



Topher Grace

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Christopher John "Topher" Grace (/ˈtoʊfər/; born July 12, 1978)^[1] is an American actor. He is known for playing Eric Forman in the Fox sitcom *That '70s Show*, Venom in Sam Raimi's film *Spider-Man 3*, Carter Duryea in the film *In Good Company*, and Edwin in the 2010 film *Predators*.

Early life

Grace was born in New York City, New York,^{[2][3]} the son of Pat, an assistant to the schoolmaster of the New Canaan Country School, and John Grace, a Madison Avenue executive.^{[4][5]} He has a sister, Jenny.^[6]

Grace grew up in Darien, Connecticut, where actress Kate Bosworth was a middle-school friend; and actress Chloë Sevigny—who later appeared with him in high school stage plays—was sometimes his babysitter.^[6]

Career

Grace was cast as Eric Forman on Fox's *That '70s Show*, which debuted in 1998. He played the role until season 7. His character was written out and replaced with a new character named Randy Pearson (Josh Meyers). Grace made a brief guest appearance in the final episode.^{[7][8]}

Grace plays a prep school student who uses marijuana and introduces his girlfriend to freebasing in director Steven Soderbergh's 2000 film *Traffic*, as well as having uncredited cameos as himself in Soderbergh's *Ocean's Eleven* and its 2004 sequel, *Ocean's Twelve*. "The joke is that you're supposed to play the worst version of yourself and I don't think too many people are comfortable with that. I never thought for a second that people were really going to think that's what I was like. I think that people will know that I was faking it in those movies," he told *Flaunt* magazine in 2007.^[9] He planned to cameo in *Ocean's Thirteen*; but, because of his role in *Spider-Man 3*, he had to abandon these plans. As Grace said, "I was doing reshoots on *Spider-Man 3*. I was bummed. I actually talked to Steven Soderbergh about that and we had a thing and then I couldn't do it."^[10] He also appeared in director Mike Newell's 2003 film *Mona Lisa Smile*.^[11]

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Grace at the Tribeca premiere of *The Giant Mechanical Man* in 2012

Born	<div>Christopher John Grace</div> July 12, 1978 <div>New York City, New York, U.S.</div>
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1998–present
Spouse	<div>Ashley Hinshaw ^{(m.} 2016)</div>

In 2004, Grace played the leading roles in the Robert Luketic-directed *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!* and the Paul Weitz dramedy, *In Good Company*, in which he played an ambitious but troubled corporate executive. That same year, Grace also starred in the film *P.S.*, which received only a limited theatrical release. Grace won the National Board of Review's 2004 award for Breakthrough Performance Actor for his work in *In Good Company* and *P.S.*^[12]



Grace at the *Spider-Man 3* premiere, April 2007

On January 15, 2005, Grace hosted *Saturday Night Live*.^{[12][13]} In 2007, Grace portrayed Eddie Brock/Venom in *Spider-Man 3*, directed by Sam Raimi. Grace himself was a fan of the comics and read the Venom stories as a kid.^[14] In 2009, Grace became the subject of a recurring column on the entertainment/pop culture site Videogum, entitled "What's Up With Topher Grace?".^[15] In 2010, Grace appeared in the ensemble comedy *Valentine's Day*, alongside *That '70s Show* co-star Ashton Kutcher, and played the character of Edwin in *Predators*, the newest installment of the science fiction franchise.^[16]

In 2011, Grace appeared in the 1980s retro comedy *Take Me Home Tonight*.^[17] He co-wrote the script and co-produced the film. Grace also starred opposite Richard Gere in the spy thriller *The Double*.^[18]

In 2012, Grace starred alongside Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Matthew Gray Gubler in the social film *The Beauty Inside*, which won a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding New Approach to an Original Daytime Program or Series in 2013. The film was directed by Drake Doremus and written by Richard Greenberg.^[19]

In 2014, Grace starred in the indie thriller *The Calling*, alongside Susan Sarandon,^[20] and appeared in Christopher Nolan's sci-fi adventure *Interstellar*, in a supporting role.^[21] In October 2013, Grace joined HBO comedy pilot *People In New Jersey* with Sarah Silverman, but in January 2014, the pilot was passed on.^{[22][23]}

Grace co-starred in the comedy film *American Ultra* (2015), alongside Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart, playing a CIA agent.^[24] Also that year, Grace co-starred in *Truth*, with Robert Redford and Cate Blanchett, and based on the story of CBS's *60 Minutes* report that George W. Bush had received preferential treatment to keep him out of the Vietnam War. Grace played Mike Smith, a researcher on the story.^[25]

In January 2014, Grace joined the upcoming supernatural-thriller *Delirium*, which centers on a man recently released from a mental institute who inherits a mansion after his parents die. After a series of disturbing events, he comes to believe it is haunted.^[26]

Personal life

Grace started dating actress Ashley Hinshaw in January 2014, and the two were engaged in January 2015.^[27] On May 29 2016, Grace and Hinshaw married near Santa Barbara, California.^[28] In July 2017 *US Weekly* reported Grace to be expecting his first child with Hinshaw, which she confirmed in an Instagram post announcing she was six months pregnant.

He is a supporter of [FINCA International](#), a [microfinance](#) organization.^[29]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2000	<i>Traffic</i>	Seth Abrahams	Young Hollywood Award for Breakthrough Performance – Male Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture
2001	<i>Ocean's Eleven</i>	Himself	Uncredited
2002	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Leonardo (voice)	
2003	<i>Mona Lisa Smile</i>	Tommy Donegal	
2004	<i>Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!</i>	Pete Monash	Nominated – Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Actor – Comedy Nominated – Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Hissy Fit Nominated – Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Liplock (shared w/ Kate Bosworth)
2004	<i>P.S.</i>	F. Scott Feinstadt	National Board of Review of Motion Pictures for Best Breakthrough Performance by an Actor New York Film Critics Online Award for Best Breakthrough Nominated – International Online Cinema Award for Best Breakthrough
2004	<i>Ocean's Twelve</i>	Himself	Uncredited
2004	<i>In Good Company</i>	Carter Duryea	National Board of Review of Motion Pictures for Best Breakthrough Performance by an Actor New York Film Critics Online Award for Best Breakthrough Nominated – International Online Cinema Award for Best Breakthrough
2007	<i>Spider-Man 3</i>	Eddie Brock/Venom	Nominated – MTV Movie Award for Best Villain Nominated – Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Rumble (shared w/ Tobey Maguire , James Franco and Thomas Haden Church) Nominated – Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Villain
2008	<i>Personal Effects</i>	Clay (voice)	Uncredited
2010	<i>Valentine's Day</i>	Jason Morris	
2010	<i>Death Bed Subtext</i>	Ben	Short film
2010	<i>Predators</i>	Edwin	
2011	<i>Take Me Home Tonight</i>	Matt Franklin	Also writer and executive producer
2011	<i>The Double</i>	Ben Geary	
2012	<i>The Giant Mechanical Man</i>	Doug	
2013	<i>The Big Wedding</i>	Jared Griffin	
2014	<i>Don Peyote</i>	Glavin Culpepper	

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2014	<i><u>The Calling</u></i>	Ben Wingate	
2014	<i><u>Playing It Cool</u></i>	Scott	
2014	<i><u>Interstellar</u></i>	Getty	
2015	<i><u>American Ultra</u></i>	Agent Adrian Yates	
2015	<i><u>Truth</u></i>	Mike Smith	
2017	<i><u>War Machine</u></i>	Matt Little	
2017	<i><u>Opening Night</u></i>	Nick	
2017	<i><u>Delirium</u></i>		<i>Completed</i>
2017	<i><u>Under the Silver Lake</u></i>		<i>Completed</i>
2017	<i><u>Mississippi Requiem</u></i>		<i>Post-production</i>

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1998–2006	<i><u>That '70s Show</u></i>	<u>Eric Forman</u>	Series regular, 179 episodes Main cast (Seasons 1-7) Special guest cast (Season 8) Nominated – <u>Teen Choice Award for TV Breakout Performance</u> (1999) Nominated – <u>Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Actor</u> (2000–2001) Nominated – <u>Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Actor Comedy</u> (2002–2004) Nominated – <u>Young Artist Award for Best Performance in a TV Series - Leading Young Actor</u> (1999) Nominated – <u>Young Artist Award for Best Performance in a TV Series Young Ensemble</u> (1999)
2002	<i><u>What's New, Scooby-Doo?</u></i>	Guard 1 (voice)	Episode: "Space Ape at the Cape"
2003	<i><u>King of the Hill</u></i>	Chris (voice)	Episode: "Megalo Dale"
2005	<i><u>Saturday Night Live</u></i>	Host	Episode: "Topher Grace/The Killers"
2005	<i><u>Stella</u></i>	Older Kevin	Episode: "Paper Route"
2005	<i><u>Robot Chicken</u></i>	Eric Forman (voice)	Episode: "Gold Dust Gasoline"
2008	<i><u>The Simpsons</u></i>	Donny (voice)	Episode: " <u>The Debarted</u> "
2011	<i><u>Too Big to Fail</u></i>	<u>Jim Wilkinson</u>	Television film
2012	<i><u>Comedy Bang! Bang!</u></i>	Cameraman	Episode: "Seth Rogen Wears a Plaid Shirt & Brown Pants"
2012	<i><u>The Beauty Inside</u></i>	Alex	6 episodes; <u>Daytime Emmy New Approaches Original Daytime Program or Series</u>
2013	<i><u>People in New</u></i>	Carl Levin	Unsold pilot

Year	Title	Role	Notes
	<i>Jersey</i>		
2015	<i>The Muppets</i>	Himself	Episode: "Pilot"
2015	<i>Drunk History</i>	Milton Bradley	Episode: "Games"
2016	<i>TripTank</i>	Leonard (voice)	Episode: "Sick Day"
2017	<i>Workaholics</i>	Noel	Episode: "Weed the People"

Video games

Year	Title	Role
2007	<i>Spider-Man 3</i>	Eddie Brock/Venom (voice)

Music videos

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	Cheap Trick – In The Street	Eric Forman	With cast of <i>That '70s Show</i>
2011	Atomic Tom – "Don't You Want Me Baby"	As himself	With cast of <i>Take Me Home Tonight</i>

Theatre

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2012	<i>Lonely, I'm Not</i> ^[30]	Porter	<i>Second Stage Theatre</i>

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