**ADAM DRIVER**

Adam Driver is an American actor known for his breakout role on the TV series 'Girls,' as well as his big-screen work in 'Inside Llewyn Davis' and the 'Star Wars' franchise.

**Who Is Adam Driver?**

Adam Driver is an American actor who joined the Marines soon after the September 11 terrorist attacks. After graduating from the Juilliard School, he began appearing on TV and in plays, and his big break came when he was cast on the TV series Girls. The success of that series has propelled Driver into bigger films, such as Lincoln, Inside Llewyn Davis and Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

**Early Life and Joining the Marines**

Driver was born on November 19, 1983, in San Diego, California. His father was a preacher, and after Driver’s parents divorced, his mother got remarried, this time to a Baptist minister. Driver had acted in some plays in high school and after graduating, he decided to apply to acting school at New York’s famed Juilliard. He wasn’t accepted, but the rejection spurred him into action nonetheless. He headed for Hollywood, but after his car broke down, he returned to his Indiana hometown of Mishawaka.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, prompted Driver to join the military, and he enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served for more than two years.

Driver liked the Marines, but he injured his sternum in a mountain-biking accident and was honorably discharged. “I felt like I hadn’t completed my four years,” said Driver in an interview with the Military Times, “That always kind of bothers me.” Driver then attended the University of Indianapolis for a year before deciding to give Juilliard another try — and this time he was accepted.

**Movies and TV Shows**

After graduating from Juilliard, Driver landed his first role on the TV series The Unusuals (2009). He followed that with appearances on the TV series Law & Order and in such TV movies as You Don’t Know Jack (2010) and The Wonderful Maladys (2010). Around this time Driver also began appearing in plays, notably making his Broadway debut in 2010 in a revival of George Bernard Shaw's Mrs. Warren's Profession.