

JOE PANTOLIANO
EMMY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR AND FILM PRODUCER

As one of today's best-known character actors, Joe Pantoliano boasts over 100 film, television, and stage credits. Joey Pants – as he is affectionately known – has been revered and honored for his unique and entertaining portrayals – including killer pimp “Guido” in *Risky Business*, bumbling criminal “Francis Fratelli” in *The Goonies*, double-crossing bail bondsman “Eddie Moscone” in *Midnight Run*, cynical US Marshall “Cosmo Renfro” in *The Fugitive*, turncoat “Cypher” in *The Matrix*, and shady sidekick “Teddy” in *Memento*.

In 2001, at the behest of producer David Chase, Pantoliano joined the cast of the landmark HBO series *The Sopranos*. While portraying psychopathic mobster “Ralphie Cifaretto” on the hit show, the actor published *Who's Sorry Now: The True Story of a Stand-Up Guy*, a bittersweet memoir about his New Jersey childhood and his mother’s mental illness that was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Most recently, Pantoliano produced and starred in *Canvas*, a feature film that portrays a family’s struggle with mental illness. He also serves as co-president of the Creative Coalition, a nonprofit, nonpartisan social and political advocacy organization of the entertainment industry.

Inspired by his role in *Canvas*, Pantoliano created No Kidding, Me Too!, a nonprofit dedicated to removing the stigma associated with mental illness. Continuing to spread his message, Pantoliano made his directorial debut, seeking to promote mental health and awareness with an informative and moving documentary, *No Kidding, Me Too!*, an integral piece of the Stomp the Stigma tour which includes a 12-day stay in Iraq visiting troops and addressing mental illness.

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