

Ian McDiarmid

Actor

Ian is a Tony and Olivier award-winning actor and director. He is perhaps best known for his role as EMPEROR PALPATINE in the STAR WARS Franchise. Recent credits include the lead in the UK tour of Roxana Silbert's WHAT SHADOWS and in Jez Butterworth's BRITANNIA for Sky Atlantic.



lan McDiarmid was born in Carnoustie, Scotland. He attended St Andrews University, graduating with a Master's degree in Social Science and, subsequently, the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, where he won the Gold Medal.

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Roles

Film

Production	Character	Director	Company
STAR WARS: THE RISE OF	Palpatine	J.J Abrams	Walt Disney Motion
SKYWALKER			Pictures

Character Sir George Goldie	Director	Company
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	James Gray	Amazon Studios & Bleecker Street
Emperor Palpatine aka Darth Sidious	George Lucas	Lucasfilm & 20th Century Fox
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Dr Thomas Lacaster	Tim Burton	Paramount Pictures
Ambrose	Michael Hoffman	Avenue Pics Prods & Miramax
Arthur	Frank Oz	Orion Pictures Corporation
Professor Andreev	Michael Apted	Orion Pictures Corporation
Emperor Palpatine	Richard Marquand	Lucasfilm & 20th Century Fox
Brother Jacobus	Matthew Robbins	Paramount Pictures
Reg Smeeton	Steve Roberts	Charisma
Dr Richter	Mike Newel	Orion Pictures Corporation
Burglar	Anthony Harvey	Southern Pictures & New World Pics
Vicar	Michael Tuchner	EMI
	aka Darth Sidious Emperor Palpatine aka Darth Sidious Dr Thomas Lacaster Ambrose Arthur Professor Andreev Emperor Palpatine Brother Jacobus Reg Smeeton Dr Richter Burglar	aka Darth Sidious Emperor Palpatine aka Darth Sidious Dr Thomas Lacaster Tim Burton Ambrose Michael Hoffman Arthur Frank Oz Professor Andreev Michael Apted Emperor Palpatine Richard Marquand Brother Jacobus Matthew Robbins Reg Smeeton Steve Roberts Dr Richter Mike Newel Burglar Anthony Harvey Vicar Michael

Stage

Production	Character	Director	Company
THE CARETAKER	Davies	Justin Audibert	Chichester Festival Theatre
THE LEMON TABLE	Geoffrey and Sibelius	Michael Grandage	UK Tour
FAUST X 2	Faust	Lisa Blair	Watermill Theatre
WHAT SHADOWS	Enoch Powell	Roxana Silbert	Birmingham Rep
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE	Shylock	Rupert Gould	The Almeida
JONAH AND OTTO	Otto Banister	Claire Lizzimore	Manchester Royal Exchange Studio
BAKERSFIELD MIST	Lionel	Polly Teale	The Duchess Theatre

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EMPEROR AND GAILEAN	Maximus	Jonathan Kent	National Theatre
THE PRINCE OF HOMBURG	The Elector	Jonathan Munby	Donmar Warehouse
BE NEAR ME	Father David Anderton	John Tiffany	Kilmarnock Theatre, Donmar Warehouse & National Theatre of Scotland
SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR	The Father	Rupert Goold	Gielgud Theatre, Chichester Festival Theatre & Australian Tour
JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN	John Gabriel Borkman	Michael Grandage	Donmar Warehouse
THE FAITH HEALER	Teddy	Jonathan Kent	Booth Theatre New York & Gate Theatre Dublin
LEAR	King Lear	Jonathan Kent	Sheffield Crucible
HENRY IV	Henry IV	Michael Grandage	Donmar Warehouse
THE EMBALMER	Alexei Miscin	William Kerley	Almeida Theatre & UK Tour
THE FAITH HEALER	Teddy	Jonathan Kent	Booth Theatre New York & Gate Theatre Dublin
LEAR	King Lear	Jonathan Kent	Sheffield Crucible
HENRY IV	Henry IV	Michael Grandage	Donmar Warehouse
THE EMBALMER	Alexei Miscin	William Kerley	Almeida Theatre & UK Tou
THE FAITH HEALER	Teddy	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
THE TEMPEST	Prospero	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
THE JEW OF MALTA	Barabas	Michael Grandage	Almeida Theatre & UK Tour
DOCTOR'S DILEMMA	Ridgeon	Michael Grandage	Almeida Theatre & UK Tour
TARTUFFE	Orgon	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR	Lord Provost	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
THE CENCI	Count Cenci	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
SCHOOL FOR WIVES	Arnolphe	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
VOLPONE	Vulpine Volpone	Nicholas Hytner	Almeida Theatre
THE BLACK PRINCE	Bradley	RSC Aldwych Theatre	RSC Aldwych Theatre
THE COUNTRY WIFE	Mr Pinchwife	Nicholas Hytner	Manchester Royal Exchange
DON CARLOS	King Philip II of Spain	Nicholas Hytne	Manchester Royal Exchang

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EDWARD II	King Edward II	Nicholas Hytner	Manchester Royal Exchange
THE DANTON AFFAIR	Maximilien Robespierre	Ron Daniels	RSC Barbican
THE SAXON SHORE	Cambyses & Llyr	Pierre Audi	Almeida Theatre
CREDITORS	Gustav	Various	Almeida Theatre
DOWNCHILD	Tom Downchild	Bill Alexander & Nick Hamm	RSC Stratford & Barbican The Pit
THE CASTLE	Stucly	Nick Hamm	RSC Stratford & Barbican The Pit
CRIMES IN HOT COUNTRIES	Hacker	Bill Alexander	RSC Stratford & Barbican The Pit
THE WAR PLAYS	Monster, First Man, Officer & Middle-Aged Man	RSC Stratford & Barbican The Pit	Nick Hamm
THE PARTY	John Tagg	Howard Davies	RSC Stratford & Barbican The Pit

Television

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BRITANNIA	King Pellenor	Various	Amazon Studios
STAR WARS: REBELS	Emperor Palpatine	Various	CGCG Inc.
OBI-WAN KENOBI	Emperor Palpatine	Deborah Chow	Lucasfilm
IVANOV	Kosykh	Jonathan Kent	Almeida Theatre
MACBETH	Porter & Ross	Philip Casson	RSC for Thames TV
UTOPIA Series 2	Anton	Marc Munden	Channel 4
37 DAYS	Sir Edward Grey	Justin Hardy	BBC
MARGARET	Denis Thatcher	James Kent	Great Meadown Productions
CITY OF VICE	Henry Fielding	Justin Hardy	Touchpaper Television
OUR HIDDEN LIVES	B Charles	Michael Samuels	BBC
ELIZABETH I	Lord William Cecil Burghley	Tom Hooper	Company Pictures
SPOOKS	Professor Fred Roberts	Jonny Campbell	ВВС
CHARLES II	Sir Edward Hyde	Joe Wright	BBC
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	Porfiry	Julian Jarrold	BBC

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ALL THE KING'S MEN	Reverend Pierrepoint Edwards	Julian Jarrold	WGBH & BBC
GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Jaggers	Julian Jarrold	WGBH & PBS
AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR A WOMAN	Ronald Callender	Ben Bolt	Ronald Callender
TOUCHING EVIL	Professor Ronald Hinks	Julian Jarrold	United Film & Television Prods
REBECCA	Coroner	Carlton Television	Carlton Television
HILLBOROUGH	Dr Popper	Charles McDougall	Granada for ITV
COLD LAZARUS	Oliver Morse	Renny Rye	BBC
KARAOKE	Oliver Morse	Renny Rye	BBC
ANNIE: A ROYAL ADVENTURE	Doctor Eli Eon	lan Toynton	Rastar Productions & ABC
HEART OF DARKNESS	Doctor	Nicolas Roeg	TNT
SELECTED EXITS	George Devine	Tristram Powell	Masterpiece Theatre & PBS
THE YOUNG INDIANA JONES CHRONICLES	Professor Levi	Nicholas Roeg	Amblin Entertainment & ABC
CHERNOBYL: THE FINAL WARNING	Dr Vatisenko	Anthony Page	TNT
INSPECTOR MORSE	Hugo De Vries	Danny Boyle	UTV
PITY IN HISTORY	Murgatroyd	Sarah Pia Anderson	BBC
THE PROFESSIONALS	Mikey Hamilton	William Brayne	LWT for ITV
LAST NIGHT ANOTHER DISSIDENT	Fedka	Michael Darlow	ITV Playhouse