



THE PURITAN CAGE

The 1st Annual ALL NICOLAS CAGE Issue of THE PURITAN POST

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New in CAGE:

Spider-Man: Into The Spider-verse (2018)

You probably didn't know Nic Cage was even in the new animated *Spider-Man*, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse*. But he is. Proving once again that he can do literally anything on the planet he wants. This movie is actually quite good, despite it not being much of an adaptation of the fantastic *Miles Morales Ultimate Spider-Man* series. *Into the Spider-verse* is maybe the best animated movie of the year and one of the best animated superhero films ever, and Nic Cage does his very best vocal work as Spider-Man Noir. In fact, Cage was one of the first official leads cast. Being a huge comic book fan (having named his son Kal-El and taken his stage surname from Luke Cage) Cage said the Noir character spoke to him.

Director Spotlight: Nicolas Cage



Birth: 1/7/1964 Long Beach, CA

Notable Work: *Sonny* (2002)

Fun Facts: Has directed one movie, *Sonny*, about a soldier/gigolo.

- Born Nicolas Coppola, Cage took a stage name to avoid being cast for his well-known family name.

- He only has two acting credits under the name Nicolas Coppola: a TV pilot called "The Best of Times" (which I highly recommend finding clips of on Youtube) and the movie *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (1982)

Director Spotlight: Francis Ford Coppola



Birth: 4/7/1939 Detroit, MI

Notable Works: *The Godfather*, *The Godfather Pt. II*, *Apocalypse Now*, *The Conversation*, *Dracula*, *Jack*, *Rumble Fish*, *The Outsiders*

What's Next: "Live Cinema" project about generations of an Italian family and the invention of TV

Fun Facts: Uncle of Nicolas Cage
- Brother of Nicolas Cage's aunt, Talia Shire (Adrian from *Rocky*)

The Top Ten NICOLAS CAGE Performances of All Time

Nicolas Cage is an international treasure. Pun very much intended. Today, on this, his 55th birthday, we honor the legendary actor.

10. Peter Loew in *Vampire's Kiss* (1988)

The best of the "bad" Nic Cage performances, or so the critics would say. In actuality, it is a layered, impressionistic triumph in acting.

9. Roy Waller in *Matchstick Men* (2003)

A great performance that gives Nicolas Cage the ability to fully embrace his iconic idiosyncrasies whilst being both endearing and down-to-earth.

8. Jack Campbell in *The Family Man* (2000)

Another one of Cage's most down-to-earth roles, this *It's a Wonderful Life*-like tale pits Cage as a fast-living broker who wakes up one day to find he is a tire salesman married with kids to his college sweetheart.

7. Terence McDonagh in *Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans* (2009)

Nicolas Cage does particularly good work playing addicts, as he does here as a coke-addicted New Orleans cop in the aftermath of Katrina.

6. Red in *Mandy* (2018)

I've already talked about the movie *Mandy* once before in Issue No. 14 of THE PURITAN POST so check it out for more on Cage's fantastic work here.

5. H.I. McDunnough in *Raising Arizona* (1987)

The Coen Brothers bring out the very best in Cage here as does his costar Holly Hunter, with whom he has great chemistry as her husband.

4. Ben Sanderson in *Leaving Las Vegas* (1995)

Nicolas Cage's first and only Oscar win (so far) and he is brilliant in this film as a suicidal, alcoholic screenwriter who travels to Las Vegas with the goal of drinking himself to death, that is until he meets the love of his life in a gorgeous prostitute with a heart of gold.

3. Benjamin Franklin Gates in *National Treasure* (2004)

There is only one actor on the planet who could sell the line "I'm going to steal the Declaration of Independence". And that actor is Nic Cage.

2. Castor Troy (and Sean Archer) in *Face/Off* (1997)

For a part of the movie, Nicolas Cage is Castor Troy, a drug addicted psychopath, and for the rest of the movie Nicolas Cage plays John Travolta pretending to be Nicolas Cage. The result is spectacular.

1. Charlie and Donald Kaufman in *Adaptation* (2002)

By far my top Nicolas Cage performance(s) for many reasons. Cage as both the movie's screenwriter, Charlie Kaufman, as well as Kaufman's fictional brother (and co-writer) Donald Kaufman. Cage's performance as Donald, in particular, was so human and so brilliant that Donald, a fictional character, was nominated for an Oscar. What an honor that is.