

# Canada's Rising Stars: 15 Breakouts Making an Impact in Hollywood

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These newcomers — who got their big breaks in the U.S. with roles opposite the likes of Tom Cruise, Nicolas Cage and Jennifer Lopez — talk building a career north of the border.



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Somewhere on these pages could be the next William Shatner. Or Avril Lavigne. Or Lorne Michaels. Canada has long been Hollywood's great talent farm to the north, as famous for exporting movie and TV stars as it is for its maple syrup. So THR reached over the border — where business is booming, with foreign production spending up 28 percent (to \$698 million) in Ontario alone last year — to ask some of the buzziest young Canadian performers about their goals, mentors, the best advice they've been given about the entertainment biz and, of course, what's great about (*about?*) being Canadian: "Everybody thinks you're friendly, eh?"

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## William Ainscough

Actor | Age: 13



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The Vancouver-born Ainscough shined opposite Donald Sutherland in the Canadian indie *Milton's Secret*, had a breakout role in The CW comedy *Seed* and voices a character in the animated PBS kids series *Ready Jet Go*.

**The best thing about being Canadian is** My country is awesome and full of amazing people that are free to do and express themselves and their feelings however and whenever they want. Canada is inclusive, full of possibility and my home.

**When I'm not working, I'm** Playing drums, listening to rock on vinyl, hanging with friends and being a normal teenager — whatever that means.