



Ted Danson

Actor, Ocean Advocate and Oceana Board Member

Ted Danson is a Golden Globe- and Emmy Award-winning actor known for an array of exceptional performances, most memorably for his portrayal of Boston bartender Sam Malone on NBC's multi-award winning and iconic comedy "Cheers," which ran for 11 seasons and won three Emmys as best comedy series. Danson can currently be seen in Season Four of the acclaimed NBC comedy "The Good Place" for which he was nominated for his 13th Emmy Award for outstanding lead actor and received a critics choice award for his role as Michael. Next year Danson will be seen starring in a NBC comedy series produced by Tina Fey and Robert Carlock.

Danson was recently seen in the ninth season of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and also had a prominent role in the second season of FX's critically acclaimed series "Fargo." Other credits include CBS' long-running "CSI" and "CSI: Cyber," FX's "Damages" (playing tycoon Arthur Frobisher) and CBS' "Becker" – the latter two roles for which he was Golden Globe nominated.

In film, Danson appeared in "Hearts Beat Loud," a musical drama that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2018. He has also appeared in several other high-profile projects, including the 1987 blockbuster hit "Three Men and a Baby" and its sequel, "Three Men and a Little Lady." He also had a co-starring role in Steven Spielberg's World War II masterpiece "Saving Private Ryan."

Raised outside Flagstaff, Ariz., Danson attended Stanford University and became interested in drama during his second year in school. He then transferred to Carnegie Mellon University and graduated with his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in drama. After graduation, he was hired as an understudy in Tom Stoppard's Off Broadway production "The Real Inspector Hound." Danson relocated to Los Angeles in 1978 to manage the Actor's Institute for a year-and-a-half while he taught there. Six months after his arrival in L.A., Danson earned a role in "The Onion Field" and also co-starred in the TV movie "The Women's Room."

In addition to acting and producing, Danson is an environmental activist, co-founding the American Oceans Campaign (AOC) in 1987 to alert Americans to the life-threatening hazards created by oil spills, off-shore development, toxic wastes, sewage pollution and other ocean abuses. The AOC merged with Oceana in 2001. Oceana works to show citizens how they can participate in protecting and restoring marine resources, and to show Congress that Americans are concerned with these issues.

Danson resides in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Mary Steenburgen.