

= Andrew Garfield =

Andrew Russell Garfield (born 20 August 1983) is a British @-@ American actor . Born in Los Angeles , California and raised in Epsom , Surrey , Garfield began his career on the UK stage and in television productions . He made his feature @-@ film debut in the 2007 ensemble drama Lions for Lambs . Garfield first came to international attention in 2010 with supporting roles in the drama films The Social Network , for which he received Golden Globe and BAFTA nominations , and Never Let Me Go , for which he received a Saturn Award and another BAFTA nomination .

Garfield subsequently received praise for his performance as the title character in the 2012 superhero film The Amazing Spider @-@ Man . He has also performed on stage , and played Biff in the 2012 Broadway revival of Arthur Miller 's Death of a Salesman , co @-@ starring Philip Seymour Hoffman . Garfield 's performance earned him a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actor in a Play . In 2014 , he co @-@ produced and starred in the thriller 99 Homes .

= = Early life = =

Garfield was born in Los Angeles County , California . His mother , Lynn (née Hillman) , is from Essex , England , and his father , Richard Garfield , is from California . Garfield 's paternal grandparents were also from the United Kingdom . His parents moved the family from Los Angeles to Britain when he was three years old , and Garfield was raised in Epsom , Surrey , in a middle @-@ class home . Garfield is Jewish . His paternal grandparents were from Jewish immigrant families who had moved to London from Central and Eastern Europe (Poland , Russia , and Romania) , and the family surname was originally " Garfinkel " .

Garfield 's parents ran a small interior design business ; his mother is a teaching assistant at a nursery school , and his father became head coach of the Guildford Swimming Club . He has an older brother who is a doctor . Garfield was a gymnast and a swimmer during his early years . He had originally intended to study business but became interested in acting at the age of sixteen . Garfield attended Priory Preparatory School in Banstead and later City of London Freeman 's School in nearby Ashted , before training at the Central School of Speech and Drama , University of London , from which he graduated in 2004 .

= = Career = =

= = = 2005 ? 09 : Early work = = =

Garfield began taking acting classes in Silchar , Surrey , when he was 9 , and appeared in a youth theatre production of Bugsy Malone . He also joined a small youth theatre workshop group in Epsom , and began working primarily in stage acting . In 2004 he won a Manchester Evening News Theatre Award for Best Newcomer for his performance in Kes at Manchester 's Royal Exchange Theatre (where he also played Romeo the year after) , and won the Outstanding Newcomer Award at the 2006 Evening Standard Theatre Awards . Garfield made his British television debut in 2005 appearing in the Channel 4 teen drama Sugar Rush . In 2007 he garnered public attention when he appeared in the series 3 of the BBC 's Doctor Who , in the episodes " Daleks in Manhattan " and " Evolution of the Daleks " . Garfield commented that it was " an honour " to be a part of Doctor Who . In October 2007 , he was named one of Variety 's " 10 Actors to Watch " . He made his American film debut in November 2007 , playing an American university student in the ensemble drama Lions for Lambs , with co @-@ stars Tom Cruise , Meryl Streep and Robert Redford . " I 'm just lucky to be there working on the same project as them , although I don 't really expect to be recognised later by audiences , " Garfield told Variety in 2007 . In his review for The Boston Globe , Wesley Morris considered Garfield 's work " a willing punching bag for the movie 's jabs and low blows " .

In the Channel 4 drama Boy A , released in November 2007 , he portrayed a notorious killer trying to find new life after prison . The role garnered him the 2008 British Academy Television Award for

Best Actor . Amy Biancolli of the Houston Chronicle wrote that " there is no doubt about the intelligence and sensitivity " of Garfield 's portrayal . Minneapolis Star Tribune 's Christy DeSmith echoed Biancolli 's sentiment , citing his " detailed expressions " as an example . Writing in The Seattle Times , John Hartl noted that Garfield demonstrated range in the role , and concluded : " Garfield always manages to capture his passion " . Joe Morgenstern , the critic for The Wall Street Journal , dubbed Garfield 's performance " phenomenal " , assessing that he " makes room for the many and various pieces of Jack 's personality " . In 2008 , he had a minor role in the film The Other Boleyn Girl , and was named one of the shooting stars at the Berlin International Film Festival . In 2009 , Garfield held supporting roles in the Terry Gilliam film The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus and the Red Riding television trilogy . Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times thought that Garfield gave a stand out performance in the latter .

== 2010 ? 11 : Breakthrough ==

In 2010 , Garfield co -@-@ starred opposite Carey Mulligan and Keira Knightley in Mark Romanek 's dystopian science fiction drama Never Let Me Go , an adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro 's 2005 novel of the same name . He said of his character , Tommy D. , " There 's a sense of anxiety that runs through these kids , especially Tommy , because he 's so sensory and feeling and animalistic , that 's my perspective of him . " Garfield was attracted to the film based on the existential questions the story expresses . He called the experience of being a part of Never Let Me Go a " dream to come true " . He further remarked that the scenes in which his character ? unable to contain his frustration ? erupts with a wail , were " intense " for him . " I think those screams are inside all of us , I just got a chance to let mine out " . For his portrayal of a well @-@ meaning , but dim young man caught in a love triangle , he won the 2010 Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actor . Cleveland Magazine 's Clint O 'Connor lauded his performance , commenting that Garfield delivered " a terrifically anguished performance " in the film . Writing for Entertainment Weekly , Owen Gleiberman praised the performances of the lead cast , reflecting that " these three all act with a spooky , haunted innocence that gets under your skin . " Tom Preston , a critic from The Guardian , further described Garfield 's acting as solid and " at times deeply moving " . In comparison to Mulligan and Knightley , Scott Bowles , writing for USA Today , deemed Garfield " the real find " of Never Let Me Go .

The same year , Garfield co -@-@ starred opposite Jesse Eisenberg in The Social Network , a drama based on the founders of Facebook . On his character , Garfield remarked that " No one knows who Eduardo Saverin is , and I don 't either . Of course , the fact he 's a real @-@ life human being , breathing on this Earth somewhere , creates a whole new dimension to my approach because you feel a greater sense of responsibility " . Initially , the film 's director , David Fincher , had met Garfield under the auspices of him playing Mark Zuckerberg , having been referred to him by Mark Romanek . However , Fincher did not like Garfield for the part as he found Garfield 's " incredible emotional access to his kind of core humanity " better tailored for the role of Saverin . Garfield 's performance was very well received ; he earned wider recognition and numerous nominations , including BAFTA nominations for Best Actor in a Supporting Role and Rising Star , as well as a Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance in a Supporting Role . Mark Kermode of the BBC expressed his surprise that Garfield had been overlooked for an Academy Award nomination , opining that " everyone knows he 's one of the very best things about the Social Network " . Writing in The Wall Street Journal , Joe Morgenstern thought the role was portrayed with " great subtlety and rueful charm " . Rolling Stone said Garfield delivered " a vulnerability that raises the emotional stakes in a movie " , and proclaimed : " Keep your eyes on Garfield ? he 's shatteringly good , the soul of a film that might otherwise be without one . " He received similar plaudits of the Los Angeles Times , Entertainment Weekly , and The New Yorker .

== 2012 ? present : The Amazing Spider @-@ Man and other roles ==

In 2010 , Garfield was cast as Spider @-@ Man / Peter Parker , opposite Emma Stone as his love interest Gwen Stacy , in Marc Webb 's The Amazing Spider @-@ Man , a reboot of the Spider @-@

Man film series . Garfield saw his casting as a " massive challenge in many ways " , having to make the character " authentic " and " live and breathe in a new way " . Garfield described Peter as someone he can relate to and stated that the character had been an important influence on him since he was a child . For the role , Garfield studied the movements of athletes and spiders and tried to incorporate them , did yoga and pilates in order to be as flexible as possible , and drew from his life experiences as inspiration . Garfield admitted to shedding tears and trying to imagine " a better actor in the suit " upon first wearing his costume . When filming , Garfield explained that he had four months of training and described his physical roles on stunts as challenging and exhausting . Released in July 2012 , The Amazing Spider @-@ Man earned a worldwide total of \$ 752 @, @ 216 @, @ 557 . Garfield 's performance was generally well received . The Guardian 's Peter Bradshaw acclaimed his portrayal as the " definitive Spider @-@ Man " , Tom Charity of CNN commended his " combination of fresh @-@ faced innocence , nervous agitation and wry humor " , and Peter Travers , writing in Rolling Stone , said Garfield gave a stellar performance . Associated Press ' Christy Lemire elaborated that Garfield 's Spider @-@ Man gave the film a " restless , reckless energy and a welcome sense of danger . " Garfield reprised his role in The Amazing Spider @-@ Man 2 (2014) .

In March 2012 , Garfield made his Broadway theatre debut as Biff Loman in the revival of Death of a Salesman . Garfield was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Play for his performance in the role . According to The New York Times 's David Rooney , Garfield " exposed the raw ache of Biff 's solitude " . In May 2014 , Garfield hosted Saturday Night Live and appeared in a music video for the song " We Exist " by Arcade Fire , playing a trans woman . In February 2015 , Sony and Marvel Studios secured a deal which would integrate the Spider @-@ Man character into the Marvel Cinematic Universe . Sequels to The Amazing Spider @-@ Man 2 were scrapped and the franchise was closed . The role of Spider @-@ Man has now been taken over by Tom Holland . In late 2015 , arachnologists Yuri M. Marusik and Alireza Zamani honored Garfield 's portrayal of the role by naming a new species of crevice weaver spider after him , namely Pritha garfieldi .

Garfield co @-@ produced and starred in the 2014 independent drama 99 Homes . He is also scheduled to headline Martin Scorsese 's film , Silence , based on Sh?saku End? 's 1966 novel of the same name . Production began in 2014 with Garfield set to play Father Rodrigues , a Portuguese Jesuit priest in the seventeenth century who travels to Japan . By November 2014 , it was also confirmed that Garfield would join the cast of Hacksaw Ridge , a war drama about the first conscientious objector in US history to be awarded the Medal of Honor . Mel Gibson is set to direct and Vince Vaughn and Sam Worthington are scheduled to co @-@ star .

In 2016 it was announced that Garfield will play the role of Prior Walter in Tony Kushner 's two @-@ part play Angels in America at the National Theatre , London in the Lyttelton Theatre from April 2017 . It will be directed by Marianne Elliott and co @-@ starring Russell Tovey and Denise Gough .

= = Personal life = =

Garfield has dual citizenship in the United States and the United Kingdom . In 2009 , he told the Sunday Herald that he " feels equally at home " in both the United States and the United Kingdom and " enjoys having a varied cultural existence " . Garfield customarily gives interviews about his work , but does not publicly discuss details of his private life .

In 2011 , Garfield began dating his The Amazing Spider @-@ Man co @-@ star Emma Stone sometime during production of the film . After Stone was cast in The Amazing Spider @-@ Man , which was confirmed in October 2010 , Marc Webb , the film 's director , noted that the chemistry between Garfield and Stone made her the clear choice .

In 2011 , Garfield became the Ambassador of Sport for the Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO) .

In April 2013 , Garfield publicly expressed his support for the legalisation of same @-@ sex marriage . Garfield , who was reflecting on starring in the gay marriage @-@ themed play Beautiful Thing (2006) , commented : " There is no argument against equality . How can anyone argue

against compassion and understanding ? "

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