

Profile



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Jon Walmsley, who plays Jason Walton in 'The Waltons' on CBS-TV, was born in Lancashire, England, and moved with his parents to southern California two years later. At the age of eight, he began playing guitar and singing and soon was invited to appear on 'Fun For All,' an amateur show on KCOP in Los Angeles.

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer executive saw him and thought he would be right for one of the English boys in the remake of 'Goodbye, Mr. Chips.' He lost out when it was decided to shoot the picture in England but was encouraged to continue with his career.

At age 10 he had his first acting role in 'Combat,' followed by a Walt Disney movie, 'The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band.' He has since appeared on numerous television shows.

Walmsley was in his last year at Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley, Calif., when 'The Waltons' series began. He finished the year at the studio school on the set of 'The Waltons' at Burbank Studios. He graduated, he says, "with a cap and gown from the wardrobe department."

Walmsley plays piano, guitar, drums, harmonica, five-string banjo and flute and hopes to become an arranger-composer as well as to continue in his first love, acting. He has sung and played his guitar at the Grand Ole Opry and has made television appearances on such shows as 'Dinah!' and 'The Mike Douglas Show.'

He lives near his father Les, a sales manager, and mother Marion in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Christian. (Part III; 60 mins.)

6 60 MINUTES **WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY** 'A Tale Of Two Critters' A bear cub and a young raccoon, separated from their families, team up for an adventurous cross-country trek. (60 mins.)

10 SHADES OF GREENE 'The Invisible Japanese Gentleman' and 'Special Duties' (60 mins.)

12 LAST OF THE WILD 'Whales' (60 mins.)

8 8:00 **ABC THEATRE** 'Eleanor And Franklin: The White House Years' Stars: Jane Alexander, Edward Herrmann. An encore presentation of the award-winning dramatization of the personal lives of Eleanor and Franklin Delano Roosevelt during their unprecedented 12-year residence in the White House—framed by a period of American history that included the New Deal, the Depression and WW II. (3 hrs., 15 mins.)

6 RHODA Rhoda decides to spend a weekend alone with her new boyfriend, Mike, but makes the terrible mistake of not asking her mother's permission. (R)

8 PROJECT U.F.O. Two men report they sighted an unidentified flying object and communicated with aliens who left a mysterious message about their return. (60 mins.)

10 PREVIN AND THE PITSBURGH Jazz pianist Oscar Peterson joins Andre Previn at the keyboard for a lively two-man show of conversation and music reflecting on Peterson's career and the creation and improvisation of the jazz sound. (60 mins.)

12 IN SEARCH OF... 'The Ogo Pogo Monsters' (60 mins.)

8 8:30 **ON OUR OWN** Julia's landlady raises her rent and when Julia complains to Maria that her salary can't stand the increase, she discovers Maria's weekly income is greater than hers. (R)

12 ANIMAL WORLD 'Killer Cougar' (60 mins.)

8 9:00 **ALL IN THE FAMILY** Archie risks his life for Mike and Gloria when he learns that their house is the KKK's (Kweens Council of Crusaders) next target for a cross burning. (Concluding episode; R)

12 THE BIG EVENT 'Top Secret' Stars: Bill Cosby, Tracy Reed. A special undercover agent is called to Rome to locate 120 pounds of potentially destructive plutonium before it can be used by political terrorists. (2 hrs.)

6 MASTERPIECE THEATRE 'Poldark II' Episode One. The romantic adventure story continues in a second series which returns to Cornwall, England to follow the lives and loves, trials and tribulations of the Poldark family. (60 mins.)

12 CROSSROADS COLUMBIA

6 9:30 **FOOTLIGHTS: THE 1978 TONY AWARDS** The immediacy and vitality of live theatre, which has long attracted aspiring performers and audiences alike, will be saluted on the 32nd annual presentation of the American Theatre Wing's Antoinette Perry Awards. Appearing on the special will be Bob Hope, Lauren Bacall, Bonnie Franklin, Jack Lemmon, Ethel Merman, Gene Kelly, and many others. (90 mins.)

12 AMERICA, AMERICA The Mormon Youth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus are featured in this salute to our nation. They perform music by such great composers as George M. Cohan, Aaron Copland, Stephen Foster and Leonard Bernstein. (90 mins.)

12 WINGS OF LOVE (60 mins.)

6 10:00 **MOVIE (COMEDY)** 'The World of Abbott and Costello' 1965 Bud Abbott, Lou Costello. Comedy highlights from eighteen of the most popular Abbott and Costello films. (90 mins.)

6 KEMPER OPEN Final-round play in this \$250,000 PGA Tour tournament from Charlotte, North Carolina. (2 hrs.)

12 MEET THE PRESS (60 mins.)

8 1:30 **HAROLD LLOYD** (60 mins.)

8 CELEBRITY CONCERTS 'Cleo Laine' (60 mins.)

10 OREGON STATE COMMENCEMENT The televised coverage of the 109th Oregon State University graduation ceremony is presented. (2 hrs.)

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