
McAvoy Lands Scotty Role, or does he?

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British newspapers are saying that Scottish actor James McAvoy has officially been confirmed as the new Scotty for the upcoming Star Trek XI motion picture. (Paramount has yet to confirm the news.) His best-known role for US audiences was as the faun Mr. Tumnus in *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

While McAvoy never denied rumors that he was under consideration for the part, he did seem hesitant to accept it several months ago, saying "I love Star Trek,... but my only gripe with Star Trek was that sometimes they fell into racial stereotypes, and with Scotty more than any other, because he really was just a Scotsman and nothing else. . . There was nothing else behind his character really. I hope they don't do that with him" in the new movie.

With the official confirmation, however, it seems that the Scotty role must have been fleshed out sufficiently to make the 28-year-old actor comfortable with the role. Fans are sure to be delighted with the choice, as it will mark the first time a true Scotsman has taken on the role. The original Scotty, James Doohan, was Canadian. But, he was a master of false accents, and helped design the Klingon language.
