

“There’s a great spirit gone!”

(Shakespeare’s *Antony & Cleopatra*)

Performing Arts Obituary 2010

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(Age at death shown in brackets)

James Aubrey	(62) British screen actor: Ralph in <i>Lord of the Flies</i> , Gavin in <i>A Bouquet of Barbed Wire</i>	6 Apr
Beryl Bainbridge DBE	(77) Leading English novelist, once an actress at the Liverpool Playhouse	2 Jul
Rudolf Barshai	(86) Russian conductor, collaborator with Shostakovich, Borodin String Quartet founder	2 Nov
Martin Benson	(91) British actor memorable as a screen villain, notably the Vizier in <i>The King and I</i>	28 Feb
Jack Birkett	(75) ‘The Incredible Orlando’: blind but flamboyant English dancer, singer and actor	10 May
Jerry Bock	(81) Broadway composer, including <i>Fiorello</i> (1959) and <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> (1964)	3 Nov
Roderick Brydon	(71) Founder and conductor of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, a Britten opera specialist	23 Jun
Geoffrey Burgon	(69) Prolific composer, memorably scores for screen hits including <i>Brideshead Revisited</i>	21 Sep
Ian Carmichael OBE	(89) English stage and screen actor, a notable Bertie Wooster and Lord Peter Wimsey	5 Feb
Christopher Cazenove	(64) Aristocratic English stage and screen actor, Ben Carrington in <i>Dynasty</i>	7 Apr
Claude Chabrol	(80) French idiosyncratic film director, pioneer of <i>nouvelle vague</i> (New Wave) cinema	12 Sep
Peter Cheeseman CBE	(78) Proponent of theatre-in-the round, director of the New Vic at Newcastle under Lyme	27 Apr
Jill Clayburgh	(66) American stage and screen actress, recently starring in four successful NYC dramas	5 Nov
Graham Crowden	(87) Tall Edinburgh-born actor, ‘one of the great eccentrics of the British theatre’	19 Oct
Tony Curtis	(85) Movie actor (memorably <i>Some Like It Hot</i> , 1959) and star of the gossip columns	29 Sep
Evelyn Dall	(92) Vivacious blonde singer actress in revue, musicals and with the Bert Ambrose band	10 Mar
Johnny Dankworth KBE	(82) Leading English jazz saxophonist and fertile composer; husband of Cleo Laine	6 Feb
Dino De Laurentis	(91) Italian cinema mogul, producer to the movie greats including Fellini and Lynch	11 Nov
Donal Donnelly	(78) Legendary Irish actor; a definitive Christy Mahon in <i>The Playboy of the Western World</i>	4 Jan
Clive Donner	(84) British film, television and theatre director	6 Sep
Blake Edwards	(88) Hollywood director, esp <i>The Pink Panther</i> series. Julie Andrews’ husband for 40 years	16 Dec
Eddie Fisher	(82) Pop vocalist and actor who married both Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth Taylor	22 Jul
Tom Fleming CVO OBE	(82) Scottish actor, director and broadcaster, proponent of a National Theatre for Scotland	18 Apr
Peter Graves	(83) American screen actor, including lead roles in <i>Airplane!</i> and <i>Mission: Impossible</i>	14 Mar
Katherine Grayson	(88) Petite soprano in film and stage musicals, MGM star including <i>Kiss Me Kate</i> (1953)	17 Feb
Dennis Hopper	(74) American actor, co-writer, director and co-star of the movie <i>Easy Rider</i> (1969)	29 May
Lena Horne	(92) American singer and actress, significant figure in the 1960s civil rights movement	9 May
Joyce Howard	(88) British stage and screen star in the 1940s, Hollywood story analyst in the 1960s	23 Nov
Lionel Jeffries	(83) London-born character actor in British films, screenwriter and film director	19 Feb
Geoffrey Johnson Smith	(86) Telegenic pioneer BBC television journalist with <i>Tonight</i> , Tory MP and minister	12 Aug
Elliott Kastner	(80) NY-born independent film producer who spent much of his career in Britain	30 Jun
George Kitson	(88) Principal of Central School of Speech & Drama who won degree status for his students	10 Jun
Philip Langridge CBE	(70) Operatic tenor in complex roles: Aschenbach, Peter Grimes, Peter Quint and Florestan	5 Mar
Stefanos Lazaridis	(67) British opera world’s busiest, most demanding stage designer, most notably with ENO	8 May
Rue McClanahan	(76) Emmy-winning actress who played the fun-loving Blanche in <i>The Golden Girls</i>	3 Jun
Simon McCorkindale	(58) British screen actor, star of <i>Casualty</i> , appearing in more than 200 episodes	14 Oct
Kate McGarrigle	(63) Canadian composer, folk singer and musical matriarch	18 Jan
Sir Charles Mackerras	(84) A popular NY-born Australian orchestral conductor who worked mainly in Britain	14 Jul
Kenneth McKellar	(82) Scottish tenor, a kilted stalwart of BBC television’s White Heather Club	9 Apr
Malcolm McLaren	(64) British music entrepreneur, creator of the Sex Pistols in 1976	8 Apr
Mary Malcom	(92) Aristocratic BBC radio and television announcer with a unique clipped accent	13 Oct
Tom Mankiewicz	(68) Screenwriter (for <i>Bond</i> and <i>Superman</i>), director and librettist (<i>Georgy Girl</i> , 1970)	31 Jul
Louis Marks	(82) TV scriptwriter and producer including <i>Doctor Who</i> and George Eliot’s <i>Middlemarch</i>	17 Sep
Julian More	(81) Librettist and lyricist for <i>Grab Me a Gondola</i> , <i>Irma La Douce</i> and <i>Expresso Bongo</i>	15 Jan
David Myerscough-Jones	(75) Versatile theatre designer who also did notable work for television including <i>Dr Who</i>	21 Apr
Patricia Neal	(84) Oscar winning actress, thirty years the wife of author Roald Dahl	8 Aug
Ronald Neame CBE	(99) British film cameraman, director, writer and David Lean’s Cineguild producer	16 Jun
Leslie Nielsen	(84) Canadian-born star of Hollywood spoof movies including <i>Airplane</i> and <i>The Naked Gun</i>	28 Nov
Don Partridge	(68) Bournemouth-born hit singer-songwriter who came to fame as a one-man-band busker	21 Sep
Arthur Penn	(88) Stage and film director including <i>The Miracle Worker</i> (1962), <i>Bonnie and Clyde</i> (1967)	28 Sep
Alan Plater CBE	(75) Prolific television screenwriter (starting with 18 episodes of <i>Z-Cars</i>) and novelist	24 Jun
Claire Rayner OBE	(79) Broadcaster, writer and popular ‘agony aunt’	11 Oct
Corin Redgrave	(70) Gifted, febrile actor of the Redgrave dynasty, better known for his radical politics	6 Apr
Lynn Redgrave OBE	(67) Younger sister of Corin and Vanessa, star of <i>Georgy Girl</i> who worked mainly in the US	2 May
Eric Rohmer	(89) ‘New Wave’ French film director, creator of small-scale studies of romantic <i>mores</i>	11 Jan
J D Salinger	(98) A recluse who resisted adaptations of his novels, but remains an influential figure	21 Jan
Mary Sansom	(74) Principal soprano with the D’Oyly Carte Company	13 Apr
Alan Sillitoe	(82) Writer of working-class life, including <i>Saturday Night and Sunday Morning</i>	25 Apr
Jean Simmons	(80) British and Hollywood screen star, London’s husky Desiree in <i>A Little Night Music</i>	22 Jan
Joseph Stein	(98) Broadway musicals librettist, including the book for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> (1964)	24 Oct
Gloria Stuart	(100) Hollywood star and political activist in the 1930s; the elderly Nell in <i>Titanic</i> (1997)	26 Sep
Dame Joan Sutherland	(83) Australian soprano whose dramatic coloratura was the toast of the operatic world	11 Oct
Wendy Toye CBE	(92) Brilliantly inventive choreographer and dancer; a theatre and film director	27 Feb
Shirley Verrett	(79) American mezzo-soprano with an international career as Carmen and Lady Macbeth	5 Nov

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