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Actor Milo O'Shea (Left); Classical Musician, Alfred Brendel; and Nobel Economist, Professor Amartya Sen honoured by UCD

UCD honours veteran Irish actor.

For his life's work on the stage and screen, one of Ireland's most successful actors, Milo O'Shea was conferred with an honorary Doctor of Literature by UCD on Friday 15 June 2007. O'Shea, who is 81 years old, was raised in Dublin and educated by the Christian Brothers. He began his stage career at a very early age and was soon performing with the Abbey Players. In the 1960s he became known to audiences for his starring role in the BBC sitcom: Me Mammy. He has since gone on to act in dozens of big screen movies.



"There are a multitude of reasons for conferring the degree of Doctor of Literature on Milo O'Shea for his outstanding achievements as an actor across stage, film and television," said Professor Tony Roche from the UCD School of English and Drama. "Not least is the fact that he played Leopold Bloom in Joseph Strick's 1967 film of Joyce's novel Ulysses."

"Milo was ideal casting as Bloom, an Irish actor uniquely equipped to project the quizzical and humane nature of Joyce's Everyman character, with his inquiring openness, his understatement, his sympathy and his unique gift of comedy." Through his acting O'Shea helped to immortalise Leopold Bloom.

"He makes it all seem so easy," said Professor Roche. "But his is the art that conceals art and you don't sustain a worldwide career across seven decades without a great deal of hard work and talent."