

# TYRONE POWER



## TYRONE EDMOND POWER JR (1914 - 1958)

A stunningly handsome American stage and film star, and the third Tyrone Power of four in a famed acting dynasty reaching back to the 18th century, Power was one of the great romantic swashbuckling stars of the mid-twentieth century. He appeared in dozens of films including *The Black Swan* (1932), *The Mark of Zorro* (1940), *Blood and Sand* (1941), *Captain from Castile* (1947), *Prince of Foxes* (1949), and *The Black Rose* (1950).

In 1940 his film *The Mark of Zorro* was released (a remake of the 1920 version starring Douglas Fairbanks). The film was a hit, and 20th Century Fox often cast him in other swashbucklers from then on. Power was a talented swordsman in real life, and the duelling scene in *The Mark of Zorro* is highly regarded. The great Hollywood swordsman, Basil Rathbone, who starred with him in *The Mark of Zorro*, commented, "Power was the most agile man with a sword I've ever faced before a camera. Tyrone could have fenced Errol Flynn into a cocked hat."

He suffered a massive heart attack in Spain at the age of 44 whilst filming a duelling scene with George Sanders for the film *Solomon and Sheba* and died on route to hospital. (He was replaced in the role by Yul Brynner.)

