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SIGOURNEY WEAVER

Biography

Academy Award nominated actress Sigourney Weaver has created a host of memorable characters, both dramatic and comic, in films ranging from Ripley in *Alien* to Dian Fossey in *Gorillas in the Mist*. Over the years, she has captivated audiences and won acclaim as one of the most esteemed actresses on both stage and screen.

Born and educated in New York City, Weaver graduated from Stanford University and went on to receive a Masters degree from the Yale School of Drama. Her first professional job was as an understudy in Sir John Gielgud's production of *The Constant Wife*, starring Ingrid Bergman.

Sigourney Weaver made her motion picture debut in Ridley Scott's blockbuster *Alien*. She later reprised the role of Warrant Officer Ripley in James Cameron's *Aliens*, which earned her Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations for Best Actress. She again brought Ripley back to life in David Fincher's *Alien 3*, which she also co-produced, and *Alien Resurrection* for director Jean-Pierre Jeunet.

Following *Alien*, Weaver had starring roles in three back to back hit movies: *Gorillas in the Mist*, in which she portrayed primatologist Dian Fossey, the Mike Nichols comedy *Working Girl*, and *Ghostbusters II*. Weaver received her second and third Academy Award nominations and was awarded Golden Globes for her performances in *Gorillas in the Mist* and *Working Girl*. Other films include the thriller *Copycat*, Paul Rudnick's comedy *Jeffrey*, Roman Polanski's gripping film adaptation of *Death and the Maiden*, *Half Moon Street* with Michael Caine, Ridley Scott's *1492*, *One Woman or Two* with Gerard Depardieu, *Eyewitness* with William Hurt and Showtime's live-action film *Snow White*, based on the original Grimm's fairytale, which earned her an Emmy nomination and a Screen Actors Guild nomination.

In 1997 Weaver joined the ensemble of Ang Lee's critically acclaimed film *The Ice Storm* playing alongside Kevin Kline, Joan Allen, Elijah Wood and Christina

Recent films include *Infamous* with Toby Jones and Sandra Bullock; Jake Kasdan's *The TV Set*, *Snow Cake*, opposite Alan Rickman; *The Girl in the Park*, opposite Kate Bosworth; *Vantage Point* with Dennis Quaid and Forrest Whitaker and the Tina Fey/Amy Poehler comedy *Baby Mama*. In 2008 Weaver lent her voice to Pixar's box office smash *Wall-E*, as well as *The Tale of Despereaux* with Matthew Broderick, Dustin Hoffman and Emma Watson.

Weaver can be seen in the Academy award winning movie *Avatar*, her first collaboration with James Cameron since *Aliens*. Weaver has recently completed filming Universal Pictures and Working Title Film's new comedy *Paul* starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost as well as Seth Rogen and Jason Bateman. Weaver is currently in production filming Andy Fickman's comedy *You Again* alongside Jamie Lee Curtis and Kristen Bell.

In TV, Weaver has received an Emmy nomination for lead actress for her role as Mary Griffith in Lifetime's *Prayers for Bobby*.