

Anya Taylor-Joy Says Husband Malcolm McRae ‘Accidentally’ Proposed to Her on the Forrest Gump Bench

Letterboxd posted [a clip](#) on Instagram of an interview with the *Queen’s Gambit* star, 28, promoting her recent film *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga* with her costar [Chris Hemsworth](#) on Saturday, July 6 – which is the 30th anniversary of the release date of the classic film starring [Tom Hanks](#) as the titular character.

In the clip, Hemsworth, 40, asked Taylor-Joy if something “special” in her life happened on the iconic bench from the movie.

“Yes, my husband accidentally proposed to me on the *Forrest Gump* bench in Savannah,” she replied, adding that it was a “complete accident.”



Malcolm McRae and Anya Taylor-Joy in April 2023. JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY IMAGES

“And he’s a boy from Alabama and I’m blonde so...it just happened,” the *Dune: Part Two* star continued. “I hear that music and I cry like a baby.”

Letterboxd captioned the post, “Thinking about Anya Taylor-Joy’s wedding proposal today ☐.”

The British-American actor secretly married musician [Malcolm McRae](#) in New Orleans in April 2022 before the couple celebrated [a second wedding](#) in Venice, Italy, in October 2023.

McRae, 30, and Taylor-Joy – who share an April 16 birthday – regularly post about each other on [social media](#), but the

connection between their proposal and *Forrest Gump* wasn't previously known.



Tom Hanks in 'Forrest Gump'.SUNSET BOULEVARD/GETTY

The bench in the 1994 film – which starred [Sally Field](#) as Forrest's mother and [Robin Wright](#) as his love interest – served a pivotal role in the film, directed by Robert Zemeckis. Most of the story is told in flashbacks, with Forrest recounting his life story to strangers he [meets on the bench](#) while waiting for a bus.

It's unlikely, however, that McRae proposed to Taylor-Joy on the very same bench that Hanks sat on during filming. That bench now lives at the [Savannah History Museum](#) in Georgia.

The couple likely got engaged on a similar bench at the [Chippewa Square Bus Stop](#) in Savannah, where the scenes were shot.

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