

## **FOREST WHITAKER BIOGRAPHY**

Host of  
UPN's "THE TWILIGHT ZONE"

Forest Whitaker is one of Hollywood's most accomplished – and admired – actors/directors/producers, having showcased his talents in a multitude of demanding and diverse roles and projects. He brings his trademark depth and presence to his latest role as the wry, all-knowing host of television's pioneering supernatural anthology series THE TWILIGHT ZONE.

In 2002, he will be starring in and producing several highly-anticipated motion pictures. In addition to the recently released David Fincher film "The Panic Room," he stars in Joel Schumacher's upcoming "Phone Booth," with Colin Farrell, and "Fourth Angel," with Jeremy Irons. He also stars in and executive produced "Green Dragon," the first feature film production from his multimedia company, Spirit Dance Entertainment.

Among his most acclaimed roles, Whitaker was named Best Actor at the Cannes Film Festival (1988) for his portrayal of jazz legend Charlie Parker in Clint Eastwood's "Bird," a role for which he also received a Golden Globe nomination. He earned widespread recognition for his performance in Neil Jordan's Academy Award-winning film "The Crying Game." He also garnered a CableAce Award nomination for the television movie "Last Light," which was directed by Keifer Sutherland. For "The Enemy Within," Whitaker received a Screen Actor's Guild nomination.

Whitaker made his feature film directing debut with the critically acclaimed box office hit "Waiting To Exhale," which starred Angela Bassett, Whitney Houston and Lela Rochon. His last directorial outing was "Hope Floats," starring Sandra Bullock.

Whitaker's Spirit Dance Entertainment is involved in film, television and music production. Through his company, Whitaker has deals to direct and produce feature films for Twentieth Century Fox and television films for HBO.

Whitaker works closely with a number of charitable organizations. He serves as an Honorary Board Member for Penny Lane, an organization that provides assistance to abused teenagers. He is also involved with 4-D All-Stars, a motivational mentor program for teenagers, and The Watts Cinema Project.

Whitaker lives in Los Angeles with his wife and children.

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