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AMERICAN MASTERS Carol Burnett: A Woman of Character

*The astonishing life and career of a beloved comedian, actress and author is chronicled in **AMERICAN MASTERS Carol Burnett: A Woman of Character**, which premieres Monday, November 5 at 9 p.m. (ET) on PBS (check local listings). Below is a timeline of major events in Burnett's life:*

1933

Born April 26 in San Antonio, Texas to Louise, an aspiring writer, and Jody Burnett, who manages a movie house.

1940

Moves to Hollywood, California, where she is raised primarily by her grandmother.

1954

Leaves UCLA and moves to New York City. Father dies.

1955

First TV appearance on *The Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney Show*. Marries Don Saroyan.

1956

Appears on *The Garry Moore Morning Show*.

1957

Appears on *The Jack Paar Show*. Her younger sister, Christine, comes to live with her.

1958

Appears in Las Vegas in the *Ed Sullivan Revue*. Mother dies.

1959

Stars Off-Broadway in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Becomes a regular on *The Garry Moore Variety Show*.

1962

Performs at Carnegie Hall with Julie Andrews. Wins Emmy Award for Outstanding Performance in a Variety or Musical Program for *The Garry Moore Variety Show*. Leaves the show. Does a concert tour. Signs a deal with CBS for specials and discusses variety show. Divorces Saroyan. Wins a Peabody Award.

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1963

Wins Emmy Awards for Outstanding Performance in a Variety or Musical Performance for television specials *Julie and Carol at Carnegie Hall* and *Carol and Company*. First appearance in a feature film, *Who's Been Sleeping in my Bed?* Marries TV producer Joe Hamilton, a divorced father of eight, with whom she later has three daughters: actress and writer Carrie Hamilton, Jody Hamilton and singer Erin Hamilton.

1964

TV version of *Once Upon a Mattress* airs. Appears in Broadway musical *Fade Out-Fade In*. Moves to Los Angeles.

1967

The Carol Burnett Show debuts.

1968

Wins Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Television Series for *The Carol Burnett Show*.

1970

Wins Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Television Series-Musical or Comedy for *The Carol Burnett Show*.

1972

Appears in feature film *Pete 'n' Tillie*. Second *Once Upon a Mattress* TV special airs. Second special with Julie Andrews airs. *The Carol Burnett Show* wins Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety Series-Musical. Wins Golden Globe Award for Actress in a Leading Role-Musical or Comedy Series or Television Movie for *The Carol Burnett Show*.

1974

The Carol Burnett Show wins Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety Series-Musical. Appears in feature film *The Front Page*.

1975

Given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. *The Carol Burnett Show* wins Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety Series-Musical.

1976

Special with Beverly Sills airs. Brings lawsuit against the *National Enquirer*.

1977

Wins Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series-Musical or Comedy for *The Carol Burnett Show*.

1978

Wins Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series-Musical or Comedy for *The Carol Burnett Show*. *The Carol Burnett Show* ends. Appears in feature film *A Wedding*.

1979

Appears on *The Dinah Shore* show with daughter, Carrie Hamilton. Stars in TV movie *Friendly*

Fire, which wins a Peabody Award.

1980

Appears in feature film *H.E.A.L.T.H.*

1981

Appears in feature films *The Four Seasons* and *Chu Chu and the Philly Flash*.

1982

Appears in feature film *Annie*. Stars in TV movie *Life of the Party: The Story of Beatrice*.

1983

Stars alongside Elizabeth Taylor in the HBO production, *Between Friends* and wins ACE Award for Best Actress in a Dramatic or Theatrical Program. Wins judgment from the *National Enquirer*.

1984

Divorces Joe Hamilton.

1985

Inducted into the Television Hall of Fame.

1986

Publishes her memoir, *One More Time*.

1987

Appears in TV movie *Plaza Suite*.

1990

The series *Carol and Company* debuts and airs for two seasons.

1993

The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion airs. Appears in feature film *Noises Off*.

1994

Produces two specials, *Men, Movies & Carol* and *Carol Burnett: The Special Years*, featuring the most memorable moments from nine of her specials. Appears in TV movie *Seasons of the Heart*.

1995

Returns to Broadway in *Moon Over Buffalo*.

1996

Appears in first of three episodes of *Mad About You* as Helen Hunt's mother.

1997

Wins Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for *Mad About You*.

1998

Appears in the TV movie *The Marriage Fool* with Walter Matthau.

1999

Appears on Broadway in *Putting it Together*.

2001

Marries Brian Miller. *The Carol Burnett Show: Show Stoppers* with Harvey Korman, Vicki Lawrence and Tim Conway attracts nearly 30 million viewers, becoming the fourth most watched program of 2001.

2002

Daughter Carrie Hamilton dies of cancer at age 38. *Hollywood Arms*, adopted from her bestselling memoir and written with Hamilton, debuts in Chicago and on Broadway, directed by Hal Prince.

2003

Recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors.

2004

The Carol Burnett Show: Let's Bump up the Lights airs, reuniting Burnett with Conway, Korman, Lawrence, and Lyle Waggoner.

2005

Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Pasadena Playhouse names its Balcony Theater after daughter, Carrie Hamilton. Afterward, a foundation is established to fund a renovation of the theater.

2006

Receives the career achievement award from the Television Critics Association. Appears on *Desperate Housewives*.

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