Sean Connery: 11 fascinating facts about the James Bond actor. With the news of Danny Boyle’s departure as director of the next 007 instalment, we rank the big-screen outings of Britain’s finest, from 1962’s Dr No to 2015’s skyfall.

1. **1930 Birthday**

Sean Connery was born on August 25, 1930 in Edinburgh, Scotland, making him one of Scotland’s greatest exports.

2. **First Bond**

Connery was the first actor to perform the role of James Bond on the big screen, appearing in the 1962 film Dr No.

3. **Academy Award**

In 1988, Connery won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in The Untouchables (1987).

4. **Two BAFTA Awards**

Connery has won two BAFTA Awards, including Best Actor for his role in The Rock (1996).

5. **Scottish Heritage**

The Scottish actor is renowned for his cool sophistication and is often described as a national treasure.

6. **Wife & Son**

Connery is married to his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, and has a son, Paris. She later became an MP for Scotland.

7. **Retirement**

After 50-plus years of film work, Connery retired from acting for the better part of two decades, but his cinematic legend lives on.

8. **Independence**

Connery has been involved in various causes, including support for Scots independence and raising awareness for cancer research.

9. **Golfing Champion**

Connery is a keen golfer and has won numerous awards for his skills on the course.

10. **Dungeons & Dragons**

In 2018, Dungeons & Dragons revealed an Easter Egg in one of their games featuring a Sean Connery reference.

11. **Awards and Honours**

Connery has received numerous awards and honours throughout his career, including the Order of the British Empire and the Commander of the Legion of Honour.

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