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Paul Reiser

OF 'THE KOMINSKY METHOD' ON NETFLIX



"The Kominsky Method" had a very emotional ending. How did it hit you?

The idea of somebody getting their big break late in life is such a mixed, odd blessing. It's like you want to root for it but it just brings sadness. And yeah, when I watched it, I was feeling for Michael.

I was telling somebody that Michael Douglas has been such a big star for so long, you kind of take it for granted. And you don't think of him necessarily with the flashiest of actors like you think of De Niro or Pacino ... but he's so good and it's so subtle a lot of what he does. And it was really an education, sort of like going to acting class or Kominsky class for me to watch him work and find the levels and the subtle gradations and delivery and an energy. And sometimes you don't even see it on the set but when you watch it on camera you go, "Oh, this guy knows what he's doing."

As Martin, you were almost unrecognizable under the prosthetics. How was it for you?

I had a lot of friends go, "Wow, he's let himself go." You know, the first meeting I had with Chuck (Lorre, the show's creator) ... I didn't know anything other than, "You're going to be the old guy who's going out with Michael's daughter." ... He said, "I just want to let you know, we're gonna age you up a little." I said, "That's fine." He said, "We're gonna give you a gut." And I went, "Well, I have my own gut but thank you." He said, "We're gonna extend and we're going to make you bald." I said, "Well, the hair is thinning so if you just wait awhile, I can save you some money and effort." And he said, "The ponytail." ...

I would walk around the studio a lot (In Martin garb) and I'd see somebody and I'd wave and they would look at me like, "I don't know who that guy is." ... Then I'd pass a mirror and just go, "Oh God, it's my father." ... I went, "Wowww! There it is. I just saw the future - and the past."

It's a mystery

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BY JOHN CROOK

Questions:

- 1) Amanda Burton is well known to TV whodunit fans as Dr. Sam Ryan in the "Silent Witness" series of mysteries. In what field did Dr. Ryan specialize?
- 2) What famous horror movie actor preceded Dame Diana Rigg as host during the early seasons of "Masterpiece Mystery!" (previously known as "Mystery!")?
- 3) The witty drawings of this beloved artist have animated the credit sequences of "Mystery!"

Amanda Burton



- for years. Can you name him?
- 4) Married sleuths Tommy and Prudence Beresford (James Warwick, Francesca Annis) have solved some of the cases on "Mystery!" What is Prudence's nickname?
- 5) Regarded by some as the world's greatest character actor, this Irish thespian portrayed French Inspector Jules Maigret for PBS. Who is he?
- 6) Has Helen Mirren ever won an Emmy for her acclaimed portrayal of Superintendent Jane Tennison in the "Prime Suspect" episodes of "Mystery!"?
- 7) What popular Oxford copper never acknowledged his first name, apparently because it's so terrible?
- 8) Roy Marsden brought to complex life Scotland Yard Commander Adam Dalgliesh, a character created by what mystery author?

- Answers:**
- 1) She was a coroner.
 - 2) Vincent Price
 - 3) Edward Gorey
 - 4) Tuppence
 - 5) Michael Gambon
 - 6) Yes, Mirren won Emmys for the role in 1996 and 2007.
 - 7) Inspector Morse (John Thaw)
 - 8) P.D. James

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