



Charles Grodin

Charles Grodin is considered one of the most unique talents in America. He was a commentator for 60 Minutes II and for the past five years has been a commentator for the CBS News Radio Network. *The New York Times* called him A First-Rate Storyteller. *Newsweek* called him, A natural born raconteur. Earlier in his career he was under exclusive contract as a talk show guest for Johnny Carson. He made memorable appearances with Mr. Carson over a twenty-year period as well as appearing with David Letterman for twenty years. He is the author of five highly acclaimed books including the national bestseller ***It Would Be So Nice If You Weren't Here*** and the recently released compilation, ***If I Only Knew Then...: Learning from Our Mistakes***.

Mr. Grodin won an Emmy as writer of the Paul Simon special for NBC. He produced and directed the Simon and Garfunkel special which was a CBS entry in the worldwide Montreaux Television Festival. He directed the Emmy-Winning ABC television special *Acts Of Love and Other Comedies*. Also for ABC, he wrote the television special *Love, Sex and Marriage* of which *U.S.A. Today* said, "Its time capsule good. The Smithsonian folks should tape it!" He was also a writer /director for Candid Camera. He received four Cable Ace nominations for *The Charles Grodin Show* on CNBC. It was nominated as best show on cable every year there were ace nominations. He won the Outer Critics Circle Award as Best Actor on Broadway in *Same Time Next Year*. He directed the comedy classic *Lovers and Other Strangers* on Broadway. He has had four plays produced in New York. Mr. Grodin has had a long distinguished career in the movies. He has starred in such films as *The Heartbreak Kid*, *Seems Like Old Times*, *Midnight Run* and *the Beethoven* movies and recently acted in the new comedy *The Ex*.

Mr. Grodin left the movies when his son entered first grade to be a stay at home father. After a twelve year absence, when his son graduating high school, he returned to the movies starring in *Fast Track* along with Mia Farrow, Amanda Pete, Jason Bateman and Zach Braff. He has been very active in criminal justice issues and was particularly noted by Governor Pataki for his work in having New York's Rockefeller drug laws reformed.



Dr. Mae Jemison

Dr. Mae C. Jemison is currently leading 100 Year Starship (100YSS) an initiative seed funded by DOD's Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) to assure the capability for human interstellar space travel to another star is possible within the next 100 years. She also is founder of the technology consulting firm, The Jemison Group, Inc. that integrates the critical impact of socio-cultural issues when designing and implementing technologies, such as their projects on using satellite technology for health care delivery in West Africa and solar dish Stirling engines for electricity generation in developing countries.

Dr. Jemison, the first woman of color in the world to go into space, served six years as a NASA astronaut. She flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour, STS-47 Spacelab Japan mission in September 1992 and was NASA's first Science Mission Specialist performing experiments in material science, life science and human adaptation to weightlessness.

A strong, committed global voice for science literacy, in 1994 Jemison founded the international science camp The Earth We Share™ (TEWS) for students 12-16 years old from around the world, and founded and chairs the Dorothy Jemison Foundation for Excellence, a 501(c)3. TEWS-Space Race launched summer 2011 to improve science achievement in Los Angeles area students underserved and underrepresented in the sciences. Over four years its goal is to directly impact up to 10,000 middle school students and train 600 teachers. In October 2006 the Foundation developed the program Reality Leads Fantasy—Celebrating Women of Color in Flight that highlighted women in aviation and space from around the world. Dr. Jemison serves as national advocate for Bayer Corporation's award winning Making Science Make Sense program.

Dr. Jemison is a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. Dr. Jemison is an inductee of National Women's Hall of Fame, National Medical Association Hall of Fame and Texas Science Hall of Fame. Among many honors, awards and honorary degrees she received the National Organization for Women's Intrepid Award, the Kilby Science Award and in 1999 was selected as one of the top seven women leaders in a presidential ballot national straw poll

Prior to NASA, Jemison was Area Peace Corps Medical Officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia for two and a half years overseeing the healthcare system for Peace Corps (and State Department in Sierra Leone). Throughout Jemison has worked internationally including in a Cambodian refugee camp and with the Flying Doctors of East Africa. A general practice doctor in Los Angeles, Jemison earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and the requirements for an A.B. degree in African and Afro-American Studies at Stanford University and her M.D. from Cornell University.



Marlo Thomas

Marlo Thomas is an award-winning actress, author and activist whose body of work continues to impact American entertainment and culture. She has been honored with four Emmy Awards, the Peabody, a Golden Globe and a Grammy, and has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. In November 2014, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom—the highest honor a civilian can receive—by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony.

Marlo burst onto the scene as television's *That Girl*, which broke new ground for independent women everywhere, and which she also conceived and produced. Her pioneering spirit continued with her creation of *Free to Be... You and Me*, which became a platinum album, best-selling book, Emmy Award-winning television special and a stage show. Proceeds from this project went toward the formation of Ms. Foundation for Women, which was co-founded by Marlo, Gloria Steinem, Letty Cottin Pogrebin and Pat Carbine, who also created Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

Throughout it all, she has remained a constant presence on television, including her portrayal of a mentally ill woman in *Nobody's Child*, for which she won the Emmy for Best Dramatic Actress, and numerous guest appearances. She continues to win critical acclaim on stage, most recently in Elaine May's 2012 Broadway comedy-drama, *Relatively Speaking*; and in Tony Award-winning playwright Joe DiPietro's 2015 dark comedy, *Clever Little Lies*.

Marlo has produced seven bestselling books (three of them #1 bestsellers), including: *Free to Be You and Me*; *Free to Be a Family*; *The Right Words at the Right Time* (Volumes 1 and 2); *Thanks and Giving: All Year Long* (which became a Grammy-winning CD); her memoir, *Growing Up Laughing*; and *It Ain't Over Till It's Over: Reinventing Your Life and Realizing Your Dreams*.

From 2010 to 2015, Marlo hosted her hit internet talk show, "Mondays With Marlo," produced in collaboration with AOL and the Huffington Post. Featuring such celebrated guests as Dr. Oz, Suze Orman, Kelly Ripa, Jon Hamm and Chelsea Clinton, she earned hundreds of millions of page views every year. She also launched a nationwide anti-bullying initiative in partnership with the Ad Council, AOL, Facebook, and the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services.

Marlo is the National Outreach Director for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which was founded by her father, Danny Thomas, in 1962. In 2004, she created the hospital's annual *Thanks and Giving* campaign, a national holiday fundraising and awareness program that has raised nearly \$810 million to date. In 2014, in recognition of her commitment to the hospital, St. Jude christened its newest building The Marlo Thomas Center for Global Education and Collaboration.

Marlo has been honored for her activism with the Helen Caldicott Award for Nuclear Disarmament, the ACLU's Thomas Paine Award, the American Women in Radio and Television Satellite Award, the William Kunstler Racial Justice Award, The National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award, and The Jefferson Award for Public Service, which she received along with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Marlo lives in New York with her husband, talk show pioneer Phil Donahue.