



A True Woman - Angelina Jolie-Pitt

Angelina Jolie-Pitt is an incredible actress, director and humanitarian who is the highest-paid actress across the globe. She was born on June 4th 1975 in California, USA. She is world-renowned for acting in many popular films such as *Maleficent*, *SALT* and *Mr & Mrs Smith*. As the icon of many people, Angelina still continues to impress critics and supporting public. She has been given the Academy Award, 2 Screen Actor Guild Award and 3 Golden Globe Awards. Read on further for more interesting facts about this star of the screen.

Childhood

During Angelina's childhood, she often watched films with her mother and father. She had a brother (James Haven) who also went on to become an actor too. James and Angelina were close and they often did many activities together. Angelina enjoyed regular trips to the cinema with her family until her parents tragically separated in 1976 when Angelina was only a baby. This was very upsetting for her. Her father, Jon Voight, and her mother, Marcheline Bertrand, were actors but it was not this that inspired Angelina. Watching films with her mother was the inspiration that gave Angelina the courage to act.

Teenage Years

When Angelina was 11 her acting passion took off when she started studying at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute. Motivated by her love of films, Angelina auditioned for great roles in productions at school, gaining many of them. Later, when she went on to University, Angelina had film studies as one of her most concentrated subjects. Then, she joined the Met Theatre in L.A, becoming a model at the age of 16. As well as this small modelling career, Angelina was seen in some music videos.

Career

At first Angelina appeared in some short-length films in the mid 1990's where she gained many critics notice. The films were great successes and Angelina loved being in them, films such as: *Hackers* (1995) and *Foxfire* (1996).

Soon Angelina was climbing to the top by having roles in a few television movies: *True Women* (1997) and *George Wallace* (1997). These films proved very popular because she earned her first Golden Globe Award and an Emmy nomination.

Her acclaim increased further when she won the role of Gia in the triumphant film 'Gia'. This great film earned Angelina another Golden Globe Award and her first Screen Actor Guild Award.

Breakthrough

Angelina's first major break was when she was given the leading role in *The Bone Collector* (1999). But then, after her success, Angelina was in *Girl, Interrupted* which proved not to be very popular with critics or at the box office. However, this film won her another Golden Globe Award, Screen Actor Guild Award and an Academy Award.

Marriage

Angelina has been considered one of the most beautiful actresses. She has always been 15th or 16th on the lists so it is not surprising about her 3 marriages. Jolie first married her co-star Jonny Lee Miller, but they soon divorced as Jolie did not love him fully.

A couple of years later, Angelina considered another marriage. This time she married one of her other co-stars, Billy Bob Thornton in 2000. Jolie became Thornton's 5th wife. Unfortunately, they divorced after 2 years of marriage.

Currently, Angelina is married to Brad Pitt who she met during the filming of *Mr & Mrs Smith*. They were said to have an affair while acting together but it turned out not to be true. They were a couple for many years until finally they married in 2014. They have 6 children, 3 of whom are adopted refugees.

Today's Angelina

Today, Angelina works as a humanitarian more often but is still constantly getting requests for films. She is most famous for *Maleficent* (her most recent movie), *Mr & Mrs Smith* and *SALT*. She is considered to appear in many more incredible films as one of the best-known actress in the world. As a result, many believe she has more great awards and movies to come in the future.

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