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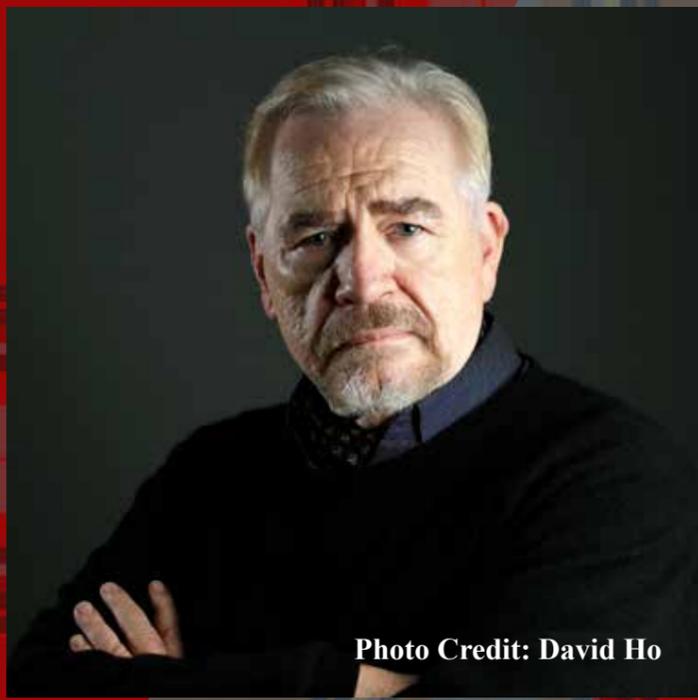


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The Great Scot Award will be  
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## BRIAN COX

Brian Denis Cox CBE is a Scottish actor who works in film, television, and theatre. Cox was born in Dundee, the youngest of five children. From a working class family, he joined the Dundee Repertory Theatre at the age of 14. He then went to drama school at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

In 1965 Cox joined the Lyceum company in Edinburgh, followed, during the 1960s and 1970s, with various theatre and television performances. His first film appearance was as Leon Trotsky in *Nicholas and Alexandra* in 1971.

Cox is an accomplished Shakespearean actor, spending seasons in the 1980s and 1990s with both the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he gained recognition for his portrayal of King Lear, and at the National Theatre. His most famous appearances include *Rob Roy*, *Braveheart*, *The Ring*, *X2*, *Troy*, and *The Bourne Supremacy*. He is also known for appearing in *Super Troopers*, *The Bourne Identity*, *Rushmore*, and *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, and many other film and theatre performances. Cox currently stars as media magnate Logan Roy on HBO's *Succession*.

An Olivier Award, Emmy Award, and Golden Globe winner, Cox has also been nominated for a BAFTA and three Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Cox is a patron of the Scottish Youth Theatre, Scotland's national theatre "for and by" young people. Their building in Glasgow, The Old Sheriff Court, is named the Brian Cox Studio Theatre in his honor. He is also a patron of The Space, a training facility for actors and dancers in his native Dundee, and an ambassador for the Screen Academy Scotland as well as a patron of The Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham, one of the first Repertory Theatres to be built in the UK.

In 2010, Cox was elected as the 12th Rector of the University of Dundee by students of the institution. He was re-elected in 2013. He holds an honorary doctorate from Napier University in Edinburgh, awarded in 2008.

In April 2010, Cox appeared gratis in a series of TV advertisements to support Age UK, the charity formed from the merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged. On 14 April 2012, Cox was the 10th grand marshal of the New York City Tartan Day Parade. On 31 December 2002, Cox was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List.

Said Mr. Cox in an interview for a recent National Trust for Scotland magazine, "I'm a proud member of the National Trust for Scotland. As its name suggests, it puts the nation in trust – protecting our country's heritage. If lockdown has taught us anything, it's how precious our land is; we take it for granted at our peril. We must continue to support and honour the Trust's vital work to ensure our natural and built heritage flourishes for years to come."

The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA is the American friends group of Scotland's largest conservation charity. Based in Boston, but with members in all 50 states, NTSUSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to raise visibility and funds for the National Trust for Scotland's most urgent conservation priorities. Over the past twenty years, NTSUSA has granted nearly \$10 million to the preservation of Scotland's cultural heritage.

The National Trust for Scotland cares for natural and cultural treasures including the humble cottage where poet Robert Burns was born; over 178,000 acres of Scottish countryside, home to rare wildlife and world-famous landscapes like Glencoe and St Kilda; remarkable architecture, from Baronial castles to modern-day masterpieces by Charles Rennie Mackintosh; and Culloden Battlefield, the site of Bonnie Prince Charlie's last stand.