

# Barry Thomson

Barry Thomson was born in New York City in 1908 . His father being Australian, Barry was educated in Australia, England and other parts of Europe. Part of his schooling took place at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London where one of his fellow students was Charles Laughton.

Upon graduation, he returned to Australia and appeared on the stage for a couple of years before moving on to San Francisco where he starred in *The Bad Man* and *Lombardi, Ltd* alongside Leo Carillo. After this he appeared in numerous more stage plays on the West Coast before joining the Air Transport Command where he served during World War II.

Following the war, Barry expanded his talents into radio, performing in the title role of *Dick Tracy* and appearing in a number of other programs such as *Sherlock Holmes*, *Crime Club* and *Secret Missions*. Throughout his career, Barry maintained a long association with the Theatre Guild, appearing with Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine in *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Amphitryon 38*, in which he had the lead role, and *Idiot's Delight*. He also featured in *Pygmalion* with Ruth Chatterton and *Without Love* with Katherine Hepburn.

In 1942 , Barry married Ruth Chatterton, who was 14 years his senior, and they remained together until his death. Barry died of a heart attack in Danbury, Connecticut on August 19, 1960.