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Chapter 1 : Charlie Chaplin – The Movie Database (TMDb)

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Check new design of our homepage! Here is a list of famous comedians who have made us laugh and contributed to the popular genre of comedy! Entertainment Staff Last Updated: Mar 19, Comedians do what they do best -- make people laugh out loud. There are so many budding comedians making their way into Hollywood, with old ones that still know how to get an audience to roll over in a fit of laughter. Famous Comedians Over the years, there have been plenty of comedians who have cheered us up, so much so that just the mention of their names gets a smile on our faces. While it would be impossible to list the names of all the greats, listed below are some of the more popular comedians who have mastered the art of making people laugh. He usually referred to himself as a song and dance man. It is said that his performances were more like avant-garde theater and could not be included in the same genre as stand-up comedy. He is well-known for his impersonation of Elvis Presley and his famous stint as an immigrant auto-mechanic in Taxi. He got his first starring role in a feature film titled The Adventures of Ford Fairlane in Although his popularity diminished in the nineties, he made a comeback in with the reality TV series Dice: Adam Sandler After starting his career with Saturday Night Live, this extremely talented comedian went on to be one of the most adored comedians in Hollywood. Albert Brooks Albert Brooks is not just a comedian, but also an Academy Award-nominated actor, writer, voice actor, and director. He began his career as a stand-up comedian. Alan King Alan King was a Jewish comedian, who was famous for his ability to pass off as funny through angry outbursts with a knack for being hilarious all at once. Being a high-school dropout, he started with stand-up for a dollar a night, progressed to television with The Ed Sullivan Show, and then, earned the status of being one of the most popular entertainers of his time. Benny Hill Benny Hill started out doing ordinary day jobs, like being a building operator, and even a milkman. He finally landed himself in the industry by working as an assistant stage manager, that slowly led him on his way to comedic stardom. He was a popular comedian, who is most remembered for his television show called The Benny Hill Show. Although, many of his critics have labeled his humor to be sexist and smutty, the comedian still remains to be a favorite for many around the world. His idol, Charlie Chaplin, was known to be a big fan of his. Bill Cosby A veteran actor, television producer, activist, musician and author, Bill Cosby had started his career as a stand-up comedian by performing at various clubs. The sitcom, The Cosby Show saw ratings hit the roof with its success during the 90s. His later shows, A Different World, and Cosby also saw a steady rise in his fan following. Bob Newhart Comedian Bob Newhart is an American stand-up comedian and actor, popular for his trademark stammer, one-sided telephone conversations and hysterical what if routines. Bob Hope Bob Hope was an American comedian and actor who appeared in Vaudeville, on Broadway, in addition to his performances on radio, television, as well as movies. His list of honors is commendable, like being bestowed with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work in the armed forces through USO, by being of service to men and women; he has four stars to his name in the Hollywood Walk of Fame; he was ranked 25th by Comedy Central, on the list of the 50 Greatest TV Stars of All Time. He is known for his stand on the legalization of the drug marijuana, and same-sex marriage. Billy Connolly Connolly is a Scottish comedian, who is also a popular musician, presenter, and actor. Many of you will remember him from the X-files: I Want to Believe movie adaption of the long-time series, where he plays a priest who sees visions of women in distress and captivity. A Tale of Two Kitties, and Mrs. Brown, to name a few. Buddy Hackett Buddy Hackett was an American comedian and actor, who referred to himself as a saloon comic. Buddy Hackett always kept his performance very interactive and was popular for getting the people from the audience on stage with him. Return to the Sea. Betty White Veteran actress, Betty White, has been in the industry for over seven decades. Apart from being a phenomenal actress

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and comedienne, she is also a writer. In her illustrious career, she has won 7 Emmy Awards, and a Grammy Award. Charlie Chaplin Think of comedy, and the first name that comes to mind is that of Charlie Chaplin. The undisputed king of silent comedy, Charlie Chaplin, through his films, brought joy to those who were going through a time of great peril during World War 1, and the reign of Hitler. They were also musically talented, with hit songs like Basketball Jones and Sister Mary Elephant, from comedy albums that did well during their time. Carl Reiner A nine-time Emmy Award winner, Carl Reiner is not just a famous comedian, but also an American actor, film director, producer and writer. Chris Rock Chris Rock is an immensely popular figure in Hollywood. Apart from being a comedian, he is also a screenwriter, TV and film producer, and a director. Voted as the fifth-greatest stand-up comedian of all time by Comedy Central, he has starred in a lot of comedy films. David Chappelle A screenwriter, comedian, actor, and film producer, Chapelle is a household name in the comedy business, and is most noted for his stand-up performances worldwide. He is also known for his television series Mr. He started performing at the tender age of 17, where he dropped out of college to pursue a career in acting. Don Rickles Popularly known as an insult comic, Donald Jay Rickles has enjoyed a sustained career in insult performance. He is known for his habit of apologizing to his victims at the end of every performance and conveying the fact that the performances are meant only for harmless humor. Denis Leary Denis Leary is known for his angry comedic style. He is currently the co-creator and the star of the television show called Rescue Me. Dick Gregory Dick Gregory is popular as one of the first comedians who could perform for both black and white audiences. Hugh Hefner hired Gregory to work at the Chicago Playboy Club, when he heard him performing his material to a white audience; he replaced Irwin Corey, the white comedian Professor. David Steinberg David Steinberg is a famous Canadian comedian who is also an actor, director, and author. Ellen DeGeneres With two of her own shows under her belt, The Ellen Show, and Ellen, DeGeneres has climbed her way to the top winning 13 Emmy awards among others, for performances in her career and charitable works accredited to her name. He found his way to celebrity status by starting out as a regular on the show Saturday Night Live. Memorable performances of the comedian include the Nutty Professor, and as Donkey from the Shrek movie series. He often introduced himself to the audiences as a Hungarian, which referred to the fact that he was part Hungarian and part Puerto Rican. He is best remembered for his work in Chico and the Man. He received a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame, posthumously. Flip Wilson Clerow Wilson Jr. He also had his own show called The Flip Wilson Show, in which he greeted all his guests with the trademark Flip Wilson Handshake which started with hand slaps and ended with hip-bumps. He was a Mexican comedian who is considered to be the pioneer of Mexican cinema. His popular stage and film persona, Cantinflas, usually portrayed as an impoverished campesino slum dweller of pelado origin, came to be associated with the national identity of Mexico. Charlie Chaplin had once called him the greatest comedian in the world. He is known for his radio and television game show titled You Bet Your Life. In collaboration with his siblings -- the Marx Brothers, he went on to make films that were hugely successful, and were applauded for their unique delivery. He is noted for his black humor, insights on psychology, politics, English language, religion, and also various taboo subjects. He is considered as one of the best comedians ever, and has won four Grammy Awards for his comedy albums. George Burns George Burns was an American comedian and actor whose career spanned Vaudeville, film, radio and television. Some of his trademarks that are still popular are his arched eyebrow, and cigar smoke punctuation. Jack Benny Jack Benny was amongst the most beloved American entertainers of the twentieth century. His popular radio and television programs were a great influence in pioneering the genre of situation comedy. Jim Carrey Fans the world over will agree that Carrey can still pull off an appearance that is both funny, and quite memorable. Jerry Seinfeld American stand-up comedian, film producer, writer, and actor, Seinfeld gained popularity for his hit sitcom, Seinfeld, which he co-created with Larry David, and then later co-executive-produced. He is a known car enthusiast, and owns an impressive collection of cars, featuring his Porsche Carrera GT in Automobile magazine. Jerry Lewis Jerry Lewis is an American comedian, actor, producer, writer, and director, who is highly recognized for his dual-performance with Dean Martin on their show Martin and

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Lewis. Jamie Foxx More popular for his serious roles, Jamie Foxx is also a fantastic comedian. He is an established stand-up comedian, TV actor, and singer. He is fondly remembered for playing the character of Carnac the Magnificent on his show. Jack Black Jack Black is a famous comedian. He is the voice of Po, the adorable panda from the Kung Fu Panda series. He would often, through his stories talk about the tales of the rural South. He also was a writer, and has authored four books. Kathy Griffin Kathleen "Kathy" Griffin is an Emmy Award-winning American stand-up comedienne, television personality, and an actress as well. My Life on the D-List, as executive producer. Katt Williams Katt Williams is a famous comedian, rapper, and actor. Although he has been on the wrong side of the law on a few occasions, his works still make him a popular public figure. Larry David Larry David is an American Emmy-winning actor, writer, comedian, producer and film director. He was the one who along with Jerry Seinfeld, co-created the television series Seinfeld. He also created the HBO series Curb Your Enthusiasm, which was an improvised sitcom, in which he starred as a fictionalized version of himself. Lewis Black Lewis Black is amongst the most famous American comedians today. He is known for his unique style of presenting serious political issues to the public, in a very humorous manner. Mitch Hedberg He was an American stand-up comedian known for his surreal humor, unconventional comedic delivery, and hilarious one-liners. His style was observational comedy, and his on-stage persona gained him such a cult following that the audience members sometimes shouted out the punch lines to his jokes before he could finish them! Moms Mabley Moms Mabley was an African-American comedienne, who was one of the most successful entertainers of the Black Vaudeville stage.

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There is no official record of his birth, although Chaplin believed he was born at East Street , Walworth , in South London. Hannah, the daughter of a shoemaker, [7] had a brief and unsuccessful career under the stage name Lily Harley, [8] while Charles Sr. The boys were promptly sent to Norwood Schools, another institution for destitute children. He later recalled making his first amateur appearance at the age of five years, when he took over from Hannah one night in Aldershot. By the time the act finished touring in July , the year-old had become an accomplished comedic performer. Karno was initially wary, and considered Chaplin a "pale, puny, sullen-looking youngster" who "looked much too shy to do any good in the theatre. It was a big success, and Chaplin received considerable press attention. A representative who had seen his performances thought he could replace Fred Mace , a star of their Keystone Studios who intended to leave. Chaplin strongly disliked the picture, but one review picked him out as "a comedian of the first water". He described the process in his autobiography: I added a small moustache, which, I reasoned, would add age without hiding my expression. I had no idea of the character. But the moment I was dressed, the clothes and the makeup made me feel the person he was. I began to know him, and by the time I walked on stage he was fully born. These ideas were dismissed by his directors. Sennett kept him on, however, when he received orders from exhibitors for more Chaplin films. He soon recruited a leading lady " Edna Purviance , whom Chaplin met in a cafe and hired on account of her beauty. She went on to appear in 35 films with Chaplin over eight years; [79] the pair also formed a romantic relationship that lasted into Shops were stocked with Chaplin merchandise, he was featured in cartoons and comic strips, and several songs were written about him. Here he shows off some of his merchandise, c. Freuler, the studio president, explained: Chaplin this large sum annually because the public wants Chaplin and will pay for him. The Mutual contract stipulated that he release a two-reel film every four weeks, which he had managed to achieve. With the new year, however, Chaplin began to demand more time. It was around this time that Chaplin began to conceive the Tramp as "a sort of Pierrot ", or sad clown. In January , Chaplin was visited by leading British singer and comedian Harry Lauder , and the two acted in a short film together. It is quality, not quantity, we are after. In it, Chaplin demonstrated his increasing concern with story construction and his treatment of the Tramp as "a sort of Pierrot ". Associates warned him against making a comedy about the war but, as he later recalled: Frustrated with their lack of concern for quality, and worried about rumours of a possible merger between the company and Famous Players-Lasky , Chaplin joined forces with Douglas Fairbanks , Mary Pickford , and D. Griffith to form a new distribution company " United Artists , established in January They refused and insisted that he complete the final six films owed. Before the creation of United Artists, Chaplin married for the first time. The year-old actress Mildred Harris had revealed that she was pregnant with his child, and in September , he married her quietly in Los Angeles to avoid controversy. Norman Spencer Chaplin was born malformed and died three days later. The Pilgrim " his final short film " was delayed by distribution disagreements with the studio, and released a year later. In November , he began filming A Woman of Paris , a romantic drama about ill-fated lovers. In real life, he explained, "men and women try to hide their emotions rather than seek to express them". Chaplin returned to comedy for his next project. Setting his standards high, he told himself "This next film must be an epic! With Georgia Hale as his new leading lady, Chaplin began filming the picture in February Mirroring the circumstances of his first union, Lita Grey was a teenage actress, originally set to star in the film, whose surprise announcement of pregnancy forced Chaplin into marriage. She was 16 and he was 35, meaning Chaplin could have been charged with statutory rape under California law. I was a pantomimist and in that

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medium I was unique and, without false modesty, a master. Chaplin was cynical about this new medium and the technical shortcomings it presented, believing that "talkies" lacked the artistry of silent films. It was a challenging production that lasted 21 months, [] with Chaplin later confessing that he "had worked himself into a neurotic state of wanting perfection". One journalist wrote, "Nobody in the world but Charlie Chaplin could have done it. He remained convinced that sound would not work in his films, but was also "obsessed by a depressing fear of being old-fashioned. He briefly considered retiring and moving to China. It was these concerns that stimulated Chaplin to develop his new film. Like its predecessor, *Modern Times* employed sound effects but almost no speaking. She eventually divorced Chaplin in Mexico in , citing incompatibility and separation for more than a year.

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Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin KBE (16 April - 25 December) was an English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer who rose to fame in the era of silent film. He became a worldwide icon through his screen persona "the Tramp" and is considered one of the most important figures in the history of the film industry.

At right are Edna Purviance and Henry Bergman. Everyone survived with minor injuries, except the driver of the speeding vehicle who was killed instantly. Because of his huge size, it took five hours to get him out of the wreckage. And, when they identified him, a stellar screen career was over almost as soon as it began. The deceased was a year-old man called Eric Campbell, and at the time he was one of the best-known faces on the planet - if only because in those days, sans television and the Internet, even well-known faces were only locally known. But Campbell appeared in the most popular movies of the day, and, because they were silent, they were popular not just in America and England and Australia but in France and Argentina and China. Who is Eric Campbell? The twelfth was a solo turn by the star. Not a romantic lead, but a man built for comedy: It only works because you believe that Campbell would have consumed all that: There was a lot of force in what he did but also a kind of balletic precision, which is why, as a screen bully, he was without peer: Not much is known about Campbell. The documentary opens with a ceremony, arranged by the producers to bulk up their film, in which the burghers of Dunoon unveil a plaque in the castle gardens marking the fact that Eric Campbell was born in the town. A few years after the picture was released, it emerged that Campbell had been born not in Dunoon but in Sale, which is in Cheshire, which is in England. Somewhere along the way, he was spotted by the great music-hall impresario Fred Karno and brought to London to join his "Fun Factory". Karno can stake a plausible claim to be the man who made hurling custard pies a convention of "silent comedy". So no dialogue, no problem. Karno was a huge success until the movies came along and killed his business model. In , touring America with Karno, Eric Campbell decided to stay on, as Chaplin and Laurel had done the previous year. He signed him up for his new company, Campbell moved to Hollywood, and his first film, *The Floorwalker*, was released three months later. All the essentials of the character were by now established. The actor could bring verisimilitude to almost any bit of business: Two-reelers were the TV of their day. Chaplin was contracted to release a new one every four weeks, but he was an artist and he liked to take his time. As the clock ran down on his Mutual contract, he decided to dispense with clock-watching execs and start his own production company. He brought Campbell with him, of course, and put him on full salary, even though the studio on LaBrea Avenue was still under construction and there was nowhere and nothing to film. But in the summer of Campbell had enough serious drama in his own life. He had brought to Hollywood his English wife, and fellow music-hall artiste, Fanny Robotham, and their daughter Una. They all loved the California life. On July 9th, Mr and Mrs Campbell were dining at a restaurant near their home in Santa Monica, when Fanny was struck by a massive heart attack, and died on the spot. A few days later, their daughter, walking to a store to buy a black mourning dress, was hit by a car and critically injured. At home alone, a devastated Campbell accepted an invitation to attend a Hollywood party on September 12th. There he met Pearl Gilman, a modestly talented vaudevillian and reputed gold-digger. In fact, she came from an entire sister-act of gold-diggers: But Eric was smitten. Four days after meeting Pearl Gilman-Alisky-Arnreiter, he married her. He decided not to tell his daughter because she was still recuperating. And so Una only found out when she returned home a few weeks later. By then her new step-mom was on her way to becoming her ex-step-mom. After less than two months, Pearl filed for divorce. In a short marriage, the pickings are thin, but Miss Gilman was an old hand and gave it her best: Eric had been cruel to her, at one point snapping, "God damn you, take your feet down! Eric moved out of the family bungalow and into the Los Angeles Athletic Club, taking the room next to its most famous resident, Charlie Chaplin. In October, their last film for Mutual was released, *The Adventurer*. By comparison with, say, *Easy Street*, Campbell seems a little muted, as anyone might be after being widowed, re-married and sued for divorce within a matter of weeks. A scoop falls

off, as they are wont to do, but in this case it drops down the front of his baggy pants, causing some discomfort. So he shakes his leg, and it falls from the bottom of his trouser through the balcony and down below to land between the shoulder blades of an elegant lady in a backless gown. She bristles from the sudden chill, and the scoop drops further down her back. At which point, behind her, Eric Campbell reaches for it, and is rewarded with a slap on his face. On December 20th, three days after starting work with Mary Pickford, he went to a Christmas party at the Vernon Country Club, drank heavily, and then climbed into his car to go full throttle back to his room at the athletic club. Was any melodrama for touring Welsh fit-ups ever so absurdly over-plotted? His body was cremated and his ashes sent to Rosedale Cemetery, where they sat in storage for six months waiting for someone to pay for their interment. When no one did, the cemetery sent them back to the undertakers, the Handley Mortuary, where they sat around for another twenty years. Unfortunately, he neglected to record where. His daughter Una was just sixteen, a minor, and so was returned to England to be raised by relatives in the Midlands in modest circumstances. I know what she means. She was living in a council flat in a none too salubrious part of Glasgow, and, when she talked about the old days in America when Fred Astaire and George Gershwin would come over to the house, it sounded faintly preposterous. In those early days of silent comedy, there were stock figures: The Comic, the Girl, the Heavy. But the real Charlie never found anybody as good for the part as Eric Campbell, either in physical presence or in comedic grace. Chaplin himself described the Mutual era as the happiest time of his professional life, but, taken as a whole, those eleven films are his best work. He never again had a foil as skilled and compatible as Campbell. He lost his Heavy, and his lightness of touch. And a century after his death, if you ask those even slightly familiar with the dead art of silent comedy, somewhere among the half-dozen fuzzy recollections is a big bearded guy in wacky eyebrows taking a swing at Charlie Chaplin. There is a famous line attributed to Sir Edmund Kean on his deathbed: What is The Mark Steyn Club? No part of this website or any of its contents may be reproduced, copied, modified or adapted, without the prior written consent of Mark Steyn Enterprises. If you are not yet a member, please [click here](#) to join. If you are already a member, please [log in here](#):

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Chapter 4 : Big V Riot Squad: Chaplin's New Comedy Breaks Many Records -- May 21,

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His father was a versatile vocalist and actor; and his mother, known under the stage name of Lily Harley, was an attractive actress and singer, who gained a reputation for her work in the light opera field. Charlie was thrown on his own resources before he reached the age of ten as the early death of his father and the subsequent illness of his mother made it necessary for Charlie and his brother, Sydney, to fend for themselves. Chaplin aged 9 or 10, at the time he toured with the Eight Lancashire Lads Having inherited natural talents from their parents, the youngsters took to the stage as the best opportunity for a career. At the close of this engagement, Charlie started a career as a comedian in vaudeville, which eventually took him to the United States in as a featured player with the Fred Karno Repertoire Company. When the Fred Karno troupe returned to the United States in the fall of for a repeat tour, Chaplin was offered a motion picture contract. He finally agreed to appear before the cameras at the expiration of his vaudeville commitments in November ; and his entrance in the cinema world took place that month when he joined Mack Sennett and the Keystone Film Company. *Kid Auto Races at Venice* , the first film released in which Chaplin wore the Tramp costume At the completion of his Sennett contract, Chaplin moved on to the Essanay Company at a large increase. The following year Charlie was even more in demand and signed with the Mutual Film Corporation for a much larger sum to make 12 two-reel comedies. To that end, he busied himself with the construction of his own studios. This plant was situated in the heart of the residential section of Hollywood at La Brea Avenue. After this production, he turned his attention to a national tour on behalf of the war effort, following which he made a film the US government used to popularize the Liberty Loan drive: His next commercial venture was the production of a comedy dealing with the war. Griffith to found the United Artists Corporation. The stock of United Artists was divided equally among the founders. This arrangement introduced a new method into the industry. Heretofore, producers and distributors had been the employers, paying salaries and sometimes a share of the profits to the stars. Under the United Artists system, the stars became their own employers. They had to do their own financing, but they received the producer profits that had formerly gone to their employers and each received his share of the profits of the distributing organization. The comments on each film outlined below are taken from articles by David Robinson. So early in , he came out with a six-reel masterpiece: *The Kid* , in which he introduced to the screen one of the greatest child actors the world has ever known - Jackie Coogan. Then, feeling the need for a complete rest from his motion picture activities, Chaplin sailed for Europe in September London, Paris, Berlin and other capitals on the continent gave him tumultuous receptions. A crowd welcomes Chaplin in London, After an extended vacation, Chaplin returned to Hollywood to resume his picture work and start his active association with United Artists. Under his arrangement with U. After seventy films in which he himself had appeared in every scene, he now directed a picture in which he merely walked on for a few seconds as an unbilled and unrecognisable extra " a porter at a railroad station. Until this time, every film had been a comedy. *A Woman of Paris* was a romantic drama. This was not a sudden impulse. For a long time Chaplin had wanted to try his hand at directing a serious film. Chaplin signs a poster for *A Woman of Paris* *The Gold Rush* Chaplin generally strove to separate his work from his private life; but in this case the two became inextricably and painfully mixed. Searching for a new leading lady, he rediscovered Lillita MacMurray, whom he had employed, as a pretty year-old, in *The Kid*. Still not yet sixteen, Lillita was put under contract and re-named Lita Grey. Chaplin and Lita Grey sign the contract for *The Gold Rush* Chaplin quickly embarked on a clandestine affair with her; and when the film was six months into shooting, Lita discovered she was pregnant. Chaplin found himself forced into a marriage which brought misery to both partners, though it produced two sons, Charles Jr and Sydney Chaplin. But as

late as , it seemed, this was a film he preferred to forget. The reason was not the film itself, but the deeply fraught circumstances surrounding its making. Chaplin on the set of *The Circus* after a fire raged through the studio during the ninth month of shooting, destroying sets and props. As if his domestic troubles were not enough, the film seemed fated to catastrophe of every kind. In the late s, after the years spent trying to forget it, Chaplin returned to *The Circus* to re-release it with a new musical score of his own composition. It seemed to symbolize his reconciliation to the film which cost him so much stress. By the time it was completed he had spent two years and eight months on the work, with almost days of actual shooting. The marvel is that the finished film betrays nothing of this effort and anxiety. Even before he began *City Lights* , the sound film was firmly established. This new revolution was a bigger challenge to Chaplin than to other silent stars. His Tramp character was universal. His mime was understood in every part of the world. But if the Tramp now began to speak in English, that world-wide audience would instantly shrink. Chaplin boldly solved the problem by ignoring speech, and making *City Lights* in the way he had always worked before, as a silent film. However he astounded the press and the public by composing the entire score for *City Lights*. Chaplin with Albert Einstein and his wife at the *City Lights* premiere The premieres were among the most brilliant the cinema had ever seen. *City Lights* was a critical triumph. Modern Times Chaplin was acutely preoccupied with the social and economic problems of this new age. In and he had left Hollywood behind, to embark on an month world tour. In Europe, he had been disturbed to see the rise of nationalism and the social effects of the Depression, of unemployment and of automation. He read books on economic theory; and devised his own Economic Solution, an intelligent exercise in utopian idealism, based on a more equitable distribution not just of wealth but of work. Machinery should benefit mankind. Chaplin, out of costume, rehearses the famous feeding machine sequence In Modern Times Chaplin set out to transform his observations and anxieties into comedy. In the film Chaplin plays a dual role â€”a Jewish barber who lost his memory in a plane accident in the first war, and spent years in hospital before being discharged into an antisemite country that he does not understand, and Hynkel, the dictator leader of Tomania, whose armies are the forces of the Double Cross, and who will do anything along those lines to increase his possibilities for becoming emperor of the world. The agreement was signed in , but Chaplin took four more years to complete the script. *Limelight* Not surprisingly, then, in choosing his next subject he deliberately sought escape from disagreeable contemporary reality. He found it in bitter-sweet nostalgia for the world of his youth â€” the world of the London music halls at the opening of the 20th century, where he had first discovered his genius as an entertainer. It was when on the boat travelling with his family to the London premiere of *Limelight* that Chaplin learned that his re-entry pass to the United States had been rescinded based on allegations regarding his morals and politics. Chaplin therefore remained in Europe, and settled with his family at the Manoir de Ban in Corsier sur Vevey, Switzerland, with view of lake and mountains. What a difference from California. He and Oona went on to have four more children, making a total of eight. Chaplin himself had bitter personal experience of the American malaise of that time. To take up film making again, as an exile, was a challenging undertaking. He was now nearing For almost forty years he had enjoyed the luxury of his own studio and a staff of regular employees, who understood his way of work. Now though he had to work with strangers, in costly and unfriendly rented studios. The film shows the strain. The film started as a project called *Stowaway* in the s, planned for Paulette Goddard. The film was unsuccessful at the box office, but Petula Clark had one or two hit records with songs from the soundtrack music and the music continues to be very popular. An accomplished musician, though self-taught, he played a variety of instruments with equal skill and facility playing violin and cello left-handed. He was also a composer, having written and published many songs, among them:

Chapter 5 : Charlie Chaplin : Overview of His Life

In early , Charlie Chaplin joined with three other film business luminaries—Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and D. W. Griffith—to set up a new studio that would be driven by the creative talents who made the films.

Griffith—to set up a new studio that would be driven by the creative talents who made the films. United Artists was born, and although it has endured years of turmoil, it is still around today almost years later. The first Hollywood studio established by the creative talent, rather than businessmen or mogul investors, was United Artists, launched on 5 February Griffith and— Charlie Chaplin! Chaplin had opened his own new physical studio space just a year before in January in order to fulfil his contract with First National. Even though he had his own studio, Chaplin still felt he was under the control of his financiers. The new studio would be run by the filmmakers, allowing them to indulge their creativity without being beholden to distant management figures who knew nothing of their art but who only cared about the bottom line. That was the idealistic intent, at least. In their minds, this would mean true independence. As Chaplin biographer David Robinson notes in Chaplin: Until this time producers and distributors—with the exception of First National—had been employers, and the stars salaried employees. Now the stars became their own employers. They were their own financiers, and they received the profits that had hitherto gone to their employers. Hart, but he soon dropped out have negotiated better terms with his studio. The idea of being in on the birth of a new Hollywood film studio was attractive to McAdoo, and he stayed with the organisation until when he left to re-establish his political career. The stars may have been a little premature in establishing their own concern, however. The agreement called for each of the stars to produce, through United Artists, five movies each year—however, almost all of them had current outstanding commitments to various studios, including Chaplin who still owed First National those other five films on his contract. Chaplin wanted to produce better work, and increasing the quality of his films meant increasing their costs. Now he hoped that First National would agree to increase funding for his films in return for an improvement in their quality. However, when the idea was put to the First National board of directors, they turned Chaplin down. They simply wanted Chaplin to complete the five films he owed them. Your indifference shows your lack of psychology and foresight. The Early Years By the time United Artists actually started producing material it was and the film world had changed. Shorts, the kind of film that Charlie Chaplin had thrived in, were on their way out to be replaced by eight-reel about 90 minutes feature films that were more expensive to produce and becoming increasingly star-studded. In the light of that, the five films each year commitment of the founders was quietly abandoned. The first United Artists film to see release was written by and starred Douglas Fairbanks. Where was Chaplin in all this? Well, for a while he was busy fulfilling his outstanding obligation to First National. Instead of a laugh-packed comedy featuring the Little Tramp, he offered them Destiny, later titled A Woman of Paris, a melodrama he would direct but would not star in. Purviance plays the mistress of a wealthy Parisian businessman played by Adolphe Menjou; this film helped give him a higher profile, less so for Purviance who only made two further films before retiring who reconnects with her aspiring artist former boyfriend Carl Miller , leading to a tragic denouement. Chaplin appeared uncredited and out of his Tramp outfit as a station porter, and his frequent co-star Henry Bergman has a small bit as a headwaiter. In the event, Mary Pickford loved the movie. Charlie Chaplin is the greatest director of the screen. How he knows women! Griffith had left the United Artists set-up, while producer Joseph Schenck joined as president with a remit to put the company on a more professional filmmaking footing. Schenck also succeeded in bring in various independent producers, including Samuel Goldwyn and Howard Hughes, to work with United Artists. Schenck also established a separate deal with Chaplin and Pickford to own theatres across the US. Selznick, Walter Wanger, and Alexander Korda. Douglas Fairbanks died in and United Artists entered something of a decline in the s. Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin were the only original founders still involved in United Artists as the s dawned. In , producers Arthur B. Krim and Robert Benjamin were put in charge of United

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Artists, with a remit to run the company successfully for ten yearsâ€”at the end of that period, if the studio was profitable, they would take a half ownership. Immediate hits included *The African Queen* and *High Noon*, but it was all too late for Chaplin, who was forced into political exile when his permit for re-entry to the United States was revoked in September. The company was now producing around 50 films each year. None of the original founders were involved. Along the way, the studio would move into records and television, and at one point owned 50 per cent of the James Bond franchise. By 1975, Tom Cruise became a partial owner of United Artists for a couple of years, before MGM once again fully took over the studio in 1988. Today United Artists continues as a brand name for the in-house material MGM produces and distributes. It is all a long way from when back in Charlie Chaplin and three friends established United Artists as a place to be owned and operated by the creative talent that actually makes movies. However, despite all the turmoil the studio endured over the years, surely Chaplin who died in 1977 would have been happy to know that the studio he helped found is still going strong almost years later. As Mary and Doug were the only stars distributing their pictures through our company, they were continually complaining to me of the burden imposed upon them as a result of being without my product. Sunnyside 15 May Available Now!

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Charlie Chaplin () was an English actor, comedian, and filmmaker whose work in motion pictures spanned from until 1967. During his early years in film, he became established as a worldwide cinematic idol renowned for his tramp persona.

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Title Director Cast Genre Notes The Amateur Detective: Carroll Fleming: Carey L. Hastings, Ernest C. Warde, Muriel Ostriche Comedy: The Archeologist: Henry Otto: Charlotte Burton, Edward Coxen, George Field, Winifred Greenwood, John Stepping.

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