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English actor

Born in Semley, Wiltshire, he studied at RADA, then made his stage debut at Margate in *Dr Syn* (1928). He toured throughout Great Britain, establishing his own summer theatre in Cornwall, before a succession of London stage successes in *Oscar Wilde* (1936), *The Great Romancer* (1937) and *Pygmalion* (1937). His first film was the lavish Hollywood drama *Marie Antoinette* (1938) for which he received a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award nomination. He remained committed to the theatre, appearing in *The Man Who Came To Dinner* (1941), *Edward, My Son* (1947), which he co-wrote, and *The Little Hut* (1950). His films include *The African Queen* (1951), *Beau Brummell* (1954), *Oscar Wilde* (1960) and *Someone is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe* (1978). An entertaining wit and raconteur, he published numerous collections of droll observations including *A Musing Morley* (1974), *Robert Morley's Book of Bricks* (1978) and *The Pleasures of Ages* (1988).

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