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Jonathan Frid, the iconic actor who played Barnabas Collins on the gothic soap opera Dark Shadows, passed away in 2012 at the age of 87. But his legacy lives on in the hearts of fans around the world.

In this exclusive interview, Frid talks about his time on Dark Shadows, his character, and the enduring legacy of the show.

Q: What was it like to play Barnabas Collins?

A: It was a lot of fun. He was a very complex character. He was a vampire, but he was also a very human character. He had a lot of emotions, and he was very conflicted. He was trying to be good, but he was also struggling with his darker impulses.

- **Q: What was your favorite thing about playing Barnabas?**
- **A:** I loved the fact that he was such a complex character. He was always changing and evolving. He was never the same from one day to the next.
- **Q: What was the most challenging thing about playing Barnabas?**
- **A:** The most challenging thing was the makeup. It took about two hours to put on. It was very uncomfortable, and it made it difficult to move my face.
- **Q: What do you think made Dark Shadows so popular?**
- **A:** I think it was the fact that it was so different from anything else on television at the time. It was a gothic soap opera, and it was very dark and atmospheric. It was unlike anything else that people had ever seen before.
- **Q: What is your favorite episode of Dark Shadows?**
- **A:** I don't have a favorite episode. I loved them all.
- **Q: What do you think of the Dark Shadows reboot?**
- **A:** I haven't seen it.
- **Q: What is your advice to young actors who want to follow in your footsteps?**
- **A:** Just follow your dreams. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve something. If you have a dream, go after it.

Jonathan Frid was a true pioneer in the world of television. He helped to create one of the most iconic characters in television history, and his legacy will live on for generations to come.



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