

I am Captain Kirk



Illustration: Bob Hoare

WILLIAM SHATNER

- ▶ **Born:** March 22, 1931, **Montreal, Canada** to Ukrainian Jewish parents
- ▶ **1951:** Screen debut playing a crook in ***The Butler's Night Off***
- ▶ **1952:** Graduates from Montreal's McGill University – trains as actor
- ▶ **1951-66:** Performs in 8 feature films and 60 TV shows including ***The Twilight Zone*** and ***The Outer Limits***
- ▶ **1964:** **NBC** commissions **Gene Roddenberry** to develop a pilot of his science fiction TV series, ***Star Trek***. Shatner offered role of the captain
- ▶ **Sep 1966:** Shatner plays Captain James T. Kirk in ***The Man Trap*** – *Star Trek's* TV debut
- ▶ **Feb 1969:** NBC cancel *Star Trek*
- ▶ **Jun 1969:** ***Turnabout Intruder*** – 79th and final episode is broadcast
- ▶ **1979:** Shatner returns as Captain Kirk in ***Star Trek: The Motion Picture***, first of seven movies produced by **Paramount**
- ▶ **1994:** Final appearance as Kirk in ***Star Trek: Generations***
- ▶ **2006:** Career has spanned 44 feature films and 140 TV shows