Dame Judi Dench turns 75 © GRAPHIC NEWS Illustration: Bob Hoare

- 1934: Born Dec 9, in York, England
- 1957: Makes professional debut at Old Vic, as Ophelia in *Hamlet*
- 1961: Joins *Royal Shakespeare Company*, plays many roles here and at *National Theatre* during career

■ 1968: Stars as Sally Bowles in first London production of *Cabaret*■ 1971: Weds actor *Michael Williams*, later her co-star in *A Fine Romance*

1995: Takes over role of MI6 boss
 M in *James Bond* film series
 1997-2006: Garners six Academy
 Award nominations, winning for

■ 2007: Stars as Miss Matty Jenkins in BBC's highly-acclaimed *Cranford*

Shakespeare in Love (1998)

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7 Laurence Olivier Awards, 2 Golden Globes, 2 SAG Awards, and a Tony