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**From Paudo
to Hollywood:
A brief excerpt**

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From Pauto and Giubiasco to Hollywood's spotlights

A triptych of actors

I. Rudy Solari

Pauto di Pianezzo and Giubiasco share the primate in Tessin for the artistic contribution they have given to American theater, television and cinematography in the time period spanning from 1950 to 1980. This was possible thanks to Rudy Solari's art, his son Dru's, and the nephew Gary Grimes, his sister Lucilla's son. Rudy Solari's origins trace back to the Solari family in Pauto: Rudy's grandfather, Agostino Solari (1853), son of Pietro Solari and Martina née Jorio, married with Emilia in 1885, née Mossi (1865), daughter of Antonio Mossi and Giuseppa née Buletti.

His grandfather was a herdsman, who later started the ancient practice of transhumance in 1886. By summer he lived in Pauto's montains, while he spent winters

in Giubiasco Palasio, into the Rusca mansions he bought along with a stable. Agostino Solari had nine sons: Pietro, born in Giubiasco in 1886; the remaining ones were all born in Pianezzo: Edoardo in 1890, Giuseppe in 1893, Rodolfo in 1895, Dorina in 1897, Enrico in 1900, Livia in 1902, Angelo in 1905 and Assunta in 1909.

One among them, Rodolfo, who was the first doorkeeper in uniform in Giubiasco's borough, married with creche teacher Amabile née Chiminelli (1897) and in 1922, after serving as his sister Livia's bridesman in her marriage with Paolo Berta, he migrated to California. Rodolfo had there a son and a daughter: Rudy and Lucilla, wed Grimes.

Rudy Solari was born on December 21st, 1934 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, and perished of cancer in Indio, on April 23rd, 1991, at the age of fifty-six.

Rudy Solari was a very prolific actor, mainly in television and theater shows (1950 to 1980), but he was much better known in his



Rudy Solari's grandmother Emilia and grandfather Agostino. In the middle, aunt Assunta.

field as an art and acting teacher.

Rudy Solari initially studied law, but then he graduated from San Francisco State College after following acting classes in figurative arts, and debuted in feature movies with a role in Stanley Kramer's 1961 film Judgment at Nuremberg.

His first TV appearances date back to the same period, and afterwards to 1966's Mission Impossible, as well as the original Star Trek series.

He also distinguished himself for his work in 1963's anthological series The Outer Limits, and he was a guest in a large number of TV series in the 60's.

During the 70's, Solari formed his own theater company in Los Angeles, and eventually became known as an acting teacher. Later on, he directed the UCLA's acting programme.



Rudy Solari's parents Rodolfo and Amabile Chiminelli in 1982, during a visit to their relatives in Giubiasco and Valle Morobbia.

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Rudy Solari in the role of Alejandro Tomas in the episode The Last Battle, from the 1961 series Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea,

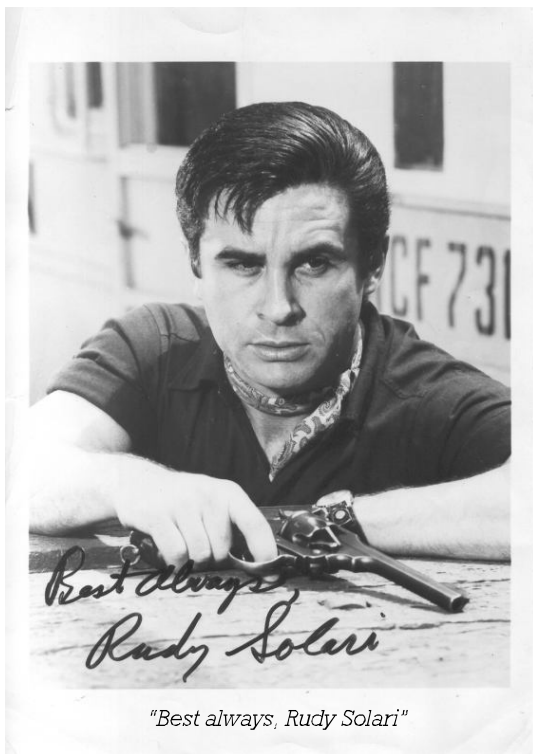
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A picture of Rudy Solari.



In this picture, taken in 1982 during a visit to their relatives in Giubiasco and Valle Morobbia, appear among others around Rodolfo Solari and his wife Amabile Chiminelli, their sons: Rudy, cinematographic actor, their daughter Lucilla, wed Grimes, and their actor sons: Dru, son of Rudy, and Gary, son of Lucilla.



"Best always, Rudy Solari"

Rudy Solari's filmography

He worked with: Yul Brinner, Piper Laurie, his son Dru Solari, Carroll O'Connor, Leonard Nimoy, Ted Knight, Rita Moreno, Adam West, De Forest Kelley.

1957 Highway Patrol
1960 Who Was That Lady?
1960 Gunsmoke
1960 Have Gun - Will Travel
1961 Hennesey
1961 The Roaring 20's
1961 The Detectives Starring Robert Taylor
1961 Judgment at Nuremberg
1962 The New Breed
1962 Ben Casey
1962 The Gallant Men
1963 Empire

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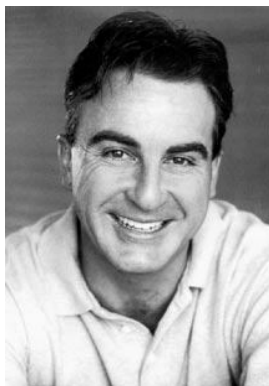
1973 Search
1973 Toma
1974 Owen Marshall: Counselor at Law
1974 Ironside
1975 Caribe
1975 Joe Forrester
1975 Cop on the Beat
1975 Baretta
1976 Police Story
1977 Charlie's Angels
1977 The Bionic Woman
1978 The Boss' Son
1978 Switch
1978 The Incredible Hulk
1979 Mrs. Columbo
1982 Police Squad!
1982 The Powers of Matthew Star
1983 Quincy ME (with son Dru)

1963 Stoney Burke
1963 The Greatest Show on Earth
1963 Redigo
1963 Kings of the Sun
1964 The Fugitive
1964 The Outer Limits
1965 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
1965 Perry Mason
1966 The Wackiest Ship in the Army
1966 Twelve O'Clock High
1967 Run For Your Life
1967 Garrison's Gorillas
1968 Star Trek
1969 The F.B.I.
1969 It Takes a Thief
1970 Medical Center
1972 Mission Impossible
1972 The Sixth Sense

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II. Dru Solari



Dru Solari, son of Rudy, has been a famous MC (master of ceremonies) for well over twenty years: he was in fact a rapper who entertained the audience with his rhythmic expression

of rhymes. He also was a jazz-DJ and a notorious radio DJ, who met the highest recognition in his radiophonic career in South California. Dru Solari also worked with his father in the "Guilty Until Proven Innocent" Quincy M.E. episode in 1983.

Some frames from "Cahill U.S. Marshal", with John Wayne and young Gary Grimes.

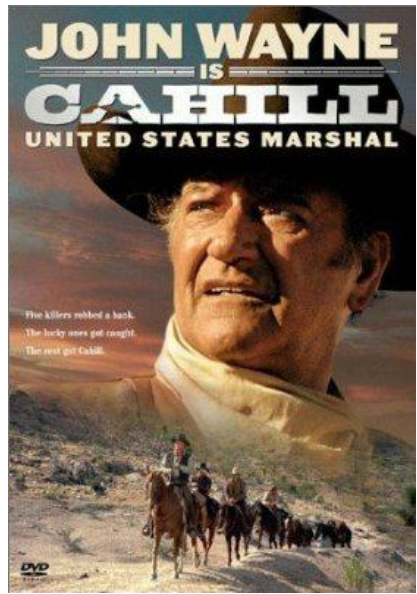


III. Gary Grimes
(son of Lucilla Solari-Grimes)

Gary Grimes, son of Lucilla Solari Grimes and nephew of Rudy Solari, was born on June 2nd, 1955 in San Francisco, California. The blond, curly American actor Gary Grimes is best remembered for his silver-screen debut in which he took on the role of immature Hernie, whose personality contrasts with that of the more mature, sophisticated Dorothy, interpreted by Jennifer O'Neill in the 1972 movie "Summer of 42". He appeared in many other movies during the seventies, including "The Culpepper Cattle Company" (1972), "Cahill US Marshal" with John Wayne (1973) and "Gus" (1976). He also voiced one of the Beatles in the Canadian 1987 movie "Concrete Angels", and has also appeared in the 1990 TV series "The Piglet Flies". With the 1976 miniseries "Once an Eagle",

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Cahill, United States Marshal, 1973, directed by Andrew V. McLaglen, Main actors: John Wayne; George Kennedy; Gary Grimes; Neville Brand; Marie Windsor; Dan Vadis; Royal Dano; Harry Carey Jr.; Paul Fix.

he won two prestigious awards: the Bafta Film Award and the Golden Globe.

Gary's mother, Lucilla Grimes née Solari, who dwelled in Redondo Beach, California, and was therefore American citizen, requested in 1987 the Federal Police Office in Bern to restore her Swiss citizenship, which was lost with her marriage. This shows her affectionate attachment to her ancestors' birthplace.

And thus ends a joyous page of our migration in California.

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Gary Grimes' Filmography

- 1967 Gunsmoke
- 1970 The Brady Bunch
- 1970 My Three Sons
- 1971 Summer of '42
- 1971 Owen Marshall: Counselor at Law
- 1972 The Culpepper Cattle Company
- 1973 Class of '44
- 1973 Cahill U.S. Marshal
- 1974 The Spikes Gang
- 1976 Gus
- 1976 Once an Eagle
- 1977 Disneyland
- 1983 Matt Houston
- 1987 Concrete Angels
- 1991 The Piglet Flies