



Chiwetel Ejiofor



Birth:

Born in 1977, in London, to Nigerian parents.

Early Years:

Residing in **Dulwich, Southwark**, he joined the National Youth Theatre before enrolling in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. At age 19, and only three months into his course, Ejiofor was

“We take it for granted sometimes that certain parts of our history are told...but there are also massive gaps, and we have to try and address them.”

– Chiwetel Ejiofor

cast by Steven Spielberg to play a supporting role in the film **Amistad**

Achievements:

Chiwetel Ejiofor has starred in films such as **12 Years a Slave, The Martian** and **The Lion King**. He has received Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations, along with the BAFTA award for best actor. In 2015, he was honoured with a Global Promise Award by the GEANCO Foundation, a non-profit organisation in West Africa, for his charity work in Nigeria.

Current status:

In 2008 he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his service to the arts.

