

# Sir Ben Kingsley

## Multi award winning actor

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## About

After earning an Academy Award, two Golden Globes and two BAFTA Awards for his riveting portrayal of Indian social leader Mahatma Gandhi, Sir Ben Kingsley continues to bring unequalled detail and nuance to each role he portrays.

Ben Kingsley has continued to earn honors as a truly international star; earning three additional Oscar nominations for *Bugsy*, *Sexy Beast* and *House of Sand and Fog*. His roles have been as diverse as his talents, from a sturdy vice president in *Dave* to the scheming Fagin in *Oliver Twist*. In 1984, Ben was awarded the Padma Sri by Indira Gandhi and the government of India and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in the New Year's Eve Honors List 2001.

Most recently, Ben Kingsley was seen in the animated film *The Boxtrolls*, and the epic film *Exodus: Gods and Kings* and *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*, the third installment in the franchise, where he plays an Egyptian pharaoh on display in the museum who is revived by a magical tablet.

Ben can also be seen in *Tut*, a six-part miniseries for SpikeTV and is also currently lending his voice to the Disney live-action take on *The Jungle Book* as "Bagheera," the stunning black panther.

Sir Ben Kingsley has completed production on six films; *The Walk*, *Autobahn*, *Selfless*, *Learning to Drive*, *Our Robot Overlords* and *Life*. He will also be seen in the upcoming *Brooklyn Bridge*, opposite Daniel Radcliffe and Brie Larson. Ben was also seen recently in *War Story*, which premiered the 2014 Sundance Film Festival. Directed by Mark Jackson the film is about a war photographer who retreats to a small town in Sicily after being held captive in Libya.

In 2013 Sir Ben Kingsley was seen in the blockbuster film *Iron Man 3*, as "The Mandarin." The film has grossed over \$1 billion worldwide to date. He also starred in *Ender's Game* and in the independent films *Walking With the Enemy*, *A Common Man*, *A Birder's Guide to Everything* and *The Physician*.

Steeped in British theatre, Sir Ben Kingsley marked the beginning of his professional acting career with his acceptance by the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1967. From roles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, "Brutus" in *Julius Caesar* and the title roles in *Othello* and *Hamlet*, among others, his more recent and diverse stage roles include those in *The Country Wife*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *A Betrothal* and *Waiting for Godot*.

Ben's film career began in 1972 with the thriller *Fear Is the Key*, but his first major role came a decade later in the epic *Gandhi*. In 1994 he was nominated for a BAFTA Award for his memorable supporting role as "Itzhak Stern" in Steven Spielberg's seven-time Oscar winner *Schindler's List*.

Throughout his career spanning over 40 years, Ben Kingsley has remained a coveted and ubiquitous talent.

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