

# The Malfunctions of Rob Ott: A Comprehensive Examination of a Forgotten Acting Career

## Early Success

Rob Ott was born in 1960 in New York City. He began his acting career in the early 1980s, appearing in small roles in television shows and films. In 1986, he landed his breakthrough role as the lead in the short-lived sitcom "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd." The show was a critical success, and Ott's performance was praised by critics.



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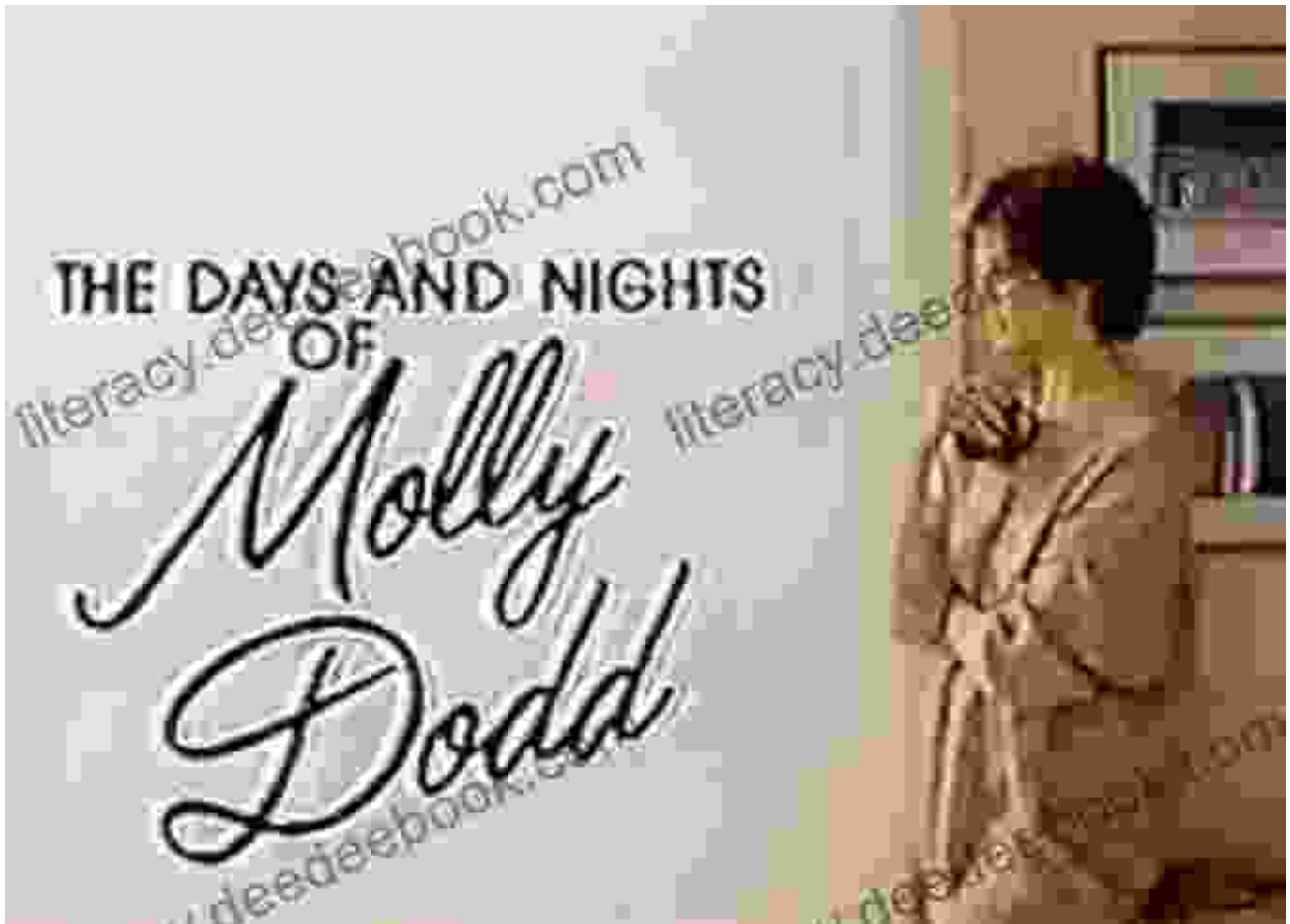
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After the cancellation of "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd," Ott continued to work steadily in television and film. He appeared in a number of successful films, including "The Big Chill" (1983), "Broadcast News" (1987), and "The Player" (1992). He also had starring roles in several television series, including "The Tracey Ullman Show" (1987-1990) and "Jack's Place" (1992-1993).

### **Subsequent Failures**

Despite his early success, Ott's career began to decline in the mid-1990s. He was cast in a number of high-profile films that failed at the box office, including "Multiplicity" (1996), "The Postman" (1997), and "Bicentennial Man"

(1999). He also struggled to find success on television, with his sitcom "The Rob Ott Show" (1996) being cancelled after one season.



Rob Ott in the critically panned film "Multiplicity."

In addition to his professional failures, Ott also faced a number of personal challenges during this time. He was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in the early 1990s, and he struggled with addiction and depression. These issues further contributed to his decline, and he eventually dropped out of the public eye in the early 2000s.

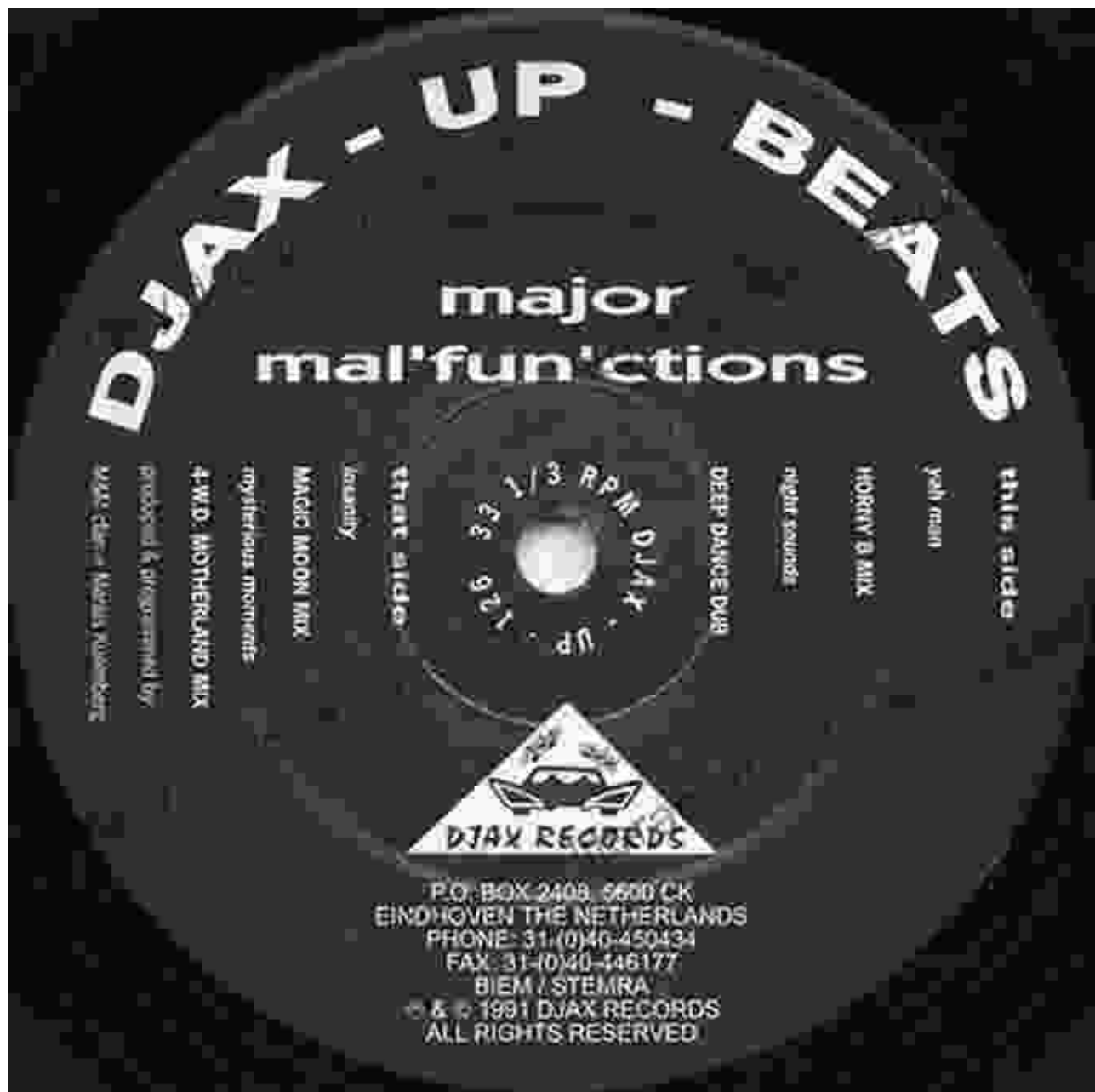
### **The Reasons for the Downfall**

There are a number of reasons for Rob Ott's decline. Some of these include:

\* **Typecasting:** Ott was often typecast as the "nice guy" or the "loser." This made it difficult for him to find roles that would challenge him or show his range as an actor. \* **Bad career choices:** Ott made a number of poor career choices, such as starring in high-profile films that failed at the box office. This damaged his reputation and made it difficult for him to get work. \* **Personal challenges:** Ott's personal challenges, such as his bipolar disorder and addiction, further contributed to his decline. These issues made it difficult for him to focus on his career and to work consistently.

### **The Legacy of Rob Ott**

Despite his decline, Rob Ott remains a talented actor with a number of memorable performances to his credit. He is best known for his roles in "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd," "The Big Chill," and "Broadcast News." Ott's career is a cautionary tale about the dangers of typecasting, bad career choices, and personal challenges.



Today, Ott lives a quiet life in New York City. He has largely retired from acting, but he occasionally appears in small roles in television and film. He is also a vocal advocate for mental health awareness and addiction recovery.

The career of Rob Ott is a fascinating study in the rise and fall of a talented actor. Ott's early success was undeniable, but his career was ultimately

derailed by a number of factors, including typecasting, bad career choices, and personal challenges. Despite his decline, Ott remains a talented actor with a number of memorable performances to his credit. His career is a cautionary tale about the dangers of typecasting, bad career choices, and personal challenges, but it is also a testament to the power of resilience and the importance of mental health awareness and addiction recovery.



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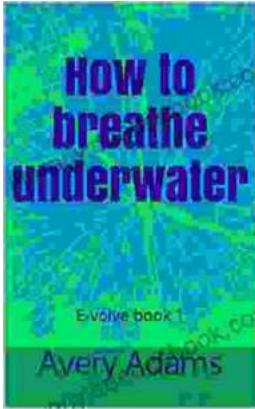
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