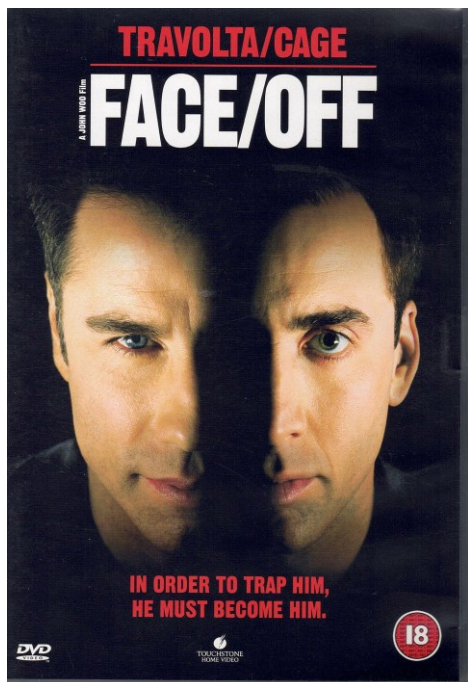


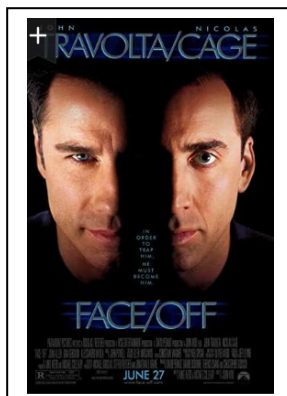
# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Face/Off**



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## Information

Release Title: Face/Off 7<sup>th</sup> November 1997 (United Kingdom)

From:

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Release date:

Origin: USA

Genre: Action, Crime, Sci-Fi, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 18

Duration: 2h 18m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

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UPC:

Languages: English, Latin

Filming Locations: Kaiser Permanente Medical Centre/Hospital - 1011 Baldwin Park Boulevard,

Baldwin Park, California, USA

Sound mix: DTS Dolby Digital

Aspect ratio: 2:39:1

Colour: PAL

Face/Off	
	
Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	John Woo
Written by	Mike Werb Michael Colleary
Produced by	David Permut Barrie M. Osborne Terence Chang Christopher Goddick
Starring	John Travolta Nicolas Cage Joan Allen Gina Gershon Alessandro Nivola Colm Feore
Cinematography	Oliver Wood
Edited by	Christian Wagner Steven Kemper
Music by	John Powell
Production companies	Touchstone Pictures Permut Presentations
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures (North America) Buena Vista International (International)
Release date	June 27, 1997 (United States)
Running time	133 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$80 million <sup>[2]</sup>
Box office	\$245.7 million <sup>[2]</sup>

## Storyline

FBI Special Agent Sean Archer survives an assassination attempt by homicidal sociopath Castor Troy, but the bullet penetrates Archer's chest and strikes his son Michael, accidentally killing the boy. Six years later, Archer's vendetta against Troy culminates in his team ambushing Troy, who is with his younger brother and accomplice Pollux, at a remote desert airstrip. Troy goads Archer with knowledge of a bomb located somewhere in Los Angeles set to go off in a few days, before being knocked into a coma before Archer can learn more. Pollux, in custody, affirms that the bomb is real but refuses to reveal its location.

In secret, Archer reluctantly undergoes a highly experimental face transplant procedure by Dr Malcolm Walsh to take on Castor Troy's face, voice, and appearance. Archer-as-Troy is taken to the same high-security prison where Pollux is being held. He manages to convince Pollux that he is Troy, and gains information on the bomb's location. Troy unexpectedly awakens from his coma and discovers his face missing. He calls his gang, and they force Dr Walsh to transplant Archer's face onto him. Troy then kills the only people who know of the transplant. At the prison, Archer-as-Troy prepares to tell Biondi of the location but is surprised when Troy-as-Archer appears. Troy-as-Archer gloats that no one knows of the transplant, and that he will take over Archer's life.

Pollux is freed when he willingly tells Troy-as-Archer of the bomb's location, and Troy-as-Archer disarms the bomb in a dramatic fashion. Troy-as-Archer earns admiration from the FBI office and becomes close to Archer's wife Eve and daughter Jamie, whom Archer had been neglecting while chasing down Troy. Back at the prison, Archer-as-Troy escapes after staging a riot and retreats to Troy's headquarters. He meets Sasha, the sister of Troy's primary drug kingpin, and her son Adam, who reminds him of Michael. Archer-as-Troy discovers that Adam is Troy's son. Troy-as-Archer learns of Archer-as-Troy's escape and hastily assembles a team to raid his headquarters.

The raid turns into a bloodbath and many FBI agents and several members of Troy's gang, including Pollux, are killed, while Archer, Sasha, and Adam are able to escape. Archer's supervisor, Director Victor Lazarro, blames Troy-as-Archer for the numerous slayings. Troy-as-Archer, furious over Pollux's death, kills Lazarro and makes it look like a heart attack. Troy-as-Archer is promoted to acting director. Archer-as-Troy finds safety for Sasha and Adam. Then he approaches Eve and convinces her to test Troy-as-Archer's blood to prove his identity. After testing the blood and being convinced of her husband's identity, Eve tells Archer that Troy will be vulnerable at Lazarro's funeral.

At the ceremony, Archer-as-Troy finds that Troy-as-Archer has anticipated his actions and taken Eve hostage. Sasha arrives, and a gunfight ensues; Sasha manages to save Eve after taking a bullet. Archer-as-Troy promises a dying Sasha that he will take care of Adam and raise him away from criminal life. In a fight between the rivals outside, Jamie shoots and injures Archer-as-Troy. Troy-as-Archer flees the church with Archer-as-Troy pursuing him. Troy-as-Archer briefly takes Jamie hostage, but she escapes by stabbing him with the butterfly knife that Troy-as-Archer had given her for self-defence. Troy-as-Archer reaches the docks and commandeers a speedboat, and Archer-as-Troy follows and commandeers one of his own.

A chase ensues, that ends when Archer-as-Troy forces Troy-as-Archer to the shore by collision. With the boats grounded, Archer-as-Troy bests Troy-as-Archer in a melee fight. Troy-as-Archer attempts to mutilate his (Archer's) face to taunt and distract Archer-as-Troy, but Archer-as-Troy instead gains the upper hand and kills Troy-as-Archer by impaling him with a spear gun, avenging the deaths of Michael and all of Troy's other victims. Backup agents arrive and address Archer-as-Troy as Archer, having been convinced by Eve of Archer's true identity. After the face transplant surgery is reversed, Archer returns home, where he adopts Adam into his family, keeping his promise to Sasha.

## Cast

John Travolta as Sean Archer  
Nicolas Cage as Castor Troy  
Joan Allen as Eve Archer  
Alessandro Nivola as Pollux Troy  
Gina Gershon as Sasha Hassler  
Dominique Swain as Jamie Archer  
Nick Cassavetes as Dietrich Hassler  
Harve Presnell as Victor Lazarro  
Colm Feore as Dr. Malcolm Walsh  
John Carroll Lynch as Prison Guard Walton  
CCH Pounder as Hollis Miller  
Robert Wisdom as Tito Biondi  
Margaret Cho as Wanda Chang  
Thomas Jane as Burke Hicks  
James Denton as Buzz  
Tommy Flanagan as Leo  
Matt Ross as Loomis  
Danny Masterson as Karl  
Chris Bauer as Ivan Dubov  
Romy Walthall as Kimberly  
Myles Jeffrey as Michael Archer  
David McCurley as Adam Hassler  
Lauren Sinclair as Agent Winters

All music is composed by John Powell, except as noted.

No.	Title	Music	Length
1.	"Face On"		4:57
2.	"80 Proof Rock"		4:29
3.	"Furniture"		7:12
4.	"The Golden Section Derma Lift"		3:15
5.	"This Ridiculous Chin"		6:51
6.	"No More Drugs for That Man"	John Powell, Gavin Greenaway	7:27
7.	"Hans' Loft"	John Powell, Gavin Greenaway	3:34
8.	"Ready for the Big Ride, Bubba"		3:53
Total length:			41:42

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Brazil:10 Canada:PG (Alberta) Canada:PG (British Columbia) Chile:14 Colombia:7  
Czechia:12 Denmark:11 Egypt:Not Rated (DVD rating) Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Hong  
Kong:IIA Hungary:12 India:UA Indonesia:16+ (self-applied) Ireland:12A Israel:ALL Italy:T Japan:G Lithuania:N-7  
Maldives:12+ Mexico:B Netherlands:12 New Zealand:M Norway:11 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 Portugal:M/12  
Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:12 Spain:7 (ICAA) Sweden:11 Switzerland:14 Thailand:13+ (self-  
applied) Turkey:13+ United Kingdom:12A United Kingdom:12 (DVD rating) United States:PG-13 (certificate #48560)

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Severe

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Moderate

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate

MPAA Rated R for intense sequences of strong violence, and for strong language

