

Basic Detail Report

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Dame Elizabeth Taylor, was a British-American actress, businesswoman and humanitarian. She began as a child actress in the early 1940s, and was one of the most popular stars of classical Hollywood cinema in the 1950s. She continued her career successfully into the 1960s, and remained a well-known public figure for the rest of her life.

Richard Burton, CBE (1925 – 1984) was a Welsh stage and cinema actor noted for his mellifluous baritone voice and his acting talent. Establishing himself as a formidable Shakespearean actor in the 1950s, with a memorable performance of Hamlet in 1964, Burton was called "the natural successor to Olivier" by critic and dramaturg Kenneth Tynan. An alcoholic, Burton's failure to live up to those expectations disappointed critics and colleagues and fuelled his legend as a great thespian wastrel. Burton was nominated seven times for an Academy Award without ever winning. Burton remains closely associated in the public consciousness with his second wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor. The couple's turbulent relationship was rarely out of the news.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.6 x 30.4 cm (8 1/8 x 12 in.)