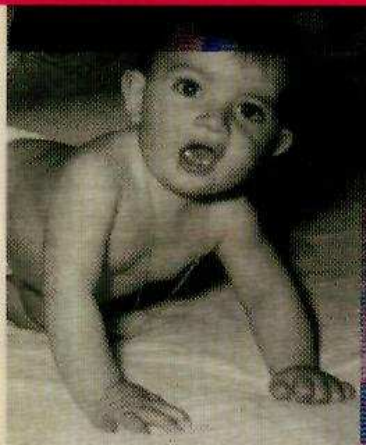
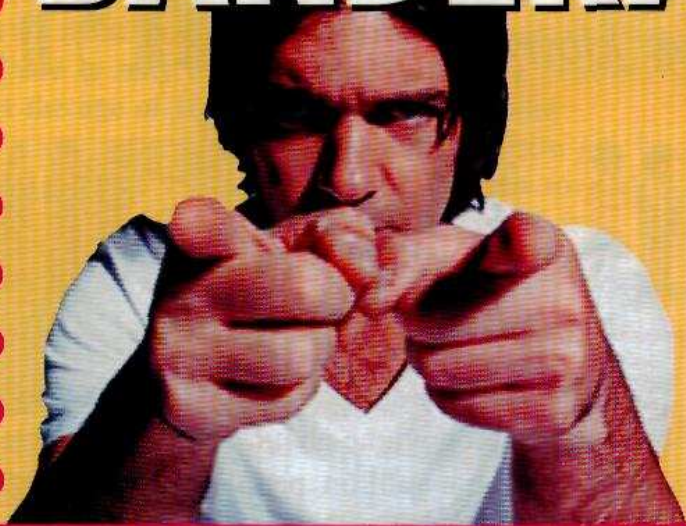
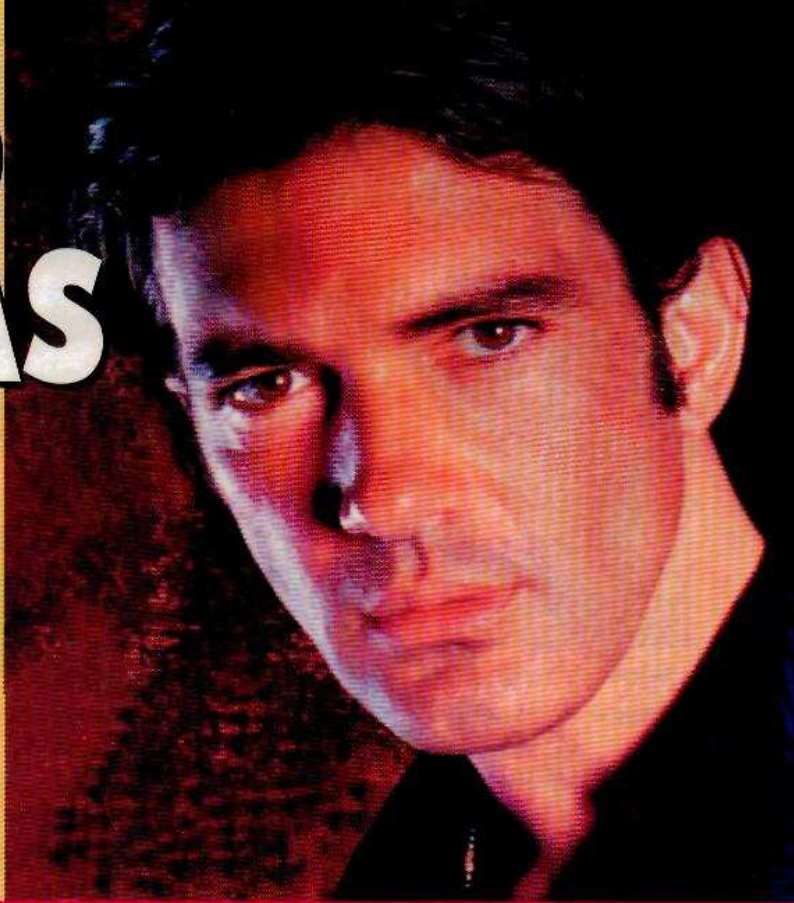


# ANTONIO BANDERAS



**Full name:** Jose Antonio Dominguez Banderas

**Date of birth:** 10th of August, 1960

**Star sign:** Leo

**Place of birth:** Malaga, Spain

**Parents:** His father was a police officer and his mother was a teacher.

**Childhood:** Antonio wanted to become a professional football player. At the age of 14 he had a foot injury. His sports career was over but the boy didn't want to give up. He decided to attend drama classes and soon realised his love for acting.

**Education:** School of Dramatic Arts in Malaga.

**Career:** He really started from scratch. At 15 he worked at the theatre company in Malaga, carrying stage-property and sweeping the floor. Sometimes he performed very small parts. Later he formed a travelling theatre

star sign знак зодиака  
Leo ['li:əu] Лев  
injury ['ɪndʒəri] травма  
career [kə'riə] карьера  
to give up сдаваться

to attend [ə'tend] посещать  
to start from scratch [skrætʃ] начать на голом месте, с нуля  
stage-property ['steɪdʒ'prɒpəti] реквизит  
to perform a part играть роль

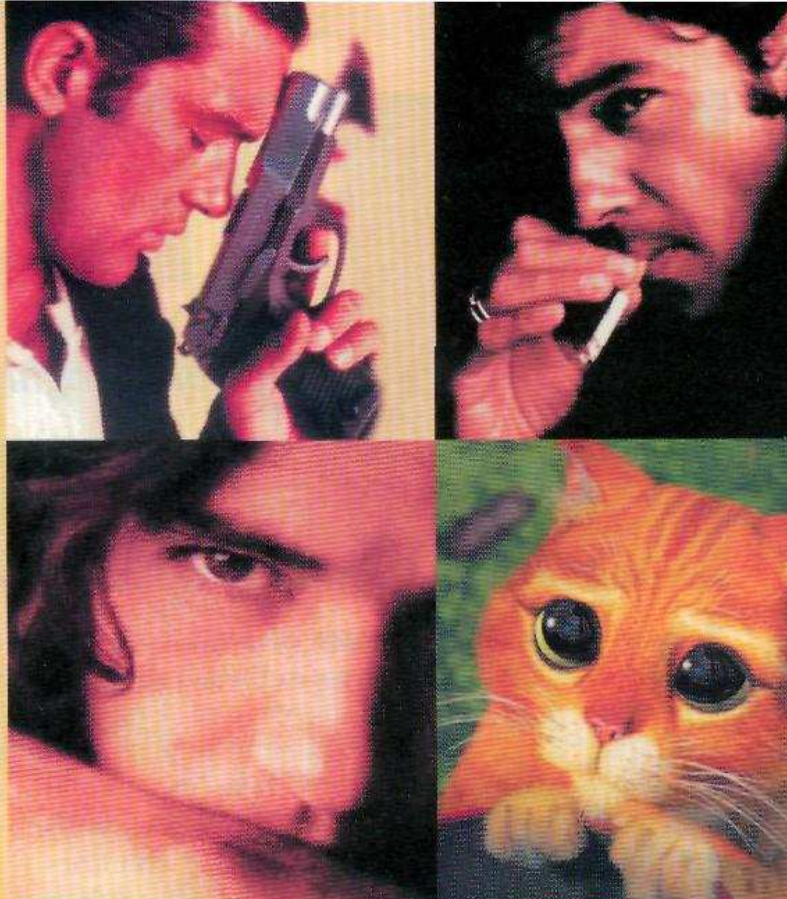
to tour [tuə] гастролировать, совершать театральное турне  
recognition [ˌrekəɡ'nɪʃn] признание  
to learn the lines эд. учить текст роли  
phonetically [fə'netikəli] фонетически, на слух  
to capture ['kæptʃə] the hearts завоевать сердца



company and toured through Spain. In Madrid Banderas joined the National Theatre of Spain where he was discovered by the famous film director Pedro Almodovar. Very soon he started acting in his movies.

**Hollywood:** In 1991 he acted in *Truth or Dare* where his partner was Madonna. A year later his role in *Mambo Kings* brought him recognition in the United States. At that time the Spanish actor didn't speak a word of English and had to learn the lines phonetically. However, since then he has made great progress.

**His films:** *Philadelphia* (1993), *Desperado* (1995), *Evita* (1998), *The mask of Zorro* (1998), *Frida* (2002). After *The Interview with a Vampire* he captured the hearts of women all over the world. In *Evita* Antonio's voice was not dubbed, he sang the songs himself.



In *Shrek* the actor provided the Puss in Boots' voice both in English and Spanish versions.

**Appearance:** He is usually described as the 'super sexy' guy or macho. In fact, he looks great. The 45 year-old actor works hard at keeping in shape.

**Character:** The actor is said to be kind, generous, very intelligent and optimistic. His love for his family, for Spain and for life itself is worthy of respect.

**Family:** Antonio is married to a famous actress, Melanie Griffith. They met in 1995. Both were married at that time. Their love was so strong that they divorced their spouses and married each other in 1996. They have a daughter, Estella del Carmen. Melanie Griffith has two children from her previous marriages. *Melanie and Antonio seem to be happy and very much in love.*

**Business:** Banderas and Griffith operate their own company, Green Moon Productions.

to dub [dʌb] дублировать  
to provide [prə'vaɪd] предоставлять, обеспечивать  
Puss [pus] in Boots кот в сапогах  
macho ['mæʃəʊ] мачо, настоящий, мужественный  
мужчина

to keep in shape сохранять форму  
to be worthy [wɜ:ði] быть достойным  
respect [rɪ'spekt] уважение  
generous ['dʒenərəs] щедрый,  
великодушный

to divorce [dɪ'vɔ:s] разводиться  
spouse [spaʊs] супруг, супруга  
previous ['pri:vɪəs] предыдущий  
marriage ['mæɪrɪʒ] брак  
to operate ['ɒpəreɪt] управлять