

# Who Was Harry Houdini

## Harry Houdini

professionally as Harry Houdini (/huːˈdiːni/ hoo-DEE-nee), was an American escapologist, illusionist, and stunt performer noted for his escape acts. Houdini first - Erik Weisz (March 24, 1874 – October 31, 1926), known professionally as Harry Houdini ( hoo-DEE-nee), was an American escapologist, illusionist, and stunt performer noted for his escape acts.

Houdini first attracted notice in vaudeville in the United States and then as Harry "Handcuff" Houdini on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to keep him locked up. Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water, and having to escape from and hold his breath inside a sealed milk can with water in it.

In 1904, thousands watched as Houdini tried to escape from special handcuffs commissioned by London's Daily Mirror, keeping them in suspense for an hour. Another stunt saw him buried alive and only just able to claw himself to the surface, emerging in a state of near-breakdown. While many suspected that these escapes were faked, Houdini presented himself as the scourge of fake spiritualists, pursuing a personal crusade to expose their fraudulent methods. As president of the Society of American Magicians, he was keen to uphold professional standards and expose fraudulent artists. He was also quick to sue anyone who imitated his escape stunts.

Houdini made several movies but quit acting when it failed to bring in money. He was also a keen aviator and became the first man to fly a powered aircraft in Australia.

## Bess Houdini

Houdini (née Rahner; January 23, 1876 – February 11, 1943) was an American stage assistant and wife of Harry Houdini. Wilhelmina Beatrice Rahner was born - Wilhelmina Beatrice "Bess" Houdini (née Rahner; January 23, 1876 – February 11, 1943) was an American stage assistant and wife of Harry Houdini.

## Houdini (miniseries)

It premiered on September 1, 2014. The series stars Adrien Brody as Harry Houdini and features the life of the legendary illusionist and escape artist - Houdini is a two-part, four-hour History Channel miniseries written by Nicholas Meyer and directed by Uli Edel. It premiered on September 1, 2014. The series stars Adrien Brody as Harry Houdini and features the life of the legendary illusionist and escape artist from poverty to worldwide fame.

## Michael Drayer

Timeless Casts Harry Houdini With Mr. Robot's Michael Drayer. TVLine. Yahoo Sports. Retrieved 17 January 2017. "Who Is Harry Houdini on 'Timeless'?"; - Michael Drayer (born March 19, 1986) is an American actor. He is best known for his recurring role as Cisco on the television drama-thriller series Mr. Robot, Gabe on the television drama series Deception, and for his supporting role as Eddie in Sneaky Pete. Drayer also acted in Vinyl, The Sopranos, The Following, Aquarius, Timeless, and Louie. In addition to television work, he also appeared in The Wrestler, August Rush, and Before I Disappear.

He also stars in season 3 of *Hightown*, playing drug dealer Owen Frawley.

## Who Killed Harry Houdini?

*Who Killed Harry Houdini?* is the second full-length studio album by Swedish indie pop band I'm from Barcelona, released on October 14, 2008. A streaming version of the album's single, "Paper Planes", was released on Spin on July 15, 2008. It was co-produced by band leader Emanuel Lundgren, and Fabian Torsson.

## Houdini Museum

The Houdini Museum is located at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Harry Houdini appeared in Scranton and did several special challenges there. His brother, Hardeen - The Houdini Museum is located at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Harry Houdini appeared in Scranton and did several special challenges there. His brother, Hardeen, also appeared in Scranton and in its sister city, Wilkes-Barre. The longest engagement of Houdini's career was in this area of northeast Pennsylvania when he spent two full seasons with the Welsh Brothers Circus. Documents and letters attesting to this are on display in the museum's renovated 125-year-old building and on its website. Houdini performed at Sylvester Z. Poli's theater for in Scranton, which was part of the Keith-Albee-Orpheum circuit at the time. This would later become the RKO Pictures circuit.

The Houdini Tour, show, and museum attraction is a popular Scranton attraction. The museum features memorabilia, artifacts, mannequins and films of Houdini. The Houdini Tour includes a magic show. A tour and show takes about two and a half to three hours.

The live show at the museum includes two nationally known magicians, Dorothy Dietrich and Dick Brooks.

## Houdini (1953 film)

and escape artist Harry Houdini, was written by Philip Yordan, based on the book *Houdini* by Harold Kellock. The film's music score was by Roy Webb and the - *Houdini* is a 1953 American Technicolor biographical film from Paramount Pictures, produced by George Pal and Berman Swartz, directed by George Marshall, that stars Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. The film's screenplay, based upon the life of magician and escape artist Harry Houdini, was written by Philip Yordan, based on the book *Houdini* by Harold Kellock. The film's music score was by Roy Webb and the cinematography by Ernest Laszlo. The art direction was by Albert Nozaki and Hal Pereira, and the costume design by Edith Head.

The film's storyline is a fictionalized account of Houdini's life. It details his beginnings as a carnival performer, later as a worker in a safe factory, and finally his international success as a world-renowned escape artist and stage magician. Following the death of his mother, he exposes various fraudulent mediums in the spiritualist movement, while always hoping to make contact with her. The film also follows his love for his wife Bess Houdini and his most dangerous stunts and stage illusions.

## Houdini (Dua Lipa song)

"Houdini" is a song by British/Albanian singer Dua Lipa. It was released on 9 November 2023 through Warner Records, as the lead single from Lipa's third - "Houdini" is a song by British/Albanian singer Dua Lipa. It was released on 9 November 2023 through Warner Records, as the lead single from Lipa's third studio album, *Radical Optimism* (2024). The song was produced by Danny L Harle and Kevin Parker. Lipa co-wrote the song with Harle, Parker, Caroline Ailin and Tobias Jesso Jr.

"Houdini" was met with critical acclaim by music critics, who praised the sonic evolution from her previous album *Future Nostalgia* (2020). Commercially, the song peaked at number one in the Flanders and Wallonia regions of Belgium. It reached number two on the UK Singles Chart and the top 10 in various countries, including Canada, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland and France. In the United States, the song peaked at number 11 on the Billboard Hot 100 and topped the Dance/Electronic Songs chart for 17 weeks. "Houdini" also peaked at number three on the Billboard Global 200. It became both a critical and commercial success.

The song and music video won multiple awards, including Top Dance/Electronic Song at the 2024 Billboard Music Awards, and Best Choreography at the 2024 MTV Video Music Awards and Most Performed Australian Work and Most Performed Pop Work at the APRA Music Awards of 2025.

## Theodore Hardeen

Theodore "Dash" Hardeen, was a Hungarian-American magician and escape artist who was the younger brother of Harry Houdini. Hardeen, who usually billed himself - Ferenc Dezs? Weisz (March 4, 1876 – June 12, 1945), known as Theodore "Dash" Hardeen, was a Hungarian-American magician and escape artist who was the younger brother of Harry Houdini. Hardeen, who usually billed himself as the "brother of Houdini", was the founder of the Magician's Guild. Hardeen was the first magician to conceive escaping from a straitjacket in full view of the audience, rather than behind a curtain.

## Houdini & Doyle

Houdini & Doyle is a television drama series loosely based on the real-world friendship of Harry Houdini and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. A 10-episode first - Houdini & Doyle is a television drama series loosely based on the real-world friendship of Harry Houdini and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. A 10-episode first season was ordered by Fox in the United States, ITV in the United Kingdom, and Global in Canada. The pilot episode was written by co-creators David Hoselton and David Titcher. The first episode was broadcast simultaneously on ITV and ITV Encore on Sunday 13 March 2016.

On August 3, 2016, Fox cancelled the series after one season.

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