

Unknown photographer, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks Sr. in Taming of the Shrew. Hollywood, 1929. Folger Ball Collection TS PF 63-A

The Taming of the Shrew is a popular choice for famous stage and screen couples, including silent-era megastars Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. Taming (1929), their only onscreen pairing and first "talkie," caught both at the twilight of their acting careers and the twilight of their marriage. Both Pickford and Fairbanks made infrequent films after 1929 and ceased acting by the mid-1930s.