**BHM 2024 Theme: Arts & Entertainment (A&E)**

**Whoopi Goldberg: American actor, comedian, author, and television personality.**

**Caryn Elaine Johnson** (born November 13, 1955),[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whoopi_Goldberg#cite_note-CBS-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whoopi_Goldberg#cite_note-Huff-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whoopi_Goldberg#cite_note-GH-3) known professionally as **Whoopi Goldberg** ([/ˈwʊpi/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English)), is an American actor, comedian, author, and television personality.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whoopi_Goldberg#cite_note-1984APintv-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whoopi_Goldberg#cite_note-guardian-5)

A recipient of [numerous accolades](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_awards_and_nominations_received_by_Whoopi_Goldberg), she is one of 18 entertainers to win the [EGOT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_EGOT_winners), which includes an [Emmy Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emmy_Award), a [Grammy Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Award), an [Academy Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award), and a [Tony Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Award). In 2001, she received the [Mark Twain Prize for American Humor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Twain_Prize_for_American_Humor).

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On stage, Goldberg has starred in the Broadway revivals of [Stephen Sondheim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Sondheim)'s musical [*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Funny_Thing_Happened_on_the_Way_to_the_Forum) and [August Wilson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/August_Wilson)'s play [*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ma_Rainey%27s_Black_Bottom). She won a [Tony Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Award) as a producer of the musical [*Thoroughly Modern Millie*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoroughly_Modern_Millie_(musical)). In 2011 she received her third Tony Award nomination for the stage adaptation of [*Sister Act*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sister_Act_(musical)) (2011). On television, Goldberg portrayed [Guinan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinan_(Star_Trek)" \o "Guinan (Star Trek)) in the science fiction series [*Star Trek: The Next Generation*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Trek:_The_Next_Generation) (1988–1993), and [*Star Trek: Picard*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Trek:_Picard) (2022). Since 2007, she has co-hosted and moderated the daytime talk show [*The View*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_View_(talk_show)), for which she won the [Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daytime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Talk_Show_Host). She has hosted the Academy Awards ceremony four times.

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