



# THE RIGHT STUFF

## BIOGRAPHY

COLIN O'DONOGHUE

*'Gordon "Gordo" Cooper'*

Colin O'Donoghue plays the role of original Mercury 7 astronaut 'Gordon "Gordo" Cooper' in National Geographic's original scripted series THE RIGHT STUFF on Disney+, based on Tom Wolfe's bestselling nonfiction series, which dramatically explores the early days of the NASA space program.

A native of Drogheda, Ireland, and a graduate of the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin, Colin's early career consisted of predominately theater and television work in Ireland and the UK. In 2003, Colin won the Irish Film and Television Award for Best New Talent for his role as 'Norman' in the made-for-TV movie "Home For Christmas." Soon after, he had stints on "Proof," "Fair City," the mini-series "Rebel Heart" and "The Clinic" for Irish Television. He appeared in Season 3 of the hit Showtime series "The Tudors" as 'Duke Philip of Bavaria,' where he caught the eye of many industry followers.

In 2010, Colin decided to head to Hollywood, where he instantly landed the lead role of 'Michael Kovak' and worked alongside Academy-Award winner Sir Anthony Hopkins in the New Line Cinema feature "The Rite," directed by Mikael Hafstrom. The following year, he starred in the ABC pilot "Identity," opposite Angela Bassett for executive producer Mark Gordon ("Grey's Anatomy," "Criminal Minds," "Private Practice"), and booked the co-lead opposite BAFTA winner Noel Clarke in Johannes Roberts' sci-fi film "Storage 24" for Universal Pictures Home Entertainment.

In 2012, Colin booked a series regular role on ABC's hit series "Once Upon A Time" and played fan-favorite 'Captain Hook,' which was created by Adam Horowitz and Edward Kitsis ("Lost," "Felicity"). Colin starred opposite Ginnifer Goodwin, Jennifer Morrison and Robert Carlyle. The series went for seven seasons and was licensed in more than 190 countries and ranked highly throughout key European markets as well as in the United States.



In 2018, Colin lent his voice to the DreamWorks Animation/Netflix series "Trollhunters," created by Guillermo del Toro, and would continue voicing the role of 'Douxie' in the follow-up series "3Below: Tales of Arcadia."

Subsequent work includes the dramedy "Carrie Pilby," based on the critically acclaimed novel of the same name. The film also starred Nathan Lane, Gabriel Byrne and Cannes Film Festival winner Bel Powley. Colin also starred in the 2014 drama "The Dust Storm," opposite Kristen Gutoskie, about musical lovers bound together through their journey of self-discovery, and in "What Still Remains," an independent post-apocalyptic film starring alongside Lulu Antariska.

Most recently, Colin wrapped the independent film "Fairytale in New York," starring opposite Anna Popplewell and Archie Panjabi, and will next be seen starring as 'JJ Sneed' on an episode of Dolly Parton's "Heartstrings," an upcoming Netflix anthology series based on Parton's songs.

He currently resides in Ireland.