



A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, **Charles S. Dutton** has a career spanning theater, television, and film, and is one of the few actors to earn Tony, Emmy, and Golden Globe nominations for the same role. He created the lead roles in three of August Wilson's early plays, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," "Jo Turner's Come and Gone," and "The Piano Lesson." He received multiple award nominations, including the Tony for Best Actor for "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" and "The Piano Lesson." He was also nominated for an Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for The Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation of "The Piano Lesson."

Dutton starred in and executive produced the Fox comedy/drama *Roc*, produced by HBO, for which he received several NAACP Image Award nominations. He has numerous television credits, including the miniseries *The Murder of Mary Phagan*, *The 60's*, *Deadlock*, and *Aftershock*. His episodic appearances include *House*, *The Sopranos*, and the HBO series *Oz*, among others. He won Emmys for his guest starring roles in *Without a Trace* and *The Practice*. He can be seen most recently in guest star roles on top shows *Criminal Minds* and *American Horror Story*. He is a veteran of numerous feature films such as *Aliens 3*; *Menace II Society*; *Rudy*; *A Low Down Dirty Shame*; *Cry*, *Beloved Country*; *Nick of Time*; *A Time to Kill*; *Get on the Bus*; *Cookie's Fortune* (for which he received an Independent Spirit Award nomination); *Gothika*; *Secret Window*; and the 2008 John Sayles feature *Honeydripper*. In just the past year Dutton starred in two features, Universal's *The Express*, *Lakeshore's Fame*, and Screen Gems feature *Legion* with Paul Bettany and Dennis Quaid. He also stars in the recent Sundance selection *LUV*. He made his directorial debut in 1997 with the HBO movie *F...*

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### Speech Topics

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- ☐ Motivation
- ☐ Diversity
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