

## Top Ten Directors of All Time

The directors are listed in no particular order. The criteria for inclusion: must have directed at least five films that are generally acknowledged to be artistic, critical, and/or popular successes; that these five films represent either a bravura display of versatility, or establish the director as the pre-eminent figure in a genre; and that these films have withstood the test of time, or are expected to do so. Box office and awards are the least of the indicators of quality. Repeated viewings and long-term popularity are more telling of greatness.

### Billy Wilder

Sunset Boulevard  
Ace in the Hole  
The Lost Weekend  
The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes  
Some Like It Hot



### Alfred Hitchcock

Vertigo  
Shadow of a Doubt  
Strangers on a Train  
North by Northwest  
The Birds

### James Whale

Frankenstein  
The Bride of Frankenstein  
Showboat  
The Invisible Man  
The Old Dark House



### Steven Spielberg

AI: Artificial Intelligence  
Schindler's List  
Minority Report  
Saving Private Ryan  
Duel

### Akira Kurosawa

Seven Samurai  
Rashomon  
Ran  
Throne of Blood  
The Shadow Warrior





Frank Capra  
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington  
Lost Horizon  
It's a Wonderful Life  
Arsenic and Old Lace  
Prelude to War

Francis Ford Coppola  
The Conversation  
The Godfather, Pt.1  
The Godfather, Pt.2  
Apocalypse Now  
Tucker: A Man and His Dream



Orson Welles  
Citizen Kane  
The Magnificent Ambersons  
Touch of Evil  
The Stranger  
The Tragedy of Othello: The Moor of Venice

John Ford  
The Grapes of Wrath  
Stagecoach  
The Informer  
The Searchers  
Rio Grande



**Preston Sturges**  
**Buster Keaton**  
**Chuck Jones**  
**Tim Burton**  
**John Huston**  
**The Coen Brothers**  
**Stanley Kubrick**