

RICHARD ROUNDTREE (Kwame) became a bona-fide film icon with his starring role in the landmark film *Shaft* and its equally successful sequels, *Shaft's Big Score* and *Shaft in Africa*.

Roundtree enjoys international fame from an illustrious career that spans film, television and theater. He began his acting career while attending Southern Illinois University on a football scholarship. He returned to his home state of New York to study theater as a member of the famed Negro Ensemble Company.

He went on to star in such productions as *The Great White Hope* and in the films *Earthquake*, *Man Friday*, *An Eye for an Eye*, *Once Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored*, and *City Heat*. Roundtree most recently starred on television in the series *Buddies* and in such features as *Seven* and *T.Rex*. He can also be seen this summer in the film *Steel*, in which he plays a cumudgeonly sculptor who acts as a mentor to Shaquille O'Neal's crime-fighter character. Roundtree recently starred in the Fox Television pilot *413 Hope Street*, and in a special episode of *Profiler* which will air this fall.