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Subject: RIP: Richard Hatch (Apollo in original Battlestar Galactica)

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Variety (and others) are reporting that Richard Hatch, who played Apollo in the original proper version of Battlestar Galactica (and appeared in the God-awful reboot version) has died. :-(

Richard Hatch, 'Battlestar Galactica' Star, Dies at 71  
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Richard Hatch, star of the original "Battlestar Galactica" and the Syfy remake, has died, according to published reports. He was 71.

Friends and colleagues broke the news of his death on social media on Tuesday afternoon.

Hatch played Captain Apollo in the original series, which aired from 1978-79, a role that earned him a Golden Globe nomination for best actor in a television series - drama. He played a different character, Tom Zarek, in the 2003 reimagined series. According to a Facebook post for "Axanar," a "Star Trek" fan series that Hatch starred on, the actor was battling pancreatic cancer.

Hatch's acting career started on the soap opera "All My Children" in 1971. He appeared in numerous dramas throughout the years, including "Hawaii Five-O." He also wrote five "Battlestar" novels.

His additional credits include guest roles in a number of '70s and '80s favorites, including "CHiPs," "Fantasy Island," "Dynasty," "Murder She Wrote," "The Love Boat," "T.J. Hooker," "Baywatch," and "MacGyver."

"Battlestar Galactica" executive producer Ronald D. Moore tweeted, "Richard Hatch was a good man, a gracious man, and a consummate professional. His passing is a heavy blow to the entire BSG family."

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Edward J. Olmos, who played Admiral Adama, also tweeted his condolences, "Richard Hatch you made our universe a

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Bear McCreary, the composer on the show, wrote: "I share  
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<https://t.co/wmisRxVixe>

"So say we all" is an affirmation in the "Battlestar"  
community, akin to "amen."

Hatch is survived by a son, Paul.

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