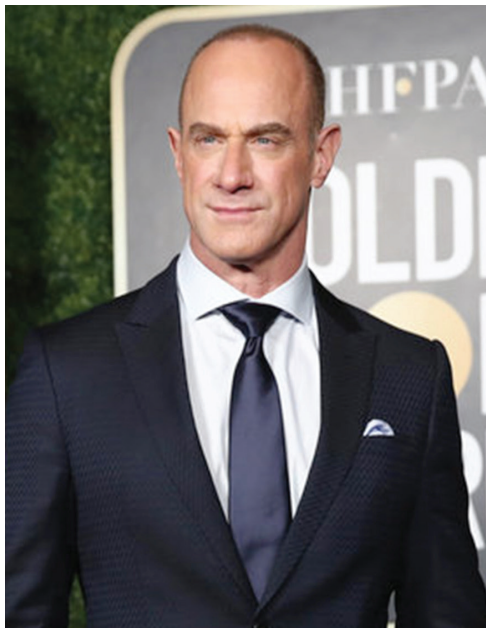


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BY JAY BOBBIN

Christopher Meloni

OF 'LAW & ORDER: ORGANIZED CRIME' ON NBC



Having been on shows such as "Veep," "True Blood" and "The Handmaid's Tale" during the last decade, do you look back on your professional years after "Special Victims Unit" with satisfaction?

It's great to be back (as Stabler), but I never had one bit of regret in the intervening years. With almost every job I took, I thought to myself, "This is why I left 'SVU.' I wanted to tell this kind of story, or I wanted to have this kind of experience." I've had a very happy, fun, fulfilling 10 years. I ran around the world and worked on things I wanted to work on, and now, I'm back.

I fondly look back on all the different people I've worked with and all the stories told. I got to work on this show called "Happy," which was just this outlandish, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit"-esque thing, but a little darker. We brought a graphic novel to life, and what an experience. And before that, I did "42" – the Jackie Robinson story – and I remember walking around thinking, "This is something important and meaningful." That really meant so much to me.

And as for doing a Superman movie ("Man of Steel"), I'd never been in the belly of the beast of a quarter-billion-dollar movie before. And there I was, going, "Oh, so this is how it's done. This is what it takes." I've walked through it all very satisfied.

Before resuming the role, did you have any thoughts about how Elliot Stabler's life would have progressed between "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "Law & Order: Organized Crime"?

I did, and it actually dovetailed pretty closely to what (the new show's writers and producers decided), just with a different route in getting there.

Stefanie Powers



triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

Timely test

Questions:

- 1) What was the name of Stefanie Powers' title character in "The Girl From U.N.C.L.E."?
- 2) The 1970 TV movie "Maybe I'll Come Home in the Spring" starred what future two-time Oscar winner as a young woman returning to her conservative parents after a year living as a hippie?
- 3) What was the name of the female evangelist character played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus on "Saturday Night Live"?
- 4) On "The Sopranos," actor David Proval played this character, who was offed in a crime of passion by Tony's sister, Janice. Can you name him?
- 5) On "The Golden Girls," why did Dorothy (Beatrice Arthur) once have to hock her wedding ring?

Answers:
 1) April Dancer
 2) Sally Field
 3) Sister April May June
 4) Richie Aprile
 5) An IRS auditor showed she and ex-husband Ston owed a small fortune in back taxes.

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