



Theatre Virtual Learning

Acting III & Acting IV

Oh to be Inspired: Actor Biographies

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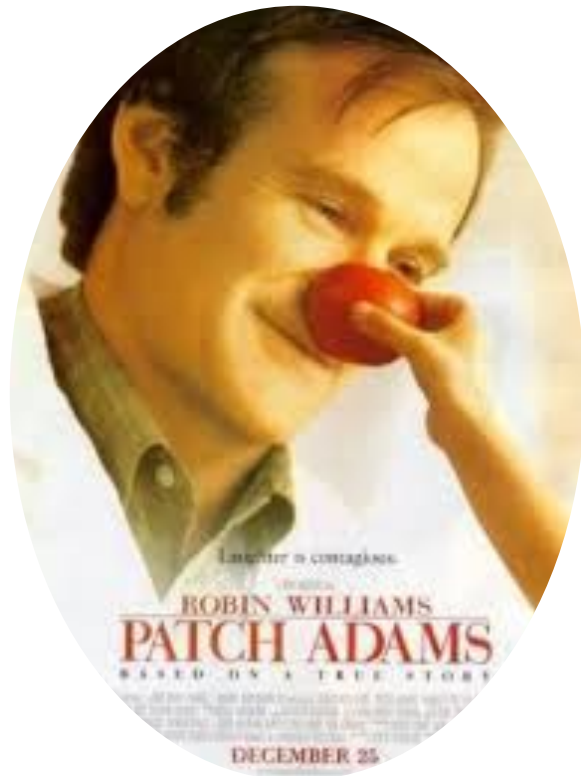
Objective/Learning Target:

Students will research current working actors and study their methods of acting.

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Let's Get Started / Warm Up Activities:

Who is one of your favorite actors?
Why do you love/admire the work they do?





Lesson: Oh to be Inspired! Actor Biographies

BE INSPIRED.

You have spent time this week and last looking at different methods you can use to develop character and perform realistic moments on stage.

The reality is that every actor develops their own “method” where they learn and keep track of exercises that work for them personally in preparing a performance.

One way we can grow as actors is through exploring what other actors do/have done to develop their process.



Lesson: Oh to be Inspired! Actor Biographies

Today, you will choose an actor that has been nominated/won one of the following awards to research and learn from:

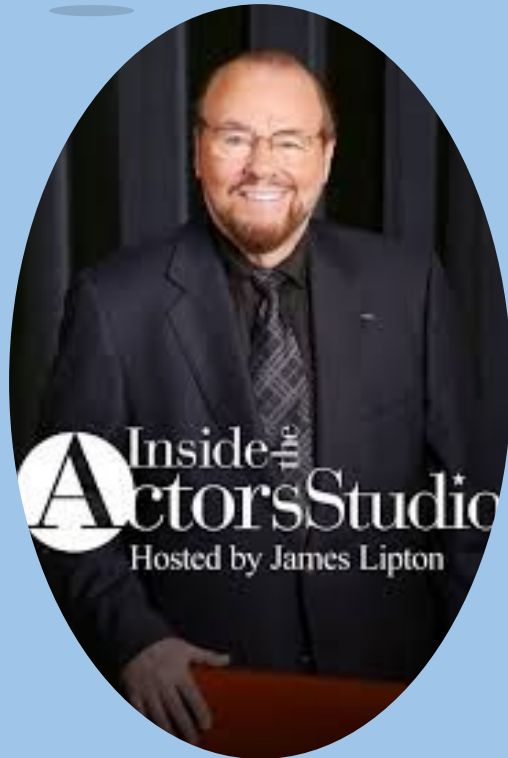
- Tony Award
- Oscar
- Emmy
- Actor's Guild Award
- Golden Globe





Practice: Oh to be Inspired! Actor Biographies

Now that you have chosen an award winning/nominated actor, you will research and learn about them:



BACKGROUND BASICS

- a. Biographical Information (family, origins, education, acting training, etc.)
 - i. Family, growing up
 - ii. Educational background (did they do high school theatre?)
 - iii. Acting Training
- b. Career
 - i. What shows/productions were they involved?
 - ii. Milestones: For example, what was their “big break”? Have they ever gotten to work with someone they really admired?
 - iii. Awards

PERFORMANCE

- a. What is their approach to acting roles? In other words, how do they develop a character? The best place to learn this is through watching interviews of them. For example, *Inside the Actors Studio* is a great resource.
- b. Significant influences on their career and style