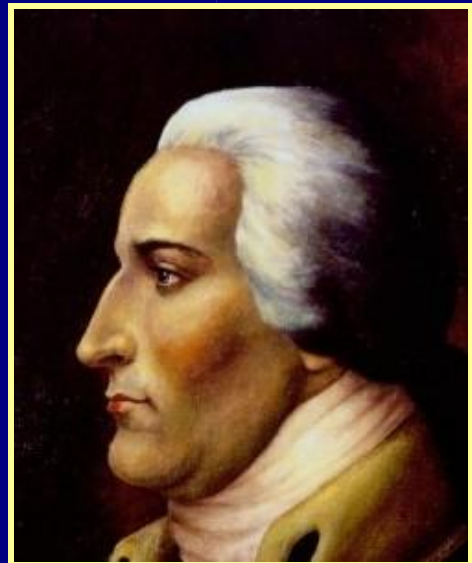


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Screenplay Adaptation

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George Washington and Benedict Arnold

A Tale of Two Patriots

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LOGLINE

Washington and Arnold is the story of George Washington, the stalwart leader of the American Revolution, who becomes the father of his country and the story of Benedict Arnold "the Hero of Saratoga," who is ultimately seduced to betray his country by a ruthless young woman from Philadelphia.

Washington & Arnold



A month after Lexington and Concord Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen capture Fort Ticonderoga.



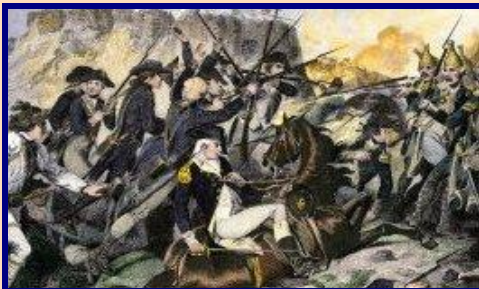
Cannons are brought to Boston during the winter



British evacuate Boston, March 17, 1776
July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence Signed



After the Continental Army is defeated on Long Island, Washington retreats to Valley Forge. Washington defeats Hessians and captures Trenton.



Benedict Arnold leads victory at Saratoga. Arnold is wounded and his leg is crushed under a horse. French enter the war.



Benedict Arnold goes to Philadelphia and there he meets and marries Peggy Shippen. They plot to turn West Point over to British.



British Major John Andre is caught and hanged as a spy. Benedict Arnold and Peggy Shippen flee America.



Washington defeats the British at Yorktown. He retires from the Continental Army to Mt. Vernon where he is revered as the Father of his Country.

SYNOPSIS

Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen of the Green Mountain Boys lead the Americans into the Revolutionary War with their capture of Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. The thirty-four-year-old Colonel in the Connecticut Militia becomes an instant hero among the Revolutionary Americans for his bravery and audacity.

The cannons that guard the fort are dragged back to Boston that winter over miles of icy roads and frozen streams and rivers.

George Washington is appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and takes charge of the American forces that have locked the British in Boston. Washington secretly moves the cannons to the top of Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston and begins a bombardment of the city that forces the British to depart Boston, never to return.

On July 4, 1776, the Americans declare their independence from England in Philadelphia. This joyous declaration is the result of the heroic and aggressive military actions of Benedict Arnold and George Washington.

George Washington tries to defend New York City but the untried American troops are overwhelmingly defeated on Long Island. Washington engineers a daring night time withdrawal. The Continental Army is forced to enter Manhattan. Eventually, it is forced out of New York and New Jersey. The army heads south and crosses the Delaware to camp at Valley Forge.

The British move south from Montreal to cut the Colonies in-half at Albany. The American forces face the British Army at Saratoga. In a vicious battle, Benedict Arnold shows unparalleled bravery under fire and single-handedly turns the tide for an American victory.

On December 24, 1777, George Washington leads the Continental forces across the Delaware to attack the Hessians at Trenton. The American forces surprise and capture Trenton. Washington repulses a counterattack by the British and then escapes with the American forces to Morristown, NJ. There the army establishes a safe haven from which the British can be attacked throughout New Jersey.

The British occupy Philadelphia and the lovely Peggy Shippen, daughter of a prominent judge begins a flirtatious relationship with the handsome Captain John Andre. After the British withdraw to New York, Benedict Arnold is stationed in Philadelphia as commander of the defenses of the city. He meets, falls in love with and marries Peggy Shippen.

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D)

Peggy Shippen has remained in contact with John Andre, who is now stationed with the British army in New York City. She arranges coded communication between her husband and the British. Benedict Arnold tells the British he will change sides in return for a general's rank in the army and ten thousand pounds.

Benedict Arnold is given the command of West Point and arranges to meet John Andre in Westchester. The meeting goes awry. Major John Andre is captured by the Americans and the plot is revealed.

Benedict Arnold flees to New York City while his wife remains behind at West Point. She feigns grief and madness to Washington, convincing him that she did not know of her husband's treachery.

Major John Andre is court-martialed by the Americans and hanged in Tappan, New York.

Washington and his army defeat the British at the Battle of Yorktown with the aid of the French fleet. The Americans have won the Revolution.

Benedict Arnold and Peggy Shippen flee to England, his name forever synonymous with treachery and treason.

George Washington retires from the Army at Fraunces Tavern in New York City with full honors and the everlasting devotion of his loyal officers.

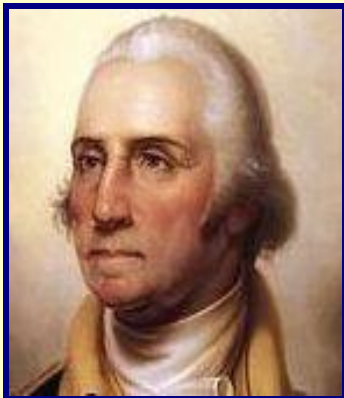
Suggested Cast
In Alphabetical Order



George Clooney



Bradley Cooper



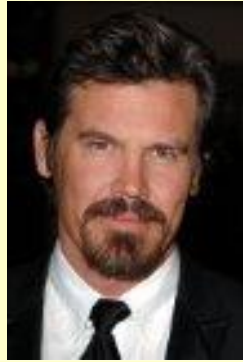
George Washington 40's



Russell Crowe



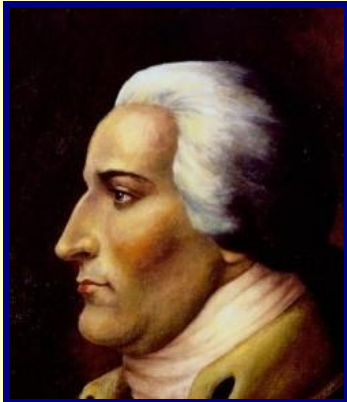
Gary Oldman



Josh Brolin



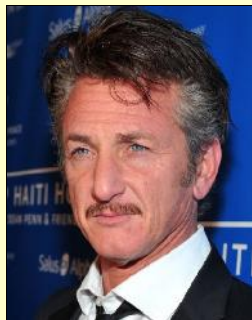
Nicholas Cage



Benedict Arnold 40's



Matt Damon



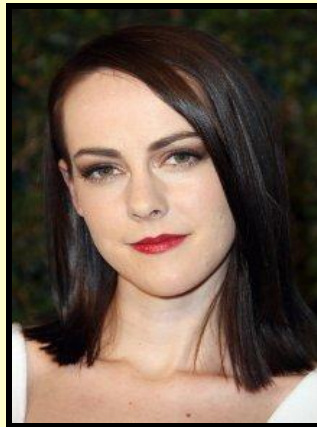
Sean Penn



**Scarlett
Johansson**



Peggy Shippen 20's



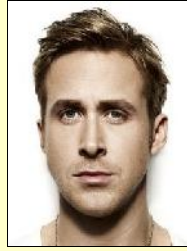
Jena Malone



Kirsten Dunst



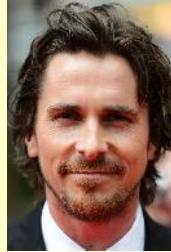
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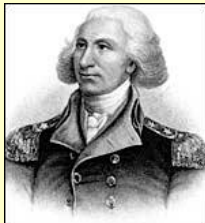
Ryan Gosling



Major John Andre 30's



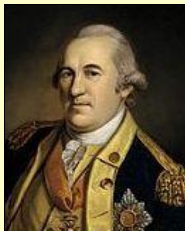
Christiana Bale



Philip Schuyler 40's



Tom Hanks



Baron Von Steuben 40's



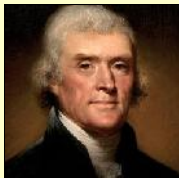
Richard Dreyfuss



General Charles Lee 40's



Kenneth Branagh



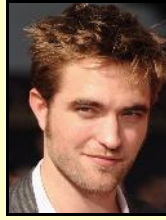
Thomas Jefferson 30's



Leonardo DiCaprio



Lafayette 20's



Robert Pattinson



Judge Edward Shippen 40's



Alan Rickman



John Adams 30's



Phillip Seymour Hoffman



Martha Washington 40's



Nicole Kidman



Ethan Allen 30's



David Schwimmer



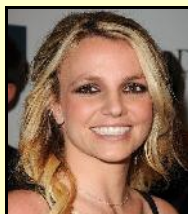
Benjamin Franklin 70's



Christopher Plummer



Molly Pitcher 20's



Britney Spears

MAIN CHARACTERS

GEORGE WASHINGTON: (44) Father of his country, hero, soldier, patriot. The film provides an intimate glance at the Revolutionary, larger than life figure. It portrays his indomitable bravery and courage under fire and his stonewall determination to win the war despite innumerable obstacles. Our film also depicts his more human side, including his regrets at his indecisions and a naive belief in the woman who betrayed her country -- 582 lines

BENEDICT ARNOLD: (35) Ultimately, his name became synonymous with betrayal and treason. Less well-known was his leadership role as the hero of Fort Ticonderoga and Saratoga. The first plunged America into war and the second was the turning point of the Revolution. Eventually, bitter and distraught over personal slights, Arnold betrays his fellow soldiers and country for which he fought so bravely -- 336 lines

PEGGY SHIPPEN: (16) The clever and seductive daughter of a Philadelphia judge. Washington is entranced by the young Peggy. The British captain, John Andre, flirts with Peggy and paints a flattering portrait of her while the British occupy Philadelphia. When the Americans reoccupy Philadelphia, General Benedict Arnold is soon courting and then marries Peggy. She is instrumental in arranging and supporting her husband's treason -- 115 lines

ALEXANDER HAMILTON: (21) Captain of Artillery in the attack on Trenton. Washington's devoted aide -- 90 lines

MAJOR JOHN ANDRE: (26) British major who comes ashore to meet with Benedict Arnold. He is captured and hanged for spying -- 68 lines

PHILIP SCHUYLER: (43) American General and Albany patriot, responsible for the northern division and protecting New York from invasion from Canada -- 56 lines

BARON VON STEUBEN: (46) Drillmaster of the Revolution. He helps Washington transform the Continental Army into an effective fighting force -- 11 lines

GENERAL CHARLES LEE: (44) American General -- 52 lines

THOMAS JEFFERSON: (33) Creator of the Declaration of Independence -- 47 lines

LAFAYETTE: (19) Young French General supporting the Revolution -- 20 lines

JUDGE EDWARD SHIPPEN: (47) American civilian -- 20 lines

JOHN ADAMS: (41) American Patriot -- 19 lines

MARTHA WASHINGTON: (45) George Washington's wife -- 9 lines

ETHAN ALLEN: (38) American Patriot leader of the Green Mountain Boys -- 6 lines

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: (70) American Patriot -- 4 lines

MOLLY PITCHER: (20) American Patriot at battle of Monmouth, NJ

(Note: all ages as of 1776)

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

GENERAL CLINTON: British General -- 31 lines

GENERAL CORNWALLIS: British General -- 16 lines

GENERAL HOWE: British General-- 6 lines

MEMBER OF PARIAMENT ONE: British Parliament -- 24 lines

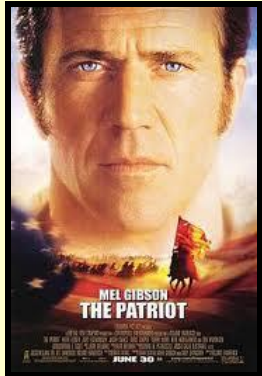
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TWO: British Parliament -- 12 lines

BRITISH CORPORAL WALLINGFORD: British enlisted man -- 7 lines

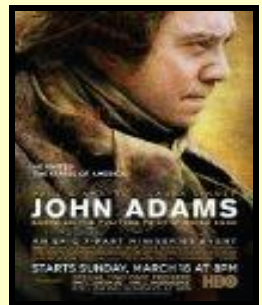
PRESIDENT OF CONVENTION: delegate to Convention -- 44 lines

JOSEPH STANSBURY: American civilian -- 28 lines

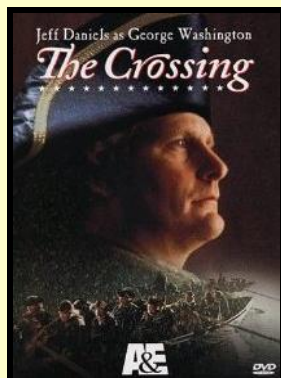
Historical dramas have won numerous dramatic awards and the hearts of a wide demographic.



**Won 4 Golden Globes.
Another 33 wins & 24
nominations**



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nominations**



**Nominated for Primetime
Emmy. Another 2 wins**



**Won 2 Primetime Emmys.
Another 1 win
& 5 nominations**

THE UNIQUE APPEAL OF WASHINGTON & ARNOLD

Our original movie, *Washington & Arnold*, depicts the unique triangular relationship of George Washington, Benedict Arnold and his wife Peggy Shippen that has never been seen before on the screen or acknowledged in history.

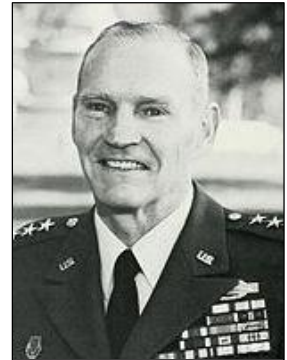
The proposed film is:

- **a large scale, action-adventure film** with challenging roles for a prestigious cast. It is a true story of drama, intrigue and heroism, portraying the emotional highs as the Americans first believe they have defeated the British and driven them from the country, transitioning to desperation and despair as a beaten starving Continental Army, struggling to survive.
- **a revealing personal story** of the two most important men in the American Revolution: George Washington and Benedict Arnold, depicting their heroic struggles as courageous patriots and soldiers.
- **a dramatic re-enactment of the destructive personal weakness** of a fabled American hero, Benedict Arnold. More concerned with personal glory, wealth and fame than winning the Revolution, he betrays his band of brothers and country.
- **a fascinating account of a manipulative young woman**, Peggy Shippen, who marries the older Benedict Arnold and then conspires with him to turn West Point over to the British.
- **a compelling portrayal of the endurance, fortitude and personal courage** of George Washington, Father of his Country.

Biographies

General Dave R. Palmer—Book Author, Technical Consultant

Dave R. Palmer is a retired lieutenant general of the United States Army, two–tour veteran of Vietnam, former superintendent of West Point, and accomplished military historian specializing in the campaigns of George Washington and the eighteenth–century American army. He is the author of many books, including *The Summons of the Trumpet*, *The Way of the Fox*, *George Washington: First in War* and *George Washington and Benedict Arnold, A Tale of Two Patriots*. General Palmer’s latest book was released in May of this year: *George Washington’s Military Genius*, published by Regnery History.

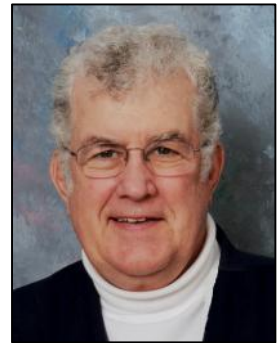


He has served as a narrator and consultant for documentaries which aired on the History Channel and The Learning Channel: *The American Revolution* (The History Channel); *Benedict Arnold* (A&E Biography Series); *George Washington* (A&E Biography Series); *West Point* (Modern Marvels); *West Point* (PBS); *The Hudson* (PBS); *Washington the Warrior* (The History Channel); *Benedict Arnold* (The History Channel). He often appears as a commentator in television documentaries about the Revolutionary War period and its generals.

General Palmer will serve as a technical consultant on the film, *Washington & Arnold*.

Paul Streitz—Screenplay Writer

Paul Streitz is the author of *Oxford: Son of Queen Elizabeth I*, a biography of Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, better known to the world as the playwright "William Shakespeare." His work was the historical foundation of the recent movie *Anonymous* directed by Roland Emmerich. He is also the author of the screenplay, *Elizabeth's Son*, which is a biographical motion picture of the Earl of Oxford. Mr. Streitz has adapted *George Washington and Benedict Arnold, A Tale of Two Patriots* as a motion picture screenplay.



His other credits include being the co-author of two musicals *OH, JOHNNY* and *Madison Avenue, the subliminal musical*. He is a graduate of Hamilton College and the University of Chicago. He served as a platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam. He lives in Darien, CT with wife, daughter and small dog.

REVIEWS

George Washington and Benedict Arnold; A Tale of Two Patriots

by Dave Richard Palmer (Author)

424 pages, Regnery Publishing, 2006

From the Inside Flap

Two great patriots. Two giants of the battlefield. Yet one became our greatest hero, and one became our most notorious traitor. In this enthralling new dual biography—one of the very few to deal with Benedict Arnold—military historian and former superintendent of West Point Dave R. Palmer shows how and why George Washington became the Father of our Country while Benedict Arnold became a Man without a Country.

It was a surprising turn of events. No man was more ardent for the patriot cause and more recklessly brave on the battlefield than Benedict Arnold. After the first three years of the Revolutionary War, every patriot recognized as our two greatest warriors George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, and twice battle-wounded Benedict Arnold, captor of Fort Ticonderoga, invader of Canada, and victor at the battle of Saratoga. Washington and Arnold admired each other. Washington saw Arnold as a true fighting soldier whose merits were unjustly neglected by his superiors and the Continental Congress. Arnold respected Washington as a worthy Commander-in-Chief. They even shared enemies—both men were subject to jealous conspiracies against them ranging from plotting generals and petty politicians (including, in Washington's case, John Adams).

But while Washington rose above his enemies, Arnold became embittered by them. With a character less stoic than Washington's, in pain from his battlefield wounds, and with slow twists of mind, heart, character, and decision, Arnold, in charge of Fortress West Point, finally committed himself to betraying the cause that he had previously served so well. In dramatic fashion, *George Washington and Benedict Arnold: A Tale of Two Patriots* unveils a chapter of American history that rivals any novel or film for action, intrigue, and romance. It is a story that few Americans know, but that every American should.

From Publishers Weekly

Fateful turns, choices and escapes from certain death dominate this captivating story of the most compelling figures of the Revolutionary War. When General George Washington appointed Benedict Arnold military commander of the Philadelphia region, military historian Palmer argues, he was not only making one of the worst personnel decisions of his career, but was also creating the conditions for the "Traitor of America" to commit his crime. Stark contrasts and similarities between two men show how their choices informed their destiny. The son of an alcoholic, Arnold became a wealthy merchant before he took up arms against the British, but distinguishing himself on the battlefield was not enough to earn Arnold the prestige he perpetually sought. Washington, who grew up on a tranquil farm, was the beneficiary of guidance from influential figures and was groomed to be a leader. Palmer has a talent for building momentum and suspense, but his most skilled turn is as profiler of the military comrades who would later be foes.

Joseph J. Ellis, author of *His Excellency: George Washington*

This is a military history in the grand style. It is really a book about character--the special character of the eighteenth-century battlefield, and the way wear tested characters of the greatest leader and the greatest traitor in American History

Richard Brookhiser, senior editor, *National Review*, and author of *Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington*.

First in war, first in the hearts of his countrymen, first in treason Dave Palmer's gripping double portrait of Washington and Arnold shows how two great fighters grappled with long odds, doughty enemies, jealous comrades, and clueless politicians, and how one of them lost the battle with himself.

James Kirby Martin, author of the award-winning *Benedict Arnold, Revolutionary Hero: And American Warrior Reconsidered*

In this beautifully, written narrative, Dave R. Palmer investigates the martial relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold, two great leaders of the American Revolution, one of whom became the Father of his Country and the other its best-known villain. From beginning to end, a rousingly good and important story. Highly recommended.

Theodore J. Crackel, editor in chief, *The Papers of George Washington*

Palmer, examines the lives of two men, George Washington and Benedict Arnold, cut from much the same cloth, led by providence down similar paths, brought close in war by those qualities they shared, but whose different moral character ultimately earned the one fame and the other infamy. It is a complex tale, skillfully told. Palmer brings the insights of a soldier and a scholar, and his telling of the story will appeal to all readers.