

BY GEORGE DICKIE

Jim Sturgess

OF 'HOME BEFORE DARK' ON APPLE TV+



You're a Brit playing an American in "Home Before Dark." What's your technique for doing accents?

I've sort of been doing it for a period of time now, on and off. I've done a bunch of accents as an actor and it's something I do really enjoy. I have a musical background and I really enjoy learning new accents and getting your head into a complete different new way of talking.

But I do, I tend to stay in the accent for the duration of the shoot, which is a bit weird at first and it's a bit of a commitment that you have to make that deal with yourself that you're not going to come out of the accent between takes and you're going to stay in it. And always for the first two or three weeks, it feels very weird and you feel very fake and you feel like everybody knows that you're putting on a fake accent. But slowly after I'd say normally about two weeks,

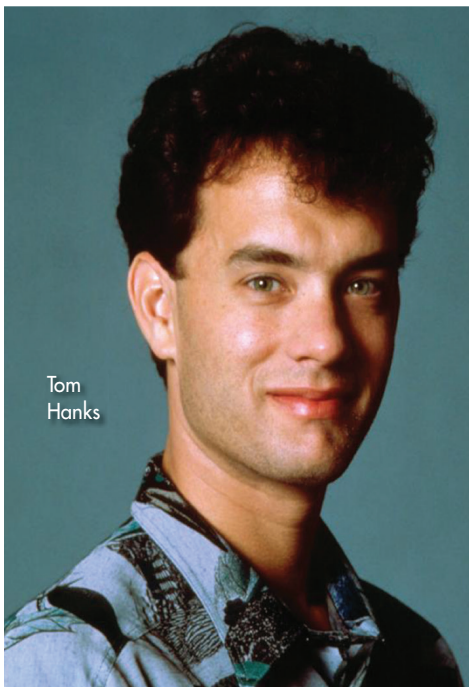
once you realize that people accept you in that accent, it becomes a very beneficial thing for me anyway. I can let the accent go. I'm not thinking about it on set.

Some actors can go in and out while others can't.

Yeah, it's so interesting. It's really exciting. I really enjoy making the commitment of doing it because it makes you feel different to speak in a completely different accent. There's different nuances and rules, and you do – you feel like a slightly different person. And it's always quite interesting to stay in it and be that person for a period of time.

And it helps you get into the character, no?

Yeah, and then you can forget about it. Because I've done it other ways where you jump in and out of it and you have a dialect coach to help you remember certain phrases and it gets in the way. It stops you from losing yourself in the moment, I think, personally.



Tom Hanks

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

Our buddy Tom

Questions:

- 1) Long before he was considered a "serious actor," Tom Hanks got his big break in an ABC sitcom about two men trying to pass as women in order to live in a femmes-only hotel. Can you name this cult comedy hit?
- 2) In "Bosom Buddies," Hanks played Kip Wilson, and Peter Scolari played Henry Desmond. What were the names of their drag alter egos?
- 3) Kip from "Bosom Buddies" was in love with beautiful Sonny Lumet, played by Donna Dixon. In real life, what "Saturday Night Live" veteran is Dixon's husband?
- 4) Kip and Henry of "Bosom Buddies" worked in an advertising agency run by the formidable Ruth Dunbar. What future Emmy winner from "The Practice" played Ruth?

Answers:
 (1) "Bosom Buddies"
 (2) Buffy and Hildy
 (3) Dan Aykroyd
 (4) Holland Taylor,
 who played Judge
 Roberta Kittleson in
 "The Practice"

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