

## JOSHUA JACKSON Biography

Best known as “Dawson’s Creek’s” fast-talking, self-deprecating Pacey Witter, Joshua Jackson stars in Rose Troche’s upcoming indie drama “The Safety of Objects” (release date: TBA, 2002), which made its debut at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2001.

As Paul Gold, a suburban son whose coma galvanizes those around him, Joshua is part of an all-star cast, which includes Glenn Close, playing his mother, Dermot Mulroney, Timothy Olyphant, Robert Klein and Patricia Clarkson.

He recently starred in the HBO Films version of Moises Kaufman’s acclaimed play “The Laramie Project,” appearing alongside Laura Linney, Peter Fonda, Christina Ricci, Steve Buscemi, Janeane Garofalo, Camryn Manheim and Amy Madigan.

Set in Laramie, Wyoming during the aftermath of the murder of 21-year-old gay college student Matthew Shepard, the film, which was the Opening Night Premiere at Sundance 2002, depicts those directly affected by the events surrounding Matthew’s death and the subsequent trials.

As Matt Galloway, the emotional center of the film, Joshua plays an indifferent eyewitness who is transformed into a man in full realization of his responsibility to society. He is the part in all of us that asks the painful but necessary question, what could I have done to stop this terrible crime?

In spite of his recent celebrity, Joshua has been working in front of the camera for more than a decade. His first feature film was Michael Bortman’s “Crooked Hearts” (1991), which was quickly followed by the “Mighty Ducks” trilogy. While playing Charlie, the coach’s hockey prodigy and the team’s voice of reason, he also appeared in “Digger” and “Andre the Seal.”

More recently, Joshua became a leading man in Universal Pictures’ “The Skulls.” He had noted cameos in Steven Soderbergh’s “Ocean’s 11,” “Cruel Intentions” and “Urban Legend,” and featured performances in “Gossip,” Bryan Singer’s “Apt Pupil” and “Scream 2.”

The Vancouver native decided on an acting career at age nine – his first job was an ad campaign for “Beautiful British Columbia.” Working on location for “Dawson’s Creek,” which was recently renewed for a sixth season, Joshua resides in Wilmington, North Carolina but still calls Vancouver home.