

Spacey marks half-century



■ **1959:** Born July 26 in South Orange, New Jersey

■ **1979:** Enrols at prestigious Juilliard School in New York City

■ **1986:** Breakthrough stage role opposite Jack Lemmon in O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*

■ **1996:** Wins Best Supporting Actor Oscar for *The Usual Suspects*

■ **1999:** Wins Best Actor Oscar for *American Beauty*

■ **2003:** Appointed artistic director of London's *Old Vic* theatre

■ **2008:** Appointed Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre at St Catherine's College, Oxford

■ **2009:** From September, stars in *Inherit The Wind*, directed by Trevor Nunn, at Old Vic