

# Who Were The Three Stooges

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Moe Howard (born Moses Horwitz), 1922–1975, and

Larry Fine (born Louis Feinberg), 1925–1970

The "third stooge" was played in turn by:

Shemp Howard (born Samuel Horwitz), 1922–1932, 1947–1955

Joe Palma (born Joseph Provenzano), 1956; stand in for Shemp

Curly Howard (born Jerome Horwitz), 1932–1946

Joe Besser (born Jessel Besser), 1956–1957

"Curly Joe" DeRita (born Joseph Wardell), 1958–1970

The act began in 1922 as part of a vaudeville comedy act billed as "Ted Healy and His Stooges", consisting originally of Ted Healy and Moe Howard. Over time, they were joined by Moe's brother, Shemp Howard, and then Larry Fine. The four appeared in one feature film, *Soup to Nuts*, before Shemp left to pursue a solo career. He was replaced by Moe's younger brother, Jerome "Curly" Howard, in 1932. Two years later, after appearing in several movies, the trio left Healy and signed on to appear in their own short-subject comedies for Columbia Pictures, now billed as "The Three Stooges". From 1934 to 1946, Moe, Larry, and Curly produced over 90 short films for Columbia.

Curly suffered a debilitating stroke in May 1946. Shemp returned, reconstituting the original lineup, until his death of a heart attack on November 22, 1955, three years and ten months after Curly's death of a cerebral hemorrhage. Film actor Joe Palma stood in (shot from behind to obscure his face) to complete four Shemp-era shorts under contract. The procedure of disguising one actor as another outside of stunt shots became known as the "fake Shemp". Columbia contract player Joe Besser joined as the third Stooge for two years (1956–1957), departing in 1958 to nurse his ill wife after Columbia terminated its shorts division. The studio then released all the shorts via Screen Gems, Columbia's television studio and distribution unit. Screen Gems then syndicated the shorts to television, whereupon the Stooges became one of the most popular comedy acts of the early 1960s.

Comic actor Joe DeRita became "Curly Joe" in 1958, replacing Besser for a new series of full-length theatrical films. With intense television exposure in the United States, the act regained momentum throughout the 1960s as popular kids' fare, until Larry's paralyzing stroke in the midst of filming a pilot for a Three Stooges TV series in January 1970. He died in January 1975 after a further series of strokes. Unsuccessful attempts were made in 1970 and 1975 to revive the act with longtime supporting actor Emil Sitka in Fine's role, but they were each cut short—the first by a movie deal falling through and Moe's wife

persuading him to retire, the second by Moe's death.

### The Three Stooges filmography

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Moe and Shemp appeared without Larry or Healy in a 1929 Fox Movietone Newsreel.

Moe appeared without Larry, Curly, or Healy in the 1933 MGM PSA *Give a Man a Job*.

Moe and Curly appeared without Healy or Larry in the MGM feature film *Broadway to Hollywood* (1933).

Shemp appeared without the Stooges in the 1934 Vitaphone short *Smoked Hams* with Lionel Stander and Daphne Pollard.

Moe and Curly appeared without Healy or Larry in the MGM short subject *Jail Birds of Paradise* (1934).

Curly appeared in the MGM short subject *Roast Beef and Movies* (1934) without Healy, Moe, or Larry.

Larry and Healy appeared without Moe or Curly in the MGM feature *Stage Mother* (1933).

Curly and Healy appeared without Moe or Larry in the MGM feature *Operator 13* (1934).

Moe, Larry and Curly left Healy in 1934 and moved to Columbia Pictures to begin their successful series of 190 shorts, with their contract extended each year until the final one expired on December 31, 1957. The final 8 of the 16 shorts with Joe Besser were released afterwards over the next 17 years. The Stooges would continue afterwards with Moe, Larry, and Joe DeRita (as "Curly Joe"), and make several full-length feature films between 1959 and 1970.

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The Three Stooges (promoted as *The Three Stooges: The Movie*) is a 2012 American slapstick comedy film based on the 1934–59 film shorts starring the comedy trio of the same name. It was produced, written and directed by the Farrelly brothers and co-written by Mike Cerrone. It stars Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes, and Will Sasso, re-creating the eponymous characters played by Moe Howard, Larry Fine and Curly Howard.

The story places the Stooges in a 21st century setting. After over a decade of setbacks stemming from casting issues, principal photography took place from May to July 2011. The film was released on April 13, 2012, by 20th Century Fox to mixed reviews.

### The Robonic Stooges

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The Robonic Stooges originally aired as a segment on The Skatebirds from September 10, 1977, to January 21, 1978, on CBS. When CBS canceled The Skatebirds in early 1978, the trio was given their own half-hour timeslot which ran for 16 episodes. This was the second animated series starring the Stooges, following the 1965 series The New 3 Stooges.

In 2021, it was announced The Robonic Stooges would become a comic book series with new stories published by American Mythology Productions. Issue #1 was written by S.A. Check and Jordan Gershowitz with interior art from Philip Murphy and Jorge Pacheco and main cover art by Eric Shanower.

### Three Little Pigskins

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### Snow White and the Three Stooges

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Olympic gold medalist figure skater Carol Heiss starred as Snow White, a princess who must flee her home after her evil stepmother the queen wishes her to be dead. Seeking refuge in the cottage of the seven dwarfs, she accidentally meets the Stooges, who are house sitting for them while they are away.

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### Men in Black (1934 film)

is featured in the 1980s computer game *The Three Stooges*. The Stooges must race to the emergency room before time runs out and avoid the patients.[citation]

Men in Black is a 1934 short subject directed by Raymond McCarey starring American slapstick comedy team The Three Stooges (Moe Howard, Larry Fine, and Jerry Howard). It is the third entry in the series released by Columbia Pictures starring the comedians, who released 190 short subjects for the studio between 1934 and 1959.

Men in Black is the only Stooge film ever nominated for an Academy Award for Best Short Subject - Comedy.

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After releasing two albums – *The Stooges* (1969) and *Fun House* (1970) – the group disbanded briefly, and reformed with an altered lineup (with Ron Asheton replacing Dave Alexander on bass and James Williamson taking up guitar) to release a third album, *Raw Power* (1973), before breaking up again in 1974. The band reunited in 2003 with Ron Asheton moving back to guitar and Mike Watt on bass, and the addition of saxophonist Steve Mackay, who had played saxophone on *Fun House*. Ron Asheton died in 2009 and was replaced by James Williamson, and the band continued to play shows until 2013, when they also released their last album, *Ready to Die*. The Stooges formally announced their breakup in 2016 due to the deaths of Scott Asheton and saxophonist Steve Mackay.

The Stooges are widely regarded as a seminal proto-punk act. The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2010. In 2004, *Rolling Stone* ranked them 78th on their list of the 100 greatest artists of all time. In 2007, they were awarded the Mojo Lifetime Achievement Award at the Mojo Awards.

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