

# The Golden Age of Hollywood

200 Iconic Actors & Actresses (1927-1969)

## Tier 1: The Absolute Legends (1-25)

*These individuals defined the era and remain household names globally.*

1. Humphrey Bogart (The face of Film Noir; Casablanca, The Maltese Falcon)
2. Katharine Hepburn (4 Best Actress Oscars; The Philadelphia Story, The African Queen)
3. Cary Grant (The epitome of charm; North by Northwest, The Philadelphia Story)
4. Bette Davis (The 'First Lady of the American Screen'; All About Eve, Jezebel)
5. James Stewart (The American ideal; It's a Wonderful Life, Vertigo)
6. Marlon Brando (Changed acting forever; A Streetcar Named Desire, On the Waterfront)
7. Ingrid Bergman (International icon; Casablanca, Notorious)
8. Fred Astaire (The screen's greatest dancer; Top Hat, Swing Time)
9. Marilyn Monroe (The ultimate sex symbol; Some Like It Hot, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes)
10. Clark Gable ('The King of Hollywood'; Gone with the Wind, It Happened One Night)
11. Henry Fonda (The moral conscience; The Grapes of Wrath, 12 Angry Men)
12. Elizabeth Taylor (The last major studio star; Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Cleopatra)
13. Judy Garland (The world's greatest entertainer; The Wizard of Oz, A Star is Born)
14. Spencer Tracy (The actor's actor; Boys Town, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner)
15. John Wayne (The face of the Western; The Searchers, Stagecoach)
16. Greta Garbo (The Divine; Ninotchka, Grand Hotel)
17. Gregory Peck (Dignity personified; To Kill a Mockingbird, Roman Holiday)
18. Audrey Hepburn (Grace and elegance; Roman Holiday, Breakfast at Tiffany's)
19. Gary Cooper (The strong, silent type; High Noon, Sergeant York)
20. Gene Kelly (Athletic musical genius; Singin' in the Rain, An American in Paris)
21. Barbara Stanwyck (Versatility unmatched; Double Indemnity, The Lady Eve)
22. Laurence Olivier (The master of Shakespeare; Hamlet, Rebecca)
23. Orson Welles (The boy wonder; Citizen Kane, The Third Man)
24. Joan Crawford (The survivor; Mildred Pierce, Grand Hotel)
25. Kirk Douglas (Intensity and grit; Spartacus, Paths of Glory)

## Tier 2: The Superstars (26-75)

*Major box office draws and award winners who anchored the studio system.*

26. James Cagney (The Public Enemy, Yankee Doodle Dandy)
27. Paul Newman (The Hustler, Cool Hand Luke)
28. Vivien Leigh (Gone with the Wind, A Streetcar Named Desire)
29. Burt Lancaster (Sweet Smell of Success, From Here to Eternity)
30. Sidney Poitier (In the Heat of the Night, Lilies of the Field)

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31. Sophia Loren (Two Women, Marriage Italian Style)
32. Charlton Heston (Ben-Hur, The Ten Commandments)
33. Grace Kelly (Rear Window, High Society)
34. Jack Lemmon (The Apartment, Some Like It Hot)
35. James Dean (Rebel Without a Cause, East of Eden)
36. Ginger Rogers (Swing Time, Kitty Foyle)
37. Edward G. Robinson (Little Caesar, Double Indemnity)
38. William Holden (Sunset Boulevard, The Bridge on the River Kwai)
39. Claudette Colbert (It Happened One Night, Cleopatra)
40. Robert Mitchum (The Night of the Hunter, Out of the Past)
41. Olivia de Havilland (The Heiress, Gone with the Wind)
42. Marlene Dietrich (The Blue Angel, Shanghai Express)
43. Frank Sinatra (From Here to Eternity, The Manchurian Candidate)
44. Lauren Bacall (To Have and Have Not, The Big Sleep)
45. Shirley Temple (The Little Colonel, Bright Eyes)
46. Buster Keaton (The General, Sherlock Jr.)
47. Charlie Chaplin (City Lights, Modern Times)
48. Groucho Marx (Duck Soup, A Night at the Opera)
49. Rita Hayworth (Gilda, The Lady from Shanghai)
50. Rock Hudson (Giant, Pillow Talk)
51. Doris Day (Pillow Talk, The Man Who Knew Too Much)
52. Mae West (She Done Him Wrong, I'm No Angel)
53. Alec Guinness (The Bridge on the River Kwai, Lawrence of Arabia)
54. Peter O'Toole (Lawrence of Arabia, The Lion in Winter)
55. Richard Burton (Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, The Spy Who Came in from the Cold)
56. Montgomery Clift (A Place in the Sun, From Here to Eternity)
57. Steve McQueen (The Great Escape, Bullitt)
58. Myrna Loy (The Thin Man, The Best Years of Our Lives)
59. William Powell (The Thin Man, My Man Godfrey)
60. Errol Flynn (The Adventures of Robin Hood, Captain Blood)
61. Natalie Wood (West Side Story, Rebel Without a Cause)
62. Ava Gardner (The Killers, Mogambo)
63. Shirley MacLaine (The Apartment, The Children's Hour)
64. Anthony Quinn (Zorba the Greek, La Strada)
65. Deborah Kerr (The King and I, From Here to Eternity)
66. Carole Lombard (My Man Godfrey, To Be or Not to Be)
67. Jean Harlow (Dinner at Eight, Red Dust)
68. Mary Pickford (Coquette, Sparrows)
69. Lillian Gish (The Wind, Duel in the Sun)

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70. Rosalind Russell (His Girl Friday, Auntie Mame)
71. Irene Dunne (The Awful Truth, I Remember Mama)
72. Greer Garson (Mrs. Miniver, Random Harvest)
73. Charles Laughton (Mutiny on the Bounty, The Hunchback of Notre Dame)
74. Fredric March (Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The Best Years of Our Lives)
75. Bob Hope (The Road series, The Paleface)

## Tier 3: The Greats & Genre Icons (76-140)

*Incredible talents, noir icons, musical stars, and the best of the supporting cast.*

76. Bing Crosby (Going My Way, White Christmas)
77. Julie Andrews (Mary Poppins, The Sound of Music)
78. David Niven (Separate Tables, The Pink Panther)
79. Rex Harrison (My Fair Lady, Cleopatra)
80. Yul Brynner (The King and I, The Magnificent Seven)
81. Glenn Ford (Gilda, Blackboard Jungle)
82. Robert Taylor (Camille, Waterloo Bridge)
83. Tyrone Power (The Mark of Zorro, Nightmare Alley)
84. Joan Fontaine (Rebecca, Suspicion)
85. Ray Milland (The Lost Weekend, Dial M for Murder)
86. Ronald Colman (A Double Life, Lost Horizon)
87. Leslie Howard (Gone with the Wind, The Petrified Forest)
88. Claude Rains (Casablanca, Notorious)
89. James Mason (A Star is Born, North by Northwest)
90. Charles Boyer (Gaslight, Love Affair)
91. Joseph Cotten (Citizen Kane, Shadow of a Doubt)
92. Maureen O'Hara (The Quiet Man, Miracle on 34th Street)
93. Gene Tierney (Laura, Leave Her to Heaven)
94. Lana Turner (The Postman Always Rings Twice, Imitation of Life)
95. Hedy Lamarr (Algiers, Samson and Delilah)
96. Jane Russell (The Outlaw, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes)
97. Betty Grable (How to Marry a Millionaire, Moon Over Miami)
98. Veronica Lake (Sullivan's Travels, The Blue Dahlia)
99. Jennifer Jones (The Song of Bernadette, Duel in the Sun)
100. Boris Karloff (Frankenstein, The Mummy)
101. Bela Lugosi (Dracula)
102. Peter Lorre (M, The Maltese Falcon)
103. Sydney Greenstreet (The Maltese Falcon, Casablanca)

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104. Vincent Price (House of Wax, The Fly)
105. Lon Chaney Jr. (The Wolf Man)
106. George Raft (Scarface, Some Like It Hot)
107. John Garfield (The Postman Always Rings Twice, Body and Soul)
108. Alan Ladd (Shane, This Gun for Hire)
109. Richard Widmark (Kiss of Death, Pickup on South Street)
110. Robert Ryan (The Set-Up, Crossfire)
111. Sterling Hayden (The Killing, The Asphalt Jungle)
112. Lee Marvin (The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, Point Blank)
113. Ernest Borgnine (Marty, The Wild Bunch)
114. Rod Steiger (In the Heat of the Night, On the Waterfront)
115. Karl Malden (A Streetcar Named Desire, On the Waterfront)
116. Lee J. Cobb (12 Angry Men, On the Waterfront)
117. Walter Brennan (3 Best Supporting Actor Oscars; Rio Bravo)
118. Thelma Ritter (Rear Window, All About Eve)
119. Agnes Moorehead (Citizen Kane, The Magnificent Ambersons)
120. Hattie McDaniel (Gone with the Wind)
121. Thomas Mitchell (Gone with the Wind, Stagecoach)
122. Van Johnson (Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, The Caine Mutiny)
123. Fred MacMurray (Double Indemnity, The Apartment)
124. Dana Andrews (Laura, The Best Years of Our Lives)
125. Joel McCrea (Sullivan's Travels, Ride the High Country)
126. Randolph Scott (Ride the High Country, Seven Men from Now)
127. Audie Murphy (To Hell and Back)
128. Janet Leigh (Psycho, Touch of Evil)
129. Tony Curtis (Some Like It Hot, The Defiant Ones)
130. Kim Novak (Vertigo, Picnic)
131. Tippi Hedren (The Birds, Marnie)
132. Eva Marie Saint (North by Northwest, On the Waterfront)
133. Patricia Neal (Hud, The Day the Earth Stood Still)
134. Shelley Winters (A Place in the Sun, The Diary of Anne Frank)
135. Gloria Grahame (The Big Heat, In a Lonely Place)
136. Ida Lupino (High Sierra, They Drive by Night)
137. Mary Astor (The Maltese Falcon, The Great Lie)
138. Claire Trevor (Key Largo, Stagecoach)
139. Mercedes McCambridge (All the King's Men, Johnny Guitar)
140. Jane Wyman (Johnny Belinda, All That Heaven Allows)

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## Tier 4: Classics, Comedians & Character Stars (141-200)

*Beloved entertainers, reliable character actors, and stars of the transition to New Hollywood.*

141. Loretta Young (The Farmer's Daughter, The Bishop's Wife)
142. Paulette Goddard (Modern Times, The Women)
143. Joan Bennett (Scarlet Street, Father of the Bride)
144. Miriam Hopkins (Trouble in Paradise, Design for Living)
145. Kay Francis (Trouble in Paradise)
146. Norma Shearer (The Women, Romeo and Juliet)
147. Luise Rainer (The Great Ziegfeld, The Good Earth)
148. Helen Hayes (The Sin of Madelon Claudet, Airport)
149. Maurice Chevalier (Gigi, Love Me Tonight)
150. Jeanette MacDonald (San Francisco)
151. Nelson Eddy (Rose-Marie)
152. Kathryn Grayson (Kiss Me Kate)
153. Howard Keel (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers)
154. Jane Powell (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers)
155. Ann Miller (On the Town, Easter Parade)
156. Cyd Charisse (The Band Wagon, Singin' in the Rain)
157. Eleanor Powell (Broadway Melody of 1940)
158. Donald O'Connor (Singin' in the Rain)
159. Danny Kaye (White Christmas, The Court Jester)
160. Red Skelton (Bathing Beauty)
161. Jerry Lewis (The Nutty Professor)
162. Dean Martin (Rio Bravo, Ocean's 11)
163. Sammy Davis Jr. (Ocean's 11, Porgy and Bess)
164. Peter Lawford (Good News, Ocean's 11)
165. George Burns (The Sunshine Boys)
166. Gracie Allen (A Damsel in Distress)
167. W.C. Fields (The Bank Dick, It's a Gift)
168. Stan Laurel (Sons of the Desert)
169. Oliver Hardy (Way Out West)
170. Harold Lloyd (Safety Last!, The Freshman)
171. Harry Langdon (The Strong Man)
172. Bud Abbott (Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein)
173. Lou Costello (Buck Privates)
174. Esther Williams (Million Dollar Mermaid)
175. Sonja Henie (Sun Valley Serenade)

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176. Johnny Weissmuller (Tarzan the Ape Man)
177. Sabu (The Thief of Bagdad)
178. Carmen Miranda (The Gang's All Here)
179. Alice Faye (Alexander's Ragtime Band)
180. Don Ameche (Heaven Can Wait)
181. Victor Mature (Samson and Delilah)
182. Cornel Wilde (The Greatest Show on Earth)
183. Jeff Chandler (Broken Arrow)
184. Farley Granger (Strangers on a Train, Rope)
185. John Carradine (The Grapes of Wrath, Stagecoach)
186. Elisha Cook Jr. (The Maltese Falcon, The Killing)
187. Ward Bond (The Searchers, It's a Wonderful Life)
188. Ben Johnson (The Last Picture Show, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon)
189. Harry Carey Jr. (3 Godfathers)
190. Chill Wills (The Alamo)
191. Andy Devine (The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance)
192. Slim Pickens (Dr. Strangelove)
193. Jack Palance (Shane, Sudden Fear)
194. Butterfly McQueen (Gone with the Wind)
195. Eve Arden (Mildred Pierce)
196. Debbie Reynolds (Singin' in the Rain, The Unsinkable Molly Brown)
197. Warren Beatty (Bonnie and Clyde, Splendor in the Grass)
198. Faye Dunaway (Bonnie and Clyde, The Thomas Crown Affair)
199. Robert Redford (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Barefoot in the Park)
200. Dustin Hoffman (The Graduate, Midnight Cowboy)