



Luke Wilson

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Luke Cunningham Wilson (born September 21, 1971) is an American actor known for his roles in films such as *Idiocracy*, *Old School*, *Bottle Rocket*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *Blue Streak*, *Bongwater*, and *Legally Blonde*. He was a member of the cast of the HBO television series *Enlightened* (2011–13). He is the younger brother of actors [Andrew Wilson](#) and [Owen Wilson](#).

Early life

Wilson was born in Dallas, Texas, the youngest son of [Laura Wilson](#) (née Cunningham), a photographer, and Robert Andrew Wilson, an advertising executive and previously an executive at KERA,^[1] a public television station. His family, originally from Massachusetts, is of Irish Catholic descent.^[2] All three Wilson boys attended St. Mark's School of Texas. According to Owen, Luke was voted class president the first year he attended St. Mark's.^[3]

Career

Wilson's acting career began with the lead role in the short film *Bottle Rocket* in 1994, which was co-written by his older brother [Owen Wilson](#) and director [Wes Anderson](#). It was remade as a feature-length film in 1996.^[1] After moving to Hollywood with his two brothers, he was cast opposite [Calista Flockhart](#) in *Telling Lies in America*^[1] and made a cameo appearance in the film-within-the-film of *Scream 2*,^[1] both in 1997. Wilson filmed back-to-back romantic films in 1998, opposite [Drew Barrymore](#), *Best Men*, about a group of friends who pull off a heist on their way to a wedding,^[1] and *Home Fries*, about two brothers interested in the same woman for different reasons.^[1] He played the physician beau of a schoolteacher in *Rushmore* (also 1998), also directed by Anderson and co-written by brother Owen.^[1]

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Wilson in 2009

Born	<div>Luke Paul Wilson</div> <div>September 21, 1971</div> <div>Dallas, Texas, U.S.</div>
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1996–present
Parent(s)	<div>Robert Andrew Wilson</div> <div>Laura Cunningham Wilson</div>
Family	<div>Andrew Wilson</div> <div>(brother)</div> <div>Owen Wilson</div> <div>(brother)</div>



Wilson in 2003

In 1999, *Blue Streak* was released featuring Wilson as detective Carlson. He later starred opposite Reese Witherspoon in the 2001 comedy *Legally Blonde*,^[4] which was followed by *Old School* and *The Royal Tenenbaums*.^[1] Wilson also had a role on *That '70s Show*, as Michael Kelso's older brother Casey Kelso, appearing sporadically from 2002 through 2005.^[5]

In 2006, Wilson starred in *Idiocracy*, Mike Judge's first film since 1999's *Office Space*. He portrayed an ordinary serviceman chosen for a cryogenics project. He awakens after hundreds of years in an America which is significantly less intelligent.^[6]

In early 2007, Wilson starred opposite Kate Beckinsale in the thriller *Vacancy*.^[7] In July 2007, he worked on *Henry Poole is Here* in La Mirada, California, which was released in 2008.^[1] He starred in the film *Tenure* in 2009.^{[1][8]} In 2010, he appeared in films *Death at a Funeral* and *Middle Men*.^[1] From 2011 to 2013 he starred in the HBO TV series *Enlightened*.^[9]

Wilson and brother Owen have co-written a Wright Brothers biopic, in which they also plan to star.^[10]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1996	<i><u>Bottle Rocket</u></i>	Anthony Adams	
1997	<i><u>Bongwater</u></i>	David	
1997	<i><u>Telling Lies in America</u></i>	Henry	
1997	<i><u>Best Men</u></i>	Jesse Reilly	
1997	<i><u>Scream 2</u></i>	'Stab' Billy	
1998	<i><u>Dog Park</u></i>	Andy	
1998	<i><u>Home Fries</u></i>	Dorian Montier	
1998	<i><u>Rushmore</u></i>	Dr. Peter Flynn	
1999	<i><u>Kill the Man</u></i>	Stanley Simon	
1999	<i><u>Blue Streak</u></i>	Detective Carlson	
2000	<i><u>My Dog Skip</u></i>	Dink Jenkins	
2000	<i><u>Committed</u></i>	Carl	
2000	<i><u>Bad Seed</u></i>	Preston Tylk	
2000	<i><u>Charlie's Angels</u></i>	Peter Kominsky	
2001	<i><u>Legally Blonde</u></i>	Emmett Richmond	
2001	<i><u>Soul Survivors</u></i>	Jude	
2001	<i><u>The Royal Tenenbaums</u></i>	Richie Tenenbaum	
2002	<i><u>The Third Wheel</u></i>	Stanley	
2003	<i><u>Masked and Anonymous</u></i>	Bobby Cupid	
2003	<i><u>Old School</u></i>	Mitch Martin	
2003	<i><u>Stuck on You</u></i>	Himself	
2003	<i><u>Alex and Emma</u></i>	Alex Sheldon/Adam Shipley	
2003	<i><u>Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle</u></i>	Peter Kominsky	
2003	<i><u>Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde</u></i>	Emmett Richmond	
2004	<i><u>Around the World in 80 Days</u></i>	<u>Orville Wright</u>	
2004	<i><u>Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy</u></i>	Frank Vitchard	
2004	<i><u>Wake Up, Ron Burgundy: The Lost Movie</u></i>	Frank Vitchard	
2005	<i><u>The Wendell Baker Story</u></i>	Wendell Baker	Also writer/producer/director
2005	<i><u>The Family Stone</u></i>	Ben Stone	

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2006	<u>Hoot</u>	Officer David Delinko	From The C.C.P.D. Company
2006	<u>Mini's First Time</u>	John Garson	
2006	<u>My Super Ex-Girlfriend</u>	Matt Saunders	
2006	<u>Idiocracy</u>	Corporal Joe Bauers	
2006	<u>Jackass Number Two</u>	Himself	
2007	<u>You Kill Me</u>	Tom	
2007	<u>Vacancy</u>	David Fox	
2007	<u>3:10 to Yuma</u>	Zeke	
2007	<u>Blades of Glory</u>	Sex Class Instructor	
2007	<u>Battle for Terra</u>	Lt. James Stanton	Voice only
2007	<u>Blonde Ambition</u>	Ben	
2008	<u>Henry Poole Is Here</u>	Henry Poole	
2009	<u>Tenure</u>	Charlie Thurber	
2010	<u>Death at a Funeral</u>	Derek	
2010	<u>Middle Men</u>	Jack Harris	
2012	<u>Meeting Evil</u>	John	
2012	<u>Straight A's</u>	William	
2012	<u>Elvis & Nixon</u>	Sonny	
2013	<u>Move Me Brightly</u>	The Interviewer	Music documentary film
2014	<u>The Skeleton Twins</u>	Lance	
2014	<u>Ride</u>	Ian	
2014	<u>Dear Eleanor</u>	Bob Potter	
2015	<u>Playing It Cool</u>	Samson	
2015	<u>Meadowland</u>	Phil	
2015	<u>The Ridiculous 6</u>	Danny	
2015	<u>Concussion</u>	Roger Goodell	
2016	<u>Outlaws and Angels</u>	Josiah	
2016	<u>All We Had</u>	Lee	
2016	<u>Rock Dog</u>	Bodi	Voice only
2016	<u>Approaching the Unknown</u>	Louis Skinner	
2017	<u>Brad's Status</u>	Jason Hatfield	
2017	<u>Measure of a Man</u>	Marty Marks	Post-production

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1998	<i>The X-Files</i>	Sheriff Hartwell	Episode: "Bad Blood"
2002–05	<i>That '70s Show</i>	Casey Kelso	6 episodes
2004	<i>Entourage</i>	Himself	Episode: "Talk Show"
2004	<i>Saturday Night Live</i>	Host	Episode: "Luke Wilson/U2"
2011–13	<i>Enlightened</i>	Levi Callow	15 episodes
2013	<i>Drunk History</i>	Will Keith Kellogg	Episode: "Detroit"
2016	<i>Roadies</i>	Bill	Main Role 10 episodes

See also

- Notable alumni of St. Mark's School of Texas



Film portal

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