

celebrity q&a

BY JAY BOBBIN

Catherine Zeta-Jones

OF 'PRODIGAL SON' ON FOX



What conversations did you have that led you to become part of the regular cast of "Prodigal Son"?

I spoke about coming into a great show that has been critically acclaimed and has a great following. So, I said, "OK. What am I going to add?" And then, when I read the draft of the script, it pulled me in. This character was exciting, and I didn't know where I was going to go with it, but I knew that there was a fundamental interest.

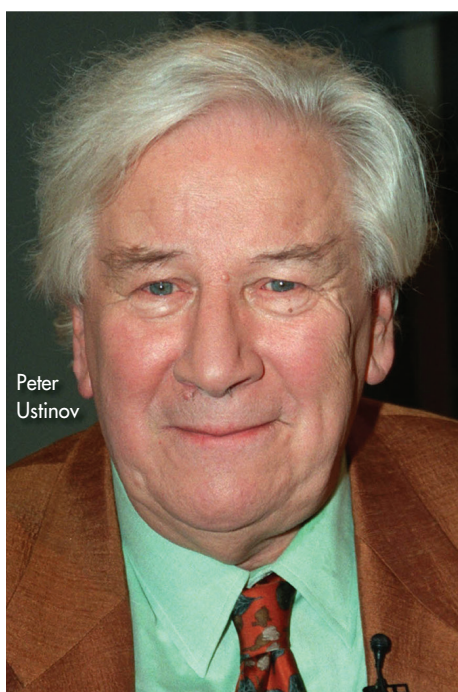
This doctor who I'm playing ... why is she in the Claremont Psychiatric facility? What got her there? She should have surely known who The Surgeon was, admired him from afar – the Michael Sheen character, Martin Whitley. Now she's sequestered in the bowels of this facility with that very person, and it was intriguing to me.

What was the actual joining of the "Prodigal Son" cast like for you?

What was great coming into this show was that I was welcomed so nicely. There's a familiarity to working with Michael that is just inherent, which is very comforting when you walk onto the set for the first time and the cast and crew all know each other. As our story unfolds, I'm going to be introduced to this wonderful cast more than being in this kind of gray and very, very intense situation with Martin Whitley.

Diversity is a big consideration in making a television series now. How have you found that on "Prodigal Son"?

Kudos to Fox, because they do something that is very, very important to us as actors. This show has a fantastic diversity behind the camera. Our crew represents all of us ... women, race, everything, and that's really nice. People are working full-focus on, first of all, doing good work – but being gracious and respectful to everybody else who is making the show work. I really noticed that when I first walked onto the "Prodigal Son" set.



Peter Ustinov

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

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Questions:

- 1) Peter Ustinov played Poirot in six films and TV movies, none more famous than this 1978 blockbuster also starring Angela Lansbury, Bette Davis, Maggie Smith and David Niven. Can you name it?
- 2) This famously fussy actor made an odd couple of choices in his roles, but playing Poirot in the 1966 movie "The Alphabet Murders" wasn't one of them. Can you name him?
- 3) Name the gifted English actor who had a long run playing Poirot on PBS and A&E Network.
- 4) A shattering King Lear on PBS' "Masterpiece Theatre," what English actor played Poirot in a 1986 TV movie called "Murder by the Book"?
- 5) Who played Belgian detective Hercule Poirot in the star-studded 1974 feature film "Murder on the Orient Express"?

Answers:
 1) "Death on the Nile"
 2) Tony Randall
 3) David Suchet
 4) Ian Holm
 5) Albert Finney

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