



JOE FLAHERTY

2005 DGC Awards host

Joe Flaherty was born in Pittsburgh in 1941. He spent four years serving with the Air Force before embarking on a career as a draftsman, but soon gravitated towards acting, a profession he had sampled as a teenager performing children's theatre at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. He was eventually offered a position with Chicago's legendary Improv troupe *Second City*, where Flaherty worked with comedy luminaries such as John Candy and Harold Ramis. In 1976, he joined the cast of the classic comedy sketch show *SCTV*, where he created a bevy of memorable characters including earnest newscaster Floyd Robertson, *Monster Chiller Horror Theatre* host Count Floyd, and unnecessarily wheelchair-bound station owner Guy Caballero.

Flaherty's television credits include roles on HBO's *Really Weird Tales* (1987), which he also co-wrote; *The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley* (1988); *Maniac Mansion*, playing inventor Fred Edison; *Little Dracula* (1991); and the critically acclaimed series *Freaks and Geeks*, in which he portrayed father and purveyor of scary morality tales Harold Weir.

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He has appeared in dozens of films, including *Tunnel Vision*, *1941*, *Used Cars*, *Stripes*, *Going Berserk*, *Sesame Street Presents Follow That Bird*, *Club Paradise*, *Innerspace*, *Looking for Miracles*, *Back to the Future Part II*, *Stuart Saves His Family*, *Happy Gilmore*, *Dogmatic*, *The Wrong Guy*, *Detroit Rock City* and *National Security*.