

FAMOUS ACTORS AND ACTRESSES



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Yuri Vladimirovich Nikulin was born in 18 December 1921. He was a well-known Soviet and Russian actor and clown who starred in many popular films. He was awarded the title of People's Artist of the USSR in 1973 and Hero of Socialist Labour in 1990. Nikulin was born in Smolensk in Western Russia. His mother was a garage supervisor and his father a writer of satirical plays. Nikulin fought in the Red Army in the Winter War with Finland and the World War II with Germany. Nikulin first took up clowning in 1944 when a political officer ordered him to organize entertainment for the division, which he did with resounding success. After the war Nikulin was recruited as a trainee for the Clown Studio at Moscow's [Tsvetnoy Boulevard Circus](#). His screen debut came in 1958. He appeared in almost a dozen short films directed by Leonid Gaidai. His most popular films include comedies [Brilliantovaya Ruka](#) (*Diamond Arm*), [12 Stulyev](#) ([12 Chairs](#)), [Stariki-Razboiniki](#) (*Old Hooligans*). He played in [Andrey Tarkovsky's Andrei Rublev](#) and several films on [World War II](#) themes. Nikulin was one of the "best-loved men in Russia". He died on 21 August 1997.



Marilyn Monroe (real name Norma Jeane Mortenson) was born on June 1, 1926. She was an American actress and model, famous for playing comic "dumb blonde" characters. She continues to be considered a major popular culture icon. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Monroe spent most of her childhood in foster homes and an orphanage and married at the age of sixteen. While working in a factory in 1944, she was introduced to a photographer and began a successful modeling career. The work led to short-lived film contracts and over the next two years, she became a popular actress . By 1953, Monroe was one of the most marketable Hollywood stars, with leading roles in three films: the noir Niagara and the comedies Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and How to Marry a Millionaire. Monroe's private life received much attention. She struggled with depression. She died at the age of 36 on August 5, 1962, from an overdose at her home in Los Angeles. Monroe's death was called a probable suicide.



Sophia Loren born Sofia Villani Scicolone on 20 September 1934 is an Italian film actress.

Loren was born in Rome, Italy. During World War II, there was a frequent bombing and Loren was wounded in the chin. After that, the family moved to Naples and Loren's grandmother Luisa opened a pub in their living room, selling homemade cherry liquor, and Loren waited on tables and washed dishes.

Loren began her film career in 1950 at age 15. She appeared in several roles until her contract in 1956 which launched her international career. Her most notable films are The Pride and the Passion, Houseboat, and It Started in Naples. she has won a Grammy Award, five special Golden Globes, and In 1995, she received the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievements. In 1999, Loren was acknowledged as one of the top 25 female American Screen Legends in the American Film Industry.