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### **Personal Bio**

Dana Carvey enjoys a close-knit family situation. He loves kids and family and cares for his brothers and sister. Dana's brother Brad is an engineer and a pioneer in the video production field. He developed "Video Toaster," an inexpensive setup for Hollywood quality video making. The character "Garth" from Wayne's World is based on Dana's brother.

Emmy-award winning comedian Dana Carvey has maintained an illustrious career. Carvey was born in Missoula, Montana. While a student at San Francisco State University, he won the San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition. After his graduation (with a degree in communication arts), he played at numerous clubs in the Bay Area and then moved to Los Angeles to pursue his career.

A repertory member of "Saturday Night Live" since the 1986-87 season, Carvey left in 1992 after seven seasons. He is best known for his characters the Church Lady, Hans, of the Hans and Franz bodybuilding duo, Garth, Wayne Campbell's (Mike Myers) "Excellent Co-host" on the immensely popular sketch "Wayne's World," and Weekend Update's Grumpy Old Man.

In addition to these characters, Dana has received widespread praise for his uncanny comedic impersonations of such political figures as Ex-President George Bush, H. Ross Perot, Jerry Brown, David Duke and Bob Dole. He also does impersonations of George Burns, Johnny Carson, Jimmy Stewart, John McLaughlin, Mickey Rooney, Casey Casem and Regis Philbin.

On television, Dana Carvey hosted the 1992 presentation of the MTV Music Awards, co-starred in two pilots and was a member of the Showtime special "Salute to the Improvisation," with Billy Crystal, Robin Williams and Robert Klein. In 1995, Dana

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performed stand-up in his own one-hour comedy special on HBO, aptly named "Critics' Choice."

In 1992, Dana appeared in the blockbuster film "Wayne's World," based on the hit "Saturday Night Live" sketch. The film grossed more than \$160 million and was produced by SNL creator Lorne Michaels. The public demanded a sequel, and in 1993, Dana appeared in "Wayne's World 2," recreating his role of Garth, alongside Mike Myers' Wayne. The film was hugely successful.

Dana Carvey's transfer from the small screen to the large screen included roles in Alan Parker's "The Road to Wellville," for Columbia Pictures, Richard and Lili Zanuck's "Clean Slate" for MGM, and Twentieth Century Fox's "Trapped in Paradise."

His early film work includes his debut in "This Is Spinal Tap," "Racing With The Moon," "One of The Group," where he portrayed Mickey Rooney's grandson, "Blue Thunder" with James Farentino, "Tough Guys," with Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas, and starring in the comedy "Opportunity Knocks."

Dana Carvey won an Emmy Award in 1993 for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program. He has received a total of six Emmy nominations, one of which was for a guest appearance on HBO's highly acclaimed "Larry Sanders Show." Also, he was honored by the American Comedy Awards as Television's Funniest Supporting Male in 1990 and 1991.

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