

# The brightest star

**‘Oscar’ appeared first in 1927 when MGM art director Cedric Gibbons sketched a figure of a knight holding a crusader’s sword, standing on a roll of film**

## Oscar facts

**Height:**  
13.5 inches

**Weight:**  
8.5lbs

**Body:**  
24-carat gold plated britannia – alloy of tin, copper, nickel and silver

**Cost:**  
\$300

