

# Oleg Menshikov

## Personal Data

Name	Oleg Evgenyevich Menshikov
Date of birth	November 8, 1960
Place of birth	Serpukhov (Moscow), Russia
Profession	Actor
Nationality	Russian

## Career

Born in a small town not far from Moscow, Oleg Menshikov's talent already began to shape-up during his school years in Moscow. His teachers still remember all the concerts and parties he organized with his schoolmates.

Oleg finished school in 1977 and entered the Shepkin Higher Drama school. After graduation he acted in the Maly Theatre (1981-1982), the Central Academic Theatre of the Soviet Army (1982-1985) and the Ermolova Theatre (1985-1989). Among his most famous works of that period were the plays "Caligula", "N" (Nizhinsky) and "When She Danced", performed in London, together with Vanessa Redgrave. Oleg was the first and only Russian actor who interpreted a part at West End in London. For this part, he received the Laurence Olivier Prize from The British Academy of Dramatic Arts.

In 1995 Oleg founded and headed the Theatrical Company "814" ("TT814"). The aim of the company was to support young and yet unknown talented actors. The first play staged by "TT814" was the Russian classics "Woe From Wit", written by A. S. Griboedov. Oleg was the director of the performance; he also played the leading part of Chatsky. Although the play was a huge success of the theatre seasons of 1998-2000, it was withdrawn from stage in favor of "Kitchen" – a new "TT814" project. Oleg based "Kitchen" on the play of the same name written by Maxim Kurochkin, a young talented playwright.

Oleg Menshikov's film career began when he was a fourth-year student of the Shepkin Higher Drama school. The role of Shurka Dominiani in "I Wait And Hope" was his screen debut. But it was the role of young carefree and cheerful post-graduate student Kostik Romin ("The Pokrovskie Gate") that made him famous and beloved by the Russian audience. Among his films one can mark out "With The Orchestra Along The Main Street", "Moonzund" (Oleg was awarded with a Dovzhenko Silver Medal for this work) and "The Pit". All the films that followed were a constant success receiving all types of nominations and awards of the movie scene.

Now Oleg is generally recognized as the best Russian actor of his generation. Since he got his first international reward at the Festival de Cannes in 1994, his screen and theatre works are an inspiration to millions of his admirers in Russia and abroad. In 2003 Oleg was given the rank of People's artist of the Russia Federation. Since then, he has got the *Grade de Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*.

## Film selection

- 1980 "I Wait And Hope"
- 1981 "Kinfolk"
- 1982 "The Pokrovskie Gate"  
"Flights In Dreams And In Reality"
- 1983 "The Kiss"
- 1984 "Captain Frakass"  
"Stripe Of Obstacles"  
"Mikhailo Lomonosov"
- 1985 "Volodya, Senior; Volodya, Junior"
- 1986 "My Favourite Clown"  
"With The Orchestra Along The Main Street"
- 1987 "Moonzund"  
Awarded by the Dovzhenko Silver Medal
- 1989 "Life By Limit"  
"Splashes Of Champagne"  
"The Stairs"
- 1990 "The Pit"
- 1992 "Dyuba-Dyuba"  
Awarded by a "Golden Aries" at the Kinotavr festival for the best screenplay and the Diploma Nika and the Nika Award for the best male performance
- 1994 "Burnt By The Sun"  
Awarded by the American Film Academy Award (Oscar) to the best foreign language motion picture of the year, the Prize of the International Cannes Film Festival, the Film Press Award to the best actor of the year, the Green Apple Golden Leaf – Professional Prize for the best male performance of the year, the State Prize of the Russian Federation and the Triumph Award to the best actor of the year.

- 1996 "Prisoner Of The Mountains"  
 Awarded by the Golden Aries at the Kinotavr Film Festival, the Grand Prix of the Kinotavr Film festival for the best male performance, the Award of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Festival Baltijas Perle in Riga and the State Prize of the Russian Federation.
- 1998 Awarded by a Tchaïka Award
- 1999 "The Barber Of Siberia"  
 Awarded by the State Prize of the Russian Federation, the Idol Award, the All-Slavonic Film Forum "The Golden Knight" Awarded for the best male performance, the best female performance and the best film of the year.
- "Mama"  
 "East-West" featuring Catherine Deneuve and Sandrine Bonnaire and directed by Régis Wargnier
- 1999 Awarded by the State Prize of the Russian Federation
- 2000 "Players" based on the play of the same name written by Nikolai Gogol
- 2003 "Demon", theatrical play directed by Kirill Serebrennikov, at the Mossovet Theater
- 2004 "Prime suspect 6" featuring Helen Mirren (Granada Television Ltd.)  
 "The State Councilor" based on Boris Akunin's Novel. The film is directed by Filipp Yankovsky. The film is to be released in the end of the year.
- 2006 "Golden Calf", TV series  
 "Doctor Zhivago", TV series
- 2007 "1900" Theater play based on Alessandro Baricco's novel
- 2008 "Burnt by the Sun 2"

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