

Our men in Hollywood

Winona Ryder

Unconventional Noni

American actress. In her veins drools Romanian, Russian and Jewish blood. Her ancestors have lived in the territory of modern Ukraine.

She started acting in films ever since childhood. The first success of the actress in the film has received an award «Young Artist Awards» for participation in the film "Fireballs". In the same year she starred in the movie "Fatal attraction" in which she played one of the main roles. Although the film flopped at the box office, later, it won a position as viewers and critics alike, becoming a classic in the world of cinema.

Popularity came to the actress after the movie "Edward Scissorhands," where her partner was Johnny Depp. Then followed the film "The Age of Innocence", for the role in which she was awarded the "Golden Globe". Another successful work for the actress was the film "Interrupted life". But as you know, in the career of each actor are both ups and downs, and Winona's career - is no exception. Her duet with Richard Gere in the film "Autumn in New York" does not hit the spot the critics and was nominated for antiaward "Golden Raspberry". Since the early 2000s the actress rarely appeared in the movie as the main character, and then altogether disappeared from sight for several years.

Recently, Winona returned to acting and continued to work in film. Her top-grossing film in this period was the "Black Swan," in which she reincarnated as an aging prima ballerina. «It's also a question of finding good material and interesting roles. I'm not the only actress out there, and good parts just don't fall into your lap that easily. But I like most of the films I've made recently and so I'm pretty positive about the future» («It's also a question of finding good material and interesting roles. I'm not the only actress out there, and good parts just don't fall into your lap that easily. But I like most of the films I've made recently and so I'm pretty positive about the future»

Interesting details

- Education: Graduate School Petaluma
- Principles: refrained from active participation in show business, preferring the quiet way of life, and being away from the flashes of cameras
- Philanthropy: In 1993 the proposed fee in the amount of \$ 200 thousand in the case of the missing Polly Klaas - 12-year-old girl who was abducted from her home in Petaluma (the hometown of actress). But the search is not successful - maniac strangled his victim before he managed to track down. His role in the film "Little Women" dedicated Ryder the dead girl.
- Expression: «You can't pay enough money to ... cure that feeling of being broken and confused» (You can't pay enough money to ... cure that feeling of being broken and confused).

PS: Boyish looks, tough character, combined with the natural sophistication and inner charisma - these qualities of Ryder won the hearts of viewers around the world.

Whoopi Goldberg

With a smile for real

As it turned out, Oscar-winning American actress of southern African origin has also Odessa roots. The thing is that grandmother of Caryn Elaine Johnson (and it sounds so real name of the actress) is a native of the city of Odessa.

Star Trek Whoopi was thorny and tortuous. The actress was born in the family of a teacher and a priest. All childhood she lived in a poor neighborhood of New York. Although Whoopi as a child began to participate in theater, she never received acting education. Luck always turned away from her, there was no work, and the actress was left with no choice but to try herself in other professions: from the paver bricks, and ending with the make-up artist in the morgue.

And yet, over time, perseverance never weary actress helped her gain success and recognition, both at the theater field, and in the cinema. The actress appeared in more than 80 films during that time she has received many different awards, including an Oscar, Golden Globe and Grammy.

Interesting details

- Education: junior secondary
- Views: radical social
- Hobbies: writing books, some of them even become bestsellers
- expression: «We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark». (We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark.)

PS: Whoopi Goldberg is an Actor with a capital - not an actress, namely the actor, as she always specify. Not everyone knows that some roles brilliantly executed Whoopi, originally designed for men. This fact may indicate the broad range of capabilities and talent actress. Her inimitable facial expressions, unique style, both in clothes and in behavior, bright appearance and boundless charm make Whoopi inimitable and unique.

David Duchovny

Truth Is Out There

American actor. Has a Ukrainian-Jewish ancestry from his father. As a young man wanted to be a writer, but later became interested in theater. Gained popularity after the release of the acclaimed series on television screens "The X-Files." He acted in a range of feature films. Currently involved in the TV series «Californication», where he plays the main role. For his part in this series was David Duchovny awarded with the "Golden Globe".

Climbing the actor to star Olympus began with shooting in low-budget films and television series. Duchovny won fame after he starred in the television series "The X-Files." Auditioned for the role of Fox Mulder, David initially did not make any impression on the director, the actor looks seemed to him too commonplace. But once the director saw him in the cadre, immediately approved for the role, arguing his decision by saying

that the camera loves David. Thus, the subsequent 9 years dedicated actor "X-Files", which brought him national popularity, and two Golden Globes. David was repeatedly asked in an interview whether he believed in the existence of alien life (and this is the main theme of the show), the actor replied evasively turning everything into a joke that it was his favorite question.

No matter in what film project was involved Duchovny, he always manages to find a common language with all colleagues on the site. As a professional, he focused primarily on acting and not on personal relationships. That is why, during the film-making process between the actor and his costar always prevail friendly and laid-back attitude.

Interesting details

- Education: Master's degree in English literature, a graduate of Princeton and Yale Universities
- Hobbies: in his youth he wrote essays and books
- Plans for the future: writing and directing
- statement: "I still write poems, but I would not call myself a poet. I always come back to the love and loss. "

PS: A favorite of millions - a charming actor who does not boast of his celebrity status - so we know David Duchovny. But his childhood was all a bit different - a modest already insecure boy was very upset by her parents' divorce. While living with his brother, David was very early left to one's own devices. But just this independence has helped actor to overcome future fears and, they say, to do yourself.

Leonardo DiCaprio

God, how talented is he, this guy! - Woody Allen

American actor of Russian-German origin from the mother. Based on some sources came grandmother DiCaprio from Odessa, but there isn't any confirmation of this information yet.

After the release of the legendary film "Titanic" lit up another Hollywood star and her name was Leonardo DiCaprio. The youth and attraction of actors did their job - millions of girls, women on all the world dreamed of it, idolized him.

After years died hysteria around the actor down, but the fans have not diminished. During this time he appeared in a range of successful films, DiCaprio has proved that he is not just a handsome man, but also a gifted actor. And if his appearance could not come to someone's taste, then the obvious talent DiCaprio is no doubt. Movies such as "Celebrity," "Catch Me If You Can," "The Beach," "The Aviator," "The Departed," and so on, raised the actor to a new level of skill. Although among the many film awards in the bank of the actor hasn't he still the main prize of cinema - the "Oscar", this piece is not talking about its monotony, rather - of the familiar facets. This is because Oscar usually goes to the actors in the event that they can suddenly transform into completely their inherent character. But the fact is that DiCaprio always is given to his role completely and

totally, his characters are different, dissimilar, and paradoxically, this is why it would be hard to surprise someone with his play. «I like films that take chances or say something different or experiment» («I like movies that have to take risks, to experiment"), Leonardo DiCaprio.

Interesting details

- education: John Marshall High School
- activities outside the cinema: actively advocates for the protection of animals and the environment, is engaged in charity work
- Principles: prefers to refrain from talking about his personal life, feel free to speak out about their political views
- statement: "I am not going to become a politician, and I do not know whether I will participate in the next presidential election. But I'm trying to improve the situation regarding the protection of life on our planet. "

PS: A big luck for each actor - to be able to play those characters which he admires, in which he wants to be reincarnated. Di Caprio has such opportunity. He chooses by choice of role and he often takes ideas scenario to director. For example, to make a film about Howard Hughes - American innovator in the field of aviation ("The Aviator," 2004) – offered just DiCaprio Martin Scorsese. «I don't know why I choose certain films, I just gravitate toward them and I don't question that» («I don't know why I choose certain films, I just gravitate toward them and I don't question that ").

Milla Jovovich

Ah, what blessing to know that I am perfection

American actress and model. Has the Russian origin from the mother side. Born in Kiev, lived for some time in Dnepropetrovsk, and then in 1980 moved with his family to the United States.

Milla's career began with modeling business: she participated in various photo shoots, filming commercials, represents a collection of the most famous fashion houses.

Her first appearance on the wide screen was the film "Return to the Blue Lagoon," where she played a major role. At the same time has been Milla actively engaged in music: in 1994 she released her first album entitled «The Divine Comedy» («The Divine Comedy"), and went with his band on tour in the U.S. and Europe. Despite the fact that Milla was not able to make a career of singer, music still plays a significant and undoubtedly an important place in her life.

One of the most successful films with the actress is "The Fifth Element" - a fantastic action movie by Luc Besson, who became undisputed classics of the genre. After participating in this picture of the actress came to her present glory. She was a long time associated with the heroine of "The Fifth Element" - red-haired "perfect creation" on behalf of Lilly. But Jovovich is not an actress of one role. During his time of work in the cinema she has managed to play in a lot of different genres of film works, skillfully combining with shooting a movie, her modeling career and designer. «I am a strong Ukrainian girl that is why I work a lot» (I am a strong Ukrainian girl that is why I work a

lot.) Among the most famous movies with her participation - "Jeana of D'Arc", "Ultraviolet", and of course the immortal action movie "Resident Evil."

Interesting details

- activities outside the film: works as a model, is serious keen on music - records albums; involved in charity
- Religion: Orthodox Christian, with respect for other religions that preach peace and love
- expression: «I love making independent movies, and that's pretty much what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my years». (I love making independent movies, and that's pretty much what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my years)

PS: Milla gives the impression of an open, sincere person. It does not refer to the range of celebrities who prefer to lead a reclusive life, but also in the center of scandals she had not been noticed. On its official website shares the actress their thoughts and moments of life with many fans.

Mila Kunis

I know that there is still a lot that I could do

American actress of Ukrainian origin. Mila was born in Chernivtsi, but at the age of 8 years she and her family immigrated to the United States. Actress speak not bad Russian, since she still speaks to their parents this language.

Mila's career began with the filming of commercials, followed by guest roles in television series and movies. First fame has brought her role in the TV series "Show 70", where she played with such then-rising stars like Ashton Kutcher and Topher Grace. A real success for the young actress was the role in the film "Black Swan," for participation in which she won the "Saturn" and was nominated for the "Golden Globe" for Best Supporting Actress.

Kunis is multi-faceted actress, she can easy transforming both in positive and in negative heroines, independent from comedy or drama movie genre.

Interesting details

- Education: High School Fairfax
- Views: support the Democratic Party
- Hobbies: taping in clips, playing face of fashion collections
- statement: "Each of us goes his own way. At some point, someone makes the right choice, others do not. "

PS: What can you say about this tiny girl with the biggest eyes in the world? Only that it is a charming, talented, and her best roles are in the future.

Sylvester Stallone

You know, kid, life - it's not how hard you hit, and after what strikes you stay on your feet

American actor, screenwriter, director and producer with the Odessa roots (Stallone's great-grandmother emigrated from Odessa in the U.S.). The most famous received thanks to films such as "Rocky" and "Rambo." After these films find a longment its fame as an actor of action movies hero.

However, despite the worldwide popularity, his life can not be called cloudless. Multiple marriages, illness of his son, the death of another, the ups and downs in acting: two nominations for "Oscar" (which he never received) and the record for nominations in the "Golden Raspberry" - these things could break the spirit of the strong actor, but he was not used to bow to difficulties - he is a fighter in his movies and in life.

Despite the fact that Stallone is 60, he still continues to act in films, writing screenplays and directing deal, and his movies bring good box office.

Interesting details

- Education: Acting Department of the University of Miami
- Hobbies: wrote the book "Steel Stallone", devoted to fitness
- activities outside the cinema: staged the musical "Rocky", producers were the Klitschko brothers
- expression: «When you're scared, when you're hanging on, when life is hurting you, then you're going to see what you're really made of». ("When you're scared, when you're hanging on, when life is hurting you, then you're going to see what you're really made of").

PS: Not one generation of boys grew by Sylvestor Stallone movies. For many of them he was an example how should be real man - brave, strong, able to stand up for themselves and for others.

Steven Spielberg

Man-camera

The fact that the famous film director has Ukrainian roots, are few doubted. Only disperse the opinions where exactly lived relatives of Spielberg. According to some reports was one of his grandfather born in a small Ukrainian village, and the other - in the city of Odessa. Like it or not, is not known, but agree, it is nice to believe that this great film director our countryman is.

It seemed since childhood that Spielberg know who he wants to be when he grows up, because since then, as his father gave him a camera, he never parted with it. For that he received his nickname - man-movie camera. It should be noted that parents Spielberg strongly supported and encouraged the boy's passion. As a teenager, he began making short films, and later feature films. The first major success of Spielberg's film is considered the movie "Jaws", after which arising on the wide screen the director

literally woke up famous. "The turning point of my career was the movie "Jaws". Before I was just a director on call, ambitious, and the unknown." Steven Spielberg

Whole his adult life dedicated the 66-year-old Spielberg movie and is not going to stop there. The director does not even think about how to leave the cinema and go to long rest. He always keeps up with the times, and his imagination - is an inexhaustible storehouse of ideas.

Interesting details

- Education: Technical College, University of California
- Achievements: is one of the most commercially successful directors
- sensitive approach to work: prefers to shoot a cadre on the first take, he is engaged in a storyboard - manually making sketches
- statements: "I feel some degree of anxiety associated with the fact that I can not write the script for his own life as well as to my films. For me there is no better way to get rid of fears, how to tell a story and infect the rest of it".

PS: Did you meet in life a man who have been so dedicated to his work? That despite everything continues to believe in himself and his strength? Steven Spielberg has tried twice to go to film school, and twice they refused. But on the other hand, why climb the steep winding stairs if you can take the elevator and go to the right floor? Already in 21 zears Spielberg signed a 7-year contract with company Universal, and in 28 years won his first Oscar for the film "Jaws." The ill-fated University completed he only 33 years later. During this time he managed to pull off a countless range of movies, including "Schindler's List," "Catch Me If You Can," "The Terminal" and many other works, which were included in the classics of world cinema.