

Matthew Arkin

Biography

Eldon in “RAISING FLAGG”

Matthew Arkin not only co-stars with his parents – Alan Arkin and Barbara Dana – in “Raising Flagg,” he plays one of their six children in the film, a minister who travels the countryside on a BMW motorcycle but rarely visits his agnostic father.

He began a successful career on stage in 1993 in the Broadway production of Neil Simon’s “Laughter on the 23rd Floor,” followed by the national tour. In 2000, Arkin was nominated for a prestigious Drama Desk Award for Donald Margulies’ Pulitzer Prize-winning “Dinner with Friends.” Among his extensive stage credits – both in New York and in regional theater, he also co-starred in Neil Simon’s “The Sunshine Boys” on Broadway with Jack Klugman and Tony Randall in 1997.

Other stage credits include the Manhattan Theatre Club production of Moonlight and Magnolias, Richard Dresser’s Rounding Third, Charles Busch’s Off-Broadway comedy hit You Should Be So Lucky, OY!, The King of Carpets and The Roadblock. Regional Theater: Around the World in 80 Days at the Cape Playhouse, Rounding Third at Chicago’s Northlight Theatre, Talley’s Folly at The Bay Street Theatre, Guys and Dolls at Seattle’s 5th Avenue Theater, Sheer Boredom at The George Street Playhouse, A Thousand Clowns at American Stage Company, Lost in Yonkers and Little Footsteps, both at Pennsylvania Stage Company, Two Rooms and True West, both at Hartford Theaterworks, East Coast Art’s Theater’s Self Defense, The Hartman Theater Company’s Joan of Lorraine, and Sight Unseen at the Hermosa Beach Civic Theater.

Film credits include the hit indie Second Best, Raising Flagg, The Curse, and Bitterseet Place, as well as Death to Smoochy, Liar, Liar, North, An

Unmarried Woman, and Chu Chu and the Philly Flash. Matthew appeared in recurring roles as Dr. Thompkins on the hit FX drama Rescue Me and as Legal Aid Attorney Paul Bernard on A&E's 100 Centre Street. Other television credits include the PBS pilot Copshop, Third Watch, Hack, The Education of Max Bickford, Ed, Law and Order, Law and Order: Criminal Intent, The Street, Simple Justice for PBS, Law and Order - SVU, Kojak, The Defection of Simas Kudirka and All My Children.

Arkin recently starring on off-Broadway in "War in Paramus," which was written by Dana and directed by their "Raising Flagg" co-star, Austin Pendleton.