

A close-up portrait of actress Natasha Richardson. She has blonde, wavy hair and is smiling, showing her teeth. She is wearing large, silver, feather-like earrings. The background is blurred.

Today in History

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▲ **British film actress Natasha Richardson, 45, wife of Irish actor Liam Neeson, died from head injuries sustained in a skiing accident in Canada**

1584: Ivan IV, the first Russian ruler to assume the title of Tsar, died. His cruelty and oppression earned him the nickname Ivan the Terrible

1844: Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was born

1949: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, was formed

1970: General Lon Nol proclaimed the Khmer Republic in Cambodia after Prince Norodom Sihanouk was deposed in a coup while abroad