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ZAC EFRON

Biography

Nurturing an impressive body of work that encompasses both film and television, Zac Efron is one of Hollywood's most sought-after talents.

Later this year, Efron stars in Sean Durkin's upcoming film, *The Iron Claw*, a drama based on the true story of the Von Erichs, a dynasty of wrestlers who made a huge impact on the sport in the 1960's but were plagued by misfortune and loss. The film co-stars Jeremy Allen White and Harris Dickinson and is slated for a December 22 release. Zac will also star opposite Nicole Kidman and Joey King in *A Family Affair*, a romantic comedy focused on a surprising romance that results in comic consequences for a young woman, her mother and her movie star boss as they face the complications of love, sex and identity. He recently wrapped production on Peter Farrelly's *Ricky Stanicky*, a comedy that follows three teens who create a fake person named Ricky Stanicky to take the blame for a prank gone wrong.

Last year Zac starred opposite Russell Crowe in Apple TV+'s original film, *The Greatest Beer Run Ever*. Directed by Peter Farrelly, *The Greatest Beer Run Ever* follows the real-life story of Chickie Donohue (Efron) as he leaves New York in 1967 to bring beer to his childhood buddies in the Army while they are fighting in Vietnam.

In 2022, Zac returned for a second season of the award-winning Netflix series, "Down to Earth with Zac Efron: Down Under." He was awarded the 2021 Daytime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Daytime Program Host for the first season and has been nominated in the same category for the second season. The show received a nomination for Travel, Adventure and Nature Program for the second season as well. In *Down to Earth*, Efron journeys around the world with wellness expert Darin Olien in search of healthy, sustainable ways to live. He also serves as an executive producer on the series.

Additional film credits include *Firestarter*; the crime-thriller *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile*, in which he plays the notorious serial killer, Ted Bundy; *The Greatest Showman*, alongside Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, and Michelle Williams; *Gold*; *Scoob!*; *The Beach Bum*; *Baywatch*; *The Disaster Artist*; *Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates*; *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*; *Dirty Grandpa*; *We Are Your Friends*; *That Awkward Moment*; the historical drama *Parkland*; *At Any Price*; *The Paperboy*; *Liberal Arts*; *The Lucky One*; *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*; *New Year's Eve*; *Charlie St. Cloud*; *17 Again*; *Me and Orson Welles*, and the box office smash summer film *Hairspray*, which won the Critics' Choice award for Best Ensemble.

Television credits include the animated series, "Human Discoveries," on Facebook Watch; a recurring role on the WB series "Summerland," guest starring roles on "The Suite Life of Zack & Cody," "ER," "The Guardian" and "C.S.I. Miami."

Efron became a household name with the launch of the 2006 Emmy Award-winning Disney Channel phenomenon *High School Musical*. He reprised his role as Troy Bolton, head of the basketball team, in *High School Musical 2*, which broke cable TV records garnering 17.5 million viewers. Zac also

starred in the Disney Feature Film *High School Musical 3: Senior Year*, the third installment of the extremely successful *High School Musical* franchise. HSM3 set a box office record as the highest grossing opening weekend total for a musical.

Zac has received a wide array of accolades throughout his career including CinemaCon's *Comedy Star of the Year* (2016), ShoWest's *Breakthrough Performer of the Year* award, the MTV Movie Award for *Breakthrough Performance* (2008) and *Best Male Performance* (2009), in addition to multiple People's Choice, Teen Choice and Kids Choice Awards.

On stage, Zac starred in the musical "Gypsy," and has appeared in productions of "Peter Pan," "Mame," "Little Shop of Horrors" and "The Music Man."

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