

= David Morse (actor) =

David Bowditch Morse (born October 11 , 1953) is an American actor , singer , director and writer . He first came to national attention as Dr. Jack Morrison in the medical drama series St. Elsewhere (1982 ? 88) . He continued his film career with roles in The Negotiator , Contact , The Green Mile , Disturbia , The Long Kiss Goodnight , The Rock and 12 Monkeys .

In 2006 , Morse had a recurring role as Detective Michael Tritter on the medical drama series House , for which he received an Emmy Award nomination . He portrayed George Washington in the 2008 HBO miniseries John Adams , which garnered him a second Emmy nomination . He has also received acclaim for his portrayal of Uncle Peck on the Off @-@ Broadway play How I Learned to Drive , earning a Drama Desk Award and Obie Award . He had success on Broadway too , portraying James " Sharky " Harkin in The Seafarer . From 2010 to 2013 , he portrayed Terry Colson , an honest police officer in a corrupt New Orleans police department , on the HBO series Treme . He currently stars in the WGN America series Outsiders .

= = Early life = =

Morse was born October 11 , 1953 , in Beverly , Massachusetts , the son of Jacquelyn , a school teacher , and Charles Morse , a sales manager . He was raised in Hamilton , Massachusetts . His middle name , Bowditch , comes from mathematician Nathaniel Bowditch .

= = Career = =

= = = Film and television = = =

After graduating from high school in 1971 , Morse studied acting at the William Esper Studio . He began his acting career in the theater as a player for the Boston Repertory Theatre in the early 1970s . In the mid @-@ 1970s , Esquire Jauchem , artistic director of the Boston Repertory Theater , adapted and directed a stage musical version of The Point ! that starred 18 @-@ year @-@ old David Morse as Oblivio . The production later toured to the Trinity Square Repertory Company in Providence . He spent some time in New York 's theater community in the early 1980s , before moving into television and film . During that time , Morse was listed as one of the twelve most " Promising New Actors of 1980 " in John A. Willis ' Screen World , Vol . 32 . Morse 's big break came in 1982 when he was cast in the television medical drama St. Elsewhere . He played Dr. Jack " Boomer " Morrison , a young physician who is forced to deal with the death of his wife and the struggles of a single parent professional .

Morse appeared in a number of supporting roles following the finale of St. Elsewhere in 1988 . He is quoted as saying : " I made the decision that I didn 't care if there was any money in the role or not . I had to find roles that were different from what I had been doing . " His turn in Desperate Hours as antagonist showed a darker Morse . He later starred in The Indian Runner and The Crossing Guard . He has appeared in three adaptations of Stephen King stories : The Langoliers , Hearts in Atlantis , and The Green Mile . He was a guest star on Homicide : Life on the Street , playing the racist cousin of Detective Tim Bayliss .

In 2002 , Morse starred as Mike Olshansky , an ex @-@ Philadelphia police officer turned cab driver , in the television film Hack . The film was so well received that a television series with the same name was created . For his role in the 2002 crime @-@ drama film Shuang Tong , Morse was nominated as Best Supporting Actor in the Golden Horse Awards , the first ever nomination for an English @-@ speaking actor . He appeared as questionable neighbor Mr. Turner in the 2007 release Disturbia . Film critic and commentator John Podhoretz wrote that Morse is a " largely unsung character actor who enlivens and deepens every movie fortunate enough to have him in the cast " .

In 2006 , Morse received a phone call from David Shore , having previously worked with him on the

Hack series , who asked him if he would be interested in having a guest role on House . When Morse watched the show , he could not understand why people watched the show , because he believed that " this House guy is a total jerk " . When he told some of his friends about the offer , however , their excited reactions convinced him to accept the role . Morse portrayed Michael Tritter , a detective with a vendetta against Gregory House . He earned his first Emmy Award nomination for his work on the series .

In 2008 , Morse portrayed George Washington in the HBO miniseries John Adams , for which his nose was made bigger . Morse commented : " The first thing that comes to mind is my nose ; it was my big idea to do that nose . We didn 't have a lot of time , because they asked me to do this about three weeks before they started shooting , and I just kept looking at these portraits and thinking ' this man 's face is so commanding ' . And I did not feel that my face was very commanding in the way his was . So I convinced them that we should try the nose , and we tried it on , and everybody went ' wow , that 's Washington ' . " Morse 's portrayal earned him his second Emmy Award nomination . He is currently reprising the role of Washington in voice form as part of The Hall of Presidents show in Walt Disney World Resort 's Magic Kingdom .

Morse has stated that out of all of the films he has done , his favorites are The Green Mile , The Crossing Guard , and The Indian Runner . In 2010 , he guest starred in two episodes of the HBO drama series Treme , as Lt. Terry Colson of the New Orleans Police Department . He was promoted to series regular starting with the show 's second season , which began in April 2011 . Later that year , Morse won the best actor award at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival for his role in Collaborator . He played an ex -@-@ CIA agent in the film World War Z (2013) . He played the late NFL player , Mike Webster , in Concussion the biopic of Dr. Bennet Omalu starring Will Smith .

= = = Stage = = =

In addition to his film and television career , Morse has continued to appear on stage . For his performance in the 1997 Off @-@ Broadway production of Paula Vogel 's Pulitzer Prize @-@ winning drama How I Learned to Drive , he received an Obie Award , a Drama League Award , a Drama Desk Award , and a Lucille Lortel Award . That same year , he played Father Barry in the play adaptation of On the Waterfront . The play ran for only eight performances . From 2007 to 2008 , Morse appeared on Broadway in Conor McPherson 's play The Seafarer .

= = Personal life = =

Morse has three younger siblings . He has been married to actress and author of The Habit , Susan Wheeler Duff Morse , since 1982 . They have one daughter , Eliza , and twin sons Benjamin and Samuel . After the 1994 Northridge earthquake , Morse and his family moved to Philadelphia , Pennsylvania , where they currently live .

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