

# Richard Masur Biography

Actor and Screen Actors Guild president Richard Masur is well-known to film and television audiences. He can currently be seen in Ron Shelton's newest film, *Play It to the Bone*. Recent motion picture credits include forget *Paris*, directed by Billy Crystal, and *Multiplicity* with Michael Keaton, directed by Harold Ramis.

Over his 25-year performing career, Masur has starred in more than 40 feature films, including *Risky Business*, *My Girl*, *Heaven's Gate* and *Under Fire*. He has appeared in 35 television films, three of which-Adam, *Fallen Angel* and *When The Bough Breaks*-are among the top-ten rated TV movies of all time, and he received an Emmy nomination for his performance opposite Farrah Fawcett in the TV film *The Burning Bed*. Other television movie credits include roles in HBO's much-heralded *And The Band Played On* and Showtime's *Hiroshima*. Masur has also starred in numerous popular TV series, including *Picket Fences*, *Rhoda* and *One Day At A Time*, and guest starred on countless major network TV comedy and drama series, including most recently *Law and Order* and *The Practice*.

Masur is the immediate past President of Screen Actors Guild. First elected to the SAG Board in 1989, he served as Third National Vice President from 1991 to 1995. In 1995 he became Guild President and was re-elected in November of 1997 and served until November 1999.

While actively maintaining his film and television acting career, Masur has become an accomplished director as well over recent years. His first project, *Love Struck*, a 23-minute film which he both wrote and directed, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film. His next effort, *Torn Between Two fathers*, an Afterschool Special, gained him a nomination for the prestigious Directors Guild of America Award. Since then, he has directed episodes of TV's *The Wonder Years* and *Picket Fences*. Most recently, he directed *Rose Tattoo* for the *LA Theater Works / The Play's the Thing*.

Masur is Treasurer of the Motion Picture & Television Fund Corporation, serves on the Advisory Board of the Creative Coalition, and is a member of The National Film Preservation Board. He also serves on the Advisory Council to the California Assembly Select Committee on the Entertainment Industry, the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Broadcasters chaired by Vice President Al Gore, and sits on the California Film Commission, and Governor Gray Davis' Complete Count Committee on the Census,

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Speaking Engagements**

## **Rights of Privacy and Publicity**

- American Society of Photo-Journalists – speaker
- De Paul University School of Law – speaker
- American Association of Law Schools (AALS) – speaker
- New York City Bar Association – panelist
- New York University Law School Law & The Media, Striking a Balance – speaker
- California's Privacy Law (SB 262) – witness
- California's Right of Publicity Law for Deceased Personalities (SB 209) -witness
- House Judiciary Committee Hearing – Federal Right of Privacy Bill -witness
- Freedom Forum panel and moot court – University of Richmond School of Law

## **U.S. Runaway Film and Television Production**

- Industry Forum on U. S. Runaway Film and TV Production with Vice President Al Gore – host
- Television Academy – multiple panels – panelist
- Film & Television Action Committee (FTAC) Rally – speaker
- City of Los Angeles Foresight 2000 – speaker
- U.S. Congressional Forum on U. S Runaway Film and TV Production -speaker
- Reception for U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson -host
- Reception for U S Representative John Conyers – host
- Reception for U S Representative David Bonior – host
- Reception for U S Representative Sam Gejdenson – host
- Reception for U.S Representative Howard Coble – host

## **Child Labor Laws**

- Beverly Hills Bar Association Seminar on California's Coogan Law (set aside part of gross earnings for young performers) – panelist
- California's Excused School Absences Law (AB 776) – witness
- California's Premie Bill (AB 744) – witness

## **The Media**

- White House Focus Group on Violence and The Media with President Bill Clinton – participant
- Vice President's Conference on Smoking in the Media – speaker
- Creative Coalition Discussion on Violence and The Media – speaker

## **Affirmative Action**

- Diversity Discussion with California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante and the Commission for One California – Museum of Tolerance – witness
- Latino Awareness Conference – host, speaker

## **Film Festivals**

- Producers Conference at Sundance (Park City, Utah) – panelist
- South by Southwest (Austin, Texas) – speaker, panelist
- Sundance Film Festival – multiple events – host, speaker