Gone with the Wind, motion-picture epic about a tempestuous Southern belle and the changes in her life due to the American Civil War (1861-1865), based on the bestselling novel by Margaret Mitchell. Released in 1939, this film won eight Academy Awards and was one of the biggest production events in film history. The story involves Scarlett O'Hara (played by Vivien Leigh), the beautiful and difficult daughter of a large plantation owner. O'Hara is hopelessly infatuated with Ashley Wilkes (Leslie Howard), but becomes distraught when Wilkes becomes engaged to Melanie Hamilton (Olivia de Havilland). In the midst of a tantrum over this news she meets the rakish Rhett Butler (Clark Gable). The two Southerners form a fiery romance and then endure hardship and loss in the Civil War, including the famous burning of Atlanta, Georgia.

**Directors**
Victor Fleming
George Cukor
Sam Wood
William Cameron Menzies
Sidney Franklin

**Cast**
Fred Crane (Brent Tarleton)
George Reeves (Stuart Tarleton)
Vivien Leigh (Scarlett O'Hara)
Hattie McDaniel (Mammy)
Everett Brown (Big Sam)
Zack Williams (Elijah)
Thomas Mitchell (Gerald O'Hara)
Oscar Polk (Pork)
Barbara O'Neil (Ellen O'Hara)
Victor Jory (Jonas Wilkerson)
Evelyn Keyes (Suellen O'Hara)
Ann Rutherford (Careen O'Hara)
Butterfly McQueen (Prissy)
Tom Seidel (Guest)
Howard Hickman (John Wilkes)
Alicia Rhett (India Wilkes)
Leslie Howard (Ashley Wilkes)
Olivia de Havilland (Melanie Hamilton)
Rand Brooks (Charles Hamilton)
Carroll Nye (Frank Kennedy)
Marcella Martin (Cathleen Calvert)
Clark Gable (Rhett Butler)
James Bush (Gentleman)
Marjorie Reynolds (Gossip)
Ralph Brooks (Gentleman)
Philip Trent (Gentleman, later bearded Confederate on steps at Tara)
Laura Hope Crews (Aunt Pittypat Hamilton)
Harry Davenport (Dr. Meade)
Leona Roberts (Mrs. Caroline Meade)
Jane Darwell (Dolly Merriwether)
Alberto Morin (Rene Picard)
Mary Anderson (Maybelle Merriwether)
Terry Shero (Fanny Elsing)
William McClain (Old Levi)
Eddie 'Rochester' Anderson (Uncle Peter)
Jackie Moran (Phil Meade)
Tommy Kelly (Boy)
Cliff Edwards (Reminiscent soldier)
Ona Munson (Bell Watling)
Eddy Chandler (Sergeant)
George Hackathorne (Wounded soldier)
Roscoe Ates (Convalescent soldier)
John Arledge (Dying soldier)
Eric Linden (An amputation case)
Guy Wilkerson (Wounded card player)
Tom Tyler (Commanding officer)
Frank Faylen (Soldier aiding Dr. Meade)
Frank Coghlan, Jr. (Exhausted boy)
William Bakewell (Mounted officer)
Lee Phelps (Bartender)
Paul Hurst (Yankee deserter)
Ernest Whitman (Carpetbagger's friend)
William Stelling (Returning veteran)
Louis Jean Heydt (Hungry soldier)
Isabel Jewell (Emmy Slattery)  
William Stack (Minister)  
Robert Elliott (Yankee major)  
George Meeker, Wallis Clark (His poker-playing captains)  
Irving Bacon (Corporal)  
Adrian Morris (Carpetbagger orator)  
J. M. Kerrigan (Johnny Gallagher)  
Olin Howlin (Yankee businessman)  
Yakima Canutt (Renegade)  
Blue Washington (His companion)  
Ward Bond (Yankee captain Tom)  
Cammie King (Bonnie Blue Butler)  
Mickey Kuhn (Beau Wilkes)  
Lillian Kemble-Cooper (Bonnie's nurse)  
Si Jenks (Yankee on street)  
Harry Strang (Tom's aide)  

Awards  
Honorary Academy Award For Outstanding Achievement in the Use of Color for the Enhancement of Dramatic Mood in the Production of Gone With The Wind (1939): William Cameron Menzies  
Academy Award for Best Picture (1939): David O. Selznick—Producer  
Academy Award for Best Actress (1939): Vivien Leigh  
Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress (1939): Hattie McDaniel  
Academy Award for Best Director (1939): Victor Fleming  
Academy Award for Best Writing—Screenplay (1939): Sidney Howard  
Academy Award for Best Art Direction (1939): Lyle Wheeler—Art Direction  
Academy Award for Best Cinematography—Color (1939): Ernest Haller, Ray Rennahan  
Academy Award for Best Film Editing (1939): Hal C. Kern, James E. Newcom  

Trivia  
The filmmakers interviewed 1400 actors for the coveted role of Scarlett O'Hara, and 400 of them were asked back to do readings. Actor Bette Davis turned down the role, thinking she would be working with Errol Flynn, whom she disliked.  
The first scene shot during production was the burning of Atlanta. Some of the buildings in the fire were actually old Hollywood sets, such as the gigantic gate featured in King Kong (1933). The filmmakers shot 113 minutes of footage, and the resulting fire was so intense that the citizens of Culver City, California, thought the MGM studio was burning down.  
Vivien Leigh worked for 125 days on the production and received about $25,000. Clark Gable's compensation for 71 days of work was more than $120,000.  

Quotes  
Prissy (panicking during Melanie's birth labor): "Miss Scarlett, I don't know nothing about birthing no babies!"

Scarlett: "Rhett ... If you go ... where shall I go? What shall I do?"
Rhatt: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."
Scarlett: "Sir, you are no gentleman."
Rhatt: "And you, Miss, are no lady!"

Scarlett digging for turnips): "And God is my witness, I will never be hungry again!"

Scarlett (final line in the film): "After all ... tomorrow is another day."
Gone with the Wind is a 1939 American epic historical romance film adapted from the 1936 novel by Margaret Mitchell. The film was produced by David O. Selznick of Selznick International Pictures and directed by Victor Fleming. Set in the American South against the backdrop of the American Civil War and the Reconstruction era, the film tells the story of Scarlett O'Hara, the strong-willed daughter of a Georgia plantation owner. It follows her romantic pursuit of Ashley Wilkes, who is married to his Gone with the Wind has been removed from the HBO Max streaming service amid concerns over its racist depiction of black characters. The 1939 epic, long considered a classic, was taken down in the wake of global anti-racism protests following the death of George Floyd while being arrested by Minneapolis police. An HBO Max representative told Variety: "Gone With The Wind is a product of its time and depicts some of the ethnic and racial prejudices that have, unfortunately, been commonplace in American society. Download the new Independent Premium app. Sharing the full story, not just the headline."