

Johnny Depp has claimed that he is part Native American. He said his great-grandmother who lived in Kentucky was either Cherokee or Creek Indian. His heritage has lead him on a mission to reboot the Tonto character, and upgrade him from sidekick to leading man in his version of The Lone Ranger. Just a few months ago he told Entertainment Weekly, "Why is the f--ing Lone Ranger telling Tonto what to do?" The Lone Ranger started off as a radio show in 1933, but the version most people are familiar with is the 1950's television show. Tonto was played by Jay Silverheels, a Mohawk, and champion athlete in boxing, lacrosse, and wrestling. He was an actor with great dignity, and found a way to overcome the limitations of the role. Later in his life Jay devoted his life to teaching young Native American actors so that they could continue to progress the

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