



Hollywood stuntmen regularly defy death in pursuit of extreme spectacles to keep us on the edge of our cinema seats. Action with explosions and car chases and crashes have all pertinently been integral components of an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie. One man who made one of the biggest action movie stars look good is the Canadian-born stuntman, and a prominent force behind most of Schwarzenegger's action scenes, Peter Kent.

Kent was Schwarzenegger's stunt double and a stand in for most of his films - 15 to be exact. The extremely multifaceted stuntman and actor worked on many films and TV shows during his long and illustrious career. His remarkable resemblance to Arnold Schwarzenegger was the basis of an almost 15-year close association with the action movie star who, along with Stallone and Bruce Willis, epitomised the action hero role in the '80s and '90s.

Born in Vancouver, Canada, Kent was initially pursuing acting as a career. "I remember as a little kid watching TV on this big black and white set we had in our house. I was astounded because I thought, 'Those people, what they're doing in there I want to do that. I can do that!' I still remember thinking about that ever since I was four or five years old, and ever since

that's been kind of my one goal," exclaims Kent. Equipped with limited experience and a profound desire to succeed, he moved to Los Angeles in 1984 to pursue the film industry. And like any like-minded person, in his quest for capturing his dream, he endeavoured to look for work in a town where a large percentage of actors are jobless. One day after scanning through a movie trade paper he came across an advert looking for extras for the then unknown film *The Terminator*. Kent took the first step to what would become a highly



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