



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF



GHOSTBUSTERS

Dan Aykroyd's original premise for *Ghostbusters* took place in the future, with the three main characters dressed in SWAT uniforms using wands to fight ghosts. By the end of the movie, Ghostbuster franchises were set up all over the country.

Harold Ramis and Ivan Reitman dramatically revised the script in order to make the production affordable.

Who ya gonna cast?

RAY STANTZ

"The Heart"

EGON SPENGLER

"The Brains"

PETER VENKMAN

"The Mouth"

WINSTON ZEDDEMORE

"The Everyman"

LOUIS TULLY

"The Keymaster"



JOHN BELUSHI



EDDIE MURPHY



JOHN CANDY

OTHER ACTORS CONSIDERED:
Christopher Walken
John Lithgow
Christopher Lloyd
Jeff Goldblum

Aykroyd initially wrote the lead roles with John Belushi, Eddie Murphy, and John Candy in mind. Belushi died before the movie was made, and Candy and Murphy eventually turned down their roles.

ROLE TURNED DOWN BY:
Michael Keaton
Chevy Chase



DAN AYKROYD



HAROLD RAMIS



BILL MURRAY



ERNIE HUDSON



RICK MORANIS

After creating the character, Ramis felt compelled to play the part of Egon.



Aykroyd jokingly referred to Slimer as "the ghost of John Belushi." Director Ivan Reitman said, "He's just a party guy looking to have a good time."

GOZER



SLAVITZA JOVAN

After Paul Reubens turned down the role of Gozer, Reitman chose the Serbian model and suggested the character look androgynous.

DANA BARRETT



IVAN REITMAN

The director provided the "voice" of Slimer pigging out. He also provided the voice of Zuul when Dana becomes possessed.



SIGOURNEY WEAVER

Weaver chose to act out the terror dogs transformation scene for her audition, and howled, screamed, and slobbered at director Ivan Reitman.



Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, and Harold Ramis were all alumni of the sketch and improv comedy theater, The Second City.



The Ghostbusters script was greenlit with a

\$25M BUDGET

but the movie had to be completed in

12 MONTHS



N.Y. EXTERIOR, L.A. INTERIOR



Ghostbusters is remembered as an iconic New York movie, but a majority of the filming was actually done in Los Angeles.

GHOSTBUSTERS HEADQUARTERS

14 N Moore St
New York, NY 10013



The interior of the Ghostbusters' firehouse was actually an abandoned fire station in Los Angeles.

LOUIS & DANA'S APARTMENTS

55 Central Park West
New York, NY 10026



The rooftop temple scenes were filmed at an enormous set, built on Stage 16 at Columbia Pictures.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

455 5th Ave
New York, NY 10016



The librarian ghost scene was filmed at the Los Angeles Public Library.



While on location in New York,

BILL MURRAY

withdrew a couple thousand dollars' worth of small bills from the ATM and gave them to homeless people nearby.



Ghostbusters premiered June 7th, 1984. It opened at the top of the American box office and stayed at

#1 FOR 7 WEEKS



The "Ghostbusters" theme song by Ray Parker, Jr. went to

#1 FOR 3 WEEKS

Ivan Reitman had movie theaters run the same commercial the Ghostbusters use in the movie, but replaced the 555 number with a functioning 800 number. Callers heard a pre-recorded message from Murray and Aykroyd, and the number received



1,000 CALLS PER HOUR



24 HOURS A DAY, FOR



6 WEEKS

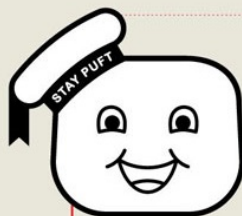


The iconic "no-ghost" logo was designed by the associate producer, Michael Gross, and is based on a concept from Dan Aykroyd's original script.



Many of the film's iconic scenes used low-budget "practical effects." Books floated via simple wires and air hoses were used to make the cards shoot out of the card catalogs in the library scene.

"WE TAKE CREDIT FOR TURNING 'SLIME' INTO A VERB." - HAROLD RAMIS



\$20,000

was the cost to create a single Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man suit. Three suits were made and ultimately destroyed during filming.



50 GALLONS

of shaving cream were dumped on Walter Peck, played by actor William Atherton.

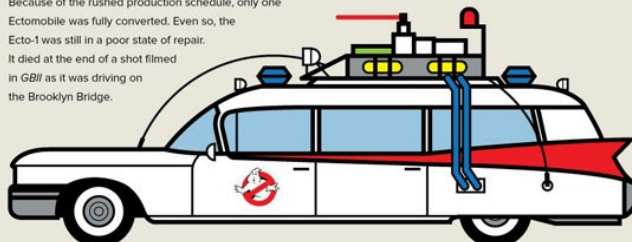
After the film's release, Atherton was harassed by strangers everywhere he went. A bus full of New York schoolchildren even yelled "dickless" out of the windows at him.



ECTO-1

1959 Cadillac®
MILLER-METEOR AMBULANCE

Because of the rushed production schedule, only one Ectomobile was fully converted. Even so, the Ecto-1 was still in a poor state of repair. It died at the end of a shot filmed in *GBII* as it was driving on the Brooklyn Bridge.



EVERYBODY CAN RELAX. I FOUND THE CAR. NEEDS SOME

- Suspension work
- Shocks
- Brakes
- Brake pads
- Lining
- Steering box
- Transmission
- Rear-end
- New rings
- Mufflers
- a little wiring"

- RAY STANTZ



Ghostbusters II premiered

JUNE 16, 1989

During its release, *Ghostbusters II* was the biggest three-day, opening-weekend gross in history, a record that was broken one week later by *Batman*. *Ghostbusters II* eventually grossed \$215.3 million worldwide.

DR. JANOSZ POHA



PETER MACNICOL

Actor Peter MacNicol spent a lot of time in his trailer creating Dr. Janosz Poha's origin story, unique accent, and mythology for Carpathia.

JANINE MELNITZ

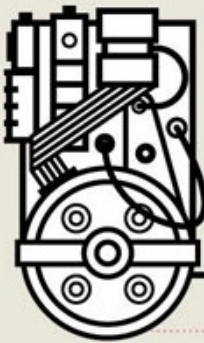


ANNIE POTTS

Janine's appearance dramatically changed from *GBI* to *GBII* to match her character's look in the animated show, *The Real Ghostbusters*.



A Statue of Liberty replica head was built **30% LARGER** than the real statue in New York.



"PROTON PACK"

was never actually said on screen until the subway scene in *Ghostbusters II* where Egon proclaims, "Before we go any further, I think we should get our proton packs."



VIGO

All of Wilhelm Von Homburg's lines were dubbed by Max von Sydow.

WILHELM VON HOMBURG



OSCAR

Baby Oscar was played by twins who are also the nephews of singer John Denver.

WILLIAM T. DEUTSCHENDORF



HENRY J. DEUTSCHENDORF

Vigo's full name is a combination of the actors' last names:

VIGO VON HOMBURG DEUTSCHENDORF

DESIGN: MIKE SEIDERS
SDRSCREATIVE.COM

SDRS

Bustin' since 1985

@SDRScreat

/SDRScreat

SOURCES:

esquire.com/blogs/news/ghostbusters-oral-history
filmschoolrejects.com/features/36-things-we-learned-from-the-ghostbusters-commentary-track
shortlist.com/entertainment/films/30-ghostbusters-facts
mentalfloss.com/article/56140/20-things-you-might-not-know-about-ghostbusters
splitsider.com/2011/05/the-lost-roles-of-ghostbusters/
ghostbusters.wikia.com/wiki/Ghostbusters_Wiki
imdb.com/title/tt0087332/trivia, imdb.com/title/tt0097428/trivia
tor.com/blogs/2012/05/10-things-you-dont-know-about-ghostbusters



IN MEMORY OF HAROLD RAMIS

