

An extraordinary career...77 years and counting

Jerry Lewis' professional career as actor, comedian, writer, director and producer is so laden with accomplishments that a logical question is, "where does he find the time?"

Jerry began his career at age 5 as a cherubic crooner on one of the hotel circuit presentations produced by his parents, who both were professional entertainers. By age 15, he had perfected a comedy routine that still, more than 65 years later, is considered legend.

- Gross receipts from all of the films in which Jerry has appeared now total more than \$800 million.
- Since 1960, he has been named Best Director of the Year eight times in Europe.
- In 1991, he was inducted into the Broadcast Hall of Fame.
- In 1992, he was inducted into the International Humor Hall of Fame.
- In 1999, recognized with an honorary Golden Lion award by the Biennale Venice Film Festival, he was described as "an extraordinary example of the total filmmaker: scriptwriter, director and protagonist of his films."
- Most recently, in 2009, in recognition of his nearly five decades of work on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded Jerry one of its greatest honors, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, bestowed on an individual in the

motion picture industry whose humanitarian efforts have brought credit to the industry.

In films, on stage, on Broadway, in the director's chair, in concerts and in comedic asides that delight audiences young and old, Jerry exemplifies entertainment skills of the highest order.

MDA is privileged beyond measure to have experienced and benefited from the very special person who is Jerry Lewis.