

## Michael Arata

Michael was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. He comes from a family of lawyers (his father was City Attorney of New Orleans in the 1970s). His mother exposed him to theatre and acting early on at New Orleans' famous Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre. He is executive producer of two feature documentaries: 'The People's Story', about the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in Central America; and, 'Shalom Y'All', about Southern Jewish heritage. He is also executive producer of 'Tony Bravo', an indie filmed and financed in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is co-producer of [Scoundrel's Wife, The \(2002\)](#), starring Tatum O'Neal, Julian Sands and Tim Curry.

Has studied acting with Eli Wallach, Sir Derek Jacobi and Ben Kingsley. In 1997-1998, he played "Stanley Kowalsky" in the 50th Anniversary production of A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE in New Orleans. His performance was hailed by American Theatre Magazine as "explosive and unhinged", and the production sold-out its run. He has acted in and produced scores of stage productions, including works at the annual Tennessee Williams Festival in New Orleans and Shakespeare in City Park in New Orleans.

Michael played college football at Tulane University, and graduated from Tulane Law School. He is a member of Circle In The Sky Productions, with partners Blake Brennan and Glen Armantrout.

### Actor

- [Runaway Jury \(2003\)](#) **Drama 2 hrs. 07 min.** Set in New Orleans, this is the story of a mysterious man, Nick Easter (Cusack) who gets himself on the jury of a landmark case against a gun manufacturer in an attempt to influence the other jury members to vote a certain way. Meanwhile, Easter's girlfriend, Marlee (Weisz), tries to swindle the attorneys (Hackman, Hoffman) to pay millions of dollars to have the jury return a verdict friendly to their clients. The case involves the widow of a man killed in an office shooting suing the gun manufacturer of the weapon that was used, under the claim that they knew the store that sold it was not obeying the laws about firearm sales. **Release Date:** October 17th, 2003 (wide). **MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for violence, language and thematic elements. **Distributor:** 20th Century Fox **Starring:** [John Cusack](#), [Gene Hackman](#), [Dustin Hoffman](#), [Rachel Weisz](#), [Jennifer Beals](#) **Directed by:** [Gary Fleder](#) **Produced by:** [Arnon Milchan](#), [John Grisham](#), [Christopher Mankiewicz](#), [Gary Fleder](#)

- [Tempted \(2001\)](#) **Drama and Thriller** Charlie Le Blanc is a rich man in New Orleans who finds out he doesn't have much longer to live, so he sets out to test the loyalty of his beautiful young wife to see if she deserves his fortune by offering a handsome young man a tidy sum of money to seduce his wife. **Release Date:** September 2001. **MPAA Rating:** R.

**Distributor:** Gold Circle Films **Starring:** [Burt Reynolds](#), [Saffron Burrows](#), [Peter Facinelli](#), [Mike Starr](#), [George DiCenzo](#) **Directed by:** [Bill Bennett](#)



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### Actor - filmography

[\(In Production\)](#) [\(2000s\)](#) [\(1990s\)](#)

1. [Unchain My Heart: The Ray Charles Story \(2004\)](#) (*post-production*) ....  
Indianapolis Cop

[Unchain My Heart: The Ray Charles Story \(2004\)](#) **Directed by**  
[Taylor Hackford](#); **Writing credits:** [Robert Eisele](#), [James L. White](#)



2. [Runaway Jury \(2003\)](#) .... Raines
3. [Badge, The \(2002\) \(TV\)](#) .... Gov. Joe Breraton
4. [Scoundrel's Wife, The \(2002\)](#) .... Commander
5. [Tempted \(2001\)](#) .... David Crabbe
6. [Above and Beyond \(2001\)](#) .... Stan Garvey
7. [Malpractice \(2001\)](#) .... Doug
  
8. [Crazy in Alabama \(1999\)](#) .... Photographer
9. [Old Man \(1997\) \(TV\)](#) .... Adjunct  
... aka William Faulkner's Old Man (1997) (TV)
10. ["Madame le consul" \(1996\)](#) TV Series .... Doug
11. [French Silk \(1994\) \(TV\)](#) .... Jackson Bird, Jr
12. [Undercover Blues \(1993\)](#) .... Party Guest

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### **Producer - filmography**

1. [Shalom Y'all \(2003\)](#) (executive producer)
2. [Scoundrel's Wife, The \(2002\)](#) (co-producer)

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### **Notable TV Guest Appearances**

1. ["Fugitive, The" \(2000\)](#) playing "Cop #1" in episode: "New Orleans Saints" (episode # 1.11) 12 January 2001
2. ["Fugitive, The" \(2000\)](#) playing "Cop" in episode: "Liar's Poker" (episode # 1.9) 8 December 2000
3. ["Orleans" \(1997\)](#) playing "Lawyer" in episode: "Why Did the Crawfish Cross the Road?" (episode # 1.4) February 1997
4. ["Big Easy, The" \(1996\)](#) playing "Jared Tom" in episode: "Driving Ms. Money" (episode # 1.3)
5. ["Big Easy, The" \(1996\)](#) playing "Homer" in episode: "Don't Shoot, I am the Piano Player" (episode # 1.17)

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