

About Kermit the Frog

Born May 9, 1955, Kermit the Frog made his first television appearance in Washington, D.C. in 1955. He rose to prominence in the early 1970s as a regular on the hit New York City-based children's show *Sesame Street* (PBS), where his "man-on-the-street" interviews with nursery rhyme characters became an integral part of the award-winning program. Later, he served as host of the award-winning syndicated television program, *The Muppet Show*, which aired 1976 – 1981. His movie credits include *The Muppet Movie* (1979), *The Great Muppet Caper* (1981), *The Muppets Take Manhattan* (1984), *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992), *Muppet Treasure Island* (1996) and *Muppets From Space* (1999). Kermit's song "The Rainbow Connection" was also a big hit from *The Muppet Movie* (it is also the only movie song sung by a frog to be nominated for an Academy Award).

Kermit published *One Frog Can Make A Difference, Kermit's Guide to Life* in 1993 in hardcover with Pocket Books. In 1996, he gave a commencement speech at Southampton College in which he came out as an environmentalist.

Kermit has made a number of guest appearances. In 1979, Kermit was a guest host for the *Tonight Show*, substituting for Johnny Carson. He continued to make appearances long after *The Muppet Show* ended in 1981. In 1987, Kermit and other Muppet characters co-hosted an ABC News special and he was also given the great honor of being the Grand Marshal of the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1996. As an April Fool's joke, Kermit hosted CNN's *Larry King Live* in 1994 and 2002 and has appeared on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.