

ABOUT THE CAST

MEL GIBSON (Tom Mullen) was born in upstate New York and moved with his family to Australia when he was 12 years old. Gibson attended the National Institute of Dramatic Arts at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. His stage appearances include "Death of a Salesman."

Gibson was eventually brought to the attention of director George Miller who cast him in "Mad Max," the film that first brought Gibson worldwide recognition. His starring role in "Tim" won Gibson an Australian Film Institute Best Actor Award for his portrayal of a mentally challenged young man.

He was further established as an international star by the two hit sequels to "Mad Max" "The Road Warrior" and "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" along with Peter Weir's "Gallipoli," which brought Gibson a second Australian Best Actor Award. A few years later Weir and Gibson again collaborated on "The Year of Living Dangerously."

Gibson made his American film debut in "The River." He starred in another popular trilogy with the high-grossing "Lethal Weapon" series. Gibson's other films include "The Bounty," "Mrs. Soffel," "Tequila Sunrise," "Bird on a Wire," and "Air America."

When Gibson starred in "Hamlet," directed by Franco Zeffirelli, the film was the first to be produced by Gibson's production company, Icon Productions. The role brought him the William Shakespeare Award from the Folger Theatre in Washington, D.C. Icon also produced, with Mel Gibson starring, "Forever Young" and "Maverick."

In 1995, Gibson produced, directed and starred in the critical and box office success "Braveheart," which received 10 Academy Award" nominations. "Braveheart" went on to win five Oscars", including Best Picture and Best Director for Gibson. Also, Gibson received a Best Director Award by the Broadcast Film Critics Association, a Special Achievement in Filmmaking Award by the National Board of Review, and was honored as the 1996 NATO/ShoWest Director of the Year