

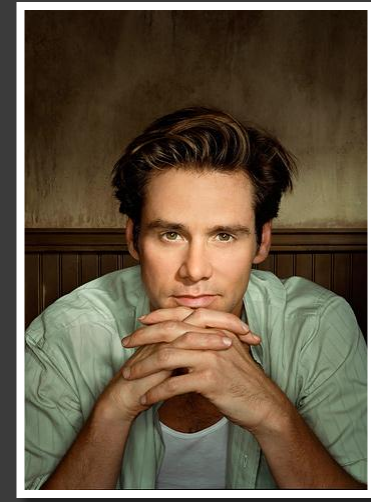
**JIM CARREY**

“Favorite Funny Male Star”

[People's Choice Awards](#)



**James Eugene "Jim" Carrey** (born January 17, 1962) is a [Canadian-American](#) actor, comedian, singer and writer. He has received two [Golden Globe Awards](#) and has also been nominated on four occasions.



## EARLY LIFE

Carrey was born in [Newmarket, Ontario](#), the son of Kathleen (née Oram), a homemaker, and Percy Carrey, a musician and accountant. He has three older siblings, John, Patricia, and Rita. He was raised Roman Catholic.

His mother was of French, Irish, and Scottish descent and his father was of [French Canadian](#) ancestry (the family's original surname was *Carré*).

After his family moved to [Scarborough, Ontario](#), when Carrey was 14 years old, he attended Blessed Trinity Catholic School, in [North York](#), for two years, enrolled at [Agincourt Collegiate Institute](#) for another year, then briefly attended [Northview Heights Secondary School](#) for the remainder of his high school career (all together, he spent three years in Grade 10).

Carrey lived in [Burlington, Ontario](#), for eight years and attended [Aldershot High School](#), where he once opened for 1980s [new wave](#) band [Spoons](#).



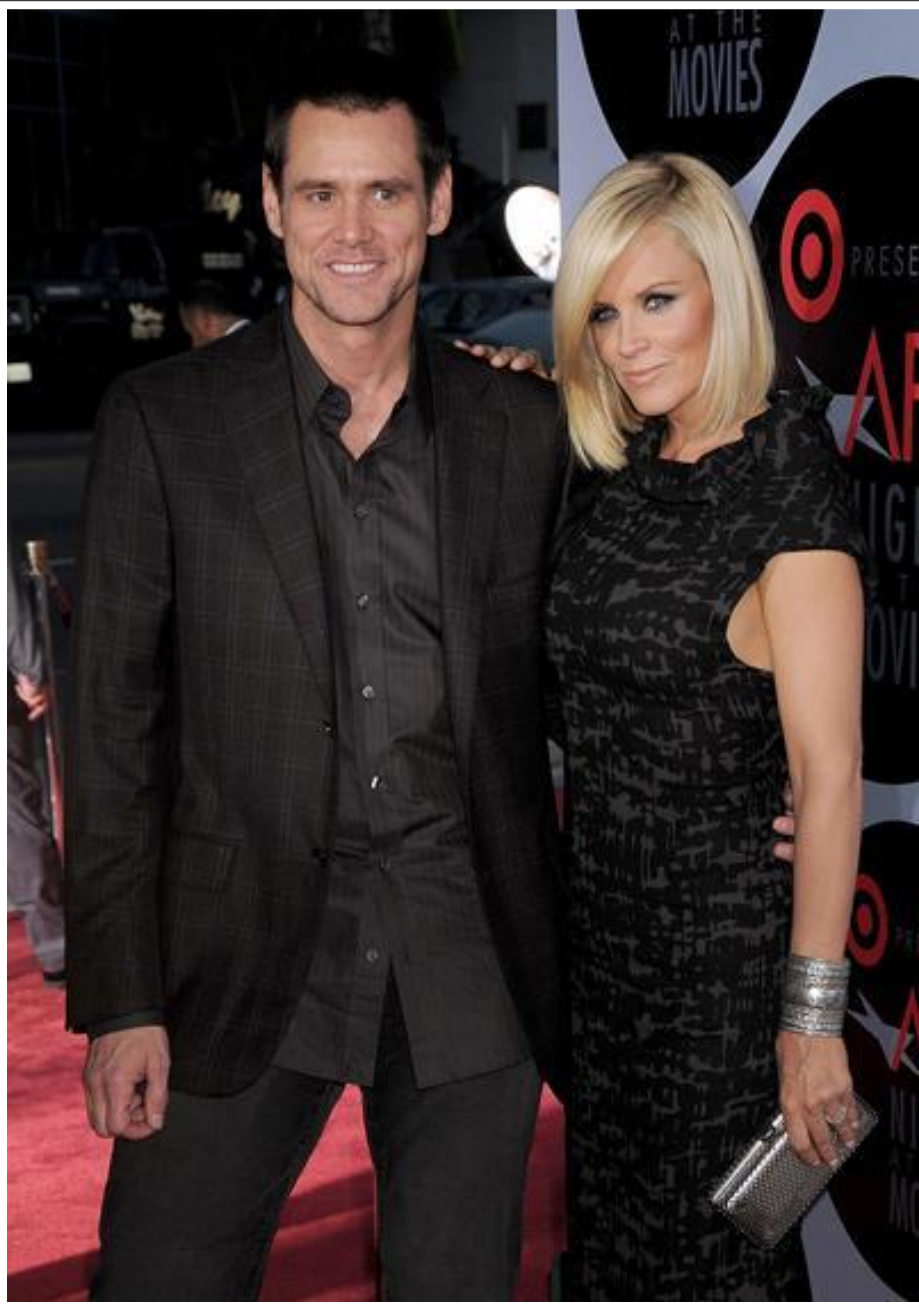
# Family and Relationships

Carrey has been married twice, first to former actress and [Comedy Store](#) waitress Melissa Womer on March 28, 1987; the two were divorced in late 1995. Their only child, a daughter named Jane Erin Carrey, was born on September 6, 1987, in Los Angeles County.

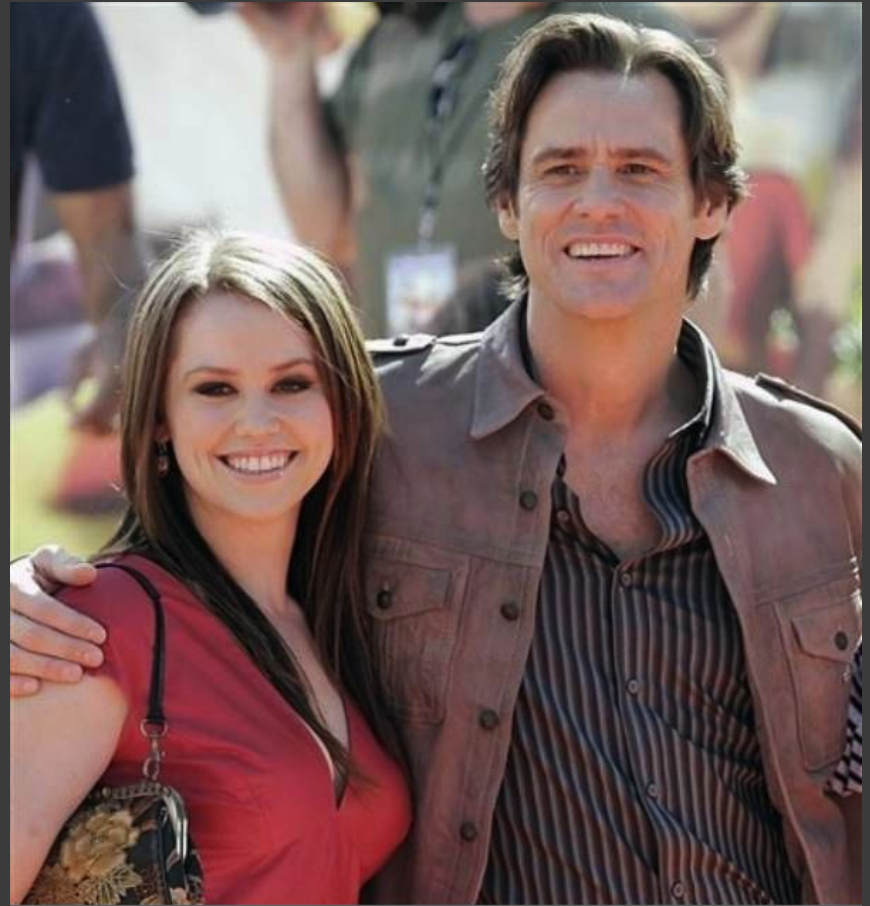


After his separation from Womer in 1994, Carrey began dating his [Dumb and Dumber](#) co-star [Lauren Holly](#). They were married on September 23, 1996; the marriage lasted less than a year.





In December 2005, Carrey began dating actress and model [Jenny McCarthy](#). They made their relationship public in June 2006. She announced on [The Ellen DeGeneres Show](#) on April 2, 2008, that the two were then living together, but had no plans to marry; as they do not need a "piece of paper." In April 2010, Carrey and McCarthy ended their near five-year relationship.



In Los Angeles on February 27, 2010, Carrey announced via his Twitter account that he had become a grandfather when his daughter Jane gave birth to her first child with musician husband Alex Santana. He announced that his grandson's name was Jackson Riley Santana.





# CAREER

Carrey began comedy in 1979, performing at [Yuk Yuk's](#) in [Toronto](#), Ontario. After gaining prominence in 1981, he began working at [The Comedy Store](#) in Los Angeles where he was soon noticed by comedian [Rodney Dangerfield](#), who immediately signed him to open his tour performances. Carrey, long interested in film and television, developed a close friendship with comedian [Damon Wayans](#), which landed him a role in the sketch comedy hit [In Living Color](#), in which he portrayed various characters during the show's 1990 season.





Having had little success in television movies and several low-budget films, Carrey was cast as the [title character](#) in [Ace Ventura: Pet Detective](#) which premiered in February, 1994, making more than \$72 million domestically despite receiving mixed critical reception.

High profile roles followed when he was cast as [Stanley Ipkiss](#) in [The Mask](#) (1994) for which he gained a [Golden Globe Award](#) nomination for Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy, and as Lloyd Christmas in the comedy film [Dumb and Dumber](#) (1994).









[Liar Liar](#) (1997), in which he was nominated for another Golden Globe Award





*How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) where he played the title character



[Bruce Almighty](#) (2003) where he portrayed the role of unlucky TV reporter Bruce Nolan





*Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* (2004)



*Fun with Dick and Jane* (2005)





Yes Man (2008)



*A Christmas Carol* (2009)

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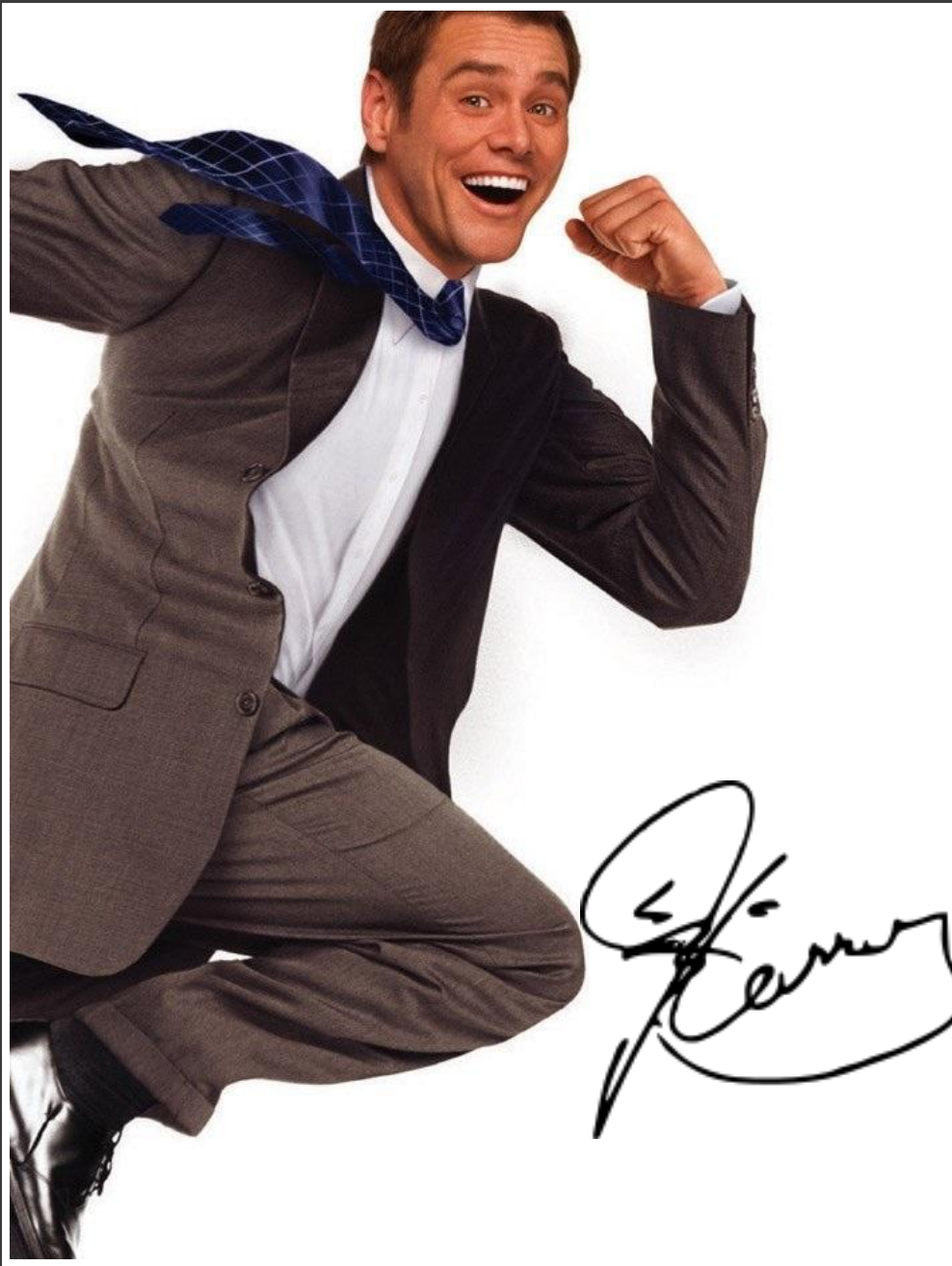
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As of December 2010, Carrey's films grossed over \$2.3 billion in total





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