

Steve Carell Bio

Academy Award-nominated actor Steve Carell has established himself as a multi-talented force in Hollywood. First gaining recognition for his contributions as a correspondent on Comedy Central's Emmy Award-winning *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, Carell has successfully segued from the small screen to above-the-title status on the big screen. Proving that his talents extend beyond acting and writing, Carell also established his own production company, Carousel Productions.

Last year, Carell starred alongside Mark Ruffalo, Channing Tatum and Vanessa Redgrave in the Oscar-nominated film, *Foxcatcher*. The biographical drama, directed by Bennett Miller, depicts the real life events surrounding the murder of Olympic wrestler David Schultz by John du Pont. Carell portrays du Pont who captained promising wrestler Mark Schultz (Tatum) and his Olympic team to the 1988 Seoul summer games. For his revelatory performance, Carell received an Academy Award nomination for "Best Actor," a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination in the category of "Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role," BAFTA nomination for "Best Supporting Actor" and a Golden Globe Award nomination for "Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama."

In October 2015, Carell portrayed the real-life character adaptation of Steve Goldstein in *Freeheld*, starring Julianne Moore and Ellen Page, and directed by Peter Sollett. Based on the 2007 documentary about Laurel Hester and Stacie Andree, the film tells the story of the same-sex couple who fought to amend the Domestic Partnership Act granting pension benefits to domestic partners of all New Jersey public employees.

This Winter, Carell stars in Paramount's *The Big Short*. The true-life drama, based off Michael Lewis' best-selling book, chronicles multiple story lines of the housing and credit bubbles in 2008. Carell plays Mark Bounds, a money manager who shorted subprime mortgages for FrontPoint Partners. Directed by Adam McKay, the film will be released on December 11, 2015.

In 2016, Carell will begin production opposite Emma Stone in *Battle of the Sexes* helmed by the *Little Miss Sunshine* directing duo Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris and script by Academy Award Winner Simon Beaufoy. The story centers on the 1973 epic tennis match between Billie Jean King (Stone) and Bobby Riggs (Carell). King, ranked the No. 2 female tennis player, was challenged by and defeated former Wimbledon champion Riggs. The match received the highest ranked television ratings since the Moon Landing, at that time. Danny Boyle serves as the producer under his Decibel Films banner along with Christian Colson and his company Cloud Eight.

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Carell recently finished production on Woody Allen's next feature with the ensemble cast that includes Blake Lively, Parker Posey, Kristen Stewart, Jesse Eisenberg and Corey Stoll, to name a few. Allen serves as the director and writer of the Untitled feature and is produced by Letty Aronson and Steve Tenenbaum and Edward Walson.

It was ten years ago when Carell opened his first lead role in a feature film, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, which he co-wrote with director Judd Apatow, at #1, a spot it remained in for two straight weekends. The surprise hit of 2005 went on to gross more than \$177 million worldwide and had #1 openings in 12 countries. The success of the film has continued, as it has also generated over \$100 million in DVD sales in North America alone. The film was honored with an AFI Award as one of "10 Most Outstanding Motion Pictures of the Year" and took home "Best Comedy Movie" at the 11th annual Critic's Choice Awards. The film also earned Carell and Apatow a co-nomination for "Best Original Screenplay" by the Writers Guild Association.

In 2010, Carell lent his vocal talents in the lead role of "Gru" in the animated feature film, *Despicable Me*, which opened #1 in the box office and went on to make more than \$543 million worldwide. In June of 2008, Carell starred as "Maxwell Smart" in *Get Smart*, opposite Anne Hathaway and Alan Arkin. The film grossed over \$230 million worldwide. He also lent his voice as The Mayor of Whoville in 20th Century-Fox's animated film *Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears A Who!* based on the children's book written by Dr. Seuss. Directed by Jimmy Hayward (*Finding Nemo*, *Monsters, Inc.*), Carell played opposite Jim Carrey, and helped launch the film as an international success earning over \$297 million worldwide. In 2006, as a part of an ensemble, he starred in *Little Miss Sunshine*, which earned an Academy Award nomination for "Best Picture" and won the Screen Actors Guild Award for "Outstanding Performance by a Cast" in a Motion Picture.

In the summer of 2011, Carell starred in *Crazy, Stupid, Love* opposite Julianne Moore, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Produced by Carell's production company, Carousel Productions, the critically acclaimed film went on to earn \$142 million worldwide.

In 2012, Carell starred in *Seeking a Friend of the End of the World* opposite Keira Knightly. Later that year Carell was seen in the hit comedic drama *Hope Springs*, opposite Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones.

In early 2013, Carell starred in Warner Brother's *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*, where he portrayed a jaded magician trying to stay relevant opposite Jim Carrey and Steve Buscemi. In July 2013, Carell returned as the voice of Gru in the animated film *Despicable Me 2* which has grossed over \$918 million worldwide thus

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far. The same month, Carell co-starred alongside Toni Collette, Allison Janney, Maya Rudolph and Sam Rockwell in Fox Searchlight Pictures' *The Way, Way Back* which was written and directed by Academy Award recipients Nat Faxon and Jim Rash. In December 2013, he returned as "Brick Tamland" in Paramount Pictures' *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*, along with Will Ferrell and Paul Rudd.

In October 2014, Carell starred in Disney's *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* playing opposite Jennifer Garner and directed by Miguel Arteta. Based off the popular children's book, the story centers around 11-year old Alexander as he, along with his family, experience the most terrible day.

In 2011, Carell completed his 8 year Emmy-nominated, run on the Americanized adaptation of Ricky Gervais' acclaimed British series *The Office*. In 2006, Carell earned a Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series - Musical or Comedy, followed by two more nominations, for his portrayal of "Michael Scott," the pompous and deluded boss of a Pennsylvania paper company. He was also nominated for six Emmy Awards for "Best Lead Actor in a Comedy Series." In the past years, the show won the Screen Actors Guild Award for "Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series."

In his next producing effort, TBS will premiere *Angie Tribeca* under Carell's Carousel Productions banner in 2016. Created by Carell and his wife Nancy, the comedy is a satirical look at police procedures and stars Rashida Jones. The series premiered on March 14th, 2015 at the South by Southwest Film Festival. Carell serves as executive producer, writer and director.

Born in Massachusetts, Carell now resides in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Nancy Carell (NBC's *Saturday Night Live*), whom he met while at the Second City Theater Group in Chicago, where both were members. He is a proud father of a daughter and a son.

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