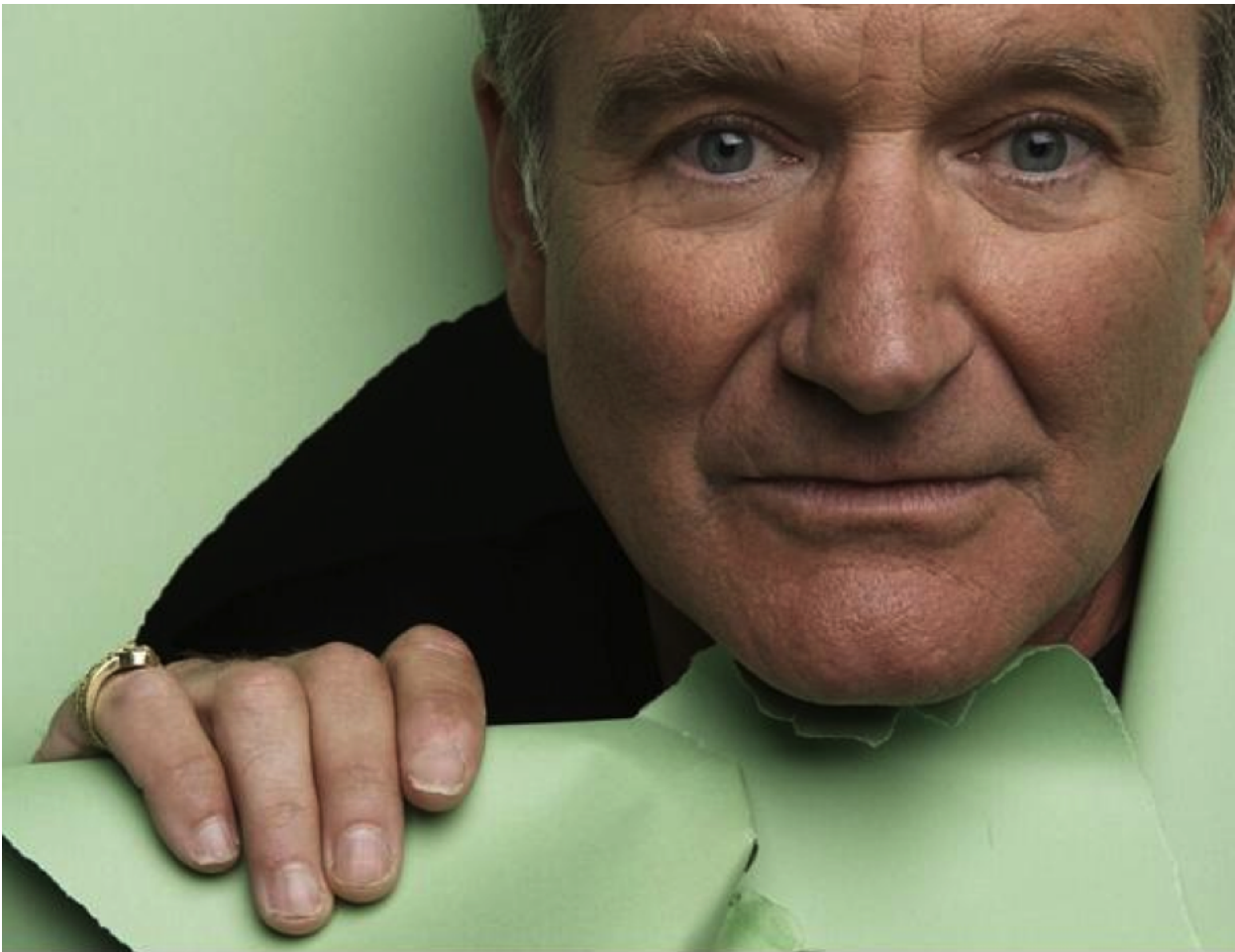


# ROBIN WILLIAMS TO BE HONORED BY EMMYS

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Remembrance will be 'proper and meaningful'



Robin Williams, the legendary actor and comedian who died last week, will be remembered at the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards on August 25. The life, work and good deeds of the actor will be celebrated at the 2014 televised event.

Usually, during the awards ceremony (and every awards ceremony), there is a moment, an “In Memoriam” segment”, when the show slows down to give a solemn nod to members of the TV industry who had major influences on the industry whether it be in front of or behind the camera. It’s at this point you see actors or behind the scenes aficionados you’ve never heard of. And it’s also the same time you’re totally shocked when you realized a certain actor died. “Wow! He/She died?” Unfortunately, **Williams’ death** was no secret. But the nature of his death is not preventing the event’s organizers from giving him a well-deserved send off. Executive producer of the show, Don Mischer said that plans for his tribute are already in the works. “While we are still coming to terms with this week’s tragic news, we are working to give Robin Williams the proper and meaningful remembrance he so well deserves,” he said.

#### **“Nanu Nanu!”**

Williams’ latest TV work was in CBS’ series, The Crazy Ones, where he starred as Simon Roberts, an executive at Chicago advertising agency “Lewis, Roberts and Roberts”. Roberts worked closely with his daughter and protégée, Sydney (played by Sarah Michelle Geller). The show was **cancelled after just one season**.



*Williams made his return to TV in 2013 in "The Crazy Ones" co-starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. It was cancelled after one season. (vertele.com)*

But that cancellation was just a blip on a very stellar television career. You say the name "Robin Williams", especially to people alive in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and they'll bring up **Mork and Mindy**. Williams played Mork, an extraterrestrial alien hailing from the planet Ork, arriving to earth in a small, one man, egg shaped spaceship. He befriends a human female, Mindy McConnell (Pam Dawber) and eventually becomes her roommate (and eventual love interest). The spin-off of the iconic sitcom Happy Days (Mork first appeared on TV in the Happy Days season 5 episode "**My Favorite Orkan**" in 1978) became a household name, mainly because of Williams' colorful portrayal of the alien. Mork's "Nanu Nanu" greeting helped to propel the show into great success, and it eventually became one of TV's best comedies. In 1997, the show's episode, "Mork's Mixed Emotions" was **ranked number 94** on TV Guide's 100 Greatest Episodes of All Time list. It lasted four seasons.

Other notable TV appearances included The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Friends, Whose Line Is It Anyway?, Law and Order: SVU, Saturday Night Live, Louie, and Wilfred. Also his HBO specials: Off The Wall, An Evening with Robin Williams, and Robin Williams: Live at the Met.



*"Mork and Mindy" helped put Williams on the map. (eonline.com)*

### **Film Excellence**

It's the Emmys and the main focus is on television, but there is no doubt that in his 'In Memoriam' tribute they'll make mention of his iconic films. Every generation since the advent of his career would have seen or heard him in his live action films as well as his animation projects. His **film portfolio** is extensive and includes acclaimed work like Popeye, Good Morning, Vietnam, Dead Poets Society, Awakenings, The Fisher King, Good Will Hunting, Aladdin, Mrs. Doubtfire, Jumanji, The Birdcage, Night at the Museum, and Happy Feet.

The ever busy Williams **had projects in the works** which are set to come out in the coming years, including Boulevard with Bob Odenkirk, and a new Night at the Museum sequel.

### **And the Statue Goes to....**

Williams was no stranger to accolades. In his more than 40 years in the business, he got nominated for the Academy Award four times – three Best Actor nominations and one Supporting actor nom, which he won for portraying therapist Dr. Sean Maguire in Good Will Hunting. He also received two Emmys, four Golden Globes



(including a **Cecil B. DeMille Award**), two Screen Actors Guild Awards, three People's Choice Awards, and five Grammys for his comedic recordings.



*Williams with his Academy Award for his supporting role in "Good Will Hunting". With him are Matt Damon and Ben Affleck with their Original Screenplay Academy Awards for the film. (cinefagosanonimos.blogspot.com/)*

### **Goodbye, Mr. Williams**

Last year's 'In Memoriam' segment took a different turn. In addition to the usual montage, five artists were honored separately (James Gandolfini, Cory Monteith, Gary David Goldberg, Jean Stapleton and Jonathan Winters), much to the anger of people in and out of the industry. Williams was **involved in that segment**, honoring his idol, Jonathan Winters. Now, in an ironic turn, it is Williams who will be among the honored in this year's tribute. Despite the uproar in hand picking the specially honored in the tribute, details for Williams' tribute are still being worked out.

The legend was discovered in his Tiburon, California home as a result of an apparent suicide. No note was found.

Goodbye, Mr. Williams.



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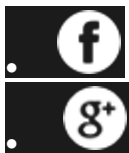
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