



Steven Vincent "Steve" Buscemi (/buːʃɛmi/, *boo-SHEM-ee*; born December 13, 1957) is an American actor, writer and film director. An associate member of the renowned experimental theater company The Wooster Group, he has starred in successful Hollywood and indie films including *Miller's Crossing*

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Reservoir Dogs

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Desperado

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Fargo

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Con Air

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The Big Lebowski

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Armageddon

, and

Big Fish

, as well as in the TV series

The Sopranos

and

Boardwalk Empire

, the latter of which earned him a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Television Series Drama.

Steve Buscemi was born in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Dorothy, who worked as a hostess at Howard Johnson's, and John Buscemi, a sanitation worker and Korean War veteran. Buscemi's grandfather was a Sicilian from the town of Menfi in the south of Sicily, and his mother was Irish American.^{[3][4][5]} He has three brothers: Jon, Ken, and Michael. Buscemi was raised Roman Catholic.

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He graduated in 1975 from Valley Stream Central High School in Valley Stream, New York, a school which he attended with actress Patricia Charbonneau. In high school, Buscemi wrestled for the varsity squad and participated in the drama troupe, at the time it was directed by Mr. Lynne C. Lappin. Buscemi's 1996 film *Trees Lounge*, in which he not only starred but served as screenwriter and director, is set in and was largely shot in his childhood village of Valley Stream.

Buscemi briefly attended Nassau Community College before moving to Manhattan to enroll in the Lee Strasberg Institute. In the early 1980s, Buscemi also worked as a firefighter for four years on FDNY Engine 55. After 9/11, Buscemi returned to Engine 55 and worked alongside other firefighters to sift through the rubble from the World Trade Center.

Steve was a New York City fireman from 1980 to 1984, with Engine Company #55 in the Little Italy section of New York.

In April 2001, while shooting the film *Domestic Disturbance* in Wilmington, North Carolina, Buscemi was slashed and badly scarred on the face while intervening in a bar fight at the Firebelly Lounge between his friend Vince Vaughn, screenwriter Scott Rosenberg and a local man, who allegedly instigated the brawl.

On March 4, 2005, Buscemi returned to his old high school where he was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award as part of the school's 75th anniversary celebration.

Buscemi has one son, Lucian, with his wife Jo Andres.

Filmography

Year	Film	Role
1985	<i>Tommy's</i>	Tommy
1986	<i>The Way It Is</i>	Willy/Raphael
	Parting Glances Nick	
	<i>Sleepwalk</i> Worker	
1987	Kiss Daddy Goodnight	Johnny
	Heart Nicky	
	No Picnic Dead Pimp	
1988	Call Me Switchblade	
	Heart of Midnight Eddy	
	Arena Brains	
1989	Slaves of New York Wilfredo	
	Mystery Train Charlie the Barber	
	Lonesome Dove Luke	
	New York Stories Gregory Stark	
	Borders Ted	
	Bloodhounds of Broadway Whining Willie	
1990	Tales from the Darkside: The Movie	Bellingham
	Force of Circumstance	
	King of New York Test Tube	
	Miller's Crossing Mink	
1991	Life Is Nice Convenience Store Clerk	
	Zandalee OPP Man	

[Barton Fink](#) Chet
[Billy Bathgate](#) Irving
1992 [In the Soup](#) Aldolpho Rollo
[Reservoir Dogs](#) Mr. Pink
[CrissCross](#) Drug Dealer
1993 [Twenty Bucks](#) Frank
[Rising Sun](#) Willy 'the Weasel' Wilhelm
[The Adventures of Pete & Pete](#) Phil Hickle
[Ed And His Dead Mother](#) Ed Chilton
[Trusting Beatrice aka Claude](#)
[Tales from the Crypt](#) Ike
1994 [The Search for One-eye Jimmy](#) Ed Hoyt
[The Hudsucker Proxy](#) Beatnik Barman at Ann's 440
[Airheads](#) Rex
[Pulp Fiction](#) " [Buddy Holly](#) " waiter
[The Last Outlaw](#) Former Confederate soldier and outlaw Philo
[Floundering](#) Ned
[Somebody to Love](#) Mickey
[Who Do I Gotta Kill?](#)
1995 [Billy Madison](#) Danny McGrath
[Living in Oblivion](#) Nick Reve
[Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead](#) Mister Shhh
[Desperado](#) Buscemi
1996 [Fargo](#) Carl Showalter
[Escape from L.A.](#) Map to the Stars Eddie
[Trees Lounge](#) Tommy
[Kansas City](#) Johnny Flynn
1997 [Con Air](#) Garland 'The Marietta Mangler' Greene
[The Real Blonde](#) Nick Reve
1998 [The Big Lebowski](#) Theodore Donald 'Donny' Kerabatsos
[Divine Trash](#) Himself
[The Impostors](#) Happy Franks
[The Wedding Singer](#) David 'Dave' Veltri
[Armageddon](#) Rockhound
[Louis & Frank](#) Drexel
1999 [Big Daddy](#) Homeless Guy
2000 [28 Days](#) Cornell Shaw
[Animal Factory](#) A.R. Hosspack
2001 [Ghost World](#) Seymour
[Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within](#) Officer Neil
[The Grey Zone](#) 'Hesch' Abramowics
[Double Whammy](#) Jerry Cubbins
[Domestic Disturbance](#) Ray Coleman
[Monsters, Inc.](#) Randall Boggs
2002 [Deadrockstar](#) Reverend Ely
[Love in the Time of Money](#) Martin Kunkle

[Mr. Deeds](#) Crazy Eyes
[13 Moons](#) Bananas The Clown
[The Laramie Project](#) Doc O'Conner
[Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams](#) Romero
 2003 [Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over](#) Romero
[Coffee and Cigarettes](#) Waiter (Segment "Twins")
[Big Fish](#) Norther Winslow
 2002–2006 [The Sopranos](#) [Tony Blundetto](#) / Man
 2004 [Home on the Range](#) Wesley
 2005 [Lonesome Jim](#)
[The Island](#) James McCord
 2006 [Art School Confidential](#) Broadway Bob D'Annunzio
[Monster House](#) Nebbercracker
[Charlotte's Web](#) Templeton the Rat
[Dust to Dust: The Health Effects of 9/11](#) Narrator
 2007 [I Think I Love My Wife](#) George Sianidis
[Paris, je t'aime](#) The tourist (segment 'Tuileries')
[Interview](#) Pierre Peters
[I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry](#) Clint Fitzer
[The Simpsons](#) Dwight
[Delirious](#) Les Galantine
[Romance & Cigarettes](#) Angelo
[30 Rock](#) Lenny Wosniak
 2008 [ER](#) Mr. Masterson
[Igor](#) Scamper
 2009 [Rage](#) Frank
[John Rabe](#) Dr. Robert Wilson
[G-Force](#) Bucky
[The Messenger](#) Dale Martin
[Handsome Harry](#) Thomas Kelley
 2010 [Saint John of Las Vegas](#) John Alighieri
[Youth in Revolt](#) George Twisp
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Nominated — [Independent Spirit Award for Best First Feature](#) (shared with
[Chris Hanley](#)
[Brad Wyman](#)
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Nominated — [Chlotrudis Award for Best Director](#)
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[Kansas City Film Critics Circle Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
[Las Vegas Film Critics Society Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
[National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
[New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
[Online Film Critics Society Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
[Vancouver Film Critics Circle Award for Best Actor](#)
[Village Voice Film Poll - Best Supporting Performance](#)
Nominated — [American Film Institute Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
Nominated — [Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor - Motion Picture](#)
Nominated — [Phoenix Film Critics Society Award for Best Supporting Actor](#)
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TV (Episode: [I Don't Wanna Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#))

[Delirious](#) Les Galantine

[Romance & Cigarettes](#) Angelo

[30 Rock](#) Lenny Wosniak TV (4 Episodes)
Nominated — [Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor - Comedy Series](#) (2008)

2008 [ER](#) Mr. Masterson TV (1 Episode)

[Igor](#) Scamper Voice

2009 [Rage](#) Frank

[John Rabe](#) Dr. Robert Wilson Nominated — [German Film Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role](#)

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[Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series](#)

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post-production

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