



Seth Rogen, *50/50*



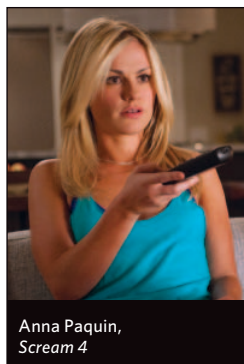
Ryan Reynolds, *Safe House*



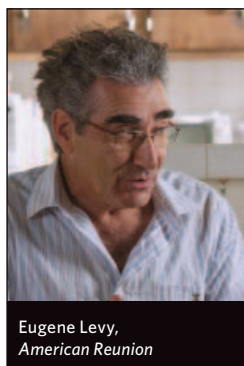
Neve Campbell, *Scream 4*



Sandra Oh, *Defendor*



Anna Paquin, *Scream 4*



Eugene Levy, *American Reunion*



Dave Foley, *Suck*



Graham Greene, *Gunless*

# THE *Canadians* ARE COMING, THE *Canadians* ARE COMING

Hoisting the Maple Leaf in Hollywood, from Mary Pickford to *Titanic's* director **BY SHERI RADFORD**

Michael Moore's hilarious — if little seen — 1995 film *Canadian Bacon* centres on a fictitious invasion of the US by Canada. In real life, the Canucks have been conquering the Yanks for over a century, quietly taking over movie screens and television sets.

## Old Hollywood

Though known as America's sweetheart, silent-film star Mary Pickford was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1892. Fay Wray, most famously pictured in King Kong's hand on the Empire State Building, was born in Cardston, Alberta, in 1907. Raymond Burr, of *Perry Mason* and *Ironside* fame, was born in New Westminster, BC, in 1917. Best known as Lily Munster on *The Munsters*, Yvonne DeCarlo had a film and TV career that spanned six decades, and she was born in Vancouver, BC, in 1922. Oscar winner Christopher Plummer of *The Sound of Music* and *The Thorn Birds* was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1929, and is still acting.

## Funny Folks

Canadians are known for a quirky sense of humour that blends aspects of the American funny bone with elements of British wit. We nurture our own talent on shows such as *SCTV* — spawning ground for John Candy, Eugene Levy, Rick Moranis, Catherine O'Hara, Martin Short and Dave Thomas — and *The Kids in the Hall*, which brought us Dave Foley, Mark McKinney, Bruce McCulloch, Kevin McDonald and Scott Thompson. Plus we exported Dan Aykroyd, Phil Hartman, Norm MacDonald and Mike Myers to *Saturday Night Live*, a show created by another comical Canadian, Lorne Michaels. Other funny

folks from north of the 49th parallel include Jim Carrey (*Ace Ventura*), Tommy Chong (*Cheech & Chong's Up in Smoke*), Leslie Nielsen (*Airplane!*, *The Naked Gun*), Howie Mandel (*Deal or No Deal*) and Seth Rogen (*Knocked Up*, *Superbad*).

## Hollywood Hotties

Judging by all the ridiculously good-looking actors from here, there must be something in our water — besides blonde bombshell Pamela Anderson. The *Baywatch* babe, along with Kim Cattrall (*Sex and the City*) and Elisha Cuthbert (*24*), might look like all-American girls, but they're Canadian. Hollywood's hottest Ryans — Gosling (*The Notebook*, *The Ides of March*) and Reynolds (*The Proposal*, *Blade: Trinity*) — were both born in Canada.

## Television Talent

Big Canadian names fill the small screen. Cory Monteith belts out hit songs on *Glee* every week. Michael Cera and Will Arnett earned giant laughs on *Arrested Development*. Other sitcom stars include Michael J. Fox (*Family Ties*), Eric McCormack (*Will & Grace*), Matthew Perry (*Friends*) and Alan Thicke (*Growing Pains*). Earning fewer laughs but heaps of praise are our dramatic TV actors: Joshua Jackson (*Dawson's Creek*, *Fringe*), Evangeline Lilly (*Lost*), Jason



Jim Carrey, *I Love You Phillip Morris*



Ryan Gosling, *The Ides of March*



Matthew Perry, *17 Again*



Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*

Priestley (*Beverly Hills, 90210*), Neve Campbell (*Party of Five*) and Sandra Oh (*Grey's Anatomy*).

### Geek Chic

Where would Hollywood's hottest sci-fi franchises be without Canuck talent? *Star Wars'* Hayden Christensen; *Star Trek's* William Shatner and James Doohan; *The Matrix's* Keanu Reeves and Carrie-Anne Moss; and *Battlestar Galactica's* Lorne Greene, Grace Park, Tricia Helfer and Callum Keith Rennie all called Canada home. May the force be with them.

### Feisty Females

Canadian dames are no pushovers. Anna Paquin won an Oscar at age 11 for her role in *The Piano*. As Lois Lane, Margot Kidder flew with the man of steel in *Superman*. Ellen Page charmed fellow Canuck Michael Cera with her quirky manner (and her hamburger phone) in *Juno*. A virtual unknown, Nia Vardalos wrote and starred in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, which became one of the highest-grossing independent films of all time. Megan Follows played the plucky titular heroine in *Anne of Green Gables*. Rachel McAdams won the heart of fellow Canadian Ryan Gosling in *The Notebook*.

### First Nations Fame

A Native chief, author and poet, the multi-talented Chief Dan George earned an Oscar nomination for his role in *Little Big Man*. Graham Greene has appeared in films such as *Dances with Wolves* and *The Green Mile*, but it's his small role in the uber-popular *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* that ensures tweens recognize him.

### Demanding Directors

Canadian talent extends behind the camera. James Cameron directed the two top-grossing

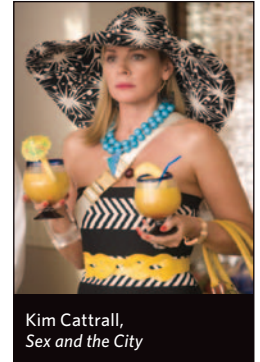
films of all time — *Avatar* and *Titanic* — winning three Academy Awards. David Cronenberg directs audacious movies such as *A History of Violence* and *A Dangerous Method*. Atom Egoyan writes and directs controversial fare such as *The Sweet Hereafter* and *Exotica*. Paul Haggis won an Oscar for writing *Crash*, which he also directed. Norman Jewison has been nominated for several Oscars for directing films such as *Moonstruck*, *In the Heat of the Night* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Deepa Mehta directed the critically acclaimed trilogy *Fire, Earth and Water*.

### Like Father, Like Son

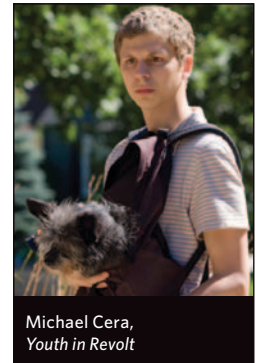
Jason Reitman has directed four features, earning Oscar nominations for *Juno* and *Up in the Air*. He follows in the footsteps of father Ivan Reitman, who directs comedies such as *Ghostbusters*, *Stripes* and *Meatballs*. Another famous dad, Donald Sutherland has been acting for half a century, including roles in *Ordinary People*, *MASH* and this year's *The Hunger Games*. His son, Kiefer Sutherland, won an Emmy Award for the TV show *24* and appeared in *The Lost Boys*. RM

### All in the Family

Kiefer Sutherland's maternal grandfather, Tommy Douglas was premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961. His introduction of universal healthcare to Canada caused the public to name him the greatest Canadian ever in a 2004 nationwide poll, beating out the likes of Dr. Frederick Banting, one of the discoverers of insulin; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone; and Wayne Gretzky, the world's greatest hockey player. Kiefer Sutherland was supposed to play his grandfather in the TV mini-series *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*, but he had to give up the role due to scheduling conflicts with the fourth season of *24*.



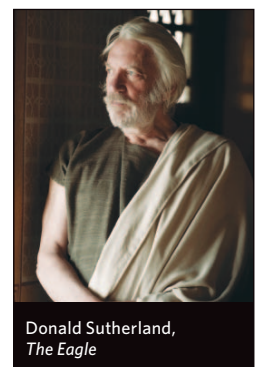
Kim Cattrall, *Sex and the City*



Michael Cera, *Youth in Revolt*



Ellen Page, *The Tracey Fragments*



Donald Sutherland, *The Eagle*

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