**William T. Woodson**

William T. Woodson was born on July 16, 1917 in Glendale, California. Before becoming a professional actor, he acted in stock theatre for nearly a decade with his first appearance in a 1928 play.

In 1943, Bill Woodson made his Broadway debut as Lowell Denton in Harriet, starring Helen Hayes. He showed versatility as a performer, being capable in classical roles such as that of Montano in Shakespeare's Othello. From 1946-47, the actor played, what is probably his best-known stage role, Le Bret opposite Jose Ferrer in Cyrano de Bergerac.

He also appeared in The Seven Year Itch, The Rivalry, and in A Moon for the Misbegotten.

In 1947, he was among the first actors to be accepted to the first class of the newly formed Actors Studio.

But it is Woodson’s rich voice that he is best known. He served as the narrator for the crime drama series This is Your FBI from 1948-53 on ABC radio. He also voiced multiple characters on episodes of several other radio programs such as Suspense, Inheritance and Family Theater.

Woodson had a small live-action appearance in the 1953 sci-fi film The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms. He was Sergeant Ed Blankey on the drama television series This Man Dawson. He also did voice-over work on the 1960s series The Invaders.

In the 1970s, Woodson's television work included the opening narrative of The Odd Couple, and the narration for the pilot of The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. He was voice-over announcer for WKRP In Cincinnati.

In 1983, the actor served as the narrator for the miniseries adaptation of Herman Wouk's novel, The Winds of War, and its sequel miniseries, War and Remembrance.

But William Woodson is best known for his work in animation productions. On the Super Friends series, he served as narrator and sometimes voiced additional characters. He took over the role from Ted Knight, who coincidentally had played Ted Baxter, the man Woodson's character hoped to replace during Woodson’s appearance on The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Woodson would narrate over 100 episodes Super Friends episodes, including the 7-minute short subject episodes produced from 1980 to 1983. Woodson later guest-starred on Garfield and Friends, The Jetsons, Tiny Toon Adventures and Duckman and many other shows.

Woodson is also heard in many Disney Read-Along recordings.

Bill Woodson is the narrator of NFL Films' recap of Super Bowl II and the 1967 NFL Championship Game, better known as the "Ice Bowl". From 2004-2010, he did a series of humorous commercials for the Minnesota Twins.

In a 2011 interview, Woodson explained that due to the criticism of his speech he had received in high school, and wishing to sound more sophisticated, he patterned his speech after that of Ronald Colman.

According to the Internet Movie Database, Woodson has 107 acting credits. At the time of this recording, Woodson is 99 years old, and lives in California.

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