

Gran Torino
(2008): Intro



CLINT EASTWOOD

**GRAN
TORINO**

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH VILLAGE ROADSHOW PICTURES A DOUBLE NICKEL ENTERTAINMENT
& MALPASO PRODUCTION "GRAN TORINO" CAST BY JOEL COX KEY: GARY O. ROACH
PRODUCED BY JAMES W. MULLIGAN AND PRODUCED BY TOM STERN, AIC, AIC
WRITTEN BY JENETTE KAY AND TIM MOORE AND BRUCE BERMAN
STORY BY DAVID JOHANNSON AND NICK SCHENK SCREENPLAY BY NICK SCHENK
PRODUCED BY ROBERT LOPRINZI AND GERBER PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY CLINT EASTWOOD

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A disgruntled Korean War vet sets out to reform his neighbor.



The Director: Clint Eastwood



Born in 1930, Eastwood first hit it big on TV in Rawhide.



He capitalized on this success in
"Spaghetti Westerns."

Eastwood's Career



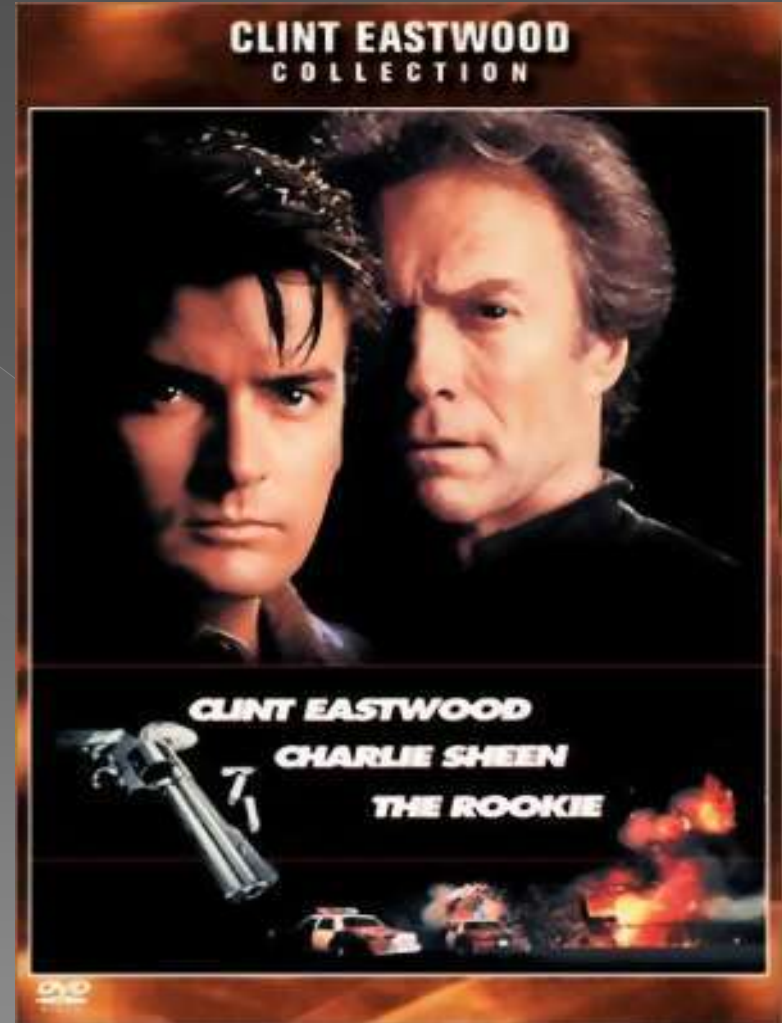
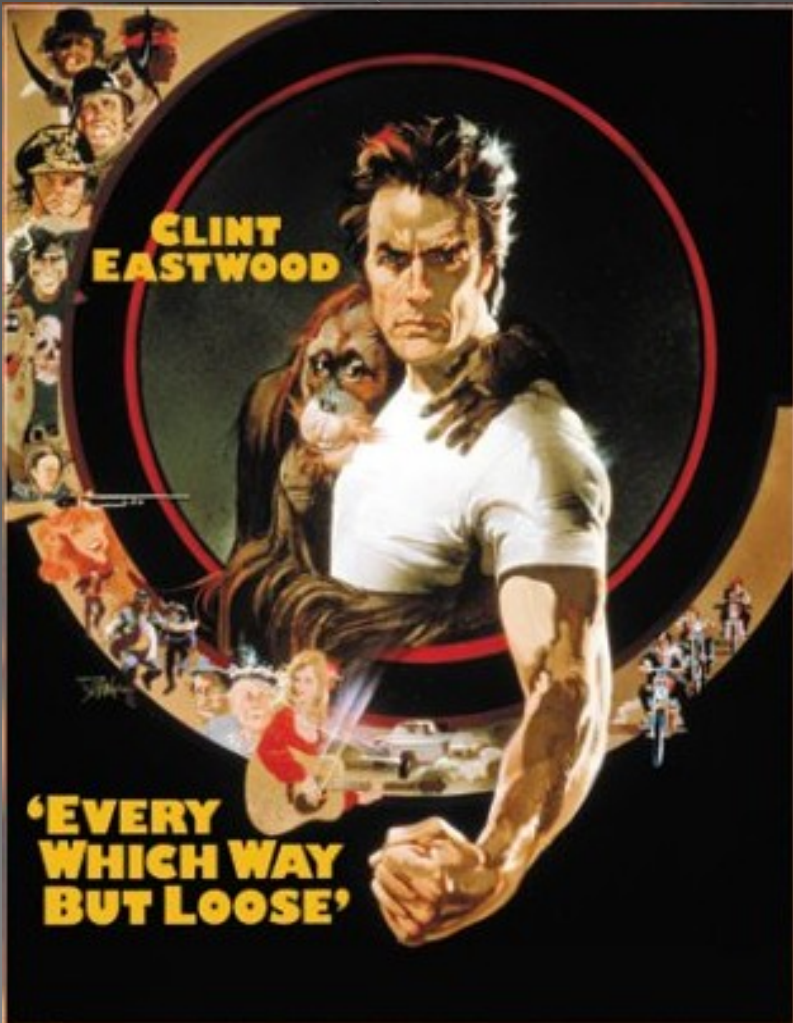
By 1971, he was directing his own films.



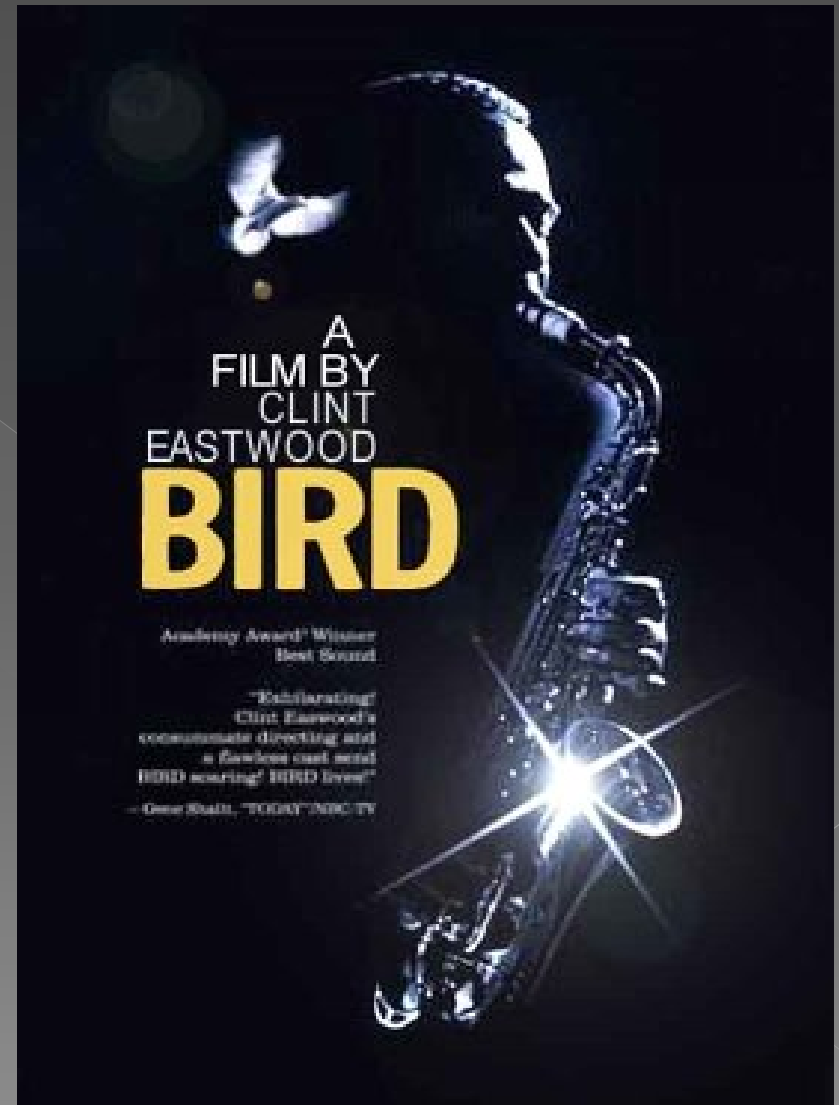
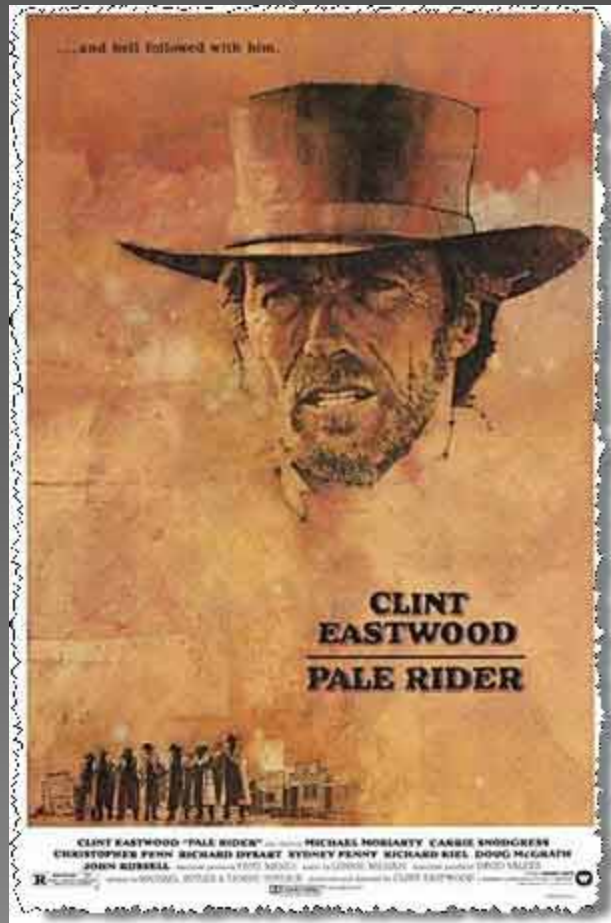
He was probably most famous for Dirty Harry (1971)



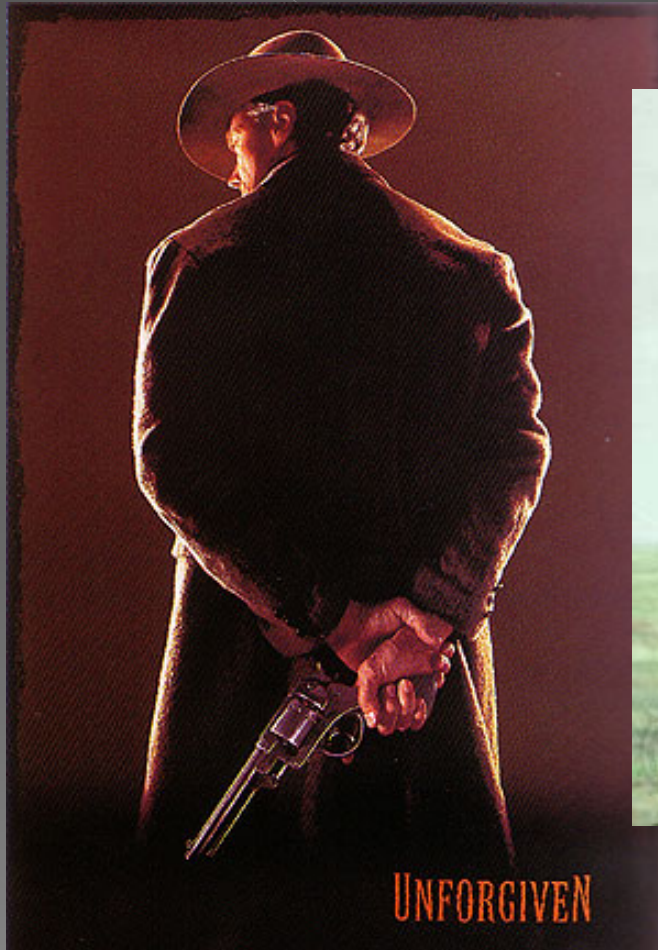
Admittedly, not all of Eastwood's films are classics...



But he began to gain attention as a director for some of his serious work.



In 1992, he picked up the Best Director Oscar for Unforgiven.



He did it again in 2004.



Gran Torino is his 29th film as a director.



He also plays the lead role, a bitter old man unhappy with the world.



Eastwood himself had been in the army during the Korean war (though he didn't see action)



Conflict: Gang violence comes to Walt's neighborhood



The gangs, of course, divide along ethnic lines (in this case, Hmong).



Walt's neighbor is being dragged into it.



Eastwood chose actual Hmong actors. Most had never acted before.



Many of Walt's racist views are called into question.



Gran Torino is next.

