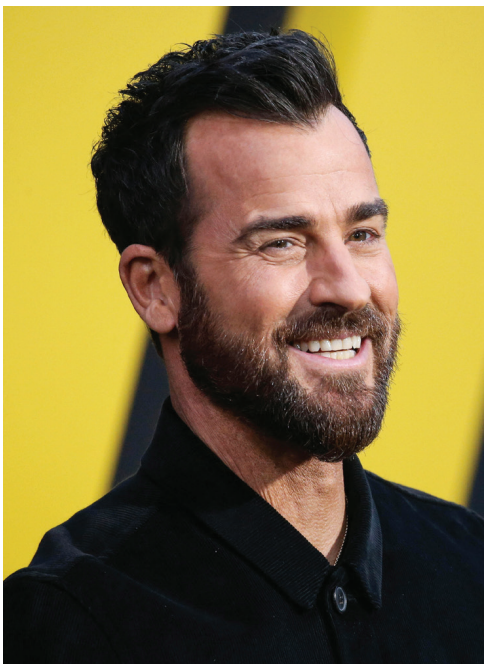


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BY JAY BOBBIN

Justin Theroux

OF 'THE MOSQUITO COAST' ON APPLE TV+



Those who knew "The Mosquito Coast" previously did so from the novel written by your uncle, Paul Theroux, and/or from the 1988 movie that starred Harrison Ford. How have you attempted to redefine the protagonist, Allie Fox, in playing him?

I read the first script (for the series) and adored it. I obviously knew the character, but I knew sort of the novel version of it. This is Allie seen through a slightly different prism. As with any great character, I think you'll see an evolution to this.

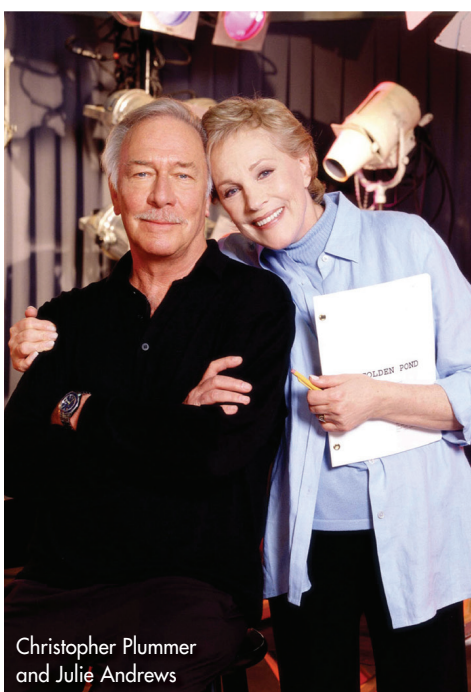
Since your uncle did write "The Mosquito Coast," did you have conversations with him about starring in the series?

I absolutely called my Uncle Paul, because it would be foolish not to sort of dip my cup into the well of the source material and the man who wrote it. I also, sort of anecdotally, have an intimate knowledge of certain aspects of Allie Fox because it's my suspicion – and it's been corroborated – that it's based loosely on certain members of our family, (particularly) my grandfather, who had a certain thriftiness to him.

So, yeah, I had several long conversations with Paul once I got the script.

Have you encountered Harrison Ford and compared notes on playing the lead role?

I had the good fortune of meeting him just by coincidence, actually, while we were shooting when we were in Mexico City ... and we had a fabulous, sort of tequila-fueled dinner, but we didn't really talk so much about the character. We just talked about his experience in making the film, which he says was one of the most joyous experiences he's ever had, as far as (being on) location and things like that.



Christopher Plummer and Julie Andrews

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

Von Trapped

Questions:

- 1) As Ethel and Norman Thayer in CBS' 2001 presentation of "On Golden Pond," Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer reunite for the first time since "The Sound of Music." What screen legends won Oscars as the Thayers in the 1982 feature film?
- 2) In "The Sound of Music," Georg von Trapp (Christopher Plummer) was retired from what branch of the Austrian military?
- 3) Julie Andrews presented Ernest Lehman with an honorary Oscar in 2001. What was his contribution to "The Sound of Music"?
- 4) Nicholas Hammond, who played Friedrich von Trapp, later played which superhero on TV?

Answers:
 1) Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda
 2) Navy
 3) He wrote the screenplay.
 4) Spider-Man

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