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Benedict Cumberbatch's top 10 movie performances, ranked

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Benedict Cumberbatch won his second Oscar nomination for his performance in "The Power of The Dog."

Below, Insider's has ranked Cumberbatch's 10 best performances in film in ascending order.

The list includes Cumberbatch's early films like 2010's "Four Lions."

10. "August: Osage County"

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Benedict Cumberbatch is comedy gold in *August: Osage County*, which was written by Tracy Letts and is based on his Pulitzer Prize-winning 2007 play of the same name. The film follows the story of three sisters who are forced to return to the home of their mother, Violet (Meryl Streep), a foul-tongued cancer patient after the death of their father.

Streep consistently praised Cumberbatch's performance while promoting the film.

"Benedict I hadn't ever met before, and he was such a gift to the film, I think," she said at the time.

"He fit into the Oklahoma family so effortlessly. I was surprised to learn that he was British. I didn't know that."

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8. "1917"

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"1917," which director Mendes wrote based on his grandfather's stories about World War I, tells the story of two young British privates (George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman) who are tasked by their general (Colin Firth) with taking a message from their trenches and across no man's land to Colonel MacKenzie (Benedict Cumberbatch), who is moments away from leading his men into a trap.

7. "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"

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information. As a result, veteran agent George Smiley (Gary Oldman) is called back from retirement to fill the role, and he chooses a young agent — played by Cumberbatch in an inspired blonde wig — as his new partner.

6. "Four Lions"

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five-season run as Sherlock Holmes on the BBC crime drama *Sherlock*, which is not included on this list because it's a television show but also because it isn't very good.

Before this rapid rise, Cumberbatch had several small roles in a surprising number of off-beat productions. The best amongst this list is "Four Lions," a still criminally underrated 2010 comedy from the British satirist Chris Morris. In the film, Cumberbatch plays a police negotiator who hilariously tries to persuade Waj, a member of a jihadist group, not to blow up a kebab shop.

5. "The Mauritanian"

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mins. In contrast, *The Mauritanian* is a challenging production with bold political ambitions. The film, which is based on the NY Times best-selling memoir "Guantánamo Diary" by Mohamedou Ould Slahi, is the true story of Slahi's fight for freedom after being detained and imprisoned in Guantánamo Bay prison without charge by the U.S. Government.

Slahi finds allies in defense attorney Nancy Hollander (Jodie Foster) and her assistant Teri Duncan (Shailene Woodley) who take up his case and battle the US government in a fight for justice. Their controversial advocacy, along with evidence uncovered by the US government's military prosecutor Colonel Stuart Couch (Cumberbatch), uncovers shocking truths about US-state-funded crimes.

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was released, it was revealed that Cumberbatch's ancestors were one of the biggest plantation owners in Barbados during the transatlantic slave trade.

3. "Doctor Strange"

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"I'm still processing this strange misperception," he said.

However, Cumberbatch's peculiar facial features and neurotic mannerisms are a perfect match for the uncanny world of Marvel's "Doctor Strange."

The 2016 superhero film follows a talented neurosurgeon called Doctor Stephen Strange who, after a near-fatal car accident, falls into the realm of ancient eastern mysticism. Equipped with a vast array of metaphysical abilities and artefacts, Doctor Strange acts as a guard between the real world and what lies beyond.

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1. "The Power of The Dog"

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McPhee) who becomes a subject of ridicule and then attraction over the course of a summer break.

As the film moves deeper into Burbank's world and we slowly watch him initiate a companionship with his brother's step-son, Peter, it's hard to believe that it's Cumberbatch — who has made his name playing nice guys and, in recent years, a neurotic superhero — onscreen. His performance is commanding and brave: to put it simply, Cumberbatch has never been this good.

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