



Kiefer Sutherland

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Kiefer William Frederick Dempsey George Rufus Sutherland^[2] (born 21 December 1966)^[3] is a British-Canadian actor, producer, director, and singer-songwriter. One of his better-known roles was Jack Bauer^[4] on the Fox drama series *24* (2001–2010, 2014), for which he earned an Emmy Award, a Golden Globe Award, two Screen Actors Guild Awards and two Satellite Awards.

He has also starred as Martin Bohm in the Fox drama *Touch*,^[5] and provided the facial motion capture and English voices for Big Boss and Venom Snake in the video games *Metal Gear Solid V: Ground Zeroes* and *Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain*.^[6] He currently stars as President Tom Kirkman in the ABC political drama series *Designated Survivor*.^[7]

Sutherland got his first leading film role in the Canadian drama *The Bay Boy* (1984), which earned him a Genie Award nomination.^[8] Since that time he has had a successful movie career, starring in films like *Stand by Me* (1986), *The Lost Boys* (1987), *Young Guns* (1988), *Flatliners* (1990), *A Few Good Men* (1992), *The Three Musketeers* (1993), *A Time to Kill* (1996), *Dark City* (1998), *Phone Booth* (2002), *Melancholia* (2011) and *Pompeii* (2014).

Sutherland has been inducted to the Hollywood Walk of Fame and to Canada's Walk of Fame, and has received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Zurich Film Festival.

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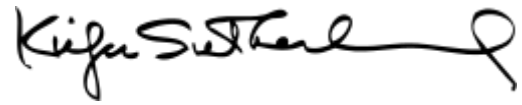
Sutherland at the 2014 San Diego Comic-Con

Born	Kiefer William Frederick Dempsey George Rufus Sutherland <div>21 December 1966</div> <div>Paddington, London, England, UK</div>
Citizenship	British ^[1] <div>Canadian</div>
Occupation	Actor · film director · film producer · singer-songwriter
Years active	1983–present
Spouse(s)	<div>Camelia Kath</div> <div>(m. 1987–90)</div> <div>Elizabeth Kelly Winn</div> <div>(m. 1996; div. 2004)</div>
Children	Sarah Sutherland
Parent(s)	Donald Sutherland <div>Shirley Douglas</div>
Relatives	Rachel Sutherland (twin sister) <div>Angus Sutherland (paternal half-brother)</div> <div>Rossif Sutherland (paternal half-brother)</div> <div>Roeg Sutherland (paternal half-brother)</div>

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Thomas Sicks (maternal half-brother)
Francine Racette (stepmother)
Tommy Douglas (maternal grandfather)

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Early life

Sutherland was born in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, to Donald Sutherland and Shirley Douglas, both successful Canadian actors.^[9] He has a twin sister, Rachel. His maternal grandfather was Scottish-born Canadian politician and former Premier of Saskatchewan Tommy Douglas, who is widely credited for bringing universal health care to Canada.

Sutherland is named after American-born writer and director Warren Kiefer, who^[10] directed Donald Sutherland in his first feature film, *Castle of the Living Dead*.^{[11][12]}

Sutherland's family moved to Corona, California.^[13] His parents divorced in 1970.^[9] In 1975, Sutherland moved with his mother to Toronto. He attended elementary school at Crescent Town Elementary School, St. Clair Junior High East York, and John G. Althouse Middle School in Toronto. He attended multiple different high schools, including St. Andrew's College, Martingrove Collegiate Institute, Harbord Collegiate Institute, Silverthorn Collegiate Institute, Malvern Collegiate Institute, and Annex Village Campus. He also spent a semester at Regina Mundi Catholic College in London, Ontario and attended weekend acting lessons at Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School. Sutherland told *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* (2009) that he and Robert Downey, Jr. were roommates for three years when he first moved to Hollywood to pursue his career in acting.^[14] He and Downey, Jr. also starred together in the film *1969*.

Career

1980s: Rise to fame in Hollywood

Sutherland made his screen debut in *Max Dugan Returns* (as did Matthew Broderick), in which his father Donald Sutherland also starred. Sutherland was one of the contenders for the role of Glen Lantz in the original *A Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984), which ultimately became Johnny Depp's first feature film debut.^[15]

After receiving critical acclaim for his role as Donald Campbell in *The Bay Boy*, Sutherland moved to Hollywood. *Stand by Me* was the first film Sutherland made in the United States.^[16] In the film, directed by Rob Reiner, he played a neighborhood bully in a coming-of-age story about a search for a dead body. Before that, he played a silent, supporting character, as one of Sean Penn's friends who goes up against Christopher Walken in James Foley's crime-thriller *At Close Range*.

His film *Promised Land*, with Meg Ryan, was the first film to be commissioned by the Sundance Film Festival. His role as vampire David in *The Lost Boys* is one of his iconic roles in his career reviews by many critics and audiences.

In the Western film *Young Guns* (1988), he starred alongside Emilio Estevez and Lou Diamond Phillips. He was considered for the role of Robin in *Batman* (1989), alongside Michael Keaton, in the early production before the character was deleted from the shooting script.^[17] He went on to star again with his close friend Lou Diamond Phillips, in the crime-action film *Renegades*. That same year, he and his father appeared at the 61st Academy Awards as presenters of the Academy Honorary Award to the National Film Board of Canada.

1990s

In the sequel *Young Guns II* (1990), Sutherland continued to play 'Doc' alongside some of the original cast and with newcomer Christian Slater. As of 2017 it is the only sequel to a feature film he has starred in. Sutherland starred as the lead in *Flatliners*, a film about a student who wants to "experience" death's afterlife and record what happens during it, with the help of a group of young students who are "a little" crazy like him; the film received positive reviews from critics.

Sutherland did not make a film in 1991. During an interview in March 2012, he said he had declined director Gus Van Sant's offer to star in the lead role in the movie *My Own Private Idaho*, a decision that he regretted. He was quoted as saying "I passed on *My Private Idaho* because I wanted to go skiing and didn't even look at it. I told myself that I needed to stick to my plan ... and it was a really dumb plan."^[18]

He played a supporting character in *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk with Me*, the continuation of the short-lived television series of the same name which ran from 1990 to 1991, as agent Sam Stanley; and also in *A Few Good Men* (1992), where he played a junior officer subordinate to Jack Nicholson's Col. Nathan P. Jessup. The film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture.

In *The Vanishing* (1993), he starred alongside Jeff Bridges as a husband seeking his wife three years after she mysteriously vanished. In *The Three Musketeers* (1993), Sutherland played the central character of Athos.

In 1994, he played the elder brother alongside Woody Harrelson in *The Cowboy Way*.

In 1996, Sutherland starred in 3 films. He starred with Reese Witherspoon in *Freeway*, which gained a cult following. He starred with Sally Field in the thriller *Eye for an Eye*, and he starred in *A Time to Kill* alongside his father Donald Sutherland.

In 1998, he starred in *Dark City*, the science fiction film directed by Alex Proyas in which he portrayed the historical character Daniel P. Schreber.

Sutherland's other notable films in the decade were *Flashback* (1990) as a young cop alongside Dennis Hopper, and *Article 99* (1992) with Ray Liotta.

2000s: 24

In 2000, he co-starred with Woody Allen in the black comedy *Picking Up the Pieces*, but the film was received poorly by both commercial audiences and by critics. Since then, Sutherland has starred in small projects and festival-released films. He starred in the film *Beat*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2000. He also appeared in 2001 film *Cowboy Up*, which won the Crystal Heart Award at the 2001 Heartland Film Festival. He also starred in the film *To End All Wars*, which won two awards at the Heartland Film Festival and one award at the Hawaii International Film Festival.^[19]

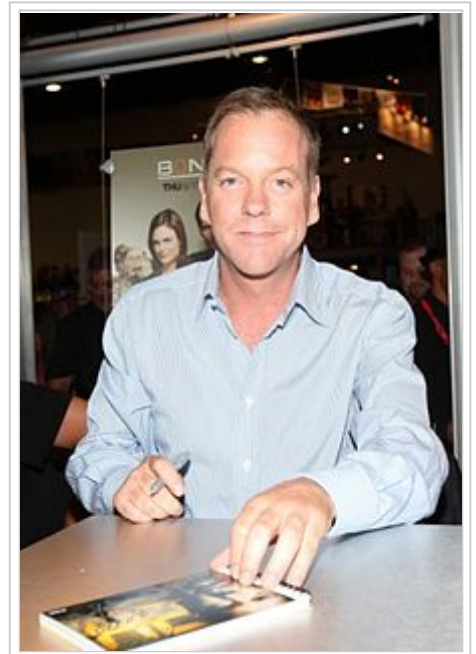
Since 2001, Sutherland has been associated most widely with the role of Jack Bauer on the critically acclaimed television series *24*.^[9] After being nominated four times for the "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series" Primetime Emmy Award, Sutherland won the award in 2006 for his role in *24*'s fifth season. In the opening skit of

the 2006 Primetime Emmy Awards, Sutherland made an appearance as his 24 character, Jack Bauer. He was also nominated for Best actor in a Drama Television Series at the 2007 Golden Globe Awards for *24*. According to his 2006 contract, his salary of \$40 million for three seasons of the show made him the highest-earning actor on television.^[20]



Sutherland holding his cheque for *The 1 Second Film*, 2006

Sutherland constantly emphasizes that the show is merely "entertainment."^[21] The dean of the United States Military Academy, Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, visited the set of *24* in February 2007 to urge the show's makers to reduce the number of torture scenes^[22] and Sutherland accepted an invitation from the U.S. military to tell West Point cadets that it is wrong to torture prisoners.^[23] In an interview with *OK! Magazine*, Howard Gordon said it would be an "unbearable loss" if they killed off Sutherland's character.^[24]



Sutherland in 2009

Due to his extensive schedule with *24*, he spent less time in film. In 2004, He starred in *Taking Lives*, alongside Angelina Jolie and Ethan Hawke, in which he had a "flashy cameo". In *The Sentinel* (2006), he starred alongside his elder brother in the movie industry, Michael Douglas, as his protégé. He played the lead roles in Alexandre Aja's supernatural horror, *Mirrors* (2008).^[25] In 2009, he joined the DreamWorks's animated film *Monsters vs. Aliens*, reuniting him with actress Reese Witherspoon with whom he starred in *Freeway*. "Monsters vs. Aliens" is Sutherland's highest-grossing film to date.

The actor is also a frequent collaborator with director Joel Schumacher, and has appeared in *The Lost Boys*, *Flatliners*, *Phone Booth*,^[26] the big screen adaptation of *A Time to Kill* (the film also starred his father Donald, although their characters did not interact), and *Twelve* as the narrator.

In 2005, Sutherland was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto,^[27] where both of his parents have also been inducted. He ranked No. 68 on the 2006 Forbes Celebrity 100 list of the world's most powerful celebrities, his earnings were a reported \$23 million.^[28] In 2009, he was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.^[29] Sutherland was the first *Inside the Actors Studio* guest to be the child of a former guest; his father, Donald, appeared on the show in 1998.^[9] Sutherland was featured on the cover of the April 2006 edition of *Rolling Stone*, in an article entitled "Alone in the Dark with Kiefer Sutherland." The article began with Sutherland revealing his interest to be killed off in *24*. However, he stated, "Don't get me wrong. I love what I do." It also revealed that he devoted 10 months a year working on *24*.^[30]

He has starred in Japanese commercials for CalorieMate, performing a parody of his Jack Bauer character.^[31] Sutherland also provides voice-overs for the current ad campaign for the Ford Motor Company of Canada.^[32] In mid-2006, he voiced the Apple, Inc. advertisement announcing the inclusion of Intel chips in their Macintosh computer line.^[33] He also voices the introduction to NHL games on the Versus network in the U.S.^[34]

2010s: Television, film festivals and music career

On 14 February 2010, Fox TV announced they were temporarily suspending production of Season 8 of *24* due to a ruptured cyst near one of Sutherland's kidneys. According to the report, he waited a few days before going in to have "elective surgery" performed.^[35] It was anticipated that he would return after a week, but a few days further were needed and Fox reported that his return to set would be 1 March.^[36]

In the 2011 drama-thriller *Melancholia* directed by Lars Von Trier, he played the male lead character and got the chance to share the screen with long-lost co-stars such as Charlotte Rampling and John Hurt, the film in which Kiefer was nominated for the major Danish film prize Bodil. Kiefer also shared the screen with Hurt another time, this time on the small screen, in the web series *The Confession*.

In *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, the best-selling novel adaptation directed by Mira Nair, he played a supporting character for newcomer Riz Ahmed, as a boss named Jim Cross, and in the 2014 historical-disaster movie, *Pompeii*, directed by Paul W. S. Anderson, he played a corrupt Roman senator who plotted to stop the love between the city ruler's daughter and a Roman slave whose family was killed by the senator; the movie concluded with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79.

Sutherland also provided narration for several promotional spots for the United States Men's National Soccer Team during the 2014 FIFA World Cup for ESPN.^[37] He has appeared in a Brazilian TV commercials for Citroën C4 sedan^[38] and a voice-over for a commercial for Bank of America.^[39] He voices Sgt. Roebuck in Treyarch's video game *Call of Duty: World at War* and voices of Snake (aka Big Boss) in the video game *Metal Gear Solid V: Ground Zeroes* and its sequel *Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain*, taking over the role originally performed by David Hayter.^[40]

In 2011, Sutherland made his Broadway debut, opposite Brian Cox, Jim Gaffigan, Chris Noth and Jason Patric, in the Broadway revival of *That Championship Season*, which opened in March 2011. The show has since closed.

In 2012, Sutherland starred in the Fox television series *Touch*. He played the father of an autistic boy who does not like to be touched, while the son also communicates future humanity interrelated events to his father through numbers and mathematics.^{[41][42]}

On 14 May 2013, it was confirmed that the show *24* would return for a limited series.^[43] Before that, he was also offered the lead role in the NBC drama *The Blacklist*. In May and July 2014, Fox aired the twelve-episode *24: Live Another Day*, which received acclaimed reviews from critics.

After working in the movie industry for more than 30 years, he had the chance to star with his father, Donald Sutherland, in the western-drama film *Forsaken*, which also stars Demi Moore and Brian Cox. The film screened at the Toronto International Film Festival and received mixed reviews from critics.^{[44][45]}

In 2015, it was announced that Sutherland was cast in the lead role of the ABC political drama series *Designated Survivor* as Tom Kirkman, the President of the United States.^[46]



Sutherland with longtime friend Randy Lennox on the set of *Designated Survivor*.



Sutherland playing guitar in concert, 2016

Personal life

Family and relationships

Sutherland has one daughter (Sarah) from his first marriage to Camelia Kath, the widow of Chicago guitarist/singer Terry Kath, to whom he was married from 1987 to 1990, and through his marriage to Camelia, he became stepfather to Michelle Kath, who has two sons.^[47] Sarah Sutherland is an actress and appears on the TV series, *Veep*.

Julia Roberts met Sutherland in 1990, when they co-starred in *Flatliners*. In August 1990, Roberts and Sutherland announced their engagement, with an elaborate studio-planned wedding scheduled for 14 June 1991. Roberts broke the engagement three days before the wedding allegedly because Sutherland had been meeting with a go-go dancer named Amanda Rice. Sutherland denied having an affair with Rice and said that they only met because he liked to play pool. On the day of what was supposed to be their wedding, Roberts went to Ireland with Sutherland's friend Jason Patric.^[48]

In the late 1990s, Sutherland purchased a 900-acre (3.6 km²) ranch in Montana and traveled on the rodeo circuit.^[49]

On 29 June 1996, Sutherland married Kelly Winn. The couple separated in 1999, and he filed for divorce in 2004. The divorce was finalized on 16 May 2008.^[50] He dated Bo Derek in 2000.^[51]

Legal troubles

Sutherland was arrested in Los Angeles on 25 September 2007, on drunk driving charges, after failing a field sobriety test. His test exceeded the state's legal blood alcohol limit, and he was later released on a \$25,000 bail. It was Sutherland's fourth DUI arrest since 1989.^[52] Sutherland pleaded no contest to the DUI charge and was sentenced to 48 days in jail.^[53] Initially, he arranged to split his sentence and spend 18 days in jail during 24's winter break in late December and early January 2008; the Hollywood writers' strike interrupted production, allowing him to serve his sentence in 48 consecutive days.^[54]

Sutherland surrendered to the New York Police Department (NYPD) on 7 May 2009 for head-butting fashion designer Jack McCollough, founder and co-designer of Proenza Schouler, at the Mercer Hotel in SoHo following a fundraiser for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.^{[55][56]} Several weeks later, Sutherland and McCollough issued a joint statement in which Sutherland apologized; police later dropped the charges.^[57]

Business ventures

Sutherland is the co-owner (along with Jude Cole) of the independent record label Ironworks.

Sutherland reportedly fell victim to a financial scam involving cattle in 2010.^[58] According to the Associated Press, the perpetrator, Michael Wayne Carr, allegedly took US\$869,000 from Sutherland, ostensibly on the account of steers to be purchased. Prosecutors alleged that Carr never purchased the steers. Carr pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay US\$956,000 in restitution to Sutherland and his investment partner.^[59]



Sutherland in 2008

Awards and recognition

- 2003: Sweden TNT award for Best Foreign TV Personality - Male
- 2005: Canada's Walk of Fame
- 2008: Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 2013: Hasty Pudding Theatricals for Man of the Year
- 2015: Zurich Film Festival for Lifetime Achievement Award

Filmography

Discography

Studio albums

- *Down in a Hole* (2016)^[60]^[61]

Singles

- 2016: "Not Enough Whiskey"
- 2016: "Can't Stay Away"

Music videos

Year	Video	Director
2016	"Not Enough Whiskey" ^[62]	Kiefer Sutherland / Frank Borin
	"Can't Stay Away" ^[63]	Cal Aurand
2017	"Shirley Jean"	

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Kiefer Sutherland's star on Canada's Walk of Fame