

Having a hearing loss will not keep you from...



Winning an Oscar for Best Actress!



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OR

Having a star on
the Hollywood
Walk of Fame!



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Competing on
Dancing With
the Stars!



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Marlee Matlin

Marlee is the first and only actress who is Deaf to win an Academy Award for Best Actress and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama for her film debut in "Children of a Lesser God" in 1986. She remains the youngest woman to ever win the Oscar for Best Actress. Going on to star in numerous movies and television shows, Marlee can currently be seen on the television show "Switched at Birth."

MOVIES

- * Children of a Lesser God
- * Sweet Nothing in My Ear

TELEVISION

- * Switched at Birth
- * Celebrity Apprentice
- * CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
- * My Name is Earl
- * The Practice
- * West Wing
- * Seinfeld

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going really, really, really fast!

Kitty O'Neil



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Kitty O'Neil became deaf when she was four months old from Spinal Meningitis. She went on to become a Hollywood stuntwoman and noted racer. In 1979 her accomplishments were portrayed in a movie about her life, "Silent Victory: The Kitty O'Neil Story," with Stockard Channing playing the title role. Mattel created a doll in Kitty's image in 1978.

In the Mojave Desert in 1977, Kitty piloted a hydrogen peroxide powered rocket dragster to the quickest quarter mile elapsed time in motorsports history. She achieved a timed run of 3.22 seconds at

396 mph with an average speed of 279.5 mph. During the same time, Kitty also made a quarter mile run with a top speed of 412 mph. These achievements are not recognized as an official record because they do not meet rules set by NHRA that any run that sets a record on a drag strip must be backed up within one percent during the same meet; and FIA rules that land speed records require any run to set a record must be based on the average of two runs, each way, within one hour.



**Kitty O'Neil doll
By Mattel, 1978**

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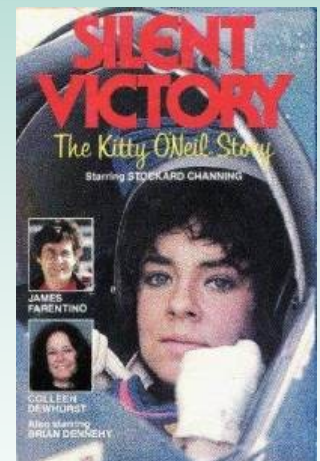


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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kitty_O'Neil

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having your work on display in the Smithsonian Institute!

Dr. Regina Hughes

Dr. Regina Hughes (1895-1993) was an artist and botanical illustrator. She received a B.A. in 1918 and then a Master's degree in 1920 from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hughes worked as a Scientific Illustrator and Translator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service. While a lot of her works were in pen and ink, she also used oil paints and watercolors. Dr.



Regina Hughes with a colleague.

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AWARDS & HONORS

- * U.S.D.A. Superior Services Award in 1962
- * Awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters by Gallaudet University in 1967
- * Phi Kappa Zeta Woman of the Year in 1970
- * "Artist of the Year" by the National League of American Pen Women in 1980
- * Amos Kendall Award from Gallaudet University in 1981
- * *Hughesia reginae*, a plant genus and species native to Peru, was named in her honor.

Hughes' works were widely published and can be found today in many publications. Her work was also featured in one-man shows at the U.S. National Arboretum

(1968), the National Agricultural Library (1972), and the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution (1987). Dr. Hughes' paintings are in several permanent collections, including at the Smithsonian and the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation.

[Click here to see a sample of her drawings, made available through the Smithsonian Institution!](#)

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inventing the internet!



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Vinton Cerf

Routinely called “the father of the internet, Vinton Cerf first gained international renown for his contributions

to the development of what later came to be known as the internet.

Vinton Cerf is deaf, having had a hearing loss since birth, and has a cochlear implant. He met his wife, Sigrid, at an Audiologist’s office. It is reported that Vinton’s frustrations with communication with other researchers led to his work in developing internet communications protocols.

Among his many achievements, Cerf served on the board of Gallaudet University and supported computer-building programs for deaf students. Many recognitions have been awarded to Cerf over the years, and the deaf and hard of hearing community has been proud to call him their own. Vinton Cerf remains in heavy demand as a public speaker, travelling the world, and has published over 50 technical articles.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vint_Cerf

<http://deafness.about.com/cs/celebfeatures/a/vintoncerf.htm>



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Vinton Cerf, Robert Kahn and President George W. Bush during ceremonies at the White House in 2005. Cerf and Kahn received Medal of Freedom awards in honor for their work in helping to create the modern Internet.

AWARDS & HONORS

- * Living Legend Medal from the Library of Congress in 2000
- * National Medal of Technology by President Clinton (with Robert Kahn) in 1997
- * Inducted as a Fellow of the Computer History Museum in 2000
- * Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush (with Robert Kahn) in 2005
- * Inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (with Robert Kahn) in 2006
- * St. Cyril and Methodius in the Coat of Arms Order in 2006
- * Inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame in 2012