Henry Winkler knows a thing or two about Hollywood, having spent nearly three decades enjoying success in the business.

Winkler's portrayal of “The Fonz” for 10 seasons on Happy Days (1974-84) made him one of the most recognized actors in the world. He won two consecutive Golden Globe Awards for Best Actor in a Comedy Series (1976 and 1977), and three Emmy nominations in the same category. He was honored with a “star” on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the leather jacket the character wore has hung in The Smithsonian since 1980. “Fonzie’s” lunch box was recently added to the exhibit.

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