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One of the most significant events in bodybuilding's history took place in 1975 when two relatively unknown filmmakers, George Butler and Jerome Gary, produced the groundbreaking documentary Pumping Iron. For nearly a year the two followed the training of the sport's top stars as they prepared for that year's Mr. Olympia and Mr. Universe contests. Although Arnold had decided to retire from the sport, appearing on the big screen was too enticing an opportunity to miss and he came back out of retirement. The documentary was based on the 1974 book of the same name that Butler had written with Charles Gaines. This famous documentary helped bring bodybuilding out of school gymnasiums and into large theater and concert venues. Besides Arnold, Ed Corney, Robby Robinson, Mike Katz, Franco Columbu, Danny Padilla, Serge Nubret, Ken Waller, and Lou Ferrigno all appeared in the film.