

Christopher Lee turns 90

- **1922:** Born May 27, in London, England
- **1939-45:** Serves in RAF during World War II
- **1946:** Signs seven-year contract with Rank Organisation
- **1957:** First film for Hammer, *The Curse of Frankenstein*, playing Frankenstein's monster, with frequent co-star **Peter Cushing** as the Baron
- **1958:** First of many films starring as **Dracula**
- **1970s:** Notable films include *The Wicker Man* and Bond movie *The Man with the Golden Gun*
- **1999:** First of five collaborations to date with director **Tim Burton**
- **2000s:** Plays wizard Saruman in *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy and appears in two **Star Wars** prequels
- **2011:** Awarded BAFTA Fellowship
- **2012:** Will reprise role of Saruman in Rings prequel *The Hobbit*

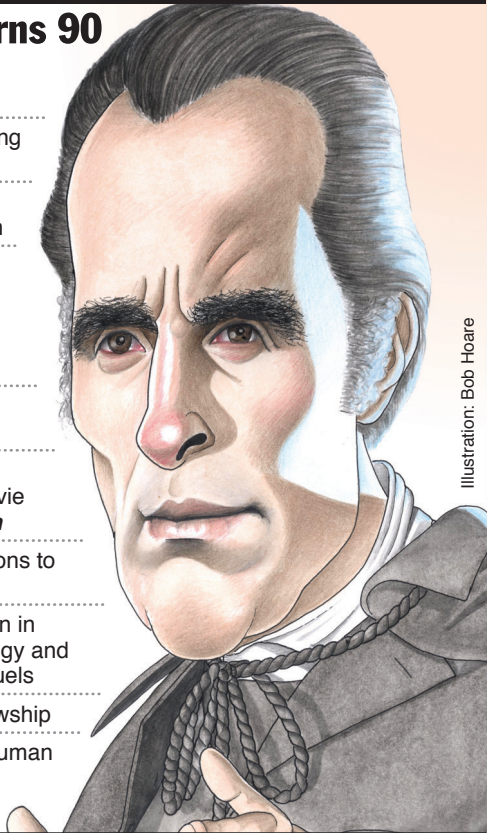


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