

# viewpoint

## RAY LIOTTA

---

*Biography*

With more than 60 feature films to his credit, Ray Liotta has chosen diverse and challenging roles in both comedies and drama.

Liotta started his career with the Golden Globe Award nominated performance in Jonathan Demme's *Something Wild* and followed this playing the title character of 'Eugene' opposite Tom Hulce in *Dominic and Eugene*, and then the iconic role of 'Shoeless Joe Jackson' in the Oscar-nominated, *Field of Dreams*.

The role that brought Liotta his widespread acclaim was his portrayal of real-life mobster 'Henry Hill' in Martin Scorsese's *Good Fellas* starring opposite Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. His performance helped the film earn a Best Picture Academy Award nomination and solidified Liotta's status with critics and the public alike.

Liotta created notable performances in films like *Copland* opposite Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel for director James Mangold, *Hannibal* opposite Anthony Hopkins for director Ridley Scott, *Heartbreakers* with Sigourney Weaver, and *Blow* opposite Johnny Depp.

Liotta produced and starred in the intense cop drama *Narc* for director Joe Carnahan. The film received critical acclaim and earned Liotta an Independent Spirit Award nomination for his searing performance as 'Henry Oak'.

He also starred opposite Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper in *The Place Beyond the Pines*, *The Iceman* opposite Michael Shannon, *Killing Them Softly* opposite Brad Pitt, *Wanderlust* directed by Judd Apatow, *Date Night* opposite Steve Carrell and Tina Fey, *Observe and Report* opposite Seth Rogan, *Smokin' Aces* opposite Ryan Reynolds which reunited him with director Joe Carnahan, *Sin City: A Dame To Kill For*, *Marriage Story* opposite Laura Dern and Adam Driver and in the Netflix film *Hubie Halloween*.

Liotta made a guest appearance on the television drama "ER" which ignited the series ratings and earned him an Emmy award win for Best Guest Actor. He also starred in HBO's "The Rat Pack" as 'Frank Sinatra'. His portrayal earned him a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination for Best Actor.

He also received a SAG Award nomination for Best Male Performance in the A&E mini-series “Texas Rising” opposite Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Bill Paxton.

Most recently, Liotta starred in the Apple TV+ limited series *Black Bird* alongside Taron Egerton. He also starred opposite Jennifer Lopez in the crime drama series “Shades of Blue” for NBC. Other notable TV appearances include “Modern Family,” “The League,” “The Simpsons,” “Young Sheldon” and “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.”

For his 2004 Broadway debut opposite Frank Langella in Stephen Belber’s *Match*, Liotta received a Distinguished Performance honor at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Drama League Awards.

More recently, Liotta starred in the HBO Max film *No Sudden Move* for director Stephen Soderbergh, in the Warner Bros. film *The Many Saints of Newark* directed by Alan Taylor, which is a prequel to the HBO series “The Sopranos” created by David Chase and in season three of the Amazon Prime series *Hanna*.

Upcoming he stars in *1992* for director Ariel Vromen and in *Cocaine Bear* for director Elizabeth Banks and Universal. Most recently he filmed *Dangerous Waters*.

A New Jersey native, Liotta began acting while a student at the University of Miami.

# # #

December 2022