

All-Time Oscar Snubs
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Brad Pitt

Arguably the biggest male movie star of our time, Brad Pitt still hasn't managed to bring home an Oscar. Benjamin Button was the only role he played that scored him a nomination, but he ended up losing to Mickey Rourke for his performance in "The Wrestler". And, after reflecting on his outstanding work in legendary movies like "Fight Club" and "Moneyball", and with numerous awards and nominations from other organizations, it's hard to believe that the Academy hasn't jumped on the Pitt bandwagon like the rest of the world.

Peter O'Toole

With eight nominations spanning over 40 years, O'Toole is the most nominated person NEVER to win an Oscar. He shared his passion for acting and singing both on the stage and on film and gained much notoriety from his excellent musical performances. Although he did win several awards from different academies, the only award he got from the Academy was an honorary award for a long and outstanding career in film.

Greta Garbo

The black and white beauty and the star of Hollywood's Golden age never took home an Oscar. However, she was nominated three times for her performances in "Anna Christie", "Romance" and "Camille", all of which were her first sound films, or "talkies"- features with sound and script. She lost, but in 1954 was honored with a special award "for her luminous and unforgettable screen performances".

Johnny Depp

Depp is an actor who proves being in major blockbusters doesn't always equal Academy award wins. He built his empire and fame based on quirky and eccentric roles that are standouts among their time, like "Sweeney Todd", and the ever-so-popular "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy. Depp has ultimately earned three nominations, but unfortunately hasn't seen a win.

Marilyn Monroe

Monroe was one of the biggest icons of our time and was leading lady in multiple films but never received any attention from the Academy. She was not only unforgettable because of her acting, but because of her complete embodiment of old Hollywood and glamour, and her personification of both sensuality and innocence. Even so, she will be immortalized both in classics like "The Seven Year Itch" and "Some Like It Hot", as well as in her vintage look in photo shoots.

Harrison Ford

Out of the six decades of being in the film industry and countless memorable roles in classic films, Ford has only been nominated once! He was up for Best Actor for his role in "Witness" in 1985, up against legends like Jon Voight and Jack Nicholson, but in the end it was William Hurt who went home with the trophy. It might be surprising to see his only nomination was from a movie that didn't stand the test of time like his roles did in classics like "Indiana Jones", "Star Wars" and "Blade Runner". But although he was in six of the ten highest grossing films up to 1989, he can't seem to get in the race and still has no Oscar.

Cary Grant

Grant is worth noting because he is easily one of old Hollywood's definitive leading men. He starred in more than 70 romantic comedies but might be more well known for his dashing good looks. Nominated twice in the 1950's for Best Actor but never winning, he was later presented an honorary award by Frank Sinatra for "his unique mastery of the art of screen acting with the respect and affection of his colleagues."

Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise is another A-list actor with not only huge blockbusters but memorable performances that has never won him Best Actor. It's hard to believe, considering the roles he nailed in classics like "Top Gun", "Jerry Maguire" and "Vanilla Sky". But with nominations in 1989, 1997 and 1999, Cruise has yet to snatch up a trophy.

James Dean

The only actor that has ever received a posthumous Academy award nomination, James Dean only completed three films before his untimely death in 1955. His last two films, "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Giant", are what earned him his two late nominations, even though he never got to see them release. And although his career was short-lived, he left an enormous impact on the film industry that will continue to live on.

Leonardo DiCaprio

It's surprising to see another legendary actor on this list, especially with Leo's steady pace of notable roles throughout the last couple decades. He has earned three oscar nominations before for his performances in "The Aviator", "Blood Diamond" and his true breakout role in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape", yet never has gotten a win. But with countless awards from other various organizations, and at only 38 years old, he has a lot to show for his previous work. As for now, we can only hope we will see Leo take home an Oscar one day, and until then we'll just be over here swooning.

Judy Garland

Luckily, Judy Garland's legacy has lived on even though she never won an Oscar. In 1940, Garland got honorable mention from the Academy for her illustrious role in "The Wizard of Oz" entitled the Juvenile award (for her excelling job at the age of 16), but since then only got one nomination in 1959 and no wins. She seemed to be the clear frontrunner in the Best Actress category for her role in "A Star is Born" but ended up losing out to Grace Kelly.

Oscar Protest!

There have only been two people to refuse their awards, and both have been Best Actors.

1. George C. Scott

in 1970, Scott won the Best Actor award for his role in "Patton" as well as the next year in "The Hustler", but refused to accept either. He claimed he didn't feel to be in the competition of other actors and that politics surrounding awards cheapened the art. He did not, however, refuse the New York Films Critic award, to which his wife stated, "George thinks this is the only film award worth having."

2. Marlon Brando

In 1972, Brando won for his role in the instant classic "The Godfather", but had announced the day of the show that he would not attend. He sent a woman named Sacheen Littlefeather in his place, and when they called his name, she went up to the podium and brushed off the statue. She began reading a statement written by Brando that claimed he was disgusted with the portrayal of Native Americans in film. But a few years after, Littlefeather, in true Hollywood fashion, went on to act in films and portrayed a Native American Indian in "The Trial of Billy Jack".