

ALFRE WOODARD
AWARD-WINNING STAGE AND FILM ACTRESS

Known for the challenging roles she's played on film and in television, critically acclaimed actress Alfre Woodard is most recently known for her character "Betty Applewhite" on ABC's hit series *Desperate Housewives*. She has starred in *Beauty Shop* opposite Queen Latifah, *The Forgotten*, *Radio*, *The Core*, *The Singing Detective*, and *K-PAX* opposite Kevin Spacey. Other credits include *Holiday Heart* (for which she was nominated for a 2000 Best Actress Golden Globe Award), *Love 'N Basketball*, Wesley Snipes' production of *Down in the Delta*, directed by Maya Angelou, *What's Cooking*, and *Mumford*.

Always the versatile performer, Woodard has lent her voice to animation and has portrayed the cheetah mother in *The Wild Thornberry's Movie*, as well as the lemur named "Plio" in the summer blockbuster *Dinosaur*.

A four-time Emmy Award winner, Woodard was first honored for her performance as the grieving mother of a child killed by a police officer on the acclaimed series *Hill Street Blues*. She won her second Emmy Award for her portrayal of a rape victim on the pilot of *L.A. Law*, and that same year she was also nominated for her role in *Unnatural Causes*. She earned her third Emmy for Best Actress in a television mini-series for *Miss Ever's Boys* (for which she also received a Golden Globe Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award, and a cable ACE award). She also received a 2003 Emmy win for her guest-starring role in *The Practice*. Previous nominations include two in consecutive years for the PBS production *Words By Heart* and for her continuing role on *St. Elsewhere*. In addition, she was honored with an ACE Award for her portrayal of Winnie Mandela in the HBO presentation *Mandela*, starring Danny Glover.

Woodard also starred in the ensemble film *How To Make An American Quilt* and Spike Lee's family drama *Crooklyn*. She was featured in *The Member Of The Wedding* and held a starring role in *Star Trek: First Contact* and in the thriller *Primal Fear* opposite Richard Gere. She co-starred in the NBC-TV adaptation of Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*. The Hallmark Hall of Fame production of August Wilson's play *The Piano Lesson* earned her a Best Actress Award from the Screen Actors Guild and an Emmy Award nomination. In 1984, Woodard received an Academy Award nomination for her performance in *Cross Creek*.

Her other starring film projects include John Sayles' *Passion Fish*, Morgan Freeman's South African drama *Bopha! Rich in Love*, *Blue Chips*, and the comedy *Heart and Souls*. Woodard's additional film credits include *Grand Canyon*; *Scrooged*; *Miss Firecracker*; and Robert Altman's *Health*.

Always drawn to the theater, she numbers among her stage credits Broadway's *Drowning Crow*, the New York Shakespeare Festival production *Map Of The World* and *A Winter's Tale*. She starred in *A Christmas Carol*, *Horatio* and *Saved* in Washington D.C., and *Me and Bessie* on Broadway. She also appeared in the Los Angeles production of *Love Letters* as well as executive produced *East Texas Hot Links* at the Met Theatre.

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Woodard has currently wrapped *Inconceivable*, *Take the Lead* with Antonio Banderas, *Something New* and has been named the newest cast member of the ABC hit drama, *Desperate Housewives*. For more information please visit www.apbspeakers.com.

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