

Kirk Douglas turns 90

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▶ **Born:** Dec 9, 1916, in **New York**, as **Issur Danielovitch Demsky**, son of poor Russian Jewish immigrants

▶ Wins scholarship to American Academy of Dramatic Arts, where fellow classmate is **Lauren Bacall**

▶ **1941-45:** Serves in U.S. Navy during World War II

▶ **1946:** Successful movie debut in ***The Strange Love of Martha Ivers***

▶ **1949-56:** Three Oscar nominations, for ***Champion***, ***The Bad and The Beautiful***, and ***Lust for Life***

▶ **1960:** Insists blacklisted script writer **Dalton Trumbo** gets on-screen credit for work on ***Spartacus***

▶ **1996:** Stroke partially impairs speech. Awarded honorary Oscar

▶ **2004:** Most recent appearance, in ***Illusion***, is his 92nd movie

▶ **Awards:** **Presidential Medal of Freedom** (1981), **Legion d'Honneur** (1985), **National Medal of Arts** (2001)