

British actor Christopher Lee dies at age 93

Christopher Lee, the prolific, aristocratic British actor who brought dramatic gravitas to screen villains from Count Dracula to James Bond enemy Scaramanga, has died at age 93

■ **May 27, 1922:** Born into affluent family in Westminster, London

■ **Education:** Attended Eton College and Wellington College, where he studied Greek and Latin

■ **World War II:** Served in Royal Air Force, mentioned in dispatches

■ **1947:** Joins Rank Organisation, trains as actor in their so-called "Charm School"

■ **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**

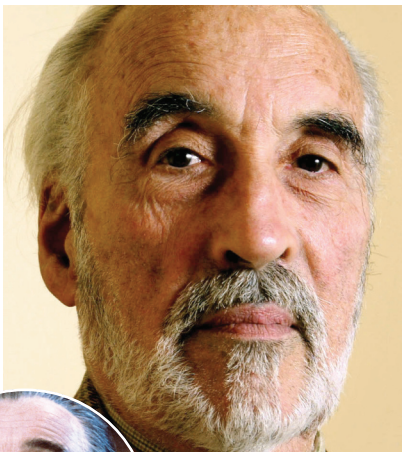
■ **1960s:** Plays **Fu Manchu** in series of films

■ **1970s:** Notable films include *The Wicker Man* and Bond movie *The Man with the Golden Gun*, in which he plays arch-villain Scaramanga

■ **1999:** First of five collaborations with director **Tim Burton**

■ **2000s:** Plays wizard Saruman in *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy and evil Count Dooku in two *Star Wars* prequels

■ **2011:** Awarded BAFTA fellowship



■ **2012-14:** Plays Saruman in two films of *The Hobbit* trilogy

■ **June 7, 2015**
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