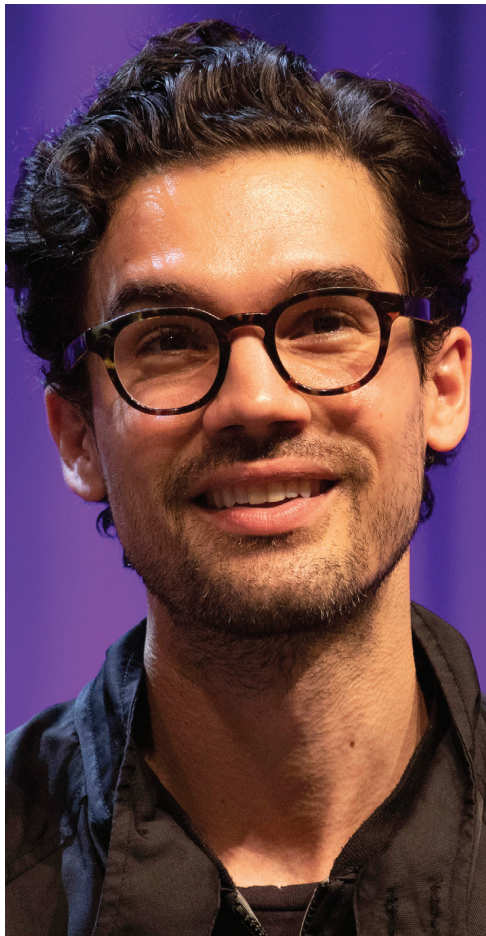


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BY GEORGE DICKIE

Steven Strait

OF 'THE EXPANSE' ON AMAZON



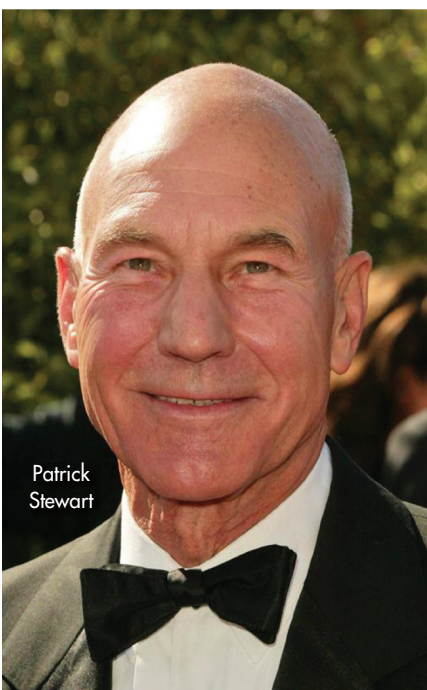
"City Island" has been making the rounds on pay cable lately. How was it as a young actor working with pros like Andy Garcia and Julianna Margulies?

You know, it was such an instrumental moment in my career. Andy is still a very, very close friend and he's been a real mentor to me since that film. And I've learned a lot from him, not just as an actor but as a man, and I'm grateful for that movie and for the relationship I have with him. But it was the first thing I ever shot at home, and to be able to work with those incredible actors – obviously Andy but Julianna, Emily Mortimer, Ezra Miller, Alan Arkin – I mean, I would just show up on set and just watch these incredible artists do their thing. I learned so much on that movie, it almost felt like grad school (laughs).

I started so young in the business and I was doing commercials as a teenager and stuff and then I worked as a teenager in films. And "City Island" felt like a deeply informative learning experience and when I came out of that I felt secure as an actor in a way that I hadn't before and I kind of felt like I'd matured through that movie. I was probably 22 or 23 at that point.

And it was a positive portrayal of The Bronx, which you don't see a lot of in film.

(Laughs) Right. ... We had a blast. Being able to shoot on location and being there, it's just such a love letter to New York. It's such a love letter to The Bronx. Yeah, a very special movie to me.



Patrick Stewart

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BY JOHN CROOK

Merry Christmas

Questions:

- 1) Patrick Stewart gave a memorable performance as which Dickens character in a Christmas 1999 holiday movie for TNT?
- 2) Who wins the holiday decorating competition in "A Charlie Brown Christmas"?
- 3) In what movie did Bing Crosby introduce the Irving Berlin classic "White Christmas"?
- 4) What holiday perennial is set in the quaint town of Bedford Falls?
- 5) In "A Garfield Christmas Special," what does Garfield give Jon's grandmother as a Christmas present?
- 6) Which actress from the movie "Big Miracle" provided the voice of the title character in the 1966 animated special "Olive, the Other Reindeer"?

- Answers:**
- 1) Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"
 - 2) Snoopy
 - 3) "Holiday Inn"
 - 4) "It's a Wonderful Life"
 - 5) He gives her a packet of long-lost letters from her late husband.
 - 6) Drew Barrymore

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