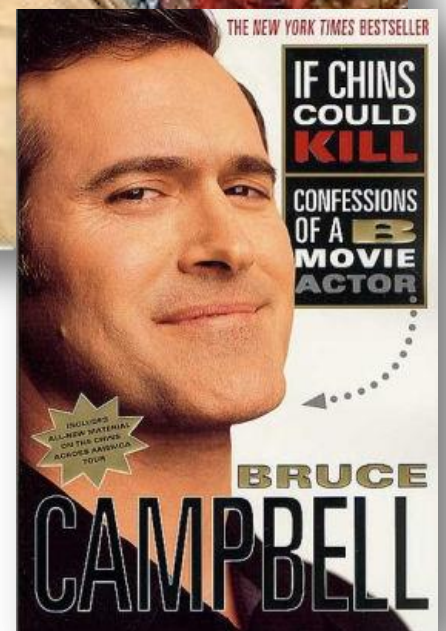
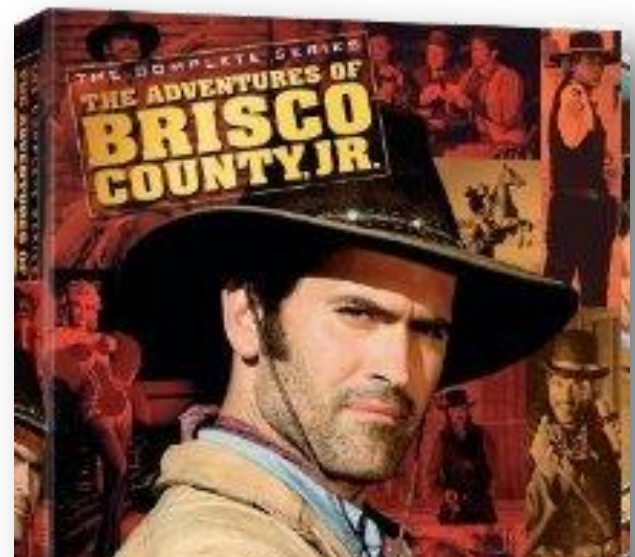


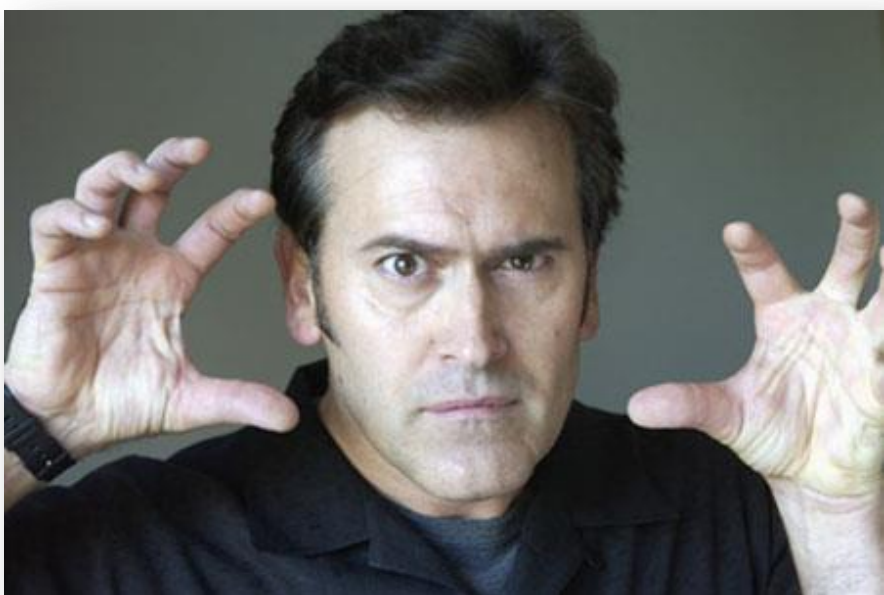
# Bruce Campbell



Bruce Campbell, a graduate of Groves High School, has written numerous books on the humor of show business, created and starred in popular TV shows and epic movie franchises, is the subject of comic books, stage shows, action figure playsets, and continues to inspire artists and performers today to follow their heart in creating something special, exceptional, and just plain fun.



I've always had an interest in film, passed down through my family. Before Birmingham 8 theater reopened, my aunt and uncle would take me to the now defunct cineplex up the road in Pontiac on a regular basis. Later I would go to the Maple, the Main, the Birmingham 8 on my own or with friends to catch art films, alternative films, foreign and cult works. At some point I discovered a movie called "Army of Darkness," a schlocky horror satire starring none other than Bruce Campbell. He was that guy from the new Western on TV, "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr."



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My interest was piqued and next thing I knew, I was knee deep in the cult of Campbell. I wrote about his films for the school newspaper, followed his TV career, collected his memorabilia, and attended live presentations of his films and books.

Amazingly enough, one day when I went out to lunch from the museum, I crossed Maple Road and ran into none other than Bruce Campbell. Needless to say I was speechless.

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*Why I was inspired:* This man is doing exactly what he wants to do on his own terms and making work. That's what I want to do. It was this attitude that led me to work at the Birmingham Museum.

*--Submitted by Dan Patton*