

October 16<sup>th</sup>

Michael Collins

B: 1890 Sam's Cross County Cork, Ireland

D: August 22, 1922

Was a soldier and a politician who was a leading figure in the struggle for Irish independence in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Collins was an Irish revolutionary leader, politician, Minister for Finance, Director of Information, and Teachta Dala for Cork South in the First Dail of 1919, adjutant General, Director of Intelligence, and Director of Organization and Arms Procurement for the IRA, President of the Irish Republican Brotherhood from November 1920 until his death, and member of the Irish delegation during the Anglo-Irish treaty negotiations. Subsequently he was both chairman of the provisional government and Commander in chief of the national army. Collins was shot and killed in an ambush in August 1922 during the Irish Civil War.

Oscar Wilde aka Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde

B: 1854 Dublin Ireland

D: November 30, 1900

Irish playwright, novelist, essayist, and poet. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, he became one of London's most popular playwrights in the early 1890s. He is remembered for his epigrams, his novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, his plays, as well as the circumstances of his imprisonment and early death. While his masterpiece, *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895) was still on stage in London, he had *The Marquess of Queensberry* prosecuted for libel. The Marquess was the father of Wilde's lover, Lord Alfred Douglas. The charge carried a penalty of up to two years in prison. The trial unearthed evidence that caused Wilde to drop his charges and led to his own arrest and trial for gross indecency with men. After two more trials he was convicted and imprisoned for two years' hard labour. Upon his release he left immediately for France, never to return to Ireland or Britain. He died destitute in Paris at the age of 46.

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Irene Ryan

B: 1902

D: April 26, 1973

Was an American actress who found success in Vaudeville, Radio, film, television, and Broadway. Most widely known for her portrayal of Granny, the mother-in-law of Buddy Ebsen's character on the long-running series *The Beverly Hillbillies*, for which she was nominated for Emmy awards for outstanding lead actress in a comedy series in 1963 and 1964.

Arthur Miller

B: 1915

D: February 10, 2005

Was an American playwright, essayist, and figure in twentieth century American theatre. Among his most popular plays are *All My Sons*, *Death of a Salesman*, *The Crucible*, and *A View from the Bridge*. He also wrote screenplays and was most noted for his work on *The Misfits* (1961). The drama *Death of a Salesman* has been numbered on the short list of finest American plays in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alongside *Long Day's Journey into Night*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Peter Boyle

B: 1935

D: 12/12/2006

American Actor. Best known for his role as Frank Barone on the sitcom *Everybody Loves Raymond*, and as a comical monster in Mel Brooks' film spoof *Young Frankenstein* (1974).

Played Jocko Dundee in *Johnny Dangerously*, he was also in *Honeymoon in Vegas*, *Malcolm X*, *The Santa Clause*, *While You Were Sleeping*, *Doctor Doolittle*, *Monster's Ball*, *The Adventures of Pluto Nash*, *The Santa Clause 2 (Father Time)*, *Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed*, *The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (Father Time)*, to name a few others.

Chuck Lorre

B: 1952

American television writer, producer, and composer. He has created a number of successful sitcoms such as *Grace Under Fire*, *Cybill*, *Dharma & Greg*, *Two and a Half Men*, *The Big Bang Theory*, and *Mom*. He also served as an executive producer of *Roseanne* and *Mike & Milly*.

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Trey Parker

B: 1969

American actor, animator, writer, director, producer, singer, and songwriter. He is best known for being the co-creator of *South Park* (1997-present) along with his creative partner Matt Stone, as well as co-writing and co-directing the tony award winning musical *The Book of Mormon*. The two collaborated on various short films, and starred in a feature length musical, titled *Cannibal! The Musical* (1993).

Wrote second film, *Orgazmo* in 1997.

Sir Michael Gambon

B: 1940

Irish-born English actor who has worked in theatre, television, and film. He has played mystery writer protagonist in the BBC television serial *The Singing Detective*, Jules Maigret in the 90s itv series *maigret*, and professor albus Dumbledore in the harry potter films after the death of actor Richard Harris. Narrator in *Hail, Caesar!*, was the voice of the prophet on *Elder Scrolls* online, He was on the Christmas special *A Christmas Carol* (2010 ) of *Doctor Who*, King George V in *The King's Speech*, He was in *The Book of Eli*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* the voice of Franklin Bean, *The Good Shepherd*, *The Omen*, *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*, *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, *Layer Cake*, and I also know him as Baltus Van Tassel in the movie *Sleepy Hollow*. He was also the voice of Badger in the *Wind in the Willows*.

Jon Favreau

B: 1966

An American actor, filmmaker, and comedian. Has directed Elf, Iron Man, Iron Man 2, Cowboys and Aliens, The Jungle Book. Acted in Rudy and Swingers(which he also wrote), Very Bad Things, The Break-Up, and Chef (which he also directed). Served as an executive producer on The Avengers, Iron Man 3, and Avengers: Age of Ultron. He also appeared as Pete becker, Monica Geller's boyfriend during season three of the tv series Friends. He produces films under his banner Fairview Entertainment.

October 20th

Viggo Mortensen

B: 1958

American Actor. Witness, Fresh Horses, Young Guns 2, The Indian Runner, Boiling Point, Carlito's Way,Crimson Tide, G.I. Jane, Psycho (Sam Loomis), A Walk on the Moon, 28 Days, Hidalgo, A History of Violence, The Road, just to name a few. I know him and love him as Aragorn in all of the Lord of the Rings movies.

William Zabka

B: 1965

American actor, screenwriter, director, and producer. He is best known for his villain roles in several iconic 1980s films.

The Karate Kid (Johnny), National Lampoon's European Vacation (Jack), Back to School (Chas), Hot Tub Time Machine (Rick), Several episodes of How I Met Your Mother as himself, just to name a few.

Bela Lugosi

B: 1882

D: August 16, 1956

Bela Ferenc Dezso Blasko (Be la, ferrents, dezo, blajko), Was a Hungarian-American actor, famous for portraying Count Dracula in the original 1931 film and for his roles in various other horror films.

October 21<sup>st</sup>

Alfred Nobel

B: 1833

D: December 10, 1896

Was a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, businessman, and philanthropist. Known for inventing dynamite, Nobel also owned Bofors, which he had redirected from its previous role as primarily an iron and steel producer to a major manufacturer of cannon and other armaments. Nobel held 355 different patents, dynamite being the most famous. After reading a premature obituary which condemned him for profiting from the sales of arms, he bequeathed his fortune to institute the Nobel Prizes.

Carrie Fisher

B: 1956

American Actress and writer. Best known for portraying Princess Leia in the original Star Wars trilogy, and Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Also known for her semi-autobiographical novels, including Postcards from the Edge, and the screenplay for the film of the same name. Also well known for being in Shampoo, The Blues Brothers, Hannah and Her Sisters, The Burbs, and When Harry Met Sally.

Andrew Scott

B: 1976

Born in Dublin, Ireland. Irish film, Television, and stage actor. He plays Jim Moriarty in the BBC series Sherlock and Max Denbigh in the James Bond Film Spectre. He also played Dr. Addison Bennet in Alice Through the Looking Glass, and Inspector Turpin in Victor Frankenstein.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Christopher Lloyd

B: 1938

American actor, voice actor, and best known for his roles as Emmett “Doc” Brown in the Back to the Future trilogy, Judge Doom in Who Framed Roger Rabbit, and Uncle Fester in The Addams Family, and its sequel, Addams Family Values. “Great Scott!”

Jeff Goldblum

B: 1952

American born actor. Best known for Jurassic Park, Independence Day, The Lost World: Jurassic Park, and Independence Day: Resurgence. He was also in Invasion of Body Snatchers, The Big Chill, and became well known for being in The Fly. Other films include Powder, The Prince of Egypt, Cats & Dogs.

Daniel Boone

B: 1734

D: September 26, 1820

Was an American pioneer, explorer, woodsman, and frontiersman, whose frontier exploits made him one of the first folk heroes of the United States. Most famous for his exploration and settlement of what is now, Kentucky, which was then part of Virginia but on the other side of the mountains from the settled areas. Despite some resistance from American Indian tribes such as the Shawnee, in 1775 Boone blazed his Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap in the Appalachian Mountains from North Carolina and Tennessee into Kentucky. There he founded the village of Boonesborough, Kentucky, one of the first American settlements west of the Appalachians.