



Robert Picardo

Actor and Space Science Expert

"Science fiction dreams the dream and helps pave the way for real science and exploration to fulfill that dream"

Robert Picardo is recognised around the globe for his curmudgeonly Holographic Doctor on seven seasons of *Star Trek: Voyager*. Robert has guest starred on many popular television series and starred as Commander Woolsey on *Stargate Atlantis*. Robert has appeared in over two dozen films, including the 2016 Coen brothers' comedy, *Hail Caesar*.

TOPICS:

- Science Fiction vs. Today's New Technologies
- Space Exploration
- Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

IN DETAIL:

Robert's acting career began at Yale when he landed a leading role in Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* and later performed it in the European premiere of that work. He, then a biology major, abandoned his pre-med plans and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Drama. Robert's childhood passion for Biology helped forge his lifelong interest in science and exploration. He served for more than 15 years on the advisory board of The Planetary Society. Tantalising recent discoveries of water on Mars and the possibility of finding microbial life made the invitation to join The Planetary Society Board auspicious and irresistible.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Robert offers prestige and vast media experience gained from his distinguished career in television, theatre and film. His speeches are peppered with personal stories of his vast career. More so, based on personal experiences he is uniquely qualified to build a bridge between science fiction and today's space exploration and new technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Robert demonstrates how you can make opportunity from change. He is an entertaining speaker and has an aptitude for storytelling and performing to demonstrate serious messages covering today's technical advances and societal changes.