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Veteran stars check out Hollywood remakes of their classics

# 'Tabitha' takes in a movie

THE ORIGINAL  
1966-72



Murphy by Evan Agostini, Getty Images

**Then:** Erin Murphy, front, and her TV clan: Maurice Evans, left, Agnes Moorehead, top, Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent.



**Erin Murphy**, 41, took in a screening of *Bewitched* near her Los Angeles home. Murphy joined the sitcom as Tabitha, the daughter of Samantha and Darrin Stephens in the third-season premiere. She continued on the show from 1966-72. She is now coincidentally married to a man named Darren (Dunckel), a real estate investor, and is the mother of six sons ages 2-20.

**What scenes in the movie were most nostalgic for you?** "They show how we did our magic with fishing poles and wires. I remember having to freeze while prop men added balloons and such. And in the movie they have the original theme song with lyrics sung by Steve Lawrence. Elizabeth (Montgomery) had originally wanted to use the song *Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered*, but that wasn't chosen."

**Who in the new cast is most like their veteran counterpart?** "Appearance-wise, Nicole Kidman and Elizabeth Montgomery have very strong similarities, but Nicole gives a more naive, sweet portrayal. And Shirley MacLaine was fabulous. But die-hard fans will pick out that she's not wearing Endora's classic, flowing, purple and green chiffon outfit."

THE REMAKE  
In theaters



By John Bramley, Columbia Pictures

**Now:** Nicole Kidman, left, Shirley MacLaine and Will Ferrell take on the Montgomery, Moorehead and Sargent roles in the film.

**Who is most different?** "Will Ferrell, only because he's not playing Darrin. He's playing an actor who's been hired to play Darrin. He looks nothing like Dick York or Dick Sargent."

**Did you share a special kinship with any of your castmates?** "Agnes Moorehead was like my grandmother. I loved visiting her dressing room, which was all purple. And she'd draw me cartoons of little witches. She taught an acting class and was going to teach me fencing when I got older, but she passed away just 2 years after the show ended."

**Any inside dirt on the movie?** "Bernard Fox (the original Dr. Bombay) auditioned to play the same role in the movie. But they gave it to Fred Willard, who filmed a scene that got cut."

By William Keck