



Geena Davis Bio

Academy Award winner Geena Davis is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, appearing in several roles that became cultural landmarks. In 1989, Davis received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in "The Accidental Tourist" and earned the 2006 Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series – Drama, Davis broke ground in her portrayal of the first female President of the United States in ABC's hit show "Commander in Chief."

A long-time advocate for women, Davis is becoming recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of girls nearly as much as for her acting accomplishments. She is the founder of the non-profit The Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media and its programming arm See Jane, which engages film and television creators to dramatically increase the percentages of female characters -- and reduce gender stereotyping -- in media made for children 11 and under.

Davis is a partner with UN Women in the effort to change the way media represents women and girls, to encourage media to present and investigate issues of grave importance to women and to use a "gender" lens when reporting and serves on the California Commission on the Status of Women.