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## Aykroyd, Dan (1952—)

Actor and writer Dan Aykroyd achieved stardom as a member of the original *Saturday Night Live* (SNL) "Not Ready for Prime Time Players." During his tenure on SNL, he created some of the show's classic skits and impersonations. He also memorably teamed up with SNL's John Belushi to perform as Elwood "On a Mission from God" Blues, one half of the "The Blues Brothers" band. Aykroyd is one of the busiest actors on screen. Since SNL, Aykroyd has appeared in more than twenty movies, including *Ghostbusters* (1984), which he also wrote, *Driving Miss Daisy* (1989), and two movies based on the SNL act, *The Blues Brothers* (1980) and *Blues Brothers 2000* (1998). He also stars, as an ex-biker priest, in the TV sitcom *Soul Man*, and fronts a successful syndicated series, *Psi Factors*. Additionally, he is also a highly productive writer, continuing to pen some of Hollywood's most successful comedies.

**Dan Aykroyd (center) with Jane Curtin (left) and Laraine Newman (right) in the popular Conehead skit on *Saturday Night Live*.**

### Further Reading:

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