

MILOS FORMAN

famous DIRECTOR

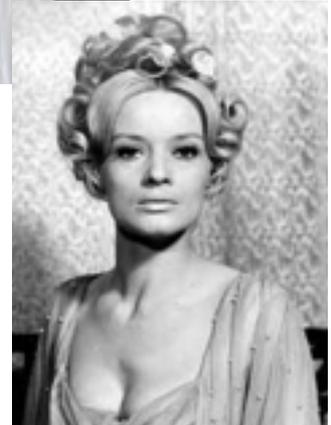
Czech-born New Wave filmmaker known primarily for the distinctively American movies that he made after his immigration to the United States.

Personal Life

Milos Forman was born in 1932 into a teacher's family in the small town of Caslav. He was the youngest of three brothers. During World War II, his parents were taken away by the Nazis, after being accused of participating in the underground resistance. His father died in Buchenwald and his mother died in Auschwitz, and Milos became an orphan very early on. For part of the war, Milos lived with his aunt Anna and uncle Boleslav in Nachod. In the mid-1950s Forman studied at the Film Faculty of the Academy of Arts in Prague.

After the war, Forman attended the elite King George boarding school in the spa town Poděbrady, where his fellow students included Václav Havel, the Mašín brothers and future film-makers Ivan Passer and Jerzy Skolimowski. He later studied screenwriting at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. He was assistant of Alfred Radok, creator of *Laterna Magika*. During the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in summer 1968, he left Europe for the United States.

Forman's first wife was Czech movie star Jana Brejchová. They met during the making of the movie *Štěňata* (1957). They divorced in 1962. Forman has twin sons with his second wife, Czech actress Věra Křesadlová-Formanová. Both sons, Petr Forman and Matěj Forman, born 1964, are involved in the theatre. That marriage lasted for thirty-five years, spanning 1964 to 1999. Then Forman married Martina Zbořilová on November 28, 1999. They also have twin sons, Jim and Andy (born 1999, named for comics Jim Carrey and Andy Kaufman), and reside in Connecticut, USA.



Career

The first time he experienced the world of theatre was during the war. His older brother Pavel worked as a painter in a barnstormer's group called The East Bohemian Light Opera Company. Forman describes his first encounter with the world of show business: "The backstage of the operetta company smelled nicely of a mixture of voluptuous

femininity, cheap scents, violets, sweating bodies, roses, make-up, stiff laces being ironed, moth balls, alcoholic drinks, cookies, ballet shoes with sweaty tights and little skirts with a light scent of urine – and I immediately decided that this is the world I belong to.”

Along with future favorite cinematographer Miroslav Ondříček and longtime schoolfriend Ivan Passer, Forman filmed the silent documentary *Semafor* about Semafor theater.

He has won many prizes for his work. For example he has been nominated four times in Golden Globe and has won thrice. Also he has won oscar for the best director of the year twice.

In 1967, Forman received permission to travel to the United States to make his first American film for Paramount Pictures.



Films

Amadeus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGUvc5_wf74

It is a period drama film. The incredible story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The story is set in Vienna, Austria, during the latter half of the 18th century.

The film was nominated for 53 awards and received 40, including eight Academy Awards

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

It is a drama film with Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher.

Upon admittance to a mental institution, a brash rebel rallies the patients to take on the oppressive head nurse.

Goya's Ghosts

It is a historical drama from Spain with Natalie Portman. Painter Francisco Goya faces a scandal involving his muse, who is labeled a heretic by a monk.

Man on the Moon

It is a 1999 American biographical comedy-drama film about the late American entertainer Andy Kaufman, starring Jim Carrey.

Valmont

The lover, Valmont, bets that he can seduce her, even though she is an honorable woman. If he wins, he can have his lover to do as he will. However, in the process of seducing the married woman, Valmont falls in love.

Hair

is a 1979 musical war comedy-drama and film adaptation of the 1968 Broadway

musical of the same name about a Vietnam war draftee who meets and befriends a tribe of long-haired hippies on his way to the army induction center. The hippies introduce him to their environment of marijuana, LSD, unorthodox relationships and draft dodging.

