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**Name:** Aidan Quinn

**Years:** March 8, 1959 - Present

**Residence:** Ulster County, New York

**Brief Biography:** Aidan Quinn was born in Rockford, Illinois to a devoutly Irish -Catholic family. His family moved many times during his childhood, living in Chicago as well as Dublin and Birr, County Offaly in Ireland. Quinn has three brothers and one sister, one of his brothers being Declan Quinn who is a well known cinematographer. Quinn started acting at the age of 19 in Chicago. He went on to study at the Piven Theatre Workshop. His career in feature films began in 1984 when he was in the movie *Reckless*. Quinn has been in several movies including *Desperately Seeking Susan*, and the TV movie *An Early Frost*. In September of 1987, Quinn married Elizabeth Bracco, the sister of Lorraine Bracco of *The Sopranos* fame. They have two daughters, one of which has autism. His career hit an early setback when he lost the role of Jesus Christ in Martin Scorsese movie *The Last Temptation of Christ* when Paramount Pictures

canceled it the first time. However in the 1990s Quinn's career truly accelerated with films such as *Legends of the Fall*, *Benny & Joon*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Haunted*, *Michael Collins* and *Evelyn*, where he worked with some of Hollywood's biggest names. Since 2000 he has done mostly TV dramas including *Two of Us*, *The Book of Daniel*, and *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*.

**Major Achievements:** Nominated for an Emmy as Outstanding Supporting Actor in 2007 for *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, Nominated for an Emmy as Outstanding Leading Actor in 1986 for *An Early Frost*, Won a Sundance Film Festival Special jury Prize in 2000 for *Songcatcher*.

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