

A close-up portrait of Italian film star Sophia Loren. She has dark, wavy hair and is looking slightly to the right with a soft expression. The background is blurred, showing some indistinct shapes and colors.

Today in History

September 20, 1934

▲ Italian film star Sophia Loren was born. Her Best Actress Oscar, for the 1961 film *Two Women*, was the first won by any artist for a foreign-language performance

1859: The first electric stove was patented in the United States

1870: Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy

1946: The first Cannes Film Festival, delayed by World War II, opened

2004: Former security minister Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono looked certain to win a decisive victory as Indonesia held the final round of its first direct presidential election