

ROSS TURNER BIOGRAPHY

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Award-winning actor Ross Turner is probably best known for his recurring role as Liberty High School math teacher Mr. Wood in three seasons of the hit Netflix series **Th1rteen R3asons Why**. He is based in Los Angeles.

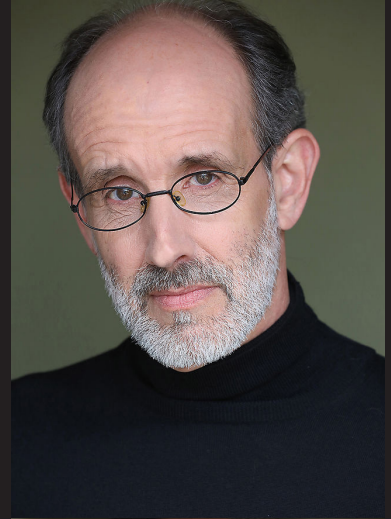
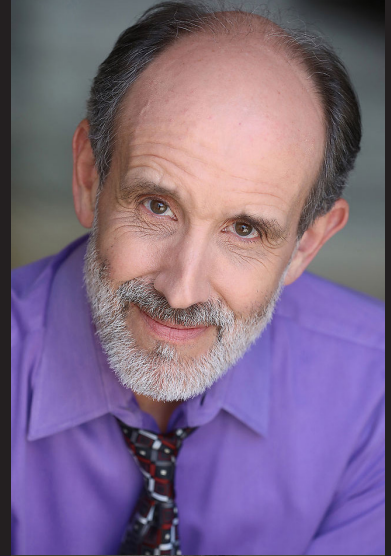
In 2007, after 20 years in theater and stand-up comedy, Ross made an unexpected leap to movies when Grateful Dead concert film director Len Dell'Amico noticed him performing on stage with the late Robin Williams. The result was a starring role in Dell'Amico's indie feature **Welcome to Dopeland** (2010). Since then, Ross has completed over 20 features and 50 shorts – many of which have earned official selections at top film festivals including Raindance, Mill Valley, SXSW, Tribeca, Sundance, and Palm Springs. In Japan, Ross has appeared in guest star roles on multiple episodes of the popular television series **Sekai Gyoten News**, and most recently on **World Hanzai Mystery**.

While primarily recognized for his lighter, comedic parts, Ross can get pretty dramatic – most notably co-starring opposite Jennifer Esposito in the horror/mystery **From Black** (2021); the father of a teen with Down Syndrome in **A Normal Life** (2018); and as the acerbic Dr. Walsh in Lifetime's original movie **Forgotten Evil** (2017) starring Masiela Lusha.

Ross credits his film success to extensive experience in live theater. His favored stage roles include Ché in **Evita**, The Dentist in **Little Shop of Horrors**, and Valere in **La Bête**. He is the recipient of two Best Actor awards for appearances at the Marin Fringe Festival (Audience Choice and Critic's Choice for his quick-change turn as two computer daters in George Dykstra's **Lights, Camera, Love**), and is also an Irene Ryan Award nominee.

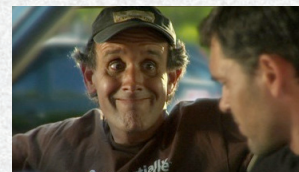
Born and raised in Eureka, Calif., Ross is a fourth-generation native of Humboldt County. His media and performing arts family includes mom Donna Cleveland (former local television personality and **Romper Room** teacher), dad Bill Turner (college radio personality, singer, and stage actor), sister Heidi Turner (SAG and AEA actress), uncle Bob Turner (radio DJ, television host and news anchor), and grandmother Mable Turner (professional pianist and film organist during the silent movie era).

Ross' numerous film festival awards include 7 Best Supporting Actor prizes for his role in supernatural Western **Ghost in the Gun** (2019) opposite Tim Russ, and 3 Best Actor wins for his lead role in sci-fi drama **The Bumbry Encounter** (2019).





"This is Ross Turner's movie, no doubt; he gets the interesting character, the monologues and diatribes. He comes off as a guy off his meds and possibly on something harder."



Lead
Welcome To Doeland
Bromance comedy



"Bobby (Ross Turner) [is] a slightly more blithe version of the protagonist in Mike Leigh's *Naked*."

STARBURST
MAGAZINE

"...outstanding...
See it at the first
opportunity..."
9 out of 10 stars

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Los Angeles Times

"There's love and
affection...emanating
from each frame."

The Oregonian

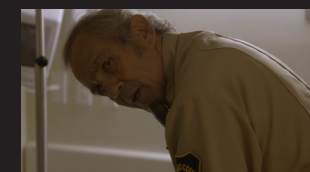
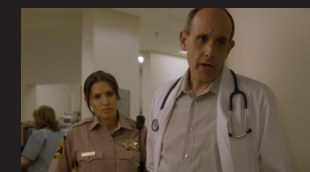
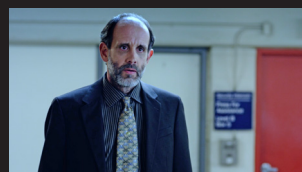
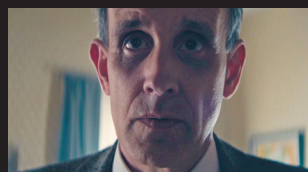
"...a mind-warping
sci-fi thriller..."

Los Angeles Times

"...keenly observed...
terrific performances..."

HOLLYWOOD
REPORTER

"Ambitious and
intricately plotted..."



Lead
A Normal Life
Family drama

Lead
The Bumby Encounter
Period sci-fi short

Supporting opp. Sheetal Sheth
The Wisdom Tree
Sci-fi mystery

Supporting opp. Greg Germann
Quitters
Dark comedy

Supporting opp. Pepe Serna
Man From Reno
Mystery thriller

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13 REASONS WHY ▶

RECURRING CO-STAR AS MATH TEACHER MR. WOOD



Season 1 opp. Dylan Minnette



Season 3 opp. Steven Weber



Season 4 opp. Grace Saif

CHANCE



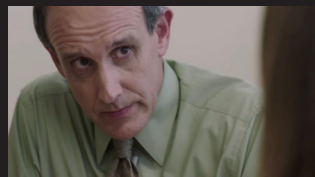
"The House of Space and Time" S1E8 opp. Ethan Suplee



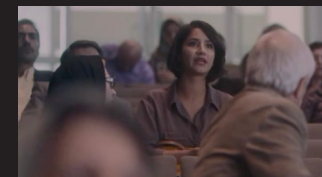
"Cold War Re-enactment" Comedy Central Originals



Behind the scenes with Masiela Lusha and director Anthony C. Ferrante



FUTURESTATES



"Refuge" opp. Nikohl Boosheri



ROSS TURNER AWARDS

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7 FESTIVAL AWARDS
ROSS TURNER
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR



Ghost in the Gun
(supernatural western short w/Tim Russ)

"...*Black Mirror* meets *The Twilight Zone*
on the set of *Westworld!*"

New York Film Awards

"[Director] Andrew Chen and his cast successfully
explore a new sub-genre, and it works!"

Top Shorts

24 OFFICIAL SELECTIONS **92** AWARD WINS

3 FESTIVAL AWARDS
ROSS TURNER
BEST ACTOR



The Bumby Encounter
(period science fiction short)

"...a blend of *Fire in the Sky* and *Get Out...*"
"...inspired performances..."

Red Carpet Crash

"...a masterful and powerful short film..."

The Consulting Detective



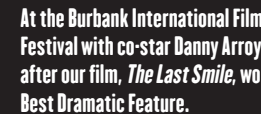
Film Festivals



On the red carpet with *The Bumby Encounter* producer Roth Rind.



A candid shot with *Bumby Encounter* director Jay K. Raja on the red carpet at London's Raindance Film Festival.



At the Burbank International Film Festival with co-star Danny Arroyo after our film, *The Last Smile*, won Best Dramatic Feature.



On my way to a screening of *The Bumby Encounter* at the San Jose International Short Film Festival.



Representing *The Bumby Encounter* at the Raindance Film Festival, London.



Palm Springs Shortfest: with *The Bumby Encounter* writer/director Jay K. Raja and co-star Skipper Elekwachi.

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Dad is annoyed when a hockey team overstay its welcome (series of 8 ads).



Back to School: Principal sees over-eager parents dumping off kids.



A woman uses the Yellow Pages app to hire ghost removers.



Clueless boss is Jedi mind-tricked into giving a bigger raise.



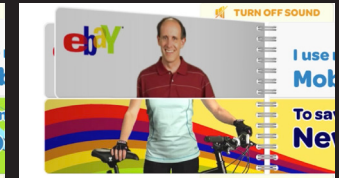
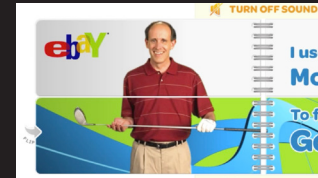
Bob makes healthier breakfast choices with help from AOL.



Grumpy neighbor flips off the super cheerful Smule spokesman.



In-store hidden camera prankster startles folks with a scary snack.



Guy finds the perfect golf club on ebay in this interactive web ad.



Reality show host reveals husband is cheating on his wife with a pizza.



Meek Old West fellow finds confidence when he knows his credit score.

ROSS TURNER **COMING SOON**

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Lead opp. Jennifer Esposito
Horror drama
Shoots Summer 2021

A recovering addict (Esposito) suffering from a tragic loss is befriended by a grief counselor (Turner) who convinces her she can change her past — if she's willing to pay a terrifying price.



Lead
Mystery (short)
Streaming 2021

"...Ross Turner...
will definitely surprise."

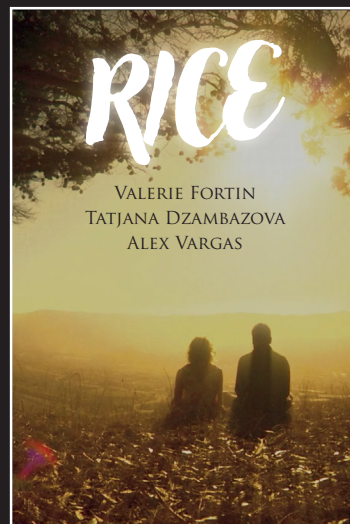
Urban Asian

"...vivacious...a magnum opus."

Cinespeaks

"meticulously crafted...
immense performances..."

Cinema Crazyed



Supporting
Drama
Releasing 2021

Ross speaks Spanish as the yacht captain in the climactic open water scene from this Spanish- and French-language feature filmed in Argentina, Canada and the United States.



Supporting opp. Milo Gibson
Family drama
Releasing 2021

Ross delivers an on-screen performance (and does additional voice work) in this coming-of-age story written and directed by Louis Gibson. Also starring Annet Mahendru and Michael Cudlitz.

actors access



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