

COURTNEY B. VANCE

**Courtney B. Vance** has carefully cultivated an exceptional career that showcases his passion, talent and intellect. His penchant for successfully finding the dignity and honor in each character exploration has made this Tony and Emmy award-winning actor a powerful presence.

Courtney was awarded the Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series; the Critics Choice Award for Best Actor in a Movie Made for Television or Limited Series; and the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special for his portrayal of Johnnie Cochran in the FX series *The People vs. OJ Simpson: American Crime Story*. He also earned SAG and Golden Globe nominations for this critically acclaimed performance.

He recently appeared opposite Tom Cruise in *The Mummy* and co-starred in DreamWorks' comedy *Office Christmas Party*. He also appeared in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* and as the narrator in Wes Anderson's *Isle of Dogs*.

His many TV credits have included notable roles in *Scandal*, *Masters of Sex*, *State of Affairs*, *Revenge*, *Flashforward*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Blind Faith*, *The Piano Lesson*, *The Tuskegee Airmen*, *The Closer*, *ER* and the long-running hit series *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. Courtney was the recipient of NAACP Image Award nominations for his roles in *Law & Order* and *Masters of Sex*.

Courtney walked into his first theater rehearsal while a student at Harvard. There, he appeared with the Boston Shakespeare Company and Shakespeare and Company. During his tenure at the Yale School of Drama, he appeared with Yale Repertory Theatre and the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center. Soon, he headed to New York and quickly established himself on Broadway by being honored with a Tony Award nomination, the Theater World Award and Clarence Derwent Award for his debut performance in August Wilson's *Fences*. He then received his second Tony Award nomination for *Six Degrees of Separation*. He received an Obie Award for his work in *My Children! My Africa!*, starred in Vaclav Havel's *Temptation*, as Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet* and performed to rave reviews with his wife, Angela Bassett, in the stage adaptation of *His Girl Friday* and *The Front Page* at Minneapolis' renowned Guthrie Theater.

2013 saw him as the winner of the Tony Award for Best Featured Actor for his performance in Nora Ephron's *Lucky Guy*, which also garnered him a Drama League Distinguished Performance Award Nomination.

His film debut as Spc. Abraham 'Doc' Johnson in *Hamburger Hill* launched his prolific cinematic career that currently includes noteworthy films such as *The Hunt for Red October*, *The Preacher's Wife*, *Space Cowboys*, *The Adventures of Huck Finn*, *Cookie's Fortune*, *The Last Supper*, *Hurricane Season*, *Extraordinary Measures*, *Joyful Noise*, *Final Destination 5*, *The Divide* and *Terminator Genisys*.

Courtney and his wife, actress Angela Bassett co-wrote the book, **FRIENDS: A LOVE STORY**. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he is a proud Ambassador for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. He currently resides in Southern California with his wife and their twins, Bronwyn Golden and Slater Josiah.