

HECTOR ELIZONDO

Biography

Award-winning actor Hector Elizondo has a successful career spanning 40 years that includes film, television, theater and radio. In 1997, Elizondo won the prestigious Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal of 'Dr. Phillip Watters' on CBS' "Chicago Hope." For six years on the show, Elizondo delivered a heartfelt and poignant performance that earned him four Emmy nominations, while creating a character that will be etched in television history for a long time to come. Elizondo was also nominated for both a Golden Globe and American Comedy Award for his portrayal of a hotel manager in the mega feature hit "Pretty Woman." He recently starred with Jimmy Smits in the CBS series, CANE, and joined the cast of MONK in its seventh season on USA. Elizondo is one of those rare actors who continue to move back and forth freely between starring roles on Broadway, television and feature films.

Elizondo's other film credits include: "Love In The Time of Cholera," "The Music Within," "Young Doctors in Love," "The Flamingo Kid," "Nothing in Common," "Runaway Bride," "American Gigolo," "The Taking of Pelham 1-2-3," "Tortilla Soup," and both "Princess Diaries I & II."

A native New Yorker, Elizondo first gained recognition on the New York stage for his portrayal of 'God' in "Steambath," which earned him an Obie Award. High praise followed for his Broadway roles in Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue," "The

Great White Hope,” “Sly Fox,” for which he received a Drama Desk Award nomination, and the critically-acclaimed Broadway revival of Arthur Miller’s “The Price,” alongside Eli Wallach at the Roundabout Theatre.

Elizondo’s numerous television appearances began with guest starring roles on now classic episodes of “Columbo,” “All in the Family” and “Kojak.” He quickly moved on to star opposite such leading ladies as Michelle Pfeiffer, Sophia Loren, and Anne Bancroft. Hector received another Best Supporting Actor nomination for his riveting performance opposite Ms. Bancroft in the two-character drama “Mrs. Cage,” for PBS’s acclaimed series “American Playhouse.”

Hector has also done many voice-overs, including Ken Burn’s critically acclaimed PBS documentary series, “The West” and served as the host of the CBS special, “Mysterious Man of the Shroud.” Elizondo is especially proud of his involvement in the prestigious LA Theatre Works, a group of 40 top actors who are devoting their time and talent to reinstating classic radio drama as a contemporary art form for National Public Radio (N.P.R.).

Elizondo recently received the Diversity Award’s prestigious “Integrity Award” as well as Nosotros’ “Lifetime Achievement Award” “for the quality of roles he has chosen during his career. Elizondo is often asked to be a guest speaker and serve as a role model for children. He is an avid supporter of several charitable organizations including The Alzheimer’s Association, Amnesty International, The American Cancer Society and Pediatric Aids.

Elizondo is an accomplished musician and singer, performing on the conga, flute and guitar. He and his wife Carolee Campbell, an Emmy-Award winning actress, photographer and celebrated publisher live in Sherman Oaks, California.