cleef stayed in Europe, where he successfully rode the spaghetti and paella trail, playing his invincible gunfighter in a succession of European-made Westerns.

By the early 1970s, he was one of the ten most popular box-office stars on the Continent, and had established himself as a cult figure. With well over 800 television and film appearances to his credit, Van Cleef endeared himself to cinemagoers as a man they love to hate. Although typecast from the outset of his Hollywood career, unlike many other actors in his position, he used this obstacle to his advantage by creating a memorable and immensely popular cinema character.

—Curtis Hutchinson

VANEL, Charles

Nationality: French. **Born:** Rennes, 21 August 1892. **Career:** On stage in Paris from age 16; 1912—film debut in *Jim Crow*; followed by some 200 films; 1929—directed the film *Dans la nuit*. **Awards:** Best Actor, Cannes Festival, for *The Wages of Fear*, 1953; special César award, 1978. **Died:** In Cannes, 15 April 1989.

Films as Actor:

- 1912 *Jim Crow* (Péguy)
 1921 *Crépuscule d'épouvante; L'Enfant du carnaval*
 1922 *L'Atre* (Boudrioz); *La Nuit de la revanche* (Etievant); *Les 50 Ans de Don Juan* (Etievant); *Du Crépuscule à l'aube* (de Feraudy)
 1923 *Tempêtes* (Boudrioz); *Miarka, la fille à l'ourse* (Mercanton); *La Maison du mystère* (Volkoff); *Le Vol* (Péguy); *Valvaire d'Amour* (Tourjansky); *Phroso* (Mercanton)
 1924 *La Flambee des rêves* (de Baroncelli); *Pêcheur d'Islande* (de Baroncelli); *La Mendiante de Saint-Sulpice* (Burguet); *Martyre* (Burguet); *L'Autre aile* (Andreani)
 1925 *Barocco* (Burguet); *Le Réveil* (de Baroncelli); *Ame d'artiste* (Dulac); *La Flamme* (Hervil)
 1926 *La Proie du vent* (Clair); *Nitchevo* (de Baroncelli); *600,000 Francs par mois* (Péguy and Koline); *L'Orphelin du cirque* (Lannes); *Feu!* (de Baroncelli)
 1927 *L'Esclave blanche* (Genina); *Charité; La Femme rêvée* (Durand); *Paname n'est pas Paris* (Malikoff); *Maquillage* (Basch)
 1928 *Le Passager* (de Baroncelli); *La Plongée tragique* (Heinz); *Feux Follets* (Waschneck)
 1929 *Waterloo* (Grüne); *Les Fourchambault* (Monca)
 1930 *Chiqué* (Colombier); *Accusée levez-vous!* (Tourneur); *La Maison jaune de Rio* (Grune and Péguy); *Le Capitaine jaune* (Sandberg); *L'Arlésienne* (de Baroncelli)
 1931 *Maison de danses* (Tourneur); *Au nom de la Loi* (Tourneur); *Dainah la métisse* (Gremillon); *Faubourg Montmartre* (Bernard); *Les Croix de bois* (Bernard)
 1932 *Gitanes* (de Baroncelli)
 1933 *Les Misérables* (Bernard); *Au bout du monde* (Flücht-Linge) (Ucicky and Chomette)
 1934 *Le Grand Jeu* (Feyder); *Roi de Canargue* (de Baroncelli); *Obsession* (Tourneur—short)
 1935 *L'Impossible aveu* (Glavany); *Le Domino vert* (Selpin and Decoin); *L'Equipage* (*Flight into Darkness*) (Litavak); *Michel Strogoff* (de Baroncelli)
 1936 *Les Bateliers de la Volga* (Strijewsky); *Port Arthur (I Give My Life)* (Farkas); *Jenny* (Carné); *La Belle équipe* (*They Were Five*) (Duvivier); *Les Grands* (Gandera and Bibal); *L'Assaut* (Ducis); *La Flamme* (Berthomieu); *Courier Sud* (Billon); *Vertige d'un soir* (*La Peur*) (Tourjansky)
 1937 *Abus de confiance* (*Abused Confidence*) (Decoin); *Troika sur la piste blanche* (Dréville); *Police mondaine* (Bernheim and Chamborant); *La Femme du bout du monde* (Epstein)
 1938 *L'Occident* (Fescourt); *Les Pirates du rail* (Christian-Jaque); *Légions d'honneur* (Gleize); *S.O.S. Sahara* (de Baroncelli); *Bar du Sud* (Fescourt)
 1939 *Carrefour* (*Crossroads*) (Bernhardt); *L'Or du Cristobal* (Stelli and Becker); *La Brigade sauvage* (*Savage Brigade*) (Dréville and L'Herbier); *Yamile sous le Cèdres* (d'Espinay)
 1940 *La Loi du nord* (*La Piste du nord*) (Feyder); *Le Diamant noir* (Delannoy); *La Nuit merveilleuse* (Paulin)
 1941 *Le Soleil a toujours raison* (Billon)
 1942 *Promesse à l'inconnue* (Berthomieu)
 1943 *Les Affaires sont les affaires* (Dréville); *Le Ciel est à vous* (Gremillon); *Les Roquevillard* (Dréville)
 1944 *Haut-le-Vent* (de Baroncelli); *L'Enquête sur le 58* (Tedesco—short)
 1945 *La Ferme du pendu* (Dréville)
 1946 *La Bateau à soupe* (Gleize); *La Cabane aux souvenirs* (Stelli); *Gringalet* (Berthomieu)
 1947 *Le Diable souffle* (Gréville)
 1948 *Vertigine d'Amore* (Capuano)
 1949 *Mafia* (*Il nome della legge*) (Germi); *La Femme que j'ai assassinée* (Daniel-Norman)
 1950 *Il Bivio* (Cerchio); *Malaire* (Perla); *Cuori sul mar* (Bianchi)
 1951 *Gli Inesorabili* (Mastrocinque); *Son dernier verdict* (*Ultima Sentenza*) (Bonnard); *Incantesimo Tragico* (Mastrocinque)
 1952 *Tempête sur les Mauvents* (Dupé); *Le Salaire de la peur* (*The Wages of Fear*) (Clouzot)
 1953 *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry); *L'Affaire Mauritzius* (*On Trial*) (Duvivier)
 1954 *Les Diaboliques* (*Diabolique*) (Clouzot); *Maddalena* (Genina); *Tam Tam* (Napolitano); *To Catch a Thief* (Hitchcock) (as Bertani); *Rafles sur la ville* (*Sinners of Paris*) (Chenal)
 1956 *La Mort en ce jardin* (Gina); *Evil Eden* (Buñuel)
 1957 *Le Feu aux poudres* (Decoin); *Les Suspects* (Dréville)
 1958 *Le Gorille vous salue bien* (Borderie); *Le Piège* (*No Escape*) (Brabant); *Pêcheur d'Islande* (Schlöndorffer)
 1959 *Les Naufrageurs* (Brabant); *Les Bateliers de la Volga* (Tourjansky); *La Valse du gorille* (Borderie)
 1960 *La Vérité* (*The Truth*) (Clouzot)
 1961 *Tintin et le mystère de la Toison d'Or* (Vierne); *L'Ainé des Ferchaux* (Melville); *Maria, matricula de Bilbao* (Vajda); *Symphonie pour un massacre* (*Symphony for a Massacre*) (Deray); *La steppa* (*The Steppe*) (Lattuada)

- 1962 *Lo Soggarro* (Siano); *Rififi à Tokyo* (*Rififi in Tokyo*) (Deray)
 1963 *Un Roi sans divertissement* (*La Poursuite*) (Leterrier)
 1964 *Le Chant du monde* (Camus)
 1967 *Un Homme de trop* (*Shock Troops*) (Costa-Gavras)
 1969 *Ballade pour un chien* (Vergez); *La Nuit bulgare* (Mitrani)
 1970 *Ils* (Simon); *Comptes à rebours* (Pigaut)
 1972 *Camorra* (Squietieri); *La più bella serata della mia vita* (Scola) (as Judge)
 1973 *Les Martiens* (Ciampi—short); *Le Sang des autres* (Simenon)
 1975 *Sept morts sur ordonnance* (Rouffio); *Cadaveri eccellenti* (*Illustrious Corpses*) (Rosi) (as Procura)
 1976 *Nuit d'or* (Moatti); *Comme un boomerang* (Giovanni); *Alice, ou la dernière fugue* (Chabrol) (as Vergennes)
 1977 *A l'ombre d'un été* (Van Belle); *Ne pleure pas* (Ertaud)
 1979 *Le Chemin perdu* (Moraz)
 1980 *La Puce et le Privé* (Kay); *Tre fratelli* (*Three Brothers*) (Rosi) (as Donato Giuranna)
 1987 *Si le soleil ne revenait pas* (Goretta) (as Anzevui)
 1988 *Les Saisons du plaisir* (Mocky) (as Charles)

Films as Director:

- 1929 *Dans la nuit* (+ ro)
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Charles Vanel, the grand old man of French cinema, was born in 1892 at Rennes. He was educated for a career at sea, but his poor sight put an end to this ambition. Possessing a very fine voice, he decided to become an actor and went to Paris where, encouraged by Firmin Gemier, he played at the Theatre Antoine and the Gymnase. After four years of the theater, he entered films in 1912, playing in Robert Péguy's *Jim Crow*. He played with Rejane in Mercanton's *Miarka, la fille à l'ourse*, but had his first big success in Robert Boudrioz's remarkable *L'Atre* in 1922. This marked the beginning of a prolific silent film career for Vanel. He acted with Mozhukin in *L'Enfant du carnaval*, *Tempêtes*, and *La Maison du mystère*, and appeared in many films by Jacques de Baroncelli, particularly in the Pierre Loti story *Pêcheur d'Islande*, filmed in his native Brittany. He played in Germaine Dulac's *Ame d'artiste* and Rene Clair's *Proie du vent* (with Sandra Milowanoff, who had played in the Loti film). Vanel worked for German and Italian directors, and played Napoleon in Karl Grüne's *Waterloo*. In 1929 he directed Sandra Milowanoff in *Dans la nuit*, a film now restored by the Cinémathèque Française which allows us to see a very talented director indeed. This story of rural love and jealousy set among quarry workers has a documentary realism, but as a film it was overshadowed by the coming of sound.

With the arrival of sound, Vanel spent two years in Germany on French versions of German films, and on his return to France became a familiar figure on the cinema screen. He played opposite Harry Baur in Raymond Bernard's two-part versions of *Les Misérables* in 1933 and also appeared in Bernard's *Faubourg Montmartre* and *Les Croix de bois*. He was in Feyder's *Le Grand Jeu* and *La Loi du nord*. For Gustav Ucicky he played in *Flüchtlinge* (*Au bout du monde*), and he was in Marcel Carné's *Jenny*. He was Yves Montand's cowardly partner in Clouzot's *Le Salaire de la peur* (for which he received the Cannes best actor award). He worked for Hitchcock (*To Catch a Thief*), Buñuel (*Le Mort en ce jardin*), and Jean Pierre Melville (*L'Ainé des Ferchaux*). In 1958 he again played in *Pêcheur d'Islande* (Schlöndorff), and he was in both the Strijewsky and Tourjansky versions of *Les Bateliers de la Volga*. In 1978 Vanel was honored with a special César award, and continued to appear in films in his last years. He had a prolific output of 80 films during a distinguished career covering more than 70 years.

—Liam O'Leary

VEIDT, Conrad

Nationality: German/British. **Born:** Berlin, 22 January 1893; became British citizen, 1939. **Family:** Married 1) Gussy Hall (divorced); 2) Felicitas Radke, one daughter; married third wife. **Career:** Studied with Max Reinhardt, and acted in his company in Berlin, before 1914 and after 1916; 1914–16—served in the German Army; illness permitted him to be assigned to Berlin after 1916; 1917—film debut in *Der Spion*; 1919—controversy over his portrayal of a homosexual in the film *Anders als die Andern*; formed own production company; directed first film, *Wahnsinn*; 1920—role in *Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari* and other expressionist films in the early 1920s brought him international attention; late 1920s—made



Conrad Veidt (right) with Claude Rains in *Casablanca*

some films in Hollywood; 1934—after being detained briefly in Nazi Germany because his third wife was half-Jewish, emigrated to England; 1940–43—worked in the United States. **Died:** 3 April 1943.

Films as Actor:

- 1917 *Wenn Tote sprechen* (Reinert); *Die Claudia von Geiserhof* (Biebrach); *Der Spion* (Heiland); *Der Weg des Todes* (Reinert) (as Rolf); *Furcht* (Wiene) (as the Indian); *Das Ratsel von Bangalor* (Antalfy) (as Count Dinja)
- 1918 *Die Serenyi* (Halm); *Das Tagebuch einer Verlorenen* (*The Diary of a Lost Woman*) (Oswald) (as Dr. Julius); *Dida Ibsens Geschichte* (Oswald) (as Erik Knorrensen); *Des Dreimäderlhaus* (Oswald) (as Baron Schober); *Colomba* (von Wieder) (as Henrik van Rhyn); *Jettchen Geberts Geschichte* (Oswald) (as Dr. Köstling); *Henriette Jacoby* (Oswald) (as Dr. Köstling); *Sundige Mutter* (Oswald) (as Herr Kramer); *Opfer der Gesellschaft* (Grunwald) (as Staatsanwalt); *Nocturno der Liebe* (Boese) (as Frederic Chopin); *Die Japanerin* (Dupont) (as the Secretary)
- 1919 *Gewitter im Mai* (Beck); *Die Reise um die Erde in 80 Tagen* (*Around the World in Eighty Days*) (Oswald) (as Phileas Fogg); *Peer Gynt* (Barnowsky) (as the Button Maker); *Anders als die Andern* (Oswald) (as Paul Körner); *Die Mexicanerin* (Bonn) (as the Seducer); *Die Prostitution II* (Oswald) (as Editor Hofer); *Die Okarina* (Kraft) (as Jaap); *Prinz Kukuck* (*Prince Cuckoo*) (Leni) (as Karl Kraker); “Prologue and Epilogue” (as Death), “Die Ercheinung” (as the Stranger), “Die Hand” (as the Assassin), “Die schwarze Katze” (as the Traveller), “Der Klub der Selbstmörder” (as Club President), and “Der Spuk” (as the Husband), eps. of *Unheimliche Geschichten* (Oswald); *Nachtgestalten* (Oswald) (as the Comedian); Episode 1 (as the Hermit from Elu/Lucifer), Episode 2 (as Gubetta/Lucifer), and Episode 3 (as Grodski/Lucifer) of *Satanas* (Murnau)
- 1920 *Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari* (*The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*) (Wiene) (as Cesare); *Der Reigen* (*Ein Werdegang*) (Oswald) (as Peter Karvan); *Patience* (Leni) (as Sir Percy Parker); *Der Januskopf* (*Janus-Faced*) (Murnau) (as Dr. Warren/Mr. O'Connor); *Liebestaumel* (Hartwig) (as Jalenko); *Die Augen der Welt* (Wilhelm) (as Juliane von Derp's lover); *Kurfürstendamm* (*Ein Höllenspek in 6 Akten*) (Oswald) (as the Devil); *Moriturus* (Hagen) (as Wilmos); *Abend-Nacht-Morgen* (*The Memoirs of Manolescu*) (Dreier) (as Brillburn); *Kunsterlaunen* (Otto) (as Arpad); *Sehnsucht* (Murnau) (as the student); *Der Gang in die Nacht* (Murnau) (as the blind painter); *Christian Wahnschaffe* (Gade) (title role); *Der Graf von Cagliostro* (Schünzel) (as the Minister); *Das Geheimnis von Bombay* (Holz) (as Tossi); *Menschen im Rausch* (Geisendörfer) (as the composer)
- 1921 *Die Liebschaften des Hektor Dalmore* (Oswald) (title role); *Der Leidensweg der Inge Kraft* (Dinesen) (as Hendryk Overland); *Landstrasse und Grosstadt* (Wilhelm) (as Raphael Strate); *Lady Hamilton* (Oswald) (as Lord Nelson); *Das Indische Grabmal* (*Mysteries of India*; *Above All Law*; *The Indian Tomb*) (May) (as Ayan, the Maharajah)
- 1922 *Lucrezia Borgia* (Oswald) (as Cesare Borgia)
- 1923 *Paganini* (Goldberg) (title role); *Wilhelm Tell* (Dworsky) (as Gessler); *Glanz gegen Gluck* (Trotz) (as the Count)
- 1924 *Carlos und Elisabeth* (Oswald) (as Karl V/Don Carlos); *Das Wachsfignurenkabinett* (*Waxworks*) (Leni) (as Ivan the Terrible); *Orlacs Hande* (*The Hands of Orlac*) (Wiene) (as Paul Orlac); *Nju* (*Husbands or Lovers*) (Czinner) (as the Poet); *Schicksal* (Basch) (as Count Wranna)
- 1925 *Le Comte Kostia* (Robert) (title role); *Ingmarsarvet* (*In Dalarna and Jerusalem*) (Molander) (as Helgum); *Liebe macht Blind* (*Love Is Blind*) (Mendes) (as Dr. Lamare)
- 1926 *Der Geiger von Florenz* (Czinner) (as the father); *Die Bruder Schellenberg* (*The Two Brothers*) (Grune) (title roles); *Dürfen wir Schweigen?* (Oswald) (as Paul Hartwig); *Kreuzzug des Weibes* (Berger) (as the Prosecutor); *Der Student von Prag* (*The Student of Prague*) (Berger) (as Balduin); *Die Flucht in die Nacht* (*The Flight in the Night*) (Palermi) (as Count Heinrich di Favari)
- 1927 *The Beloved Rogue* (Crosland) (as Louis XI); *A Man's Past* (Melford) (as Paul La Roche)
- 1928 *The Man Who Laughs* (Leni) (as Gwynplaine); *The Last Performance* (*Eric the Great*) (Fejos) (as Erik the Great)
- 1929 *Das Land Ohne Frauen* (*Bride 68*) (Gallone) (as Dick Ashton)
- 1930 *Die Letzte Kompanie* (*The Last Company*; *Thirteen Men and a Girl*) (Bernhardt) (as Hauptmann Burk); *Die Grosse Sehnsucht* (Zselkely) (as himself); *Menschen in Kafig* (Dupont) (as Gordon Kingsley)

- 1931 *Der Mann, der den Mord beging* (*The Man Who Committed Murder*) (Bernhardt) (as Oberst Sevigne); *Die Nacht der Entscheidung* (Buckowetski) (as General Gregori Paltoff); *Der Kongress tanzt* (*Congress Dances*) (Charell) (as Count Metternich); *Die Andere Seite* (Paul) (as Captain Denis Stanhope); *Rasputin* (Trotz) (title role)
- 1932 *Der schwarze Husar* (*The Black Hussar*) (Lamprecht) (as Rittmeister Hansgeorg von Hochberg); *F.P.I.* (Hartl) (as Elissen)
- 1933 *Ich und die Kaiserin* (Hollaender) (as the Marquis); *Rome Express* (Forde) (as Zurta); *The Wandering Jew* (Elvey) (as Mathias); *I Was a Spy* (Saville) (as Commandant Obersertzt)
- 1934 *Jew Suss* (*Power*) (Mendes) (as Joseph Oppenheimer); *Wilhelm Tell* (*The Legend of William Tell*) (Paul) (as Gessler); *Bella Donna* (Milton) (as Mahmoud Baroudi)
- 1935 *The Passing of the Third Floor Back* (Viertel) (as the Stranger)
- 1936 *King of the Damned* (Forde) (as Convict 83)
- 1937 *Under the Red Robe* (Sjöström) (as Gil de Berault); *Dark Journey* (Saville) (as Baron Karl von Marwitz)
- 1938 *Tempête sur L'Asie* (Oswald) (as Erich Keith); *Le Joueur d'échecs* (*The Chess Player; The Devil Is an Empress*) (Dréville) (as Baron Kempelen)
- 1939 *The Spy in Black* (*U-Boat 29*) (Powell) (as Captain Hardt)
- 1940 *Contraband* (*Blackout*) (Powell) (as Captain Anderson); *The Thief of Bagdad* (Berger) (as Jaffar, the Grand Vizier); *Escape* (LeRoy) (as General Kurt von Kalb)
- 1941 *A Woman's Face* (Cukor) (as Torsten Barring); *Whistling in the Dark* (Sylvan) (as Joseph Jones); *The Men in Her Life* (Ratoff) (as Stanislas Rosing)
- 1942 *Nazi Agent* (Dassin) (as Otto Becker/Baron Hugo von Detner); *All through the Night* (Sherman) (as Ebbing)
- 1943 *Casablanca* (Curtiz) (as Major Strassner); *Above Suspicion* (Thorpe) (as Hussert Seidel)

Films as Director:

- 1919 *Wahnsinn* (+ ro as Lorenzen)
- 1920 *Die Nacht auf Goldenhall* (+ roles as Lord Harald/the nephew)
- 1922 *Lord Byron* (+ co-pr, sc, title role)

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Like many of the prominent stars of the great period of pre-Nazi German cinema, Conrad Veidt received his basic training and stage experience from Max Reinhardt, and appeared at the age of 20—just before World War I—at Reinhardt’s Deutsches Theater in Berlin. His career in German film began in 1917. Before making his name internationally, in *Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari*, he had already been seen in 15 films, two of which, *Wahnsinn* and *Die Nacht auf Goldenhall*, he had directed.

Veidt’s impressive height, handsomely gaunt face, and high cheekbones made him natural casting for sinister or symbolic roles. He had already played the Button Maker in a film version of *Peer Gynt* and Death in *Unheimliche Geschichten*, as well as Phileas Fogg in the silent German film version of *Die Reise um die Erde in 80 Tage*, before achieving his beautifully mimed and choreographed performance as Cesare, the somnambulist murderer in Wiene’s *Dr. Caligari*, which had originally been intended as a subject for the developing talents of Fritz Lang. Made on the most modest of postwar budgets, this film, with its expressionist-styled sets and theme of insanity, won an international reputation before its proper recognition in Germany itself. It confirmed Veidt as one of the more sinister personalities of German film. He went on to appear (before going to Hollywood in 1927) as Lucifer in *Satanas*, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in *Der Januskopf* (the characters renamed Warren and O’Connor), Lord Nelson in *Lady Hamilton*, Cesare Borgia in *Lucretia Borgia*, and the title roles in *Richard III* and *Lord Byron*. Even more prominent from the international point of view, were his performances as Ivan the Terrible in Paul Leni’s *Die Wachsfignurenkabinett*, the lover in Paul Czinner’s *Nju*, in the title role in Wiene’s *Orlacs Hande*, and the lead in Henryk Galeen’s *Der Student von Prag*. He had also extended his range as producer and director as well, with *Lord Byron*.

His initial career in Hollywood, 1927–29, was relatively undistinguished, and he returned to Germany with the coming of sound. Here

he was best cast as Count Metternich in *Der Kongress tanzt*, and in the title role of *Rasputin*. With the rise of Hitler he took refuge with his Jewish wife in England and eventually took British citizenship. His natural casting was now that of the sinister German, and he appeared in several of the better British dramas and melodramas in the 1930s—Walter Forde's *Rome Express* and Victor Saville's *I Was a Spy*, Lothar Mendes's *Jew Suss*, Berthold Viertel's *The Passing of the Third Floor Back*, Forde's *King of the Damned*, and Saville's *Dark Journey*. In France he made *Le Joueur d'échecs* before leaving once again for Hollywood. In the short time before he died prematurely of a heart attack in 1943, he appeared in eight films in his usual German roles, most notably in Michael Curtiz's *Casablanca*. He dropped dead while playing golf at the age of only 50.

—Roger Manvell

VITTI, Monica

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Maria Luisa Ceciarelli in Rome, 3 November 1931. **Education:** Attended Pittman's College and Academy of Dramatic Art, both in Rome. **Career:** Stage actress in Rome; 1955—film debut in *Ridere, ridere, ridere*; 1959—first of several films for Antonioni, *L'avventura*, brought international attention. **Awards:** Three Nastro d'Argento Awards, nine David Di Donatello Awards, and four Italian Golden Grails.

Films as Actress:

- 1955 *Ridere, ridere, ridere* (Anton); *Adriana Lecouvreur* (Salvani)
- 1956 *Una pelliccia di visone* (Pellegrini)
- 1958 *Le dritte* (*Smart Girls*) (Amendola)
- 1959 *L'avventura* (Antonioni) (as Claudia)
- 1961 *La notte* (*The Night*) (Antonioni) (as Valentina Gherardini)
- 1962 *L'eclisse* (*The Eclipse*) (Antonioni) (as Vittoria); "Le Lievre et la tortue" ("The Tortoise and the Hare") ep. of *Les Quatres Vérités* (*Three Fables of Love*) (Blasetti) (as Madeleine)
- 1963 *Château en Suède* (*Nutty Naughty Chateau*) (Vadim) (as Eleanore Falsen); *Dragées au poivre* (*Sweet and Sour*) (Baratier) (as Elle)
- 1964 "La sospirata" ("The Singing Woman" or "The Victim") ep. of *Alta infedeltà* (*High Infidelity*) (Salce) (as Gloria); *Il deserto rosso* (*The Red Desert*) (Antonioni) (as Giuliana); "La ministra" ("The Soup") ep. of *Le bambole* (*Four Kinds of Love; The Dolls*) (Rossi) (as Giovanna)
- 1965 *Il disco volante* (*The Flying Saucer*) (Brass) (as Mercedes); *Fai in fretta ad ucidermi . . . ho Freddo!* (Maselli) (as Giovanna)
- 1966 *Modesty Blaise* (Losey) (title role); "Fata Sabina" ("Queen Sabina") ep. of *Le fate* (*The Queens; Sex Quartet*) (Salce) (title role); *Le piacevoli notti*
- 1967 *Ti ho sposato per allegria* (*I Married You for Fun*) (Salce) (as Giuliana)
- 1968 *La ragazza con la pistola* (*The Girl with the Pistol*) (Monicelli) (as Assunta Borello); *La Femme écarlate* (*The Scarlet Woman*) (Valere) (as Lucie)

- 1969 *La cintura di Castità* (*The Chastity Belt; On My Way to the Crusades, I Met a Girl Who . . .*) (Campanile) (as Boccadora); *Vedo nudo* (Risi); *Amore mio, aiutami* (Sordi) (as Raffaella)
- 1970 *Nini Tirabuscio, la donna che incanto la mossa* (Fondato) (as Maria Sarta); *Dramma della gelosia—tutti i particolari in cronaca* (*The Pizza Triangle; A Drama of Jealousy; The Motive Was Jealousy*) (Scola) (as Adelaide)
- 1971 *La pacifista* (*Smetti di piovere; The Pacifist*) (Jancsó) (as the Journalist); "The Refrigerator" and "The Lion" eps. of *Le coppie* (Monicelli and De Sica); *La supertestimone* (Giraldi)
- 1972 *Teresa la ladra* (*Teresa the Thief*) (Di Palma); *Gli ordini sono ordini; Noi donne siamo fatte così* (Rosi) (twelve roles)
- 1973 *Tosca* (Magni); *Polvere di stelle* (Sordi) (as Dea Adami)
- 1974 *La Fantôme de la liberté* (*The Phantom of Liberty; The Specter of Freedom*) (Buñuel) (as Mrs. Fouca)
- 1975 *A mezzanotte va la ronda del piacere* (*The Immortal Bachelor; Midnight Pleasures; Qui comincia l'avventura*) (Fondato) (as Tina Candela); *L'Anatra all'orancia* (*Duck in Orange Sauce*) (Salce) (as Lisa)
- 1978 *La Raison d'état* (Cayatte) (as Angela)
- 1979 *An Almost Perfect Affair* (Ritchie) (as Maria); *Letti selvaggi* (Zampa)
- 1980 *Non ti conosco più amore* (Corbucci)
- 1981 *Il mistero di Oberwald* (*The Mystery of Oberwald*) (Antonioni) (as the Queen); *Camera d'albergo* (Monicelli); *Tango della gelosia* (*Tigers in Lipstick*) (Steno)
- 1982 *Io so che tu sai che io so* (*I Know that You Know that I Know*) (Sordi); *Scusa se e poco* (Vicario)
- 1983 *Flirt* (Russo) (as Laura); *Trenta minuti d'amore* (Vicario)
- 1986 *Francesco e mia* (Russo) (+ co-sc, story)

Film as Actress, Director, and Co-Scriptwriter:

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Monica Vitti is best known for her representation of the macho Italian version of woman in many of director Antonioni's films, but it must be said that he manipulated her performances with a callow disregard for human integrity. In the director's great trilogy, Vitti appears as the molded woman, not only in the cinematography but also in the narrative. In *L'avventura* she replaces the first woman of Sandro, the male lead. For all his intellectual Weltschmerz, Sandro has the same attitude toward women as that of any *bravo* hanging out in the square of any Italian village. *He*, not *she*, has the luxury of promiscuity and its subsequent guilt. In the last scene, the Vitti persona forgives the repentant lover like some Florentine Madonna—wistful and melancholy, yet always accepting.

L'eclisse is hardly better: in it Vitti plays a sexually exploited woman. To underscore her position she dresses up, applies blackface, and performs a dance for the entertainment of a colonial from Kenya. It may be said that this scene demonstrates a certain sympathy for her situation, but such acceptance of male sympathy is cheap.

In *La notte* she plays the passive observer, the writer manqué. In Antonioni's world, while women can represent symbolically creative apperception, it is only the male poet or director who can actually "make." Finally, in *Il deserto rosso*, her baffled gestures and her wistful smile à la Watteau are excruciatingly painful. This role seems the ultimate degradation that Antonioni could effect upon the Vitti persona.

Probably her finest role, at least as a fully cognizant human being, is that of the title character in Joseph Losey's *Modesty Blaise*. Admittedly, at the time of its appearance, it was a role little appreciated by the critics sharing the same sexual malaise as Antonioni. The film gained a cult following, however, in the radicalized college campuses of the 1960s. Here, Vitti's husky voice is heard to best advantage. But of even greater significance is the film's translation of the refined woman into an active, female James Bond. Here, then, lies the sublime irony of Losey's film: this actress, whom Antonioni had made out to be the helpless and indecisive neurotic, now becomes the ever-competent agent—more competent than her male assistant, played by Terence Stamp. Losey, in his desire to set the secret-agent genre on its head, could not have found a better actress to represent Modesty Blaise.

—Rodney Farnsworth

VOGLER, Rüdiger

Nationality: German. **Born:** Warthausen, 1942. **Education:** Studied theater at Heidelberg University. **Career:** 1960s—associated with the Frankfurt Theater am Turm: roles in comic and serious plays, especially those by Peter Handke; 1971—first of several films by

Wim Wenders, *Die Angst des Tormanns beim Elfmeter*; 1995—in TV mini-series *Der Clan der Anna Voss*.

Films as Actor:

- 1971 *Die Angst des Tormanns beim Elfmeter* (*The Goalkeeper's Fear of the Penalty*; *The Goalie's Anxiety at the Penalty Kick*) (Wenders) (as village idiot)
- 1973 *Der scharlachrote Buchstabe* (*The Scarlet Letter*) (Wenders) (as the sailor); *Die Gräfin von Rathenow* (Beauvais—for TV)
- 1974 *Alice in den Städten* (*Alice in the Cities*) (Wenders) (as Phillip); *Falsche Bewegung* (*Wrong Movement*; *The Wrong Move*) (Wenders) (as Wilhelm Meister)
- 1976 *Im Lauf der Zeit* (*Kings of the Road*) (Wenders) (as Bruno Winter)
- 1977 *Kreutzer* (Emmerich) (as Andreas Kreutzer); *Fleuchtweg nach Marseille* (Engstrom); *Die Linkshändige Frau* (*The Left-Handed Woman*) (Handke) (as the actor)
- 1978 *Alzire oder der Neue Kontinent* (Koerfer); *L'Etat sauvage* (*The Savage State*) (Girod) (as Tristan)
- 1979 *Letzte Liebe* (Engstrom)
- 1980 *Henry Angst* (Kratisch)
- 1981 *Beate und Mareile* (Gies—for TV)
- 1982 *Die Bleiere Zeit* (*The German Sisters*; *Marianne and Juliane*) (von Trotta) (as Wolfgang); *Logik des Gefühls* (Kratisch) (as George)
- 1983 *Heller Wahn* (von Trotta); *L'Hôpital de Leningrad* (Maldoror); *Melzer* (Heinz Butler); *Wanda* (Noever)
- 1984 *Un caso d'incoscienza* (Greco); *Der Havarist* (Buhler); *Machinations* (Gantillon—for TV); *La Nuit de Carrefour* (Bertin); *Praxis der Liebe* (Export)
- 1985 *Fratelli* (Dordi)
- 1986 *Tarot* (Thome) (as Otto)
- 1987 *Lucky Ravi* (Lombard); *Madrid* (Patino) (as Hans); *Das Treibhaus* (Goedel) (as narrator)
- 1989 *Erdenschwer* (Herbrich) (as Dr. Frank)
- 1990 *Il sole anche di notte* (*Night Sun*) (Tavianis) (as King Charles)
- 1991 *Bis ans Ende der Welt* (*Until the End of the World*) (Wenders) (as Phillip Winter); *Anna Göldin: letzte Hexe* (*Anna Goldin, the Last Witch*) (Pinkus) (as Dr. Tsuchidi); *Transit* (Allio) (as the doctor); *Reiche Kunden killt man nicht* (Gutke—for TV)
- 1992 *Tatort—Bienzle und der Biedermann* (Peter Adam—for TV) (as Paul Stricker); *Schöne Feindin* (Keglevic—for TV) (as Dr. Egon Wirtz); *Das Lange Gespräch mit dem Vogel* (Zanussi—for TV) (as Dr. Halbritter)
- 1993 *Faraway, So Close!* (*In Weiter Ferne, So Nah!*) (Wenders) (as Phillip Winter); *Bommels Billigflüge* (Rohne—for TV) (as Volker)
- 1994 *Het Verdriet Van Belgie* (as Lausengier); *Tod in Miami* (Rola—for TV) (as Kai Vogt); *Saubere Aktien* (Mittermayr—for TV) (as Brehm); *Hasenjagd—Vor lauter Feigheit gibt es kein Erbarmen* (*The Quality of Mercy*; *The Rabbit Hunt*) (Gruber) (as Gendarm Birker); *De sueur et du sang* (*Wonderboy*) (Vecchiali)
- 1995 *Viagem a Lisboa* (*Lisbon Story*) (Wenders) (as Phillip Winter)

- 1996 *Peanuts—Die Bank zahlt alles* (Rola)
- 1997 *Die Schuld der Liebe* (Gruber) (as Schweiger); *Le Rouge et le noir* (Verhaeghe—mini for TV) (as Abbé Pinard); *Operation Phoenix—Jäger zwischen den Welten* (Fratzscher—for TV) (as Retzbach); *Un Prete tra noi* (Capitani and Gasparini—series for TV) (as Pietro)
- 1998 *Le Plus beau pays du monde* (Bluwal); *Doppelter Einsatz: Die Todfreundin* (Zahavi—for TV) (as Dr. Benziger); *Tigerstreifenbaby wartet auf Tarzan* (Tigerstripe Baby is Waiting for Tarzan) (Thome) (as Franz); *Une minute de silence* (Florent Emilio Siri)
- 1999 *Götterdämmerung—Morgen stirbt Berlin (Bombs Under Berlin)* (Coppoletta—for TV) (as Kommissar Lobenstein); *Die Zauberfrau* (Hofmann) (as Ernstbert Schatz); *Die Braut* (Günther) (as Hans-Heinrich Meyer); *The Taste of Sunshine (Sunshine)* (Szabó); *Rendezvous mit dem Teufel* (Berger—for TV) (as Henry Scholl); *Une pour toutes, toutes pour une* (Lelouch) (as Le chef d'orchestre)
- 2000 *Anatomie* (Ruzowitzky) (as Dr. Henning)

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Although Rüdiger Vogler is associated ineradicably with Wim Wenders for his starring roles in *Alice in the Cities*, *Kings of the Road*, and the relatively neglected *Wrong Movement* (not forgetting his smaller parts in *The Goalkeeper's Fear of the Penalty* and *The Scarlet Letter*, and roles in Wenders's 1990s films, *Until the End of the World*, *Faraway, So Close!*, and *Lisbon Story*), his earliest associations were in fact with Peter Handke. After studying drama at Heidelberg University Vogler worked at Frankfurt's Theater am Turm from 1966, where he appeared in all of Handke's plays, including the epochal 1968 production *Publikumsbeschimpfung*. He also appeared in Handke's television film *Die Chronik der Laufenden Ereignisse* and, much later, in the writer's debut as a feature director, *The Left Handed Woman*.

In one of his few published interviews Vogler once said that "just as a film is something of an image of a reality, so an actor is also the image of a real man," and in many respects it is extremely tempting to regard his Wenders films not simply as at-one-remove portraits of their director but, moreover, as documentaries about the actor himself. Certainly it is very difficult to make the usual distinction between actor and character, and the continuities from film to film—the tenderness, the poignancy, the fear of "normal" settled-down life, the need for movement along with a certain unfulfilled desire for some kind of stability—give his three main films for Wenders the quality of a trilogy, a quality that stems as much from Vogler's remarkable presence as Wenders's writing and direction.

Vogler's importance, however, goes beyond his roles in early Wenders, and his gentle, troubled persona has become a key ingredient in what Thomas Elsaesser has aptly referred to as the "collective associations and cross-references" that distinguish the New German Cinema. As he puts it, "what gave the use of actors in the German cinema the dimension of a star system was their appearance in the films of different directors, which complemented their roles in the different films by the same director. One might, for instance, construct for the New German Cinema a recognizable identity and an existence as a national cinema entirely on the basis of the different roles and personae that less than a dozen actors and actresses embodied in 40 or 50 films," actors who "helped establish an intertextuality sufficiently stable to give the impression of a coherent fictional universe, although sufficiently variable to inhibit type-casting." Fassbinder springs immediately to mind here, as does Herzog's use of Klaus Kinski and Bruno S., along, of course, with Wenders/Vogler.

Thus when Vogler crops up in von Trotta's *The German Sisters* he brings to the role all sorts of associations that would not be present were the character being played by a different actor; indeed, as Elsaesser notes, he plays a role "which is not so much that of a character within the fiction as that of a Wenders persona in a von Trotta film, and thus answering for the spectator the question of what Wenders' attitude might be to left-wing politics, terrorism and the women's movement." Directors who have exploited the introspective side of his "Wenders" persona include Ingemo Engstrom (*Letzte Liebe*) and Ingo Kratisch (*Logik des Gefühls*) while the restless, rootless aspect (*Alice, Kings*) is more to the fore in Handke's *The Left-Handed Woman* and Klaus Emmerich's *Kreutzer*.

—Julian Petley

VOIGHT, Jon

Nationality: American. **Born:** Yonkers, New York, 29 December 1938; brother of songwriter Wes Voight (Chip Taylor). **Education:** Attended Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains, New York; Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; studied acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse under Sanford Meisner, 1960–64. **Family:** Married 1) Lauri Peters, 1962 (divorced 1967); 2) Marcheline Bertrand, 1971 (divorced 1978), children: James, and the actress Angelina Jolie. **Career:** Made his Broadway debut in a replacement role in *The Sound of Music*, early 1960s; had a major role in an off-Broadway production of *A View from the Bridge*, and acted in the San Diego Shakespeare Festival, 1965; appeared on Broadway with Irene Papas in *That Summer—That Fall*, and made his film debut in *Fearless Frank*, 1967; appeared in the TV mini-series *Return to Lonesome Dove*, 1993; made his directing debut with the TV movie *Tin Soldier*, 1995. **Awards:** Best Actor British Academy Award, National Society of Film Critics Best Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, Most Promising Newcomer-Male Golden Globe, for *Midnight Cowboy*, 1969; Best Actor Academy Award, Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, New York Film Critics Circle Best Actor, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Best Actor, National Board of Review Best Actor,



Jon Voight (right) and Alan Arkin in *Catch-22*

Best Motion Picture Actor-Drama Golden Globe, for *Coming Home*, 1978; Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama Golden Globe, for *Runaway Train*, 1985. **Agent:** Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *Fearless Frank* (Frank's Greatest Adventure) (Kaufman) (title role); *Hour of the Gun* (John Sturges) (as Curly Bill Brocius)
- 1969 *Midnight Cowboy* (Schlesinger) (as Joe Buck); *Out of It* (Williams) (as Russ)
- 1970 *The Revolutionary* (Williams) (as A); *Catch-22* (Mike Nichols) (as Milo Minderbinder)
- 1972 *Deliverance* (Boorman) (as Ed Gentry)
- 1973 *The All-American Boy* (Eastman) (as Vic Bealer)
- 1974 *Conrack* (Ritt) (as Pat Conroy); *The Odessa File* (Neame) (as Peter Miller)
- 1975 *Der Richter und sein Henker* (*End of the Game*; *Murder on the Bridge*; *Getting Away with Murder*) (Schell) (as Walter Tschanz)
- 1978 *Coming Home* (Ashby) (as Luke Martin)
- 1979 *The Champ* (Zeffirelli) (as Billy Flynn)
- 1982 *Lookin' to Get Out* (Ashby) (as Alex Kovac, + co-sc)
- 1983 *Table for Five* (Lieberman) (as J. P. Tannen)
- 1985 *Runaway Train* (Konchalovsky) (as Manny)
- 1986 *Desert Bloom* (Corr) (as Jack Chismore)
- 1990 *Eternity* (Paul) (as James/Edward, + sc)
- 1991 *Chernobyl: The Final Warning* (Page—for TV) (as Dr. Robert Gale)
- 1992 *The Last of His Tribe* (Hook—for TV) (as Prof. Alfred Kroeber)
- 1994 *The Rainbow Warrior* (Tuchner) (as Peter Willcox)
- 1995 *Convict Cowboy* (Holcomb—for TV) (as Ry Weston); *Heat* (Michael Mann) (as Nate)
- 1996 *Mission Impossible* (De Palma) (as Jim Phelps); *Rosewood* (Singleton) (as John Wright)
- 1997 *Anaconda* (Llosa) (as Paul Sarone); *U Turn* (Stone) (as Blind Man); *Most Wanted* (Hogan) (as General Adam Woodward); *The Rainmaker* (Coppola) (as Leo F. Drummond)
- 1998 *The Fixer* (Carner—for TV) (as Jack Killoran, exec pr); *The General* (*I Once Had a Life*) (Boorman) (as Ned Kenny); *Enemy of the State* (Scott) (as Thomas Brian Reynolds).
- 1999 *Varsity Blues* (Robbins) (as Coach Bud Kilmer); *Noah's Ark* (John Irwin—for TV) (as title role); *A Dog of Flanders* (Brodie) (as Michel La Grande)

Film as Actor and Director:

1995 *Tin Soldier* (for TV) (as Yarik)

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“Devilish Angelina,” in *Interview* (New York), June 1997.

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Gorkachov, V., “Jon Voight: To Russia with Love,” in *Soviet Film* (Moscow), December 1988.

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Jon Voight is a multitalented (but too-little-used) actor whose career is a study in schizophrenia. In the role that solidified his stardom, he played a boyishly naive, inexperienced character who is constantly victimized; as he reached middle-age, his best parts came as slick corporate villains and grizzled, all-too-experienced heavies, intimidating outlaws one would cross the street to avoid. In between came his most likable character: an Everyman war survivor whose time in battle has at once crippled his body but sharpened his mind, and his sensitivities.

Voight won his initial celebrity in *Midnight Cowboy*, one of the defining films of the late-1960s-early 1970s, playing the ingenuous Texas stud Joe Buck, opposite Dustin Hoffman’s Ratso Rizzo. Joe Buck comes to New York thinking he effortlessly will earn wads of money selling himself to wealthy middle-aged ladies who will be taken by his cowboy charm. Instead, he ends up befriending the tubercular Ratso, with whom he shares a frosty room in a condemned building. His sexual contacts are just as often with men and boys as women. As a hustler, Joe Buck is an abysmal failure. At the finale, Ratso—who is his lone friend—dies, and Joe Buck’s future remains uncertain.

Among Voight’s most vividly-etched post-*Midnight Cowboy* roles have been characters totally unlike Joe Buck: heavies who either are psychotic to a spine-rattling degree (the prison escapee in *Runaway Train*, in which he offers an electrifying performance), or simply intimidating (Robert De Niro’s criminal contact in *Heat*, followed by

the conniving, murderous National Security Agency official in *Enemy of the State*, the amoral, well-recompensed lawyer in *The Rainmaker*, and the redneck football coach in *Varsity Blues*). At their worst, the latter characters are stereotypical heavies. Still, they are necessary elements to their stories, and Voight does a first-class job of making them appropriately smarmy. Not all of his work has been letter-perfect, however; in *Anaconda*, he gives an over-the-top performance as a slimy, loony snake trapper. With the exception of *Runaway Train*, Voight’s roles in all these films are supporting. Even when his character is upstanding, and on the right side of the law—in *The General*, he plays a cop who is determined to nab Brendan Gleeson’s elusive working-class criminal—his role is a secondary one.

The part that links his *Midnight Cowboy* and *Enemy of the State/Rainmaker/Varsity Blues* celluloid personalities is the one for which Voight won an Oscar: Luke Martin, the sensitive, perceptive, paraplegic Vietnam veteran in *Coming Home*. Luke is a young American who went off to a war his country had no business fighting. For his trouble, he will be spending the rest of his days in a wheelchair. But harsh real-life experience has not hardened him. Unlike too many other celluloid Vietnam veterans, he is neither psycho criminal nor ne’er-do-well. Despite his plight, Luke Martin demands no pity—and he has become an eloquent antiwar activist. His reward: Jane Fonda, whom he wins from gung-ho marine officer Bruce Dern. Voight’s knowing, sympathetic performance makes Luke the kind of guy with whom one might want to share a beer, or pass the hours deep in conversation.

Voight has had several other solid roles in noteworthy films (one of the unfortunates who sets out on what will be a harrowing backwoods canoe trip, in *Deliverance*; the common-sense teacher fighting racism and ignorance in the backwards black school, in *Conrack*). Still, his celluloid output has been spotty; since his screen debut in 1967, he has appeared in a little over three dozen films and made-for-television features. For this reason alone, Voight’s career cannot be considered at the level of Dustin Hoffman, Al Pacino, Richard Dreyfuss, Jack Nicholson, Gene Hackman, or Robert De Niro, his fellow Oscar-winners who also won renown in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

And at the turn of the twenty-first century, it even might be argued that Voight is best-known not for his own work but as the father of star-on-the-rise (and newly minted Oscar winner) Angelina Jolie.

—Rob Edelman

VOLONTÉ, Gian Maria

Nationality: Italian. **Born:** Milan, 9 April 1933. **Education:** Attended Academy of Dramatic Art, Rome. **Family:** Daughter with the actress Carla Gravina: Giovanna. **Career:** 1950s—stage actor for theater companies all over Italy; appeared in TV adaptations of Dostoyevski’s *Idiot*, Chekhov’s *Uncle Vanya*, and Vittorio Alfieri’s *Saul*; 1960—film debut in *Sotto dieci bandiere*; 1964—directed controversial production of Hochhuth’s stage play *The Representative*; 1971—arrested during strike in Italy; increasingly took on roles that meshed with his militant leftist politics. **Awards:** Nastro d’Argento Award for Best Actor, for *Oeuvre au noir*, 1988; special jury prize, Felix awards, for *Porte aperte*, 1990; Golden Lion, Venice Film Festival, for career achievement, 1991. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Florina, Greece, 6 December 1994.

Films as Actor:

- 1960 *Sotto dieci bandiere (Under Ten Flags)* (Coletti) (as Braun)
- 1961 *La ragazza con la valigia (Girl with a Suitcase; Pleasure Girl)* (Zurlini) (as Piero); *L'Antinea (L'Atlantide; Journey beneath the Desert; The Lost Kingdom)* (Ulmer and Masini) (as Tarath); *Ercole alla conquista di Atlantide (Hercules and the Captive Women)* (Cottafavi); *A cavallo della tigre* (Comencini)
- 1962 *Un uomo da bruciare (A Man for Burning)* (Orsini and Taviani) (as Salvatore); *Le quattro giornate di Napoli (The Four Days of Naples)* (Loy) (as Stimolo); *Il terrorista* (de Bosio)
- 1963 *Il peccato* (Gru)
- 1964 *Per un pugno di dollari (A Fistful of Dollars)* (Leone) (as Ramon Rojo, credited as John Wells); *Il magnifico cornuto (The Magnificent Cuckold)* (Pietrangeli) (as assessor)
- 1966 *Per qualche dollaro in più (For a Few Dollars More)* (Leone) (as Indio, credited as John Wells); *Svegliati e uccidi (Lutring . . . reveille-toi et meurs; Wake Up and Die; Too Soon to Die)* (Lizzani) (as Inspector Moroni); *L'armata Brancaleone* (Monicelli) (title role); *La strega in amore (The Witch; Aura)* (Damiani) (as Fabrizio)
- 1967 *Het Gangstermeisje (A Gangstergirl)* (Weisz) (as Jascha); *A ciascuno il suo (We Still Kill the Old Way)* (Petri) (as Prof. Paolo Laurana); *Faccia a faccia (Cara a Cara; Face to Face)* (Sollima) (as Prof. Brad Fletcher); *Quien sabe? (A Bullet for the General)* (Damiani) (as El Chunchito); *I sette fratelli Cervi* (Puccini)
- 1968 *Banditi a Milano (The Violent Four)* (Lizzani) (as Cavallero); *Summit* (Bontempi) (as Paolo)
- 1969 *L'amanti di Gramigna* (Lizzani) (title role); *Sotto il segno dello scorpione (Under the Sign of Scorpio)* (Taviani) (as Renno)
- 1970 *Le Vent d'est (Wind from the East; East Wind)* (Godard) (as soldier); *Indagine su un cittadino al di sopra di ogni sospetto (Investigation of a Citizen above Suspicion)* (Petri) (as police inspector); *Le Cercle rouge* (Melville) (as Vogel); *Uomini contro* (Rosi) (as Lt. Ottolenghi)
- 1971 *Sacco e Vanzetti (Sacco and Vanzetti)* (Montaldo) (as Bartolomeo Vanzetti); *La classe operaia va in paradiso (The Working Class Goes to Heaven; Lulu the Tool)* (Petri) (as Lulu Massa); *12 Dicembre* (Zurlini and others—doc); *Il caso Mattei (The Mattei Affair)* (Rosi) (as Enrico Mattei)
- 1972 *L'Attentat (Plot; The French Conspiracy)* (Boisset) (as Sadiel); *Sbatti il mostro in prima pagina* (Bellocchio) (as Bizanti)
- 1973 *A proposito Lucky Luciano (Re: Lucky Luciano; Lucky Luciano)* (Rosi) (title role); *Giordano Bruno* (Montaldo) (title role)
- 1975 *Il sospetto* (Maselli) (as Emile)
- 1976 *Todo modo* (Petri) (as the President)
- 1977 *Io ho paura* (Damiani)
- 1979 *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli (Christ Stopped at Eboli; Eboli)* (Rosi) (as Carlo Levi)
- 1980 *Stark System* (Balducci)
- 1981 *La Dame aux camélias (The True Story of Camille; La Vera storia della signora delle camelie; Die Kameliendame)* (Bolognini and Festa Campanile)
- 1982 *The Secret Policeman's Other Ball* (Temple and Gräf—filmed concert)
- 1983 *Scherzo del destino in acquato dietro l'angolo come un brigante di strada (A Joke of Destiny, Lying in Wait around the Corner Like a Street Bandit)* (Wertmüller)
- 1984 *La Mort de Mario Ricci (The Death of Mario Ricci)* (Goretta) (as Bernard Fontana)
- 1985 *Actas de Marusia (Letters from Marusia)* (Littin)
- 1986 *Il caso Moro (The Moro Affair)* (Ferrara) (as Aldo Moro)
- 1987 *Cronaca di una morte annunciato (Chronicle of a Death Foretold)* (Rosi) (as Dr. Cristo Bedoya); *Un ragazzo di Calabria* (Comencini) (as Felice)
- 1988 *Oeuvre au noir (The Abyss)* (Delvaux) (as Prior); *Pestalozzos Berg* (Von Gunten) (as Pestalozzi)
- 1990 *Porte aperte (Open Doors)* (Amelio) (as Judge Vito Di Francesco); *Tre colone in cronaca* (Vanzina)
- 1991 *Una Storia Semplice (A Simple Story)* (Greco)
- 1993 *Funes, un gran amor (Funes, a Great Love)* (De La Torre)
- 1994 *Tirano Banderas (Banderas, the Tyrant)* (García Sánchez)
- 1995 *Un Eroe Borghese* (Placido); *To Vlemma tou Odyssea (Ulysses' Gaze; The Gaze of Odysseus; Le Regarde d'Ulysse)* (Angelopoulos)

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The leading political actor of the 1960s and 1970s, Gian Maria Volonté shaped the look and style of Italian political filmmaking as much as have the great directors with whom he collaborated: Francesco Rosi, Elio Petri, and Marco Bellocchio. Volonté established a strong reputation on stage and television before he entered cinema; even after he became the leading political spokesman on screen he continued to appear in socially committed theater productions.

Volonté's first roles in films solidified one aspect of his persona: the bad guy. In half a dozen Italian Westerns, including *Per un pugno*

di dollari and *Per qualche dollaro in più* (in both of which he appeared under the pseudonym John Wells), and *Quien sabe?*, he personified the psychotic villain—powerful, frightening, and nasty. These traits would be combined with a political purpose in his masterful portrayal of the chief police inspector in *Indagine su un cittadino al di sopra di ogni sospetto*. The inspector, a symbol of the patriarchal state with fascist tendencies, cold-bloodedly murders his mistress in order to prove that his position and reputation will place him above suspicion despite volumes of evidence that he is the killer. He played a similar role in Petri's *Todo modo*, a political intrigue that involves state and religious leaders on retreat who kill each other one by one.

Although Volonté was suitably terrifying as power-hungry civil officials, he could also play sympathetic roles. Two of the most notable examples of his positive characters are Lulu Massa, the Milanese factory worker in *La classe operaia va in paradiso*, who achieves political consciousness after his hand is mangled by a machine thereby cutting his productivity, and as the doctor in *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli*, who because of his antifascist activities in 1930s Italy is exiled to a backward village in southern Italy and thus learns of the tremendous difference between himself and the peasants of Calabria.

Throughout the last two decades of his career, Volonté chose his roles carefully, appearing primarily in films that espoused a social commitment similar to his. Two of his better late-career performances were in Rosi's *Cronaca di una morte annunciata* and Gianni Amelio's *Porte aperte*, both of which deal with the dispensing of justice. In the former, based on the novel by Gabriel García Márquez, Volonté returns to his hometown after a 20-year absence seeking the truth about the senseless murder of his boyhood best friend. In the latter, Volonté again confronts murder—this time a brutal triple-homicide committed by an unrepentant killer—as the only member of a multijudge tribunal handling the resulting case who opposes capital punishment. Volonté gives a perfectly restrained performance, conveying dignity and grace in his crusade to save the murderer's life, a quest initially successful, but ultimately doomed to failure.

In his 36th year as an actor, Volonté died in 1994 after having nearly completed work on acclaimed Greek director Theodoros Angelopoulos's *To Vlemma tou Odyssea*, in which he portrays the head of the Sarajevo cinemathèque. In addition to leaving a rich assortment of memorable roles, Volonté also left for the acting profession a rare example of an aesthetically successful mixture of private convictions and public performance.

—Elaine Mancini, updated by David E. Salame

VON SYDOW, Max

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Carl Adolf von Sydow in Lund, 10 April 1929. **Education:** Attended Cathedral School of Lund; Royal Academy (now Royal Dramatic Theatre School), Stockholm, graduated 1951. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Kerstin Olin, 1951 (divorced 1996), sons: Claes and Henrik; 2) Cathrine Brelet, 1997. **Career:** Made his film debut in *Bara en Mor*, 1949; worked as an actor with the Norrköping-Linköping Municipal Theatre, 1951–53, worked at the Municipal Theatre of Hälsingborg, 1953–55, and the Municipal Theatre of Malmö, 1955–60; directed on stage at Malmö by Ingmar Bergman in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Peer Gynt*, *Le Misanthrope*, and *Faust*; appeared in *The Seventh Seal*, his first film

with Bergman, 1957; joined the Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm, 1960; played the role of Christ in his first U.S. film, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, 1965; made his Broadway debut in *The Night of the Tribades*, 1977; appeared in the stage play *Duet for One*, 1981; directed his first film, *Katinka*, 1988; on stage in *The Tempest* at the Old Vic, London, 1988; appeared in the TV mini-series *Radetzkymarsch* (*Radetzky March*), 1994, and *Enskilda Samtal*, 1996. **Awards:** Venice Film Festival Best Actor, for *Flight of the Eagle*, 1982; Best Actor Guldbagge Award, Best Actor European Film Award, Bodil Festival Best Actor, Robert Festival Best Actor, for *Pelle the Conqueror*, 1987; Best Direction Guldbagge Award, for *Katinka*, 1988; Australian Film Institute Best Actor in a Lead Role, for *Father*, 1989; Tokyo International Film Festival Best Actor, for *The Silent Touch*, 1992; Best Actor Guldbagge Award, Bodil Festival Best Actor, for *Hamsun*, 1996. **Address:** c/o Filmuset, Box 27126, 102 52 Stockholm 27, Sweden.

Films as Actor:

- 1949 *Bara en Mor* (*Only a Mother*) (Sjöberg) (as Nils)
- 1951 *Froken Julie* (*Miss Julie*) (Sjöberg) (as Hand)
- 1953 *Ingens Mans Kvinna* (*No Man's Woman*) (Kjellgren)
- 1956 *Rätten att Älska* (*The Right to Love*) (Pollack)
- 1957 *Det Sjunde Inseglät* (*The Seventh Seal*) (Bergman) (as Antonius Block); *Prästen i Uddarbo* (Fant); *Smultronstället* (*Wild Strawberries*) (Bergman) (as Akerman)
- 1958 *Nära livet* (*Brink of Life; So Close to Life*) (Bergman) (as Harry Andersson); *Spion 503* (Jeppesen); *Ansiktet* (*The Face; The Magician*) (Bergman) (as Albert Emanuel Vogler)
- 1960 *Jungfrukällan* (*The Virgin Spring*) (Bergman) (as Herr Tore); *Bröllopsdagen* (*The Wedding Day*) (Fant) (as Anders Frost)
- 1961 *Sasom i em Spegel* (*Through a Glass Darkly*) (Bergman) (as Martin)
- 1962 *Nils Holgerssons Underbara Resa* (*Adventures of Nils Holgersson*); *Älskarinnan* (*The Swedish Mistress*) (Sjöman) (as married man)
- 1963 *Nattvardsgästerna* (*Winter Light*) (Bergman) (as Jonas Persson)
- 1965 *4 x 4* (*Upphall i Myrlandet*); *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as Jesus); *The Reward* (Bourguignon) (as Scott Swanson)
- 1966 *Hawaii* (George Roy Hill) (as Abner Hale); *The Quiller Memorandum* (Anderson) (as Oktober); *Här har du ditt liv* (*Here's Your Life; This Is Your Life*) (Troell) (as Smalands-Pelle)
- 1967 *Svarta palmkronor* (*The Black Palm Trees*) (Lindgren)
- 1968 *Vargtimmen* (*Hour of the Wolf*) (Bergman) (as Johan Borg); *Skammen* (*Shame*) (Bergman) (as Jan Rosenberg); *Made in Sweden* (Bergstrahle)
- 1969 *En Passion* (*A Passion; The Passion of Anna*) (Bergman) (as Andreas Winkelman)
- 1970 *The Kremlin Letter* (Huston) (as Col. Vladimir Kosnov)
- 1971 *The Night Visitor* (Benedek) (as Salem); *Beröringen* (*The Touch*) (Bergman) (as Andreas Vergerus); *Appelkriget* (*The Apple War*) (Danielsson) (as Roy Lindberg); *I havsbandet* (Lagerkvist—for TV)
- 1972 *Utvandrarna* (*The Emigrants*) (Troell) (as Karl Oskar); *Embassy* (Hessler) (as Gorenko)
- 1973 *Nybyggarna* (*The New Land*) (Troell) (as Karl Oskar); *The Exorcist* (Friedkin) (title role)



Max von Sydow in *Pelle Erovraren*

- 1974 *Steppenwolf* (Haines) (as Harry Haller); *Agget är löst* (Egg! Egg! A Hardboiled Story)
- 1975 *Foxtrot* (*The Other Side of Paradise*) (Ripstein) (as Larsen); *Three Days of the Condor* (Pollack) (as Joubert); *The Ultimate Warrior* (Clouse) (as the Baron); *Cuore di cane* (Lattuada); *Il contesto* (Rosi)
- 1976 *Cadaveri eccellenti* (*Illustrious Corpses*) (Rosi) (as Chief Justice); *Voyage of the Damned* (Wanamaker) (as Capt. Schroeder); *Le désert des Tartares* (*Il deserto dei Tartari*; *The Desert of the Tartars*) (Zurlini) (as Hortiz)
- 1977 *Exorcist II: The Heretic* (Boorman) (as Father Merrin); *March or Die* (Richards) (as François Marneau); *La signora della orrore* (*Black Journal*)
- 1978 *Brass Target* (Hough) (as Shelley/Weber); *Gran bollito* (Bolognini)
- 1979 *Hurricane* (Troell) (as Dr. Bascomb); *A Look at Liv* (*Norway's Liv Ullmann*; *Liv Ullmann's Norway*) (Kaplan—doc); *Le Mort en direct* (*Deathwatch*) (Tavernier) (as Gerald Mortenhoe)
- 1980 *Flash Gordon* (Hodges) (as Emperor Ming); *She Dances Alone* (Dornhelm) (as voice of Nijinsky); *Bugie bianchi* (Rolla)
- 1981 *Victory* (*Escape to Victory*) (Huston) (as Maj. Karl von Steiner)
- 1982 *Conan the Barbarian* (Milius) (as King Osric); *Ingenjör Andrees luftfärd* (*Flight of the Eagle*) (Troell) (as Salomon August Andree)
- 1983 *Strange Brew* (Thomas and Morani) (as Brewmeister Smith); *Never Say Never Again* (Kershner) (as Ernst Stavro Blofeld); *Cercel des passions* (D'Anna)
- 1984 *Dreamscape* (Ruben) (as Dr. Novotny); *Samson and Delilah* (Philips—for TV); *Letzte Zivlist* (Heynemann—for TV); *Target Eagle* (Loma) (as Col. O'Donnell); *Dune* (Lynch) (as Liet Kynes); *George Stevens: A Filmmaker's Journey* (Stevens Jr.—doc) (as himself); *The Ice Pirates* (Raffill—for TV)
- 1985 *Kojak: The Belarush File* (Markowitz—for TV); *Code Name: Emerald* (Sanger) (as Jurgen Brausch); *The Last Place on Earth* (Fairfax—for TV); *Il pentito* (Squitteri) (as Spinola); *Quo Vadis* (Rossi—for TV); *Cristoforo Colombo* (*Christopher Columbus*) (Lattuada—for TV) (as King John of Portugal)
- 1986 *Hannah and Her Sisters* (Woody Allen) (as Frederick); *Duet for One* (Konchalovsky) (as Dr. Louis Feldman); *Second*

- Victory (Thomas) (as Dr. Huber); *The Wolf at the Door* (Oviri) (Carlsen) (as August Strindberg)
- 1987 *Pelle Erovraren* (*Pelle the Conqueror*) (August) (as Papa Lasse Karlsson)
- 1989 *Red King, White Knight* (Murphy—for TV) (as Szaz); *Father* (Power) (as Joseph Mueller)
- 1990 *Hiroshima: Out of the Ashes* (Werner—for TV) (as Father Siemes); *Mio caro Dottor Graesler* (*Dr. Graesler; The Bachelor*) (Faenza) (as Von Schleheim); *Una Vita Scellerata* (*Violent Life*) (Battiato) (as Pope Clement VII); *Awakenings* (Penny Marshall) (as Dr. Peter Ingham)
- 1991 *A Kiss before Dying* (Dearden) (as Thor Carlsson); *The Ox* (*Oxen*) (Nykvist) (as the vicar); *Bis ans Ende der Welt* (*Until the End of the World*) (Wenders) (as Henry Farber)
- 1992 *Zentropa* (*Europa*) (von Trier) (as narrator); *Den Goda Viljan* (*The Best Intentions*) (August) (as Johan Akerblom); *Dotkniece reki* (*The Silent Touch*) (Zanussi) (as Henry Kesdi)
- 1993 *Needful Things* (Fraser Heston) (as Leland Gaunt)
- 1994 *Time Is Money* (Paolo Barzman) (as Joe Kaufman)
- 1995 *Atlanten* (Enquist, Kristian Petri, and Roed) (as narrator); *Judge Dredd* (Cannon) (as Judge Fargo); *Citizen X* (Gerolmo—for TV) (as Dr. Aleksandr Bukhanovsky)
- 1996 *Jerusalem* (August) (as Vicar); *Hamsun* (Troell) (as Knut Hamsun); *Enskilda samtal* (*Private Confessions*) (Ullmann—series for TV) (as Jacob)
- 1997 *Hostile Waters* (*Péril en mer*) (Drury—for TV) (as Admiral Chernavin); *En Frusen dröm* (*A Frozen Dream*) (Troell) (as voice of S.A. Andrée); *La Principessa e il povero* (Bava—for TV) (as Epos); *Solomon* (Young—for TV) (as David)
- 1998 *What Dreams May Come* (Ward) (as The Tracker)
- 1999 *Snow Falling on Cedars* (Hicks) (as Nels Gudmundsson)
- 2000 *Nuremberg* (Simoneau—mini for TV) (as Samuel Rosenman); *Druids* (Dorfmann)

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When you think of Scandinavian movie stars, the first name that comes to mind is Max von Sydow. Since his screen debut in 1949 in Alf Sjöberg’s *Only a Mother*, he has appeared in countless films, including titles as diverse as *Hannah and Her Sisters* and *Conan the Barbarian*, *The Emigrants* and *The Exorcist*, *Pelle the Conqueror* and *Judge Dredd*. The actor is easily recognized by his gaunt appearance: he is tall, with a long, lean face and sharp features. These physical characteristics have been an asset in both aspects of his screen career, comprised of the character roles he has played in English-language films and his status as a principal on-screen interpreter of Ingmar Bergman.

In the United States, von Sydow enjoys the reputation of a serious actor, due to the roles he plays—character ones, rather than leading men or traditional star parts—and his past association with Bergman. His roles have ranged from intellectuals (the painter who is Barbara Hershey’s live-in lover in *Hannah and Her Sisters*) to ministers and priests (in *Hawaii* and *The Exorcist*) to stock heavies (a sadistic Nazi in *The Quiller Memorandum*, cold-blooded assassins in *Three Days of the Condor* and *Brass Target*). He was the title character in *The Exorcist*, and a supernatural guide in *What Dreams May Come*; he also has played Christ, in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, and the Devil, in *Needful Things*. And he has appeared in as many forgettable, if not outright disastrous, American films (*Dune*, *Judge Dredd*, and *Hurricane* are but a few) as he has in first-rate, Oscar-caliber titles (*Hannah and Her Sisters*, *The Exorcist*, *Awakenings*).

Von Sydow has co-starred in a number of European productions by prominent directors, including Mauro Bolognini, Bertrand Tavernier, Jan Troell, and, most recently, Bille August. But it is his work with Bergman for which he will be best-remembered. He earned his initial international acclaim in Bergman-directed films, particularly *The Seventh Seal* (as the tormented knight who rides through the plague-ridden countryside in search of a good deed he might perform before

the figure of Death takes him away) and *The Virgin Spring* (as the father who avenges the rape-murder of his young daughter). Indeed, in his best roles for Bergman (in which he has, more often than not, played husbands and artists), von Sydow has embodied the anguished soul who suffers as a result of his desires, or guilt, or the guilt he feels because of his desires. Throughout his career, he has remained active on the stage, often working with Bergman on the latter's theatrical undertakings; in fact, he began his collaboration with Bergman in the 1950s when he joined the Municipal Theatre of Malmö, where Bergman was the principal director. Decades later, he capped his association with the filmmaker by taking supporting roles in two Bergman-scripted family histories. First he played Johan Akerblom, Bergman's maternal grandfather, in the Bille August-directed *The Best Intentions*. Then he was a character who, in an earlier day, might have been the counselor of one of his prior Bergman parts: the spiritual advisor of Anna, the filmmaker's mother, in *Private Confessions*, directed by Liv Ullmann. Nearing age 60, von Sydow extended the boundaries of his career by directing his first feature: *Katinka*,

a romantic story based on a novel by Herman Bang. Yet he remains primarily an actor, with his mere presence lending his projects an aura of class. In recent years, most of his roles have been supporting ones. One notable exception is *Hamsun*, directed by Jan Troell, in which he stars as Knut Hamsun, the controversial Nobel laureate writer who sided with Hitler during World War II.

Nonetheless, von Sydow's finest late career role is the aging, illiterate old widower Lasse Karlsson in *Pelle the Conqueror*, directed by Bille August. Lasse and his young son Pelle are impoverished Swedish immigrants in Denmark: simple folk with modest dreams, who must valiantly struggle for survival in a world rife with everyday cruelty and injustice. Von Sydow eloquently captures his character in voice and mannerism; he plays Lasse brilliantly, with much grace, humor, and understanding, and he went on to earn his first (and, to date, only) Best Actor Academy Award nomination.

—Rob Edelman

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WALBROOK, Anton

Nationality: Austrian/British. **Born:** Adolf Wohlbrück in Vienna, Austria, 19 November 1896; became British citizen, 1947. **Education:** Studied acting at the Max Reinhardt theater school. **Career:** Appeared on German-language stage; 1922—film debut in *Mater Dolorosa*, but made few films until the sound period, when his voice made him a popular leading man; from 1937—made films in England; also appeared on the stage in England. **Awards:** Deutscher Filmpreis (as Adolf Wohlbrück), 1967. **Died:** In Munich, 9 August 1967.

Films as Actor:

- 1922 *Mater Dolorosa* (von Bovary)
1925 *Das Geheimnis auf Schloss Almshoh (Der Fluch der Bosen Tat)* (Obal)
1931 *Der Stolz der 3 Kompagnie* (Sauer); *Salto Mortale (Trapeze)* (Dupont) (as Robbie); *Cinq gentilshommes maudits* (Duvivier)
1932 *Drei von der Stempelstelle* (Thiele); *Baby* (Lamac)
1933 *Walzerkrieg (Waltz Time in Vienna)* (Berger); *Keine Angst vor Liebe* (Steinhoff); *Viktor and Viktoria* (Schunzel)
1934 *Der vertauschte Brant* (Lamac); *Maskerade (Masquerade in Vienna)* (Forst) (as Heidinick); *Eine Frau, die weiss was sie will* (Janson); *Die englische Heirat* (Schunzel) (as Robert); *Regine* (Waschneck) (as Frank Reynold)
1935 *Zigeuner-baron* (Harth); *Der Student von Prag* (Robison) (as Balduin); *Ich war Jack Mortimer* (Froelich)
1936 *Allotria* (Forst); *Michael Strogoff (Der Kurier des Zaren)* (Eichberg) (title role); *The Soldier and the Lady (Michael Strogoff)* (Nicholls) (as Strogoff); *I Give My Life (Port Arthur; Orders from Tokyo)* (Farkas) (as Boris)
1937 *Victoria the Great* (Wilcox) (as Prince Albert); *The Rat* (Raymond) (as Jean Boucheron, title role)
1938 *Sixty Glorious Years (Queen Victoria; Queen of Destiny)* (Wilcox) (as Prince Albert)
1940 *Gaslight (Angel Street)* (Dickinson) (as Paul Mallen)
1941 *49th Parallel (The Invaders)* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Peter); *Dangerous Moonlight (Suicide Squadron)* (Hurst) (as Stefan Radetzky)
1943 *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* (Colonel Blimp) (Powell and Pressburger) (as Theo Kretschmar-Schuldorff)
1944 *The Man from Morocco* (Max Greene and Greenbaum) (as Karel Langer)
1948 *The Red Shoes* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Boris Lermontov); *The Queen of Spades* (Dickinson) (as Herman Suvotin)
1950 *La Ronde (Circle of Love)* (Max Ophüls) (as Master of Ceremonies); *König für eine Nacht* (May)
1951 *Wien tantz (Vienna Waltzes; Wiener Walzer)* (Reinert) (as Johann Strauss); *Le Plaisir (House of Pleasure)* (Max Ophüls) (as narrator of German version)
1954 *L’Affaire Maurizius* (Duvivier) (as Warenne)
1955 *Oh, Rosalinda! (Fledermaus ‘55)* (Powell and Pressburger) (as Dr. Falke); *Lola Montès (The Sins of Lola Montès; The Fall of Lola Montès)* (Max Ophüls) (as King Ludwig I of Bavaria)
1957 *Saint Joan* (Preminger) (as Cauchon); *I Accuse!* (Ferrer) (as Maj. Esterhazy)
1962 *Laura* (Franz Josef Wild—for TV)

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For most filmgoers, Anton Walbrook is associated, more than any other role, with the ballet impresario Boris Lermontov in *The Red Shoes*. A slim, straight Diaghilev, Lermontov views ballet as his “religion.” He reserves the roles of the virgin consort for Moira Shearer, who, no less dedicated, dances herself literally to death for him and her art. The expressionless Walbrook, whether watching Shearer dance *Swan Lake* to records in a London church hall or summoning her to an overgrown Riviera chateau to reveal her elevation to stardom, defined a vision of the aesthete/saint for whom art is all, and more than enough.

Queen Victoria’s consort Prince Albert established the image of the refined and cultured Continental gentleman in the British popular consciousness. Walbrook, who played Albert twice on screen, sustained and explored it. His Polish bomber pilot/pianist in *Dangerous Moonlight* made him the star he had never been in Austria. Richard Addinsell’s thundering Warsaw Concerto on the soundtrack expressed the passion and sensitivity of the tortured émigré in a way that instantly captivated audiences.

Powell and Pressburger soon incorporated Walbrook into their stock company. In *49th Parallel* he led a Mennonite community in Canada with Christlike self-effacement. In *The Life and Death of*

Colonel Blimp he played Theo Kretschmar-Schuldorff, the classic “good German”—aristocratic, English-speaking, polite, anti-Nazi, Beethoven-loving—to Roger Livesey’s equally stylized Briton. In Thorold Dickinson’s *The Queen of Spades* and Powell’s *Oh, Rosalinda!* based on *Die Fledermaus*, he was no less well-bred.

In 1950 Walbrook capped a career as observer of the vagaries of emotion by playing the weary *meneur de jeu* of Ophüls’s *La Ronde*, cynically overseeing the interlocking romances of Schnitzler’s lovers. Walbrook is buried in a shady corner of north London’s tiny Hampstead Cemetery, fitting interment for an actor who personified European style and good manners for the British.

—John Baxter

WALKEN, Christopher

Nationality: American. **Born:** Ronald Walken, Queens, New York, 31 March 1943. **Education:** Attended Professional Children’s School, Manhattan; Hofstra University, New York. **Family:** Married the actress Georgianne Thon, 1969. **Career:** Worked as a model starting at age three; early 1950s—appeared in countless live television productions mostly in walk-ons; 1960—Broadway debut in *J. B.* (billed as Ronny Walken); early to mid-1960s—stage performances, mostly in the chorus, include *Best Foot Forward*, *High Spirits*, *Baker Street*, and *West Side Story*; first dramatic stage role in 1966, in *The Lion in Winter*; 1969—film debut in *Me and My Brother*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actor Academy Award, and Best Supporting Actor, New York Film Critics, for *The Deer Hunter*, 1978. **Address:** 142 Cedar Road, Wilton, CT 06897, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1969 *Me and My Brother* (Robert Frank) (bit role)
- 1971 *The Mind Snatchers (The Happiness Cage)* (Girard) (as Pvt. James Reese)
- 1975 *Valley Forge* (Cook—for TV) (as the Hessian)
- 1976 *Next Stop, Greenwich Village* (Mazursky) (as Robert)
- 1977 *The Sentinel* (Winner) (as Rizzo); *Annie Hall* (Woody Allen) (as Duane Hall); *Roseland* (Ivory) (as Russel)
- 1978 *The Deer Hunter* (Cimino) (as Nick)
- 1979 *Last Embrace* (Jonathan Demme) (as Eckart)
- 1980 *Heaven’s Gate* (Cimino) (as Nathan D. Champion); *The Dogs of War* (Irvin) (as Jamie Shelton)
- 1981 *Shoot the Sun Down* (Leeds); *Pennies from Heaven* (Ross) (as Tom)
- 1982 *Who Am I This Time?* (Jonathan Demme—for TV) (as Harry Nash)
- 1983 *Brainstorm* (Trumbull) (as Michael Anthony Brace); *The Dead Zone* (Cronenberg) (as Johnny Smith); *Barefoot in Athens* (Schaefer) (as Lamprocles)
- 1985 *A View to a Kill* (Glen) (as Max Zorin)
- 1986 *At Close Range* (Foley) (as Brad Whitewood, Sr.)
- 1987 *Deadline* (Gutman) (as Don Stevens)
- 1988 *Biloxi Blues* (Mike Nichols) (as Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey); *The Milagro Beanfield War* (Redford) (as Kyril Montana); *Puss in Boots* (Marner)
- 1989 *Homeboy* (Seresin) (as Wesley Pendergrass); *Communion* (Mora) (as Whitley Strieber)
- 1990 *King of New York* (Ferrara) (as Frank White); *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Jacob Wittig)
- 1991 *The Comfort of Strangers* (Schrader) (as Robert); *McBain* (Glickenhau) (title role)
- 1992 *All-American Murder* (Anson Williams) (as P. J. Decker); *Batman Returns* (Burton) (as Max Shreck); *Mistress* (Primus) (as Warren Zell)
- 1993 *True Romance* (Tony Scott) (as Vincenzo Coccotti); *Wayne’s World 2* (Surjik) (as Bobby Cahn); *Skylark* (Sargent—for TV) (as Jacob Wittig); *Scam* (Flynn—for TV); *Le Grand Pardon II (Day of Atonement)* (Arcady) (as Pasco Meisner)
- 1995 *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Capt. Koons); *The Addiction* (Ferrara) (as Peina); *A Business Affair* (Brandstrom) (as Vanni Corso); *Nick of Time* (Badham) (as Mr. Smith); *Search and Destroy* (Salle) (as Kim Ulander); *Things to Do in Denver When You’re Dead* (Fleder) (as the Man with the Plan); *The Wild Side* (Cammell) (as Bruno)
- 1996 *The Prophecy (God’s Army)* (Widen) (as Angel Gabriel); *Last Man Standing* (Walter Hill); *The Funeral* (Ferrara); *Excess Baggage* (Brambilla); *Basquiat (Build a Fort, Set It on Fire)* (Schnabel)
- 1997 *Touch* (Schrader) (as Bill Hill); *Excess Baggage* (Brambilla) (as Raymond Perkins); *Suicide Kings* (O’Fallon) (as Carlo Bartolucci/Charlie Barret); *Mouse Hunt* (Verbinski) (as Caesar)
- 1998 *The Prophecy II* (Spence) (as Gabriel); *Illuminata* (Turturro) (as Bevalacqua); *Trance* (Almeryda) (as Uncle Bill Ferriter); *Antz* (Darnell and Guterman) (as voice of Colonel Cutter); *New Rose Hotel* (Farrara) (as Fox)
- 1999 *The Prophecy III: The Ascent* (Lussier) (as Gabriel); *The Opportunists* (Connell) (as Vic Kelly); *Blast from the Past* (Hugh Wilson) (as Calvin Webber); *Vendetta* (Meyer) (as James Houston); *Sleepy Hollow* (Burton) (as Hessian Horseman); *Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter’s End* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Jacob Witting); *Kiss Toledo Goodbye* (Chubbuck) (as Max)

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Christopher Walken started acting as a child when he appeared in
 countless television and stage productions. Then, as an adult he
 enjoyed several years of popularity and critical acclaim on the
 Broadway stage. In the 1970s, he started working in film, and during
 the early years of his screen career Walken distinguished himself in
 several compelling supporting roles, including his amusing perform-
 ance as Diane Keaton's strangely neurotic younger brother in *Annie
 Hall*, and as a cunning and comfortably kept gigolo in *Roseland*. Most

notably, he appeared as *The Deer Hunter*'s Nick, a naive young man with romantic ideas about the adventures and heroism of war, who becomes emotionally broken, then embittered and suicidally detached as a result of his experience in Vietnam. After this still-memorable award-winning performance secured his formidable film reputation, his first leading screen role (and the first time he received top billing) was in *The Dogs of War* in 1980, the same year he appeared in the epic but commercially disastrous Western *Heaven's Gate*.

One of America's most skillful and unique actors, Walken has amassed a huge list of screen credits and has carved a compelling and singular niche for himself in cinematic history. He has worked with both mainstream directors, such as Tim Burton, Mike Nichols, and Robert Redford, and with more unconventional directors, such as Abel Ferrara, Paul Schrader, and Quentin Tarantino. As deft at comedic as at dramatic performance, Walken is a strikingly complex film presence: supremely confident yet accessible, menacing yet vulnerable, and eccentric yet serious. His characters convey unmistakably askew, and occasionally deeply disturbed, psyches. Tall, thin, and almost-handsome, Walken has one of the most singular visages in contemporary American cinema. Moreover, his talent is multifaceted: along with his nimble physical style (the result of his many years as a stage dancer) which enables him to convey a delicacy and subtlety of bodily expression, Walken has an extraordinary command of his voice—including an unexpected emphasis on certain words and a rich repertoire of rhythms.

His wide-ranging talents have been revealed in several remarkable roles, including *At Close Range* in which he offers a chilling performance as a sociopathic Midwestern hood who commands a gang of thieves and recruits his adrift teenaged sons—among his countless other criminal and moral offenses. In the thriller *The Comfort of Strangers*, he conveys a deep understanding of the powerful combination of scary and funny; his performance as a monstrous and crazed European stranger in murderous pursuit of a vacationing British couple is disturbing and intense, yet also immensely funny.

As his film career has evolved over the years, Walken has altered his acting style, especially in terms of his emotional expressivity, in noteworthy ways. In his early film appearances, including *The Deer Hunter* and *The Dead Zone*, his performances were more overtly emotional. In his more recent roles, Walken's performances have tended to be less revealing and more stoic, thus lending an additional layer of complexity to his characterizations. In *The Milagro Beanfield War*, for example, he appears in only a few scenes as a taciturn troubleshooter working for a group of unethical businessmen and government officials. In a particularly compelling scene, Walken visits the office of a small-town lawyer and community activist where he calmly listens to the man's emotional tirade which is meant to be intimidating. Remaining calm, Walken responds by raising his eyebrow, muttering "mmmmm," and leaving—otherwise keeping his specific thoughts to himself, and thereby withholding the means by which to clearly interpret his interior state.

Recently, Walken redeemed the otherwise weak film *The Prophecy*, in which he appears as the evil, manipulative, yet strangely amusing archangel Gabriel. Also, with a willingness to accept smaller film roles, Walken has an uncanny ability to deliver quite memorable performance. In *Pennies from Heaven*, for example Walken makes a brief appearance as a seamy but seductive and dancing pimp. More recently, as a military buddy of Bruce Willis's dead father in *Pulp Fiction* Walken is riveting—sober and commanding, even as the content of his monologue shifts from noble to amusingly outrageous.

Walken has quite aptly described his screen persona: "I am the malevolent WASP." Indeed, he has achieved the American dream by playing an assortment of offbeat characters who typically represent a distortion of America's puritan ideals.

—Cynthia Felando

WALKER, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Salt Lake City, Utah, 13 October 1918. **Education:** Attended San Diego Army and Naval Institute, Carlsbad-by-the-Sea; American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York, 1938. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Jennifer Jones, 1939 (divorced 1945), sons: the actors Robert Jr., and Michael; 2) Barbara Ford, 1948. **Career:** Actor in New York; 1938—radio actor, with Jennifer Jones, for the Mutual station, Tulsa; 1939—film debut in *Winter Carnival*; 1940–42—radio actor on *Yesterday's Children*, *John's Other Wife*, *Against the Storm*, and *Myrt and Marge* series; 1942—contract with MGM; 1948–49—hospitalized in the Meninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas. **Died:** In Pacific Palisades, California, 28 August 1951.

Films as Actor:

- 1939 *Winter Carnival* (Riesner) (as undergraduate); *These Glamour Girls* (Simon) (as undergraduate); *Dancing Co-Ed* (Simon) (bit role)
- 1943 *Bataan* (Garnett) (as soldier); *Madame Curie* (LeRoy) (as a young scientist)
- 1944 *See Here, Private Hargrove* (Ruggles) (title role); *Since You Went Away* (Cromwell); *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo* (LeRoy)
- 1945 *The Clock* (Minnelli); *The Sailor Takes a Wife* (Whorf); *Her Highness and the Bellboy* (Thorpe); *What Next, Corporal Hargrove?* (Thorpe) (title role)
- 1946 *Till the Clouds Roll By* (Whorf) (as Jerome Kern); *The Sea of Grass* (Kazan)
- 1947 *The Beginning of the End* (Taurog); *Song of Love* (Brown) (as Johannes Brahms)
- 1948 *One Touch of Venus* (Seiter)
- 1950 *Please Believe Me* (Taurog); *The Skipper Surprised His Wife* (Nugent)
- 1951 *Strangers on a Train* (Hitchcock) (as Bruno Anthony); *Vengeance Valley* (Thorpe)
- 1952 *My Son John* (McCarey) (title role)

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Robert Walker's skillful, mesmerizing performance as a psychopathic villain in Alfred Hitchcock's suspense thriller *Strangers on a Train* suggested a fruitful career change away from his previously established reputation as a modestly effective, boyish leading man. But it proved to be his penultimate film, as his death the following year ended a short-lived career that was plagued throughout by personal problems.

After attending the Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, marrying actress Jennifer Jones, snaring a few bit parts in movies, and appearing regularly on network radios, Walker signed a contract with MGM. His first substantial supporting film role was in Tay Garnett's World War II drama, *Bataan*, playing a soldier—as he would many times in the early years of his movie career.

Typecast as sincere and likable, he worked in support of Mervyn LeRoy's biographical epic *Madame Curie* and John Cromwell's World War II melodrama *Since You Went Away*, before ascending to the military lead in Wesley Ruggles's episodic film version of the best seller *See Here, Private Hargrove*. He then co-starred with Van Johnson in LeRoy's *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo*, played the shy, soldierly male lead opposite Judy Garland in Vincente Minnelli's nonmusical romance *The Clock*, starred as the apex of a romantic triangle involving Hedy Lamarr and June Allyson in Richard Thorpe's *Her Highness and the Bellboy*, and reprised his first starring role in Thorpe's sequel, *What Next, Corporal Hargrove?* He further starred as the songwriter Jerome Kern in Richard Whorf's *Till the Clouds Roll By*, and supported Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, playing their son in Elia Kazan's unsuccessful Western *The Sea of Grass*.

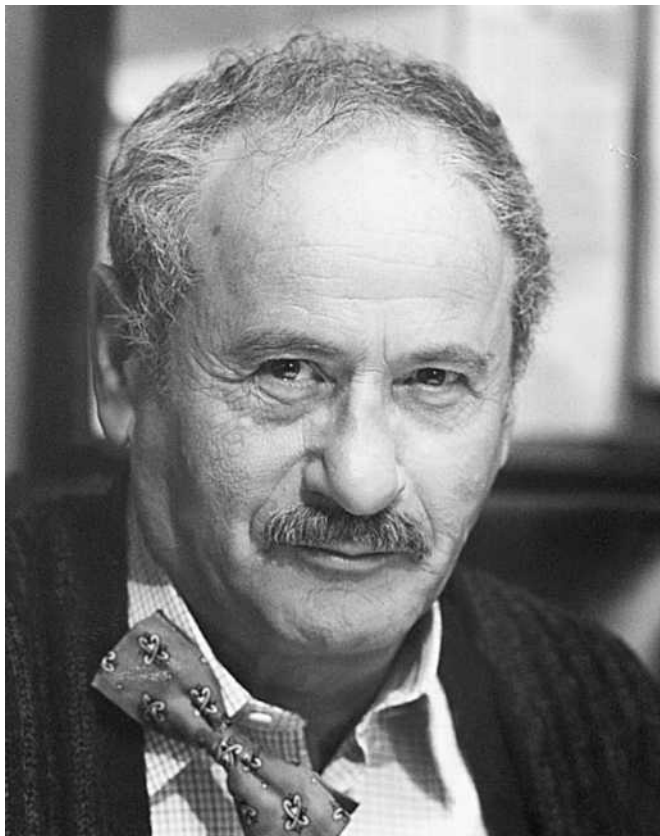
Several more also-ran films, a second broken marriage (to director John Ford's daughter), a drinking problem, and a nervous breakdown all but gutted his ailing career. In *Strangers on a Train*, however, he temporarily resuscitated his reputation with a splendid performance as Bruno Anthony, one of Hitchcock's most colorful, memorable, and effective villains. As the pivotal character, he plays a fey, manipulative, murderous, yet mysteriously appealing and even ultimately sympathetic, antagonist. Casting him against type, Hitchcock had tapped the complex emotional undercurrents of Walker's life.

The following year, the actor took a second step toward the dramatic modification and revitalization of his movie persona. In Leo McCarey's Cold War melodrama *My Son John* he played a son suspected of being a Communist by his reactionary parents. However, footage from the final sequence in *Strangers* had to be borrowed for a second consecutive final-reel death scene—this one posthumous.

—Bill Wine

WALLACH, Eli

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 7 December 1915. **Education:** Attended Erasmus High School; University of Texas, Austin, B.A. 1936; City College of New York, M.Sc. in education 1938; studied acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse school,



Eli Wallach

New York, two years. **Military Service:** U.S. Army Medical Corps, during World War II. **Family:** Married the actress Anne Jackson, 1948, son: Peter David, daughters: Roberta and Katherine. **Career:** 1945—professional stage debut in *Skydrift*; later roles in Eva Le Gallienne's American Repertory Theatre, 1946–47, *Mister Roberts*, 1949–51, *The Rose Tattoo*, 1951, *Camino Real*, 1953, *Major Barbara*, 1956, and *The Chairs*, 1958; 1956—film debut in *Baby Doll*; also acted on television from 1958; 1977—in TV mini-series *Seventh Avenue*; 1977–78—guest artist, with Anne Jackson, at Arena Stage, Washington, D.C.; 1985–86—in TV series *Our Family Honor*; 1992—voices in TV mini-series *Lincoln*, and *Baseball*, 1994; 1995—in TV mini-series *Vendetta II: The New Mafia*; occasional teacher at Actors Studio, New York.

Films as Actor:

- 1956 *Baby Doll* (Kazan) (as Silva Vacarro)
- 1958 *The Line-Up* (Siegel) (as Dancer)
- 1960 *Seven Thieves* (Hathaway) (as Pancho); *The Magnificent Seven* (John Sturges) (as Calvera)
- 1961 *The Misfits* (Huston) (as Guido)
- 1962 *Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man* (*Adventures of a Young Man*) (Ritt) (as John)
- 1963 "The Outlaws" ep. of *How the West Was Won* (Hathaway) (as Charlie Gant); *The Victors* (Foreman) (as Sergeant Craig); *Act One* (Schary) (as Warren Stone)
- 1964 *Kisses for My President* (Bernhardt) (as Rodriguez Valdez); *The Moon-Spinners* (Neilson) (as Stratos)
- 1965 *Genghis Khan* (Levin) (as Shah of Khwarezm); *Lord Jim* (Richard Brooks) (as the General)
- 1966 *How to Steal a Million* (Wyler) (as David Leland); *Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo* (*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*) (Leone) (as Tuco); *The Poppy Is Also a Flower* (Terence Young) (as Locarno)
- 1967 *The Tiger Makes Out* (Hiller) (as Ben Harris)
- 1968 *How to Save a Marriage—and Ruin Your Life* (Cook) (as Harry Hunter); *New York City—The Most* (Pitt—doc) (as cabdriver); *A Lovely Way to Die* (Rich) (as Tennessee Fredericks); *Mackenna's Gold* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Ben Baker); *Il quattro dell'ave Maria* (*Ace High; Revenge at El Paso*) (Colizzi) (as Cacopoulos)
- 1969 *Le Cerveau* (*The Brain*) (Oury) (as Scannapieco)
- 1970 *Zigzag* (*False Witness*) (Colla) (as Mario Gambretti); *The People Next Door* (David Greene) (as Arthur Mason); *The Angel Levine* (Kadar) (as a clerk); *The Adventures of Gerard* (Skolimowski) (as Napoleon)
- 1971 *Romance of a Horsethief* (Polonsky)
- 1972 *Viva la muerte . . . tua!* (*Don't Turn the Other Cheek; The Killer from Yuma*) (Tessari)
- 1973 *L'Ultima chance* (*Last Chance Motel; Stateline Motel*) (Lucidi); *Cinderella Liberty* (Rydell) (as Lynn Forshay); *A Cold Night's Death* (Freedman—for TV) (as Frank Enari)
- 1974 *Crazy Joe* (Lizzani) (as Don Vittorio); *Indict and Convict* (Sagal—for TV); *L'Chaim—To Life!* (Mayer) (as narrator)
- 1975 *Il bianco, il giallo, il nero* (*Samurai*) (Corbucci) (as the sheriff); *Attenti al buffone!* (*Eye of the Cat*) (Bevilaqua)

- 1976 *E tanta paura* (Cavara) (as the detective); *Independence* (Huston—short) (as Benjamin Franklin); *Twenty Shades of Pink* (Stanley); *Nasty Habits (The Abbess)* (Lindsay-Hogg) (as the Monsignor)
- 1977 *The Sentinel* (Winner) (as Gatz); *The Deep* (Yates) (as Adam Coffin); *The Domino Principle (The Domino Killings)* (Kramer) (as General Tom Rezer)
- 1978 *Girlfriends* (Weill) (as Rabbi Gold); “Baxter’s Beauties of 1933” (as Pop), and “Dynamite Hands” (as Vince Marlowe), eps. of *Movie Movie* (Donen); *The Pirate* (Annakin—for TV) (as Ben Ezra); *Squadra antimafia (Little Italy)* (Corbucci)
- 1979 *Winter Kills* (Richert) (as Joe Diamond); *Circle of Iron (The Silent Flute)* (Richard Moore) (as man in oil); *Firepower* (Winner) (as Sal Hyman)
- 1980 *The Hunter* (Kulik) (as Ritchie Blumenthal); *Fugitive Family* (Krasny—for TV) (as Olan Vacio)
- 1981 *The Salamander* (Zinner) (as Leporello); *Acting: Lee Strasberg and the Actors Studio* (doc); *The Pride of Jesse Hallam* (Nelson—for TV) (as Sal Galucci); *Skokie* (Wise—for TV) (as Bert Silverman)
- 1982 *The Wall* (Markowitz—for TV); *The Executioner’s Song* (Schiller—for TV) (as Uncle Vern Damico)
- 1983 *Anatomy of an Illness* (Heffron—for TV) (as Dr. William Hitzig)
- 1984 *Sam’s Son* (Landon) (as Sam Orowitz)
- 1985 *Christopher Columbus* (Lattuada—for TV) (as Hernando DeTalavera); *Embassy* (Robert Michael Lewis—for TV); *Murder: By Reason of Insanity* (Page—for TV) (as Dr. Huffman)
- 1986 *Tough Guys* (Kanew) (as Leo B. Little); *Rocket to the Moon* (Jacobs—for TV) (as Mr. Prince); *Something in Common* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Norman Voss)
- 1987 *Nuts* (Ritt) (as Dr. Herbert A. Morrison); *Hello Actors Studio* (doc); *Worlds Beyond: The Black Tomb* (Jacobs—for TV); *The Impossible Spy* (Goddard—for TV)
- 1988 *Funny* (Ferren)
- 1989 *Rosengarten (The Rose Garden)* (Rademakers); *Terezin Diary* (Weissman and Justman)
- 1990 *The Godfather, Part III* (Francis Ford Coppola) (as Don Altobello); *The Two Jakes* (Nicholson) (as Cotton Weinberger)
- 1991 *Vendetta: Secrets of a Mafia Bride (Bride of Violence; A Family Matter)* (Margolin—for TV) (as Frank Latella)
- 1992 *Night and the City* (Irwin Winkler) (as Peck); *Legacy of Lies* (Meshover-Iorg—for TV) (as Moses Zelnick); *Mistress* (Primus) (as George Lieberhoff); *Article 99* (Deutsch) (as Sam Abrams); *Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story* (Reid—for TV) (as Bill Presser)
- 1995 *Smoke* (Rissi)
- 1996 *Two Much* (Trueba) (as Sheldon); *James Dean: A Portrait* (Legon—doc) (as himself); *Clark Gable: Tall, Dark and Handsome* (Susan F. Walker—doc) (as himself); *Two Much* (Trueba) (as Sheldon); *The Associate* (Petrie) (as Fallon)
- 1998 *Naked City: Justice with a Bullet* (Freilich) (as Deluca)
- 1999 *New York: A Documentary Film* (Burns—mini for TV) (as voice); *Uninvited* (Carlo Gabriel Nero) (as Strasser)
- 2000 *Keeping the Faith* (Norton) (as Rabbi Lewis)

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Eli Wallach started in the theater, returned to it frequently, but achieved his principal identification through film. Wallach began his film career as the sinister sneering con-man lover in the controversial Elia Kazan/Tennessee Williams film *Baby Doll*. Except for comic presentations later, such as *The Tiger Makes Out*, Wallach never returned to leading man roles.

His second film, Don Siegel’s *The Line-Up*, set the mold for Wallach. As the nervous psychotic killer Dancer, Wallach moved with grace, decision, and violence. He became a dancer, a choreographer of death, a man who could not understand why fate kept hitting him in the face. Whether comic or serious, Wallach has continually returned to this image and character, the none-too-bright killer who simply does not have the moral depth to understand why the world wants to destroy him. Whether his identity (and Eastern urban accent) is masked as a Latin bandit, as in *The Magnificent Seven*, or as an urban Italian soldier in *The Victors*, Wallach has become the epitome of the incredulous colorful villain. He had one of his best roles in this vein in the epic Sergio Leone spaghetti Western *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, where he played the final adjective in the title.

Villainy, however, is but one facet of the actor. Occasionally, in a film such as John Huston’s *The Misfits*, Wallach has portrayed not a killer of men but a man with a potentially dead soul. The pain behind the unloved eyes can be both contemptuous and pitiful. Unfortunately, it is a portrayal of depth that Wallach was seldom allowed to bring to the screen after *The Misfits*. In more recent films, Wallach’s talents and the character type he has evolved have been limited to a decidedly secondary role, often forcing him to rely on the mannerisms which suggest his past portrayals. In the final Steve McQueen film *The Hunter*, for example, Wallach played a somewhat sympathetic Jewish bailbondsman on the thin edge of emotionalism, a polished but surface role at best.

Wallach, fortunately, is a character actor whom age will not diminish, nor, it seems, slow down. He appears in almost as many movies now as he did in his heyday. Among the most visible recent examples: as a mafioso in *The Godfather, Part III*, the final installment of Francis Ford Coppola’s Corleone saga; *The Two Jakes*, Jack

Nicholson's ill-fated (and ill-advised) sequel to the classic *Chinatown*; and Irwin Winkler's updated remake of the forties noir thriller *Night in the City*. Wallach also joined aging contemporaries Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster for the enjoyable septuagenarian caper comedy *Tough Guys*.

—Stuart M. Kaminsky, updated by John McCarty

WASHINGTON, Denzel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Mount Vernon, New York, 28 December 1954. **Education:** Graduated from Fordham University with degrees in drama and journalism; studied one year at the American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco. **Family:** Married the actress and singer Pauletta Pearson, 1982; four children. **Career:** Performed with the New York Shakespeare Festival and the American Place Theater; 1981—off-Broadway in *A Soldier's Play* and as Malcolm X in *When the Chickens Come Home to Roost*; theatrical film debut in *Carbon Copy*; 1982–88—as Dr. Phillip Chandler in TV series *St. Elsewhere*; 1988—on Broadway in *Checkmates*; has own production company Mundy Lane Entertainment. **Awards:** Obie Award, for *A Soldier's Play*, 1982; Academy Award, Best Supporting Actor, Golden Globe, for *Glory*, 1989; Harvard Foundation Award, 1996. **Address:** PMK Public Relations, 955 South Carillo Drive, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A. **Agent:** ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1977 *Wilma* (Greenspan—for TV)
- 1979 *Flesh & Blood* (Jud Taylor—for TV)
- 1981 *Carbon Copy* (Schultz) (as Roger Porter)
- 1984 *A Soldier's Story* (Jewison) (as Pfc. Melvin Peterson); *License to Kill* (Jud Taylor—for TV) (as Martin Sawyer)
- 1986 *Power* (Lumet) (as Arnold Billings); *The George Mckenna Story* (Laneuville—for TV) (title role)
- 1987 *Cry Freedom* (Attenborough) (as Stephen Biko)
- 1988 *Reunion* (short)
- 1989 *For Queen and Country* (Stellman) (as Reuben James); *Glory* (Zwick) (as Trip); *The Mighty Quinn* (Schenkel) (as Xavier Quinn)
- 1990 *Heart Condition* (Parriott) (as Napoleon Stone); *Mo' Better Blues* (Spike Lee) (as Bleek Gilliam)
- 1991 *Ricochet* (Mulcahy) (as Nick Styles)
- 1992 *Malcolm X* (Spike Lee) (title role); *Mississippi Masala* (Nair) (as Demetrius)
- 1993 *Much Ado about Nothing* (Branagh) (as Don Pedro); *The Pelican Brief* (Pakula) (as Gray Grantham); *Philadelphia* (Jonathan Demme) (as Joe Miller)
- 1995 *Virtuosity* (Brett Leonard) (as Parker Barnes); *Devil in a Blue Dress* (Carl Franklin) (as Easy Rawlins); *Crimson Tide* (Tony Scott) (as Lt. Cmdr. Hunter)
- 1996 *Courage under Fire* (Zwick) (as Lt. Col. Nathaniel Serling); *The Preacher's Wife* (Penny Marshall) (as Dudley)
- 1998 *Fallen* (Hoblit) (as John Hobbes); *He Got Game* (Lee) (as Jake Shuttlesworth); *The Siege* (Zwick) (as Anthony "Hub" Hubbard)

- 1999 *The Bone Collector* (Noyce) (as Lincoln Rhyme); *The Hurricane* (Jewison) (as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter)
- 2000 *Remembering the Titans* (Yakin) (as Coach Boone)

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Denzel Washington has insisted in interviews that he wants to be thought of as an *actor*, not a *black* actor. In one sense (which is presumably the sense he intends) this is perfectly understandable: as a star he has everything going for him, he is a gifted and intelligent actor, he has a very strong screen presence, and he is one of the handsomest men in contemporary cinema. This eminence as an actor requires no qualification. In another sense, however, in a less than ideal world still riddled with racism, it is inevitable that his blackness would be an important signifying presence in every film in which he appears.

Consider, for example, one of his less interesting films, *Crimson Tide*. Take away his blackness and we are left with a perfectly banal, oft-repeated plot formula: intelligent and pragmatic subordinate clashes with his older, die-hard, commanding officer, who does



Denzel Washington (center) with Morgan Freeman (right) and Jihmi Kennedy in *Glory*

everything by the book and according to the rules, even risking precipitating World War III and universal nuclear devastation. The sole source of dramatic tension is that here a *black* subordinate defies a *white* commanding officer—this despite the fact that there is no explicit allusion to Washington’s color. Or take the case of another, even less interesting, film, *The Pelican Brief*. With a white actor as a leading man, we might find it a refreshing change that hero and heroine do *not* end up as a couple. With Washington in the lead, their failure to unite in a love relationship must inevitably be attributed to issues of race and the still not uncommon fear of miscegenation, ridiculous, in this day and age, to be sure, but still apparently a matter of box-office concern to conservative and unimaginative producers.

Washington’s presence alone illuminates these films, which give him little to do except go through the paces of a conventionally conceived and written “hero” role. The films in which Washington gives his strongest performances—which also happen to be the best in which he has appeared—all foreground in one way or another the issue of race: *Malcolm X*, obviously, but also *Mississippi Masala*, *Philadelphia*, and *Devil in a Blue Dress*. Though ultimately unsatisfying (it degenerates into contrivance and predictability), *Mississippi Masala* is one of the very few Hollywood films to deal in a completely frank,

open, and detailed way with an interracial love relationship—though rendered “safe” for white audiences by dramatizing a relationship between an African-American and an Indian woman. Although the action is contained within only a brief time period, we watch Washington mature in the course of the film. At that time (1992) he could still look boyish, exuding an innocent charm, and the scene in the Leopard Lounge when he first dances with Mina (Sarita Choudhury) exhibits his ability to portray subtle shifts of feeling. Using Mina first merely to arouse the jealousy of an old flame who, having “made it big,” has treated him with condescension, he experiences a growing attraction to her, until the old flame is forgotten. A delightful chemistry develops between Washington and Choudhury, and the crucial scene by a lake when they first kiss is played by both with marvelous delicacy. Then, when the relationship is threatened and seemingly destroyed by racial tensions, Washington visibly sheds the boyishness, seeming to age into full manhood before our eyes.

This ability not merely to delineate but to develop a character is perhaps at its most striking in *Malcolm X*: Washington convincingly shows us Malcolm’s growth from irresponsibility to complete emotional and political maturity. If the film as a whole is somewhat disappointingly conventional—Spike Lee allows himself to slip too

easily into the conventions and manner of the worthy but finally unexciting biopic—this is no fault of Washington's: he carries the film securely, and is largely responsible for its limited distinction.

Washington's two finest films are, arguably, *Philadelphia* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*. The relative commercial failure of the latter is a great disappointment: it deserved large audiences, and the studio was apparently planning to follow it with a series of adaptations of the splendid "Easy Rawlins" novels of Walter Mosley, a series which now may never materialize. The film is directed with great intelligence by Carl Franklin, and Washington's performance as an unusually fallible and vulnerable involuntary "private eye" (we are worlds removed here from Philip Marlowe) is a marvel of integrity and insight.

Tom Hanks got most of the attention (and the Best Actor Oscar) for *Philadelphia*—understandably, as his character, a gay man dying of AIDS, is the more showy—but Washington's performance equals his in intelligence and subtlety. Again, Washington traces with surety the character's emotional and psychological development. Initially hostile to the idea of taking on a gay client, a prey to a casual and unthinking homophobia, he comes to understand the parallels between racial prejudice and antigay prejudice, systematically casting off his homophobia intellectually (if never entirely on the emotional level). We see him, in fact, *learning* from the Tom Hanks character, whom he originally rejected: learning especially, in the famous "Maria Callas" scene, the value of the individual life, the essential human creativity expressed in the striving to *live*, not merely exist or survive.

Since the collapse of the studio system, the situation and stability of the star have been notoriously precarious. Denzel Washington is the only black star so far to achieve so great a preeminence, and to sustain it over more than a decade. One can read his recent career in terms of strategies of security, a traversal of the currently fashionable generic cycles: the "Devil" movie (*Fallen*), the "Angel" movie (*The Preacher's Wife*), the serial killer movie (*The Bone Collector*), the "Plea for Justice" movie (*The Hurricane*). *Fallen* is intriguing for its first half, a considerable letdown when the issues become clear. *The Preacher's Wife*, a remake of *The Bishop's Wife* with Washington in the Cary Grant role, owes most of its ideas to *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Bells of St. Mary's*, whilst carefully avoiding the inner tensions that give those films their continuing interest; it proves mainly that frivolous romantic comedy is not his forte. *The Bone Collector* (out of *Seven*, by *Silence of the Lambs*) is better than its derivative nature suggests, but mainly because of Angelina Jolie. *The Hurricane* gives Washington a role that displays his strengths, his intensity, his virtuosity, within the simplistic and self-righteous setting of a Norman Jewison "social protest" movie. None of these films extends him significantly.

His return to collaboration with Spike Lee gives him his one chance to shine within a film of real distinction, and he makes the most of it. *He Got Game* had a disappointing critical reception (everyone seems to expect Lee to remake *Do the Right Thing* every time he shoots a film). Its insights into the importance of sport, as one of the few areas in which American blacks have been permitted to find success, dignity, and self-respect, are cogently and movingly presented, with Washington (almost unrecognizable in beard and Afro) at his finest in an emotionally demanding role. The complex father-son relationship is handled with great sensitivity and intelligence by director and star.

—Robin Wood

WATSON, Emily

Nationality: British. **Born:** London, 14 January 1967. **Family:** Married Jack Waters (an actor), 1995. **Education:** Studied literature at Bristol University; studied acting at Drama Studio London. **Career:** Member, Royal Shakespeare Company, 1992–93. **Awards:** New York Film Critics Circle Award, National Society of Film Critics Award, President Award, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Felix Award, European Film Awards, all best actress, and New Generation Award, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, all for *Breaking Waves*, all 1996; Evening Standard British Film Award, Bodil Award, for Best Actress, Bodil Festival, Robert Award, Robert Festival, all for *Breaking Waves*, all 1997; British Independent Film Award, best actress in a motion picture-drama, for *Hilary and Jackie*, 1999; ALFS Award, for British Actress of the Year, London Critics Circle Awards, 2000. **Agent:** International Creative Management, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1996 *Breaking the Waves* (von Trier) (as Bess McNeill)
- 1997 *The Mill on the Floss* (Theakston) (as Maggie Tulliver);
The Boxer (Sheridan) (as Maggie); *Metroland* (Saville)
(as Marion)
- 1998 *Hilary and Jackie* (Tucker) (as Jackie)



Emily Watson and Daniel Day-Lewis in *The Boxer*

- 1999 *Angela's Ashes* (Parker) (as Angela); *Cradle Will Rock* (Robbins) (as Olive Stanton)
 2000 *Trixie* (Rudolph) (as Trixie Zurbo); *The Luzhin Defence* (Gorris) (as Natalia)

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Emily Watson has distinguished herself in a series of low-key, critically-acclaimed performances, displaying an emotional vulnerability rare among today’s leading actresses. As Alex Kuczynski wrote, Watson is “someone small whose intellectual and spiritual presence eventually dominates the room. On screen, her face seems as fragile as a blossom; her eyes serene, confused little puddles of clear blue; her cheeks as cartoonishly full as those of a kewpie doll.”

She splashed into the consciousness of English and American audiences in the arthouse hit *Breaking the Waves* as Bess, a religious Scottish housewife whose husband Jan is paralyzed in an oil-rig accident. Her faith in God already strained, she is astonished when the impotent Jan encourages her to have sex with other men and tell him about her lovemaking.

The film could have gone the route of *Indecent Proposal* and exploited its plot of illicit sex, but the film was held together by thoughtful direction and Watson’s sensitive onscreen religious devotion, another subject most Hollywood movies handle ham-handedly; her halting prayers to God were heartfelt without coming across as cloying or sentimental. Richard Corliss compared her Oscar-nominated performance here to “Lillian Gish and the other white roses of the silents. . . . She acts volcanically, as any heart does when it pumps with love. She is pure emotion, naked, shameless, unmediated by discretion.”

Watson won her second Academy Award nomination for her role as Jacqueline de Pre, a classical violinist stricken by multiple sclerosis, in the docudrama *Hilary and Jackie*. Watson and co-star Rachel Griffith turned what could have been a schmaltzy, highbrow version of *Brian’s Song* into a meditation on how feelings are expressed through art. Internet critic James Bernardelli wrote that Watson, “gives a stunning performance . . . capturing every nuance of a character trapped between genius and madness, whose playing defines her

existence. . . . When she plays the cello, her fingers are in the right place, and she effectively mimics her character’s unconventional body movements. Even more remarkable, however, is her ability to produce this depth of emotion without ever straying over the top.”

Her breakthrough role in an American movie was as out-of-work actress Olive Thomas in *Cradle Will Rock*, whose stage performance in Mark Blitzstein’s radical 1938 musical leads to personal and romantic growth. Robbins’ film was frequently obvious as an agit-prop tract, loose in its historical detail and occasionally cheap in its characterizations of the rich and artistic. But the most resonant part of the movie was Watson’s performance. A scene on an unemployment line, as she desperately asks WPA bureaucrat Joan Cusack for a job, sums up the hardship of Depression New York.

Watson is also at the center of the movie’s climax; the opening night of “The Cradle Will Rock” abruptly moved to another theater, she rises from a seat in the SRO house and sings her introduction (“Moll’s Song”), defying the government censors as well as her actor’s union. Her costars join her one by one to perform the musical without sets or costumes. Her quiet, subtle performance (she did her own singing, as well) captured the power of theater and art to cause personal change, more persuasively than the whole film’s attempt to show art’s political effect.

Watson’s next film role was in the highly-anticipated *Angela’s Ashes*, the movie version of Frank McCourt’s 1996 best-selling autobiography about his Irish-American childhood. Again in a salt-of-the-earth role, Watson effectively personifies the title character, whom millions of readers had already pictured in their minds. Eschewing excessive emotion, she is truly effective in one traumatic scene when her adolescent son Frank slaps her in the face. Again, her performance anchors a film directed by a Hollywood name out of his element.

With two Oscar nominations under her belt before reaching age 35, Watson is trying to shake her wobegone screen image in the 2000 film *Trixie*, playing an American private eye. Perhaps as with her countrywomen Emma Thompson and Helena Bonham Carter, she will achieve wider popularity doing more openly enviable characters.

—Andrew Milner

WAYNE, John

Nationality: American. **Born:** Marion Michael Morrison in Winterset, Iowa, 26 May 1907. **Education:** Attended Glendale High School, California; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 1925–27. **Family:** Married 1) Josephine Saenz, 1933 (divorced 1945), sons: the producer Michael Wayne and the actor Patrick Wayne, two daughters; 2) Esperanza Bauer, 1946 (divorced 1954); 3) Pilar Palette, 1954, son: the actor John Ethan, daughters: Aissa, Marisa. **Career:** 1926—prop man for Fox studio: film debut as extra in *Brown of Harvard*; in early films billed as Duke Morrison; 1930—role in *Men without Women* directed by John Ford, who directed many of Wayne’s later films; later worked for Columbia and other studios; 1939—role in Ford’s *Stagecoach* made Wayne a leading man; 1942–43—in radio series *Three Sheets to the Wind*; 1944—co-founder, Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals; 1947—film producer: formed Wayne-Fellows Productions and Batjac production



John Wayne (left) with Kim Darby in *True Grit*

company; 1960—directed the film *The Alamo*. **Awards:** Best Actor Academy Award, for *True Grit*, 1969. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 11 June 1979.

Films as Actor:

(uncredited)

- 1926 *Brown of Harvard* (Conway)
- 1927 *The Drop Kick* (*Glitter*) (Webb)
- 1928 *Mother Machree* (Ford); *Hangman's House* (Ford) (as spectator at horse race)
- 1929 *Salute* (Ford and David Butler) (as football player)

(as Duke Morrison)

- 1929 *Words and Music* (Tinling) (as Pete Donahue)
- 1930 *Men without Women* (Ford) (bit role); *A Rough Romance* (Erickson) (bit role); *Cheer Up and Smile* (Lanfield) (bit role)

(as John Wayne)

- 1931 *The Big Trail* (Walsh) (as Breck Coleman); *Girls Demand Excitement* (Felix) (as Peter Brooks); *Three Girls Lost* (Lanfield) (as Gordon Wales); *Men Are Like That* (Arizona) (Seitz) (as Lt. Bob Denton); *Range Feud* (Lederman) (as Clint Turner); *Maker of Men* (Sedgwick) (as Dusty); *The Deceiver* (King) (as a corpse)
- 1932 *Haunted Gold* (Wright) (as John Mason); *Shadow of the Eagle* (Beebe—serial) (as Craig McCoy); *The Hurricane Express* (Schaefer and McGowan—serial) (as Larry Baker); *Texas Cyclone* (Lederman) (as Steve Pickett); *Lady and Gent* (*The Challenger*) (Roberts) (as Buzz Kinney); *Two-Fisted Law* (Lederman) (as Duke); *Ride Him Cowboy* (*The Hawk*) (Fred Allen) (as John Drury); *The Voice of Hollywood No. 13* (D'Agostino—short) (as narrator); *The Big Stampede* (Wright) (as John Steele); *The Hollywood Handicap* (Lamont—short) (as himself); *Station S-T-A-R* (short)
- 1933 *The Telegraph Trail* (Wright) (as John Trent); *Central Airport* (Wellman) (bit role); *His Private Secretary* (Whitman) (as Dick Wallace); *Somewhere in Sonora* (Wright) (as John

- Bishop); *The Life of Jimmy Dolan (The Kid's Last Fight)* (Mayo) (as Smith); *The Three Musketeers* (Schaefer and Clark—serial) (as Tom Wayne); *Baby Face* (Alfred E. Green) (as Jimmy McCoy); *The Man from Monterey* (Wright) (as Captain John Holmes); *Riders of Destiny* (Bradbury) (as Sandy Saunders); *College Coach (Football Coach)* (Wellman) (as Kim); *Sagebrush Trail* (Schaefer) (as John Brant)
- 1934 *West of the Divide* (Bradbury) (as Ted Hayden); *The Lucky Texan* (Bradbury) (as Jerry Mason); *Blue Steel* (Bradbury) (as John Carruthers); *The Man from Utah* (Bradbury) (as John Weston); *Randy Rides Alone* (Fraser) (title role); *The Star Packer* (Bradbury) (as John Travers); *The Trail Beyond* (Bradbury) (as Rod Drew); *'Neath the Arizona Skies* (Fraser) (as Chris Morrell); *The Lawless Frontier* (Bradbury) (as John Tobin)
- 1935 *Texas Terror* (Bradbury) (as John Higgins); *Rainbow Valley* (Bradbury) (as John Martin); *Paradise Canyon* (Pierson) (as John Wyatt); *The Dawn Rider* (Bradbury) (as John Mason); *Westward Ho* (Bradbury) (as John Wyatt); *The Desert Trail* (Lewis) (as John Scott); *The New Frontier* (Pierson) (as John Dawson); *The Lawless Range* (Bradbury) (as John Middleton)
- 1936 *The Lawless Nineties* (Kane) (as John Tipton); *King of the Pecos* (Kane) (as John Clayborn); *The Oregon Trail* (Pembroke) (as Captain John Delmont); *Winds of the Wasteland* (Wright) (as John Blair); *The Sea Spoilers* (Strayer) (as Bob Randall); *The Lonely Trail* (Kane) (as John); *Conflict* (David Howard) (as Pat)
- 1937 *California Straight Ahead* (Lubin) (as Biff Smith); *I Cover the War* (Lubin) (as Bob Adams); *Idol of the Crowds* (Lubin) (as Johnny Hanson); *Adventure's End* (Lubin) (as Duke Slade)
- 1938 *Born to the West (Hell Town)* (Barton) (as Dare Rudd); *Pals of the Saddle* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Overland Stage Raiders* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Santa Fe Stampede* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Red River Range* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke)
- 1939 *Stagecoach* (Ford) (as the Ringo Kid); *The Night Raiders* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Three Texas Steers (Danger Rides the Range)* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Wyoming Outlaw* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *New Frontier (Frontier Horizon)* (Sherman) (as Stony Brooke); *Allegheny Uprising (The First Rebel)* (Seiter) (as Jim Smith)
- 1940 *The Dark Command* (Walsh) (as Bob Seton); *Three Faces West (The Refugee)* (Vorhaus) (as John Phillips); *The Long Voyage Home* (Ford) (as Ole Oleson); *Seven Sinners* (Garnett) (as Lt. Dan Brent); *Melody Ranch* (Santley)
- 1941 *A Man Betrayed (Citadel of Crime; Wheel of Fortune)* (Auer) (as Lynn Hollister); *Lady from Louisiana* (Vorhaus) (as John Reynolds); *The Shepherd of the Hills* (Hathaway) (as Young Matt Mathews); *Lady for a Night* (Jason) (as Jack Morgan)
- 1942 *Reap the Wild Wind* (Cecil B. DeMille) (as Captain Jack Stewart); *The Spoilers* (Enright) (as Roy Glennister); *In Old California* (McGann) (as Tom Craig); *Flying Tigers* (Miller) (as Jim Gordon); *Reunion in France (Reunion; Mademoiselle France)* (Dassin) (as Pat Talbot); *Pittsburgh* (Seiler) (as Charles "Pittsburgh" Markham)
- 1943 *A Lady Takes a Chance (The Cowboy and the Girl)* (Seiter) (as Duke Hudkins); *In Old Oklahoma (War of the Wildcats)* (Rogell) (as Dan Somers)
- 1944 *The Fighting Seabees* (Ludwig) (as Wedge Donovan); *Tall in the Saddle* (Marin) (as Rocklin)
- 1945 *Flame of the Barbary Coast* (Kane) (as Duke Fergus); *Back to Bataan* (Dmytryk) (as Colonel Joseph Madden); *Dakota* (Kane) (as John Devlin); *They Were Expendable* (Ford) (as Lt. Rusty Ryan)
- 1946 *Without Reservations* (LeRoy) (as Rusty Thomas)
- 1947 *Angel and the Badman* (James Edward Grant) (as Quirt Evans); *Tycoon* (Wallace) (as Johnny Munroe)
- 1948 *Fort Apache* (Ford) (as Captain Kirby York); ***Red River*** (Hawks) (as Tom Dunson); *Three Grandfathers* (Ford) (as Robert Marmaduke Hightower); *Wake of the Red Witch* (Ludwig) (as Captain Ralls)
- 1949 *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* (Ford) (as Captain Nathan Brittles); *Fighting Kentuckian* (Waggoner) (as John Breen); *Sands of Iwo Jima* (Dwan) (as Sgt. John Stryker); *Hollywood Rodeo* (short)
- 1950 *Rio Grande* (Ford) (as Lt. Colonel Kirby York)
- 1951 *Operation Pacific* (Waggoner) (as Duke Gifford); *Flying Leathernecks* (Nicholas Ray) (as Major Dan Kirby)
- 1952 *The Quiet Man* (Ford) (as Sean Thornton); *Big Jim McLain* (Ludwig) (title role)
- 1953 *Trouble along the Way* (Curtiz) (as Steve Williams); *Island in the Sky* (Wellman) (as Captain Dooley); *Hondo* (Farrow) (title role)
- 1954 *The High and the Mighty* (Wellman) (as Dan Roman)
- 1955 *The Sea Chase* (Farrow) (as Captain Karl Ehrlich); *Rookie of the Year* (Ford—for TV); *Blood Alley* (Wellman) (as Wilder)
- 1956 *The Conqueror* (Powell) (as Temujin); ***The Searchers*** (Ford) (as Ethan Edwards)
- 1957 *The Wings of Eagles* (Ford) (as Frank "Spig" Wead); *Jet Pilot* (von Sternberg) (as Colonel Shannon); *Legend of the Lost* (Hathaway) (as Joe January)
- 1958 *I Married a Woman* (Kantor) (as himself); *The Barbarian and the Geisha* (Huston) (as Townsend Harris)
- 1959 *The Horse Soldiers* (Ford) (as Colonel John Marlowe); ***Rio Bravo*** (Hawks) (as John T. Chance)
- 1960 *North to Alaska* (Hathaway) (as Sam McCord)
- 1961 *The Commanderos* (Curtiz) (as Jake Cutter)
- 1962 ***The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*** (Ford) (as Tom Doniphon); *Flashing Spikes* (Ford—for TV); *Hatari!* (Hawks) (as Sean Mercer); *The Longest Day* (Annakin, Marton, Wicki, and Oswald) (as Lt. Colonel Benjamin Vandervoort)
- 1963 "The Civil War" ep. of *How the West Was Won* (Ford) (as Gen. William Sherman); *Donovan's Reef* (Ford) (as Michael Donovan); *McLintock* (McLaglen) (title role)
- 1964 *Circus World (The Magnificent Showman)* (Hathaway) (as Matt Masters)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as the Centurion); *In Harm's Way* (Preminger) (as Captain Rockwell Torrey); *The Sons of Katie Elder* (Hathaway) (as John Elder)
- 1966 *Cast a Giant Shadow* (Shavelson) (as General Mike Randolph)
- 1967 *The War Wagon* (Kennedy) (as Law Jackson); *El Dorado* (Hawks) (as Cole Thornton)
- 1968 *The Hellfighters* (McLaglen) (as Chance Buckman)

- 1969 *True Grit* (Hathaway) (as "Rooster" Cogburn); *The Undeclared* (McLaglen) (as Colonel John Thomas)
- 1970 *Chisum* (McLaglen) (title role); *Rio Lobo* (Hawks) (as Cord McNally); *Chesty: A Tribute to a Legend* (Ford—doc) (as narrator)
- 1971 *Big Jake* (Sherman) (as Jacob McCandles); *Directed by John Ford* (Bogdanovich—doc)
- 1972 *The Cowboys* (Rydell) (as Will Anderson); *Cancel My Reservation* (Bogart) (as himself)
- 1973 *The Train Robbers* (Kennedy) (as Lane); *Cahill, United States Marshal* (Cahill) (McLaglen) (title role)
- 1974 *McQ* (John Sturges) (title role)
- 1975 *Brannigan* (Hickox) (title role); *Rooster Cogburn* (Rooster Cogburn and the Lady) (Miller) (title role)
- 1976 *The Shootist* (Siegel) (as John Books)

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- 1960 *The Alamo* (as Colonel David Crockett)
- 1968 *The Green Berets* (as Colonel Mike Kirby, co-d)

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During his last years John Wayne's image hardened and became simplified: the movie star became either a national institution or an object of ridicule and vilification (depending upon one's political viewpoint). Wayne himself clearly encouraged this transformation, the potential for which was always there in his image, at least from the 1950s on. His decision to direct and star in *The Green Berets* marks a crucial point of transition, confirmed by his subsequent political pronouncements and the tendency to choose self-mythologizing roles. This development has had the unfortunate effect of obscuring for many people the complexities of the Wayne persona and the extremely interesting uses to which it was put by two of Hollywood's greatest directors, John Ford and Howard Hawks.

Ford is reported as saying, after seeing *Red River*, that he had never realized that Wayne could act. The operative criterion of acting here appears to be the hackneyed one of versatility, the ability to "become" different characters. If a limited actor, Wayne was always, from his first major role in *Stagecoach*, an extremely capable performer: the scenes that develop his relationship with Claire Trevor are played with considerable delicacy and sensitivity. Though the components of the Wayne persona were already clearly present there in *The Long Voyage Home*, Ford did not make full use of them until after World War II, when the dominant tone of his work modulated from idealism (associated with Henry Fonda) to disillusionment and retreat into stoicism. Through the three films of the "cavalry trilogy" (*Fort Apache*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, and *Rio Grande*) the Wayne persona reaches full expression. The makings of the later "national institution" are all there—conservatism, militarism, adherence to tradition, emphasis on patriotic duty—but they are held within a complex thematic network in which the sustaining of faith in American civilization becomes increasingly problematic, giving way to stoical resignation. Significantly, Ford also used Wayne centrally in films in which he abandons American civilization altogether, for a retreat either into the Irish past (*The Quiet Man*) or to a South Seas never-never land (*Donovan's Reef*). Ford's ultimate use of Wayne, however, was as the incarnation of the lost values of a mythical Old West, rendered obsolete by the civilization it helped build, in *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*.

Hawks never showed much interest in the established social order except as something to escape from, and Wayne is less central to his work than he is to Ford's. *Red River*, while in many ways impressive, suffers from Hawks's insufficient grasp of the material's moral and political implications, to which Wayne's Thomas Dunson is central. Interestingly, in relation to Wayne's later career, the character develops marked connotations of fascism which the film tries to cope with but finally evades. Hawks's finest use of Wayne is undoubtedly in *Rio Bravo*: here the stoicism, self-reliance, and assumption of moral infallibility at once achieve their most complete expression and are subjected to a subtle criticism that defines their limitations. The infallible Wayne is alternately juxtaposed with the all-too-fallible Dean Martin and confronted with the amorous but ironic Angie

Dickinson. Both relationships are being used by Hawks to probe, question, and affectionately satirize the Wayne image, exposing its human deficiencies while reaffirming its strength.

It is with Hawks also—in *El Dorado* and *Rio Lobo*—that Wayne enters the last phase of his career, where the central concern becomes age and failing powers. *The Cowboys* was not, as some asserted, the first film in which Wayne died (they forget, for example, *Reap the Wild Wind*, *Sands of Iwo Jima*, and, far more reprehensibly, *Liberty Valance*), but it is the first of his major roles in which he was killed face-to-face by the bad guy. Even more pertinent is *The Shootist*, in which he plays an aging gunfighter who is dying of cancer, the disease against which he himself struggled throughout this late period. If *The Cowboys* (in which Wayne explicitly becomes a role model for the young of America) celebrates the "national institution," even at this stage of his career where the image is at its most petrified it still carries connotations—pain, loss, failure, stoical endurance—which makes it less simple than the popular view of "hawk" patriarch suggests.

Perhaps due to Wayne's larger-than-life iconography as the quintessential American hero, he is as popular with audiences today as he was during his lifetime. His films are never off the television screen and remain among the fastest sellers in video stores. His directorial debut, *The Alamo*, a personal project in which he also starred, has been restored to its original director's cut length after 30 years during which only the abbreviated version released to theaters by United Artists was available—and reissued on tape and laser disc to the lucrative collector's market in a format that retained the film's wide-screen grandeur. In the wake of its commercial success, two of Wayne's rowdiest and most popular non-Ford and non-Hawks Westerns, *McLintock* and *Hondo*, have finally found their way to television and video stores after many years of hibernation, as well.

—Robin Wood, updated by John McCarty

WEAVER, Sigourney

Nationality: American. **Born:** Susan Alexander Weaver in New York, 8 October 1949; daughter of the former president of NBC Sylvester "Pat" Weaver. **Education:** Attended Stanford University, B.A.; Yale University School of Drama, M.F.A. **Family:** Married the theater director Jim Simpson, 1984, one daughter: Charlotte. **Career:** 1974—stage debut on Broadway in *The Constant Wife*; continues as stage performer; 1976—featured film debut in *Madman*; 1977—walk-on part in *Annie Hall*. **Awards:** Academy of Science Fiction, Horror, and Fantasy Films Saturn Award, for *Aliens*, 1987; Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama, for *Gorillas in the Mist*, 1988; Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture, for *Working Girl*, 1988; British Academy Award (BAFTA) for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role, for *The Ice Storm*, 1998; Hasting Pudding Theatricals Woman of the Year, 1998. **Agent:** Sam Cohn, ICM, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1976 *Madman* (Cohen)
 1977 *Annie Hall* (Woody Allen) (as Alvy's date outside theater)



Sigourney Weaver and Carrie Henn in *Aliens*

- 1979 *Alien* (Ridley Scott) (as Ripley)
- 1981 *Eyewitness (The Janitor)* (Yates) (as Tony Sokolow)
- 1982 *The Year of Living Dangerously* (Weir) (as Jill Bryant)
- 1983 *Deal of the Century* (Friedkin) (as Mrs. De Voto)
- 1984 *Ghostbusters* (Reitman) (as Dana Barrett/The Gate Keeper)
- 1985 *Une Femme ou deux (One Woman or Two)* (Vigne) (as Jessica Fitzgerald)
- 1986 *Aliens* (Cameron) (as Ripley); *Half Moon Street* (Swaim) (as Lauren Slaughter)
- 1988 *Working Girl* (Mike Nichols) (as Katharine Parker); *Gorillas in the Mist* (Apted) (as Dian Fossey)
- 1989 *Ghostbusters II* (Reitman) (as Dana Barrett); *Helmut Newton: Frames from the Edge* (doc)
- 1992 *Alien 3* (Fincher) (as Ripley, + co-pr); *1492: The Conquest of Paradise* (Ridley Scott) (as Queen Isabella)
- 1993 *Dave* (Reitman) (as Ellen Mitchell)
- 1994 *Death and the Maiden* (Polanski) (as Paulina Escobar)
- 1995 *Jeffrey* (Ashley) (as Debra Moorhouse); *Copycat* (Amiel) (as Helen Hudson)
- 1996 *Snow White in the Black Forest* (Michael Cohn) (as Claudia Hoffman)
- 1997 *Alien Resurrection* (as Ellen Ripley [Number 8/Number 7], co-pr)
- 1999 *Get Bruce* (Kuehn) (as herself); *A Map of the World* (Elliott) (as Alice Goodwin); *Company Man* (Askin and McGrath) (as Daisy Quimp); *Galaxy Quest* (Parisot) (as Gwen DeMarco/Lt. Tawny Madison)
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Sigourney Weaver has become a feminist icon in the eighties and nineties largely because of the coherence of her determined and tremendously self-reliant screen persona. Although she was memorably paired with Mel Gibson in a sultry turn in *The Year of Living Dangerously*, and has been variously partnered on the screen with Bill Murray, Michael Caine, Bryan Brown, and Charles Dance, Weaver has retained an air of independence about her in even her romantic roles. She is most usually seen on her own, struggling against tremendous threats to her own life and to those under her protection (often animals or small children). Strikingly, however, Weaver has resisted being typecast as watchful mothers or as heroic career women; indeed, she has had a screen career of remarkable variety.

Weaver’s strong screen persona owes much to her striking physical appearance. Her great height and striking beauty, coupled with her forceful jawline, have lent her a tremendously regal air. This air is itself perhaps intensified by Weaver’s background. Like the earlier Hollywood star she most evokes, Katharine Hepburn, Weaver enjoyed an especially patrician upbringing: the daughter of former NBC

president Sylvester “Pat” Weaver, she attended Stanford for her undergraduate degree and the Yale Drama School for her M.F.A. Weaver’s air of hauteur has often led her to be cast in somewhat aristocratic parts, including those of an American First Lady in *Dave* and of Queen Isabella in *1492: The Conquest of Paradise*. The latter role was practically a cameo; yet so entertaining were Weaver’s subtly arch and bemused reactions to Gérard Depardieu’s wranglings for patronage that she almost took one’s mind off the endless torchlight processions and overwrought debates over navigation in the film’s opening half.

Yet the greatest asset to Weaver’s persona has been her sheer physicality on the screen. Almost alone among actresses in the last 25 years, Weaver has enjoyed a partial career as an eminently bankable action-adventure hero. In Ridley Scott’s *Alien*, Weaver’s Second Officer Ripley, her first sizable role in a major film, seized control not only of the space frigate *Nostromo* but also of the audience’s attention by sheer dint of her physical authority. As the film progresses, the director effectively counterpoints Weaver’s levelheadedness with Veronica Cartwright’s mounting hysteria, and her humane compassion with Ian Holm’s lethal coldness. As a role, Ripley in the first *Alien* film might seem to be on paper scarcely more interesting than a stalked teenager in a run-of-the-mill horror film; yet Weaver so effectively allowed her audience to empathize with her that the role made her a star. She stood alone among other action stars of the decade, such as Schwarzenegger, Stallone, and Willis, not only because of her gender but also because of her disciplined training and emotional range. Weaver could not only seem effective discharging a flamethrower or uttering wry wisecracks but could also memorably evoke pathos, loneliness, and empathy. James Cameron capitalized on this to tremendous effect in *Aliens*, the second film in the series, by emphasizing Weaver’s more maternal aspects, giving her a young child to protect as well as an evil counterpart in the queen alien. Who would have thought that the Space Parasites would become series figures like Charlie Chan or Boston Blackie, albeit to diminishing box office returns in the nineties?

Aside from Ripley and Dr. Helen Hudson in *Copycat*, Weaver has not been cast to date in any other true action roles—due in large part, one suspects, to the misogynistic unwillingness of producers and studio executives to recognize her bankability as an adventure heroine. Yet many of her best screen moments have allowed her to display her physical talents. Weaver is never better on the screen than when she is in motion: shoving a car off a cliff in *Death and the Maiden* or roughhousing with one of the title animals in *Gorillas in the Mist*, she is nothing less than magnetic. One of her most remarkable moments in her screen career occurs in the precredits chase sequence to the otherwise negligible *Ghostbusters II*. Weaver watches in horror as poltergeists send her infant son’s carriage madly careering through busy Manhattan traffic and frantically chases after it. Her almost palpable sense of desperation as she races between cars—and then of relief when she at last clasps her child safe against her body—are so powerfully evoked as to overshadow the rest of the film.

Weaver began her stage career out of drama school in the seventies performing in the frenzied comedies of her friend and Yale ex-classmate Christopher Durang. Although the eighties and nineties have not been the most fortuitous period in film history for women’s comic roles, Weaver has made the most of those that have come her way. The best of these was in *Working Girl*, where Weaver took her trademark authority and determination to maniacal extremes for hilarious effect. Whether barking orders at Melanie Griffith or schussing down ski slopes with berserk self-confidence, Weaver so

thoroughly dominates the film that it seems almost incredible today that *Working Girl* could have made Melanie Griffith a star.

In recent years, Weaver has worked to extend her range by accepting some roles (*Death and The Maiden*, *Gorillas in the Mist*) that have accentuated her histrionic vulnerabilities rather than her strengths. Unlike Glenn Close or Jessica Lange, she doesn’t wear hysteria well. Bravely tackling other uncharacteristic roles, she shows astonishing range. In the otherwise unremarkable serial killer round-robin, *Copycat*, Weaver acts rings around her monotonous co-star and hammy antagonists by portraying her character’s agoraphobia as an act of aggression against herself. Besieged by a manipulative sociopath, Weaver’s psychiatrist deteriorates before our eyes as the maniac makes her rue the day she ever dabbled in profiling. Even more remarkable is her star turn in the Cable TV film, *Snow White*, in which she abandons herself to this Freudian fairy tale’s rueful implications while somehow drawing inadvertent sympathy for a monstrous stepmother.

Unlike her contemporaries, she doesn’t often settle for leading lady status opposite a male box office titan. Unjustly overlooked for a supporting actress nomination for *The Ice Storm*, Weaver’s suburban matron seems to be breaking apart from psychological brittleness. Wearing her trendy outfits as if they were strait-jackets, she interprets this role of a tightly wound 1970s swinger by exposing her character’s lacquered self-loathing. Just as revelatory is her bravura performance in *A Map of the World*, in which she refuses to gloss over her recalcitrant character’s self-destructive folly during travails that would have forced Job to throw in the towel. Unlike other actresses who wink at us to suggest they’re only playing at being wicked, Weaver unapologetically flings her work in your face.

Making the most of the skimpy opportunities offered women her age, Weaver should seek another action role that could shore up her box office now that the munching Aliens have lost their bite. (Of course, the pitfalls of becoming a female action star have been demonstrated by Meryl “*The River Wild*” Streep and Geena “*Cut-throat Island*” Davis.) Unlike them, she has already proven her prowess in a male-dominated field.

She also has the razor-sharp timing of the screwball goddesses of yesteryear, but comedies that aren’t built around Julia Roberts are in short supply. Resourcefully, she poked fun at her own cosmic past by kicking up her gravity boots in *Galaxy Quest*, a spoof about sci-fi TV stars thrust into an actual galactic fracas. In a tiny role in *Jeffrey*, her perspicacious acting satirizes modern-day priestesses like Marianne Williams. Simultaneously droll and frightening, Weaver encapsulates the smug self-infatuation of self-help gurus preying on the gullible. It’s a tour de force that confirms her readiness for a dazzling, sizeable comic role. As some stars age, we dread the choices forced upon them by exigent box office; with Weaver, we look forward to her continued courage under fire in a selection of genres.

—Jay Dickson, updated by Robert J. Pardi

WEBB, Clifton

Nationality: American. **Born:** Webb Parmalee Hollenbeck in Indianapolis, Indiana, 19 November 1891. **Education:** Attended Public School No. 87, New York; joined Palmer Cox’s Lyceum’s Children’s Theatre at age 8; studied painting with Robert Henri and singing with Victor Maurel. **Career:** Child actor: debut at age 9 in *The Brownies*;

member of the Aborn Opera Company: debut in *Mignon*; 1913—Broadway debut as dancer in *The Purple Road*; 1914—teamed with Mae Murray for engagement at Palace Theatre, then a succession of successful plays in New York as dancer and actor, including *Sunny*, 1925, *As Thousands Cheer*, 1933, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* on tour, 1931, and *Blithe Spirit*, 1941; 1920—film debut in *Polly with a Past*; 1921—London stage debut in *Fun at the Fayre*; 1923—performed with the Dolly Sisters in Paris; 1948—first of several films featuring the character Mr. Belvedere, *Sitting Pretty*. **Died:** 13 October 1966.

Films as Actor:

- 1920 *Polly with a Past* (de Cordova)
- 1924 *Let No Man Put Asunder* (Blackton)
- 1925 *The Heart of a Siren* (Rosen) (as Maxim); *New Toys* (Robertson)
- 1930 *The Still Alarm* (short)
- 1944 **Laura** (Preminger and Mamoulian) (as Waldo Lydecker)
- 1946 *The Dark Corner* (Hathaway) (as Hardy Cathcart); *The Razor's Edge* (Goulding) (as Elliott Templeton)
- 1948 *Sitting Pretty* (Walter Lang) (as Lynn Belvedere)
- 1949 *Mr. Belvedere Goes to College* (Nugent) (title role)
- 1950 *Cheaper by the Dozen* (Walter Lang) (as Frank Gilbert); *For Heaven's Sake* (Seaton) (as Charles)
- 1951 *Mr. Belvedere Rings the Bell* (Koster) (title role); *Elopement* (Koster) (as Howard Osborne)
- 1952 *Dreamboat* (Binyon) (as Thirton Sayre); *Stars and Stripes Forever* (Koster) (as John Philip Sousa)
- 1953 *Titanic* (Negulesco) (as Robert Sturges); *Mister Scoutmaster* (Levin) (as Robert Jordan)
- 1954 *Three Coins in the Fountain* (Negulesco) (as Shadwell); *Woman's World* (Negulesco) (as Gifford)
- 1956 *The Man Who Never Was* (Neame) (as Commander Ewen Montagu)
- 1957 *Boy on a Dolphin* (Negulesco) (as Victor Parmalee)
- 1959 *The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker* (Levin) (title role); *Holiday for Lovers* (Levin) (as Robert Dean)
- 1962 *Satan Never Sleeps* (*The Devil Never Sleeps*; *Flight from Terror*) (McCarey) (as Father Bovard)

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Clifton Webb's career of rather secondary parts in motion pictures obscures his brilliant Broadway career as a singer and dancer. But that was long before his cinema debut and he was never featured as a musical comedy personality in films.

Hollywood found him most useful, however, in bitchy, acerbic roles, most notably that of the columnist Waldo Lydecker in Otto Preminger's *Laura*. His screen career was hardly distinguished, but it was a steady one, and he had occasional strong roles such as the automobile executive in *Woman's World* where he played an excellent foil to the ambitious wives of candidates for an automobile company's vice presidency. But it was the character he played in *Laura* that typecast him, and that gave birth to such pictures as *Sitting Pretty* and the Mr. Belvedere series, which capitalized on his role in it.

Webb's film career, coming as it did on the heels of a long stage career, was diminished only by old age. His last film was in Leo McCarey's film, *Satan Never Sleeps*.

—Joseph Arkins

WEGENER, Paul

Nationality: German. **Born:** Bischdorf, East Prussia, 11 December 1874. **Education:** Attended high school in Königsberg; studied law in Freiburg and Leipzig. **Family:** Married five times, including marriage to the actress Lyda Salmonova. **Career:** 1895—stage debut in theater in Rostock; 1906–20—member of Max Reinhardt's Deutsches Theater, Berlin: acclaimed role in Reinhardt's version of *Oedipus Rex*, 1917; 1913—film debut in *Der Student von Prag*; often directed or co-directed his subsequent films; made propaganda films during the Nazi era; 1937—named Actor of the State; 1946—on stage in *Nathan the Wise* in Berlin and New York. **Died:** In Berlin, 1948.

Films as Actor:

- 1913 **Der Student von Prag** (Rye) (as Balduin, + co-sc)
- 1914 *Die Verführte* (*Geheimnisse des Blutes*) (Rye); *Die Rache des Blutes*
- 1915 *Peter Schlemihl* (+ co-sc)
- 1918 *Dornroschen* (Leni); *Welt ohne Waffen* (doc); *Der Galeerensträfling* (Gliese) (+ sc)
- 1919 *Nachtgestalten*
- 1920 *Medea* (Lubitsch); *Steuermann Holck* (Wolff); *Die Geliebte Roswolskys* (Basch); *Sumurun* (*One Arabian Night*) (Lubitsch) (as the Sheik)
- 1921 *Der verlorene Schatten* (*The Lost Shadow*) (Gliese) (as the magician, + sc); *Flammende Völker* (Reinert)
- 1922 *Das Liebensnest* (Dworsky and Walther-Fein); *Lukrezia Borgia* (Oswald); *Monna Vanna* (Eichberg) (as Guido Gurlino); *Sterbende Völker* (*Popoli Morituri*) (Reinert); *Das Weib des Pharao* (*Loves of a Pharaoh*) (Lubitsch) (as King of the Ethiopians)
- 1923 *Vanina, oder die Galgenhochzeit* (von Gerlach) (as the father); *SOS: Die Insel des Tränen* (Mendes)
- 1924 *Der Schatz der Gesine Jakobsen* (Walther-Fein)
- 1925 *Der Mann aus dem Jenseits* (Noa)
- 1926 *Dagfin* (May)



Paul Wegener and Lya de Putti in *The Golem*

- 1927 *Alraune (Unholy Love)* (Galeen); *Arme Kleine Sif* (Bergen); *Glanz und Elend der Kurtisanen (Survival)* (Noa) (as Collin); *Ramper, der Tiermensch (The Strange Case of Captain Ramper)* (Reichmann) (title role); *Svengali* (Grund and Righelli) (title role); *Die Weber (The Weavers)* (Zelnik); *Le Magicien (The Magician)* (Ingram) (as Dr. Haddo)
- 1930 *Fundvogel* (Hoffman-Harnisch)
- 1932 *Marschall Vorwärts* (Paul); *Das Geheimnis um Johann Orth* (Wolff); *Unheimliche Geschichten (The Living Dead)* (Oswald) (as the mad inventor)
- 1933 *Inge und die Millionen* (Engel); *Hans Westmar (Horst Wessel)* (Wenzler) (as Russian Commissar)
- 1935 *Der Mann mir der Pranke* (van der Noss); *. . . nur ein Komödiant* (Engel)
- 1936 *Ein Liebesroman im Hause Hapsburg* (Wolff) (as Russian Ambassador)
- 1938 *In geheimer Mission* (von Alten); *Stärker al die Liebe (Stranger Than Love)* (Stöchel)
- 1939 *Das Recht auf Liebe (The Right to Love)* (Stöchel); *Das unsterbliche Herz* (Harlan)
- 1940 *Zwielicht* (van der Noss); *Das Mädchen von Fanö* (Schweikart); *Mein Leben für Irland* (Kimmich)
- 1942 *Diesel* (Lamprecht); *Der grosse König* (Harlan); *Hochzeit auf Bärenhof* (Froelich)

- 1943 *Wenn die Sonne wieder scheint* (Barlog)
- 1944 *Zwischen Nacht und Morgen (Augen der Liebe)* (Braun); *Seinerzeit zu meiner Zeit* (Barlog); *Der Fall Molander* (Pabst)
- 1945 *Dr. Phil Döderlein* (Klinger); *Tierarzt Dr. Vlimmen* (Barlog); *Kohlberg* (Harlan)
- 1949 *Der grosse Mandarin* (Stroux)

Films as Director and Scriptwriter:

- 1914 *Die Augen des Ole Brandis* (co-d, + ro); *Evintrude: Die Geschichte eines Abenteurers* (co-d, + ro); *Der Golem* (co-d, + title role)
- 1916 *Rübezahls Hochzeit* (+ ro); *Der Rattenfänger von Hameln* (+ ro); *Der Yoghi* (+ ro)
- 1917 *Der Golem und die Tänzerin* (+ title role); *Hans Trutz in Schlaraffenland* (+ title role)
- 1918 *Der fremde Furst* (+ ro)
- 1920 *Der Golem, wie er in die Welt kam* (+ title role)
- 1922 *Herzog Ferrantes Ende* (+ title role)
- 1923 *Lebende Buddha* (+ pr, ro)
- 1934 *Die Freundin eines grossen Mannes; Ein Mann will nach Deutschland*

- 1936 *August der Starke; Die Stunde der Versuchung; Moskau-Shanghai*
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"The essence of this strongly built, muscle-hard fellow is a straddling permanent manliness. Such a chap, who lives and lets live; in no way tender, yet basically good-natured; hot-tempered, yet also sly, a part Odysseus, but also a part Achilles—in short, a complete fellow." This description by Paul Wegener's contemporary Julius Bab captures a man whose physical presence is as commanding on the screen as it must have been on stage. Wegener's highly successful stage acting career spanned over 50 years; his work in film spanned 35 years and many roles as authority figures or characters with an abnormal bent. Although he never directed on the stage, Wegener's involvement in cinema went well beyond acting to include directing and writing. He explained his attraction to film as such: "I did not go into film as an actor; the problem of this new art form interested me in general. The mysterious possibilities of the camera kindled my fantasies. I conceived the fable *Der Student von Prag* because here was the possibility of acting opposite myself."

On the stage Wegener was known for playing complex characters (Mephisto, Danton, Nathan der Weise); he then realized how filmic devices could be used to further the development of multifaceted characters, or in transforming characters. Wegener's first film, *Der Student von Prag*, suggests the essence of the great actor's contribution to film history: his fascination with the supernatural and the doppelgänger (the evil double of oneself), and the potential inherent in film to exploit both. *Der Student von Prag* is the story of a poor student who makes a Faustian pact with a Satanic magician. The devil figure takes on the student's mirror reflection as his part of the deal—an image that would become familiar as the Doppelgänger in many films to follow. The use of special effects combined with Wegener playing both roles created a haunting depiction of the evil lurking within one—a Romantic vision that Wegener brought forcefully to the screen.

Wegener was responsible for carrying on the German tradition of adult fairy tales, as perfected in E. T. A. Hoffmann's novellas, by transposing them to film. Wegener created and acted in a series of fairy-tale films early in his film career, including *Der Student von Prag*, *Rübezahls Hochzeit*, *Der Yoghi* (in which he once again played two roles), and *Der Rattenfänger von Hameln*. Wegener also directed

two versions of *Der Golem*. In the second, *Der Golem, wie er in die Welt kam*, Wegener plays a clay giant brought to life, who is capable of unleashing powerful violence or gentle kindness. The role of the Golem offered Wegener the perfect opportunity to demonstrate his style of "discreet acting." He exercised restraint in physical movement, letting his face be the tool of expression. One of Wegener's favorite films was *Lebende Buddha*, in which he plays the role of Buddha. Indeed, Wegener's demeanor was not unlike that of the god's eternal smile; Wegener's face was an embodiment of expressiveness kept in check.

Wegener continued to act until early 1948, although his passion and greatest creative output occurred in the early films. His commanding presence extended to the total conception and production of these early films, and was not confined to the dramatic interpretation of his roles.

—Virginia Keller

WELD, Tuesday

Nationality: American. **Born:** Susan Ker Weld in New York City, 27 August 1943. **Education:** Attended public school in Fort Lauderdale, two years, and at various schools in New York, including the Professional Children's School. **Family:** Married 1) Claude Harz, 1965 (divorced 1971), daughter: Natasha; 2) the actor Dudley Moore, 1975 (divorced 1980), son: Patrick; 3) the musician Pinchas Zuckerman, 1985. **Career:** Fashion and catalog model from age three; also television actress; 1956—film debut in *Rock, Rock, Rock*, followed by a series of teenage films; 1959–60—in TV series *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*. **Address:** P.O. Box 367, Valley Stream, NY 11582, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1956 *Rock, Rock, Rock* (Price) (as Dori); *The Wrong Man* (Hitchcock) (as giggly girl)
 1958 *Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!* (McCarey) (as Comfort Goodpasture)
 1959 *The Five Pennies* (Shavelson) (as Dorothy Nichols, age 12 to 14)
 1960 *Because They're Young* (Wendkos) (as Anne); *High Time* (Edwards) (as Joy Elder); *Sex Kittens Go to College* (*Beauty and the Robot*) (Zugsmith) (as Jody)
 1961 *The Private Lives of Adam and Eve* (Zugsmith and Rooney) (as Vangie Harper); *Return to Peyton Place* (Ferrer) (as Selena Cross); *Wild in the Country* (Dunne) (as Noreen); *Bachelor Flat* (Tashlin) (as Libby Bushmill)
 1963 *Soldier in the Rain* (Ralph Nelson) (as Bobby Jo Pepperdine)
 1965 *The Cincinnati Kid* (Jewison) (as Christian); *I'll Take Sweden* (de Cordova) (as JoJo Holcomb)
 1966 *Lord Love a Duck* (Axelrod) (as Barbara Ann Greene)
 1968 *Pretty Poison* (Black) (as Sue Ann Stepanek)
 1970 *I Walk the Line* (Frankenheimer) (as Alma McCain)
 1971 *A Safe Place* (Jaglom) (as Susan/Noah)
 1972 *Play It as It Lays* (Perry) (as Maria Wyeth)
 1974 *Reflections of Murder* (Badham—for TV) (as Vicky)
 1976 *F. Scott Fitzgerald in Hollywood* (Page—for TV)
 1977 *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* (Richard Brooks) (as Katherine Dunn)

- 1978 *Who'll Stop the Rain (The Dog Soldiers)* (Reisz) (as Marge Converse); *A Question of Guilt* (Robert Butler—for TV)
- 1980 *Mother and Daughter: The Loving War* (Brinckerhoff—for TV); *Serial* (Persky) (as Kate)
- 1981 *Madame X* (Miller—for TV) (title role/Holly Richardson); *Thief (Violent Streets)* (Michael Mann) (as Jessie)
- 1982 *Author! Author!* (Hiller) (as Gloria); *The Rainmaker* (for TV) (as Lizzie)
- 1983 *The Winter of Our Discontent* (Hussein—for TV)
- 1984 *Once upon a Time in America* (Leone) (as Carol); *Scorned and Swindled* (Wendkos—for TV)
- 1986 *Circle of Violence: A Family Drama* (David Greene—for TV) (as Georgia Benfield); *Something in Common* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Shelly Grant)
- 1988 *Heartbreak Hotel* (Columbus) (as Marie Wolfe)
- 1993 *Falling Down* (Schumacher) (as Mrs. Prendergast)
- 1996 *Feeling Minnesota* (Baigleman) (as Norma Clayton)

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Forty years into her career, Tuesday Weld still percolates through American pop culture. A 1995 biography is devoted to her, and a worldwide web site; she will soon appear in the off-mainstream *Feeling Minnesota*, her first movie since 1993’s *Falling Down* (reportedly her first commercially successful film). Weld’s uncredited picture adorns the cover of rock musician Matthew Sweet’s 1991 *Girlfriend* album, epitomizing her continued if obscure relevance—but also suggesting that her signature star qualities of self-determining sexuality, insolence, and nearly self-destructive wastefulness

(philosophically grounded in antimaterialism as it may be) fit the rock ‘n’ roll era’s patterns more than classical Hollywood’s.

As a post-studio system actress, Weld is sadly Hollywood-typical in that her talents have far outmatched her opportunities. Trash- and sex-associated, she distinguishes (and attracts cult status to) herself with the rock-star-like air of profligacy she assumes: “Do you think I want a success? . . . I like the particular position I’ve been in all these years, with people wanting to save me from the awful films I’ve been in.” There is an abstractedness, always a lot left missing, in her characterizations, that in one way reflects the submerged place where new Hollywood fixed females, especially in the 1970s—but in another way fights against it, by revealing the eeriness and lostness of women unable to make their desires real, heard, or even clear to themselves. A chillingly transposed example occurs at the end of *I Walk the Line* when Gregory Peck takes on Weld’s characteristic wide-eyed, blank but brimming expression after she has (probably) mortally wounded him, having (maybe) misled him about her true motivations for their affair. Interestingly, in this as in many of Weld’s films, rock music gets used to fill in some of the gaps her physical choices (and the situations and dialogue given to her) leave.

Weld began her film career at 13, a former child model driven to alcohol and nearly suicide. For five years she played “sex kitten” variations: in movies, on television (with dozens of episodes throughout the 1960s), and in the press, for which she refused to either dress or comment politely while dating publicly and prolifically. In the mid-1960s she found meatier film roles, usually as someone’s beautiful but jumbled girlfriend; by the early 1970s, she went deeper into such cracked-surface glamour girls with leads in *Play It as It Lays* and *Reflections of Murder*. Many of her feature and television films from 1977 to 1984 ground her “neurotic” type (quite literally) dead in its feminist-influenced historical context. Weld’s acting, however, insistently animates the subjectivities of her narratively unbalanced and decentered women: in her Oscar-nominated work in *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* and in *Thief* especially, she dramatically modulates her vocal pitch and volume and catches her characters’ flickering meanings simply by tilting her head or turning her upper body. She thereby demonstrates that, in the principles of modern screen acting, she is highly skilled if—characteristically—proudly unschooled (she reports that the Actors Studio was too conventional for her; other sources claim that her application was rejected because she was too young).

—Susan Knobloch

WELLES, Orson

Nationality: American. **Born:** George Orson Welles in Kenosha, Wisconsin, 6 May 1915. **Education:** Attended Todd School for Boys, Woodstock, Illinois, 1926–31. **Family:** Married 1) Virginia Nicholson, 1934 (divorced 1939), daughter: Christopher; 2) the actress Rita Hayworth, 1943 (divorced 1947), daughter: Rebecca; 3) the actress Paola Mori, 1955, daughter: Beatrice. **Career:** 1931—professional acting debut at the Gate Theatre in Dublin; 1934—Broadway debut with Katherine Cornell, performed in his own film short, played McGafferty at the Phoenix Theatre, and began his radio career, e.g., as “The Shadow”; 1937—played title role in Mercury Production of *Julius Caesar*; 1938—broadcast “The War of the Worlds”; 1939—RKO contract to act in and produce *The Green Goddess* for the RKO



Orson Welles

Vaudeville Circuit; 1941—played title role in and directed *Citizen Kane*; 1940s—returned to radio and theater, toured military bases with his magic show, “Mercury Wonder Show,” continued to star in his own productions, and began appearing in films directed by others; 1949—moved to Europe; 1955—two series for BBC TV, *The Orson Welles Sketchbook* and *The World with Orson Welles*; 1950s and 1960s—starred in his own films, appeared in films directed by others, appeared on TV and in the theater; 1970—moved back to America; 1970s and 1980s—appeared in films, on TV, and in commercials, including role as narrator for TV mini-series *Shogun*, 1980, and occasional role as voice of Robin Masters in TV series *Magnum P.I.*, 1981–85. **Awards:** Academy Award, Best Screenplay, for *Citizen Kane*, 1941; 20th Anniversary Tribute, Cannes Film Festival, 1966; Honorary Oscar, for “superlative and distinguished service in the making of motion pictures,” 1970; inducted into the French Legion of Honor, 1972; Life Achievement Award, American Film Institute, 1975; Los Angeles Film Critics Career Achievement Award, 1978; inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame, 1979; Fellowship of the British Film Institute, 1983; D. W. Griffith Award, Directors Guild of America, 1984. **Died:** Of heart attack, in Hollywood, 10 October 1985.

Films as Actor:

- 1943 *Jane Eyre* (Stevenson) (as Edward Rochester)
 1944 *Follow the Boys* (Sutherland) (revue appearance)
 1945 *Tomorrow Is Forever* (Pichel) (as John McDonald)

- 1949 *The Third Man* (Reed) (as Harry Lime); *Black Magic* (Ratoff) (as Cagliostro); *Prince of Foxes* (Henry King) (as Cesare Borgia)
 1950 *The Black Rose* (Hathaway) (as General Bayan)
 1951 *Return to Glennascaul* (Edwards) (as himself)
 1953 *Trent's Last Case* (Wilcox) (as Sigsbee Manderson); *Si Versailles m'était conté* (*Affairs in Versailles*; *Royal Affairs in Versailles*) (Guitry) (as Benjamin Franklin); *L'Uomo la Bestia e la Virtù* (*Man Beast and Virtue*) (Vanzina) (as the beast); *King Lear* (Brook—for TV) (title role)
 1954 *Napoleon* (Guitry) (as Gen. Hudson Lowe); *Trouble in the Glen* (Wilcox) (as Samin Cejador y Mengues)
 1955 “Lord Mountdrago” ep. of *Three Cases of Murder* (O’Ferrall) (as Lord Mountdrago)
 1956 *Moby Dick* (Huston) (as Father Mapple)
 1957 *Man in the Shadow* (*Pay the Devil*) (Arnold) (as Virgil Renckler)
 1958 *The Long Hot Summer* (Ritt) (as Will Varner); *The Roots of Heaven* (Huston) (as Cy Sedgwick)
 1959 *David e Golia* (*David and Goliath*) (Pottier and Baldi) (as King Saul); *Compulsion* (Fleischer) (as Jonathan Wilk); *Ferry to Hong Kong* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Captain Hart)
 1960 *Austerlitz* (*Battle of Austerlitz*) (Gance) (as Robert Fulton); *Crack in the Mirror* (Fleischer) (as Hagolin/Lamorciere); *I Tartari* (*The Tartars*) (Thorpe) (as Barundai)
 1961 *Lafayette* (Dreville) (as Benjamin Franklin); *Desordre* (short)
 1963 *The V.I.P.s* (Asquith) (as Max Buda); “La Ricotta” ep. of *Rogopag* (*Laviamoci il Cervello*; *Let's Have a Brainwash*) (Pasolini) (as the film director)
 1964 *La Fabuleuse Aventure de Marco Polo* (*Marco the Magnificent*) (de la Patelliere and Noel Howard) (as Ackermann)
 1965 *The Island of Treasure* (Franco)
 1966 *A Man for All Seasons* (Zinnemann) (as Cardinal Wolsey); *Paris brûle-t-il?* (*Is Paris Burning?*) (Clément)
 1967 *Casino Royale* (McGrath and Huston) (as Le Chiffre); *The Sailor from Gibraltar* (Richardson) (as Louis Mozambique); *I'll Never Forget What's 'is Name* (Winner) (as Jonathan Lute); *Oedipus the King* (Saville) (as Tiresias)
 1968 *House of Cards* (Guillermin) (as Claude Leschenhaut); *Kampf um Rom* (*Fight for Rome*) (Siodmak) (as Emperor Justinian)
 1969 *Michael the Brave* (Nicolaescu); *L'Etoile de Sud* (*The Southern Star*) (Hayers) (as Plankett); *Tepepa* (Petroni); *Twelve Plus One* (Gessner) (as Markau); *Mihai Viteazu* (Nicolaescu); *Kampf um Rom II* (*Fight for Rome II*); *Una su 13*
 1970 *Catch-22* (Mike Nichols) (as General Dreedle); *The Battle of Neretva* (Bulajic) (as Senator); *Waterloo* (Bondarchuk) (as King Louis XVIII); *Upon This Rock* (Rasky); *The Kremlin Letter* (Huston) (as Aleksei Bresnavitch)
 1971 *A Safe Place* (Jaglom) (as the Magician); *The Toy Factory* (Gordon); *I Racconti di Canterbury* (*The Canterbury Tales*) (Pasolini); *To Kill a Stranger* (Collinson)
 1972 *Get to Know Your Rabbit* (De Palma) (as Mr. Delasandro); *La Décade prodigieuse* (*Ten Days' Wonder*) (Chabrol) (as Theo Van Horn); *Sutjeska* (Delic); *Malpertuis* (Kumel) (as Cassavius); *Treasure Island* (Hough and Bianchi) (as Long John Silver, + sc); *Necromancy* (*The Witching*) (Gordon) (as Mr. Cato); *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (Kilik) (as Sheridan Whiteside—for TV)
 1975 *And Then There Were None* (Collinson) (as voice of himself)
 1976 *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Estedes)

- 1977 *It Happened One Christmas* (Thomas—for TV)
 1978 *Hot Tomorrows* (Brest) (as voice of Parklawn Mortuary)
 1979 *Never Trust an Honest Thief* (McCowan); *Tajna Nikole Tesle* (*The Secret of Nicola Tesla*; *Tesla*) (Papic) (as J. P. Morgan); *The Muppet Movie* (Frawley) (as Lord Lew)
 1982 *Butterfly* (Cimber) (as Judge Rauch); *The Muppets Take Manhattan* (Oz)
 1983 *Where Is Parsifal?* (Helman) (as Klingsor); *In Our Hands* (Richer and Warnow)
 1984 *Slapstick of Another Kind* (Paul) (as voice of Alien Father)
 1986 *The Transformers: The Movie* (Shin and Morishita) (as voice of Planet Unicron)
 1987 *Someone to Love* (Jaglom) (as Danny's friend)

Films as Narrator:

- 1937 *The Spanish Earth* (Ivens—doc)
 1940 *Swiss Family Robinson* (Ludwig)
 1946 *Duel in the Sun* (King Vidor)
 1955 *Out of Darkness* (doc)
 1958 *Les Seigneurs de la Forêt* (*Masters of the Congo Jungle*) (Sielman and Brandt); *The Vikings* (Fleischer)
 1959 *High Journey* (Baylis); *South Sea Adventure* (Dudley)
 1961 *King of Kings* (Nicholas Ray)
 1962 *Der grosse Atlantik* (doc)
 1964 *The Finest Hours* (Baylis—doc)
 1967 *A King's Story* (Booth—doc)
 1969 *Barbed Water* (doc)
 1970 *To Build a Fire* (Cobham); *A Horse Called Nijinsky*; *Start the Revolution without Me* (Yorkin)
 1971 *Directed by John Ford* (Bogdanovich—doc); *Sentinels of Silence* (Amram—doc); *Happiness in Twenty Years*
 1972 *The Crucifixion* (Guenette)
 1975 *Bugs Bunny Superstar* (Larry E. Jackson)
 1976 *Challenge of Greatness* (*The Challenge*) (Kline)
 1978 *A Woman Called Moses* (Wendkos—for TV)
 1979 *The Late Great Planet Earth* (Amram—doc); *The Double McGuffin* (Camp)
 1981 *Genocide* (Schwartzman); *The Man Who Saw Tomorrow* (Guenette)
 1982 *History of the World, Part One* (Mel Brooks)
 1983 *Almonds and Raisins* (Karel)

Films as Director:

- 1934 *The Hearts of Age* (16mm short) (co-d with Vance, + ro)
 1938 *Too Much Johnson* (16mm short) (+ sc, co-pr) (unreleased)
 1941 *Citizen Kane* (+ ro as Charles Foster Kane, pr, co-sc)
 1942 *The Magnificent Ambersons* (+ ro as narrator, pr, sc); *It's All True* (semi—doc) (co-d with Norman Foster, + co-sc, pr) (not completed—released in 1993 with added footage)
 1943 *Journey into Fear* (co-d [uncredited] with Norman Foster, + ro as Colonel Haki, pr, co-sc)
 1946 *The Stranger* (+ ro as Franz Kindler/Professor Charles Rankin, co-sc [uncredited])
 1948 *The Lady from Shanghai* (+ ro as Michael O'Hara, sc); *Macbeth* (+ title role, pr, sc)
 1952 *Othello* (+ title role, pr, sc)

- 1955 *Mr. Arkadin* (*Confidential Report*) (+ ro as Gregory Arkadin, story, sc, art d, cost); *Don Quixote* (+ ro as himself, co-pr, sc) (not completed)
 1956 *Fountain of Youth* (TV pilot) (+ ro as the host)
 1958 *Touch of Evil* (+ ro as Hank Quinlan, sc)
 1962 *Le Procès* (*The Trial*) (+ ro as Advocate Hastler, sc)
 1966 *Campanadas a Medianoche* (*Chimes at Midnight*; *Falstaff*) (+ ro as Sir John Falstaff, sc, cost)
 1968 *Une Histoire immortelle* (*The Immortal Story*) (for TV) (+ ro as Mr. Clay, sc)
 1969 *The Deep* (+ ro as Russ Brewer, sc) (unreleased)
 1970 *The Other Side of the Wind* (+ sc) (not completed)
 1975 *F for Fake* (*Vérités et mensonges*; *About Fakes*; *Nothing but the Truth*) (+ ro as himself, sc) (add'l footage by Reichenbach)

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Orson Welles's reputation as a director has overshadowed his work as an actor. When reviewers do consider Welles's film performances, their assessments are mixed. Some see Welles as a master of bravura performances. Others argue that his work consists of behavioristic clichés that pass for decent acting because of Welles's mellifluous voice and striking physical presence. Welles's performances are not always flawless, but what his critics miss is that often Welles does not aim for naturalism, but instead draws on melodramatic tradition that uses excess and theatricality to illustrate a film's ethical implications.

Welles's best work is in *Citizen Kane*, *Jane Eyre*, *Touch of Evil*, and *Chimes at Midnight*, along with *The Third Man* and *Compulsion*, where his performances dominate the films even though he appears in only a few scenes. Films such as *Moby Dick* and *A Man for All Seasons* reveal Welles's unique ability to convey the texts' ethical dilemmas, for with his naturally dramatic voice and imposing presence, his cameo performances become pivotal moments in the narrative.

A veteran of the Todd Troupers and weekly unofficial productions under his directorial control, Welles made his professional acting debut at age 16, and his Broadway debut at age 19. That same year, 1934, he directed and starred in his first film, played a Kane-like figure in a piece of agit-prop theater, and began starring in radio programs (e.g., *The Shadow* and *First Person Singular*). In 1937, he played Brutus in his Mercury production of *Julius Caesar*; the next year he broadcast the infamous "War of the Worlds."

In 1941, Welles played the title role in *Citizen Kane*. Welles's carefully designed performance does not aim for psychological

realism, but instead conveys the different narrators' conflicting views of Charles Foster Kane. In Thatcher's sequence, Welles's quick-rhythmed speech and studied innocence express Thatcher's view that Kane is a young madman headed for a Faustian bargain. In the Bernstein sequence, Welles's exacting diction and flamboyant gestures convey Bernstein's fraternal image of Charlie-the-Great. In the next segment, Welles's performance reflects Leland's view that his friend becomes Kane-the-demagogue: Welles deepens his voice to deliver Kane's political speech, his stance echoes the image on the poster that hangs behind him, and as the segment ends, Welles's body is as immobile as a statue, his voice the booming voice of pitiless authority. In the concluding sequences, Welles's increasingly expressionistic performance shows us that Kane becomes the hollow shell of his ambition, literally puffed-up with self-importance, Kane is an untethered dirigible crashing about, then finally an orator reduced to a whisper. In the films that would follow, Welles revealed his abiding interest in stylized and highly codified characterizations: he consistently played strong characters with his left, three-quarter profile to camera, and weak characters, or strong characters in weak moments, right profile to camera.

Welles was active on stage, screen, and radio throughout the 1940s. *Jane Eyre* was Welles's first film acting assignment for another director, and his dramatic performance enhanced the mood of Brontë's gothic melodrama. In his own *The Lady from Shanghai*, Welles played O'Hara with a phony brogue that underscored the film's exploration of deceit, illusion, and artifice. In his last directorial assignment in Hollywood for a decade, Welles played the title role in his expressionistic *Macbeth*.

The conventional wisdom is that to secure financing for his own films, Welles spent the next three decades hamming-it-up in other people's bad pictures. Yet a review of his performances shows that is not quite the case. Welles gives a brilliant performance in *The Third Man*, his careful underplaying effectively conveying Harry Lime's sinister character. In the mid-fifties, Welles created notable performances for television; for example, in 1953, his performance in the title role of *King Lear* was a major success.

Some of Welles's best work was to come. His characterizations in *The Long Hot Summer* and *Compulsion* are the work of an accomplished actor. His performance in his own *Touch of Evil* is disturbing and masterful. Welles's performance as Falstaff in *Chimes at Midnight* is, quite arguably, the best performance of his career. Drawing on his lifelong study of Faustian figures, Welles gives us a Falstaff who is an endearing but detestable fool. And like his portrayals of other charming but flawed characters, Welles's performance is enriched by the conflicting aspects of his own image: egotist, visionary, wastrel, martyr.

An international celebrity from the time he was a young man, Welles continually subjected his public image to scrutiny: in the 1970s, he appeared regularly on late-night variety shows, in commercials, and in films such as *Catch-22* that present us with caricatures of Welles's celebrity personae. *F for Fake* allowed Welles to reprise one of his signature roles: the entertaining charlatan. *Someone to Love*, Welles's final appearance on film, provided an apt conclusion to his unique acting career, for it ends with Welles's on-camera call to "cut."

—Cynthia Baron

WERNER, Oskar

Nationality: Austrian. **Born:** Oskar Joseph Bschiessmayer in Vienna, 13 November 1922. **Education:** Attended Realschule, Vienna. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Elisabeth Kallina, 1946 (divorced 1950), daughter: Eleanore; 2) Anne Power, 1954 (divorced), one son. **Career:** 1940—joined the Burgtheater, Vienna; 1941–45—drafted into the German army, but managed to continue acting until 1944, then wounded; 1945—resumed acting career at the Burgtheater: roles in *Le Misanthrope*, *El mayor encanto amor*, and *Egmont*; also director; 1947—began regular appearances at the Salzburg Festival; 1948—film debut in *Der Engel mit der Posaune*; 1951—U.S. film debut in *Decision before Dawn*; stage roles in *Hamlet* in Frankfurt, and *Don Carlos*, *Beckett*, and *Candida* in Vienna; 1959—founded the Theater Ensemble Oskar Werner; 1961—producer and director at the Innsbruck Festival. **Awards:** Best Actor, New York Film Critics, for *Ship of Fools*, 1965. **Died:** In Marburg, Germany, 23 October 1984.

Films as Actor:

- 1948 *Der Engel mit der Posaune* (Hartl)
- 1949 *Eroica* (Kolm-Veltée and Hartl) (as Karl)
- 1950 *Un Sourire dans la tempête* (Chanas)
- 1951 *Decision before Dawn* (Litvak) (as Happy); *The Angel with the Trumpet* (Bushell); *Das gestohlene Jahr* (Fross); *Ruf aus dem Äther* (Klaren); *Wunder unserer Tage* (*The Wonder Kid*; *Wonder Boy*) (Hartl) (as Rudi)



Oskar Werner with Julie Christie in *Fahrenheit 451*

- 1955 *Der letzte Akt* (*Ten Days to Die*; *The Last Ten Days*) (Pabst) (as Captain Wuest); *Lola Montès* (Ophüls) (as the Student); *Spionage* (Antel); *Mozart* (*The Life and Loves of Mozart*) (Hartl) (title role)
- 1961 *Jules et Jim* (Truffaut) (as Jules)
- 1965 *Ship of Fools* (Kramer) (as Dr. Schumann); *The Spy Who Came In from the Cold* (Ritt) (as Fiedler)
- 1966 *Fahrenheit 451* (Truffaut) (as Montag)
- 1968 *Interlude* (Billington) (as Stefan Zelter); *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (Anderson) (as Father David Telemond)
- 1976 *Voyage of the Damned* (Rosenberg) (as Dr. Kreisler)

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Oskar Werner once stated that “I don’t like films, I only do it for the money. I’m married to the theater, films are only my mistress,” so it is not surprising that theater played a considerably larger role in his life than cinema. At 18 he joined the Burgtheater in Vienna, the Austrian equivalent of Britain’s Old Vic, and soon made a considerable mark, playing in over 50 productions before being drafted into the army in 1941. After the war he became something of a German stage idol, and also turned his attention to films.

His first major screen role, in *Angel with a Trumpet*, brought him to the notice of Anatole Litvak, and he was hired by Twentieth Century-Fox to play in *Decision before Dawn* as a conscience-stricken, anti-Nazi German prisoner of war who volunteers to spy for the Allies behind enemy lines. But, Hollywood had nothing of interest to offer him after this and he returned to Europe. His *Hamlet* in Frankfurt in 1953 was regarded as one of the great interpretations of the time, and assured Werner a key position in the postwar German

theater pantheon. He was sometimes referred to as the Laurence Olivier of the continent, and in 1959 he founded his own theatrical troupe, the Theater Ensemble Oskar Werner.

In 1955 he appeared in, among other films, Ophüls' *Lola Montès* and Pabst's *The Last Ten Days*, but it was not until 1961 that he made the first of the films for which he is best known. This was *Jules et Jim*, which introduced Werner's incredibly boyish good looks and characteristic sense of melancholy to burgeoning "art house" audiences everywhere. Another sensitive, soulful role followed, this time in a Hollywood context, in Stanley Kramer's *Ship of Fools*, where he played a romantically world-weary doctor opposite Simone Signoret. Perhaps concerned at being typecast in sensitive, troubled parts he then took on the role of a hard-line East German Communist in *The Spy Who Came In from the Cold*, in which he was surprisingly convincing. The same year, however, he returned both to Truffaut and to another quietly agonised role as a book-burning fireman who has a change of heart in *Fahrenheit 451*. (Curiously, Truffaut and Werner died within two days of each other.)

Having achieved the status of an international film star, Werner nevertheless made only a few more films—*Interlude*, *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, and *Voyage of the Damned*—none of them especially interesting or really worthy of his talents. He also appeared in an episode of *Columbo*. He is reputed to have turned down more than 200 film parts. The increasing rarity of his film (and, for that matter, theater) performances can perhaps partly be ascribed to his frequent quarrels with film and stage directors, and to the fact that in the last ten years of his life, plagued by alcoholism, he lived the life of a virtual recluse.

—Julian Petley

WEST, Mae

Nationality: American. **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, 17 August 1892. **Education:** Attended Brooklyn public schools to age 13. **Family:** Married the entertainer Frank Wallace, 1911 (divorced 1942). **Career:** Child entertainer: joined Hal Clarendon's stock company, Brooklyn, at age eight; toured with Frank Wallace; 1911—Broadway debut in the revue *A la Broadway and Hello, Paris*; then returned to vaudeville tour with star billing; early 1920s—toured in nightclub act with Harry Richman; 1926—on Broadway in her own play *Sex* (later plays produced include *The Drag*, 1926, *The Wicked Age*, 1927, *Diamond Lil*, 1928 and several revivals, *The Pleasure Man*, 1928, *The Constant Sinner*, 1931, and *Catherine Was Great*, 1944); 1932—film debut in *Night After Night*: contract with Paramount; then a series of popular films in the 1930s for which she often wrote the screenplay; 1954–56—toured with nightclub act; 1955—first of several albums of her songs, *The Fabulous Mae West*. **Died:** In Los Angeles, 22 November 1980.

Films as Actress:

- 1932 *Night After Night* (Mayo) (as Maudie Triplett)
- 1933 *She Done Him Wrong* (Sherman) (as Lady Lou)
- 1943 *The Heat's On (Tropicana)* (Ratoff) (as Fay Lawrence)
- 1970 *Myra Breckenridge* (Sarne) (as Leticia Van Allen)
- 1978 *Sextette* (Ken Hughes) (as Marlo Manners)



Mae West

Films as Actress and Scriptwriter:

- 1933 *I'm No Angel* (Ruggles) (as Tira)
- 1934 *Belle of the Nineties* (McCarey) (as Ruby Carter)
- 1935 *Goin' to Town* (Alexander Hall) (as Cleo Borden)
- 1936 *Klondike Annie* (Walsh) (as the Frisco Doll/Rose Carlton); *Go West, Young Man* (Hathaway) (as Mavis Arden)
- 1938 *Every Day's a Holiday* (A. Edward Sutherland) (as Peaches O'Day/Mademoiselle Fifi)
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The strongest breakthrough for sophisticated sexual comedy was made by Mae West. The unabashed woman who takes pleasure in her sexuality and ability to control men with her physical charms was delectably burlesqued in her 1933 work *She Done Him Wrong* and *I’m No Angel*. In these movies she played the gaudy kept woman who enjoyed her position in society. Derived from the stage play *Diamond Lil*, which West wrote for herself in 1928, *She Done Him Wrong* was the weaker of the two films. Nevertheless, the movie had much to offer. West’s dialogue was sprinkled with double entendres, usually linked with sex. When asked if she had ever found a man who could make her happy, she replied with her famous drawl, a clenched jaw, and a smile: “Sure. Lots of times.” And there were the now well-known maxims, such as, “When women go wrong, men go right after them.” As in some of her later films, the total work did not have a strong comic design. An old-fashioned, serious love triangle held every story together. Sprinkled into the melodramas, two songs, “I Wonder Where My Easy Rider’s Gone” and “I Like a Man Who Takes His Time,” gave West the chance to make further sexual comments and display her talents with the torch song and the blues.

I’m No Angel not only displayed a definite improvement over the *Diamond Lil* adaptation, but also was West’s most distinguished contribution to the sophisticated comedy film. Her link with the underworld in *I’m No Angel* was rather melodramatic, but her bed-hopping in high society created a comic framework for the total work. Her characterization of Tira, a carnival dancer, shows a woman who is engaged in the put-down with the relish, if not the zip, of a Groucho Marx. When her boss, played by the daddy of all big deals, Edward Arnold, made a conciliatory gesture by stating, “Tira, I’ve changed my mind,” West cracked, “Does it work any better?” With an aggressiveness seldom exhibited in a woman at that time, she took over her own defense in a trial. *I’m No Angel* was also a showcase for still more of the famous West lines. To her servant she drawled: “Beulah, peel me a grape.” To a man, fluttering her eyelashes, she observed, “When I’m good, I’m very good, but when I’m bad [very long pause] I’m better.” As a gilded, tainted sage she uttered, “It’s not the men in your life that count—it’s the life in your men.” Most remembered and most often repeated (with variations) was the line: “And don’t forget—come up and see me sometime.”

In her early 1930s movies, however, West’s humor was not merely verbal. It consisted of a provocative walk, a toss of the head or hip, or a glint in the eye. She was a personality comedienne with a particular style of her own. Actually, she never possessed strong acting skills: her delivery was, in fact, monotonous. Yet her slender talent and ample body made her a legend in her time and the height of camp in the 1960s.

Since West’s sexual wit was nearly eliminated by the Hays Office in 1934, her subsequent films remain a pale shadow of those early works—especially in the wealth of innuendo. Nevertheless, she still portrayed the shady lady in the 1936 *Klondike Annie*, escaping the law

by assuming the role of a religious leader in a booming, bawdy frontier community. Her high-handed tactics to “win souls” remain fresh today because they lampoon a type of religious leader who still exists. Ironically, West would not be able to use her sexual humor again until she appeared in *Myra Breckinridge*. At 78, West was still the femme fatale, uttering bawdier lines than she had been allowed to deliver in the 1930s.

—Donald McCaffrey

WHITAKER, Forest

Nationality: American. **Born:** Longview, Texas, 15 July 1961. **Education:** Attended Pomona College; studied voice and theater at the University of Southern California; attended the Drama School in Berkeley, California. **Family:** Married Keisha Simone Nash, 1996; has son from a previous relationship and one daughter born 1996. **Career:** Acted on the stage in the United States and England, early 1980s; made his screen debut in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, 1982; appeared in the TV mini-series *North and South*, 1985; appeared in the TV mini-series *North and South II*, 1986; had his first notable starring role in *Bird*, 1988; made his directorial debut with *Strapped*, 1993; directed Whiteny Houston’s “Exhale (Shoop, Shoop)” music video, 1995. **Awards:** Cannes Film Festival Best Actor, for *Bird*, 1988. **Address:** 6409 Flagmore Place, Los Angeles, CA 90068, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1982 *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (Heckerling) (as Charles Jefferson); *Tag: The Assassination Game* (Castle) (as Gowdy’s bodyguard)
- 1985 *Vision Quest* (Becker) (as Bulldozer)
- 1986 *Platoon* (Oliver Stone) (as Big Harold); *The Color of Money* (Scorsese) (as Amos)
- 1987 *Stakeout* (Badham) (as Jack Pismo); *Good Morning, Vietnam* (Levinson) (as Edward Garlick); *Hands of a Stranger* (Elikann—for TV) (as Sergeant Delaney); *Bloodsport* (Arnold) (as Rawlins)
- 1988 *Bird* (Eastwood) (as Charlie Parker)
- 1989 *Johnny Handsome* (Walter Hill) (as Dr. Steven Fisher)
- 1990 *Downtown* (Richard Benjamin) (as Dennis Curren); *Criminal Justice* (Wolk—for TV) (as Jessie Williams)
- 1991 *A Rage in Harlem* (Duke) (as Jackson)
- 1992 *Article 99* (Deutch) (as Dr. Sid Handleman); *Consenting Adults* (Pakula) (as David Duttonville); *The Crying Game* (Neil Jordan) (as Jody); *Diary of a Hit Man* (London) (as Dekker)
- 1993 *Bank Robber* (Mead) (as Officer Battle); *Lush Life* (Elias) (as Buddy Chester); *Last Light* (Kiefer Sutherland—for TV) (as Fred Whitmore); *Body Snatchers* (Ferrara) (as Major Collins)
- 1994 *Blown Away* (Stephen Hopkins) (as Anthony Franklin); *Jason’s Lyric* (McHenry) (as Maddog); *Ready to Wear* (*Prêt-à-Porter*) (Altman) (as Cy Bianco); *The Enemy Within* (Darby—for TV) (as Col. Mac Casey)
- 1995 *Smoke* (Wang) (as Cyrus Cole); *Species* (Donaldson) (as Dan Smithson)

- 1996 *Phenomenon* (Turteltaub) (as Nate Pope); *Rebound: The Legend of Earl “The Goat” Manigault* (Eriq La Salle—for TV) (as Mr. Rucker)
- 1998 *The Split* (*Body Count*) (Patton-Spruill) (as Crane)
- 1999 *Four Dogs Playing Poker* (Rachman) (as Mr. Ellington); *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai* (Jarmusch) (as Ghost Dog); *Light it Up* (Bolotin) (as Officer Dante Jackson); *Witness Protection* (Pearce—for TV) (as Steven Beck)
- 2000 *Battlefield Earth* (Christian) (as Ker); *American Storytellers* (Mukherji) (doc) (as himself)

Films as Director:

- 1993 *Strapped* (for TV)
- 1995 *Waiting to Exhale*
- 1998 *Black Jaq* (for TV) (+ exec pr); *Hope Floats* (+ exec pr, mus)

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Because of his looks—he is round-faced, and on the chubby side—Forest Whitaker never will be mistaken for Denzel Washington or Wesley Snipes, and never will be a leading man. But he is an outstanding character actor, always interesting to watch, and he brings appropriate energy and vitality to all of his films. From the earliest stages of his career, he proved he could create an impression even when cast opposite strong, scene-stealing performers. This is



Forest Whitaker (left) with Susan Bartkowiak, Ben Kingsley, and Alfred Molina in *Species*

exemplified by his appearance with Robin Williams in *Good Morning, Vietnam*. Williams, playing the smart-mouthed, delightfully profane military disc jockey Adrian Cronauer, could have been the entire show. But Whitaker, cast as Cronauer's sidekick, has enough of a presence not to be obliterated by Williams's manic charisma.

The actor earned major stardom playing jazz legend Charlie "Yardbird" Parker in the Clint Eastwood-directed biopic, *Bird*. Whitaker's performance blends seamlessly into Eastwood's story of the legendary, innovative bebop saxophonist. His bulky build and wide smile allowed him to physically resemble his subject, and his generous performance added immeasurably to Eastwood's compassionate, lovingly detailed portrait of Parker. Whitaker was to go on to play another jazz musician in *Lush Life*: a trumpeter named Buddy Chester who, unlike Parker, is an obscure session man, and who discovers he has a fatal brain tumor.

Whitaker has played both leading and supporting roles, characters running the gamut from hero to heavy, sweet and soft-spoken to vicious and hard-bitten. He has been a sympathetic grunt, fighting the Vietnam war (in *Platoon*); a solitary, melancholy cop who has seen too much of the streets (*Downtown*); an ingenuous mamma's boy who foolishly perceives of himself as the defender of a beautiful woman (*A Rage in Harlem*); a flamingly gay fashion designer (*Ready to Wear*); and a hired killer, on his last assignment before retirement, whose victim persuades him to pardon her (*Diary of a Hitman*). He has

played embittered men who are violent and ill-fated (the Vietnam veteran in *Jason's Lyric*), and embittered men who have come to accept their lives and fates (the one-armed gas station owner/guilty father in *Smoke*). In the latter film, Whitaker is at his best in a monologue in which his character reveals how he came to lose his arm. He crashed his car while "filled with spirits," resulting in the death of his beloved. He survived, but not with his body completely intact—a fact which serves as an everyday reminder of what a "mean bastard" he really is.

One of Whitaker's most overlooked performances came in *The Crying Game*, in which he is cast as Jody, a British soldier kidnapped by Irish Republican Army terrorists. Fellow cast-members Stephen Rea, Miranda Richardson, and Jaye Davidson may have earned the headlines, but Whitaker—playing a character who is murdered scant minutes into the story—makes Jody deeply human, effectively conveying the man's innermost fears as he barter for his life. The actor also offered an assured, carefully modulated performance in *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai*, conveying a quiet authority as a solitary contract killer who has adapted the disciplines and codes of the samurai.

In 1993, Whitaker made his directorial debut with the made-for-television feature *Strapped*, the devastating account of Diquan (Bokeem Woodbine), an otherwise thoughtful black teen who has grown up in a Brooklyn housing project. He deeply loves his pregnant girlfriend,

and is willing to take on the responsibilities of fatherhood. But how can he support a family on the \$4.35 an hour he earns as a bicycle messenger? When the pressures of the ghetto begin to close in on him, Diquan feels he must do whatever is necessary to support his family, even if it means marketing illegal firearms and becoming a police stoolie. *Strapped* is an uncompromising portrait of urban decay. Primarily, it works as an exacting example of how government bureaucracy and varying state laws make guns as easy to acquire in America as bubble gum at a corner candy store.

Strapped is a film with which Whitaker should forever be proud. And it was not his sole directorial effort, as it served as a calling card for theatrical feature work. He has helmed two to date. The first is *Waiting to Exhale*, also a narrative about the African-American experience. Based on the best-selling novel by Terry McMillan, it is the story of four black women who establish a camaraderie while seeking love, esteem, and harmony in their lives. His follow-up, *Hope Floats*, charts the plight of a former high school beauty queen who revisits her past upon breaking up with her unfaithful husband and returning to her Texas hometown. At its core, *Waiting to Exhale* is a predictable soap opera, while *Hope Floats* is a so-so romantic comedy. Yet both are inventively directed, with Whitaker adding nice visual touches which transcend his material.

—Rob Edelman

WHITE, Pearl

Nationality: American. **Born:** Greenridge, Illinois, 4 March 1889. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Victor C. Sutherland, 1907 (divorced 1914); 2) the actor Wallace McCutcheon Jr., 1919 (divorced 1921). **Career:** Stage debut at age of 6 as Little Eva in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; toured with parents in midwest stock companies; 1902–09—performed with equestrian circus act; 1909—serious riding injury, then secretary at Powers Pictures; 1910—film debut in role requiring horseback riding in *The Life of Buffalo Bill*; then made Westerns under director James Young Deer (total of about 100 one- and two-reelers); 1911—joined Lubin company, making about 20 films; 1912–13—in Universal comedies directed by Joseph Golden; 1913—toured Europe for two months; on return signed by Charles Pathé; 1914—release of first serial, *The Perils of Pauline*; 1915—extraordinary success of *The Exploits of Elaine* established international reputation; 1920—contract with Fox; 1922—appeared at Casino de Paris in acrobatic sketch; suffered injury; attempt to resume making serials: *Plunder* poorly received; retired to France; 1924—last film appearance in 1924 serial made in France. **Died:** At French estate, 4 August 1938.

Films as Actress:

(in one- and two-reelers directed by Joseph Golden—partial listing)

- 1910 *The Life of Buffalo Bill* (three reels); *The New Magdalene*; *The Maid of Niagara*; *The Yankee Girl*; *Sunshine in Poverty Row*
- 1910–11 *Tommy Gets His Sister Married*; *Her Photograph*; *The Motor Friend*; *A Summer Flirtation*; *The Hoodoo*; *How Rastus Gets His Turkey*; *Home, Sweet Home*; *His Birthday*;



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The Stepsisters; *The Dressmaker's Bill*; *The Girl Next Room*; *Oh! Such a Night*; *Love's Renunciation*; *Her Little Slipper*; *Mayblossom*

(directed by Donald Mackenzie)

- 1911 *The Lost Necklace*; *The Unforeseen Complication*; *Angel Out of the Slums*; *For Honor of the Name*; *Helping Him Out*; *Locked Out*; *The Quarrel*

(Westerns directed by James Young Deer)

- 1911 *The Coward*; *Honoring a Hero*; *Winonah's Vengeance*; *The Flaming Arrow*; *Message of the Arrow*; *For Massa's Sake*; *Love Molds Labor*; *A Daughter of the South*; *The Rival Brother's Patriotism*; *Gun o' Gunga Din*; *Prisoner of the Mohican*; *The Compact*; *The Governor's Double*
- 1912 (series of about 20 films for Lubin Company, under direction of Joseph Smiley, John Ince, or Wilbert Melville)

(directed by Joseph Golden)

- 1912–13 *The Chorus Girl*; *A Tangled Marriage*; *The Mind Cure*; *His Wife's Stratagem*; *The Visitor*; *Belle's Beau*; *Heroic Harold*; *Her Kid Sister*; *Pearl's Admirers*; *With Her Rival's Help*; *Accident Insurance*; *Strictly Business*; *That Other Girl*; *A Night in Town*; *Knights and Ladies*; *Who Was the Goat?*; *Lovers Three*; *The Drummer's Notebook*; *Pearl as*

a Clairvoyant; Her Twin Brother; The Veiled Lady; Our Parents-in-Law; Two Lunatics; Pearl as a Detective; When Love Is Young; His Awful Daughter; Where Charity Begins; Mary's Romance; The New Typist; A Call from Home; Will Power; The Girl Reporter; Who Is in the Box?; An Hour of Terror; True Chivalry; Muchly Engaged; Pearl's Dilemma; College Chums; The Hallroom Girls; The Broken Spell; What Papa Got; Oh! You Scotch Lassie!; A Child Influence; Starving for Love; Pearl and the Tramp; Caught in the Act; A Greater Influence; His Aunt Emma; That Crying Baby; Pearl's Hero; The Convict's Daughter; A Woman's Revenge; Girls Will Be Boys; The Cabaret Singer; Her Secretary; Oh! You Pearl!; His Rich Uncle; Robert's Lesson; Willie's Great Scheme; Pearl and the Poet; Pearl's Mistake; The Ring; Oh! You Puppy!; A Father's Devotion; A Grateful Outcast; Getting Reuben Back; Mr. Sweeney's Masterpiece; Lizzie and the Iceman; Willie's Disguise; Oh! You Mummy!; Going Some; Her New Hat; Pearl and the Burglars; Easy Money; A Telephone Engagement; The Bunch That Failed; Cops Is a Business; What Pearl's Pearl Did; A Lady in Distress; The Dancing Craze; Her Necklace; The Book Agents; Some Collectors; The Maniac's Desire; East Lynne in Bugville; The Lady Doctor; The Tell Tale Brother; The Masher; A Girl in Pants; Shadowed

(directed by Donald Mackenzie)

- 1914 *The Perils of Pauline* (serial); *Detective Swift*; *Ticket of Leave Man*; *The Stolen Birthright*; *The Warning*; *The Phantom Thief*; *The Hand of Destiny*; *The House of Mystery*; *Detective Craig's Coup*; *A Pearl of the Punjab*
- 1915 *The Exploits of Elaine* (serial); *The New Exploits of Elaine* (serial); *The Romance of Elaine* (serial)
- 1916 *The Iron Claw* (José and Seitz—serial); *The King's Game* (Seitz); *Annabel's Romance* (Gasnier); *Hazel Kirke* (Gasnier); *Pearl of the Army* (José—serial)
- 1917 *The Fatal Ring* (Seitz—serial)
- 1918 *The House of Hate* (Seitz—serial); *The Lightning Raider* (Seitz—serial)
- 1919 *Black Secret* (Seitz—serial)
- 1920 *The White Moll* (Millarde); *The Dark Mirror* (Giblyn); *Black Is White* (Giblyn); *The Thief* (Giblyn); *A Virgin Paradise* (Dawley)
- 1921 *The Mountain Woman* (Giblyn); *Tiger's Cub* (Giblyn and Millarde); *Know Your Men* (Giblyn); *Singing River* (Giblyn)
- 1922 *Plunder* (Seitz—serial)
- 1924 *Terreur* (José—serial)

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No one is more closely associated with the serial genre than Pearl White, and few actresses of the silent era are as well known today. Yet White was not the first to star in serials, and she was barely adequate as an actress. Rather, White starred in two of the most famous of all serials, *The Perils of Pauline* and *The Exploits of Elaine*, which stand up better in memory than on viewing, and she had such an infectious personality, so full of fun, so lacking in temperament, that audiences could easily relate to her. Certainly her initial popularity owed much to the sponsorship of her serials by the Hearst newspaper chain and to the songs, notably "Poor Pauline," that her serials inspired.

Like all major personalities, she invented much about her life, particularly in her autobiography *Just Me*, creating an image to which the public could relate. It was as a comedienne that White first made her mark on screen, looking rather buxom and saucy, and it was a comic element that lay just under the surface in many of her serials.

Unlike her two major competitors, Ruth Roland and Kathlyn Williams, she was both trim and attractive. Although apparently wearing a wig, White's blonde hair added to what today might be described as her sex appeal.

From serials White tried unsuccessfully to move on to features with the William Fox Company, but she was hampered by poor scripts and lackluster direction. She went to live in France, but ill health and added weight put an end to her career. It is worth noting that, despite her fame, she never set foot in California, making virtually all of her films in the New York area.

—Anthony Slide

WIDMARK, Richard

Nationality: American. **Born:** Sunrise, Minnesota, 26 December 1914. **Education:** Attended Princeton High School, Illinois, graduated 1932; Lake Forest College, Illinois, B.A., 1936. **Family:** Married 1) Jean Hazlewood, 1942 (died 1977), daughter: Ann; 2) Susan Blanchard, 1999. **Career:** 1936–38—drama instructor, Lake Forest College; 1938—began period of radio acting; entertained servicemen under the auspices of the American Theatre Wing during World War II; 1943—Broadway debut in *Kiss and Tell*, followed by other Broadway plays; 1947—film debut in *Kiss of Death*; contract with 20th Century-Fox; formed production company Heath Productions: produced the film *Time Limit*, 1957; 1972–73—starred in TV series *Madigan*; and in the mini-series *Mr. Horn*, 1979. **Agent:** ICM, 8899 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1947 *Kiss of Death* (Hathaway) (as Tommy Udo)
- 1948 *Road House* (Negulesco) (as Jefty Robbins); *The Street with No Name* (Keighley) (as Alec Stiles)
- 1949 *Yellow Sky* (Wellman) (as Dude); *Down to the Sea in Ships* (Hathaway) (as Dan Lanceford); *Slattery's Hurricane* (De Toth) (title role)
- 1950 *Night and the City* (Dassin) (as Harry Fabian); *Panic in the Streets* (Kazan) (as Clinton Reed); *No Way Out* (Mankiewicz) (as Ray Biddle)
- 1951 *The Halls of Montezuma* (Milestone) (as Lt. Anderson); *The Frogmen* (Bacon) (as Lt. Commander John Lawrence)
- 1952 "The Clarion Calls" ep. of *O. Henry's Full House* (Hathaway) (as Johnny Kernan); *Don't Bother to Knock* (Baker) (as Jed Towers); *Red Skies of Montana* (Newman) (as Cliff Mason); *My Pal Gus* (Parrish) (as Dave Jennings)
- 1953 *Take the High Ground* (Brooks) (as Sgt. Thomas Ryan); *Destination Gobi* (Wise) (as CPO Sam McHale); *Pickup on South Street* (Fuller) (as Skip McCoy)
- 1954 *Hell or High Water* (Fuller) (as Adam Jones); *Garden of Evil* (Hathaway) (as Fiske); *Broken Lance* (Dmytryk) (as Ben Devereaux)
- 1955 *The Cobweb* (Minnelli) (as Dr. McInver); *A Prize of Gold* (Robson) (as Joe Lawrence)
- 1956 *Backlash* (Sturges) (as Jil Slater); *The Last Wagon* (Daves) (as Todd); *Run for the Sun* (Boulting) (as Mike Latimer)
- 1957 *Saint Joan* (Preminger) (as Dauphin)

- 1958 *The Law and Jake Wade* (Sturges) (as Clint Hollister); *The Tunnel of Love* (Kelly) (as Angie Poole)
- 1959 *The Trap (The Baited Trap)* (Panama) (as Ralph Anderson); *Warlock* (Dmytryk) (as Gannon)
- 1960 *The Alamo* (Wayne) (as Jim Bowie)
- 1961 *Two Rode Together* (Ford) (as Lt. Jim Gary); *Judgment at Nuremberg* (Kramer) (as Colonel Tad Lawson)
- 1963 *How the West Was Won* (Ford and others) (as Mike King)
- 1964 *Cheyenne Autumn* (Ford) (as Captain Thomas Archer); *Flight from Ashiya* (Anderson) (as Colonel Glenn Stevenson); *The Long Ships* (Cardiff) (as Rolfe)
- 1965 *The Bedford Incident* (Harris) (as Captain Eric Finlander)
- 1966 *Alvarez Kelly* (Dmytryk) (as Colonel Tom Rossiter)
- 1967 *The Way West* (McLagen) (as Lije Evans)
- 1968 *Madigan* (Siegel) (title role); *A Talent for Loving* (Quine)
- 1969 *Death of a Gunfighter* (Siegel and Totten) (as Marshal Frank Patch)
- 1970 *The Moonshine War* (Quine) (as Dr. Taulbee)
- 1971 *Vanished* (Kulik—for TV) (as President Roudebush)
- 1972 *When the Legends Die* (Miller) (as Red Dillon)
- 1973 *Madigan: Park Avenue Beat* (March—for TV) (title role); *Brock's Last Case* (Rich—for TV) (as Madigan); *Madigan: The Lisbon Beat* (Sagal—for TV) (title role); *Madigan: The Naples Beat* (Sagal—for TV) (title role)
- 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Ratchett)
- 1975 *The Last Day* (McEveety—for TV)
- 1976 *To the Devil a Daughter* (Sykes) (as John Verney); *The Sell Out* (Collinson) (as Sam Lucas)
- 1977 *The Domino Principle* (Kramer) (as Tagge); *Rollercoaster* (Goldstone) (as Hoyt); *Twilight's Last Gleaming* (Aldrich) (as Martin MacKenzie)
- 1978 *Coma* (Crichton) (as Dr. Harris); *The Swarm* (Irwin Allen) (as General Slater); *Dinero Maldito (Il braccio violento della mala)* (Pacheco)
- 1979 *Bear Island* (Sharp) (as Otto Gerran); *Mr. Horn* (Starrett—for TV)
- 1980 *All God's Children* (Thorpe—for TV)
- 1981 *A Whale for the Killing* (Heffron—for TV)
- 1982 *Hanky Panky* (Poitier) (as Ransom); *National Lampoon's Movie Madness* (Gibaldi and Jaglom); *The Final Option (Who Dares Wins)* (Sharp) (as U.S. Secretary of State)
- 1984 *Against All Odds* (Hackford) (as Ben Caxton)
- 1985 *Blackout* (Hickox)
- 1986 *The Leopards of Kora* (as narrator)
- 1987 *A Gathering of Old Men* (Schlöndorff—for TV) (as Mapes)
- 1988 *Once upon a Texas Train (Texas Guns)* (Kennedy—for TV) (as Capt. Oren Hayes)
- 1989 *Cold Sassy Tree* (Tewkesbury—for TV) (as E. Rucker Blakeslee)
- 1991 *True Colors* (Ross) (as Sen. James B. Stiles)
- 1992 *Lincoln* (Kunhardt—for TV) (as voice of Ward Hill Lamon)
- 1996 *Wild Bill: Hollywood Maverick* (Todd Robinson—doc)
- 1997 *Big Guns Talk: the Story of the Western* (Morris—doc for TV) (as himself)

Films as Producer:

- 1957 *Time Limit* (Malden) (+ ro as Colonel William Edwards)
- 1961 *The Secret Ways* (Karlson) (+ ro as Michael Reynolds)



Richard Widmark (left) with John Wayne in *The Alamo*

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Richard Widmark never became a major star, but through the middle part of the twentieth century regularly turned in convincing, workmanlike performances. A genuine product of the American midwest, Widmark strove for a career in show business. He worked at the local Princeton, Illinois, movie house as a high school student so he could see all the films free. At Lake Forest College, outside Chicago, he majored in drama, and after graduation made his way to New York to join a radio drama company. Throughout the late 1930s and the early 1940s Widmark was a fixture on radio, acting in hundreds of programs including *Big Sister*, *Stella Dallas*, *Front Page Farrell*, and *March of Time*. He also regularly took parts on Broadway, but always made no secret of his desire to go to Hollywood.

His chance came at an age (33) when most movie actors had long built up a list of credits. Even so Widmark was able to make a memorable impression in a small part in his very first film. His

portrayal as a giggling psychopath in Henry Hathaway's *Kiss of Death* earned him his only nomination for an Academy Award. Widmark then signed a standard seven-year contract with Twentieth Century-Fox, and went on to do his best film work during the 1950s and 1960s. He should best be remembered as a sentimental hoodlum in Sam Fuller's *Pickup on South Street*, and as the tender and understanding hero in John Ford's *Two Rode Together* and *Cheyenne Autumn*.

By the 1970s Widmark had turned his considerable talents to television. For a two-part television movie, *Vanished*, he was nominated for an Emmy, but lost. His lone prime-time series, *Madigan*, based on his film role, did better, lasting two seasons. He ended his career with frequent appearances in television movies and mini-series.

—Douglas Gomery

WILDE, Cornel

Nationality: American. **Born:** Cornelius Louis Wilde in New York City, 13 October 1915. **Education:** Attended Townsend Harris High School, New York; studied art in Budapest; attended Columbia University, New York, briefly; College of the City of New York, premed degree; studied acting with Lee Strasberg. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Patricia Knight, 1938 (divorced 1951), one daughter; 2) the actress Jean Wallace, 1951 (divorced 1980), one son. **Career:** 1940—member of the U.S. Olympic training squad in saber; on stage in New York: debut in *Moon over Mulberry Street*, and in Olivier and Leigh's *Romeo and Juliet* on Broadway; film debut in *The Lady with Red Hair*: short contract with Warner Brothers; then contract with 20th Century-Fox; 1945—role in *A Song to Remember* brought national popularity and leading man status; 1955—formed Theodora Productions; first film directed was *Storm Fear*, 1956. **Died:** Of leukemia, in Los Angeles, 16 October 1989.

Films as Actor:

- 1940 *The Lady with Red Hair* (Bernhardt) (bit role)
- 1941 **High Sierra** (Walsh); *Kisses for Breakfast* (Seiler) (as Chet Oakley); *The Perfect Snob* (McCarey) (as Mike Lord)
- 1942 *Right to the Heart* (Knockout) (Clemens); *Life Begins at 8:30* (Pichel) (as Robert); *Manila Calling* (Leeds) (as Jeff Bailey)
- 1943 *Guest in the House* (Brahm); *Wintertime* (Brahm) (as Freddie Austin)
- 1945 *A Thousand and One Nights* (Green) (as Aladdin); *A Song to Remember* (Vidor) (as Chopin); *Leave Her to Heaven* (Stahl) (as Richard Harland)
- 1946 *The Bandit of Sherwood Forest* (Sherman) (as Robin Hood); *Centennial Summer* (Preminger) (as Philippe Lascalles)
- 1947 *Forever Amber* (Preminger) (as Bruce Carlton); *It Had to Be You* (Maté and Hartman) (as George/Johnny Blaine); *Stairway for a Star* (as Jimmy Banks); *The Homestretch* (Humberstone) (as Jock Wallace)
- 1948 *Road House* (Negulesco) (as Pete Morgan); *The Walls of Jericho* (Stahl) (as Dave Connors)
- 1949 *Four Days Leave* (Lindtberg) (as Stanley Robin); *Shockproof* (Sirk) (as Griff Marat)
- 1950 *Two Flags West* (Wise) (as Captain Mark Bradford)

- 1952 *At Sword's Point* (*Sons of the Musketeers*) (Allen) (as D'Artagnan); *The Greatest Show on Earth* (DeMille) (as Sebastian); *Operation Secret* (Seiler) (as Peter Forrester); *California Conquest* (Landers) (as Don Arturo Bordega)
- 1953 *Saadia* (Lewin) (as Si Lahssen); *Treasure of the Golden Condor* (Daves) (as Jean-Paul); *Main Street to Broadway* (Garnett) (as himself); *Star of India* (Lewin) (as Pierre St. Laurent)
- 1954 *Passion* (Dwan) (as Jean Obregon); *Woman's World* (Negulesco) (as Bill Baxter)
- 1955 *The Scarlet Coat* (Sturges) (as Major John Bolton)
- 1956 *Hot Blood* (Ray) (as Stephen Torino)
- 1957 *Omar Khayyam* (Dieterle) (title role); *Beyond Mombasa* (Marshall) (as Matt Campbell)
- 1959 *Edge of Eternity* (Siegel) (as Lee Martin)
- 1962 *Constantine the Great* (*Constantine and the Cross*) (De Felice) (title role)
- 1969 *The Comic* (Reiner and Ruben) (as Frank Powers)
- 1971 *Gargoyles* (Norton—for TV) (as Mercer Boley)
- 1978 *The Norseman* (Pierce) (as Raynar)
- 1979 *The Fifth Musketeer* (Annakin) (as D'Artagnan, + co-sc)
- 1985 *Flesh and Bullets* (Tobalina)

Films as Producer:

- 1955 *The Big Combo* (Lewis) (+ ro as Diamond)
- 1970 *No Blade of Grass* (+ d, ro as narrator)
- 1975 *Shark's Treasure* (+ d, sc, ro as Jim)

Films as Director:

- 1956 *Storm Fear* (+ ro as Charlie); *The Devil's Hairpin* (+ ro as Nick Jargin)
- 1958 *Maracaibo* (+ ro as Bic Scott)
- 1963 *Lancelot and Guinevere* (*Sword of Lancelot*) (+ ro as Lancelot)
- 1966 *The Naked Prey* (+ title role)
- 1967 *Beach Red* (+ ro as Captain MacDonald)

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In spite of an early Academy Award nomination for best actor in *A Song to Remember*, Cornel Wilde has been remembered as a reliable masculine presence in a series of half-remembered films. Occasionally, as in DeMille's *The Greatest Show on Earth*, Wilde stood out. His vain trapeze artist who sees the light was a commentary on some of his earlier swashbuckling roles.

As an actor-director-producer, however, Cornel Wilde deserves a vote as the most neglected creator in film of the last quarter of a century. Wilde directed eight films, starring in all but one. He began his career as an independent producer with *The Big Combo* in 1955. In all of the films he controlled, Wilde's character had to face extreme

natural and physical danger, and prove himself equal to them or be destroyed. As director and actor Wilde always chose to shoot on location, to experience the danger himself. On more than one occasion, Wilde, a former collegiate fencer, risked death to get a shot.

Wilde's commitment was so complete that *Shark's Treasure* may rank as one of the most dangerous movies ever made. During the filming, on a small island in the Caribbean, Wilde and his crew actually battled sharks in single takes with no help from the magic of editing. In another sequence, the cast has to make its way through surf which can best be described as terrifying. As in his other films, Wilde clearly tests himself and his cast as he does his fictional characters.

In *The Naked Prey* Wilde's concept of individuality, survival, and loyalty is clearly evident. The film contains only a few lines of English dialogue. It is virtually a silent tour de force for Wilde. The tactile element in *Naked Prey* is, perhaps, one of the most singular features. Death and torture are graphic, nightmarishly so. The natives—initially seen as loathesomely barbaric—club, bake, stab, and torment their victims. Wilde, running naked through the jungle, tastes a plant, eats a snake, tumbles down a rocky waterfall, dances wildly in a brush fire. One by one, his pursuers catch him, and fall in individual and personal combat. As they pursue and die, mourn and argue, fight and

weep, they become personalized and human for the viewer. The question, “What is a villain?,” is made uncertain, as it is when dealing with the Japanese in *Beach Red*, the murderous young man in *No Blade of Grass*, and Lobo in *Shark’s Treasure*.

—Stuart M. Kaminsky

WILDER, Gene

Nationality: American. **Born:** Jerome Silberman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 11 June 1935. **Education:** Attended Black-Foxe Military Institute, Los Angeles; Washington High School, Milwaukee, graduated 1951; studied acting with Herman Gottlieb in Milwaukee; University of Iowa, Iowa City, B.A. 1955; Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, England 1955; Herbert Berghof Studio, New York; Actors Studio, New York, 1961. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Army at the neuropsychiatric ward of the Valley Forge Hospital, Pennsylvania, 1956–58. **Family:** Married 1) the actress Mary Mercier, 1960 (divorced), adopted daughter: Katharine Anastasia; 2) Mary Joan Schutz, 1967 (divorced 1974); 3) the actress Gilda Radner, 1984 (died 1989); 4) Karen Boyer, 1991. **Career:** 1961—stage debut in *Roots*, New York; later roles in *Mother Courage and Her Children*, 1963, *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, 1963, and *Luv*, 1966; 1967—film debut in *Bonnie and Clyde*; 1975—directed first film, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes’ Smarter Brother*; 1994–95—in TV series *Something Wilder*. **Address:** c/o Pal-Mel Productions, 1511 Sawtelle Boulevard, Suite 155, Los Angeles, CA 90025, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *Bonnie and Clyde* (Arthur Penn) (as Eugene Grizzard, undertaker)
- 1968 *The Producers* (Mel Brooks) (as Leo Bloom)
- 1970 *Quackser Fortune Has a Cousin in the Bronx* (Hussein) (title role); *Start the Revolution without Me* (Yorkin) (as Claude/Philippe)
- 1971 *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Stuart) (title role)
- 1972 *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask* (Woody Allen) (as Dr. Ross); *Scarecrow* (Schatzberg)
- 1974 *Thursday’s Games* (Moore—for TV, produced in 1971); *Blazing Saddles* (Mel Brooks) (as Jim: The Waco Kid); *The Little Prince* (Donen) (as the Fox); *Rhinoceros* (O’Horgan) (as Stanley); *Young Frankenstein* (Mel Brooks) (title role, + co-sc)
- 1976 *Silver Streak* (Hiller) (as George Caldwell)
- 1979 *The Frisco Kid* (Aldrich) (as Avram)
- 1980 *Stir Crazy* (Poitier) (as Skip Donahue)
- 1982 *Hanky Panky* (Poitier) (as Michael Jordon)
- 1989 *See No Evil, Hear No Evil* (Hiller) (as Dave Lyons, + co-sc)
- 1990 *Funny about Love* (Nimoy) (as Duffy Bergman)
- 1991 *Another You* (Phillips) (as George/Abe Fielding)
- 1994 *Something Wilder* (series for TV) (as Gene Bergman)
- 1999 *Murder in a Small Town* (Joyce Chopra—for TV) (as Larry “Cash” Carter + co-sc); *Alice in Wonderland* (Willing) (as Mock Turtle); *The Lady in Question* (Joyce Chopra—for TV) (as Larry Carter + co-sc)

Films as Actor, Director, and Scriptwriter:

- 1975 *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes’ Smarter Brother* (as Sigerson Holmes)
- 1977 *The World’s Greatest Lover* (as Rudolph Valentino)
- 1981 “Skippy” ep. of *Sunday Lovers (Les Seducteurs)* (title role)
- 1984 *The Woman in Red* (as Teddy Pierce)
- 1986 *Haunted Honeymoon* (as Larry Abbot)

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Both the modest success and the larger failure of Gene Wilder’s film career must be traced to the contradictory images of masculinity which the American public has demanded of its movie industry in the last 20 years. On the one hand, Wilder’s unthreatening sensitivity, his lack of strong sex appeal and charisma suit a public taste for more androgynous (or perhaps prepubescent) masculine figures. On the other hand, generally organized around idealized romantic fantasy, film narratives only with difficulty find a place for sensitized, androgynous males (unless of course, such a protagonist, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger in *Twins*, can embody a humorously unstable mixture of power and harmlessness).

Wilder’s ordinary looks, unmanageable hair, and underdeveloped body make such impersonations impossible for him. This inability is ironically most evident in a film Wilder not only starred in but directed: *The Woman in Red*. The production belongs to a subgenre that attained a good deal of popularity in the 1970s and 1980s: the male midlife crisis romance/comedy. Though a partial critical success, the film was a commercial failure for a number of reasons, including its inability to combine humorous and serious approaches to infidelity and marital dissatisfaction. More important, however, Wilder could not project the sexual energy and despair needed to motor the plot; his character’s obsession lacks a romantic intensity that can be sustained.

Woody Allen makes better use of Wilder’s limitations in a minor role: that of the general practitioner who falls in love with a sheep in



Gene Wilder (standing) with Peter Boyle in *Young Frankenstein*

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask. Here Wilder's ordinarieness and desire for comfortable routine make the joke work: the doctor's sodomy is hopelessly absurd. Successful characterizations for Mel Brooks depend on similar ironic contrasts. As the Waco Kid in *Blazing Saddles*, Wilder is the antithesis of the coolly masculine gunslinger; his draw is so fast no human eye can follow it (and that is because he does not really draw at all). *Young Frankenstein* and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother* both offer Wilder as a junior, hungrier version of a more famous and accomplished relative: the first film works better than the second because its ensemble cast prevents a focus on Wilder's one-dimensional protagonist (*Sherlock*, though a Brooks-inspired parody/pastiche, was directed by Wilder himself).

Sharing the narrative accounts for Wilder's success in two films where he co-starred with Richard Pryor, *Stir Crazy* and *See No Evil, Hear No Evil*. In the former of these, Wilder's Skip Donahue is a restless idealist whose best friend (Pryor) is more streetwise. Sent to prison by mistake, Pryor convinces Wilder that he must "be bad" in order to survive, but Wilder defeats the conventionality of this wisdom by finding other conversions, the sensitive songster inside a huge fellow inmate, former terror of the institution. In the latter film

Wilder's deaf character becomes allied with Pryor's blind man: at first full of self-pity, alienated from others, Wilder's character becomes sensitized and benevolent. The commercially successful *Silver Streak* is much the same, featuring a conversion to action and engagement, though this thriller lacks the romantic intensity of its obvious model, Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*.

Wilder's androgynous character suits him well for *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*; he does an interesting and similar turn as the Fox in *The Little Prince*. Given a religious and political inflection, however, this persona can be put to unusually effective use. In contrast to his other roles (with the exception of the highly anxious and hysterical Leo Bloom in *The Producers*), which do not utilize his Jewishness, Wilder's Avram in *The Frisco Kid* is a rabbi, fresh from yeshiva in Poland, who emigrates to San Francisco to pastor a new congregation. Surviving a series of catastrophes, Avram meets up with a good/bad cowboy (played by Harrison Ford), from whom he learns about the gentile world. Avram falls into secularity, abandoning for a time the black coat and hat of the shtetl, though he is eventually reclaimed for an assimilationist form of Judaism. This extraordinary, if somewhat Capraesque film brings out the philosophical idealism implicit in the sensitivity and friendliness of the

Wilder persona. The more recent *Funny about Love* elicits these qualities from the Wilder character's relationship with a young child.

Perhaps his most affecting performance, however, works yet another variation on androgyny: the genuine naïf, the mental defective whose goodness is reflexive, unalloyed, and presexual. As the title character in *Quackser Fortune Has a Cousin in the Bronx*, Wilder plays a man who takes continuing joy in the only job life has made available to him: collecting horseshit from the streets of Dublin. Like Avram, Quackser accepts the world as he finds it and loves other people for what he finds in them. Other people, however, do not measure up to his standards of loving kindness. In the larger context of the contemporary American cinema, however, these roles offer exceptional (and thus not widely appealing) versions of masculine strength and virtue. His undoubted success in them therefore could not make Wilder a star.

—R. Barton Palmer, updated by Linda J. Stewart

WILLIAMS, Robin

Nationality: American. **Born:** Chicago, Illinois, 21 July 1952. **Education:** Attended Marin College; Claremont Men's College; Juilliard School of Music and Drama. **Family:** Married 1) Valerie Velardi, 1978 (divorced), son: Zachary; 2) Marsha Garcés, 1989, children: Cody and Zelda. **Career:** 1970s—cabaret performer in San Francisco and Los Angeles; 1978–82—in TV series *Mork and Mindy*; 1980—film debut in *Popeye*; 1986—recorded stage show in *Robin Williams at the Met*. **Agent:** Carol Bodie, c/o Creative Artists Agency, 9830 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *Popeye* (Altman) (title role)
- 1982 *The World According to Garp* (George Roy Hill) (as Garp)
- 1983 *The Survivors* (Ritchie) (as Donald Quinelle)
- 1984 *Moscow on the Hudson* (Mazursky) (as Vladimir Ivanoff)
- 1986 *The Best of Times* (Spottiswoode) (as Jack Dundee); *Club Paradise* (Ramis) (as Jack Minoker); *Seize the Day* (Cook—for TV) (as Tommy Wilhelm)
- 1987 *Good Morning, Vietnam* (Levinson) (as Adrian Cronauer); *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* (Couturie—doc for TV)
- 1989 *Dead Poets Society* (Weir) (as John Keating); *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* (Gilliam) (as King of the Moon)
- 1990 *Cadillac Man* (Donaldson) (as Joey O'Brien); *Awakenings* (Penny Marshall) (as Dr. Malcolm Sayer)
- 1991 *Dead Again* (Branagh) (as Dr. Cozy Carlisle); *The Fisher King* (Gilliam) (as Parry); *Hook* (Spielberg) (as Peter Pan)
- 1992 *Toys* (Levinson) (as Leslie Zevo); *Shakes the Clown* (Goldthwait) (as Mime Jerry); *FernGully: The Last Rainforest* (Kroyer—animation) (as voice of Batty Koda); *Aladdin* (Musker and Clements—animation) (as voice of Genie)

- 1993 *Mrs. Doubtfire* (Columbus) (as Daniel Hillard/Mrs. Iphegenia Doubtfire, + co-pr)
- 1994 *Being Human* (Forsyth) (as Hector); *The Road to Wellville* (Alan Parker); *In Search of Dr. Seuss* (Paterson) (as the Father)
- 1995 *Jumanji* (Johnston) (as Alan Parrish); *Nine Months* (Columbus) (as Dr. Kosevich); *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar* (Kidron) (as John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt)
- 1996 *The Birdcage* (Mike Nichols) (as Armand Goldman); *Jack* (Coppola) (title role); *Hamlet* (Branagh) (as Osric); *The Secret Agent* (Hampton) (as the Professor)
- 1997 *Great Minds Think for Themselves* (series for TV) (as voice of The Genie); *Deconstructing Harry* (Allen) (as Mel); *Flubber* (Mayfield) (as Professor Philip Brainard); *Good Will Hunting* (Van Sant) (as Sean Maguire)
- 1998 *What Dreams May Come* (Vincent Ward) (as Chris Nielsen); *Patch Adams* (Shadyac) (as title role); *In My Life* (Benson—for TV) (as himself)
- 1999 *Get Bruce* (Kuehn) (as himself); *Jakob the Liar* (Kassovitz) (as Jakob Heym + exec pr); *Bicentennial Man* (Columbus) (as Andrew)

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Buried under makeup as *Popeye* or dragging the literary fantasy apparatus of *The World According to Garp*, Robin Williams failed to make his mark in his first two movies. It took Michael Ritchie’s

messy contemporary comedy *The Survivors* to set loose the manic power of his stand-up persona. Williams’s ability to create a character as it disintegrates makes his Donald, a man who tries to prepare for urban chaos by joining a survivalist camp, a wild original. Williams can assert his star personality and stay in character even while functioning as the most free-swinging element in very knockabout farce. The outlandishly thin-skinned Donald shows Williams in his most antic mode. This is also how he played Jack Dundee in *The Best of Times*, a man who cannot live down having blown his small-town high school football team’s final game. Manipulating the old team into replaying the game enables him to get past it—he has to get much crazier before he can calm down. Similarly, as Parry in Terry Gilliam’s *Fisher King* we first see Williams talking to “the little people” in conversational switches so fast he seems as much tic as man, and then learn how he became homeless and admittedly, cheerfully psychotic, and how he thinks he can recover. He sends co-star Jeff Bridges—as a burnt-out talk show DJ inadvertently responsible for the death of Williams’s wife—on a quest for the Holy Grail which manages to reintegrate them both. If *Fisher King* is not cloying that is largely because of the extended conversations among the four leads. Williams pairs off with an equally whacked-out

Amanda Plummer, and romantic comedy never threw screwier balls. These three performances of Williams's cohere wonderfully but are not for people hung up on gradual transitions.

But he can do shading, too. He remains himself while acting in a naturalistic vein in Paul Mazursky's *Moscow on the Hudson*, playing a Russian saxophonist who defects in Bloomingdale's, and in *Dead Poets Society* as a prep-school teacher receiving students in his cramped quarters. Williams can be precious, but he is almost always earthy, with an amazingly unforced broadness of spirit. And he is gone bare-assed in his movies surprisingly often, unthinkable in someone like Danny Kaye. Williams is both freakier and warmer than most big comedy stars—freakier *because* he fires from a solidly realistic launching pad.

The other side of his performance in *Dead Poets Society* is, of course, the stand-up, which he first played as the DJ in *Good Morning, Vietnam*. These pictures give him audiences for his motormouth outbursts within the stories, and then attach our feelings for Williams the entertainer to paltry melodramas in which his characters try to save young boys. Williams as cutup, as opposed to Williams's characters who are cutups, comes across best in *Aladdin* in which he improvised as the voice of the Genie, leaving the animators to keep up. He made the comedy play at five times the speed of any other Disney cartoon feature.

Probably because of Williams's unthreatening directness, several of his pictures function as baby-sitters—*Hook*, *Toys*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Jumanji*. Even as a negligent father or a bitter man, as in *Hook* and *Jumanji*, the scripts make him unpleasant only to redeem him. And Williams is not someone who needs help being likable. *Mrs. Doubtfire* is the most successful of these vehicles because we can see that Daniel, who loses his wife and custody of their children because he cannot assume adult responsibility, really *is* the loose cannon his ex-wife complains of. Even the way he thwarts her, by getting himself hired in drag as his children's nanny, seems more crazy than touching. This is hilariously clear whenever Williams as *Mrs. Doubtfire* cannot hold "her" tongue around the ex-wife's new boyfriend. In the climactic restaurant scene Daniel sprints from a table where he is supposed to be in drag, to one where he is not, but has so many drinks he loses track. When Daniel in drag snickers that "she" has "to piss like a racehorse," Williams adds burlesque pungency for the adults of all ages in the helpless audience.

As a middle-ground variation Williams can play the relative straight man—superbly to Tim Robbins's deranged husband holding Williams's philandering car salesman hostage in *Cadillac Man*, and less effectively to Nathan Lane as his drag queen "wife" in *The Birdcage*, a remake of *La Cage aux folles*. *The Birdcage* feels like something left onshore by a receding tide, but Williams plays it honest, unself-consciously adopting gay mannerisms. As a comedian Williams is commercial in the best sense and neither cynical or lazy. He has taken on a wide range of projects and varied his approach, letting co-star Bonnie Hunt in *Jumanji* provide the laugh-getting commentary on the action that we expect from Williams, or taking the less flamboyant role in *The Birdcage* in order to avoid simply repeating the formula of *Mrs. Doubtfire*. He challenges himself in a way that allows the audience to keep pace with him. And when he is sparking we feel juiced for life.

—Alan Dale

WILLIS, Bruce

Nationality: American. **Born:** West Germany, 19 March 1955. **Education:** Attended public school in Penn's Grove, New Jersey; Montclair State College, New Jersey—left in 1977 before graduating; studied acting briefly with Stella Adler. **Family:** Married the actress Demi Moore, 1987 (divorced, 1998), daughters: Rumer Glenn, Scout LaRue, and Tallulah Belle. **Career:** 1977—stage debut, off-Broadway in *Heaven and Earth*; member of Barbara Contardi's First Amendment Comedy Theatre; 1980—film debut, *The First Deadly Sin*; 1984–85—worked on TV: guest starred in *Miami Vice* ("No Exit"), *Twilight Zone* ("Shatterday"); 1985–89—starred in TV series *Moonlighting* (as David Addison); 1987—wrote, produced, starred in an HBO special, *The Return of Bruno* (as Bruno); 1987—first starring film role, *Blind Date*; also has performed and recorded as a R & B singer; has done advertisements for Levi's jeans, Seagram's Wine Coolers (1987), and Sears (1995). **Awards:** Best Actor Emmy Award, for *Moonlighting*, 1987. **Agent:** Arnold Rifkin, William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1980 *The First Deadly Sin* (Hutton) (as extra, uncredited)
- 1982 *The Verdict* (Lumet) (as a courtroom observer, uncredited)
- 1987 *Blind Date* (Edwards) (as Walter Davis)
- 1988 *Die Hard* (McTiernan) (as John McClane); *Sunset* (Edwards) (as Tom Mix, + co-exec pr)
- 1989 *In Country* (Jewison) (as Emmeth Smith); *Look Who's Talking* (Heckerling) (as voice of Mikey); *That's Adequate* (Hurwitz)
- 1990 *Bonfire of the Vanities* (DePalma) (as Peter Fallow); *Die Hard 2: Die Harder* (Die Harder) (Harlin) (as John McClane); *Look Who's Talking Too* (Heckerling) (as voice of Mikey)
- 1991 *Billy Bathgate* (Benton) (as Bo Weinberg); *Hudson Hawk* (Lehmann) (as Hudson Hawk; + co-story); *The Last Boy Scout* (Tony Scott) (as Joe Hallenbeck); *Mortal Thoughts* (Rudolph) (as James Urbanski)
- 1992 *Death Becomes Her* (Zemeckis) (as Ernest Menville); *The Player* (Altman) (as himself)
- 1993 *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1* (Quintano) (as Wrong Mobile Home Owner, uncredited); *Striking Distance* (Herrington) (as Tom Hardy)
- 1994 *Color of Night* (Rush) (as Dr. Bill Capa); *Nobody's Fool* (Benton) (as Carl Roebuck); *North* (Rob Reiner) (as narrator); *Pulp Fiction* (Tarantino) (as Butch Coolidge)
- 1995 *Die Hard: With a Vengeance* (*Die Hard 3*) (McTiernan) (as John McClane); "The Man from Hollywood" ep. of *Four Rooms* (Tarantino) (as Leo, uncredited); *12 Monkeys* (Gilliam) (as James Cole)
- 1996 *Breakfast for Champions* (Rudolph); *Le Cinquieme element* (*The Fifth Element*) (Besson); *Combat!* (Hill); *Firestorm* (Andrew Davis); *Last Man Standing* (Walter Hill) (as John Smith); *Beavis and Butt-head Do America* (Judge and Kaplan) (as voice of Muddy Grimes); *Bruno the Kid* (series for TV) (as Bruno the Kid, mus, exec pr)
- 1997 *The Jackal* (Caton-Jones) (as title role); *Apocalypse* (as Trey Kincaide)



Bruce Willis (center) in *The Fifth Element*

- 1998 *Mercury Rising* (Becker) (as Arthur “Art” Jeffries); *Armageddon* (Bay) (as Harry S. Stamper); *The Siege* (Zwick)
 1999 *Breakfast of Champions* (Rudolph) (as Dwayne Hoover); *The Sixth Sense* (M. Night Shyamalan) (as Malcolm Crowe); *The Story of Us* (Rob Reiner) (as Ben Jordan)
 2000 *The Whole Nine Yards* (Lynn) (as Jimmy Tudeski); *The Kid* (Turteltaub) (as Russ Duritz); *Unbreakable* (Shyamalan) (as David Dunne)

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 “From the Top of the Heap, a View of the End of the Line,” interview with Bernard Weinraub, in *New York Times*, 30 September 1991.
 “Mr. Misunderstood? Willis Makes Himself Clear,” interview with Bernard Weinraub, in *New York Times*, 21 September 1993.
 “Finally, Bruce Willis Gets Invited to the Ball,” interview with Jill Gerston, in *New York Times*, 2 October 1994.

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“Bruce Willis: Extreme Close-up,” interview with Garry Jenkins, in *Cosmopolitan*, June 1995.

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Bruce Willis has pioneered a character type that might be called the postmodern proletarian. When his seven years on-stage in New York led to television stardom with *Moonlighting*, all the elements of his arsenal were already on display. Like the show itself, Willis's David Addison was at once a generic staple and a parody. Sturdy physically but stunted emotionally, private-eye Addison is a working man's man as beleaguered as attracted by his nouvelle poor feminist boss (Cybill Shepherd). And yet Addison is also a self-aware, verbally hyperagile ironist—indeed, often a self-conscious media construct.

It is not surprising, given the loaded, conflicted range of emotions called forth from Willis by *Moonlighting*, that he has subsequently forged a multifaceted film persona: as an action hero, a comic foil, and a dramatic artist, a megastar and a supporting player. His pursuit of these many genres and modes of performance has resulted in some strikingly huge hits, and some flops of similar size. *Blind Date*, his first big-screen starring vehicle, faltered in its would-be comic reliance upon the smooth-talking, uneasily romantic side of Willis. (*Sunset* similarly did not translate his comic appeal for movie audiences.) *Die Hard* also deployed his mastery of flippancy, but sparingly, accentuating instead his aura of besieged masculinity. The displaced cop John McClane is, like most of Willis's characters, a battling underdog. McClane, however, does not fight either against or beside a woman; with McClane, the class-edged wars waged by Willis's characters begin to play out centrally not "between the sexes" but upon Willis's ever more bruised, sweating (and even aging) body itself.

Having established himself as a bona fide box-office draw with *Die Hard* (thereby starting a franchise which went on to yield two lucrative sequels), Willis played a wrecked Vietnam veteran in the well-reviewed but little-seen drama, *In Country*. This sort of creative daring underpins the strain of slightly off-mainstream dramas which has combined with supremely mainstream action adventures and comedies to make up the three-pronged thrust of his post-*Die Hard* movie career. In *Look Who's Talking*, Willis brought his comic timing alone to bear on yet a second multiple sequel-spawning franchise, as the voice of a toddler. *North* five years later is of the same genre, although it does allow Willis on-screen in a bunny suit. From 1989 to 1994, Willis had only uneven box-office and critical success, with *Hudson Hawk*, *The Last Boy Scout*, and *Striking Distance* (all in the *Die Hard* mode, all flops), and *Bonfire of the Vanities*, *Billy Bathgate*, *Mortal Thoughts*, *Death Becomes Her*, and *Color of Night* (all stretches—in all but the last Willis sacrifices top billing for artistic satisfaction—but none hits).

In 1994, however, Willis's embrace of working acting and not just stardom paid handsome dividends in the capital of hip. As Butch Coolidge, doomed but unbowed boxer in wunderkind Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, Willis is a perfect match for Tarantino's characteristic man-to-man battering, and bantering. By 1996, *Variety* would publish a column praising Willis's willingness to accept little money to do low-budget but high-quality projects; such publicity

around films such as *Pulp Fiction* and *Nobodys Fool* countermanded the rash of earlier articles that had decried the "excess" of Willis's multimillion dollar per picture salaries.

His thinning hair shaved to the nub, Willis was not first-billed in *Pulp Fiction*; but his performance in it surely helped win him the similarly coifed lead role of James Cole in Terry Gilliam's 1995 remake of the Chris Marker landmark *La Jetée*, *12 Monkeys*. Cole allows all of Willis's talents to shine, in a way that not one of his projects has since *Moonlighting*. A man under attack from unknown quarters, very possibly from the very social forces that command him, Cole fights through abuse and confusion—at first against, then towards, and finally alongside a psychiatrist played by Madeleine Stowe. The moment when Cole hears a pop song on the doctor's car radio epitomizes what Willis brings to the film, and to film in general. Stress draining from his face, Cole's unwillingly assumed armor drops away for an instant as he connects to something of the best in human creation, trivial as it may seem to the unenlightened. Willis knows how to depict not only the fight but what the fight is for, and it is this that has made him one of the modern screen's most prominent artists of the ordinary man.

—Susan Knobloch

WINSLET, Kate

Nationality: British. **Born:** Reading, Berkshire, England, 5 October 1975; father Roger Winslet (actor), mother Sally; two sisters, Anna and Beth, both actors, one brother, Joss. **Education:** Redroofs Theatre School, Maidenhead, 1986–1991. **Family:** Married assistant director Jim Threapleton, November 1998. **Career:** Left school aged sixteen; gained acting experience in TV commercials; worked in a delicatessen after *Heavenly Creatures*, 1994; nominated for Best Supporting Actress Oscar for *Sense and Sensibility*, 1996. **Awards:** London Critics Circle ALFS Award for British Actress of the Year, for *Heavenly Creatures*, 1996; British Academy Awards (BAFTA) for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role, and Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role, for *Sense and Sensibility*, 1996; *Evening Standard* British Film Award for Best Actress, for *Sense and Sensibility* and *Jude*, 1997; European Film Awards Audience Award for Best Actress, and Blockbuster Entertainment Award for Favorite Actress, for *Titanic*, 1998. **Agents:** Dallas Smith, Peters Fraser and Dunlop Ltd., 503 The Chambers, Chelsea Harbour, Lots Road, London SW10 0XF, UK; William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10009, USA.

Films as Actor:

- 1994 *Heavenly Creatures* (Jackson) (as Juliet Hulme)
- 1995 *A Kid in King Arthur's Court* (Gottlieb) (as Princess Sarah);
Sense and Sensibility (Lee) (as Marianne Dashwood)



Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio in *Titanic*

- 1996 *Jude* (Winterbottom) (as Sue Bridehead); *Hamlet* (William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*) (Branagh) (as Ophelia)
 1997 *Titanic* (Cameron) (as Rose DeWitt Bukater)
 1998 *Hideous Kinky* (*Marrakech Express*) (MacKinnon) (as Julia)
 1999 *Holy Smoke* (Campion) (as Ruth)
 2000 *Quills* (Kaufman) (as Madeleine Le Clerc)

Publications:

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“The New Passions of Kate Winslet,” interview with Holly Millea, in *Premiere* (New York), November 1999.

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Pullinger, Kate, “Soul Survivor—Women Directors Special,” in *Sight and Sound* (London), October 1999.

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Kate Winslet—who is for American audiences the embodiment of English womanhood—began acting full-time at the age of sixteen and made her television debut in a commercial for Sugar Puffs breakfast cereal in the United Kingdom. She made several appearances in British TV dramas, such as the hospital-based soap, *Casualty*, before

moving into film at the age of nineteen in *Heavenly Creatures*. Winslet grew up in a theatrical family in Reading, a town west of London, and wanted to be an actor from an early age. Interviewers describe her as brimming with energy and enthusiasm for life. David Lipsky, in *Rolling Stone*, explains: “Everything she says has special effects in it: Those effects are the words brilliant, absolutely and gorgeous, and because of them, what she says really does seem brilliant, gorgeous and absolute, a slightly better world than the one you live in.”

Winslet has a reputation for taking on challenging projects, immersing herself in the roles she plays. Her big-screen debut in *Heavenly Creatures*, a film that explores murder and obsession, was difficult for an actress known for being intensely “method.” In it she plays Juliet Hulme alongside Melanie Lynskey as Pauline Parker, in the true story of two New Zealand schoolgirls in 1954 who murder Parker’s mother in order to stay together. The film was praised in particular for the subtlety of its portrayal of the two girls, and Winslet’s strong performance established her as talented and determined young actress.

Winslet’s on-screen persona as the typical English girl was cemented in the films *Sense and Sensibility* and *Jude*. A period costume adaptation of Jane Austen’s novel of the same name, *Sense and Sensibility* saw Winslet playing Marianne Dashwood alongside Emma Thompson as Elinor. There was a danger here of casting to type, with Thompson playing the sensible older sister while Winslet immersed herself in romantic fantasies. But the two became friends, and Winslet benefited from Thompson’s greater experience. Her next film role, as Sue Bridehead, came from the same mould, but *Jude* is a tragedy of unrelenting gloom, and provides a hint of Winslet’s wider abilities, which she was to show more compellingly as Ophelia in Kenneth Branagh’s *Hamlet* in the same year.

After making her name in period films, Winslet became the envy of teenage girls everywhere when she co-starred with Leonardo di Caprio in *Titanic*. It is characteristic of her drive and determination that Winslet fought hard to win the chance to be in the film, telephoning director Cameron directly to tell him “I am Rose.” Like many of Cameron’s films, the making of *Titanic* was an arduous process: many scenes involved the actors being immersed in cold water for hours at a time, or suspended at the top of enormous structures. Yet Winslet took it all in stride, winning the respect of the crew for her good humour and lack of affectation.

After *Titanic*, Winslet had the opportunity to take on more high profile and lucrative projects, but her choice of film roles suggests more interest in acting than stardom. *Hideous Kinky*, her first film after the Cameron blockbuster, was an interesting, if disappointing choice, and however successful it is with the critics, *Holy Smoke*, Jane Campion’s film about the effects of cult religious groups, is not a star vehicle.

Always more interested in pursuing her enthusiasms than doing what is expected of her, Kate Winslet’s career so far has been a curious mixture of idiosyncratic serious movies and popular acclaim. While *Titanic* demonstrated her abilities in the role of romantic lead, she has yet to accumulate a body of work sufficient to prove herself as a character actress of lasting significance. Winslet has recently branched out into producing, and her first project, *Therese Raquin*, in which she will play the title role, is expected to appear in 2001.

—Chris Routledge

WINTERS, Shelley

Nationality: American. **Born:** Shirley Schrift in East St. Louis, Illinois, 18 August 1922. **Education:** Attended Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn; studied acting at the New Theatre School, New York, and with Charles Laughton. **Family:** Married 1) Mack Paul Mayer, 1943 (divorced 1947); 2) the actor Vittorio Gassman, 1952 (divorced 1955), daughter: Vittoria Gina; 3) the actor Anthony Franciosa, 1957 (divorced 1960). **Career:** Worked as dress model in New York, then in the chorus at La Conga nightclub and in summer stock: small roles in New York, and supporting role in *Rosalinda*, 1942; 1943—film debut in *What a Woman!* and contract with Columbia; 1948—contract with Universal; 1951—began studying at The Actors Studio, New York; continued stage work: roles in *Born Yesterday*, 1950, *A Hatful of Rain*, 1955, *The Night of the Iguana*, 1963, *Cages*, 1963, and *Under the Weather*, 1966; 1971—her play *One Night Stands of a Noisy Passenger* produced in New York. **Awards:** Special Jury Prize for Ensemble Acting, Venice Festival, for *Executive Suite*, 1954; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, 1959; Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, for *A Patch of Blue*, 1965. **Agent:** ICM, 8899 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *What a Woman!* (Cummings) (as secretary)
- 1944 *Knickerbocker Holiday* (Brown) (as Ulda Tienhoven); *She’s a Soldier Too* (Castle) (as “Silver” Rankin); *Sailor’s Holiday* (Berke) (as Gloria); *Together Again* (Charles Vidor) (as girl); *Cover Girl* (Charles Vidor) (as girl)
- 1945 *Tonight and Every Night* (Saville) (as Bubbles); *A Thousand and One Nights* (Green) (as handmaiden)
- 1946 *Two Smart People* (Dassin) (as Princess)
- 1947 *The Gangster* (Wiles) (as Hazel); *A Double Life* (Cukor) (as Pat Kroll); *Living in a Big Way* (La Cava); *New Orleans* (Lubin) (as secretary)
- 1948 *Cry of the City* (Siodmak) (as Brenda); *Larceny* (Sherman) (as Tory); *Red River* (Hawks) (as dance-hall girl)
- 1949 *The Great Gatsby* (Nugent) (as Myrtle Wilson); *Take One False Step* (Erskine) (as Catherine Sykes); *Johnny Stool Pigeon* (Castle) (as Terry)
- 1950 *South Sea Sinner (East of Java)* (Humberstone) (as Coral); *Winchester ‘73* (Anthony Mann) (as Lola Manners); *Frenchie* (Louis King) (title role)
- 1951 *A Place in the Sun* (Stevens) (as Alice Tripp); *He Ran All the Way* (Berry) (as Peg); *Behave Yourself!* (Beck) (as Kate); *The Raging Tide* (Sherman) (as Connie Thatcher); *Meet Danny Wilson* (Pevney) (as Joy Carroll)
- 1952 *Phone Call from a Stranger* (Negulesco) (as Binky Gay); *My Man and I* (Wellman) (as Nancy); *Untamed Frontier* (Fregonese) (as Jane Stevens)
- 1954 *Saskatchewan (O’Rourke of the Royal Mounted)* (Walsh) (as Grace Markey); *Executive Suite* (Wise) (as Eva Bardeman); *Playgirl* (Pevney) (as Fran); *Tennessee Champ* (Wilcox) (as Sarah Wurble)



Shelley Winters with Jack Albertson and Red Buttons in *The Poseidon Adventure*

- 1955 *Mambo* (Rossen) (as Toni Salerno); *The Night of the Hunter* (Laughton) (as Willa Harper); *I Am a Camera* (Cornelius) (as Natalia Landauer); *The Big Knife* (Aldrich) (as Dixie Evans); *The Treasure of Pancho Villa* (Sherman) (as Ruth Harris); *I Died a Thousand Times* (Heisler) (as Marie)
- 1956 *To Dorothy, a Son (Cash on Delivery)* (Box) (as Myrtle La Mar)
- 1959 *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Stevens) (as Mrs. Van Daan); *Odds against Tomorrow* (Wise) (as Lorry); *Let No Man Write My Epitaph* (Leacock) (as Nellie)
- 1961 *The Young Savages* (Frankenheimer) (as Mary Di Pace)
- 1962 *Lolita* (Kubrick) (as Charlotte Haze); *The Chapman Report* (Cukor) (as Sarah Garnell)
- 1963 *The Balcony* (Strick) (as Madame Irma); *Wives and Lovers* (Rich) (as Fran Cabrell)
- 1964 *A House Is Not a Home* (Rouse) (as Polly Adler); *Gli Indifferenti (A Time of Indifference)* (Maselli) (as Lisa)
- 1965 *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (Stevens) (as woman of no name); *A Patch of Blue* (Green) (as Rose-Ann D'Arcy)
- 1966 *Harper (The Moving Target)* (Smight) (as Fay Estabrook); *Alfie* (Gilbert) (as Ruby)
- 1967 *Enter Laughing* (Carl Reiner) (as Mrs. Kolowitz)
- 1968 *The Scalphunters* (Pallock) (as Kate); *Wild in the Streets* (Shear) (as Mrs. Flatow); *Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell* (Frank) (as Shirley Newman); *The Mad Room* (Girard) (as Mrs. Armstrong)
- 1969 *Arthur! Arthur!* (Gallu)
- 1970 *Bloody Mama* (Corman) (as Ma Barker); *How Do I Love Thee* (Gordon) (as Lena Mervin); *Flap (The Last Warrior)* (Reed)
- 1971 *What's the Matter with Helen?* (Harrington) (title role); *Who Slew Auntie Roo?* (Harrington) (as Rosie Forrest); *Revenge!* (Taylor—for TV) (as Amanda Hilton); *A Death of Innocence* (Wendkos—for TV)
- 1972 *Something to Hide* (Reid) (as Gabriella); *The Poseidon Adventure* (Neame) (as Belle Rosen); *The Adventures of Nick Carter* (Krasny—for TV)
- 1973 *Blume in Love* (Mazursky) (as Mrs. Carmer); *Cleopatra Jones* (Starrett) (as Mommy); *The Devil's Daughter* (Szwarc—for TV) (as Lilith Malone)
- 1974 *Double Indeminty* (Smith—for TV); *The Sex Symbol* (Rich—for TV); *Big Rose* (Krasny—for TV); *Journey into Fear* (Daniel Mann) (as Mrs. Mathews)

- 1975 *That Lucky Touch* (Miles) (as Diane Steedman)
 1976 *Next Stop, Greenwich Village* (Mazursky) (as Mrs. Lapinsky);
Diamonds (Golan) (as Zelda Shapiro); *The Tenant* (Polanski)
 (as the concierge)
 1977 *Tentacles* (Hellman) (as Tillie Turner); *Pete's Dragon* (Chaffey)
 (as Lena Gogan); *The Three Sisters* (Bogart) (as Natalya);
Un borghese piccolo piccolo (*An Average Man*) (Monicelli)
 1978 *King of the Gypsies* (Pierson) (as Queen Rachel); *The Initia-*
tion of Sarah (Day—for TV) (as Miss Erica); *Elvis* (Car-
penter) (as Elvis's mother)
 1979 *Redneck Country* (Robinson); *City on Fire* (Bakoff) (as Nurse
 Andrea Harper); *The Magician of Lublin* (Golan) (as Elzbieta)
 1980 *Il visitatore* (*The Visitor*) (Paradisei) (as Jane Phillips)
 1981 *S.O.B.* (Edwards) (as Eva Brown); *Looping* (Bockmayer); *My*
Mother, My Daughter (Werba)
 1983 *Fanny Hill* (O'Hara)
 1984 *Ellie* (Wittman) (as Cora); *Over the Brooklyn Bridge* (Golan)
 (as Becky Sherman)
 1985 *Déjà Vu* (Richmond) (as Olga Nabokov)
 1986 *Witchfire* (Privitera) (as Lydia); *The Delta Force* (Golan) (as
 Eddie Kaplan); *Very Close Quarters* (Rif) (as Galina)
 1987 *Marilyn Monroe: Beyond the Legend* (Feldman—TV doc)
 1988 *The Purple People Eater* (Shayne) (as Rita)
 1989 *An Unremarkable Life* (Chaudri) (as Evelyn McEllany)
 1990 *Helena* (Vuille); *Touch of a Stranger* (Brad Gilbert) (as Lily)
 1991 *The Linguini Incident* (Shepherd); *Stepping Out* (Lewis Gil-
bert) (as Mrs. Fraser); *Superstar: The Life and Times of*
Andy Warhol (Workman—doc)
 1992 *Weep No More, My Lady* (Andrieu—for TV) (as Vi)
 1993 *The Pickle* (Mazursky) (as Yetta)
 1994 *Il Silenzio dei Prosciutti* (*The Silence of the Hams*) (Greggio)
 1995 *Jury Duty* (Fortenberry) (as Mrs. Collins); *Heavy* (Mangold)
 (as Dolly); *Backfire* (A. Dean Bell) (as Lieut. Shithouse);
Raging Angels (Smithee) (as Grandma Ruth)
 1996 *Marlon Brando: The Wild One* (Joyce—doc for TV) (as
 herself); *The Portrait of a Lady* (Campion) (as Mrs. Touchett)
 1999 *Gideon* (Hoover) (as Mrs. Willows); *La Bomba* (Base) (as
 Prof. Summers)

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Despite performances that generally rise above them, the films of Shelley Winters are overwhelmingly mediocre or forgettable. From them emerge key stock figures who, for better or worse, epitomize the role to which she became progressively typed: blond, imitation-Harlow bombshells; vulgar but vulnerable victims; slatterns; mistresses; whorehouse madames; and Jewish mothers in caftans. The offscreen image of a brassy, high-flying sexpot—fostered by Universal-International's publicity department—and reports of tantrums thrown on and off the set heightened the public's early association of the actress with the parts she played and evolved in due course into the television talk show blabbermouth regaling Johnny, Merv, Jay, and Dave.

But Shelley Winters's extensive stage and screen credits, spanning four decades, are dotted with surprises. In her aspirations and, occasionally, her achievements, she has revealed herself to be an actress of deceptive complexity. Nurtured by directors George Cukor (*A Double Life*, *The Chapman Report*) and, especially, George Stevens (*A Place in the Sun*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*), she intuitively began to explore her roles with Method creativity before she or they fully grasped its theoretical base.

Intent on stretching her acting range beyond the level offered by most of her Hollywood assignments, Winters commuted regularly to New York, where for six years she observed Elia Kazan and Lee Strasberg in action during the formative years of the Actors Studio. Upon expiration of her Universal contract, she risked a return to Broadway (where in the 1940s she had replaced Celeste Holm as Ado Annie in Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Oklahoma!*) to star, triumphantly, as a drug addict's wife in Michael Gazzo's play *A Hatful of Rain*. Officially admitted to Actors Studio membership, she continued to appear through this period, arguably the richest of her career, in important dramatic roles on Broadway, in repertory, on national tours, and on television. Until then, she once told an interviewer, "I never really believed I was an actress. It didn't matter what they said to me about *A Place in the Sun*. I thought it was a fluke, that it was the publicity jazz and the blonde hair and bosoms. . . . I thought it was an accident."

But *A Place in the Sun* was no accident. She fought aggressively for the role and, as Alice Tripp in George Stevens's adaptation of Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, drew the definitive Winters screen characterization. The brash Universal late-1940s blonde, on loan to Paramount, was transformed into Dreiser's mousy, whiny mill girl in an early 1950s performance of remarkable subtlety and depth. Though she received co-star billing (and was nominated for a Best Actress Oscar), Winters's film career has been essentially fulfilled as a character actress in unsympathetic roles, as her two Best Supporting Actress Academy Awards—for grasping Mrs. Van Daan in *Diary of Anne Frank* and the monstrous Rose-Ann D'Arcy in *A Patch of Blue*—attest.

George Cukor's *A Double Life*, the film that triggered her rise to fame, Charles Laughton's *Night of the Hunter* (from James Agee's script), and Stanley Kubrick's *Lolita* (from Vladimir Nabokov's novel) also endure as landmark Winters films. In all three, she meets characteristically premature, violent—and memorable—ends. Winters's performance style and her persona, particularly as a psychotic, deluded, aging hag, has led to a cult status of sorts, particularly around several of her lesser, trashier films. Note *Something to Hide*, in which she plays the nagging, pathetic wife of Peter Finch (again meeting a memorable end). Also *Heartbreak Motel*, in which she plays the insane, possessive wife of the motel's owner. In 1971 alone she played a murderous psycho addicted to religious radio broadcasts in *What's the Matter with Helen?*, and the deranged maternal figure with a fetish for orphans in *Who Slew Auntie Roo?* Both are excellent examples of Winters's unique ability to turn even the most dismal scripts into over-the-top camp hilarity.

Like so many actors and—especially—actresses of a certain age, Winters is now rarely cast in major motion pictures. She continues to work, however, usually appearing in minimally reviewed films. Invariably, she performs competently, sometimes (as in so many of her earlier screen appearances) rising well above her material. Note her nice turn as Mrs. Fraser, the grouchy pianist in *Stepping Out*, adapted to the screen from the popular English stage comedy as a vehicle for Liza Minnelli.

—Mark W. Estrin, updated by Matthew Hays



Anna May Wong

WONG, Anna May

Nationality: American. **Born:** Wong Liu Tsong in Los Angeles, California, 3 January 1905. **Education:** Attended California Street School, Chinese Mission School, a Chinese school, and Los Angeles High School. **Career:** 1919—film debut at age 14 in *The Red Lantern*; 1921—first credited role in *Bits of Life*; 1922—first starring role in *The Toll of the Sea*; 1928—made her first film in Germany, *Song*; 1929—stage debut in *The Circle of Chalk* with Laurence Olivier in London; made first film in England, *Piccadilly*; 1930—New York stage debut in *On the Spot*; on tour in Brooklyn, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Los Angeles; on stage in Vienna in *Tschun Tschu* (*Springtime*), which she also produced; 1933—special one-week appearance in Blackpool, England, on stage in *Variety Fair*; 1934—on stage in Italy, Switzerland, and the British Isles; 1935—on stage in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden; 1937—stars in *Princess Turandot* at the Westchester Playhouse, Mount Kisco, NY, and Westport, Connecticut; 1939—on stage in Melbourne, Australia; 1951—TV debut starring in *The Gallery of Mme. Liu-Tsong*. **Died:** In Santa Monica, California, 3 February 1961.

Films as Actress:

- 1919 *The Red Lantern* (Capellani) (uncredited bit as lantern bearer)
- 1920 *Dinty* (Neilan and MacDermott) (uncredited bit)
- 1921 *The First Born* (Campbell) (uncredited bit as servant); *Outside the Law* (Browning) (uncredited bit as Chinese girl); *Bits of Life* (Neilan) (as Toy Sing); *Shame* (Flynn) (as Lotus Blossom)

- 1922 *The Toll of the Sea* (Franklin) (as Lotus Flower)
- 1923 *Mary of the Movies* (McDermott) (as herself); *Drifting* (Brown-ing) (as Rose Li); *Thundering Dawn* (Garson) (as honky-tonk girl)
- 1924 *The Alaskan* (Brenon) (as Keok); *The Thief of Bagdad* (Walsh) (as the Mongol slave); *The Fortieth Door* (Seitz—serial) (as Zira); *Peter Pan* (Brenon) (as Tiger Lily)
- 1925 *Forty Winks* (Urson and Iribe) (as Annabelle Wu); *His Supreme Moment* (Fitzmaurice) (as harem girl in play); *Screen Snapshots No. 3* (short) (as herself)
- 1926 *Fifth Avenue* (Vignola) (as Nan Lo); *A Trip to Chinatown* (Kerr) (as Ohtai); *The Silk Bouquet* (as Dragon Horse); *The Desert's Toll* (Smith) (as Oneta)
- 1927 *Driven from Home* (Young); *Mr. Wu* (Nigh) (as Loo Song); *The Honorable Mr. Buggs* (Jackman—short) (as Baroness Stoloff); *Old San Francisco* (Crosland) (as Chinese girl); *The Chinese Parrot* (Leni) (as Nautch dancer); *The Devil Dancer* (Niblo and Rebich Shores) (as Sada); *Streets of Shanghai* (Gasnier) (as Su Quan)
- 1928 *Across to Singapore* (Nigh) (as Bailarina); *The Crimson City* (Mayo) (as Su); *Chinatown Charlie* (Hines) (as the Mandarin's sweetheart); *Song* (Eichberg) (title role)
- 1929 *Großstadtschmetterling* (*The City Butterfly*) (Eichberg) (as Mah); *Piccadilly* (Dupont) (as Sho-Sho)
- 1930 *The Road to Dishonour* (Eichberg) (as Hai-Tang); *Hai-Tang* (German version of *The Road to Dishonour*) (title role); *L'Amour Maître Des Choses* (French version of *The Road to Dishonour*) (Kemmm) (as Hai-Tang); *Elstree Calling*

- (Brunel and Hitchcock) (as herself); *The Flame of Love* (Eichberg) (as Hai-Tang); *Wasted Love* (Eichberg)
- 1931 *Daughter of the Dragon* (Corrigan) (as Princess Ling Moy)
- 1932 *Shanghai Express* (von Sternberg) (as Hue Fei)
- 1933 *A Study in Scarlet* (Marin) (as Mrs. Pyke); *Tiger Bay* (Wills) (as Liu Chang)
- 1934 *Chu Chin Chow* (Forde) (as Zahrat); *Limehouse Blues* (Hall) (as Tu Tuan)
- 1935 *Java Head* (Ruben) (as Taou Yen)
- 1937 *Daughter of Shanghai* (Florey) (as Lan Ying Lin); *Hollywood Party* (Rowland—short) (as herself)
- 1938 *Dangerous to Know* (Florey) (as Mme. Lan Ying); *When Were You Born?* (McGann) (as Mei Lee Ling)
- 1939 *Island of Lost Men* (Neumann) (as Kim Ling); *King of Chinatown* (Grinde) (as Dr. Mary Ling)
- 1940 *Chinese Garden Festival* (short) (as herself)
- 1941 *Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery* (Hogan) (as Lois Ling)
- 1942 *Bombs over Burma* (Lewis) (as Lin Ying); *Lady from Chungking* (Nigh) (as Mme. Kwan Mei)
- 1949 *Impact* (Lubin) (as Su Lin)
- 1960 *Portrait in Black* (Gordon) (as Tani)

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Anna May Wong is chiefly remembered as the first actress of Asian extraction to achieve stardom and as the epitome of the “Oriental temptress,” so much a fixture of melodramas in the late

1920s and 1930s. She began at Metro in 1919 at the age of 14 with a bit part in a Nazimova vehicle, *The Red Lantern*, and continued in such roles until receiving her initial screen credit in the first anthology film, *Bits of Life*. Although she starred in the first true Technicolor feature made in Hollywood, *Toll of the Sea*, and had an important role in Douglas Fairbanks's classic fantasy, *The Thief of Bagdad*, most of the remainder of her Hollywood films in the 1920s saw her as either an exotic dancer or a temptress.

Fed up with that stereotype, she fled to more tolerant Europe in 1928, where she became a true star in German and British films. She also appeared on stage in London, Vienna, Oslo, Copenhagen, Goteborg, Switzerland, Italy, and throughout the British Isles, with periodic returns to New York and Hollywood up until 1935. In 1936 she visited China for the only time, where she purchased costumes that she later used in films and on stage. The following year she was back in Hollywood under contract at Paramount, for whom she made four thrillers in three years, as well as a loan-out to Warner Brothers, none of which aided her flagging film career. She traveled to Australia in 1939, where she appeared on stage in Melbourne to raise funds for Chinese War Relief, to which she devoted her energies up until the end of World War II, appearing only in two Poverty Row productions during the war, after which she was in virtual retirement from the screen. She appeared in one film in 1949, and two years later tackled television in her own series on the Dumont network, which lasted only 11 episodes. She appeared on a number of television programs throughout the 1950s before her final film appearance in *Portrait in Black* in 1960.

—Philip Leibfried

WOOD, Natalie

Nationality: American. **Born:** Natasha Virapaeff, later Gurdin in San Francisco, California, 20 July 1938. **Education:** Attended studio schools and public schools. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Robert Wagner, 1957 (divorced 1962), one daughter; 2) the producer Richard Gregson, 1969 (divorced 1972), daughter: Natasha; 3) remarried Robert Wagner, 1972, son: Courtney. **Career:** 1943—film debut at age five in *Happy Land*; 1953–54—in TV series *The Pride of the Family*; 1979—in TV mini-series *From Here to Eternity*. **Died:** Drowned, off Santa Catalina Island, California, 29 November 1981.

Films as Actress:

- 1943 *Happy Land* (Pichel)
- 1946 *Tomorrow Is Forever* (Pichel); *The Bride Wore Boots* (Pichel)
- 1947 *Miracle on 34th Street (The Big Heart)* (Seaton) (as Susan Walker); *Driftwood* (Dwan); *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (Mankiewicz) (as Anna)
- 1948 *Scudda-Hoo! Scudda-Hay!* (Herbert) (as Bean McGill)
- 1949 *Chicken Every Sunday* (Seaton); *Father Was a Fullback* (Stahl); *The Green Promise* (Russell)
- 1950 *No Sad Songs for Me* (Maté); *The Jackpot* (Walter Lang); *Our Very Own* (Miller); *Never a Dull Moment* (Marshall)
- 1951 *Dear Brat* (Seiter); *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt)
- 1952 *Just for You* (Nugent); *The Rose Bowl Story* (Beaudine)



Natalie Wood

- 1953 *The Star* (Heisler)
 1954 *The Silver Chalice* (Saville)
 1955 *One Desire* (Hopper); *Rebel without a Cause* (Ray) (as Judy)
 1956 *A Cry in the Night* (Tuttle); *The Searchers* (Ford); *The Burning Hills* (Heisler); *The Girl He Left Behind* (Butler)
 1957 *Bombers B-52* (Douglas); *Marjorie Morningstar* (Rapper); *No Sleep till Dawn* (Douglas)
 1958 *Kings Go Forth* (Daves)
 1959 *Cash McCall* (Pevney)
 1960 *All the Fine Young Cannibals* (Anderson)
 1961 *West Side Story* (Wise and Robbins) (as Maria); *Splendor in the Grass* (Kazan) (as Wilma Dean Loomis)
 1962 *Gypsy* (LeRoy) (title role)
 1963 *Love with the Proper Stranger* (Mulligan) (as Angie Ronnini)
 1964 *Sex and the Single Girl* (Quine) (as Helen Gurley Brown)
 1965 *The Great Race* (Edwards) (as Maggie DuBois)
 1966 *Penelope* (Hiller) (title role); *This Property Is Condemned* (Pollack) (as Alva Starr); *Inside Daisy Clover* (Mulligan) (title role)
 1969 *Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice* (Mazursky) (as Carol Sanders)
 1972 *The Candidate* (Ritchie); *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* (Helpern—doc) (as herself)
 1973 *The Affair* (Cates—for TV)
 1975 *Peeper* (Hyams) (as Ellen Prendergast)
 1976 *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Moore—for TV) (as Maggie)
 1979 *Meteor* (Neame) (as Tatiana); *The Cracker Factory* (Brinckerhoff—for TV)

- 1980 *The Last Married Couple in America* (Cates) (as Mari Thompson); *Willie and Phil* (Mazursky)
 1981 *Brainstorm* (Trumbull) (as Karen Brace)

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 Parker, John, *Five for Hollywood*, Secaucus, New Jersey 1991.

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Natalie Wood's death in 1981 at the age of 43 brought to an abrupt end one of the most enduring careers in cinema history. Often referred to as "Hollywood's youngest veteran," she had worked in films almost continuously since her first screen appearance at the age of five in *Happy Land*. With apparent ease, she negotiated the occupational minefields which for most of her contemporaries had spelled disaster. She made a fluent transition from child actress to teenage star, survived the studio system, and achieved a metamorphosis from lightweight starlet into serious actress. Since she was never considered a great actress—in fact, it was customary among industry observers to poke fun at her limitations—her staying power poses an intriguing conundrum.

As a child, Wood tended to play minor roles in films featuring established stars. Although she was pretty and pert, she was seldom, if ever, expected to outshine the chief luminaries. Sometimes she served merely as a foil; at other times, as in *Miracle on 34th Street*, she was pivotal to the plot but not required to carry films on her own merits. This early career as a scene-stealer rather than as a star may have eased her transition to older parts. The public grew accustomed to her face but it did not learn to idolize her or to expect too much. Her transition to older roles was also facilitated by a change in her screen persona. As a child, she could be bratty or sweet, but she was always lively and confident. As a teenager and young adult, she was tentative, insecure, and vulnerable. In this way, Wood offered audiences a new screen identity and it was one with which female audiences of her own

age group could readily identify. In *Rebel without a Cause*, a watershed in her career development, she, along with James Dean, perfectly captured the unfocused restlessness of a generation.

After an undistinguished phase as Warner's resident love interest, Wood's star status gained immeasurably from the popular success of *West Side Story*. It was *Splendor in the Grass*, however, which first earned her respect as an adult actress. As a young woman whose sexual impulses are constrained by society's moral imperatives, she struck a recognizable chord with the moviegoing public. The part earned Wood her second Academy Award nomination (the first was for *Rebel without a Cause*). *Love with the Proper Stranger* (her third Oscar nomination) was her finest achievement. Her performance was notable for its dramatic range and for the depth of feeling conveyed by nonverbal technique. It was also another film which probed a contemporary moral dilemma—the choice between a precarious independence and marriage for convenience's sake.

Her screen image as a vulnerable, put-upon female endured in films such as *Inside Daisy Clover* and *This Property Is Condemned*, but it found decreasing popular and critical favor. At the height of her fame, seemingly aware of the need to diversify, Wood branched out into comedy. In this new incarnation, however, she was only intermittently successful. Her best comedy performance was in *Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice*, a brilliant satire on the 1960s obsession with self-discovery and sexual freedom. Unfortunately, her comedic talent was never again harnessed to good effect. During the 1970s her film appearances were infrequent and unexceptional, and she turned increasingly to television. In this medium, as in cinema, her record was uneven. Although she was widely lambasted for her performance in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, she drew critical praise for her portrait of a manic-depressive housewife in *The Cracker Factory*. At the time of her death, she was planning to make her stage debut in a production of *Anastasia*.

Throughout her career, Wood seemed more at ease when she was one step removed from the limelight. In *Inside Daisy Clover*, the only film in which she was the principal focus of attention, she seemed uncomfortable with her responsibilities. In the much underrated *Gypsy*, she was more convincing as the mousy daughter sitting on the sideline than as the brassy burlesque artist occupying center stage. Her ability to survive in an industry notorious for its casualties owed something to this capacity for self-effacement. All her life, she seemed content to support rather than to compete with her fellow actors. Equally important to her longevity as a film actress was her willingness to diversify. She was also helped by the perennial youthfulness of her looks. If Natalie Wood often failed to shine, she nevertheless brightened many moments in cinema history. Her legacy is a memorable series of portraits which threw penetrating light on the changing mores of her generation.

—Fiona Valentine

WOODS, James

Nationality: American. **Born:** James Howard Woods in Vernal, Utah, 18 April 1947. **Education:** Attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1966–69. **Family:** Married 1) Kathryn Greko, 1980

(divorced 1983); 2) Sarah Owen, 1989 (divorced 1990). **Career:** 1970—Broadway debut in *The Borstal Boy*; 1971—TV movie debut in *All the Way Home*; 1972—feature film debut in *The Visitors*; 1978—in TV mini-series *Holocaust*; 1993—in TV series *Fallen Angels*. **Awards:** Obie, Derwent, and Theatre World awards, for *Saved*, 1971; Emmy Award, for *Promise*, 1986. **Agent:** Toni Howard, ICM, 8942 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1971 *All the Way Home* (Coe—for TV) (as Andrew)
- 1972 *The Visitors* (Kazan) (as Bill Schmidt); *Hickey and Boggs* (Culp) (as Lt. Wyatt); *Footsteps (Nice Guys Finish Last)* (Wendkos—for TV) (as reporter); *A Great American Tragedy* (J. Lee Thompson—for TV) (as Rick)
- 1973 *The Way We Were* (Pollack) (as Frankie McVeigh)
- 1974 *The Gambler* (Reisz) (as bank officer)
- 1975 *Distance* (Lover) (as Larry); *Night Moves* (Arthur Penn) (as Quentin); *Foster and Laurie* (Moxey—for TV) (as the addict)
- 1976 *Alex and the Gypsy (Love and Other Crimes)* (Korty) (as Crainpool); *F. Scott Fitzgerald in Hollywood* (Anthony Page—for TV) (as Lenny Schoenfeld); *The Disappearance of Aimee* (Anthony Harvey—for TV) (as Joseph Ryan)
- 1977 *The Choirboys* (Aldrich) (as Harold Bloomgard); *Raid on Entebbe* (Kershner—for TV) (as Capt. Sammy Berg)
- 1978 *The Gift of Love* (Chaffey—for TV) (as Alfred Browning)
- 1979 *The Onion Field* (Becker) (as Gregory Powell); *And Your Name Is Jonah* (Richard Michaels—for TV) (as Danny Corelli); *The Incredible Journey of Doctor Meg Laurel* (Guy Green—for TV) (as the Sin Eater)
- 1980 *The Black Marble* (Becker) (as Fiddler)
- 1981 *Eyewitness (The Janitor)* (Yates) (as Aldo Mercer)
- 1982 *Fast-Walking* (James B. Harris) (as Fast-Walking Miniver); *Split Image* (Kotcheff) (as Charles Pratt)
- 1983 *Videodrome* (Cronenberg) (as Max Renn)
- 1984 *Against All Odds* (Hackford) (as Jake Wise); *Once upon a Time in America* (Leone) (as Max)
- 1985 *Cat's Eye* (Teague) (as Morrison); *Joshua Then and Now* (Kotcheff) (as Joshua Shapiro); *Badge of the Assassin* (Damski—for TV) (as Robert K. Tannenbaum)
- 1986 *Salvador* (Oliver Stone) (as Richard Boyle); *Promise* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as D. J.)
- 1987 *Best Seller* (John Flynn) (as Cleve); *In Love and War* (Paul Aaron—for TV) (as Jim Stockdale)
- 1988 *Cop* (James B. Harris) (as Lloyd Hopkins, + co-pr); *The Boost* (Becker) (as Lenny Brown)
- 1989 *True Believer* (Ruben) (as Eddie Dodd); *Immediate Family (Parental Guidance)* (Kaplan) (as Michael Spector); *My Name Is Bill W.* (Petrie—for TV) (as Bill Wilson)
- 1990 *Women and Men: Stories of Seduction* (Tony Richardson—for TV) (as Robert)
- 1991 *The Hard Way* (Badham) (as John Moss); *The Boys* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Walter Farmer)



James Woods (with crossbow) in *John Carpenter's Vampires*

- 1992 *Straight Talk* (Kellman) (as Jack Russell); *Diggstown* (*Midnight Sting*) (Ritchie) (as Gabriel Caine); *Chaplin* (Attenborough) (as Lawyer Scott); *Citizen Cohn* (Pierson—for TV) (title role)
- 1994 *The Getaway* (Donaldson) (as Jack Benyon); *The Specialist* (Llosa) (as Ned Trent); *Jane's House* (Glenn Jordan—for TV) (as Paul Clark); *Next Door* (Tony Bill—for TV) (as Matt Coler)
- 1995 *Casino* (Scorcese) (as Lester Diamond); *Nixon* (Oliver Stone) (as H. R. "Bob" Haldeman); *Indictment: The McMartin Trial* (Mick Jackson—for TV) (as Daniel Davis); *Curse of the Starving Class* (McClary—for TV) (as Weston Tate)
- 1996 *For Better or Worse* (Jason Alexander) (as James); *The Killer* (Metcalf) (as Carl Panzram); *The Summer of Ben Tyler* (Seidelman—for TV) (as Temple Rayburn)
- 1997 *Hercules* (as voice of Hades, Lord of the Dead); *Kicked in the Head* (Harrison) (as Uncle Sam); *Contact* (Zemeckis) (as Michael Kitz)
- 1998 *America's Endangered Species: Don't Say Good-bye* (Kenner—doc for TV) (as Narrator); *Hercules* (series for TV) (as

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- 1999 *Hercules: Zero to Hero* (as voice of Hades, Lord of the Dead); *True Crime* (Eastwood) (as Alan Mann); *The Virgin Suicides* (Sofia Coppola) (as Mr. Lisbon); *The General's Daughter* (West) (as Col. Robert Moore); *Any Given Sunday* (Stone) (as Dr. Harvey Mandrake)
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Hyper live-wire James Woods understandably grew weary of being typecast as the scum of the earth. What is less comprehensible is his professed desire to be perceived as a conventional leading man when bland emoting in a high-toned soap such as *Immediate Family*

or a fizzless comedy such as *Straight Talk* reveals this actor at his most forgettable. (Did Jack Nicholson ever lose any sleep wishing that he could be George Peppard?) If the movies have never treated the unhandsome Woods like a star, television has proven liberating for the outspoken actor who varies backup work in high-profile prestige such as *Casino* and *Nixon* with superb delineations of more complex roles in television fare such as *Indictment: The McMartin Trial*, *Citizen Cohn*, and *The Boys*.

Leaving academic pursuits behind (after an injury to his right arm ended his dream of a career in medicine), Woods threw himself into the hard-knocks school of theatrical ventures. By the time he was taking bows off and on Broadway (even fooling the producers of *The Borstal Boy* into believing he was actually from Liverpool), the edgy actor felt frustrated by his opportunities and began concertedly studying film acting, self-taught by viewing movies. Putting his research to work with a master, Elia Kazan, in that veteran’s little-seen independent film, *The Visitors*, Woods worked his way up the television movie ranks, always drawing the discerning viewer’s eye no matter how small or narrowly conceived the role. After standing out in the glittering ensemble of the mini-series *Holocaust* (as a Jewish victim married to shiksa Meryl Streep), Woods nailed down his big screen breakthrough in *The Onion Field*. As a coldblooded cop killer who torments his surviving victim by turning jailhouse lawyer, Woods made audiences’ skin crawl. Not since Richard Widmark pushed that wheelchair-bound old lady down the stairs in *Kiss of Death* had a villain caused such a sensation; Woods’s portrayal of evil incarnate could have been lifted from a documentary on an actual avocational murderer.

Frustrated when *The Onion Field* did not open Hollywood’s eyes to his unconventional screen power, Woods drifted back into supporting roles that he seemed to color with his own inner rage. What set his rogues gallery apart from the lowlifes of previous eras was boundless enterprise and brain power. Not descendants from Crimeland’s primordial slime, Woods’s bad boys celebrate their outmaneuvering of the gullible with arias of vitriol. No matter how full of self-loathing his wheeler-dealers in *Against All Odds* or *Once upon a Time in America* may be, the full force of their venom is reserved for others. Offscreen, Woods never concerned himself with campaigns to win friends and influence people, but filmmakers found his presence so violently original that he continued chalking up triumphs despite his knack for overassertiveness. In the underappreciated Faustian black comedy thriller, *Best Seller*, Woods was sublimely unrepentant as a cocky criminal in the mood for memoirs. An unexpected bid for a best actor Oscar for *Salvador* was both a tribute to his performance and to his reputation as an actor’s actor. After this staggeringly acute interpretation of a nihilist redeemed in spite of himself, Woods started getting antihero roles informed by character flaws rather than working malice. If *Salvador* did not propel him to the front rank of film stars, it not only may be due to the limitations of an offbeat persona but also be the result of a risk-taking approach that sometimes sends him so far over the top he parodies himself. If *The Hard Way* is merely a misguided star vehicle ambushed by Woods’s pushiness, his unleavened intensity transforms the anticocaine diatribe, *The Boost*, into a *Reefer Madness* for the 1980s.

Surviving the bad press hovering around his post-*Boost* personal life (a real life “fatal attraction” affair with co-star Sean Young), Woods has found his metier in television even if he yearns for the

headly air breathed by De Niro and Pacino on the silver screen. (Actually, Woods's television work has been more perceptive and fully realized than anything those two icons have done since their heyday.) Whether crystallizing the terrifying self-awareness of a schizophrenic in *Promise* or chronicling the self-destructive binges of the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous in *My Name Is Bill W.*, Woods never distances himself from imperfections in the characters he tackles. Imposing that trademark Woodsian fury on his roles, he still differentiates between a tortured prisoner of war in *In Love and War* and a cynical lawyer-for-sale who reclaims his soul by fearlessly defending the McMartin family on trumped-up child molestation charges in *Indictment*.

As with other character actors turned stars by force of talent (Robert Duvall, Gene Hackman), Woods feeds off a gift for quickly penetrating details, a craft one can only refine through years of labor in the salt mines of small roles. His towering achievement as the tarnished legal savior in *Indictment* is matched if not surpassed by his spin on the sleazebag role of a lifetime, *Citizen Cohn's* Roy Cohn, a legendary opportunist whose closeted sexuality and hypocritical backstabbing assume Shakespearean dimensions in Woods's hands. Tellingly, this dynamic actor makes Cohn's diabolical evil not comprehensible but believable. Just as his monster-men never reveal their true faces until they are at their victims' throats, Woods's antiheroes often get the better of their antagonists with ass-kissing trickery and guile, only this time in the service of a good cause. Having been cinema's specialist in criminal behavior, Woods is now an expert in suggesting how conflicted characters struggle to patch up the fault lines in their personalities. If he continues working at his present level of excellence, Woods will end up being acknowledged as an acting genius.

—Robert Pardi

WOODWARD, Joanne

Nationality: American. **Born:** Thomasville, Georgia, 27 February 1930. **Education:** Attended high school in Greenville, South Carolina; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, for two years; studied acting with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, New York. **Family:** Married the actor Paul Newman, 1958, three daughters. **Career:** Joined the Little Theatre Group in Greenville, then played in summer stock in Chatham, Massachusetts; then television work in New York, and understudy role in Broadway production of *Picnic*; 1955—contract with 20th Century-Fox; film debut in *Count Three and Pray*; 1956—on Broadway in *The Lovers*; 1968—directed by Newman in *Rachel, Rachel*; has made several TV movies. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *The Three Faces of Eve*, 1957; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Rachel, Rachel*, 1968; Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, 1973; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, 1973, and Best Actress, British Academy, 1974, for *Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams*; Best Actress, New York Film Critics, for *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, 1990. **Address:** 1120 5th Avenue #1C, New York, NY 10128, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1955 *Count Three and Pray* (Sherman) (as Lissy)
- 1956 *A Kiss before Dying* (Oswald) (as Dorothy Kingship)
- 1957 *The Three Faces of Eve* (Johnson) (title role); *No Down Payment* (Ritt) (as Leola Boone)
- 1958 *The Long, Hot Summer* (Ritt) (as Clara Varner); *Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!* (McCarey) (as Grace Bannerman)
- 1959 *The Sound and the Fury* (Ritt) (as Quentin Compson)
- 1960 *The Fugitive Kind* (Lumet) (as Carol Cutrere); *From the Terrace* (Robson) (as Mary St. John)
- 1961 *Paris Blues* (Ritt) (as Lillian Corning)
- 1963 *The Stripper (Woman of Summer)* (Schaffner) (as Lila Green); *A New Kind of Love* (Shavelson) (as Samantha Blake)
- 1965 *Signpost to Murder* (Englund) (as Molly Thomas)
- 1966 *A Fine Madness* (Kershner) (as Rhoda Shillitoe); *A Big Hand for the Little Lady (Big Deal at Dodge City)* (Cook) (as Mary)
- 1968 *Rachel, Rachel* (Newman) (title role)
- 1969 *Winning* (Goldstone) (as Elora)
- 1970 *WUSA* (Rosenberg) (as Geraldine); *King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis* (Lumet and Mankiewicz—doc)
- 1971 *They Might Be Giants* (Harvey) (as Dr. Mildred Watson)
- 1972 *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* (Newman) (as Beatrice)
- 1973 *Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams* (Cates) (as Rita Walden)
- 1975 *The Drowning Pool* (Rosenberg) (as Iris Devereaux)
- 1976 *Sybil* (Petrie—for TV) (as Dr. Wilbur)
- 1977 *Come Back, Little Sheba* (Narizzano—for TV)
- 1978 *The End* (Burt Reynolds) (as Jessica); *See How She Runs* (Heffron—for TV) (as Betty Quinn); *A Christmas to Remember* (Englund—for TV) (as Mildred McCloud)
- 1979 *The Streets of L.A.* (Freedman—for TV)
- 1980 *The Shadow Box* (Newman—for TV); *Angel Dust* (doc—for TV) (as narrator)
- 1981 *Crisis at Central High* (Johnson—for TV)
- 1984 *Harry and Son* (Newman) (as Lilly); *Passions* (Stern—for TV) (as Catherine Kennerly)
- 1985 *Do You Remember Love* (Bleckner—for TV) (as Barbara Wyatt-Hollis)
- 1987 *The Glass Menagerie* (Newman) (as Amanda)
- 1990 *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge* (Ivory) (as India Bridge)
- 1993 *Blind Spot* (Michael Toshiyuki Uno—for TV) (as Congresswoman Nell, + co-pr); *Foreign Affairs* (O'Brien—for TV) (as Vinnie Miner); *Philadelphia* (Jonathan Demme) (as Sarah Beckett); *Age of Innocence* (Scorsese) (as narrator)
- 1994 *Breathing Lessons* (Erman—for TV) (as Maggie Moran)
- 1996 *James Dean: A Portrait* (Legon—doc for TV) (as herself)
- 1998 *My Knees Were Jumping: Remembering the Kindertransports* (Hacker—doc) (as Narrator)

Films as Director:

- 1982 *Come along with Me* (for TV)
- 1984 *The Hump Back Angel*



Joanne Woodward with Yul Brynner in *The Sound and the Fury*

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While not as prolific a film actor as her illustrious husband, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward nonetheless has etched some memorable celluloid characterizations. Outstanding in her early film career is her portrayal of the title role in *The Three Faces of Eve*, in which she plays a mentally disturbed young woman who has three distinct

personalities: a dull Southern housewife, a sex kitten, and a well-balanced and reasonable woman. What makes this film work is the fascination and credibility of Woodward's triple-personality character, right down to the details of voices, gestures, and body movements which she adjusted for each of the women inside Eve's mind. Although this was only her third appearance in films, the tour-de-force performance established her as a star and earned her an Academy Award (a feat she accomplished a full three decades prior to Newman).

From the very start of her career, Woodward displayed versatility. She could play a suburbanite (*No Down Payment and Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!*), a dissatisfied Southern belle (*The Long, Hot Summer*), a spinster (*Rachel, Rachel*), or the title role in *The Stripper* (which originally was meant for Marilyn Monroe). What gives unity to her portrayals is the spirit and spunk with which she endows the characters. It should be noted that Woodward started acting in movies at a time when it was fashionable for female characters to be glamorous and almost altogether helpless. Woodward, a pretty blond who never really bespoke glamour, usually was cast as women who were discontent, "causey" or more seriously rebellious, or were fated to cope with the unfortunate lot they had been dealt.

In her very first appearance in *Count Three and Pray*, she is a feisty, unwashed teenaged backwoods girl who eventually becomes civilized—without relinquishing all of her spiritedness—when she encounters a willful, handsome parson (Van Heflin). She acts the part with great strength of purpose, and displays a gamin quality which she subsequently carried over into several comedy roles. This especially was the case in *A New Kind of Love*, in which she plays an American plain-Jane in Paris who obtains a fashion makeover and in so doing attracts the attention of a playboy journalist, played by Paul Newman. The more serious and earthy rebel character came out in her role as a sex-hungry urchin who craves Marlon Brando in *The Fugitive Kind*.

After *The Three Faces of Eve*, Woodward's best screen roles came either opposite Newman or in films directed by her husband. Their first effective pairing occurred in *The Long, Hot Summer*, and they are said to have fallen in love on the set. Indeed, they were married the same year. One can feel the heat between the two characters, he a handsome and clever but low-class drifter who strives for a more advantageous position in life, and she, the daughter of wealth, who passionately desires this beautiful stranger but fights against being manipulated by her father into marriage. Since then, Woodward and Newman have appeared together in comedies (*Rally 'round the Flag, Boys!* and *A New Kind of Love*), a glossy Hollywood soap opera (*From the Terrace*), and a string of dramas, including the very fine *Paris Blues*, an offbeat Paris-based romance of two jazz musicians and the two female tourists they befriend. In more recent years, they teamed for *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, based on two Evan S. O'Connell novels, which chronicles two decades in the life of a staid Kansas City couple.

With Newman as her director, Woodward presented several outstanding, multitiered characterizations at a time when Hollywood actresses were complaining of the sparsity of solid screen roles. She most often was cast as middle-aged women who were quietly leading unfulfilled lives, and who experience emotional crises. Possibly the finest is the drama *Rachel, Rachel*, in which she portrays a sexually naive old maid schoolteacher who is frustrated by the lack of meaning in her life. Another memorable performance is in the film version of Paul Zindel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, where she plays an eccentric, alienated mother of two daughters. *Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams* places

her in the role of an unhappy, frigid woman who is caught in an unfulfilled upper-middle-class marriage. She is at odds with her son, who is gay, and has just experienced the sudden demise of her elderly mother.

Over the years, Woodward has been a vigorous crusader for various liberal social and political causes. Her dedication to these causes has been reflected in her choice of parts, particularly her decision to play a college professor who falls victim to Alzheimer's disease in a highly praised, television movie *Do You Remember Love*. This particular disease is spoken of mainly in hushed tones or not discussed at all by many families of its victims, so it was quite a bold—and instructive—move for Woodward to portray the sufferings of this character. She won an Emmy for her efforts, but the greater reward came in making known some of the more confounding facts of the illness. Also along that line is her role on the big screen as the mother of a gay man (Tom Hanks) who is battling AIDS in *Philadelphia*. Another interesting recent role came opposite James Garner in the television movie *Breathing Lessons*, a sensitive comedy-drama of a longtime married couple in which she once more portrayed an offbeat, troubled middle-aged wife struggling to live a meaningful life.

Over and over, from the beginning of her career, Woodward has created fascinating, full-blooded screen characters whose personalities have shed light on the cobwebbed corners of intimate and disturbed minds, or given joy through their offbeat and comical bent. For her offscreen social issue work and her on-screen accomplishments, she has won the respect of her industry colleagues and the public.

—Audrey E. Kupferberg

WRAY, Fay

Nationality: American. **Born:** Vina Fay Wray near Cardston, Alberta, Canada, 15 September 1907; became U.S. citizen, 1935. **Education:** Attended Hollywood High School. **Family:** Married 1) the writer John Monk Saunders, 1928 (divorced 1939), daughter: Susan; 2) the writer Robert Riskin, 1942 (died 1955), daughter: Vicki, son: Robert Jr.; 3) Sanford Rothenberg, 1971. **Career:** 1923—film debut in short *Gasoline Love*; 1928—in von Stroheim's *The Wedding March*; 1931—stage debut in Saunders's play *Nikki on Broadway*; 1935–36—made several films in England; later stage work includes roles in *The Night of January 16th* and *The Petrified Forest*, 1938, in her own and Sinclair Lewis's play *Angela Is Twenty-Two* in Detroit and Chicago, 1939, *Golden Wings on Broadway*, 1941, and *Mr. Big*, 1941; 1953–55—in TV series *The Pride of the Family*. **Address:** 2160 Century Park East no. 1901, Los Angeles, CA 90067, U.S.A.

Films as Actress:

- 1923 *Gasoline Love* (short)
- 1925 *The Coast Patrol* (Barsky) (as Beth Slocum); *A Cinch for the Gander*

Fay Wray in *King Kong*

- 1926 *The Man in the Saddle* (Reynolds or Smith) (as Pauline Stewart); *The Wild Horse Stampede* (Rogell) (as Jessie Hayden); *Lazy Lightning* (Wyler) (as Lila Rogers)
- 1927 *Loco Luck* (Smith) (as Molly Vernon); *A One Man Game* (Laemmle) (as Roberts); *Spurs and Saddles* (Smith) (as Mildred Orth)
- 1928 *Legion of the Condemned* (Wellman) (as Christine Charteris); *Street of Sin* (Stiller) (as Elizabeth); *The First Kiss* (Lee) (as Anna Lee); *The Wedding March* (von Stroheim) (as Mitzi Schrammell)
- 1929 *The Four Feathers* (Cooper, Schoedsack, and Mendes) (as Ethne Eustace); *Thunderbolt* (von Sternberg) (as Ritzy); *Pointed Heels* (Sutherland) (as Laura Nixon)
- 1930 *Behind the Makeup* (Milton) (as Marie); "Dream Girl" technicolor segment of *Paramount on Parade*; *The Texan* (Cromwell) (as Consuelo); *The Border Legion* (Brower and Knopf) (as Joan Randall); *The Sea God* (Abbott) (as Daisy)
- 1931 *The Finger Points* (Dillon) (as Marcia Collins); *Not Exactly Gentlemen*; *The Conquering Horde* (Sloman) (as Taisie Lockhart); *Three Rogues* (Stoloff) (as Lee Carleton); *Dirigible* (Capra) (as Helen); *Captain Thunder* (Crosland) (as Ynez Dominguez); *The Honeymoon* (von Stroheim) (as Mitzi Schrammell); *The Lawyer's Secret* (Gasnier and Marcin) (as Kay Roberts); *The Unholy Garden* (Fitzmaurice) (as Camille)
- 1932 *Stowaway* (Whitman); *Doctor X* (Curtiz) (as Joan Xavier); *The Most Dangerous Game* (Schoedsack and Pichel) (as Eve Trowbridge)
- 1933 *The Vampire Bat* (Strayer) (as Ruth Bertin); *Mystery of the Wax Museum* (Curtiz) (as Charlotte Duncan); ***King Kong*** (Cooper and Schoedsack) (as Ann Darrow); *Below the Sea* (Rogell) (as Diane Templeton); *Ann Carver's Profession* (Buzzell) (title role); *The Woman I Stole* (Cummings) (as Vida Carew); *The Big Brain* (Archainbaud) (as Cynthia Glennon); *One Sunday Afternoon* (Roberts) (as Virginia Brush); *Shanghai Madness* (Blystone) (as Wildeth Christie); *The Bowery* (Walsh) (as Lucy Calhoun); *Master of Men* (Hillyer) (as Kay Walling)
- 1934 *Madame Spy* (Freund) (as Maria); *Once to Every Woman* (Hillyer) (as Mary Fanshawe); *Cheating Cheaters* (Thorpe) (as Nan Brockton); *Woman in the Dark* (Rosen); *White Lies* (Bulgakov); *The Countess of Monte Cristo* (Freund) (as

- Janet Kreuger); *Viva Villa!* (Conway) (as Teresa); *Black Moon* (Neill) (as Gail); *The Affairs of Cellini* (La Cava) (as Angela); *The Richest Girl in the World* (Seiter) (as Sylvia Vernon)
- 1935 *The Clairvoyant* (*The Evil Mind*) (Elvey) (as Renee); *Come Out of the Pantry* (Raymond) (as Hilda Beach-Howard); *Alias Bulldog Drummond* (*Bulldog Jack*) (Forde) (as Ann Manders); *Mills of the Gods* (Neill)
- 1936 *When Knights Were Bold* (Raymond) (as Lady Rowena); *Roaming Lady* (Rogell) (as Joyce); *They Met in a Taxi* (Green) (as Mary)
- 1937 *It Happened in Hollywood* (*Once a Hero*) (Lachman) (as Gloria Gay); *Murder in Greenwich Village* (Rogell) (as Kay Cabot)
- 1938 *Smashing the Spy Ring* (Cabanne) (as Eleanor Dunlap); *The Jury's Secret* (Sloman) (as Linda Ware)
- 1939 *Navy Secrets* (Bretherton) (as Carol)
- 1940 *Wildcat Bus* (Woodruff) (as daughter of bus-line owner)
- 1941 *Adam Had Four Sons* (Ratoff) (as Molly); *Melody for Three* (Kenton) (as the mother)
- 1942 *Not a Ladies' Man* (Landers)
- 1944 *This Is the Life* (Feist) (+ sc)
- 1953 *Small Town Girl* (Kardos) (as Mrs. Kimbell); *Treasure of the Golden Condor* (Daves) (as Marquise)
- 1955 *The Cobweb* (Minnelli) (as Edna Devanel); *Queen Bee* (MacDougall) (as Sue McKinnon)
- 1956 *Hell on Frisco Bay* (Tuttle) (as Kay Stanley); *In Times Like These* (Seiter)
- 1957 *Crime of Passion* (Oswald) (as Alice Pope); *Tammy and the Bachelor* (Pevny) (as Mrs. Brent); *Rock, Pretty Baby* (Bartlett) (as Beth Daley)
- 1958 *Summer Love* (Haas) (as Beth Daley); *Dragstrip Riot* (*The Reckless Age*) (Bradley)
- 1980 *Gideon's Trumpet* (Collins—for TV) (as Edna Curtis)
- 1997 *Frank Capra's American Dream* (Bowser—doc for TV) (as herself)
- 1998 *Universal Horror* (Brownlow—doc for TV) (as herself)

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If Fay Wray had made only one film in her career—*King Kong*—she would have earned her spot in the annals of screen history. When she co-starred as the classic damsel-in-distress opposite moviedom’s most famous ape, she already was an established actress who had worked in major silent and sound Hollywood productions. Her sometimes stiff, sometimes exaggerated performance in *King Kong* has been misread by film enthusiasts who have not had the awareness of her earlier career.

Five years before *King Kong*, von Stroheim realized Wray’s potential for expressive acting when he cast her in *The Wedding March* as Mitzi, an ill-fated commoner who becomes the love object of a prince. But *The Wedding March* was a Hollywood oddity, an extravagant art film and a commercial failure, so Wray was unable to sustain her career playing in similar films. Instead, she was destined to be cast as conventional leads, with the exception coming when her association with *King Kong* directors Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack led to her all-too-brief reign in horror films. She became the genre’s first sex symbol in *King Kong*, as well as in *Mystery of the Wax Museum*, *Dr. X*, *Vampire Bat*, and others, with her wholesome good looks and innocent demeanor effectively presented in contrast to the “monsters.”

Wray is remembered for these few horror films, and it is disappointing that she did not appear in additional ones. As she aged, she might have been an asset to the 1940s horror cycle and 1950s science-fiction films.

—Anthony Ambrogio, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

WYMAN, Jane

Nationality: American. **Born:** Sarah Jane Fulks in St. Joseph, Missouri, 4 January 1914. **Education:** Attended Los Angeles High School; University of Missouri, Columbia, 1935. **Family:** Married 1) Myron Futterman, 1937 (divorced 1939); 2) the actor Ronald Reagan, 1940 (divorced 1948), daughter: Maureen, adopted son: Michael; 3) Freddie Karger, 1952 (divorced 1955); 4) Freddie Karger, 1963 (divorced 1965). **Career:** 1932—film debut (as Sarah Jane Fulks) in *The Kid from Spain*; had a few small parts in other films, then enrolled at the University of Missouri; radio singer (as Jane Durrell); 1936–49—contract with Warner Brothers; 1955–58—host and actress on TV series *The Jane Wyman Theater*; 1981–90—starring role in TV series *Falcon Crest*. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award, for *Johnny Belinda*, 1948. **Address:** 3970 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230, U.S.A.



Jane Wyman

Films as Actress:

(as Sarah Jane Fulks)

- 1932 *The Kid from Spain* (McCarey) (as a Goldwyn Girl)
 1933 *Elmer the Great* (LeRoy) (bit role)
 1934 *College Rhythm* (Taurog) (bit role)
 1935 *Rumba* (Gering) (as chorus girl); *All the King's Horses* (Tuttle) (bit role); *Stolen Harmony* (Werker) (bit role as girl)
 1936 *King of Burlesque* (Lanfield) (bit role as girl); *Anything Goes* (*Tops Is the Limit*) (Milestone) (bit role); *My Man Godfrey* (La Cava) (as party-goer)

(as Jane Wyman)

- 1936 *Stage Struck* (Berkeley) (as Bessie Fuffnick); *Cain and Mabel* (Lloyd Bacon) (bit role); *Polo Joe* (McGann) (as polo spectator); *Smart Blonde* (McDonald) (as Dixie)
 1937 "Love and War" production number of *Gold Diggers of 1937* (Lloyd Bacon) (as chorus girl); *Ready, Willing and Able* (Enright) (as Dot); *The King and the Chorus Girl* (LeRoy) (as Babette); *Slim* (Enright) (as Stumpy's girl friend); *The Singing Marine* (Enright) (as Joan); *Mr. Dodd Takes the Air* (Alfred E. Green) (as Marjorie Day); *Public Wedding* (Grinde) (as Flip Lane)
 1938 *The Spy Ring* (Joseph H. Lewis) (as Elaine Burdette); *Fools for Scandal* (LeRoy) (bit role); *He Couldn't Say No* (Seiler); *Wide Open Faces* (Neumann) (as Betty Martin); *The Crowd*

- Roars* (Thorpe) (as Vivian); *Brother Rat* (Keighley) (as Claire Adams)
 1939 *Tail Spin* (Del Ruth) (as Alabama); *Private Detective* (Noel Smith) (as Myrna Winslow); *The Kid from Kokomo* (Seiler) (as Miss Bronson); *Torchy Plays with Dynamite* (Noel Smith) (as Torchy Blane); *Kid Nightingale* (Amy) (as Judy Craig)
 1940 *Brother Rat and a Baby* (Enright) (as Claire Ramm); *An Angel from Texas* (Enright) (as Marge Allen); *Flight Angels* (Seiler) (as Nan Hudson); *My Love Came Back* (Bernhardt) (as Joy O'Keefe); *Tugboat Annie Sails Again* (Seiler) (as Peggy Armstrong); *Gambling on the High Seas* (Amy) (as Laurie Ogden)
 1941 *Honeymoon for Three* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Elizabeth Clochessy); *Bad Men of Missouri* (Enright) (as Mary Hathaway); *You're in the Army Now* (Seiler) (as Bliss Dobson); *The Body Disappears* (Lederman) (as Lynn Shotesbury)
 1942 *Larceny, Inc.* (Lloyd Bacon) (as Denny Costello); *My Favorite Spy* (Garnett) (as Connie); *Footlight Serenade* (Ratoff) (as Flo La Verne)
 1943 *Princess O'Rourke* (Krasna) (as Jean)
 1944 *Make Your Own Bed* (Godfrey) (as Susan Courtney); *Crime by Night* (Clemens) (as Robbie Vance); *The Doughgirls* (Kern) (as Vivian); *Hollywood Canteen* (Daves) (as herself)
 1945 *The Lost Weekend* (Wilder) (as Helen St. James)
 1946 *One More Tomorrow* (Godfrey) (as Fran Connors); *Night and Day* (Curtiz) (as Gracie Harris); *The Yearling* (Brown) (as Ma Baxter)
 1947 *Cheyenne* (Walsh) (as Ann Kincaid); *Magic Town* (Wellman) (as Mary Peterman)
 1948 *Johnny Belinda* (Negulesco) (as Belinda McDonald)
 1949 *A Kiss in the Dark* (Daves) (as Polly Haines); *The Lady Takes a Sailor* (Curtiz) (as Jennifer Smith); *It's a Great Feeling* (David Butler) (as herself)
 1950 *Stage Fright* (Hitchcock) (as Eve Gill); *The Glass Menagerie* (Rapper) (as Laura Wingfield)
 1951 *Three Guys Named Mike* (Walters) (as Marcy Lewis); *Here Comes the Groom* (Capra) (as Emmadel Jones); *The Blue Veil* (Bernhardt) (as Louise Mason); *Starlift* (Del Ruth) (as herself)
 1952 *The Story of Will Rogers* (Curtiz) (as Betty Rogers); *Just for You* (Nugent) (as Carolina Hill)
 1953 *Let's Do It Again* (Hall) (as Constance Stuart); *So Big* (Wise) (as Selina Dejong)
 1954 *Magnificent Obsession* (Sirk) (as Helen Phillips)
 1955 *Lucy Gallant* (Parrish) (title role); *All that Heaven Allows* (Sirk) (as Cary Scott)
 1956 *Miracle in the Rain* (Maté) (as Ruth Wood)
 1959 *Holiday for Lovers* (Levin) (as Mary Dean)
 1960 *Pollyanna* (Swift) (as Aunt Polly)
 1962 *Bon Voyage!* (Neilson) (as Katie Willard)
 1969 *How to Commit Marriage* (Lilley) (as Elaine Benson)
 1971 *The Failing of Raymond* (Sagal—for TV) (as Mary Bloomquist)
 1978 *The Outlanders* (Green)
 1979 *The Incredible Journey of Dr. Meg Laurel* (Guy Green—for TV) (as Granny Arrowroot)
 1981–90 *Falcon Crest* (Arner and Badiyi—series for TV) (as Angela Channing)
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Decades before she was to become the star of the prime-time television soap opera *Falcon Crest*, Jane Wyman was just another "cute" Hollywood blond with a turned-up nose who populated dozens of B films, usually playing a wisecracking friend of the star or a gold-digging chorus girl. Wyman provided some light, enjoyable moments in a wide variety of 1930s comedies such as *Brother Rat* and *The Kid from Kokomo*. As the war years dawned, she began to get increasingly better parts, mostly in Warner Brothers features such as *Larceny, Inc.* and *The Doughgirls*.

In 1945 Wyman's career changed sharply for the better when she began to dye her hair brown and appeared in several well-received straight dramatic roles. Beginning with the critically acclaimed *The Lost Weekend*, Wyman showed a dramatic depth to her acting which the public had not seen. During the late 1940s and early 1950s she received several Academy Award nominations and received an Oscar

for Best Actress for her touching performance as the deaf-mute heroine of *Johnny Belinda*.

Wisely varying her genres once she attained major stardom, Wyman often highlighted a chin-quivering vulnerability while playing down the verve she displayed as the longest-running starlet in B-movie history. Despite being outclassed in terms of theatrical training and despite being too old for the tricky role, her halting Laura is the most memorable performance in *The Glass Menagerie*. Although she radiates movie-star assuredness in all her 1950s soap operas (*So Big*, *Lucy Gallant*, *Magnificent Obsession*) she is most incandescent in *All that Heaven Allows*, the most caustic slap at suburban America's snobbism and agism that has ever slipped past a major studio head's attention span. If she had sobbed at the victim well once too often by the time she experienced her *Miracle in the Rain*, she also brought new meaning to the word "vivacious" in some minor musicals (*Just for You*, *Here Comes the Groom*, *Let's Do It Again*) that should have made MGM sit up and take notice.

Although her screen appearances grew sparse, particularly after the rise and fall of her heralded television anthology, *The Jane Wyman Show*, she always could be counted on to enliven the proceedings even in vanilla-flavored Disney ventures. Still, none of her joie de vivre prepared Wyman groupies for her steely stint in *Falcon Crest*, in which she huffed and puffed hammily, reportedly ran the set with an iron glove borrowed from the character she played, and locked horns with such formidable guest-starring divas as Kim Novak, Gina Lollobrigida, and Lana Turner. If her Angela Channing, the Wicked Witch of the Wine Country, cannot be considered fine acting on a par with her most masterful big-screen legacy, *The Yearling*, it is just as unforgettable in its own shameless, scenery-chewing way. Popping up infrequently since her vintage soap series was canceled, Wyman can regard her kaleidoscopic career as a testament to the resilience, clear-sightedness, and good humor her fans have always responded to, whether Wyman happened to be casting herself as fluffy contract player, song-and-dance gal, drama doyenne, or television matriarch from Hell.

—Patricia King Hanson, updated by Robert Pardi

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YAMADA, Isuzu

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Mitsu Yamada in Osaka, 5 February 1917; daughter of the actor Kusuo Yamada. **Education:** Began studying dance, singing (*samisen*), and narration (*kiyomoto*) in 1922, license in *kiyomoto*, 1927. **Family:** Married 1) the actor Ichiro Tsukida, 1935 (divorced 1942), daughter: the actress Michiko Saga; 2) the producer Kazuo Takimura, 1942 (divorced); 3) the actor Shotaro Hanayagi, 1943 (divorced); 4) the director Teinosuke Kinugasa (divorced); 5) the actor Yoshi Kato, 1950 (divorced 1954); one additional marriage. **Career:** 1930—joined the Nikkatsu Studio, and studied with the director Kunio Watanabe; film debut in *Tsurugi o koete*; established her reputation as an actress during the next decade with films from the Nikkatsu Studio, the Daiichi Company, 1934–36, Shinko Kinema, 1936–38, Toho studio, 1938–46, and Shin-Toho studio, 1947; 1931—stage debut; 1951—joined the leftist Mingei theater group, and later co-founded the Gendai Haiyu Kyokai theater group with Kato; 1957—international recognition for role in Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood*; active in television after 1957, and concentrated on stage work after 1964. **Awards:** Many Japanese prizes for both film and stage acting.

Films as Actress:

- 1930 *Tsurugi o koete* (Watanabe) (as Okayo); *Dai-Chushingura* (Ikeda) (as Hinagiku); *Fuun tenman-zoshi*; *Suronin Chuya* (Ito) (as Yae); *Udeippon* (Watanabe); *Kyoen koigassen* (Watanabe); *Koiguruma* (Watanabe); *Koi moyo*; *Sakanaka ronin*; *Nigeyuku Kodenji* (Itami); *Kobo Shinsen-gumi*; *Zen-shi*, *Ko-shi* (Ito); *Sarutobi Sasuke*; *Tadanao-kyo gyojo-ki* (as Matsue)
- 1931 *Edo bishonen-roku*; *Onai goju-ryo*; *Edokko ichiba*; *Mabuta no haha* (Inagaki) (as Otoyo); *Tabi no hito*; *Araki Mataemon*; *Ohitsu oharetsu Somekawa Shohachi*; *Nippon niyu-roku seijin*; *Zoku Ooka seidan*; *Mazo kaiketsu-hen* (Ito) (as Osuzu); *Fuyuki shinju* (Tsuji) (as Okiku); *Adauchi senshu* (Uchida) (as Oshizu)
- 1932 *Kokushi muso* (Itami) (as Yae); *Yatoro-gasa*; *Kyorai no maki*, *Dokuho no maki* (Inagaki) (as Oyuki); *Yamiuchi tosei* (Itami) (as Oshizu); *Ai wa dokomaremo* (Uchida); *Kinno inakazamurai* (as Kishimatsu); *Byakuya no kyoen* (Makino) (as Oichi)
- 1933 *Iniwa Hachiro*; *Shinju fujin*; *Koya no ka*; *Tsukigata Hanpeita* (Ito) (as Umematsu); *Tange Sazen* (Ito) (as Hagino); *Konjiki-yasha* (as Omiya); *Nyonin Mandara* (Ito) (as Yukiyo); *Dansai Hyoe issho-tabi*
- 1934 *Nyonin Mandara, Part II* (Ito) (as Yokimo); *Jinya no Shotaro*; *Budo kagami* (Itami) (as Otae); *Furyu katsujin-ken* (Yamanaka) (as Okyo); *Chirimen kuyo*; *Tange Sazen*; *Kenteki-hen*; *Ureshii koro*; *Chushingura*; *Ninjo-hen*, *Fukushu-hen* (as Yozenin); *Aizo-toge* (*The Mountain Pass of Love and Hate*) (Mizoguchi) (as Utakichi); *Sado jowa*; *Kensetsu no hitobito* (Ito)
- 1935 *Orizuru Osen* (*The Downfall of Osen*) (Mizoguchi) (as Osen); *Oroku kanzashi*; *Maria no Oyuki* (*Oyuki the Madonna*) (Mizoguchi) (title role); *Ojo Okichi*; *Chichi kaeru haha no kokoro*; *Shinno Tsuruchiyo* (Ito) (as Kikuhime and Himegiku)
- 1936 *Naniwa ereji* (*Osaka Elegy*) (Mizoguchi) (as Ayako Murai); *Shiju-hachi-nin me* (Ito); *Gion no shimai* (*Sisters of Gion*) (Mizoguchi) (as Umekichi); *Kutsukake Tokijiro* (Kinugasa) (as Okinu); *Aozora roshi* (as Fujio-hime)
- 1937 *Kinno inaka-zamurai*; *Then kurote-gume*; *Yoshia goten* (Nobuchi); *Nangoku satsuma-uta*; *Kekkon he no michi* (Tanaka); *Osaka natsu no jin* (*The Summer Battle of Osaka*) (Minugasa) (as Sen-hime)
- 1938 *Shizuka gozen*; *Uta-kichi andon*; *Tsuruhachi tsurijiro* (Naruse) (as Tsuruhachi); *Budo sen-ichi-ya*; *Shinpen Tange Sazen*; *Yoto no maki*, *Futate no maki* (Watanabe)
- 1939 *Chushingura, Part II* (as Okaru); *Higuchi Ichiyo* (title role); *Kenka-tobi* (Ishida); *Sono Zenya*; *Shinpen Tange Sazen*; *Sogan no maki*, *Koiguruma no maki* (Watanabe)
- 1940 *Keshoyuki*; *Hebihime-sama* (*The Snake Princess*) (Jinugasa) (as Oshima); *Niizuma kagami* (Watanabe); *Arashi nisakuhana*; *Mozu*; *Sakujitsu kieta oto* (as Kotomi)
- 1941 *Ani no hanayome*; *Shinpen bocchan*; *Kaiketsu*; *Shanghai no tsuki* (*Shanghai Moon*) (Naruse); *Yukiko to Natsuko*; *Jogakusei-ki*; *Kawanakajima gassen* (*The Battle of Kawanakajima*) (Jinugasa) (as Oshino)
- 1942 *Musashibo Benkei*; *Matteita otoko* (Makino); *Fukei-zu* (Makino) (as Otsuta); *Zoku Fukei-zu* (Makino) (as Otsuta)
- 1943 *Ina no Kantaro* (Takizawa) (as Oshin); *Uta-andon* (*The Song Lantern*) (Naruse) (as Osode); *Meijin Chojiro-bori* (Hagiwara) (as Outa); *Himataru kakugo*
- 1944 *Shibaido* (*The Way of Drama*) (Naruse); *Yottsuo no kekkon*
- 1946 *Hinoki butai* (Toyoda); *Aru yo no tonosama* (*Lord for a Night*) (Kinugasa) (as Omitsu)
- 1947 *Toho senichiya* (*1001 Nights with Toho*) (Ichikawa); *Joyu* (Actress) (Kinugasa) (as Sumako Matsui)
- 1948 *Koban-zame*; *Aizo-hen* (Kinugasa); *Koi okami-bi* (Suda) (as Kiyoshi Kusuda)
- 1949 *Hana no tsukihi*; *Koga yashiki* (*Koga Mansion*) (Kinugasa); *Hebihime dochu* (Kimura)
- 1950 *Koku Hebihime dochu* (Kimura); *Kageboshi*; *Zoku Kageboshi*; *Haruka nari haha no kuni* (Ito); *Otomi to Tosaburo* (Fuyushima) (as Otomi); *Bojo*; *Tateshi Danpei* (Makino); *Fuun Konpira-san*; *Amagi kara kita otoko*; *Midareboshi Aragami-yama* (Hagiwara)
- 1951 *Oboro-kago*; *Otsuya goroshi* (Makino); *Wagaya wa tanoshi* (Nakamura); *Kurama-tengu*; *Kakubei-jishi*; *Natsumatari sando-gasa*; *Orizuru-gasa* (Fuyushima); *Umi no hanabi*; *Oedo gonin otoko*; *Satsuma hikyaku*

- 1952 *Haha nareba onna nareba* (Kamei); *Shusse tohi*; *Hanahagi sensei to Santa*; *Hakone fuun-roku* (Yamamoto, Kusuda, and Kosaka) (as Ritsu); *Ako-jo* (Hagiwara); *Tsukigata Hanpeita*; *Zoku Ako-jo* (Hagiwara); *Mazo*; *Itoshigo to taete yukamu* (Nakagawa); *Gendaijin* (Shibuya); *Mangetsu sanju-koku-sen* (Murune)
- 1953 *Edo iroha matsuri*; *Kaga-sodo* (Saeki); *Onna hitori daichi o yuku* (Kamei); *Shukuzu* (Epitome) (Shindo); *Kumo nagareru hate ni* (Ieki); *Abare-jishi*; *Miseraretaru tamashii*; *Hiroshima* (Sekigawa); *Onna Kanja hibun: Ako-roshi* (Sasaki)
- 1954 *Tojin Okichi*; *Mama no shinkon-ryoko*; *Kinsei Meishobu monogatari*; *Ogongai no hoshu*; *Ooka seidan: Yogiden: Hakuro no kamen*, *Jigokudani no taiketsu*; *Mitsu no ai*; *Chushingura* (47 Loyal Ronin) (Ohsone) (as Riku); *Hirate Miki*; *Karatachi no hana*; *Okuman-choja* (A Billionaire) (Ichikawa)
- 1955 *Aisureba koso*; *Tokyo no sora no shita niwa*; *Ai no onimotsu* (Kawashima); *Banba no Chutaro*; *Yataro-gasa*; *Furisode kenpo*; *Minamoto Yoritsune*; *Takekurabe* (Comparison of Heights; Growing Up; Daughters of Yoshiwara) (Gosho) (as Oyoshi); *Hana hiraku*; *Araki Mataemon*; *Seido no Kirisuto* (Shibuya); *Jinsei tohbo-gaeri*; *Ishi-gassen* (Wakasugi) (as the mother); *Wakaki ushio*
- 1956 *Oatari otoko ichidai*; *Namida no hanamichi*; *Zoku Minamoto Toshitsune*; *Yuyake-gume* (Clouds at Twilight) (Kinoshita); *Hahako-zo* (Saeki); *Bysai monogatari*; *Aya ni kanashiki*; *Kyoraku yonin otoko*; *Neko to Shozo to futari no onna* (A Man, a Cat and Two Women) (Toyoda) (as Shinako); *Nagareru* (Flowing) (Naruse) (as Tsuta-yakko); *Oshidori no aida*
- 1957 *Kumonosu-jo* (Throne of Blood; Cobweb Castle; The Castle of the Spider's Web; Macbeth) (Kurosawa) (as Lady Washizu); *Onna dake no machi*; *Abarenbo kaido* (Uchida); *Tokyo boshoku* (Tokyo Twilight) (Ozu) (as Kikuko Soma); *Hikage no musume*; *Ikiteiru ningyo*; *Dai Chushingura*; *Donzoko* (The Lower Depths) (Kurosawa) (as Osugi, the landlady); *Kuroi kawa* (Kobayashi); *Shitamachi* (Downtown) (Chiba) (as Orio); *Samurai Nippon*
- 1958 *Haha san-nin*; *Shiki no aiyouku*; *Noren* (Kawashima); *Taiko-ki*; *Dai-Tokyo tanjo*; *Oedo no kane*; *Nemuri Kyoshiro burai hikaie*; *Majin jigoku*; *Akujo no kisetsu* (Shibuya)
- 1959 *Fubuki to tomo ni kieyukinu*; *Shura-zakura*; *Aijo-fudo*; *Banjin no santo-kocho*; *Hime-yasha gyojo-ki*; *Todoke haha no sakebi*; *Hana no Banzui-in*; *Wakare*; *Furai monogatari*; *Ninkyo-hen*; *Onatsu torimono-cho*; *Tsukiyo ni kieta onna*; *Painappuru butai*
- 1960 *Sen-hime goten*; *Nurekami kenka tabi*; *Yokaren monogatari*; *Konpeki no sora toku*; *Hiho*; *Bonchi* (Ichikawa); *Tenpo rokkasen*; *Jigokuno hanamichi*; *Kusama no Hanjiro*; *Kiri no naka no wataridori*; *Ruten*; *Yoru no nagare*; *Onatsu torimono-cho*; *Torima*; *Furyu Fukagawa-uta*; *Furai monogatari*; *Abare Hisha*; *Tenka gomen*; *Robo no ishi* (The Wayside Pebble) (Hisamatsu)
- 1961 *Osaka-jo monogatari* (Daredevil in the Castle; Devil in the Castle) (Inagaki) (as Yodogimi); *Moza* (Shibuya); *Yojimbo* (The Bodyguard) (Kurosawa) (as Orin); *Anju to Zushio-maru* (animation) (as voice); *Hitorine*; *Shaka* (Buddha) (Misumi) (as Kalidevi)

- 1962 *Sanroku*; *Yama no sanku: Moyuru wakamono-tachi* (Glory on the Summit; Burning Youth) (Shinoda) (as Taka Hirooka); *Sanbyaku-rokuju-go-ya*; *Shin no shikotei* (The Great Wall) (Tanaka) (as dowager empress)
- 1963 *Sakiko-san chotto*; *Ratai* (The Body) (Narusawa)
- 1967 *Ooku maruhi monogatari*
- 1970 *Onna kumicho*
- 1978 *Yagyū ichizoku no inbo* (Shogun's Samurai) (Fukasaku) (as Sugenin Oeyo)
- 1984 *Hissatsu!* (Hissatsu!: Sure Death) (Sadanaga) (as "Shamisen Shop" Oriku)

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By YAMADA: article—

"Memories of Mizoguchi," in *Cinema* (Beverly Hills), Spring 1971.

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Still a teenager, but an actor's daughter, Isuzu Yamada began her career as a period film star at the Nikkatsu Studio in 1930. She studied with director Kunio Watanabe, and, through working with excellent period film directors such as Ito, Itami, Uchida, Inagaki, Makino, and Yamanaka, and playing opposite such stars as Denjiro Okochi and Chiezo Kataoko, she gradually established herself as the most popular actress at Nikkatsu.

She did not gain critical acclaim, however, until her two films for Mizoguchi in 1936: *Osaka Elegy* and *Sisters of Gion*. In both films she played strong-willed "modern girls" (*moga*) who rebel against their environments, using their beauty and youth to take advantage of exploitative men, although they are finally vanquished by them. Yamada achieved powerful performances, even utilizing the Osaka and Kyoto dialects to project a heightened realism. In the famous last shot of *Osaka Elegy*, which is the film's only close-up, Yamada stares defiantly at the camera, directly implicating the audience in her character's downfall.

During the war she established the theater group Shin Engi-za with actor Kazuo Hasegawa and continued her stage activities. Her post-war film work began with her collaboration with Kinugasa, producing fine results such as *Lord for a Night*, in which she lightly played the role of a pure-hearted inn maid, and *Actress*, in which she passionately portrayed the innovative actress Sumako Matsui.

After her private relationship with Kinugasa (her fourth of six husbands) ended and she began a new relationship with leftist actor Yoshi Kato, Yamada started to participate in the leftist independent film movement. One of the representative works that brought her recognition was her performance as the wife in the feudal period piece *Hakone fuun-roku*. Although Yamada, in a prolific professional career, played various roles for many directors including Ichikawa, Kobayashi, Kawashima, Shibuya and Shinoda, her most memorable postwar roles are those of the ex-wife in Toyoda's comedy, *A Man, a Cat and Two Women*, and of the weary brothel owner in Naruse's *Flowing*. For Kurosawa, she played Lady Washizu (Macbeth) in *Throne of Blood*, employing the Noh play-style of acting with horrifying effectiveness; the role brought her international acclaim. She also starred as the greedy landlord's wife in *The Lower Depths* and the nagging wife of the head of a competing sect in *Yojimbo*. Her intensity was well-suited to Kurosawa's powerful direction. She

excelled at powerful portrayals of strong-willed women as well as the more delicate characterizations of women who are aging and showing the suffering of life.

Her achievements were acknowledged many times during her long stage and screen career. The consistent high quality of her best-known performances makes one wish her many other films were more widely available.

—Kyoko Hirano, updated by Corey K. Creekmur

YAMAMURA, So

Nationality: Japanese. **Born:** Yoshida Koga in Tenri City, 24 February 1910. **Education:** Studied German literature at Imperial University, Tokyo, was graduated in 1935. **Military Service:** 1944–45. **Career:** Actor and director with the Taiyo-za theater; joined the Shochiku studio's Kansai Shimpa group; 1936—co-founder of the Inoue Engeki Dojo theater group, and formed the Bunka-za theater group, 1942; 1946—film debut in *Inochi aru kagiri*; 1952–54—founding member of Gendai Production Company; 1953—directed his first film, *Kani-ko sen*; 1954–65—director of the Ginza Production Company; active in television since the mid-1960s. **Awards:** Several Japanese prizes for acting and directing. **Died:** 26 May 2000 in Suginami, Tokyo, Japan, of myocardial infarction.

Films as Actor:

- 1946 *Inochi aru kagiri* (Kusada)
- 1947 *Chikagai no nijuyo-jikan*; *Joyu Sumako no koi* (Mizoguchi) (as Hogetsu Shimamura)
- 1948 *Dai-ni no jinsei* (Sekigawa); *Otoko o sabaku onna* (Sasaki); *Taifu-ken no onna* (as gangster boss); *Midori naki shima*; *Yukyo no mure* (Osone)
- 1949 *Onna no tataakai*; *Kirare no Senta*; *Utsukushiki batsu* (Oba); *Ryusei* (Abe); *Umi no yaju*; *Daitokai no kao* (Abe); *Maboroshi fujin*; *Hana no sugao*
- 1950 *Shojo-dakara* (Shima); *Kageboshi*; *Hakuchu no ketto* (Saeiki); *Haha-tsubaki*; *Tokyo mushuku* (Chiba); *Josei tai danse* (Saburi); *Ai no sanga*; *Dokuga* (Sunohara); *Shiroi yaju*; *Nankai no joka*; *Munekata-shima* (The Munekata Sisters) (Ozu) (as Kyosuke Mimura); *Senka o koete* (Sekigawa); *Yuki-fujin ezu* (Madame Yuki) (Mizoguchi) (as Tatsuoka); *Gunkan sudeni kemuri nashi* (Sekigawa); *Otone no yogiri* (Hirade); *Kikyo* (Oba); *Jonetsu no rumuba*
- 1951 *Eriko to tomoni* (Toyoda) (as Eriko's father); *Zemma* (The Good Fairy) (Kinoshita); *Nessa no byakuran* (Kimura); *Jiyu gakko* (Yoshimura); *Sonohito no na wa ienai* (Sugie); *Dare ga watashi o sabakunoka* (Taniguchi); *Sekirei no kyoku* (Toyoda); *Maihime*; *Musashino fujin* (Lady Musashino) (Mizoguchi) (as Eiji Ono); *Hirate Miki* (Namiki) (title role); *Hibari no komori-uta*; *Honoo no hada*
- 1952 *Meshi* (Repast) (Naruse); *Kenju jigoku*; *Keian hi-cho*; *Gunro no machi*; *Seishun kaigi*; *Kaze futatabi* (Toyoda); *Uogashi shunjitsu*; *Okuni to Gohei*; *Shinrun dorobo*; *Atakake no hitobito* (Hisamatsu); *Konna watashi ja nakattani*; *Onna no inochi*; *Asakusa yonin shimai*; *Gendaijin* (Shibuya); *Choito neesan omoide yanagi*; *Ashi ni sawatta onna* (The Woman Who Touched Legs) (Ichikawa); *Oka wa hanazakari* (Chiba); *Ringo-en no shojo*; *Joka* (Oba)
- 1953 *Fukeyo harukaza* (Taniguchi); *Mura hachibu* (Imaizumi); *Shukuzu* (Epitome) (Shindo); *Ganpeki* (Nakamura); *Ochiba nikki*; *Tokyo monogatari* (Tokyo Story) (Ozu) (as Koichi); *Nigorie* (Muddy Water) (Imai)
- 1954 *Yama no oto* (Sounds from the Mountains; Sound of the Mountain) (Naruse); *Moeru Shanhai*; *Shinjitsu ichiro*; *Rakei kazoku*; *Kaze tachinu*; *Mama no shinkon-ryoko*; *Kakute yume ari*; *Dobu* (Gutter) (Shindo); *Nippon yaburezu*; *Karatachi no hana*; *Otsukisama niwa waruikedo*
- 1955 *Hitokiri Hikosai*; *Aisureba koso*; *Sugata Sanshiro*; *Ikutoshi ikeru mono*; *Sengoku hibun*; *Bocchan kisha*; *Ai no inomotsu*; *Mori Ranmaru*; *Yuki no honoo*; *Jukyu no hanayome*; *Seishun kaidan*; *Yokihi* (Princess Yang Kwei-fei) (Mizoguchi) (as Anrokuzan); *Ashita kuru hito*; *Fukushu no shichikamen*
- 1956 *Soshun* (Early Spring) (Ozu) (as Yutaka Kawai); *Ma no kisetsu*; *Haru no mizuumi*; *Mahiru no ankoku* (Darkness at Noon) (Imai); *Shu to midori* (Nakamura); *Wasurenu bojo* (Champi); *Tsuruhachi Tsurujiro*; *Nisshoku no natsu* (Horikawa); *Tsukigata Hanpeita*; *Hana no maki*; *Arashi no maki* (Kinugasa) (as Kogoro Katsura); *Yonjuhachi-sai no teiko* (48-Year-Old Rebel; Protest at 48 Years Old) (Yoshimura); *Hana futatabi*; *Typhon sur Nagasaki* (Typhoon over Nagasaki) (Ciampi)
- 1957 *Kyofu no kuchu satsujin*; *Hakuji no hito*; *Fujinka-i no kokuhaku*; *Tokyo boshoku* (Tokyo Twilight) (Ozu) (as Tsumoru Sekiguchi); *Doshaburi* (Nakamura); *Jigokubana*; *Chieko-sho* (Kumagai) (as Kotaro Takamura); *Yoruno cho* (Night Butterflies) (Yoshimura); *Bakuon to daichi* (Sekigawa); *Ana* (The Pit; The Hole) (Ichikawa)
- 1958 *Anzukko* (Naruse); *Gendai mushuku*; *Yatsu no hajiki wa jigoku daze*; *Oban*; *Kanketsu-hen* (Chiba); *Hibari no hanagata tantei gassen*; *Kibo no otome*; *Murasaki zokin*; *Musume no naka no musume*; *The Barbarian and the Geisha* (Huston) (as Tamura)
- 1959 *Chushingura* (as Hyobu Chisaka); *Ningen no joken* (The Human Condition; No Greater Love) (Kobayashi) (as Okishima); *Muhomachi no yarodomo*; *Yoru no haiyaku*; *Kurobune*; *Itazura* (Nakamura); *Tatsumaki bugyo*; *Jigoku no soko made tsukiauze*; *Jyan Arima no shugeki*; *Shizukanaru kyodan*; *Shingo jubanshobu, Part II*; *Yami o yokogire*
- 1960 *Hibari no zoku beranmee geisha*; *Hatamoto to Bانشiin*; *Otoko no Taiketsu*; *Ore kara ikuzo*; *Shori to haiboku*; *Keishicho monogatari*; *Kikikomi*; *Fundoshi isha* (The Country Doctor; Life of a Country Doctor) (Inagaki) (as Dr. Meikai Ikeda); *Sabaku o wataru taiyo*; *Furyo shojo*
- 1961 *Berammee geisha makaridoru*; *Ore ga jigoku no tejina-shi da*; *Are ga minato no tomoshibi da* (That Is the Port Light) (Imai); *Hanjo* (Nakamura); *Hatamoto kenka-daka*; *Gonin no totsugekitai*; *Waga koi no tabiji*; *Hayabusa daimyo*; *Anju to Zushio-maru* (animation) (as voice); *Kako* (Nakamura); *Haitoku no mesu* (Nomura); *Netsuaisha*; *Happyakuman-goku ni idomu otoko*; *Sekai daisenso* (Matsubayashi); *Aijo no keifu* (Record of Love; Love's Family Tree) (Gosho) (as Shuzo sugi)
- 1962 *Katei no jijo*; *Senkyaku banrai* (Nakamura); *Yume de aritai*; *Yopparai tengoku*; *Karami-ai* (The Inheritance) (Kobayashi) (as clerk); *Musume to watashi* (My Daughter and I) (Horikawa) (as the father); *Taiheiyō senso to himeyuri*

- butai*; *Ano kumo no hate ni hoshi wa matataku*; *Akitsu onsen* (Yoshida); *Honkon no hoshi* (*Star of Hong Kong*) (Chiba); *Yama no sanko: Moyuru wakamonotachi* (*Glory on the Summit; Burning Youth*) (Shinoda) (as Eijo Hirooka); *Gishi shimatu-ki*; *Namidao Shishi no tategami no* (*Tears on the Lion's Mane*) (Shinoda); *Kanshaku rojin nikki* (Kimura); *Kawano hotoride* (*Born in Sin*)
- 1963 *Ano hashi no tamoto de, Part III: Ano hito was ima* (Nomura); *Staatanjo*; *Hana no saku ie*; *Zoku shinobi no mono* (*Return of Ninja*) (Yamamoto) (as Mitsuhide Akechi); *Gyangu chushingura*; *Oni-kenji*; *Akatsuki no gassho*
- 1964 *Kizudarake no sanga* (Yamamoto) (as Katsuhei Arima)
- 1965 *Nikutai no gakko* (*School for Sex; School of Love*) (Kinoshita); *Ane to imouto*; *Utsukishisa to kanashimi to* (*With Beauty and Sorrow*) (Shinoda) (as Toshio Ooki); *Taiheiyo kiseki no sakusen: Kisuka*
- 1967 *Nippon no ichiban nagai hi* (*The Emperor and a General*) (Okamoto) (as Navy Minister)
- 1970 *Gekido no Showa-shi: Gunbatsu* (Horikawa); *Tora! Tora! Tora!* (Fleischer) (as Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto)
- 1972 *Kozure ookami: Oya no kokoro ko no kokoro*
- 1973 *Hissatsu shikake-nin*; *Hissatsu shikake-nin: Baiko ari-jigoku*
- 1974 *Hissatsu shikake-nin: Shinsetsu shikake-bari*; *Nostoradamusu no daiyogen* (*Prophecies of Nostradamus; Catastrophe 1999*) (Masuda)
- 1975 *Domyaku retto* (Masumura)
- 1978 *Inubue* (Nakajima)
- 1983 *Nankyoku monogatari* (*Antarctica*) (Kurahara)
- 1986 *Gung Ho* (*Working Class Man*) (Ron Howard) (as Mr. Sakamoto)
- 1991 *Gojira VS. Kingugidora* (*Godzilla vs. King Ghidora*) (as Prime Minister)

Films as Actor and Director:

- 1953 *Kani-ko sen* (*The Crab-Canning Ship*) (ro as Matsuki, + sc)
- 1954 *Kuroi ushio* (*Black Tide*) (as Hayami)
- 1955 *Sara no hanano toge*
- 1959 *Hahakogusa*; *Kashimanada no onna* (*The Maidens of Yashima Sea*)
- 1960 *Furyu Fukagawa uta* (*The Song of Fukagawa*)

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So Yamamura began his career as a stage actor, shifting to film after World War II. Perhaps because of his origins, he always studied the screenplay before accepting a role. His acting style was as careful as his attitude.

Yamamura's greatest recognition in his early period was the result of his portrayal of the stagnant husband in Ozu's *The Munekata*

Sisters. He depicted this lonely man's frustration so effectively that he made the character seem sympathetic as well as depressing. His vivid performance seemed to symbolize the bleak family relationships of the postwar period. Among Yamamura's contributions to Ozu's other films, his controlled performance as the eldest son in *Tokyo Story* is especially memorable.

In addition to his work with Ozu, Yamamura played several important roles of the films of Mizoguchi. Eventually, however, he established a leftist independent film company, Gendai Productions, and actively involved himself in the independent film movement. He produced and directed several films that were politically controversial and were not accepted by the major studios, but that demonstrated his ability to give realistic performances and to create dynamic and carefully constructed films. Examples of these include *Kani-ko sen*, which depicts the exploitation of a crab ship's workers (based on a proletarian literary classic), and *Kuroi ushio*, which tells the story of a reporter who challenges authority, only to be ultimately defeated by it.

Perhaps Yamamura's most remarkable characteristic was his versatility. Some of his most moving performances were in the role of an older man in love with a younger woman, as in the sensitive film adaptations of Kawabata's novels, *Sound of the Mountain* and *With Beauty and Sorrow*. Perhaps the most outstanding creation of Yamamura's film career, however, was the business mogul in Satsuo Yamamoto's *Kizudarake no sanga*, which has become the archetype of the lonely villain who is also a victim of his own boundless ambition. Yamamura's versatility as an actor is ample proof that his talent was equal to his integrity and devotion to his craft.

—Kyoko Hirano

YANKOVSKY, Oleg

Pseudonym: Oleg Jankowski. **Nationality:** Russian. **Born:** 23 February 1944. **Education:** Studied acting at the Solonov Actors Studio, Saratov, was graduated 1965. **Family:** Married Lyudmila Zorina, one son. **Career:** Stage actor with the Saratov Drama Theatre, and since 1977 at the Lenin Komsomol Theatre, Moscow: roles in Russian and foreign classics; 1968—film debut in *Shchit i mech*; also a television actor. **Address:** Komsomolsky Prospekt 41, Apt. 10, 119270 Moscow, Russia.

Films as Actor:

- 1968 *Shchit i mech* (*Shield and Sword*) (Basov) (as Heinrich Schwartzkopf); *Sluzhili dva tovarishcha* (*Two Comrades Served*) (Karelov) (as Nekrasov)
- 1969 *Beloe solntse pustiny* (*The White Sun of the Wilderness*) (Motyl); *Zhdi menya, Ana* (*Wait for Me, Ana*) (Vinogradov) (as Sergei Novikov); *Daleko ot voyny* (*Far from War*)
- 1970 *Ya, Frantsisk skorina* (Stepanov) (title role); *Rasplata* (*Payment*) (Filippov) (as Alexei Platov); *Sokhranivshie ogon* (Karelov) (as Semion)
- 1971 *O lyubvi* (*About Love*)
- 1972 *Gonshchiki* (*The Racers*) (Maslennikov) (as Sergachev)
- 1974 *Ghev* (Gibu and Proskurov) (as Leonte Chebotaru); *Pod kamennym nebom* (*Beneath a Stony Sky*) (Anderson and

- Maslennikov) (as Iashka); *Premiya (The Prize)* (Mikaelyan) (as Sololakhin)
- 1975 *Zerkalo (The Mirror)* (Tarkovsky) (as Otets); *Chuzhie pisma (Other People's Letters)* (Averbakh) (as Priakhin); *Zvezda plenitel'nogo schastiya (The Star of Captivating Happiness)* (Motyl) (as Ryleev)
- 1976 *Dlinnoe, dlinnoe delo (A Long, Long Affair)* (Aronov and Shredel) (as Vorontsov); *Doverie (Trust)* (Tregubovich) (as Piatakov); *Polkovnik v otstavke (The Retired Colonel)* (Sheshukov) (as Alexei); *72 gradusa nizhe nulia (72 Degrees below Zero)* (Danilin and Tatarskii) (as Sergei Popov); *Sladkaya zhenzhchina (A Sweet Woman)* (Fetin) (as Tikhon); *Slovo dlya zashchity (A Word for the Defense)* (Abdrashitov) (as Ruslan); *Sentimentalnyi roman* (Maslennikov) (as Ilya Gorodnitskii)
- 1977 *Obratnaya svyaz (Feedback)* (Tregubovich) (as Sakulin); *The Shooting Party* (Lotyanu)
- 1978 *Moi laskovyi i nezhnyi zver (My Tender Loving Beast)* (Lotyanu) (as Kamyshev); *Povorot (The Turning Point)* (Abdrashitov) (as Viktor Vedenev); *Obuknovennoe utro (Zakharov)* (as Khoziain)
- 1979 *Tot samyi Myunkhauzen (Munchhausen Himself)* (Zakharov) (title role); *Otkrytaya kniga (An Open Book)* (Fetin) (as Raevskii)
- 1980 *My, nizhepodpisavshiesya... (We, the Undersigned)* (Lioznova) (as Semenov)
- 1981 *Shlyapa (The Hat)* (Kvinikhidze) (as Lenisev); *Sobaka Baskervilei* (Maslennikov—for TV) (as Stepelton)
- 1982 *Vlublen po sobstvennomu zelanij (Voluntarily in Love)* (Mikaelyan) (as Igor); *Polioty vo sne naiavou (Dream Flights)* (Balayan) (as Sergei Makarov); *Dom, kotoryi postroil swift* (Zakharov—for TV)
- 1983 *Nostalgia (Nostalgia)* (Tarkovsky) (as Gortchkov)
- 1986 *Khrani menio, moi talisman* (Balayan) (as Liosha Dmitriev)
- 1987 *Kreutzerova Sonata* (Shveytizer) (as Vasili Pozdyshev)
- 1988 *Filer* (Balayan)
- 1989 *Ubit Drakona* (Zakharov); *Az en XX. Szazadom (My 20th Century)* (Enyedi) (as Z)
- 1990 *Mado, Poste Restante* (as Jean-Marie Zerlini)
- 1991 *Tsareubiitsa (Assassin of the Tsar)* (Shakhnazarov) (as Dr. Smirnov/Tsar Nicholas II)
- 1993 *Moi Ivan, Toi Abraham (Ivan and Abraham; Me Ivan, You Abraham)* (Zauberman)
- 1995 *Mute Witness* (Waller) (as Larsen); *Pervaya lyubov (First Love)* (Balayan)
- 1996 *Rokovye yajtsa (Fatal Eggs)* (Lomkin) (as Persikov); *Muzhchina dlya molodoj devushki (A Man for a Young Girl)* (Ibragimbekov); *Milyi drug davno zabytykh let (Sweet Friend of Years Forgotten Long Ago)* (Samsonov); *Revizor (Inspector)* (Gazarov)
- 1998 *Alissa* (Goldschmidt) (as Kosicz)

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Oleg Yankovsky's film career was launched by a chance meeting with the Soviet film director Vladimir Basov in a cafe in Lvov. Basov invited the young actor, a graduate of the Solonov Actors Studio in Saratov, to play the antagonist in his next film, *Shchit i mech*.

Since that auspicious debut, Yankovsky's career has been closely tied to the new artistic tendencies in Soviet cinema, particularly when it comes to portraying new conceptions of traditional figures. In the 1960s and early 1970s, Yankovsky's roles were predominantly patterned around this theme—several directors found his boyish figure, intelligently ironic features, and sardonic smile ideally suited to their unconventional approaches to historical characters. The most notable example of Yankovsky's work from this period is his Nekrasov in *Sluzhili dva tovarishcha*, a student in St. Petersburg who joins the Red Army, taking part in the Revolution not only with his gun, but with his camera. The director, Karelov, had originally intended Yankovsky for the part of the antagonist Brusnetsov (played by Vladimir Visodsky), but gambled successfully on Yankovsky's ability to play heroic roles without resorting to larger-than-life mannerisms. Instead, Yankovsky's special ability appears to be his talent for making historic figures seem familiar and understandable to contemporary audiences, an attribute also evident in his performance in the title role of *Ya, Frantsisk skorina* as an enlightened 14th-century humanitarian.

Yankovsky's realistic talent made him a natural candidate for roles in contemporary Soviet films that focused on the complex moral and social issues confronting a socialist economic system. His ability to express the inner emotions of his characters lifted his portrayals of Communist Party leaders (in *Premiya* and *Obratnaya svyaz*) far above the popular film stereotypes.

Perhaps the most consistent feature of Yankovsky's film career has been his constant diversification of roles. This tendency became very evident in the 1970s, when Yankovsky's creative restlessness propelled him through a large group of varied roles, not all of them major (some were small and even episodic). Throughout this diversity, a unifying theme remained in the actor's continued exploration of complex, often contradictory characters, who frequently undergo violent emotional turmoil. An especially interesting example is Yankovsky's performance in Emil Lotyanu's *Moi laskovyi i nezhnyi zver*. In this adaptation of Chekhov's *Hunting Drama*, Yankovsky's character is Kamyshev, a bright and gifted man whose personality is dramatically crushed by the mediocre pettiness and false morality of a small provincial Russian town. Yankovsky gives one of his best performances as he expresses the gradual deterioration of Kamyshev's character, which ultimately transforms him into a murderer.

Character transformation is also a central theme of the musical *Shlyapa*, in which Yankovsky played an egocentric trumpeter who survives a deep emotional crisis, affecting both his private life and his career. Similarly, Yankovsky has played Igor, an alcoholic who reforms, in *Vlublen po sobstvennomu zelanij*.

Yankovsky is also known for his collaboration with the director Andrey Tarkovsky in *Nostalghia* and *Zerkalo*. In addition to his active film career, Yankovsky also continues to act on the stage, maintaining his status as one of the most popular Russian actors.

—Christina Stoyanova

YORK, Michael

Nationality: British. **Born:** Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, 27 March 1942. **Family:** Married photographer Patricia McCallum in 1968. **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in English from Oxford University. **Career:** 1962–64—appeared in stage productions of Oxford University Dramatic Society; 1964—first professional stage experience, with Dundee Repertory Company; 1965—joined National Theatre Company, first major success in production of *Much Ado about Nothing*; 1966—first film role, as Lucentio in Zefferilli's *Taming of the Shrew*; 1968—earns fame in role of Tybalt in Zefferilli's film of *Romeo and Juliet*; 1973—stars as D'Artagnan in *The Three Musketeers*, Broadway debut, in *Outcry*; 1975—title role in *Logan's Run*; 1977—portrays John the Baptist in TV film *Jesus of Nazareth*; 1999—"comeback" roles in *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* and *The Omega Code*; **Address:** 9100 Cardell Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90069, U.S.A.

Films as Actor:

- 1967 *La Bisbetica Domata (The Taming of the Shrew)* (Zefferilli) (as Lucentio); *Red and Blue* (Richardson); *Smashing Time* (Davis) (as Tom Wabe); *Accident* (Losey) (as William)
- 1968 *The Strange Affair* (Greene) (as Peter Strance); *Romeo and Juliet* (Zefferilli) (as Tybalt)
- 1969 *Justine* (Cukor) (as Darley); *Alfred the Great* (Donner) (as Guthrum); *The Guru* (Ivory) (as Tom Pickle)
- 1970 *Something for Everyone (Black Flowers for the Bride; The Rook)* (Prince) (as Konrad Ludwig)
- 1971 *Zeppelin* (Perier) (as Geoffrey Richter-Douglas); *La Poudre D'Escampette (French Leave; Touch and Go)* (deBroca) (as Basil)
- 1972 *Cabaret* (Fosse) (as Brian Roberts)
- 1973 *The Three Musketeers* (Lester) (as D'Artagnan); *Lost Horizon* (Jarrott) (as George Conway); *England Made Me* (Duffell) (as Anthony Farrant)
- 1974 *Murder on the Orient Express* (Lumet) (as Count Andrenyi); *The Four Musketeers* (Lester) (as D'Artagnan)
- 1975 *Conduct Unbecoming* (Anderson) (as Arthur Drake)
- 1976 *Logan's Run* (Anderson) (as Logan); *Seven Nights in Japan* (Gilbert) (as Prince George)
- 1977 *The Last Remake of Beau Geste* (Feldman) (as Beau Geste); *The Island of Doctor Moreau* (Taylor) (as Andrew Braddock); *Jesus of Nazareth* (Zefferilli—for TV) (as John the Baptist)
- 1978 *Fedora* (Wilder) (as himself); *Much Ado about Nothing* (McWhinnie—for TV) (as Benedick); *Speed Fever* (Morra and Orefici)
- 1979 *A Man Called Intrepid* (Carter—for TV) (as Evan Michaelian)
- 1980 *Final Assignment* (Almond) (as Lyosha Petrov)
- 1981 *Vendredi ou la Vie Sauvage (Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday)* (Vergez—for TV) (as Robinson Crusoe); *The White Lions* (Stuart) (as Chris McBride)
- 1983 *The Phantom of the Opera* (Markowitz—for TV) (as Hartnell); *Au Nom de Tous les Miens (For Those I Loved)* (Fernandez—for TV) (as Martin Gray)
- 1984 *Success Is the Best Revenge* (Skolimowski) (as Alex Rodak); *Master of Ballantrae* (Hickox—for TV) (as James Durrie)
- 1985 *Space* (Phillips and Sargent—for TV) (as Dieter Kolff); *L'Aube (The Dawn)* (Jancso) (as John Dawson)
- 1986 *Dark Mansions* (London—for TV) (as Jason Drake); *The Far Country* (Miller—for TV) (Carl Zlinter); *Sword of Gideon* (Anderson—for TV) (as Robert)
- 1987 *Der Joker (Lethal Obsession)* (Patzak) (as Dr. Proper); *Un Delitto Poco Comune (Off Balance; Phantom of Death)* (Deodato) (as Robert Dominici)
- 1988 *Killing Blue (Midnight Cop)* (Patzak) (as Karstens); *The Four Minute Mile* (Goddard) (as Franz Stampfl)
- 1989 *Till We Meet Again* (Jarrott—for TV) (as Paul de Lancel); *The Lady and the Highwayman* (Hough—for TV) (as King Charles II); *The Secret of the Sahara* (Negrin) (as Desmond Jordan); *The Heat of the Day* (Morahan) (as Robert); *The Return of the Musketeers* (Lester) (as D'Artagnan)
- 1990 *Night of the Fox* (Jarrott) (as Rommel); *Come See the Paradise* (Parker) (as Band Leader)
- 1991 *Eline Vere* (Kumel) (as Lawrence St. Claire); *Rochade* (Patzak—for TV) (as Paul Grumbach); *The Wanderer* (Lewis) (as The Wanderer)
- 1992 *Duel of Hearts* (Hough—for TV) (as Gervaise Warlingham); *The Long Shadow* (Zsigmond) (as Gabor/Raphael Romandy)
- 1993 *David Copperfield* (Arioli—for TV) (as Murdstone); *Wide Sargasso Sea* (Duigan) (as Paul Mason); *Discretion Assured* (Mendes) (as Trevor)
- 1994 *Fall From Grace* (Hussein—for TV) (as Stromelburg); *Tekwar: Teklab* (Bond—for TV) (as Richard Stewart)
- 1995 *Gospa* (Sedlar) (as Milan Vukovic); *Not of This Earth* (Winkless) (as Paul Johnson); *L'Ombra Abitata* (Mazzucco); *A Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* (Thomas) (as Merlin)
- 1996 *September* (Bucksey—for TV) (as Edmund); *La Nouvelle Tribu* (Vadim—for TV) (as Ilya); *Dark Planet* (Magnoli) (as Winter); *The Ring* (Mastroianni) (as Walmar von Gotthard)
- 1997 *The Ripper* (Meyers—for TV) (as Charles Warren); *Goodbye America* (Notz) (as Senator Bladon); *True Women* (Arthur—for TV) (as Lewis Lawshe); *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery* (Roach) (as Basil Exposition)
- 1998 *A Knight in Camelot* (Young—for TV) (as King Arthur); *The Treat* (Gems) (as Simon); *54* (Christopher) (as The Ambassador); *Wrongfully Accused* (Proft) (as Hibbing Goodhue); *Lovers and Liars* (Freed); *Merchants of Venus* (Richmond); *One Hell of a Guy* (Pasternak); *Perfect Little Angels* (Bond) (as Dr. Calvin Lawrence)
- 1999 *The Omega Code* (Marcarelli) (as Stone Alexander); *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (Roach) (as Basil Exposition); *Ghostly Rental* (Marcus) (as Professor



Michael York (second from left), Oliver Reed, Richard Chamberlain and Frank Finlay in *The Three Musketeers*

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Michael Johnson knew from an early age that he wanted a career as an actor. This led him, as a young man, to adopt the professional surname of "York" (inspired by a brand of cigarettes). Growing up just outside of London, York had the opportunity of joining the newly-formed National Youth Theatre, which had been founded to give talented children a chance to develop their thespian talents. York continued with acting while a student at England's prestigious Oxford University. His contemporaries in the Oxford Dramatic Society included Michael Palin and Terry Jones, who would later form the famous comedy troupe "Monty Python." A few months after graduation, York was on tour with the Dundee Repertory when he learned that Lawrence Olivier (perhaps the greatest actor that Britain had ever produced) was forming the British National Theatre Company. York auditioned, and was one of the first actors accepted. Many of his fellow performers—such as Maggie Smith, Derek Jacobi, Ian McKellan, Albert Finney, and Lynn Redgrave—would go on to become major figures on the stage and screen

York's work with the National Theatre brought him into contact with Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, who directed several plays for Olivier's new troupe, including *Much Ado about Nothing*, which featured York in a prominent role. A year after directing York on stage, Zeffirelli cast him in the film version of another Shakespeare work, *The Taming of the Shrew*. York's performance as Lucentio so impressed his director that Zeffirelli called again two years later, offering York the role of Tybalt in the new film version of *Romeo and Juliet*. Zeffirelli's production proved to be one of the biggest hits of 1968, and young Michael York suddenly found himself considered a movie actor.

Although starring roles in several major films followed, York never gained the international superstar status enjoyed by some of his countrymen (such as Sean Connery and Michael Caine). He did achieve fame for several of his roles in the 1970s—bisexual Brian Roberts in *Cabaret* (1972), D'Artagnan in Richard Lester's *The Three Musketeers* (1973), the title character in the futuristic sci-fi film *Logan's Run* (1976), and John the Baptist in Zeffirelli's made-for-TV epic, *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977).

But prominent roles in A-list films seemed to elude Michael York throughout the 1980s and most of the 1990s. He did, however, keep working regularly, playing mostly supporting roles—in films large and small, on stage in England and the U.S., and in episodic TV. He once described his career philosophy to an interviewer in this way: "Stay around, and stay busy."

However, in the late 1990s, York's film career received a distinct boost, from a couple of unlikely sources. He played Basil Exposition, head of Her Majesty's Secret Service, in two Austin Powers films: *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery* (1997) and its sequel, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (1999). The two films, which starred Mike Myers, spoof the 1960s secret agent craze and were highly successful at the box office. In addition, York starred in *The Omega Code* (1999), an apocalyptic thriller made by a small, Christian-oriented production company operating on a shoestring budget. Despite the lack of a major studio to publicize the film, it was extremely popular among fundamentalist Christians, who were often told about it (and urged to see it) by their local preachers.

Whether his recent box-office successes will lead Michael York back into prominence in the twenty-first century remains to be seen, but it seems likely that, either way, he will continue to follow his own advice: "Stay around, and stay busy."

—Justin Gustainis

YORK, Susannah

Nationality: British. **Born:** Susannah Yolande Fletcher in London, England, 9 January 1941. **Education:** Attended Marr College, Troon, Scotland; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, 1956–58. **Family:** Married Michael Wells, 1960 (divorced 1976), children: Sasha, Orlando. **Career:** On stage with provincial repertory companies; 1960—film debut in *Tunes of Glory*; 1964—on stage in *Wings of the Dove*; later roles in *The Maids*, 1974, *Peter Pan*, 1977, *Hedda Gabler*, 1981, and *Agnes of God*, 1983; 1982—in TV series *We'll Meet Again*; also *Trainer and Devices* and *Desires*, 1991; 1985—in TV mini-series *Tender Is the Night*. **Awards:** Best Supporting Actress, British Academy, for *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?*, 1969; Best Actress, Cannes Festival, for *Images*, 1972.

Films as Actress:

- 1960 *Tunes of Glory* (Neame) (as Morag Sinclair); *There Was a Crooked Man* (Burge) (as Ellen)
- 1961 *The Greengage Summer (Loss of Innocence)* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Joss Grey)
- 1962 *Freud (Freud: The Secret Passion)* (Huston) (as Cecily Koertner)
- 1963 *Tom Jones* (Richardson) (as Sophie Western)
- 1964 *The Seventh Dawn* (Lewis Gilbert) (as Candace Trumpey); *Scene Nun, Take One* (Hatton) (as the actress)
- 1965 *Scruggs* (Hart) (as Susan); *Sands of the Kalahari* (Endfield) (as Grace Monckton)
- 1966 *Kaleidoscope (The Bank Breaker)* (Smight) (as Angel McGinnis); *A Man for All Seasons* (Zinnemann) (as Margaret More)
- 1968 *Mr. Sebastian (Sebastian)* (David Greene) (as Becky Howard); *Duffy* (Parrish) (as Segolene); *The Killing of Sister George* (Aldrich) (as Alice "Childie" McNaught)
- 1969 *Lock Up Your Daughters* (Coe) (as Hilaret); *Oh! What a Lovely War* (Attenborough) (as Eleanor); *Battle of Britain* (Hamilton) (as Section Officer Maggie Harvey); *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* (Pollack) (as Alice LeBlanc); *Country Dance (Brotherly Love)* (J. Lee Thompson) (as Hilary Dow)
- 1971 *Zee and Company (X, Y, and Zee)* (Hutton) (as Stella); *Jane Eyre* (Delbert Mann—for TV) (title role); *Happy Birthday, Wanda June* (Robson) (as Penelope Ryan); *Second Chance* (Tewksbury—for TV)
- 1972 *Images* (Altman) (as Cathryn, + story)
- 1974 *Gold* (Hunt) (as Terry Steyner)
- 1975 *Conduct Unbecoming* (Anderson) (as Mrs. Marjorie Scarlett); *The Maids* (Miles) (as Claire); *That Lucky Touch* (Miles) (as Julia Richardson)
- 1976 *Sky Riders* (Hickox) (as Ellen Bracken); *Eliza Fraser* (Burstall) (title role)
- 1978 *Superman* (Richard Donner) (as Lara); *The Shout* (Skolimowski) (as Rachel)
- 1979 *The Silent Partner* (Duke) (as Julie Carver); *The Golden Gate Murders (Phantom of the Golden Gate; Specter on the Bridge)* (Grauman—for TV) (as Sister Venecia)
- 1980 *The Awakening* (Newell) (as Jane Turner); *Superman II* (Lester) (as Lara); *Long Shot* (Hatton) (as herself); *Falling in Love Again (In Love)* (Paul) (as Sue Lewis, + co-sc); *Loophole (Break In)* (Quested) (as Dinah Booker)
- 1982 *We'll Meet Again* (Wharmby—for TV)
- 1983 *Yellowbeard* (Damski) (as Lady Churchill); *Nelly's Version* (Hatton) (as narrator)
- 1984 *A Christmas Carol* (Clive Donner—for TV) (as Mrs. Cratchit); *Macho* (Gessner—for TV)
- 1985 *A Month in the Country* (Lawrence); *Star Quality* (Dosser—for TV) (as Lorraine Barry)
- 1986 *Alice* (Gruza); *Daemon* (Finbow); *Thriller* (Gessner—for TV); *Walkie Talkie* (Perkins)
- 1987 *Prettykill* (Kaczender) (as Toni); *Barbablu Barbablu* (Carpi); *Mio, moy mio* (Grammatikov) (as The Weaver Woman); *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (Furie) (as voice of Lara)
- 1988 *Just Ask for a Diamond (Diamond's Edge)* (Bayly) (as Lauren Bacardi); *A Summer Story* (Haggard) (as Mrs. Narracombe); *American Roulette* (Hatton—for TV)



Susannah York (right) with Beryl Reid in *The Killing of Sister George*

- 1989 *Melancholia* (Engel) (as Catherine Lanham Franck); *En Handfull Tid (A Handful of Time)* (Asphaug)
 1990 *Fate* (Paul); *The Man from the Pru* (Rohrer—for TV) (as Amy Wallace)
 1992 *Illusions* (Kulle) (as Dr. Sanders)
 1993 *Piccolo Grande Amore (Pretty Princess)* (Vanzina) (as Queen Christina); *The Higher Mortals* (Finbow) (as Miss Thorogood)
 1997 *Loop* (Niblo) (as Olivia)
 1998 *So This Is Romance?*
 2000 *St. Patrick: The Irish Legend* (Robert Hughes—for TV) (as Concessa)

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When Susannah York started her career, one might have been tempted to think of her merely as the thinking man's bimbo with her blond, engaging loveliness and ingenuous blue eyes. She has, however, tackled a wide variety of roles in her film career and given the lie to this crass assumption.

After her first film role, as Alec Guinness's daughter in *Tunes of Glory*, Guinness called her "the best thing in films since Audrey Hepburn." York also played a sweet young thing in the Norman Wisdom comedy *There Was a Crooked Man*, and a lovesick schoolgirl in *The Greengate Summer* with Kenneth More, then appeared opposite Montgomery Clift in John Huston's *Freud*. The role that made her name, however, was as the captivating, innocent, and sensuous Sophie Western opposite Albert Finney in *Tom Jones*. After three fairly dire American films, she departed from her usual parts to play Sir Thomas More's grave and intellectual daughter in *A Man for All Seasons* and the passive and childlike lesbian roommate of Beryl Reid in *The Killing of Sister George* amidst all the publicity attendant upon her love scene with Coral Browne. In 1969 she won an Oscar for her performance as a blond flapper/movie aspirant in *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* She also made *Sky Riders* with James Coburn, starred with Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Caine in *Zee and Company*, and appeared in a television film of *Jane Eyre* with George C. Scott.

While her roles in the 1960s and 1970s made her an international name, superstardom eluded her. One of her most interesting films of this period was Robert Altman's dreamlike psycho-thriller *Images* in which she played an author of children's books, which she subsequently became in real life.

Her most recent role in a major film was as Christopher Reeve's birth mother on the planet Krypton in the first two *Superman* films; her voice alone returned for the final installment in the series, *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace*. She continues to remain active in films for British and American television—among the most interesting recent examples of which was *The Man from the Pru*, a fictional recounting of Britain's notorious Wallace murder case (the same case that inspired the play and film *Dial M for Murder*), co-starring Jonathan Pryce.

—Sylvia Paskin, updated by John McCarty

YOUNG, Loretta

Nationality: American. **Born:** Gretchen Michaela Young in Salt Lake City, 6 January 1913; grew up in Hollywood. **Education:** Attended the Ramona Convent, Alhambra, California. **Family:** Married 1) Grant Withers, 1930 (divorced 1931), adopted daughter: Judy; 2) Thomas H. A. Lewis, 1940, sons: Christopher Paul and Peter; 3) costume designer Jean Louis, 1993 (died 1997). **Career:** Film debut as extra at age five in *The Only Way*; late 1920s—contract with First National, and with 20th Century-Fox, 1933–40; 1953–61—host and occasionally actress in *The Loretta Young Show* (anthology program), and actress in the drama series *The New Loretta Young Show*, 1962–63. **Awards:** Best Actress Academy Award for *The Farmer's Daughter*, 1947. **Died:** 12 August 2000 in Los Angeles, California, of ovarian cancer.

Films as Actress:

- 1919 *The Only Way* (Melford) (as child on the operating table); *Sirens of the Sea* (bit role)
- 1921 *The Son of the Sheik* (Melford) (as Arab child)
- 1927 *Naughty but Nice* (Webb)
- 1928 *Her Wild Oat* (Neilan); *The Whip Woman* (Boyle); *Laugh, Clown, Laugh* (Bernon); *The Magnificent Flirt* (D'Arrast); *The Head Man* (Cline); *Scarlett Seas* (Dillon)
- 1929 *The Squall* (Korda) (as Irma); *The Girl in the Glass Cage* (Dawson) (as Gladys Cosgrove); *Fast Life* (Dillon); *The Careless Age* (Wray) (as Muriel); *The Show of Shows* (Adolfi); *The Forward Pass* (Cline) (as Patricia Carlyle)
- 1930 *The Man from Blankley's* (Green) (as Margery Seaton); *The Second-Story Murder* (Del Ruth) (as Marian Ferguson); *Loose Ankles* (Wilde) (as Ann Harper Berry); *Road to Paradise* (Beaudine) (as Margaret Waring/Mary Brennan); *Kismet* (Dillon) (as Marsinah); *The Truth about Youth* (Seiter) (as Phyllis Ericson); *The Devil to Pay* (Fitzmaurice) (as Dorothy Hope)
- 1931 *Beau Ideal* (Brenon) (as Isobel Brandon); *The Right of Way* (Lloyd) (as Rosalie Evantural); *Three Girls Lost* (Lanfield) (as Noreen McMann); *Too Young to Marry* (Leroy) (as Elaine Bumpstead); *Big Business Girl* (Seiter) (as Claire McIntyre); *I Like Your Nerve* (McGann) (as Diane); *Platinum Blonde* (Capra) (as Gallagher); *The Ruling Voice* (Lee) (as Gloria Bannister)
- 1932 *Taxi!* (Del Ruth) (as Sue Riley); *The Hatchet Man* (Wellman) (as Toya San); *Play Girl (Love on a Budget)* (Enright) (as Buster); *Weekend Marriage* (Freeland) (as Lola Davis); *Life Begins* (Flood and Nugent) (as Grace Sutton); *They Call It Sin* (Freeland) (as Marion Cullen)
- 1933 *Employee's Entrance* (Del Ruth) (as Madeline); *Grand Slam* (Dieterle) (as Marcia Stanislavsky); *Zoo in Budapest* (Lee) (as Eve); *The Life of Jimmy Dolan (The Sucker)* (Mayo) (as Peggy); *Midnight Mary (Lady of the Night)* (Wellman) (as Mary Martin); *Heros for Sale (Breadline)* (Wellman) (as Ruth Loring); *The Devil's in Love* (Dieterle) (as Margot); *She Had to Say Yes* (Berkeley and Amy) (as Florence Denny); *A Man's Castle* (Borzage) (as Trina)
- 1934 *The House of Rothschild* (Werker) (as Julie); *Born to Be Bad* (Sherman) (as Letty Strong); *Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back* (Del Ruth) (as Lola Field); *Caravan* (Charell) (as Countess Wilma); *The White Parade* (Cummings) (as June Arden)
- 1935 *Clive of India* (Boleslawski) (as Margaret Maskelyne Clive); *Shanghai* (Flood) (as Barbara Howard); *Call of the Wild* (Wellman) (as Claire Blake); *The Crusades* (DeMille) (as Berengaria)
- 1936 *The Unguarded Hour* (Wood) (as Lady Helen Dearden); *Private Number* (Del Ruth) (as Ellen Neal); *Ramona* (King) (title role); *Ladies in Love* (Edward Griffith) (as Susie Schmidt)
- 1937 *Love Is News* (Garnett) (as Tony Gateson); *Café Metropole* (Edward Griffith) (as Laura Ridgeway); *Love under Fire* (Marshall) (as Myra Cooper); *Wife, Doctor, and Nurse* (Walter Lang) (as Ina); *Second Honeymoon* (Walter Lang) (as Vickie)



Loretta Young with Henry Wilcox in *The Crusades*

- 1938 *Four Men and a Prayer* (Ford) (as Lynn Cherrington); *Three Blind Mice* (Seiter) (as Pamela Charters); *Suez* (Dwan) (as Empress Eugenie); *Kentucky* (Butler) (as Sally Goodwin)
- 1939 *Wife, Husband, Friend* (Ratoff) (as Doris Blair Borland); *The Story of Alexander Graham Bell* (Cummings) (as Mrs. Bell); *Eternally Yours* (Garnett) (as Anita Halstead)
- 1940 *The Doctor Takes a Wife* (Hall) (as June Cameron); *He Stayed for Breakfast* (Hall) (as Marianne Duval)
- 1941 *The Lady from Cheyenne* (Lloyd) (as Annie); *The Men in Her Life* (Ratoff) (as Lina Varsavina)
- 1942 *Bedtime Story* (Hall) (as Jane Drake)
- 1943 *A Night to Remember* (Wallace) (as Nancy Troy); *China* (Farrow) (as Carolyn Grant)
- 1944 *Ladies Courageous* (Rawlins) (as Roberta Harper); *And Now Tomorrow* (Pichel) (as Emily Blair)
- 1945 *Along Came Jones* (Heisler) (as Cherry de Longpre)
- 1946 *The Stranger* (Welles) (as Mary Longstreet)
- 1947 *The Perfect Marriage* (Lewis Allen) (as Maggie Williams); *The Farmer's Daughter* (Potter) (as Katrin Holstrom); *The Bishop's Wife* (Koster) (as Julia Brougham)
- 1948 *Rachel and the Stranger* (Foster) (as Rachel)
- 1949 *The Accused* (Dieterle) (as Wilma Tuttle); *Mother Is a Freshman* (Bacon) (as Abigail Fortitude Abbott); *Come to the Stable* (Koster) (as Sister Margaret)
- 1950 *Key to the City* (Sidney) (as Clarissa Standish)
- 1951 *Cause for Alarm* (Garnett) (as Ellen Jones); *Half Angel* (Sale) (as Nora)
- 1952 *Paula* (Maté) (title role); *Because of You* (Pevney) (as Christine Carroll)
- 1953 *It Happens Every Thursday* (Pevney) (as Jane MacAvoy)
- 1986 *Christmas Eve* (Cooper—for TV) (as Amanda Kingsley); *Going Hollywood: The War Years* (doc—archival)
- 1989 *Lady in the Corner* (Levin—for TV) (as Grace Guthrie)
- 1994 *Life Along the Mississippi* (for TV) (as Narrator)

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Loretta Young’s career is perhaps the archetype of those stars of the 1930s who prolonged careers by living an image rather than merely performing in films. Laughable as some of the side-effects of that effort may have been, it was also a way of enhancing one’s professional durability—Young managed to work a very long time.

Indeed, she was practically a child performer when she made her first featured film appearance in a Colleen Moore vehicle, *Naughty but Nice*. Her performance in that film gained her a contract with First National Pictures, and she was soon playing opposite Lon Chaney in *Laugh, Clown, Laugh*. She survived the transition to talkies, and entered into a busy career of B picture assignments. Most of these roles were of the sweet ingenue variety, and it was only in the occasional film, such as *Born to Be Bad*, that she got a dramatically challenging part. This was due to her hesitancy at essaying unsympathetic roles, a mistake that ultimately made her film career less distinctive than it might have been, since she could be a moving and effective actress when the occasion demanded. A concrete example of her ironclad public image of upstanding Catholicism was given by Leonard Spiegelgass (in an interview with George Eells). Spiegelgass, a scriptwriter on her film *The Perfect Marriage*, noted that: “we had all kinds of problems because she didn’t want to mention the word ‘divorce’ . . . the whole play was about a divorce she never got. That’s why she agreed to do it. She’d say ‘separation’ but not ‘divorce’.” This counterproductive attitude, and a marriage that put her into semiretirement, brought her career to an ebb in the mid-1940s. At the urging of MGM’s Dore Schary, she made a stunning comeback in *The Farmer’s Daughter*, for which she received an Academy Award.

Despite this success, Young’s career did not return to its prewar heights. Her well-established screen persona of virginal womanhood was perhaps less appealing to moviegoers in the postwar era. There was a new trend toward pictures that depicted life in greater complexity, without clear-cut happy endings. While her lighter, wholesome roles were waning, Young was used to advantage in several films noir, including *The Accused*, *Cause for Alarm*, and *The Stranger*. In the latter film she plays the fiancée of director Orson Welles’s character; he is an escaped Nazi posing as a New England college professor. In this film Young’s rosy beauty and innocence exemplify

the superficial, naive realm in which ugliness and evil sometimes flourish.

Young’s image of wholesome, unsullied femininity was a “natural” for television, however, and she made a smooth transition to that medium in the early 1950s. She produced a pilot show for television that later became *The Loretta Young Show*, a series that won several Emmy Awards as well as a special prize at the Cannes Film Festival. After several years of success in that medium, the show was canceled, and she went into semiretirement.

Whatever her public image of yielding femininity might be, there is no denying that she was a forceful and commanding personality as a businesswoman, and it was this tenacity that ensured her lasting success in the entertainment field.

—Joseph Arkins, updated by Frank Uhle

YOUNG, Robert

Nationality: American. **Born:** Robert George Young in Chicago, Illinois, 22 February 1907. **Education:** Attended Lincoln High School, Los Angeles. **Family:** Married Elizabeth Louise Henderson, 1933 (died 1994), daughters: Carol Anne, Barbara Queen, Elizabeth Louise, and Kathleen Joy. **Career:** Worked as clerk, salesman, reporter, and loan company collector while studying and acting with the Pasadena Playhouse; 1931—toured with a stock company’s production of *The Ship*; 1931–45—contract with MGM: film debut in



Robert Young

The Black Camel; 1938—on radio program *Good News of 1938*, and on *Maxwell House Coffee Time*, 1944; 1947—founder, with Eugene Rodney, Cavalier Productions; 1949–54—star of the radio series *Father Knows Best*, and then transferred to the TV version, 1954–61; also in the TV series *The Window on Main Street*, 1961–62, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, 1969–76, and *Little Women*, 1979. **Died:** 21 July 1998 in Westlake Village, California, of respiratory failure.

Films as Actor:

- 1931 *The Black Camel* (MacFadden) (as Jimmy Bradshaw); *The Sin of Madelon Claudet* (Selwyn) (as Dr. Claudet); *The Guilty Generation* (Rowland V. Lee) (as Marco Ricca); *Hell Divers* (George Hill) (as young officer)
- 1932 *The Wet Parade* (Fleming) (as young officer); *New Morals for Old* (Brabin) (as Ralph Thomas); *Unashamed* (Beaumont) (as Dick Ogden); *Strange Interlude* (Leonard) (as Gordon); *The Kid from Spain* (McCarey) (as Ricardo)
- 1933 *Men Must Fight* (Selwyn) (as Geoffrey); *Today We Live* (Hawks) (as Claude); *Hell Below* (Conway) (as Lt. Brick Walters); *Tugboat Annie* (LeRoy) (as Alec Brennan); *Saturday's Millions* (Sedgwick) (as Jim Fowler); *The Right to Romance* (Santell) (as Bob Preble); *La ciudad de carton* (*Cardboard City*) (King) (as himself)
- 1934 *Carolina* (*The House of Connelly*) (Henry King) (as Will Connelly); *Spitfire* (Cromwell) (as John Stafford); *The House of Rothschild* (Werker) (as Captain Fitzroy); *Lazy River* (Seitz) (as Bill Drexel); *Hollywood Party* (Rowland and others) (as himself); *Whom the Gods Destroy* (Walter Lang) (as Jack Forrester); *Paris Interlude* (Marin) (as Pat Wells); *Death on the Diamond* (Sedgwick) (as Larry Kelly); *The Band Plays On* (Mack) (as Tony Ferrera)
- 1935 *West Point of the Air* (Rosson) (as Little Mike); *Vagabond Lady* (Sam Taylor) (as Tony Spear); *Calm Yourself* (Seitz) (as Pat); *Red Salute* (*Her Enlisted Man*; *Runaway Daughter*; *Arms and the Girl*) (Lanfield) (as Jeff); *Remember Last Night?* (Whale) (as Tony Milburn); *The Bride Comes Home* (Ruggles) (as Jack Bristow)
- 1936 *Three Wise Guys* (Seitz) (as Joe); *It's Love Again* (Saville) (as Peter Carlton); *The Bride Walks Out* (Jason) (as Hugh MacKenzie); *Secret Agent* (Hitchcock) (as Marvin); *Sworn Enemy* (Marin) (as Hank Sherman); *The Longest Night* (Taggart) (as Charley Phelps); *Stowaway* (Seiter) (as Tommy Randall)
- 1937 *Dangerous Number* (Thorpe) (as Hank Medhill); *I Met Him in Paris* (Ruggles) (as Gene Anders); *Married before Breakfast* (Marin) (as Tom Wakefield); *The Emperor's Candlesticks* (Fitzmaurice) (as Grand Duke Peter); *The Bride Wore Red* (Arzner) (as Rudi Pal); *Navy Blue and Gold* (Wood) (as Roger Ash)
- 1938 *Paradise for Three* (Buzzell) (as Fritz Hagedorn); *Josette* (Dwan) (as Pierre Brossard); *The Toy Wife* (Thorpe) (as Andre Vallaire); *Three Comrades* (Borzage) (as Gottfried Lenz); *Rich Man, Poor Girl* (Schunzel) (as Bill Harrison); *The Shining Hour* (Borzage) (as David Linden)
- 1939 *Honolulu* (Buzzell) (as Brooks Mason/George Smith); *Bridal Suite* (Thiele) (as Neil McGill); *Miracles for Sale* (Brown-ing) (as Michael Morgan); *Maisie* (Marin) (as Slim Martin)
- 1940 *Northwest Passage* (Conway and King Vidor) (as Langdon Towne); *Florian* (Marin) (as Anton); *The Mortal Storm* (Borzage) (as Fritz Marberg); *Sporting Blood* (Simon) (as Myles Vanders); *Dr. Kildare's Crisis* (Bucquet) (as Douglas Lamont)
- 1941 *The Trial of Mary Dugan* (McLeod) (as Jimmy Blake); *Western Union* (Fritz Lang) (as Richard Blake); *Lady Be Good* (McLeod) (as Eddie Crane); *Married Bachelor* (Buzzell) (as Randolph Haven); *H.M. Pulham, Esq.* (King Vidor) (title role)
- 1942 *Joe Smith, American* (*Highway to Freedom*) (Thorpe) (title role); *Cairo* (Van Dyke) (as Homer Smith); *Journey for Margaret* (Van Dyke) (as John Davis)
- 1943 *Slightly Dangerous* (Ruggles) (as Bob Stuart); *Claudia* (Goulding) (as David Naughton); *Sweet Rosie O'Grady* (Cummings) (as Sam Mackeever)
- 1944 *The Canterville Ghost* (Dassin) (as Cuffy Williams)
- 1945 *The Enchanted Cottage* (Cromwell) (as Oliver); *Those Endearing Young Charms* (Lewis Allen) (as Hank)
- 1946 *Lady Luck* (Marin) (as Scott); *The Searching Wind* (Dieterle) (as Alex Hazen); *Claudia and David* (Walter Lang) (as David Naughton)
- 1947 *They Won't Believe Me* (Pichel) (as Larry Ballantine); **Crossfire** (Dmytryk) (as Captain Finlay)
- 1948 *Relentless* (Sherman) (as Nick Buckley); *Sitting Pretty* (Walter Lang) (as Harry)
- 1949 *Adventure in Baltimore* (Wallace) (as Dr. Sheldon); *Bride for Sale* (William D. Russell) (as Steve Adams); *That Forsyte Woman* (*The Forsyte Saga*) (Bennett) (as Philip Bosinney); *And Baby Makes Three* (Levin) (as Vernon Walsh)
- 1951 *The Second Woman* (Kern) (as Jeff Cohalan); *Goodbye, My Fancy* (Sherman) (as James Merrill)
- 1952 *The Half-Breed* (Gilmore) (as Dan Craig)
- 1954 *Secret of the Incas* (Jerry Hopper) (as Dr. Stanley Moorehead)
- 1969 *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (*A Matter of Humanities*) (Rich—for TV) (title role)
- 1971 *Vanished* (Kulik—for TV) (as Senator Earl Gannon)
- 1972 *All My Darling Daughters* (Rich—for TV) (as Judge Charles Raleigh)
- 1973 *My Darling Daughters' Anniversary* (Pevney) (as Judge Charles Raleigh)
- 1978 *Little Women* (Rich—for TV) (as James Laurence)
- 1984 *The Return of Marcus Welby, M.D.* (Singer—for TV) (title role)
- 1987 *Mercy or Murder?* (Gethers—for TV) (as Roswell Gilbert); *Conspiracy of Love* (Black—for TV) (as Grampa Joe Woldarski)
- 1988 *Marcus Welby, M.D.—A Holiday Affair* (Singer—for TV) (title role)
- 1997 *Die Verlorene Tochter* (*The Lost Daughter*) (Cardinal) (as First Male Journalist)

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After a long screen career that was noteworthy primarily for his survival while other, more flamboyant actors burned brightly and then disappeared, Robert Young achieved his greatest success at an age when most actors begin to think of retirement. Exuding a screen personality that conveyed a carefree yet honest and sympathetic air, he made a career of playing light romantic leads in predominately B pictures. When he grew too old to play such roles convincingly, he made a smooth transition to character parts. His stock in trade was that, while conveying a strength that was sufficient to win the heroine, he did not exhibit a fiery passion that would make her feel threatened.

Young's strongest screen work came in the immediate postwar period: *The Searching Wind* (playing a deluded U.S. ambassador in prewar Europe); *They Won't Believe Me* (as a deceitful husband); and *Crossfire* (as a weary but determined cop attempting to solve a murder). His best screen performance, however, that of Oliver in *The Enchanted Cottage*, demonstrated Young's considerable range. The film, intended to raise the morale of disfigured soldiers returning from the war, required the actor to play a G.I. who returns from combat with severe scars and nerve damage, afraid to face his former fiancée. Playing opposite Dorothy Maguire, who acted the role of a similar social outcast, he created an unforgettable character that, while rooted in the quiet reality one expects from a Young portrayal, soared briefly in the enchantment of his own self-deception. In the end, the actor merged both aspects of the character to create a man, who, although physically deformed, could look upon himself as miraculously whole in the aspects of life that are the most meaningful.

Perhaps it was this image of self-acceptance and quiet strength that somehow transformed him into the prototypical patriarch of the universal American family on television in the 1950s. In the new medium, he enjoyed an even stronger success than he had known on the large screen. The long-running *Father Knows Best* rejuvenated his career and propelled him into an equally popular series that began in 1969, *Marcus Welby, M.D.*

—Stephen L. Hanson, updated by Audrey E. Kupferberg

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ZETTERLING, Mai (Elisabeth)

Nationality: Swedish. **Born:** Västerås, 24 May 1925. **Education:** Attended Ordtuery Theatre School, 1941; Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm, 1942. **Family:** Married 1) the ballet dancer Tutte Lemkow (divorced), two sons: Etienne and Louis; 2) the writer David Hughes (divorced). **Career:** 1942–44—in repertory with the Royal Dramatic Theatre; 1944—film debut in Alf Sjöberg's *Frenzy*; 1947—English-language film debut in Basil Dearden's *Frieda*; 1948—London stage debut in Ibsen's *Wild Duck*; 1954—Hollywood film debut in Norman Panama's *Knock on Wood*; 1960—turned director with the BBC documentary *The Polite Invasion*. **Awards:** Best Short Film Award, Venice Film Festival, for *The War Game*, 1963. **Died:** Of cancer, in London, England, 15 March 1994.

Films as Actress:

- 1941 *Lasse-Maja* (Olsson)
- 1943 *Jag drapte* (Molander)
- 1944 *Hets (Torment; Frenzy)* (Sjöberg) (as Bertha Olsson); *Prins Gustaf* (Bauman)
- 1946 *Iris och Lojtnantshjarta (Iris and the Lieutenant)* (Sjöberg) (as Iris); *Driver dagg faller Regn (Sunshine Follows Rain)* (as Iris)
- 1947 *Frieda* (Dearden) (title role)
- 1948 *Musik i moerker (Music in Darkness; Night Is My Future)* (Bergman) (as Ingrid); *The Bad Lord Byron* (Macdonald) (as Teresa Guiccioli); *The Girl in the Painting (Portrait from Life)* (Fisher) (as Hildegard)
- 1949 *Quartet* (Annakin and others) (as Jeanne); *The Romantic Age (Naughty Arlette)* (Greville) (as Arlette)
- 1950 *Blackmailed* (Marc Allégret) (as Carol Edwards); *The Lost People* (Knowles) (as Lili)
- 1951 *Hell Is Sold Out* (Anderson) (as Valerie Martin)
- 1952 *The Tall Headlines (The Frightened Bride)* (Young) (as Doris Richardson); *The Ringer (The Gaunt Stranger)* (Hamilton) (as Lisa)
- 1953 *Desperate Moment* (Bennett) (as Anna de Burgh)
- 1954 *Dance Little Lady* (Guest) (as Nina Gordon); *Knock on Wood* (Panama) (as Ilse Nordstrom)
- 1955 *A Prize of Gold* (Robson) (as Maria)
- 1957 *Abandon Ship! (Seven Waves Away)* (Sale) (as Julie)
- 1958 *The Truth about Women* (Box) (as Julie); *Lek pa regnbagen* (Kjellgren)
- 1959 *Jet Storm* (Endfield) (as Carol Tilley)
- 1960 *Faces in the Dark* (Eady) (as Christiane Hammond); *Piccadilly Third Stop* (Rilla) (as Christine Pready)
- 1961 *Offbeat* (Owen) (as Ruth Lombard)
- 1962 *The Man Who Finally Died* (Lawrence) (as Lisa); *Only Two Can Play* (Gilliat) (as Elizabeth Gruffydd Williams); *The Main Attraction* (Petrie) (as Gina)
- 1963 *The Bay of St. Michael* (Ainsworth) (as Helene Bretton)
- 1965 *The Vine Bridge* (Nykqvist)
- 1988 *Calling the Shots* (Cole—doc) (appearance)
- 1990 *The Witches* (Roeg) (as Helga); *Hidden Agenda* (Loach) (as Moa)
- 1993 *Morfars Resa (Grandfather's Journey)* (Staffan Lamm) (as Elin Fromm)

Films as Director:

- 1960 *The Polite Invasion* (doc—for TV)
- 1961 *Lords of Little Egypt* (doc—for TV); *The War Game* (short) (+ pr)
- 1962 *The Prosperity Race* (doc—for TV)
- 1963 *The Do-It-Yourself Democracy* (doc—for TV)
- 1964 *Alskande par (Loving Couples)* (co-d with David Hughes, + co-sc)
- 1966 *Nattlek (Night Games)* (+ co-sc)
- 1967 *Doktor Glas* (co-d with David Hughes)
- 1968 *Flickorna (The Girls)* (co-d with David Hughes)
- 1971 *Vincent the Dutchman* (doc) (co-d with David Hughes, + pr)
- 1973 "The Strongest" ep. of *Visions of Eight* (co-d with David Hughes)
- 1976 *We har manje namn (We Have Many Names)* (+ ro, sc, ed)
- 1977 *Stockholm* (for TV) (+ ro)
- 1978 *The Rain's Hat* (for TV) (+ ed)
- 1982 *Love* (for TV) (co-d, + co-sc)
- 1983 *Scrubbers* (+ co-sc)
- 1986 *Amorosa* (+ sc, co-ed)
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This Swedish actress turned controversial filmmaker combined the earthy sexiness of Ingrid Bergman with, as one critic noted, “a Dietrich-like suggestion of a steel vertebrae.”

Zetterling was 19 when she made her screen debut as a prostitute in the international hit *Frenzy*, respectively directed and written by two of her country’s major talents, Alf Sjöberg and Ingmar Bergman, the latter just beginning his long and distinguished career. She later appeared for Bergman himself in his 1948 film *Night Is My Future*, playing a Lolita-ish maid, though by this time she possessed greater international renown than he did, having made her English-language film debut as a German war bride in the British drama *Frieda* and her theatrical debut on London’s West End in a revival of Ibsen’s *Wild Duck*.

Following in the footsteps of two other Swedish expatriates, Greta Garbo, then in retirement, and Ingrid Bergman, then persona non grata due to her scandalous relationship with Roberto Rossellini, Zetterling was lured to Hollywood to take their place. After making her American film debut as the love interest of star Danny Kaye in the 1954 espionage spoof *Knock on Wood*, however, she abruptly turned her back on Hollywood and left, never to return. In her autobiography, she writes that she was always too serious about her craft ever to do jobs just for the money. “For that I had a reputation as a freak in Hollywood, but I can’t say I ever regretted [never going back].”

Settling in London, she remained active in the British cinema for the next decade, and appeared in two more American films as well, Mark Robson’s crime caper *A Prize of Gold* and Richard Sale’s taut tale of survival at sea, *Abandon Ship!*, based on a true story and starring Tyrone Power. The former was shot in Germany, the latter on a British soundstage. Subsequently, she appeared opposite a miscast Pat Boone in the lust and sawdust circus drama *The Main Attraction* and in the thriller *The Man Who Finally Died*, both made in Britain in 1962. She had one of her best roles the same year as a high society dame romanced by Peter Sellers in the comedy *Only Two Can Play*, based on a satiric novel by Kingsley Amis.

Disheartened by the quality of most of the films she was being offered, Zetterling turned her back on acting after the routine action

thriller *The Bay of St. Michael* and became a director, starting with several documentaries made for the BBC and the award-winning 1963 short *The War Game* (not to be confused with the 1967 Peter Watkins “ban the bomb” film of the same name). Returning to Sweden, she launched her feature directing career with *Loving Couples*, which was heavily censored in the United States and elsewhere due to its sexual explicitness. She directed one of her last films, *Amorosa*, in 1986, having turned her attention to writing short stories and novels, as well as a frank autobiography called *All Those Tomorrows*.

—John McCarty

ZHAO DAN

Nationality: Chinese. **Born:** Zhao Fengao in Yangzhao, 1914. **Education:** Attended Technical College of Art, Shanghai, 1931–34. **Family:** Married twice, children from both marriages, and two adopted sons. **Career:** 1925—first film appearance at age 11 in *Young Master Feng*; also wrote stories and plays for left-wing magazine; publication censored by Kuomintang government; Zhao changed name to Dan (“Red”) as political gesture; 1934—by time of graduation, acting regularly on stage and in films; 1937—reputation established by appearances in the films *Street Angel* and *Crossroads*; when Shanghai fell to Japanese, joined touring company performing anti-Japanese plays; 1939—captured by Kuomintang warlord, imprisoned for four years; 1943—returned to stage following release from prison; 1947—film directing debut; 1965—made last film, *Red Crag*; at outbreak of Cultural Revolution, arrested and imprisoned for five-and-a-half years; 1973—released; 1976—rejoined Shanghai Film Studio, as teacher; also stage director. **Died:** Of cancer, in Peking, 19 October 1980.

Films as Actor:

1925 *Young Master Feng*
1932 *Spring Sorrow of the Pipa*
1933 *Twenty-Four Hours of Shanghai; Children of the Century*
1934 *Homesick for a Mountain Village; To the North-West; Bible for Girls*
1935 *Passionate, Faithful Spirit*
1936 *The Qingming Festival; Xiao Lingzi*
1937 *Shizi jietou (Crossroads)* (as an unemployed graduate); *Malu tianshi (Street Angel)*
1939 *Children of China*
1947 *Faraway Love; Rhapsody of Happiness*
1948 *Irrepressible Brightness of Spring; Wuya yu Maque (Crows and Sparrows)* (as the peddler, + co-sc)
1949 *The Story of a Girl*
1950 *The Life of Wu Xun*
1951 *A Couple*
1956 *Li Shizhen, The Great Pharmacologist* (title role); *For Peace*
1957 *Hai hun (Soul of the Sea)* (as the sailor)
1959 *Lin zexu (The Opium War)* (as the nobleman); *Nie er*
1960 *Contemporary Heroes*
1965 *Lie Huozhong yongsheng (Red Crag)* (as the Communist leader)

Films as Director:

- 1947 *The Dress Returns to Glory*
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 1958 *An Evergreen Tree; Precious Green Mountains* (+ ro)

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The riches of Chinese cinema still remain largely unknown to the West—otherwise, Zhao Dan would probably rank among the greatest screen actors. In Chinese terms, he might be considered roughly the equivalent of Humphrey Bogart or Gary Cooper, though far more

versatile than either. Gravel-voiced, energetic, warmly likable, Zhao could play comedy without heavy mugging, and serious roles without being ponderous. In his later films he attained an unpretentious nobility, completely removed from the posturing heroics favored during the Cultural Revolution.

Zhao’s stage experience included Shakespeare and Ibsen, and he made nearly 30 films before the two which brought him to stardom. Both—not unlike Warner films of the period—blended romantic comedy with sharp-edged social comment. As the unemployed graduate of *Crossroads*, Zhao was cheerfully optimistic in the face of adversity; for the more somber-toned *Street Angel* his performance darkened, a note of manic violence creeping into his energy.

Unpopular with both the Japanese and the Kuomintang government for his left-wing beliefs, Zhao was imprisoned by the latter during the war. After his release he continued, undeterred, to make anti-KMT movies, most notably the teeming, exhilaratingly vital *Crows and Sparrows*, which he also co-scripted. His richly subtle performance as the opportunistic peddler meshed with inspired ensemble playing from the whole cast. Around this time he also started directing, making four competent but unremarkable films.

Increasingly, Zhao was cast as humanely heroic figures: the title role of *Li Shizhen*, father of Chinese herbal medicine; the sailor disgusted by his superiors’ brutality in *Soul of the Sea*; patriotically resisting British imperialism in *The Opium War*; the imprisoned, tortured Communist leader of *Red Crag*. This, tragically prophetic, was his last film. Arrested by order of Jiang Qing—Mao’s wife, who had acted with Zhao in the thirties—he was imprisoned again for more than five years. Broken in health, he never acted again.

—Philip Kemp

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Foster; Garland; Gere; Gibson; Harlow; Holden; Jennifer Jones; Gene Kelly; Kerr; Lange; Lansbury; Vivien Leigh; Loren; Mitchum; Moorehead; Moreau; Neill; O'Connor; O'Hara; O'Toole; Perkins; Quinn; B. Reynolds; Roberts; Sarandon; Simmons; Maggie Smith; Steiger; Stuart; Swanson; Turner; Weaver; Woods; Wyman.

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