

Cocoon (1985)

Written by Tom Benedek

Directed by Ron Howard

Cast

Don Ameche (Art)

Wilford Brimley (Ben)

Hume Cronyn (Joe)

Brian Dennehy (Walter)

Steve Guttenberg (Jack)

Tahnee Welch (Kitty)

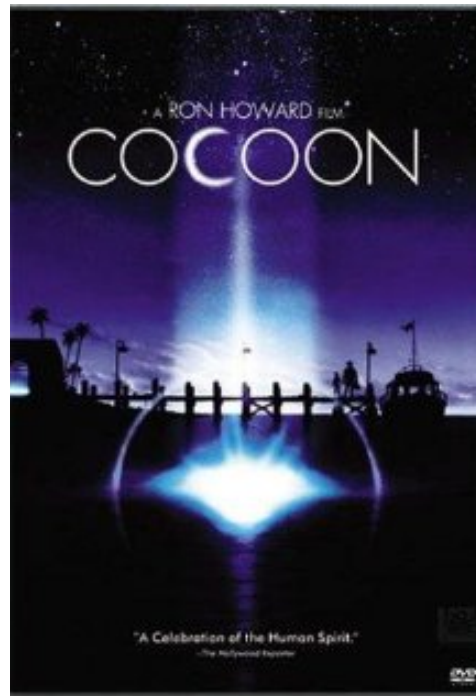
Barrett Oliver (David)

Awards

Oscar Wins

Best Supporting Actor (Don Ameche)

Oscar Win: Best Visual Effects



Plot Synopsis

A group of extra terrestrials return to earth to retrieve cocoons containing friends they left behind from an earlier trip to earth 10,000 years ago. These cocoons had been resting at the bottom of the ocean. Once retrieved, they stored these recovered cocoons in the swimming pool of a house they'd rented in a small Florida town. Their mission is hampered by a number of elderly people from a nearby retirement community who had been secretly using the pool, and gaining youthful energy from the cocoons in the water.

Tidbits and Trivia

- Wilford Brimley was only 50 years old at the time of this film's production. He had to have his hair dyed gray in order to make him look geriatric.
- The effects team revealed in interviews that the dolphins in the underwater scenes were animatronic, not live ones.
- Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy playing the old married couple Joseph and Alma Finley had in real life also been married to each other for many years.
- According to Ron Howard, several members of the cast liked to get into hypothetical discussions about the chance their characters were offered in the film. Maureen Stapleton was dead against it, while Don Ameche said he'd be the first in line.
- Hume Cronyn was Canadian. Born in London, ON in 1911.