

Lance Henriksen

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Lance James Henriksen (born May 5, 1940) is an American actor and artist, best known for his roles in science fiction, action, and horror films such as Bishop in the *Alien* film franchise, and Frank Black in Fox television series *Millennium*.^[2] Henriksen is also notable for his voice acting, notably having voiced Kerchak the gorilla in Walt Disney Animation Studios' *Tarzan*.

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Early life

Henriksen was born in New York City. His father was a Norwegian merchant sailor and boxer nicknamed "Icewater" who spent most of his life at sea. His mother, Marguerite Werner, struggled to find work as a dance instructor, waitress, and model.^{[3][4][5]} His parents divorced when he was two years old, and he was raised by his mother. As he grew up, Henriksen found himself in trouble at various schools and even saw the inside of a children's home. Henriksen served in the United States Navy from 1955–58 and attained the rank of Petty Officer Third Class.^[6]

Career

Henriksen's first job in the theater world was as a designer of theatrical sets; in fact, he received his first role because he built the set for the production. In his early 30s, Henriksen graduated from the prestigious Actors Studio and began acting in New York City.^[6] In film, he first appeared in *It Ain't Easy* in 1972. Henriksen went on to portray a variety of supporting roles in noteworthy genre films such as *Dog Day Afternoon*, Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977) and *Damien: Omen II* (1978).^[7] He also played "Police Chief Steve Kimbrough" in Piranha Part Two: The Spawning,^[7] the astronaut Walter Schirra in *The Right Stuff* (1983) and actor Charles Bronson in the 1991 TV-movie *Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story* (1991).

When James Cameron was writing the film *The Terminator* (1984), he had originally envisioned Henriksen, whom he had worked with on *Piranha II: The Spawning*, playing the title role.^[8] Regardless, the role ultimately went to Arnold Schwarzenegger. Henriksen did appear in the film, in the supporting role of Sergeant Hal Vukovich. Henriksen is perhaps best known for portraying the android Bishop, an artificial life-form, in *Aliens* (1986, another Cameron film) and *Alien 3* (1992).^[9] He also played Charles Bishop Weyland, the man Bishop's appearance was based on, in *Alien 3* and *Alien vs. Predator* (2004). Henriksen(along with Bill Paxton) is the only actor to be killed by a terminator(The Terminator), a xenomorph(Alien 2) and a predator(AVP). Henriksen also portrayed renegade vampire leader *Jesse Hooker* in Kathryn Bigelow's Vampire cult film *Near Dark*.^[7]

Hard Target (1993) is one of Henriksen's favorite films. He especially enjoyed working with director John Woo, saying "He let me do some real work as an actor. 'No' never came out of his mouth; it was always 'What could this be?' He's one of the greatest directors ever; gentle, communicative and supportive. He caught everything that was important to me as an actor on film and oddly enough used the lot. The times I've seen my work and gone 'Jesus, they cut the behaviour, the motivation, the only reason I made the movie in the first place.' Not John. All my major scenes are intact." That film was also notable for a scene in which Henriksen was accidentally engulfed in flames, as a stunt double was not used. Although surprised, the film crew let the cameras keep rolling so that the incident became part of the final cut. Henriksen later commented, "My training makes me fight until the very last cell in my body collapses with exhaustion. I competed with Van Damme using tremendous will against his iron strength. I held my ground pretty well although I didn't really like him until we came to reshoot the ending to give it a higher octane finish." Reviewer Neil H. Jones stated that this film showed "Henriksen at his best. Henriksen's deep voice waxes eloquently to an unknown [sic] victim of the hunt, Elijah Roper (Willie Carpenter): "Think of what this \$10,000 can do for you (if you reach the river alive). You can have respect, you can restore yourself to dignity rather than the shadow of a man who used to be." Lance exudes confidence, intellect, and talent whether playing Beethoven on the piano or firing his Thompson-Contender handgun at Chance. His acting is so convincing, you would not want his steel-cold eyes to glance your way. If you like Lance, you'll love *Hard Target*."^[10] Henriksen portrayed gunfighters in westerns *Dead Man* and *The Quick And The Dead* and appeared alongside British actor Bruce Payne in *Aurora: Operation Intercept* in 1995. He would appear alongside Payne again in *Face the Evil* in 1997 and the dystopian classic *Paranoia 1.0* in 2004. That same year, he played the role of Sheriff Doug Barnum in the controversial film *Powder*.

In 1996, Henriksen starred in the television series *Millennium*, created and produced by Chris Carter, the creator of *The X-Files*. Henriksen played Frank Black, a former FBI agent who possessed a unique ability to see into the minds of killers. Carter created the role specifically for the actor. Henriksen's performances on *Millennium* earned him critical acclaim, a People's Choice Award nomination for Favorite New Male TV Star, and three consecutive Golden Globe nominations for Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series (1997–1999). The series was cancelled in 1999. Henriksen's daughter, Alcamy, appears uncredited in an episode of *Millennium*. He later moved to the state of Hawaii with his wife Jane Pollack and their daughter Sage Ariel.

No less than three prominent franchise roles have been written specifically for Henriksen, though he would only star in one of them. James Cameron wrote *The Terminator* (1984) hoping Henriksen would play the title character. Chris Carter created *Millennium* (1996) specifically for Henriksen, then convinced him to become hero Frank Black. Lastly, Victor Salva wrote *Jeebers Creepers* (2001) with Henriksen in mind for the role of the Creeper.

On television, Henriksen appeared in the ensemble of *Into the West* (2005), a miniseries executive-produced by Steven Spielberg. He has also appeared in a Brazilian soap opera, *Caminhos do Coração* (Ways of the Heart) from Rede Record, aired in 2007–2008. Henriksen guest-starred on a Season 6 episode of *NCIS* (2009) playing an Arizona sheriff, and appeared in a recurring role as The Major on NBC's *The Blacklist*.

In the years after *Millennium*, Henriksen has become an active voice actor, lending his distinctive voice to a number of animated features and video game titles. In Disney's *Tarzan* (1999) and its direct-to-video followup, he is Kerchak, the ape who serves as Tarzan's surrogate father. He provided the voice for the alien supervillain Brainiac in *Superman: Brainiac Attacks* (2006) and for the character Mulciber in *Godkiller* (2009). Henriksen is the voice of the character Molov in the video game *Red Faction II* (2002) and has also contributed to *GUN* (2005), *Run Like Hell* (2002), the canceled title *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (2004),^[11] and the role-playing game *Mass Effect* (2007) as Admiral Hackett of the Human Systems Alliance. Henriksen was also the voice behind PlayStation 3's internet promotional videos. In 2005, Henriksen was the voice of Andrei Rublev in Cartoon Network's *IGPX*. Currently, the actor is lending his voice to the animated television series *Transformers: Animated* as the character Lockdown. In 2009, Henriksen voiced Lieutenant General Shepherd in the award-winning game *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*. He would later voice Karl Bishop Weyland in *Aliens vs. Predator*; also, this character's appearance resembles Henriksen's. Henriksen voiced Master Gnost-Dural in *Star Wars: The Old Republic*, and he also reprised his role as Admiral Hackett in *Mass Effect 3*. He is also the narrator of the recent Verizon Droid commercials. Recently, Henriksen reprised his role as Bishop in *Aliens: Colonial Marines*.

Henriksen maintains a prominent role in live action television. He has starred in a 2003 series of Australian television commercials for Visa, titled *Unexplained* (about the raining of fish from the sky^[12] over Norfolk)^[13] and *Big Cats* (about the Beast of Bodmin Moor).^[14] In these commercials, Henriksen speaks as a Frank Black-type character about these phenomena as Mark Snow-inspired mysterious music plays in the background, as a link to Henriksen's former series, *Millennium*. *Unexplained* went on to a gold world medal at the 2004 New York Festivals.^[15]

In addition to his television and voice acting work, Henriksen continues to be active in film. He made a cameo appearance in the 2009 horror comedy *Jennifer's Body*, and starred in the After Dark Horrorfest film, *Scream of the Banshee*, released in 2011.^[16] He played Henry Gale in Leigh Scott's *The Witches of Oz*.^[17] It has been announced that Henriksen will star in *Frost Road*, the directoral debut of video game director Keith Aron.^[18] In January 2015 was signed for the lead of indie thriller *Monday at 11:01 A.M.* on the side of Briana Evigan.^[19]

In 2016 he starred in the horror *Lake Eerie*.

Art

Henriksen is also an accomplished ceramic artist and has work in the permanent collection of the American Museum of Ceramic Art.

Books

Autobiography

- Not Bad as a Human - The Life and Films of Lance Henriksen* - Lance Henriksen with co-author Joseph Maddrey, published in 2011 by Bloody Pulp Books, featuring art by Bill Sienkiewicz, Mike Mignola, Tom Mandrake, Tim Bradstreet, Eric Powell and Ashley Wood.

Comic books

- To Hell You Ride* (*5-issue comic book from Dark Horse Comics*) (2012) - Lance Henriksen and Joseph Maddrey (co-authors) with Tom Mandrake (artist)

Promotional videos

- To Hell You Ride* (*Motion-Comic Video from Dark Horse Comics*) (2012) - Lance Henriksen and Joseph Maddrey (co-authors), Tom Mandrake (artist), Lance Henriksen (narrator), TKU: Tecamachalco Underground (Cesar Gallegos/Mateo Latosa) (musical score)

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1961	<i>The Outsider</i>	U.S. Marine	Uncredited
1975	<i>Dog Day Afternoon</i>	Murphy	
1976	<i>Mansion of the Doomed</i>	Dr. Dan Bryan	
1976	<i>Network</i>	Network lawyer at Khan's place	
1976	<i>The Next Man</i>	Federal Security	
1977	<i>Close Encounters of the Third Kind</i>	Robert	
1978	<i>Damien: Omen II</i>	Sergeant Neff	
1979	<i>The Visitor</i>	Raymond Armstead	
1981	<i>Piranha II: The Spawning</i>	Police Chief Steve Kimbrough	
1981	<i>Prince of the City</i>	D.A. Burano	
1983	<i>Blood Feud</i>	Mel Pierce	TV film
1983	<i>Nightmares</i>	MacLeod	
1983	<i>The Right Stuff</i>	Wally Schirra	
1984	<i>The Terminator</i>	Detective Hal Vukovich	
1985	<i>Jagged Edge</i>	Frank Martin	
1985	<i>Savage Dawn</i>	Stryker	
1986	<i>Aliens</i>	Bishop	
1986	<i>On Dangerous Ground</i>	Brook Alastair	
1987	<i>Near Dark</i>	Jesse Hooker	
1988	<i>Pumpkinhead</i>	Ed Harley	
1989	<i>House III: The Horror Show</i>	Detective Lucas McCarthy	
1989	<i>Survival Quest</i>	Hank	
1989	<i>Johnny Handsome</i>	Rafe Garrett	
1989	<i>Hit List</i>	Chris Caleek	
1990	<i>The Pit and the Pendulum</i>	Torquemada	
1991	<i>Stone Cold</i>	Chains Cooper	
1992	<i>Jennifer 8</i>	Sgt. Freddy Ross	
1992	<i>Alien 3</i>	Bishop/Bishop II	
1992	<i>Delta Heat</i>	Jackson Rivers	
1993	<i>Excessive Force</i>	Devlin	
1993	<i>Super Mario Bros.</i>	The King	Cameo appearance
1993	<i>Man's Best Friend</i>	Dr. Jarret	
1993	<i>Hard Target</i>	Emil Fouchon	
1993	<i>Knights</i>	Job	
1994	<i>No Escape</i>	The Father	
1994	<i>Color of Night</i>	Buck	
1994	<i>Boulevard</i>	McClaren	
1994	<i>Felony</i>	Taft	
1995	<i>Aurora: Operation Intercept</i>	William Stenghel	
1995	<i>The Quick and the Dead</i>	Ace Hanlon	
1995	<i>Dead Man</i>	Cole Wilson	
1995	<i>Powder</i>	Sheriff Doug Barnum	
1995	<i>Mind Ripper</i>	Stockton	a.k.a. <i>The Outpost</i>
1995	<i>The Nature of the Beast</i>	Jack Powell	
1996	<i>Dusting Cliff 7</i>	Colonel Roger McBride	a.k.a. <i>Last Assassins</i>
1997	<i>Gunfighter's Moon</i>	Frank Morgan	
1997	<i>No Contest II</i>	Eric Dane / Erich Dengler	
1998	<i>The Day Lincoln Was Shot</i>	Abraham Lincoln	TV film
1999	<i>Tarzan</i>	Kerchak	Voice
2000	<i>Scream 3</i>	John Milton	
2001	<i>Lost Voyage</i>	David Shaw	TV film
2001	<i>The Mangler 2</i>	Headmaster Bradeen	
2002	<i>The Untold</i>	Harlan Knowles	a.k.a. <i>Sasquatch</i>
2003	<i>Antibody</i>	Dr. Richard Gaynes	
2003	<i>Mimic: Sentinel</i>	Garbage man	
2003	<i>Unspeakable</i>	Pitchford	
2004	<i>Modigliani</i>	Foster Kane	
2004	<i>Madhouse</i>	Dr. Franks	
2004	<i>Alien vs. Predator</i>	Charles Bishop Weyland	
2004	<i>Starwweather</i>	The Mentor	
2004	<i>Paranoia 1.0</i>	Howard	a.k.a. <i>One Point O</i>
2005	<i>Into the West</i>	Daniel Wheeler	TV miniseries
2005	<i>Tarzan II</i>	Kerchak	Voice
2005	<i>Supernova</i>	Colonel Harlan Williams	TV film
2005	<i>Hellraiser: Hellworld</i>	The Host	
2006	<i>When a Stranger Calls</i>	Voice of the Stranger	
2006	<i>The Garden</i>	Ben Zachary	
2006	<i>Abominable</i>	Ziegler Dane	
2006	<i>Sasquatch Mountain</i>	Chase Jackson	
2006	<i>The Da Vinci Treasure</i>	Dr. John Coven	
2006	<i>Superman: Brainiac Attacks</i>	Brainiac	Voice
2006	<i>Pirates of Treasure Island</i>	Long John Silver	
2006	<i>Pumpkinhead: Ashes to Ashes</i>	Ed Harley	TV film
2007	<i>Pumpkinhead: Blood Feud</i>	Ed Harley	TV film
2007	<i>Bone Dry</i>	Jimmy	
2007	<i>In the Spider's Web</i>	Dr. Lecorpus	TV film
2007	<i>The Chosen One</i>	Cardinal Fred (voice)	
2008	<i>Deadwater</i>	Col. John Willets	a.k.a. <i>Black Ops</i>
2008	<i>Dying God</i>	Chance	
2008	<i>Dark Reel</i>	Connor Pritchett	
2008	<i>Appaloosa</i>	Ring Shelton	
2008	<i>Necessary Evil</i>	Dr. Fibrian	
2008	<i>Pistol Whipped</i>	The Old Man	Direct-to-video
2008	<i>Prairie Fever</i>	Monte James	Direct-to-video
2008	<i>Aliens in the Dark II</i>	Abner Lundbert	Direct-to-video
2008	<i>Ladies of the House</i>	Frank Roper	TV film
2009	<i>Screamers: The Hunting</i>	Orsow	Direct-to-video
2009	<i>The Slamm'n' Salmon</i>	Dick Lobo	
2009	<i>The Seamstress</i>	Sheriff Virgil Logan	
2009	<i>The Lost Tribe</i>	Gallo	
2009	<i>Jennifer's Body</i>	Passing Motorist	Cameo
2010	<i>Cyrus</i>	Emmett	
2010	<i>The Genesis Code</i>	Dr. Hoffer	
2010	<i>Godkiller</i>	Mulciber	Voice
2010	<i>Scream of the Banshee</i>	Broderick Duncan	
2010	<i>Good Day for It</i>	Lyle Tyrus	
2010	<i>The Witches of Oz</i>	Henry Gale	
2010	<i>The Penitent Man</i>	Mr. Darnell	
2011	<i>Beautiful Wave</i>	Jimmy	
2011	<i>Monster Brawl</i>	God	Voice
2012	<i>The Arcadian</i>	Father Reed	
2012	<i>Astronaut: The Last Push</i>	Walter Moffitt	
2012	<i>My Dog the Champ</i>	Billy	
2013	<i>Gingerclown</i>	Braineater	Voice
2013	<i>The Book of Daniel</i>	Cyrus	
2013	<i>Phantom</i>	Markov	
2014	<i>The Sector</i>	Shadow Man	
2014	<i>Hollows Grove</i>	Bill	
2014	<i>Garm Wars: The Last Druid</i>	Wyddl ^[20]	
2015	<i>Harbinger Down</i>	Graff	
2015	<i>Fragile Storm</i>	Norman	Short film
2015	<i>Kids vs Monsters</i>	Heinrich	
2015	<i>Stung</i>	Caruthers	
2015	<i>Spirit Riders</i>	Rex	
2016	<i>Me Him Her</i>	The Stranger	
2016	<i>Lake Eerie</i>	Pop	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1980	<i>B.A.D. Cats</i>	Timothy	Pilot episode
1980	<i>Ryan's Hope</i>	Preston Post	
1983	<i>Gadgey & Lacey</i>	Johnny Nose	
1983	<i>Hardcastle and McCormick</i>	Deseau	
1984	<i>The A-Team</i>	Mack Dalton	Episode: "In Plane Sight"
1984	<i>Riptide</i>	John McMasters	Episode: "Raiders of the Lost Sub"
1984	<i>Legmen</i>	Finch	Episode: "A Woman's Work"
1984	<i>Gadgey & Lacey</i>	Sgt. King	
1984	<i>Hardcastle and McCormick</i>	Josh Fulton	
1989	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Snow	Episode: "Snow"
1990–1991	<i>Tales from the Crypt</i>	Reno Crevice, Sergeant Ripper	
1996–1999	<i>Millennium</i>	Frank Black	
1999	<i>The X-Files</i>	Frank Black	Episode: "Millennium"
1999	<i>Harsh Realm</i>	General	Pilot episode
2001	<i>The Legend of Tarzan</i>	Kerchack	Voice Episode: "Tarzan and Tublat's Revenge"
2004	<i>Static Shock</i>	Kobra Leader	Voice Episode: "Future Shock"
2005	<i>Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!</i>	Mobius Quint	Voice Episode: "Hunt for the Citadel of Bone"
2005	<i>Into the West</i>	Daniel Wheeler	Episode: "Hell on Wheels"
2005	<i>IGPX: Immortal Grand Prix</i>	Andrei Rublev	Voice Episode: "Time to Shine"
2007	<i>Caminhos do Coração</i>	Dr. Walker	
2008	<i>DEA</i>	Narrator	Voice
2008–2009	<i>Transformers: Animated</i>	Lockdown	Voice
2009	<i>NCIS</i>	Sheriff Clay Boyd	Episode: "South by Southwest"
2010	<i>The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes</i>	Grim Reaper	Voice
2010	<i>Castle</i>	Benny Stryker	Episode: "Close Encounters of the Murderous Kind"
2011	<i>Memphis Beat</i>	Tom Harrison	
2011	<i>The Dog Who Saved Halloween</i>	Prof. Eli Cole	
2012	<i>Tron: Uprising</i>	Tesler	Voice
2012	<i>The Legend of Korra</i>	The Lieutenant	Voice
2013	<i>Hannibal</i>	Lawrence Wells	Episode: "Trou Normand"
2014	<i>The Strain</i>	Narrator	Voice
2015	<i>The Blacklist</i>	Bill McCready	Episode: "Night Zero"
2015	<i>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles</i>	Zog	Voice Episode: "Dinosaur Seen in Sewers!"
2015	<i>Into the Badlands</i>	Penrith	
2016	<i>Criminal Minds</i>	Chazz Montolo	Episode: "A Beautiful Disaster"

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2002	<i>Run Like Hell</i>	Nick Conner	Voice
2002	<i>Red Faction II</i>	Molov	Voice
2002–2004	<i>Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse</i>	Abaddon	Voice
2005	<i>Gun</i>	Thomas MacGruder	Voice
2007	<i>Mass Effect</i>	Admiral Steven Hackett	Voice
2008	<i>Transformers Animated: The Game</i>	Lockdown	Voice
2009	<i>The Chronicles of Riddick: Assault on Dark Athena</i>	Max Dachter	Voice
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i>	General Sheperd	Voice
2010	<i>Aliens vs. Predator</i>	Karl Bishop Weyland	Voice and likeness
2011	<i>Mass Effect 2: Arrival</i>	Admiral Steven Hackett	Voice
2011	<i>Star Wars: The Old Republic</i>	Jedi Master Gnost-Dural	Voice ^[21]
2012	<i>Mass Effect 3</i>	Admiral Steven Hackett	Voice
2012	<i>Infex</i>	Hazelton	Voice
2013	<i>Aliens: Colonial Marines</i>	Bishop/Michael Weyland	Voice and younger likeness

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