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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Gianni Russo is an actor, performer, author, and podcast host, known for playing Carlo Rizzi in Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather (1972). His career spans film and television, live music, books, and The Hollywood Godfather Podcast.

THE CAREER & THE CONVERSATION

Gianni Russo made his screen debut as Carlo Rizzi in Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather in 1972. His screen career includes The Godfather Part II, The Freshman, Out for Justice, Rush Hour 2, Red Dragon, and Seabiscuit, with television appearances including Prison Break.

Beyond acting, his producing credits include Kill Shot and A.J.'s Time Travelers. His live performances bring together the American songbook and personal stories from a life in entertainment.

Russo is the author of Hollywood Godfather: My Life in the Movies and the Mob, written with Patrick Picciarelli, and Mafia Secrets: Untold Tales from the Hollywood Godfather, written with Michael Benson. He continues the conversation through The Hollywood Godfather Podcast.

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2019	**The Hollywood Godfather Podcast** · Executive producer · IMDb-listed credits: 2019–2021
2000	**Kill Shot** · Executive producer
1995	**A.J.'s Time Travelers** · Executive producer
1972	**The Godfather** · Carlo Rizzi
1974	**The Godfather Part II** · Carlo Rizzi
1975	**Lepke** · Albert Anastasia
1989	**Chances Are** · Anthony Bonino
1990	**The Freshman** · Maître d' — Gourmet Club
1991	**Out for Justice** · Sammy
1993	**Super Mario Bros.** · Scapelli
1999	**Any Given Sunday** · Christina's advisor
2001	**Rush Hour 2** · Red Dragon Pit Boss
2002	**Red Dragon** · Newsie
2003	**Seabiscuit** · Alberto Gianini
2013	**Send No Flowers** · Johnny Pisano
2018	**Con Man** · Derek Lewis
2005	**Prison Break** · Gavin Smallhouse

PERFORMANCE VIDEO

Gianni Russo Live - watch the existing archive recording

More interviews & performances: giannirusso.com/video/

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