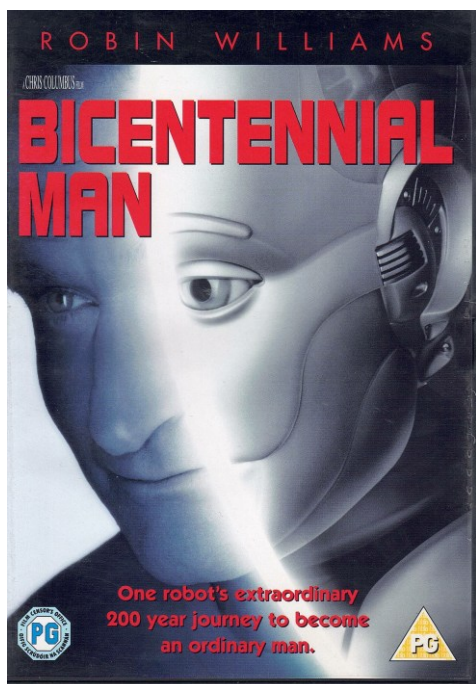


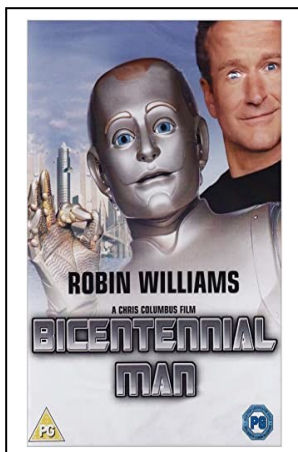
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Title: **Bicentennial Man**



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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Chris Columbus
Screenplay by	Nicholas Kazan
Based on	<i>The Bicentennial Man</i> by Isaac Asimov <i>The Positronic Man</i> by Isaac Asimov Robert Silverberg
Produced by	Wolfgang Petersen Gail Katz Laurence Mark Neal Miller Chris Columbus Mark Radcliffe Michael Barnathan
Starring	Robin Williams Sam Neill Embeth Davidtz Wendy Crewson Oliver Platt
Cinematography	Phil Méheux
Edited by	Neil Travis
Music by	James Horner
Production companies	Touchstone Pictures Columbia Pictures 1492 Pictures Laurence Mark Productions Radiant Productions
Distributed by	Buena Vista Pictures Distribution (North America) Columbia TriStar Film Distributors International (International)
Release date	December 17, 1999 (United States)
Running time	132 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$90-100 million ^{[1][2]}
Box office	\$87.4 million ^[1]

Storyline

On April 3, 2005, the NDR series robot "Andrew" is introduced into the Martin family home to perform housekeeping and maintenance duties and introduces himself by showing a presentation of the Three Laws of Robotics. The eldest daughter Grace despises Andrew, but her younger sister Amanda is sympathetic to him, and Andrew discovers he feels emotions, and is drawn to spend more time with his "Little Miss". He accidentally breaks one of her glass figurines and is able to carve a new one out of wood, which surprises her father, Richard. He takes Andrew to NorthAm Robotics to inquire if Andrew's creativity was part of his programming. NorthAm's CEO Dennis Mansky claims this is a problem and offers to scrap Andrew, but instead Richard takes Andrew back home and encourages him to continue his creativity and explore other humanities. Andrew becomes a clockmaker and earns a sizable fortune managed by Richard after they find that robots have no rights under current laws.

Time passes, and Richard encourages Dennis to give Andrew the ability to present facial expressions to match his emotions. About two decades after being awoken, Andrew presents Richard with all the money he has made to ask for his freedom. Wounded by this, Richard refuses to accept it but does grant Andrew his independence, on the condition he may no longer reside at the Martin home. Andrew builds his own home by the beach. In 2048, Richard is on his death bed, and apologizes to Andrew for banishing him before he dies.

Following Richard's death, Andrew goes on a quest to find other NDR robots that are like him, frequently communicating back to Amanda, who has since married and divorced, and has a son Lloyd and granddaughter Portia. In 2068, during his quest, Andrew discovers Galatea, an NDR robot that has been modified with female personality and traits. Andrew becomes interested in how Galatea was modified by Rupert Burns, the son of the original NDR designer, and finds he has a number of potential ideas to help make robots appear more human-like. Andrew agrees to fund Rupert's work and to be a test subject and is soon given a human-like appearance. Andrew finally returns to the Martin home in 2088 and finds that Amanda has grown old while Portia looks much like her grandmother at her age. Portia is initially cautious of Andrew, but soon accepts him as part of the Martin family.

When Amanda dies, Andrew realises that all those he cares for will also pass on. He presents ideas to Rupert to create artificial organs that not only can be used in humans to prolong their lives but also to replace Andrew's mechanical workings. Andrew gains the ability to eat, feel emotions and sensations, and even have sexual relationships, resulting in him and Portia falling in love. Andrew petitions the World Congress to recognize him as a human as to allow him to marry Portia, but the body expresses concern that an immortal human will cause jealousy from others. Andrew returns to Rupert for one last operation: to change the artificial fluids driving his body into a blood equivalent. Rupert cautions him that the blood will not last forever, causing his body to age and will die eventually, a fate Andrew accepts. Several decades afterwards, Andrew again approaches the World Congress, with Portia as support, to appeal their past decision, wanting to be able to die with dignity.

On April 2, 2205, with Andrew's body deteriorating, he and Portia are both under life support monitored by Galatea, now with a human appearance. They hold hands and watch the World Congress as they recognize Andrew as a human being, the world's oldest at 200 years, and giving all rights confirmed by that, including validating his marriage to Portia. Andrew dies during the broadcast, which is confirmed by Galatea while Portia asserts that Andrew already knew the answer. After ordering Galatea to turn off her life support, Portia soon dies, hand-in-hand with Andrew as she whispers to him "See you soon".

Cast -Actor Role:

Robin Williams as Andrew Martin, an NDR android servant of the Martin family that seeks to become human. Before Williams was cast, Tim Allen was considered for the role of Andrew Martin, but turned it down due to his commitment on Galaxy Quest.

Sam Neill as Richard "Sir" Martin, the patriarch of the Martin family.

Embeth Davidtz as Amanda "Little Miss" Martin (adult) and Portia Charney; Amanda is a friend of Andrew, the mother of Lloyd and grandmother of Portia while Portia is the daughter of Lloyd, the granddaughter of Amanda and significant other of Andrew.

Hallie Eisenberg as Amanda "Little Miss" Martin (age 7), the younger daughter of the Martin family.

Wendy Crewson as Rachel "Ma'am" Martin, the matriarch of the Martin family.

Oliver Platt as Rupert Burns, the son of the NDR creator that makes androids look more human-like.

Kiersten Warren as Galatea, the NDR android servant of Rupert and later a servant of the Martin family.

Stephen Root as Dennis Mansky

Angela Landis as Grace "Miss" Martin (adult), the spoiled older brat daughter of the Martin family.

Lindze Letherman as Grace "Miss" Martin (age 9)

Bradley Whitford as Lloyd Charney (adult)

Igor Hiller as Lloyd Charney (age 10)

John Michael Higgins as Bill Feingold — Martin Family Attorney

George D. Wallace as the President/Speaker of the World Congress

Lynne Thigpen as Marjorie Bota, a later President/Speaker of the World Congress

Jay Johnston as Charles

Parents Guidance

Certification

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Sex & Nudity

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Mild

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

