

# Billy Porter (entertainer)

**Billy Porter** (born September 21, 1969) is an American Broadway theater performer, singer, and actor. He attended the Musical Theater program at Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School's School of Drama, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama, and achieved fame performing on Broadway before starting a solo career as a singer and actor.<sup>[1]</sup>

Porter won the 2013 Best Actor in a Musical for his role as Lola in *Kinky Boots* at the 67th Tony Awards. For the role, Porter also won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical and Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical. In 2014 Porter won the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album for *Kinky Boots*. He currently stars in the television series *Pose* for which he was nominated for a Golden Globe Award and won the 2019 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series, becoming the first openly gay black man to be nominated and win in any lead acting category at the Primetime Emmys.

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## Early life

Billy Porter	
<span></span> <div>Porter in 2017</div>	
Born	September 21, 1969 <div>Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.</div>
Education	Carnegie Mellon University (BFA) <div>University of California, Los Angeles (GrDip)</div>
Occupation	Pop singer, actor, performer, vocal coach
Spouse(s)	<div><div><span>Adam Smith</span></div><div><span>(m.<span> </span>2017)</span></div></div>
Awards	2013 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical <div>2013 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical</div> <div>2019 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead</div>

Porter was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to William E. Porter and Cloerinda Jean Johnson Porter Ford.<sup>[2][3]</sup> His sister is MaryMartha Ford-Dieng.<sup>[4][5][6]</sup>

Actor in a Drama  
Series

After attending Reizenstein Middle School, Porter attended Taylor Allderdice High School and then the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, where he graduated in 1987.<sup>[7]</sup> He graduated from the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University with a B.F.A. in Drama and earned a certification from the graduate-level Professional Program In Screenwriting<sup>[8]</sup> at UCLA.

During the summers of 1985–1987, Porter was a member of an entertainment group called "Flash" which performed daily at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Career

Porter played Teen Angel in the 1994 Broadway revival of *Grease!*. Other shows he has been in include *Topdog/Underdog* at City Theatre (2004),<sup>[10]</sup> *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Dreamgirls* at Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera (2004),<sup>[11]</sup> and the song cycles *Myths and Hymns* and *Songs for a New World* (Off-Broadway, 1995).<sup>[12]</sup>

Porter wrote and performed in his one-man autobiographical show, *Ghetto Superstar (The Man That I Am)* at Joe's Pub in New York City in February and March 2005.<sup>[12][13][14]</sup> He was nominated for "Outstanding New York Theater: Broadway & Off Broadway Award" at the 17th GLAAD Media Awards.<sup>[15]</sup>

In September 2010, Porter appeared as Belize in Signature Theatre Company's 20th Anniversary production of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*.<sup>[12][16]</sup>

Porter originated the role of "Lola" in *Kinky Boots* on Broadway in 2013, with songs by Cyndi Lauper, book by Harvey Fierstein and directed/choreographed by Jerry Mitchell. Porter won both the 2013 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical and Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for this role.<sup>[17][18]</sup>

Porter has also appeared in a number of films. He played a major role as Shiniqua, a drag queen who befriends Angel (David Norona) and Lee (Keivyn McNeill Graves) in Seth Michael Donsky's *Twisted* (1997), an adaptation of *Oliver Twist*.<sup>[19]</sup> He has also appeared on *The RuPaul Show*.

He has had a musical career with three solo albums released, *Billy Porter* on DV8/A&M Records in 1997, *At the Corner of Broadway + Soul* in 2005 on Sh-K-Boom Records and *Billy's Back on Broadway* (Concord Music Group) in 2014. He featured in a number of songs in the tribute album *It's Only Life: The Songs of John Bucchino* in 2006 released on PS Classics.<sup>[20]</sup> He sings on Adam Guettel's 1999 album *Myths and Hymns* studio cast album on Nonesuch Records.<sup>[21]</sup> He also covered "Only One Road" that was included on the Human Rights Campaign compilation album *Love Rocks*.

Porter wrote the play *While I Yet Live*, which premiered Off-Broadway at Primary Stages in September, 2014 in previews, officially on October 12. In addition to Porter, the cast included Lillias White and S. Epatha Merkerson.<sup>[12][22]</sup>

Porter released *Billy Porter Presents the Soul of Richard Rodgers* in April, 2017. The album, which features new, soulful takes on classic Richard Rodgers songs, includes solos and duets from the following artists (in addition to Porter himself): Tony and Grammy Award winners Cynthia Erivo (*The Color Purple*), Renée Elise Goldsberry (*Hamilton*) and Leslie Odom Jr. (*Hamilton*), Tony Award-winner Patina Miller (*Pippin*), Grammy Award winners Pentatonix and India Arie, Tony Award nominees Brandon Victor Dixon (*Shuffle Along*), Joshua Henry (*Violet*), and Christopher Jackson (*Hamilton*), alongside YouTube and *Kinky Boots* star Todrick Hall and multiple Grammy Award nominees Deborah Cox and Ledisi.<sup>[23]</sup>

Porter reprised the role of Lola in *Kinky Boots* in September 2017 on Broadway, where he did a 15-week run.<sup>[24]</sup>

In 2018, Porter starred in the FX show, *Pose* in the role of Pray Tell. In 2019, *Pose* earned its renewal for a third season after airing just one episode from the second season. In August 2018, Porter confirmed via [Instagram](#) that he was joining the cast of *American Horror Story* for its eighth season, subtitled *Apocalypse*.<sup>[25][26]</sup> Porter duetted with *Pose* co-star [Dyllón Burnside](#) and sang from his album in a benefit concert emceed by Burnside on July 23, 2018, to celebrate the season 1 finale and raising money for [GLSEN](#).<sup>[27][28][29]</sup> In June 2019, to mark the 50th anniversary of the [Stonewall Riots](#), sparking the start of the modern LGBTQ rights movement, [Queerty](#) named him one of the Pride50 “trailblazing individuals who actively ensure society remains moving towards equality, acceptance and dignity for all queer people”.<sup>[30]</sup> Also in June 2019 he presented the Excellence in Theatre Education Award at the [73rd Tonys](#) at [Radio City Music Hall](#), but he earned media coverage for his [haute couture](#) red and pink gown, [upcycled](#) from *Kinky Boots*’ stage curtains, in a [uterine](#) shape,<sup>[31]</sup> and his impromptu performance of “Everything’s Coming Up Roses” from *Gypsy*, for host [James Corden](#)’s “Broadway karaoke”.<sup>[32]</sup> In September 2019, he was nominated for a [Golden Globe Award](#) and won the [Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series](#) for *Pose*, becoming the first openly gay black man to be nominated and win in any lead acting category at the Primetime Emmys.

Also in 2019, Porter had a [cameo appearance](#) in [Taylor Swift](#)’s “You Need to Calm Down” music video that featured twenty LGBTQ icons.<sup>[33]</sup>

## Fashion

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At the 2019 Golden Globes, Porter gained attention for wearing an embroidered suit and pink cape designed by [Randi Rahm](#).<sup>[34]</sup> He continued to make fashion waves that year when he wore a fitted tuxedo jacket and a velvet gown by [Christian Siriano](#) with 6" [Rick Owens](#) boots to the 91st [Academy Awards](#).<sup>[35]</sup> In February 2019, he was an Official CFDA [\[\[1\] \(\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council\\\_of\\\_Fashion\\\_Designers\\\_of\\\_America\]\(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council\_of\_Fashion\_Designers\_of\_America\)\)\]](#) Ambassador for NYFW: Mens [\[\[2\] \(<https://cfda.com/news/now-hold-that-pose-for-me>\)\]](#) . Porter attended the 2019 Met Gala, and embraced the *Camp: Notes on Fashion* theme by being carried on a litter by six shirtless men while sporting a “Sun God” ensemble. The outfit was designed by The Blonds, and it included a bejeweled catsuit outfitted with 10-foot wings, a 24-karat gold headpiece, as well as custom gold-leaf [Giuseppe Zanotti](#) shoes and fine jewels by [Andreoli](#), [John Hardy](#), and [Oscar Heyman](#).<sup>[36]</sup>

## Personal life

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Porter is [openly gay](#). Porter and Adam Smith were married on January 14, 2017.<sup>[37]</sup>

## Discography

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### Albums

- 1997: *Billy Porter* ([DV8/A&M Records](#))<sup>[38]</sup>
- 2005: *At the Corner of Broadway + Soul* ([Sh-K-Boom Records](#))<sup>[38][39]</sup>
- 2014: *Billy's Back on Broadway* ([Concord Music Group](#))<sup>[38]</sup>
- 2017: *Billy Porter Presents the Soul of Richard Rodgers*<sup>[23]</sup>

### Singles

- 1997: "Show Me"/"What Iz Time"
- 2005: "Awaiting You"/"Time" (Live) ([Sh-K-Boom Records](#))
- 2017: "Edelweiss"
- 2019: "[Love Yourself](#)"

## Other songs

- "Only One Road" on *Love Rocks* compilation album
- "Love Is on the Way" on *The First Wives Club* album
- "Destiny" with *Jordan Hill* on *Jim Brickman's Greatest Hits* album
- "Where Is Love?" with *Liz Callaway*

## Appears in

- Featured on a number of songs on tribute album *It's Only Life: The Songs of John Bucchino*<sup>[20]</sup>
- Adam Guettel's album *Myths and Hymns* in 1999<sup>[40]</sup>
- He is featured with *Alan Cumming*, *David Raleigh* and *Ari Gold* in a cover of "That's What Friends Are For", of 'The Friends Project' in support of the Ali Forney Center, a NYC shelter for homeless LGBT youth. The song was arranged and produced by *Nathan Leigh Jones* and directed by Michael Akers.<sup>[41]</sup>

## Concerts

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Porter has performed at various venues in New York City, including *Lincoln Center*, which was broadcast on PBS in 2015 <sup>[42]</sup> and *Joe's Pub* in New York City.<sup>[43]</sup>

## Filmography

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### Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1996	<i>Twisted</i>	Siniqua	[44]
1996	<i>The First Wives Club</i>	Singer	
1997	<i>Anastasia</i>	Ensemble and character voices	Voice role
2000	<i>Intern</i>	Sebastian Niederfarb	[45]
2000	<i>The Broken Hearts Club: A Romantic Comedy</i>	Taylor	[46]
2004	<i>Noel</i>	Randy	[47]
2014	<i>The Humbling</i>	Prince	[48]
2020	<i>Like a Boss</i>	N/A	Post-production

### Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1998	<i><u>Another World</u></i>	Billy Rush	Unknown episodes
1999	<i><u>Shake, Rattle and Roll: An American Love Story</u></i>	Little Richard	Television movie
2004	<i><u>Law &amp; Order</u></i>	Greg Ellison	Episode: "Cry Wolf"
2007–12	<i><u>So You Think You Can Dance</u></i>	Performer	4 episodes
2012	<i><u>The Big C</u></i>	Eric	Episode: "Thin Ice"
2013	<i><u>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</u></i>	Jackie Walker	Episode: "Dissonant Voices"
2013	<i><u>Land of Lola: Backstage at Kinky Boots</u></i>	Host	8 episodes
2014	<i><u>Christmas at Rockefeller Plaza</u></i>	Performer	Television special
2015	<i><u>Billy Porter: Broad &amp; Soul</u></i>	Performer	Television special
2016	<i><u>The Get Down</u></i>	DJ Malibu	Episode: "Where There Is Ruin, There Is Hope for a Treasure"
2018–present	<i><u>Pose</u></i>	Pray Tell	17 episodes Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series Winner-Critics' Choice Television Award for Best Actor in a Drama Series Nominated—Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Television Series Drama Nominated—Television Critics Association Award for Individual Achievement in Drama
2018	<i><u>American Horror Story: Apocalypse</u></i>	Behold Chablis	5 episodes

## Theatre

Sources:*Playbill Vault*;<sup>[49]</sup> Off-Broadway Database<sup>[50]</sup>

- *Miss Saigon*, Ensemble/John (u/s), Broadway (1991)
- *Grease*, Teen Angel, Broadway (1994)
- *The Merchant of Venice*, Solanio, Off-Broadway (1995)
- *Songs for a New World*, Performer, Off-Broadway (1995)
- *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, Performer, Broadway (1995–97)
- *Miss Saigon*, John (replacement), Broadway (1998–99)
- *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Jesus of Nazareth, Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center, Nyack, NY (1998)<sup>[51]</sup>
- *Dreamgirls*, James Thunder Early, New York Actors Fund concert (September 2001)<sup>[52]</sup>
- *Radiant Baby*, Various, Off-Broadway (2003)
- *Topdog/Underdog*, City Theatre, Pittsburgh, PA (2004)<sup>[53]</sup>
- *Little Shop of Horrors*, Audrey II (replacement), Broadway (2004)
- *Chef's Theater: A Musical Feast*, Performer, Off-Broadway (2004)
- *Ghetto Superstar*, Performer, Off-Broadway (2005) - also playwright
- *Birdie Blue*, Bam/Little Pimp/Sook/Minerva, Off-Broadway (2005)
- *Putting It Together*, Performer, New York (2009)
- *Angels in America*, Belize, Off-Broadway (2010)
- *Kinky Boots*, Lola, Broadway (2013-2015)

- *Kinky Boots*, Lola (replacement), Tour (2014)
- *HAM: A Musical Memoir*, Off-Broadway (2015) - director
- *Shuffle Along, or the Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed*, Aubrey Lyles, Broadway (2016)
- *White Rabbit Red Rabbit*, Off-Broadway (2016)<sup>[54]</sup>
- *Kinky Boots*, Lola (replacement), Broadway (2017)

## Awards and nominations

Award	Year	Category	Recipient(s) and nominee(s)	Result
<u>Broadway.com Audience Awards</u>	<u>2013</u>	Favorite Actor in a Musical	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Won
<u>Critics' Choice Television Awards</u>	<u>2019</u>	Best Actor in a Drama Series	<i>Pose</i>	Nominated
<u>Dorian Awards</u>	<u>2019</u>	TV Performance of the Year – Actor		Won
		TV Musical Performance of the Year	"Home" (with <u>Mj Rodriguez</u> and <u>Our Lady J</u> )	Won
<u>Drama League Award</u>	<u>2013</u>	Distinguished Performance	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Nominated
<u>Drama Desk Award</u>		Outstanding Actor in a Musical		Won
<u>Fred and Adele Astaire Awards</u>		Outstanding Male Dancer in a Broadway Show		Nominated
<u>GLAAD Media Awards</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Vito Russo Award</u>	Billy Porter	Won
<u>Gold Derby Awards</u>	<u>2019</u>	Best Drama Actor	<i>Pose</i>	Won
<u>Golden Globe Awards</u>	<u>2019</u>	Best Actor – Television Series Drama		Nominated
<u>Grammy Awards</u>	<u>2014</u>	Best Musical Theater Album	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Won
<u>Outer Critics Circle Award</u>	<u>2013</u>	Outstanding Actor in a Musical	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Won
<u>Primetime Emmy Award</u>	<u>2019</u>	Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series	<i>Pose</i>	Won
<u>Television Critics Association</u>	<u>2019</u>	Individual Achievement in Drama		Nominated
<u>Tony Awards</u>	<u>2013</u>	Best Actor in a Musical	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Won

## See also

- LGBT culture in New York City

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