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Born in Ferrol, Galicia, into an upper-class military family, Franco served in the Spanish Army as a cadet in the Toledo Infantry Academy from 1907 to 1910. While serving in Morocco, he rose through the ranks to become a brigadier general in 1926 at age 33. Two years later, Franco became the director of...

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The first francophones to settle in Ontario did so during the early 17th century, when most of it was part of the Pays d'en Haut region of New France. However, French settlement into the area remained limited until the 19th century. The late...

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The Franco-Newfoundlander community is most prominently associated with the Port au Port area near Stephenville, in communities such as Trois-Cailloux, Cap-Saint-Georges, La Grand'Terre, L'Anse-aux-

Canards and Maisons-d'Hiver. This region is unique as the only area in the province that is officially designated by provincial law as a bilingual district. However, francophone communities are also present throughout the province, particularly in St. John's, Labrador City and Happy...

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In his first prominent television role, Franco played Daniel Desario on the short-lived ensemble comedy-drama Freaks and Geeks (1999–2000), which developed a cult...

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Franco-Provençal has several distinct dialects and is separate from but closely related to neighbouring Romance dialects (the langues d'oïl and the langues d'oc, in France, as well as Rhaeto-Romance in Switzerland and Italy).

Even with all its distinct dialects counted together, the number of Franco-Provençal speakers has been declining significantly and steadily. According to UNESCO, Franco-Provençal was already in 1995 a "potentially endangered language" in Italy and an "endangered language" in Switzerland and France. Ethnologue classifies it as "nearly extinct".

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The first francophones to enter the region were fur traders during the late 17th century, with the first French settlers arriving in the subsequent century. Francophones constituted the majority of the region's non-First Nations population until the mid 19th century, when anglophones became the linguistic...

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Films he directed included the Shakespearean adaptations *The Taming of the Shrew* (1967), starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton; *Romeo and Juliet* (1968), for which he received a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Director; and *Hamlet* (1990), starring Mel Gibson and Glenn Close. His Biblical television miniseries *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977) won both national and international...

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Franco has also starred in *Fright Night* (2011), *Now You See Me* (2013) and its sequel *Now You See Me 2* (2016), *Neighbors* (2014) and its sequel *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising* (2016), *Nerve* (2016), *The Disaster Artist* (2017), and *Day Shift* (2022). In 2020, he made his directorial debut with *The Rental*, starring his wife Alison Brie.

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In a career spanning from 1954 to 2013, he wrote, directed, produced, acted in, and scored approximately 173 feature films, working both in his native Spain and (during the rule of Francisco Franco) in France, West Germany, Switzerland and Portugal. Additionally, during the 1960s, he made several films in Rio de Janeiro and Istanbul.

Franco's films are known for distinctive visual style and idiosyncratic approach to filmmaking, often directing...

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