

celebrity q&a

BY JAY BOBBIN

Denis Leary

OF 'THE MOODYS' ON FOX



As "The Moodys" returns for a second season, do you feel you had a solid basis for playing the title family's patriarch when you first started the sitcom?

I was able to get certain things from the creators about who this guy was, but anybody that has adult children – and I do – (knows). I have two adult children, and after having raised them and loved them for as long as you have within the course of a marriage, you do have a lot of love and anger and stories and experiences to build on. Especially in dealing with adult children.

Is your own family anything like the clearly dysfunctional Moodys?

We make this family look like angels, so as crazy as this family might be, yeah. Some of my regrets in life are what I put my parents through. My mother is still alive; she's 93, and she remembers everything that my older brother and I did wrong. She remembers the dates, the other people involved, and her emotions about how she felt the day that

(the given event) happened. So, these guys have got nothing (on us) in the liberties. I'm not casting aspersions, but my brother was older, and he should have been an example.

How has it been to film "The Moodys" during the coronavirus pandemic?

I have to say that we have been able to manage through the COVID protocols, which are difficult, and rightfully so. Once we get into the business of where it's safe to shoot and all of the protocols are taken care of, it really does feel like we are shooting the way we normally do. We are using two cameras quite often, so both actors in the scene are live (working with each other in the moment, rather than their parts of the scene being filmed separately).

The scenes are very improvisational many times, so when we are doing the work, it's as if we are not dealing with COVID. If you didn't know that this show was shot during COVID, I don't think you'd be able to tell from the energy of the show.



Mark Harmon

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

On the Mark

Questions:

- 1) Mark Harmon won rave reviews playing what serial killer in the 1986 TV movie "The Deliberate Stranger"?
- 2) Before becoming an actor, Harmon played quarterback for what college football team?
- 3) Harmon made his TV series debut in "Sam," playing the title character's partner, Mike Breen. Who was Sam?
- 4) "Centennial," the sprawling 1978 miniseries in which Harmon played Capt. John McIntosh, originally aired on what network?
- 5) In what ABC rescue adventure did Harmon co-star as Deputy Dwayne "Thib" Thibideaux with John Bennett Perry?
- 6) Harmon's sister Kelly was once a familiar face from her TV commercials for what breath mint?

- Answers:**
- 1) Ted Bundy
 - 2) The UCLA Bruins
 - 3) A police dog
 - 4) NBC
 - 5) "240-Robert"
 - 6) Tic Tacs

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