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Summary Article: **Lansbury, Angela Brigid**

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1925-

◆ US actress

Born in London, she was evacuated to the USA in 1940 and became a US citizen in 1951. Signed to a contract with MGM, she made her film debut in *Gaslight* (1944), for which she received a Best Supporting Actress Academy Award nomination. A versatile and talented performer, she subsequently appeared in such films as *National Velvet* (1944), *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1945) and *State of the Union* (1948). She made her Broadway debut in *Hotel Paradiso* (1957) and later emerged as a leading stage star in the musical *Mame* (1966, Tony award). Her subsequent stage work includes *Dear World* (1969, Tony award), *Prettybelle* (1971), *Gypsy* (1974, Tony award), *Hamlet* (1975) and *Sweeney Todd* (1979, Tony award). On film, she became a scene-stealing character actress in the likes of *All Fall Down* (1961), *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962), *Death on the Nile* (1978) and *The Company of Wolves* (1984), in which she played "Granny". She found her greatest popularity on television as the star of the mystery series *Murder She Wrote* (1984-96). She has also appeared in numerous television films and mini-series including *Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris* (1992) and *Mrs Santa Claus* (1996).

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