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Much has changed for SVU since the show premiered more than 20 years ago. NBC/Getty Over its 20-year history, *Law & Order: SVU* has become known for its long list of guest appearances - from Serena Williams to Bradley Cooper. But the show's regular cast members have also been making a name for themselves over the years. Some of these actors have stayed on the show for decades, like Mariska Hargitay, Christopher Meloni, and Ice T, while others only appear for a season or two. Some even return in guest appearances after their departure. Keep reading to see when each actor joined the series and see what they've done. Mariska Hargitay, Stephen Lovekin/Getty Images Hargitay has focused on sexual assault in real life too, becoming a rape crisis counselor and founding the Joyful Heart Association to help survivors of sexual assaults. She also went on to play Benson on SVU becoming the longest serving actor in the *Law & Order* franchise. On the show, Benson was promoted to lieutenant and became the mother of an adopted son, Noah. There doesn't seem to be any end in sight for the character, as Hargitay said she has no plans to leave the popular drama. I said, 'You keep writing so that I stay 25 years.' Hargitay told *The Hollywood Reporter*. Why should I leave? I'm so grateful. Hargitay has been married to Peter Hermann, who played Trevor Langan on SVU for 32 episodes, since 2004. Michelle Hurd. Matt Sayles/AP Immediately after SVU, Hurd played Athena Barnes on Showtime's *Leap Years*. Since then, she has had several story arcs on notable series such as *ER*, *Gossip Girl*, *90210*, *Glades*, *Daredevil*, *Hawaii Five-0*, *Lethal Weapon* and *Blindspot*. She also played Raffi Musiker in *Star Trek: Picard*, which premiered on CBS All Access in January. Hurd made headlines in 2014 when she revealed that comedian Bill Cosby was inappropriate with her when she was stand-in on *The Cosby Show*. Years later, she made news again when she went to Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's trial to show support for her victims. Stephanie March. Peter Kramer/AP In 2000, Stephanie March played Alexandra Cabot for the first time. Cabot was an assistant district attorney who worked closely with the SVU unit and tried to suspect that detectives had arrested him. When March was ready to leave the show, the writers had her character fake her own death and enter a witness protection program. March officially left the show after three seasons in 2003. It was a fantastic work experience and I'm really missing people quite a bit, he told *The March TV Guide*. But you know, you get to the point where you feel like a character, you're kind of saying everything you can say. And then it becomes completely redundant. It was my first job in front of the camera after college. I was really lucky and I thought, I just have to do a few more things before I get too comfortable. Maybe all I need is a long break. Tamara Tunie. Charles AP Tunie continued acting as he made several story arcs on *Better Call Saul*, *Blue Bloods*, *Dietland*, *Black Earth Rising*, *The Red Road*, and *Almost Family*. Most recently, Tunie switched to singing, releasing her first album, *Dreamsville*, in 2019. The singer/actress is also known for her philanthropy, serving on the board for figure skating in Harlem, *Harlem Stage/The Gatehouse*, and *God's Love We Deliver*. Diane Neal. Mary Esch/AP Neal has returned to SVU several times in recent years to reprise her role as Casey Novak, but she has also appeared in many other crime shows like *NCIS*, *Blue Bloods*, and *Suits*. In 2018, Neal announced that she was running for Congress in New York. At the time, the actress tweeted, 'Ok, so it's him!!! But I'm doing with almost no staff, no donations (yet), no party. The goal is not negativity. The goal is HIGH ROAD all the way. But the New York Supreme Court blocked her from appear on the ballot because she didn't have enough signatures. Adam Beach. Patricia Schlein/STAR MAX/JP/AP After his brief stint on SVU, Beach went on to play Tommy Flute on HBO's *Big Love* for nine episodes. In 2011, he appeared in *Cowboys & Aliens*, opposite Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford and Sam Rockwell. Beach also took roles in *Suicide Squad*, *Hostiles*, and *Supernatural*. Beach also became an advocate for Native Americans in Hollywood. There's no need to cast non-Native artists and actresses in native roles, wrote Beach in an op-ed on *Deadline* in 2017. This is not 1950. The practice of bleaching is unnecessary, unacceptable and discriminatory. This supports erasing communities of color. Natives are often typecast in stereotypical roles or removed from storytelling altogether. Peter Scanavino. NBC/Getty Peter Scanavino joined SVU in 2013, as Detective Dominick Carisi, Jr., who was to be a temporary replacement for Detective Nick Amaro. But it was later announced that he had permanently joined the team, making scanavino series regular. In a 2014 interview, Scanavino described his character as brusque. Maybe I'll come a little strong, but I'm always trying to get to the truth, he said in an interview. So maybe my style doesn't quite align with SVU, but I do earn their respect and I'm going to do the same thing we all go for, so I think I have some respect. More: Entertainment Actors Law and Order Law and Order: SVU Indicates an expandable section or menu, or sometimes previous/additional navigation options. SVU fans rejoice! Law & Order: SVU has just been renewed for its 21st season on NBC. The news has some fans hoping to see the return of Christopher Meloni, the man who played Detective Elliott Stabler for those 12 seasons. But, of course, Meloni had to get his place on the show. Fortunately, Meloni has always been a hard worker, and he has his parents to thank for supporting him along the way. My parents were surprisingly cool. They always encouraged me to make decisions on my own. As I got through my teenage years it was 'What college do you want to go to?' 'Your decision.' 'What do you want Major in?' I want to be an actor. Your decision. When I graduated from college, I denied that acting was a viable career. Meloni explained in an interview with *Traveling Boy*. Meloni went on to explain that his decision to enter acting was almost as an incentive to make the decision of the moment. I called a friend on a lark and asked him what he was doing with his life. He told me he was going to New York to study acting. I said, 'Me too. Where are you supposed to study?' 'Neighborhood Playhouse.' I said, 'Great. What's the number?' As soon as I committed, that was it. Meloni worked as a construction worker before he got into acting, as did a bouncer, bartender, and personal trainer. Before he got any big breaks in TV or film, he worked on commercials. What's Meloni working on now? Rachel Bloom, James Corden, Christopher Meloni | Terence Patrick/CBS via Getty Images Now that Meloni isn't tied up with *Law & Order: SVU*, he's had time to pursue some other projects. Currently, Meloni is working on Syfy's new show, *Happy!*. *Happy!* is based on a graphic novel of the same name. Meloni plays Nick Sax, a disgraced cop with some serious substance abuse problems. Sax drives his needs for substance by working as a hitman. One day, he suffers a massive heart attack and wakes up to a winged blue unicorn named Happy, informing him that his estranged daughter has been kidnapped. The show takes off from there. Suffice to say, Meloni was confused by the script at first. I had no idea what f'ck I had just read, Meloni told *Entertainment Weekly*. I called Bryan Taylor, one of the showrunners, I said, 'What is this? Help me understand this task.' Meloni said. He was like, 'I don't know, I can't tell you. Let's figure it out.' For *Happy!*, Meloni finds herself working with comedian Patton Oswalt. So far, he seems to love their momentum. But he's kind of legendary, and he's so smart, so I always appreciate that in his company. He has a big heart and a lot of humanity to him, so he's a great presence to be around. So I respect him, I love working with him, and I couldn't be happier being on the show, Meloni told *Decider*. Meloni Net Worth by Christopher Meloni and Tim Kash | Rich Polk/Getty Images for IMDb Meloni known only for his work on *Law & Order: SVU*. He made money on various films, too. Meloni has starred in hits such as *Wet Hot American Summer*, *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle*, *Diary of a Teenage Girl* and many more. All this for that might come as no surprise to learn that *Celebrity Net Worth* estimates Meloni's net worth at roughly \$30 million. It's likely that this number won't fit. Still.