

# *Swend's Bluesband* celebrating **TOM WAITS**

## Filmography

### **Paradise Alley (1978)**

Movie directed by Sylvester Stallone.

TW: actor, composer. Movie debut as pianist Mumbles.

On soundtrack: "Meet Me In Paradise Alley" and "Annie's Back In Town".

### **Tom Waits For No One (1979)**

Directed by John Lamb.

Character design by Keith Newton.

Head animator: David Silverman.

TW: actor, composer.

Hand painted animated short featuring Tom Waits crooning "The One That Got Away" to an apparition of a stripper who is conjured up in an exhaled puff of cigarette smoke.

The 5 1/2 minute animation was filmed live on a set in 1978 in Hollywood at the La Brea stage and completed in 1979.

### **Wolfen (1981)**

Movie directed by Michael Wadleigh.

TW: actor, composer. Uncredited cameo as inebriated piano player.

On soundtrack: "Jitterbug Boy".

### **The Stone Boy (1982)**

Movie directed by Chris Cain.

TW: actor. Plays petrified man in carnival.

### **One From The Heart (1982)**

Movie directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

TW: actor, composer.

Soundtrack with Crystal Gayle, and cameo as trumpet player.

### **The Outsiders (1983)**

Movie directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

TW: actor. Plays Buck Merrill.

Tom Waits (1988):

*"I had one line: 'What is it you boys want?' I still have it down if they need me to go back and re-create the scene for any reason."*

(Source: "Tom Waits and his Act". Rolling Stone Magazine: David Sheff. October, 1988)

### **Rumble Fish (1983)**

Movie directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

TW: actor. Plays Bennie the pool hall owner.

Tom Waits (1983):

*"In 'Rumble Fish' I play Bennie of Bennie's Pool Hall. I'm like Doc at the Malt-shop, that kinda, you know? It's where the kids hang out, it's my joint, keep ya feet off the tables, knock it off, watch ya language. I got a chance to pick out my own costume and write my own dialogue. Gotta nice scene with a clock."*

(Source: "Tom Waits For No Man". Melody Maker. Brian Case. October 29, 1983)

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### **The Cotton Club (1984).**

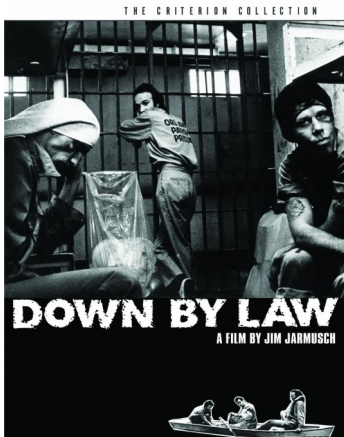
Movie directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

TW: actor. Plays club owner Irving (Herman?) Stark.

Tom Waits (1988):

*"I was in a tuxedo for like two and a half months."*

(Source: "Tom Waits and his Act". Rolling Stone Magazine: David Sheff. October, 1988)



### **Down By Law (1986)**

Movie directed by Jim Jarmusch.

Shot on location in New Orleans in 1985.

TW: actor & composer. Plays main role as DJ Zack.

On soundtrack: "Jockey Full Of Bourbon" and "Tango Till They're Sore".

### **Ironweed (1987)**

Movie directed by Hector Babenco.

An adaptation of William Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel Ironweed.

With Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep.

TW: actor. Plays Rudy the Kraut.



### **Candy Mountain (1987).**

Movie directed by Robert Frank.

Written by Rudy Wurlitzer.

Also features Jim Jarmusch.

TW: actor, composer, musical performer. Plays rich guy Al Silk.

Performs: "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" & "Once More Before I Go".

### **Mystery Train (1989)**

Movie directed by Jim Jarmusch.

TW: actor (voice only). Voice of radio DJ.

### **Cold Feet (1989)**

Movie directed by Robert Dornhelm.

TW: actor. Plays Kenny the hitman.

### **Bearskin - An Urban Fairytale (1989)**

Movie directed by Ann Guedes.

Stars Julia Britton, Charlotte Coleman, Damon Lowry, Isabel Ruth, Tom Waits.

TW: actor, composer. Plays Punch & Judy man Silva.

British film unreleased in the US.

Soundtrack features "Singapore".

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### **The Two Jakes (1990)**

Movie directed by Jack Nicholson.

TW: actor. Uncredited one-minute cameo as plainclothes policeman.

### **The Fisher King (1991)**

Movie directed by Terry Gilliam.

TW: actor. Cameo as disabled veteran.

### **Queens Logic (1991)**

Movie directed by Steve Rash.

TW: actor. Plays Monte.

### **At Play In The Fields Of The Lord (1991)**

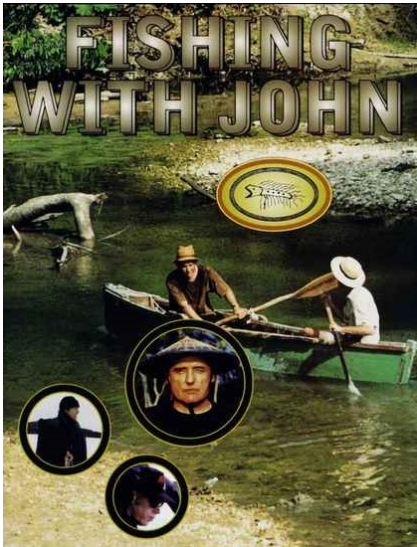
Movie directed by Hector Babenco (book by Peter Mathissen).

TW: actor. Plays Wolf.

### **Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992)**

Movie directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

TW: actor. Plays R.M. Renfield.



### **Fishing with John (1992)**

TV comedy series written and directed by John Lurie (Lagarto Productions, 1992).

TW: musical performer/ actor and interviewee.

Stars as himself on a fishing trip with John Lurie. Improvises: "River of Men" and "World Of Adventure".



### **Tom Waits (1999):**

*"John's an unusual guy. Met him in New York around the time of Rain Dogs. I did [Fishing] because of John. But once I got down there, I wanted to kill him. He knows this. It was pretty pathetic. A fishing show. High concept - the idea is that it doesn't matter if we catch anything, which is the whole idea of fishing, anyway, getting out in the woods and being together. Just an excuse to hold something in your hand and look off into the distance and talk about life. We caught nothing, which is embarrassing. It got to the point where we bought fish from fishermen in a passing boat, which was humiliating. And I got seasick and sunstroke -- I was an unhappy guy for most of it. But it turned out to be funny anyway."*

(Source: "The Man Who Howled Wolf": Magnet magazine, by Jonathan Valania.

Date: Astro Motel/ Mission Cafe, Santa Rosa. June-July, 1999)



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### **Cadillac Tramps (2000)**

Movie directed by Thomas Sjölund.

Unreleased

TW: actor. Plays adversary of gangster

### **In The Boom Boom Room (2001)**

Movie directed by Barbara Kopple. "Production had been scheduled to start on May 29th, 2000, but it appears that something caused it to be delayed. There's no word now on when (or if) production might start."

Unreleased.

TW: actor.

### **Domino (October 2, 2005)**

Movie directed by Tony Scott.

TW: actor (as a wandering soothsayer).

On soundtrack: "Jesus Gonna Be Here"

### **La Tigre E La Neve (October 14, 2005)**

Movie directed by Roberto Benigni.

TW: actor, composer.

On soundtrack: "You Can Never Hold Back Spring"

### **Wristcutters - A Love Story (January, 2006)**

Independent feature film directed by Goran Dukic.

DVD release january 2006.

TW: actor (plays Kneller), composer

On soundtrack: "Dead and Lovely"

### **Absolute Wilson (2006)**

Directed by Katharina Otto-Bernstein

TW: Interviewee

### **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (2009)**

Directed by Terry Gilliam

TW: Actor, Mr. Nick

### **The Book of Eli (2010)**

Directed by Albert Hughes / Allen Hughes

TW: Actor, Engineer

### **Twixt (2011)**

Directed by Francis Ford Coppola

TW: Actor

### **Seven Psychopaths (2012)**

Directed by Martin McDonagh

TW: Actor, Zachariah

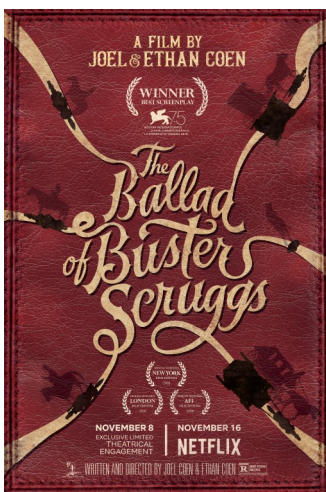
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### **The Old Man & the Gun (2018)**

Directed by David Lowery

TW: Actor, Waller



### **The Ballad of Buster Scruggs (2018)**

Directed by Ethan Coen / Joel Coen

TW: Actor, A gold prospector

### **The Dead don't Die (2019)**

Directed by Jim Jarmusch

TW: Actor, Hermit Bob

