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Summary Article: **Barrymore, Drew (Blythe)**

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US actor, director, and producer. She became well known for her role in Steven Spielberg's classic feel-good film *ET the Extraterrestrial* (1982) when she was only seven years old. She starred in a string of romantic comedies during the late 1990s, for example *The Wedding Singer* (1998). She also appeared in films of other genres, starring for example in the cult horror film *Scream* (1996) and in the film adaptations *Charlie's Angels* (2000) and its sequel *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle* (2003), which she also produced.

She founded her own film company, Flower Films, in 1994. She was executive producer and star of the films *Never Been Kissed* (1999), *Donnie Darko* (2001), *Duplex* (2003), and *A Confederacy of Dunces* (2005). She made her directorial debut in the roller skating comedy *Whip It* (2009), and received a Golden Globe Award for her television film *Grey Gardens* the same year.

Barrymore was born in Los Angeles into a family of actors: her father was actor John Drew Barrymore, Jr, and her grandparents were actors John Barrymore and Delores Costello. Her first acting appearance was in a television commercial before she was a year old. Her first film appearance was in *Altered States* (1980), at the age of four. After a break from work in her early adolescence, during which she gained notoriety for excessive drinking and drug-taking, she returned to film, appearing in erotic thrillers such as *Poison Ivy* and *Gun Crazy* (both 1992) before evolving a more sweet and innocent image in romantic comedies such as *Everyone Says I Love You* (1996), *Ever After* (1998), *Riding in Cars with Boys* (2001), *50 First Dates* (2004), *Fever Pitch* (2005), and *Going the Distance* (2010).

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