

Hanks turns 50

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T O M H A N K S

- ▶ **Born:** July 9, 1956, in **Concord, California**
- ▶ **1984:** Makes movie breakthrough in ***Splash***, directed by **Ron Howard**, which grosses more than \$100m
- ▶ **1993-94:** Wins back-to-back Oscars for ***Philadelphia*** and ***Forrest Gump*** – first actor to do so since **Spencer Tracy** in 1937-38
- ▶ **2002:** Youngest ever recipient of **American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award**
- ▶ **2005:** Voted vice-president of **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences**
- ▶ **2006:** Latest film, ***The Da Vinci Code***, opens Cannes Film Festival. Despite negative reviews, film has grossed over \$700 million worldwide