

Roman Polanski



■ **1933:** Born Aug 18 in Paris, France

■ **1943:** Escapes Krakow ghetto

■ **1959:** Graduates from Polish film school in Lodz, Poland

■ **1962:** Gains international reputation with first feature-length film, ***Knife in the Water***

■ **1968:** First U.S. film, ***Rosemary's Baby***, is major commercial success

■ **1969:** Wife ***Sharon Tate*** murdered by followers of ***Charles Manson***

■ **1974:** ***Chinatown*** nominated for 11 Academy Awards

■ **1978:** Flees U.S. after conviction of unlawful sex with underage girl

■ **1989:** Marries French actress ***Emmanuelle Seigner***

■ **2002:** Wins Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival, and Best Director Oscar, both for ***The Pianist***

■ **2009:** Arrested in Switzerland, faces possible extradition to U.S. over 1977 sex case