

Kevin's 'Home Alone' siblings all the same age

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Dear Ken: Regarding the Christmastime movie "Home Alone," how old now are the kids who played Macaulay Culkin's siblings?

Well, Culkin, who starred as Kevin McCallister in the 1990 flick (which was the highest-grossing film that year at \$477 million), is 31. The youngsters who played his siblings are all the same age: 34. They are: Devin Ratray, an actor-musician, as Buzz; Hillary Wolf, a member of the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Judo Team, as Megan; Angela Goethals, still acting, as Linnie; and Michael C. Maronna, an electrician in film and TV, as Jeff.

Dear Ken: What else has Ginnifer Goodwin, who plays Mary Margaret Blanchard on the TV series "Once Upon a Time," done?

Goodwin, 33, who was born in Memphis, Tenn., earned a degree in acting from Boston University and trained with the Royal Shakespeare Company. She was in the TV series "Ed" and "Big Love" and did voices for "Robot Chicken." Movie wise, she starred in "Win a Date With Tod Hamilton!" and played Johnny Cash's first wife in "Walk the Line." And she played Aunt Bea in "Ramona and Beezus" and appeared in "Something Borrowed" and "Birds of America."

Dear Ken: Where was Roberta Flack, the singer of "Killing Me Softly With His Song," born?

Flack, 74, was born in Black Mountain, N.C. She won Grammy Record of the Year for that song in 1974 and won the same honor in 1973 for "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face." The singer-songwriter is currently working on an album of Beatles' classics and continues to perform around the world. She founded the Roberta Flack School of Music at the Hyde Leadership Charter School in the Bronx, which provides a music education program to underprivileged students free of charge.

Dear Ken: I just saw for the first time an actress named Gene Tierney in a wonderful murder mystery called "Laura." Could she still be alive? What are some more of her movies?

Tierney died in 1991 of emphysema at 70. Sadly, because she believed she sounded squeaky on film, she began smoking to help lower her voice and that contributed to her death. For a few more of her classic roles, check out the films "Heaven Can Wait," "Leave Her to Heaven," "The Mating Season," "The Razor's Edge" and "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir." She made her last appearance in the 1980 miniseries "Scruples."

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