

GEORGE CLOONEY **“MICHAEL CLAYTON”**

GEORGE CLOONEY (Michael Clayton / Executive Producer) is an Academy Award-winning actor, who has also been honored for his work as a writer, director and producer.

He recently wrapped production on “Leatherheads,” a romantic comedy set against the beginnings of American pro football, which he directed, produced and co-wrote. Clooney is also starring in the film opposite Renée Zellweger and John Krasinski. “Leatherheads” is the first film to be produced by Smoke House, the production company Clooney launched with Grant Heslov last year. Clooney will soon begin production on the Coen brothers’ dark comedy “Burn After Reading,” in which he stars with Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand. The film marks his third collaboration with the Coens.

In 2006, Clooney earned three Academy Award nominations: Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for “Good Night, and Good Luck.”; and Best Supporting Actor for his role in “Syriana.” It marked the first time in Academy history that an individual received acting and directing nominations for two different films. Clooney won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar that year for his performance in “Syriana,” on which he also served as executive producer.

Clooney’s work on “Good Night, and Good Luck.” and “Syriana” also brought him numerous other accolades. For the first, he garnered dual Golden Globe, BAFTA, and Critics’ Choice Award nominations for Best Director and Best Screenplay; nominations for both a Directors Guild of America Award and a Writers Guild of America Award; an Independent Spirit Award nomination for Best Director; and a Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Award nomination for Best Ensemble, shared with the cast. The Broadcast Film Critics Association also presented Clooney with its Freedom Award for “Good Night, and Good Luck.” In addition, he won a Golden Globe Award and earned BAFTA, SAG and Critics’ Choice Award nominations for Best Supporting Actor for his role in “Syriana.”

Both films were produced under the banner of Section Eight, the production company in which Clooney was partnered with Steven Soderbergh. Section Eight also produced 2002’s “Confessions of a Dangerous Mind,” which marked Clooney’s directorial debut. For his directing work on that film, he won a Special Achievement in Film Award from the National Board of Review. Other Section Eight films included “Insomnia” and “Far From Heaven,” which Clooney executive produced; “Ocean’s Eleven,” “Ocean’s Twelve” and, most recently, “Ocean’s Thirteen”; “The Jacket”; “Full Frontal”; and “Welcome to Collinwood.” For Section Eight’s television division, Clooney executive produced and directed five episodes of “Unscripted,” a reality-based show that debuted on HBO in 2005. He was also an executive producer and cameraman for HBO’s “K Street.”

Clooney previously won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Motion Picture Musical or Comedy for his work in the Coen brothers’ acclaimed 2000 comedy “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” He also earned critical acclaim for his work in the award-winning drama “Three Kings” and the Oscar-nominated “Out of Sight,” which was his first collaboration with Soderbergh.

Clooney's other film credits include the Coen brothers' "Intolerable Cruelty," "Solaris," "The Peacemaker," "Batman & Robin," "One Fine Day" and "From Dusk Till Dawn."

Clooney has starred in several television series but is best known for his five years on the hit NBC drama "ER." His portrayal of Dr. Douglas Ross earned him Emmy Award, Golden Globe and SAG Award nominations. Additionally, he was an executive producer and co-star of the live television broadcast of "Fail Safe," a 2000 telefilm based on the early 1960s novel of the same name. "Fail Safe" was nominated for both Golden Globe and Emmy Awards for Best Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television.

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