



**Keanu Charles
Reeves**

- **Keanu Charles Reeves was born in Beirut on September 2, 1964 - was a canadian — American actor, film producer, Director, and musician (bass player).**



- Reeves was born in the capital of Lebanon, Beirut. His mother is English and hails from Essex. His father, an American from Hawaii, is of Chinese, English, Irish, Native Hawaiian, and Portuguese. Reeves' mother was working in Beirut when she met his father. His father was an unskilled worker, received his GED during his imprisonment in Hawaii. He abandoned his wife and family when Reeves was three years old. Currently, Keanu has no relations with his father.



- Reeves moved around the world frequently as a child, and lived with various stepfather .After his parents divorced in 1966, his mother became a costume designer and moved the family to Sydney,and then to New York City.
- Reeves excelled more in sports than in academics, as his educational development was challenged by dyslexia. He was a successful ice hockey goalkeeper at De La Salle College, earning the nickname "The Wall".He dreamed of playing ice hockey for Canada ,but an injury forced him to consider other career paths. After leaving De La Salle College, he attended Avondale Alternative Secondary School, which allowed him to obtain an education while working as an actor. He later dropped out and did not obtain a high school diploma.



- Reeves began his acting career at the age of nine, appearing in a theatre production of *Damne Yankeess*.
 - Reeves ' debut on the screen took place at the canadian TV channel CBC in a Comedy series. In the early 1980s, he appeared in commercials (including one for Coca-Cola), short films, he also appeared on the theater stage in Toronto.
 - His first major film role was in 1986, in the hockey movie *Youngblood*, starring Rob Lowe. His stepfather had convinced Erwin Stoff in advance to be Reeves's manager and agent. Stoff has remained Reeves's manager, and has co-produced many of his films.
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- From 1991, Reeves played bass guitar in the grunge band Dogstar. During the early 1990s, Reeves started to break out of his teen-film period. He appeared in high-budget action films like Point Break, for which he won MTV's "Most Desirable Male" award in 1992. He was involved in various lower-budget independent films, including the well-received 1991 film, My Own Private Idaho with River Phoenix .



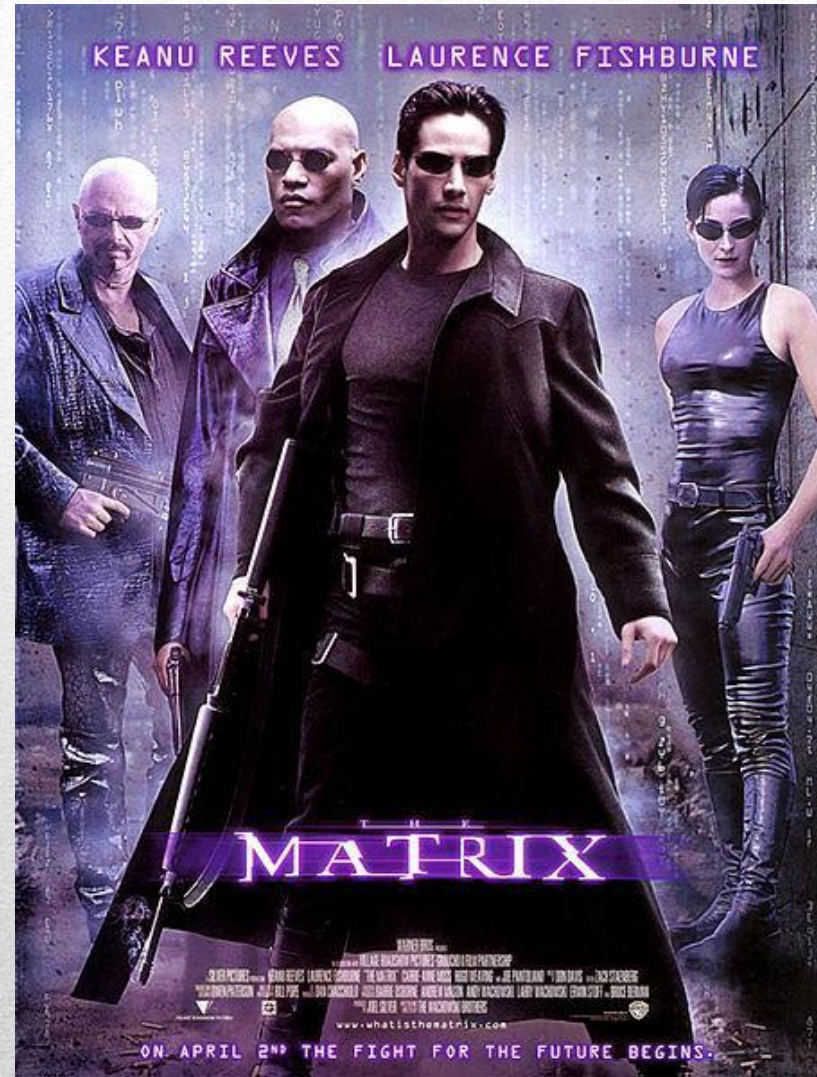
- In 1994, Reeves's career reached a new high as a result of his starring role in the action film Speed. His casting in the film was controversial, since, except for Point Break, he was primarily known for comedies and indie dramas. He had never been the sole headliner on a film. The summer action film had a fairly large budget .

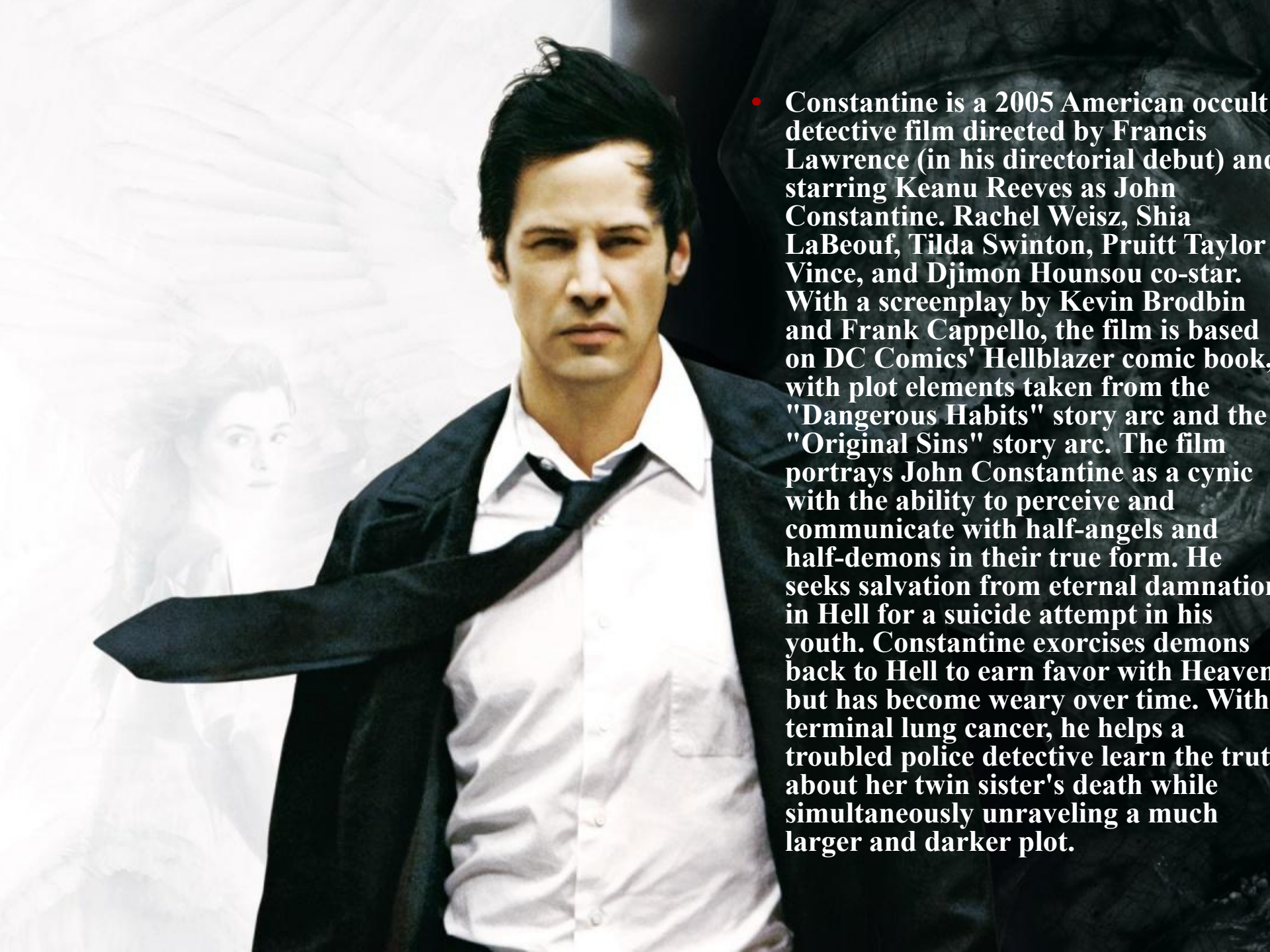


- Reeves started to climb out of his career low after starring in the horror-drama *The Devil's Advocate* alongside Al Pacino and Charlize Theron. Reeves took a paycut of \$1 million for *The Devil's Advocate* so that Pacino would be cast, and later took a 90 per cent paycut for the less successful *The Replacements* to guarantee the casting of Gene Hackman.[30] *The Devil's Advocate* did well at the box office and garnered good reviews.



- The 1999 science fiction-action hit *The Matrix*, a film in which Reeves had a starring role, was a box office success and attracted positive reviews.
- *The Matrix* is a science fiction action media franchise created by The Wachowskis, about heroes who fight a desperate war against machine overlords that have enslaved humanity in an extremely sophisticated virtual reality system .
- The first film was an important critical and commercial success, winning four Academy Awards, introducing popular culture symbols such as the red pill and blue pill, and influencing action filmmaking. For those reasons it has been added to the National Film Registry for preservation. Its first sequel was an even bigger commercial success, becoming the highest-grossing R-rated film in history, a title which it held for 13 years.





- **Constantine is a 2005 American occult detective film directed by Francis Lawrence (in his directorial debut) and starring Keanu Reeves as John Constantine. Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Tilda Swinton, Pruitt Taylor Vince, and Djimon Hounsou co-star. With a screenplay by Kevin Brodbin and Frank Cappello, the film is based on DC Comics' Hellblazer comic book, with plot elements taken from the "Dangerous Habits" story arc and the "Original Sins" story arc. The film portrays John Constantine as a cynic with the ability to perceive and communicate with half-angels and half-demons in their true form. He seeks salvation from eternal damnation in Hell for a suicide attempt in his youth. Constantine exorcises demons back to Hell to earn favor with Heaven but has become weary over time. With terminal lung cancer, he helps a troubled police detective learn the truth about her twin sister's death while simultaneously unraveling a much larger and darker plot.**

- Beginning in 2008, Reeves began pre-production on his directorial debut, *Man of Tai Chi*. The film is a multilingual narrative, partly inspired by the life of his friend, stuntman Tiger Chen. Filming occurred on mainland China and Hong Kong. During *Man of Tai Chi*'s five years of scripting and production, Reeves acted in several B movies with lead roles as Henry in 2010's *Henry's Crime* and John in 2012's *Generation Um...*. During that time, Reeves also played Kai in the critically panned *47 Ronin*. Critics widely attribute the film's poor performance to its direction, pacing, focus on special effects, and editing.
 - In October 2014, he played the title role in the action thriller *John Wick*. The film, which stars Reeves as a retired hitman, opened to positive reviews and performed well at the box office.
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- About 10 years since the beginning of his stellar career Reeves preferred to live in rented houses and hotels. Reeves bought his first home in the Hollywood hills district of Los Angeles around 2003. He also has an apartment in the Central Park area of new York city.
 - Reeves is entitled to British citizenship through his English mother. He holds Canadian citizenship[48] by naturalization.
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Reeves was never married. In December 1999, Reeves' girlfriend, Jennifer Syme, gave birth eight months into her pregnancy to Ava Archer Syme-Reeves, who was stillborn. The strain put on their relationship by their grief resulted in their breakup several weeks later. On April 2, 2001, Syme was driving alone on Los Angeles' Cahuenga Boulevard when she sideswiped three parked cars, rolled over several times, and was thrown from the car. Authorities believed she died instantly.



- In 2010, an image of Reeves became an internet meme after photos of him, seemingly depressed while sitting on a park bench eating alone, were posted to a 4chan forum. The images were soon distributed via several blogs and news sites. These pictures led to the "Keanu is Sad" or "Sad Keanu" meme being spread on internet forums. An unofficial holiday was created when a Facebook fan page declared June 15 as "Cheer-up Keanu Day". On the first anniversary of "Cheer-up Keanu Day".



- Active as a musician for a decade, he played bass guitar for the bands Dogstar and Becky(1990-2000).
- Reeves is Ambidextrous: he can write both left and right hand.
- Reeves is an atheist.



Награды

1991: MTV Movie Award for Most Desirable Male (*Point Break*)

1994: MTV Movie Award for Best On-Screen Duo (shared with Sandra Bullock) («*Speed*»).

2000: Blockbuster Entertainment Award for Favorite Actor in an Action/Science Fiction Film («*Matrix*»).

2000 Nominated – Saturn Award for Best Actor («*Matrix*»).

2000 MTV Movie Award for Best Male Performance («*Matrix*»).

2003 Nominated – MTV Movie Award for Best Fight (shared with Hugo Weaving)

2006: Nominated - «Teen Choice Award», («*The Lake House*»).

2008: Bambi Award for Best International Actor (*The Day the Earth Stood Still*)

















The image shows the front cover of a book. The cover is a dark grey or black color with a fine, woven fabric-like texture. The title 'ODE TO HAPPINESS' is printed in a simple, black, sans-serif font. 'ODE' is on the top line, 'TO' is centered on the second line, and 'HAPPINESS' is on the third line and is underlined. The book is shown from a slightly elevated perspective, casting a soft shadow on the white surface below it.

ODE
TO
HAPPINESS

Ода счастью. Киану

Ривз.

- Я стараюсь не думать о своей жизни, потому что у меня нет жизни. Мне нужна терапия.
- Чтобы получить от жизни то, чего хочешь, необходимо в первую очередь определить, а чего же ты хочешь.
- Такое простое действие, как обращать внимание, может отнять у вас много времени.
- Вам нужно быть счастливым, чтобы жить, а мне не нужно...

