

## **Brad Leland Williams**

Brad Leland stepped on stage for the first time as a 5-year-old audience volunteer at the Crazy Horse Saloon in Disneyland and hasn't veered far from the footlights ever since.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, he is a 1973 graduate of Plano High School, where he starred in dramas, musicals and comedies. He also was a member of the 1972 Plano Wildcats state championship football team.

After graduating with a degree in theatre arts from Texas Tech University, Brad founded an improvisational comedy troupe, performed in dinner theatre and cabaret productions, served as Executive Director of the Lubbock Theatre Centre, and co-founded the Dallas Actors Theatre, where he produced, directed and acted in numerous productions. He continues to produce various shows and events in Texas as owner of Turnkey Productions.

Soon after moving to Dallas, Brad got his first motion picture role in the 1985 Western, "Silverado". What followed over the next two decades were dozens of roles in television shows such as "Dallas," "Walker" and "In the Heat of the Night" and miniseries including "North and South" and "Heaven and Hell." His many movie credits include "Hancock," "Born on the Fourth of July," "The Patriot" and "The Ringer."

Brad appeared in the movie "Friday Night Lights" in 2004 and currently co-stars in the acclaimed NBC-TV series of the same name. His role as devoted football fan, dedicated dad and meddling businessman Buddy Garrity helps bring the fictional town of Dillon, Texas, to realistic life. The married father of two daughters, Brad lives in Allen and enjoys his beautiful family, a good game of golf and sports of all kinds in his spare time.