

# *Jim Carrey*



- ◎ Jim Carrey is a comedian and actor best known for comedic and dramatic film roles in movies including Ace Ventura: Pet Detective and The Truman Show.



- ◎ James Eugene Carrey was born on January 17, 1962 in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, and is the youngest of four children of Kathleen.
- ◎ His parents often suffered from ill health and the young Jim would clown around to bring smiles to their faces and to stand out from his siblings, Rita, Pat and John

# Comedy career

- ◉ Medium Stand-up . film . television
- ◉ Genres Observational comedy  
.physical comedy . surreal humor
- ◉ Subject(s) Everyday life . popular culture . Politics . celebrities
- ◉ Influences Jonathan Winters . Jerry Lewis<sup>[2]</sup>

*The handprints of Jim Carrey.*



# Signature



- ◉ Carrey's big screen debut came with 1984's *Finders Keepers*, but he didn't find success until he played the titular role in the 1994 comedy *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. From there, Carrey's expressive face, expert mimicry skills and physical brand of comedy kept the hits coming. He followed with *The Mask* (1994), *Dumb and Dumber* (1994), *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* (1995), *Batman Forever* (1995), *The Cable Guy* (1996) and *Liar Liar* (1997).

## Personal Life

- Carrey has a daughter, Jane, from his marriage to Melissa Womer (from 1987 to 1995). He was married briefly to *Dumb & Dumber* co-star Lauren Holly before entering a yearlong romance with his *Me, Myself and Irene* leading lady, Renee Zellweger. He was later involved with actress/model Jenny McCarthy.



# Health

- Carrey has battled depression. To deal with his depression, Carrey took Prozac, eventually deciding to get off medications. He has stated that he no longer takes medications or stimulants of any kind, not even coffee

# Citizenship

- Carrey received U.S. citizenship in October 2004 and remains a dual citizen of the United States and his native Canada

# Filmography

- ◉ *Main article: [Jim Carrey filmography](#)*
- ◉ *[Once Bitten](#) (1985)*
- ◉ *[The Dead Pool](#) (1988)*
- ◉ *[Earth Girls Are Easy](#) (1989)*
- ◉ *[Ace Ventura: Pet Detective](#) (1994)*
- ◉ *[The Mask](#) (1994)*
- ◉ *[Dumb and Dumber](#) (1994)*
- ◉ *[Batman Forever](#) (1995)*
- ◉ *[Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls](#) (1995)*
- ◉ *[The Cable Guy](#) (1996)*
- ◉ *[The Truman Show](#) (1998)*
- ◉ *[Man on the Moon](#) (1999)*
- ◉ *[Me, Myself & Irene](#) (2000)*
- ◉ *[How the Grinch Stole Christmas](#) (2000)*
- ◉ *[The Majestic](#) (2001)*
- ◉ *[Bruce Almighty](#) (2003)*
- ◉ *[Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind](#) (2004)*
- ◉ *[Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events](#) (2004)*
- ◉ *[Fun with Dick and Jane](#) (2005)*
- ◉ *[Liar Liar](#) (1997)*
- ◉ *[The Number 23](#) (2007)*

# The Truman Show



- ◉ Directed by [Peter Weir](#)
- ◉ Produced by [Scott Rudin](#)
- ◉ [Andrew Niccol](#)
- ◉ [Edward S. Feldman](#)
- ◉ [Adam Schroeder](#)
- ◉ Written by **Andrew Niccol**
- ◉ Starring [Jim Carrey](#)
- ◉ [Laura Linney](#)
- ◉ [Noah Emmerich](#)
- ◉ [Natascha McElhone](#)
- ◉ [Holland Taylor](#)
- ◉ [Ed Harris](#)
- ◉ Music by [Philip Glass](#)
- ◉ Cinematography [Peter Biziou](#)
- ◉ Budget\$60 million<sup>[2]</sup>
- ◉ Box office\$264.1 million<sup>[3]</sup>

- ◎ The film stars Jim Carrey as Truman Burbank, an unwanted baby raised by a corporation inside a simulated television show revolving around his life, until he discovers it and decides to escape; additional roles are provided by Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Natascha McElhone, Holland Taylor, and Ed Harris

# Cast

- ◉ [Jim Carrey](#) as Truman Burbank: Chosen out of six unwanted pregnancies and the first child to be legally adopted by a corporation, he is unaware that his daily life is broadcast continuously around the world. He has a job in the insurance business and a lovely wife, but he eventually notices that his environment is not what it seems to be. [Robin Williams](#) was considered for the role, but Weir cast Carrey after seeing him in [Ace Ventura: Pet Detective](#) because Carrey's performance reminded him of [Charlie Chaplin](#).<sup>[5]</sup> Carrey took the opportunity to proclaim himself as a dramatic actor, rather than being [typecast](#) in comedic roles.<sup>[6]</sup> Carrey, who was then normally paid \$20 million per film, agreed to do *The Truman Show* for \$12 million.<sup>[7]</sup> Carrey and Weir initially found working together on set difficult (Carrey's contract gave him the power to demand rewrites), but Weir was impressed with Carrey's [improvisational](#) skills, and the two became more interactive.<sup>[5]</sup> The scene in which Truman declares "this planet Trumania of the Burbank galaxy" to the bathroom mirror was Carrey's idea.





- ◎ [Laura Linney](#) as Hannah Gill playing Meryl Burbank, Truman's wife, a nurse at the local hospital. Since the show relies on [product placement](#) for revenue, Meryl regularly shows off various items she has recently "purchased", one of the many oddities that makes Truman question his life. Her role is essentially to act the part of Truman's wife and ultimately to have a child by him, despite her reluctance to accomplish either. Linney explains that Gill "was a child actress who never made it, and now she's really ambitious. Mostly she's into negotiating her contract. Every time she sleeps with Truman she gets an extra \$10,000."<sup>[5]</sup> Linney heavily studied [Sears catalogs](#) from the 1950s to develop her character's poses



- [Ed Harris](#) as Christof: The creator of *The Truman Show*. Christof remains dedicated to the program at all costs, often overseeing and directing its course in person (rather than through aides), but at the climax/resolution, he speaks to Truman over a loudspeaker, revealing the nature of Truman's situation. [Dennis Hopper](#) was originally cast in the role, but he left in April 1997 (during filming) over "creative differences". Harris was a last-minute replacement.<sup>[7]</sup> A number of other actors had turned down the role after Hopper's departure.<sup>[8]</sup> Harris considered making Christof a hunchback, but Weir did not like the idea.



- ◉ Noah Emmerich as Louis Coltrane playing Marlon, Truman's best friend since early childhood. Marlon is a vending machine operator for the company Goodies, who promises Truman he would never lie to him, despite the latest events in Truman's life. Emmerich has said, "My character is in a lot of pain. He feels really guilty about deceiving Truman. He's had a serious drug addiction for many years. Been in and out of rehab."<sup>[5]</sup> His name is an amalgam of two jazz musicians, Louis Armstrong and John Coltrane, and in one scene he plays trumpet



- ◎ Natascha McElhone as Sylvia playing Lauren Garland (Truman's college schoolmate): Sylvia was hired to play a background extra, a fellow student at Truman's college, named Lauren. She became romantically involved with Truman and tried to reveal to him the truth about his life, but was thrown out of the show before she could do so. She then becomes a protester against *The Truman Show*, urging Christof to release its lead.





- ◎ Holland Taylor as Alanis Montclair playing Angela Burbank, Truman's mother: Christof orders that she attempt to persuade Truman to have children



