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Veteran American actor Robert Duvall has been an integral part of a large portion of Hollywood cinema throughout his lengthy career, thanks to his ability to metamorphose fully into each character he plays. He is also a skilled director, producer, screenwriter, singer, and songwriter. One of his most memorable roles is as Colonel Kilgore in the 1979 Francis Ford Coppola film *Apocalypse Now,* in which he uttered the classic line, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Duvall also won an Academy Award for best actor for his part as a country singer in 1983's *Tender Mercies,* for which he wrote and performed some of the songs. In 1997 Duvall won critical plaudits for *The Apostle,* a pet project that was a long time coming. He wrote, directed, starred in, and funded the picture about a flawed southern minister.

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