

Truman Show

Main Facts

Year Made: 1998

Production Company: [Paramount Pictures](#), [Scott Rudin Productions](#)

Directed by: [Peter Weir](#)

Written by: [Andrew Niccol](#)

Genre: Comedy, Drama, Sci-Fi



Main Actors

1. Jim Carrey
2. Ed Harris
3. Laura Linney



Major Plot Summary

In this movie, Truman is a man whose life is a fake one... The place he lives is in fact a big studio with hidden cameras everywhere, and all his friends and people around him, are actors who play their roles in the most popular TV-series in the world: The Truman Show. Truman thinks that he is an ordinary man with an ordinary life and has no idea about how he is exploited. Until one day... he finds out everything. Will he react?



Financial Information

Budget: \$60,000,000 (estimated)

Money Made: **Opening Weekend USA:**

\$31,542,121, 7 June 1998, Wide Release

Gross USA:

\$125,618,201

Cumulative Worldwide Gross:

\$264,118,201

Special Costs: Variety of cameras used



Major Quotes

Truman: Good morning, and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, and good night!

Network Executive: For God's sake, Chris! The whole world is watching. We can't let him die in front of a live audience!

Christof: He was born in front of a live audience.

Truman: [*to an unseen Christof*] Who are you?

Christof: [*on a speaker*] I am the Creator - of a television show that gives hope and joy and inspiration to millions.

Truman: Then who am I?

Christof: You're the star.

Marlon: Look at that sunset, Truman. It's perfect.

Truman: Yeah.

Marlon: That's the big guy. Quite a paint brush he's got.



Historical Significance

Looked at the role of reality TV in our lives as well as the idea of livestreaming.

What is private, what is not?



Filming Information

Filming Location: [Falls Lake, Backlot, Universal Studios - 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, California, USA](#)

Special advance made in film: None

Source Material: Original screenplay



Composition/Music

Composed by [Burkhard Dallwitz](#)

With music by Philip Glass.



Inane Trivia

[Ed Harris](#) and [Jim Carrey](#) never met during filming.

The Trumania bit, where Truman draws on the mirror with soap and acts strange, was completely improvised by [Jim Carrey](#). In another take, he drew long curly hair and a dress.

People on the set were forbidden from uttering phrases from [Jim Carrey](#)'s past "silly" movies.

[Jim Carrey](#) and [Peter Weir](#) initially found working together on set difficult (Carrey's contract gave him the power to demand rewrites), but Weir was impressed with Carrey's improvisational skills, and the two became more interactive.

This was [Jim Carrey](#)'s first time taking on a serious dramatic leading role. "It was one of the best scripts I ever read. It works on so many levels."

To help [Ed Harris](#) develop the character for Christof, director [Peter Weir](#) presented to him a 10 page biography. Part of this biography consisted of Christof doing a film on the homeless for which he won an award.



Accolades/Recognition

Winner

Golden Globe

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama

[Jim Carrey](#)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture

[Ed Harris](#)

Best Original Score - Motion Picture

[Burkhard von Dallwitz](#)

[Philip Glass](#)

Winner

BAFTA Film Award

Best Screenplay - Original

[Andrew Niccol](#)

Best Production Design

[Dennis Gassner](#)

Winner

David Lean Award for Direction

[Peter Weir](#)

Nominated for three Academy Awards- 0 Wins

