

= Dylan and Cole Sprouse =

Dylan Thomas Sprouse and Cole Mitchell Sprouse ( born August 4 , 1992 ) are American actors . They are twins and are referred to as the Sprouse brothers or Sprouse Bros. Their first major theatrical film role was in Big Daddy , in which they co @-@ starred with Adam Sandler . They later appeared in several television sitcoms and starred in the straight @-@ to @-@ DVD films I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus and Just for Kicks .

From 2005 until 2008 , they starred in the Disney Channel sitcom The Suite Life of Zack & Cody . As a result of the series ' success , the media has termed them " heartthrobs " and " overwhelming draws " among preteen and teen audiences . The following year , the brothers launched a franchise known as the Sprouse Bros brand , which included a clothing line , book series and magazine . The majority of the Sprouses ' franchise ended in 2008 , except for their clothing line . The Suite Life of Zack & Cody was retooled in 2008 as The Suite Life on Deck , in which the brothers reprised their roles as Zack and Cody . The Suite Life on Deck went on to become the most @-@ watched tween / children 's television show in 2008 and 2009 . The show ended in May 2011 . They also starred in the The Suite Life Movie , which aired in March of the same year . They began cultivating an adult image by starring in the independent theatrical suspense film The Kings of Appletown in 2009 .

Dylan and Cole were two of the wealthiest children alive in 2007 , and in 2010 , the Sprouse brothers were the highest @-@ paid teenage Disney television actors , earning \$ 40 @,@ 000 per episode combined . MSN reported by the end of the 2000s that the twin brothers became the richest teenage twins in the world . In 2010 , the brothers were accepted to New York University . They deferred admission for one year , and attended the university from 2011 to 2015 . Both Cole and Dylan have confirmed they wish to pursue acting post @-@ university .

= = Early lives = =

The Sprouses were born at a small hospital called Clinica Tanganelli in Arezzo , Italy , to American parents Matthew Sprouse and Melanie Wright , while they were teaching at an English language school in Tuscany . Dylan was named after British poet Dylan Thomas , and Cole is named after jazz singer and pianist Nat King Cole . Dylan is 15 minutes older than Cole . They have German ancestry . The boys moved back to the United States four months after their birth to their parents ' native Long Beach , California . Some of the money Dylan and Cole earned by acting was used to buy a house in Calabasas , California , where their family still lives as of summer 2012 .

= = Acting = =

The Sprouses began acting at the age of eight months following a suggestion from their grandmother , Jonine Booth Wright , who was a drama teacher and actress . The twins first appeared in a commercial for diapers , switching on @-@ screen time every few seconds . As with many twins , the two have often played the same role , due to child labor laws in California restricting the amount of time children can be filmed in a day . Casting twins in a single role thus allows more time for the character to be filmed . Beginning at eight months old , the two played a single character , Patrick Kelly , on the ABC series Grace Under Fire .

In 1999 , the boys appeared in their first major feature film , Big Daddy , in which they shared the role of a five @-@ year @-@ old boy named Julian who is adopted by Adam Sandler 's character , Sonny Koufax . Though the film received mixed reviews , the two were nominated for multiple awards for their role in the movie . However , they did not win any . The same year , the boys also had a minor role in the thriller The Astronaut 's Wife . The Sprouses have noted that after Big Daddy 's release , they entered a slow period in their careers and were not cast in any major roles for a time . During the early 2000s , the twins appeared in episodes of The Nightmare Room and That ' 70s Show , as well as in MADtv and portrayed roles in the feature films The Master of Disguise and Adam Sandler 's Eight Crazy Nights . Cole began appearing in episodes of the television show Friends , as Ross Geller 's son Ben in 2001 ; this role was not shared with Dylan .

They both appeared in *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus* and *Just for Kicks*, both of which were family films that received a direct @-@ to @-@ video release. David Nusair of Reel Film Reviews said of their acting in *Just for Kicks* that the brothers "aren't the worst child actors I've ever seen, ... but they certainly leave a lot to be desired." Dylan and Cole were later cast in the Disney Channel original series *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*, where they portrayed identical twins Zack and Cody Martin, respectively. The series, which debuted in March 2005, became a ratings success. As part of their involvement with Disney, the brothers also became part of the 11 @-@ member group, the Disney Channel Circle of Stars, and sang the song "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" along with the members of the circle, for a video that was released as bonus material in the special edition version of the Disney film *Cinderella*. They also participated in the Disney Channel Games.

The Sprouses played one character, Jeremiah, in the independent film *The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things*. The film was produced in 2004 but not given a theatrical release until March 2006, when it played at three theatres in the United States, ultimately grossing \$ 29 @,@ 000 domestically. Harvey Karten praised their acting, stating that "acting is superlative all around", and Tamara Straus of the *San Francisco Chronicle* called them "the movie's only saving grace". In 2007, the two filmed *A Modern Twain Story: The Prince and the Pauper*. Carrie R. Wheadon of Common Sense Media said the film was a "slow story for Zack and Cody fans only". The Sprouse brothers both had voice roles in the animated film *Holidaze: The Christmas That Almost Didn't Happen* alongside Brenda Song and Emily Osment. Dylan played the voice of Shasta in Disney's "Snow Buddies". The brothers both starred in the theatrical film *The Kings of Appletown*, which is based on the book *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The film was directed by Bobby Moresco and written by Amanda Moresco. Shot in New Braunfels, Texas, the movie was originally estimated to be released in the winter of 2008. *Kings of Appletown* had a limited theatrical release on December 12, 2009 and was officially released at the Newport Beach Film Festival in April 2010.

They appeared on the cover of the May 2009 issue *People Magazine*, in an eighty @-@ page special edition issue devoted to *The Suite Life on Deck*. The twin brothers began filming another *Modern Twain Story* film in the summer of 2009. The film was tentatively titled "Sivilized" and was a modern version of *Huckleberry Finn*. However, in mid @-@ 2010, Dylan stated that they would not be doing the movie, in part because they "outgrew" the movie. They became the new face of the children's yogurt, Dannon Danimals, in 2009; their endorsement deal was renewed in 2010. The twin brothers signed an endorsement deal with Nintendo DS in August 2010.

As of early to mid @-@ 2011, Dylan and Cole are not in any acting projects and are focusing instead on college as well as art and photography, respectively. However, Dylan has stated that they would both like to continue acting while in college. Dylan and Cole are represented by William Morris Endeavor as of 2011.

= = Sprouse Bros brand = =

In 2005, the Sprouse brothers signed a licensing agreement with Dualstar Entertainment to produce Sprouse Bros branded merchandise for the preteen and teenage market, the Sprouse Bros brand included a clothing line, comics series and a magazine, as well as personal hygiene line and a line of sportswear. Dylan said of the brand that they wanted to "reach out to the nerd group and the cool group" and "appeal to everybody". A magazine targeting boys was launched by Dualstar and Leisure Publishing LLC in 2006 called *Sprouse Bros. Code*. Simon & Schuster Inc. published two volumes of a book series titled *Sprouse Bros. 47 R.O.N.I.N.*, which was described as featuring the Sprouse twins as "young James Bonds or undercover agents"; the book series continued. In 2008, the brothers ended their association with the Olsens' Dualstar, but they continued to sell their clothing line. The items in their clothing lines were sold exclusively online until mid @-@ March 2012, when the online store could no longer be accessed.

= = Personal lives = =

Dylan Sprouse has stated that the experience of coming to fame after the success of The Suite Life of Zack & Cody is " kind of scary , how fast everything is moving " and that a year prior " none of this was happening , it was just doing Suite Life , " and that he was excited for the future . While filming The Suite Life of Zack & Cody , the both of them received on @-@ set tutoring for three hours each day for school , and said they were getting " straight A 's and honors . " In their last year of high school , the brothers both took Advanced Placement classes . Dylan took AP Psychology and AP Spanish , and Cole took AP Psychology and AP Government .

The twins ' family has three dogs : Bubba , which belongs to Dylan and Cole ; Pinky , who is their father 's ; and Curry , their stepmother 's . Their favorite actor and co @-@ star is Adam Sandler . Dylan has said that Adam is " a role model in acting " and that they learned a lot about comedy from him . In mid @-@ 2010 , Dylan launched a site for his art called Sprouse Arts , and in mid @-@ 2011 , Cole launched a site for his photography called Cole Sprouse Photography .

In 2010 , the brothers were both accepted to New York University . They had initial plans to attend the university in the fall of 2010 ; however , they deferred for one year . Dylan initially planned on majoring in fine / studio arts and minoring in economics while Cole planned on majoring in film and television production and minoring in drama . Instead , they both enrolled in the Gallatin School of Individualized Study , which allows students to plan their own curriculum . Cole focused his curriculum on the humanities and archaeology while Dylan focused on video game design . In 2011 , Dylan was elected president of the Third Avenue North residence hall at New York University .

In 2012 , Dylan and Cole were officially appointed as the International Ambassadors of the Koyamada Foundation . They traveled to Japan with Shin Koyamada to empower the youth of Japan to better themselves and rebuild Japan as a society as well as to deepen the friendly relations and brotherhood between the youth of Japan and America in August 2013 .

As of 2013 , Dylan was working as a host at a New York City restaurant , which he explained was a result of his desire to try a new experience , as he said , " working somewhat below the means I 'm used to , as well as a way to socialize and get out of the house . "

Since 2014 , Dylan has commentated a few Super Smash Bros. tournaments .

In May 2015 , both Dylan and Cole Sprouse graduated from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study of NYU . Cole devoted his time studying archeology while Dylan studied video game design . Interestingly enough , they disclosed to Entertainment magazine that they managed to walk away with each other 's diplomas at their graduation ceremony .

Following their graduation , the two have disclosed they will possibly get back to their acting careers and take time to pursue their other interests such as photography and modeling .

= = Filmography = =

= = Awards and nominations = =

= = Discography = =

2005 ? " A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes " in DisneyMania 4

2008 ? " A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes " in Princess DisneyMania