

'Most Wanted' Dylan McDermott looks forward to playing 'good guy' on 'FBI'

BEHIND THE SCREENS WITH JOSHUA MALONI

"There's something going on with this guy."

While that's how "FBI: Most Wanted" showrunner David Hudgins described Supervisory Special Agent Remy Scott, he could've just as easily been describing the actor playing the show's new lead: Dylan McDermott.

For 25 years, McDermott has been a fixture on television, starting with his time as attorney Bobby Donnell on "The Practice." More recently, he's worked with industry giants Ryan Murphy (on "American Horror Story," "Hollywood") and Dick Wolf ("Law & Order: Organized Crime").

When "FBI: Most Wanted" star Julian McMahon unexpectedly announced he was leaving the hit series, now in its third season, Hudgins was thrilled to learn McDermott was interested in taking over.

Think of it as Josh Allen replacing Jim Kelly.

"We've all been excited both on the production side – and I think the audience is excited, as well," Hudgins said in a recent virtual roundtable. "Dylan brings a completely new feel to the team in all the best ways. We've had a blast writing for him. I've had a blast looking at his work, working with him on the character; and I just think he brings such a new energy to the show. And I think the audience is really gonna respond to it."

McDermott's Remy joined the FBI fugitive task force in Tuesday's episode, which centered on the nefarious underpinnings of a

cult-like church. He was immediately portrayed as a well-thought-of wheel-greaser, with an impressive resume in law enforcement. But as the episode unfolded, and the team began to learn more about Remy, Hudgins' comment rang true: "There's something going on with this guy."

The actor said, "I thought it was important that when we were talking about the character, that there was a personal reason that he was doing what he was doing. It fuels me as an actor when I have that. And it's proven to be true so far in doing these three episodes that I just completed."

He added, "What's different about Remy, I think, than other procedurals, is a lot of these shows, they're just people doing things because that's their job, and they do a good job. But with Remy, it's very personal what he's doing. He's on a mission. He's on a quest. And there's a dynamic inside of him that he's trying to figure out; his own psychology."

Hudgins said, "The idea of a new leader coming into a team is such an interesting dynamic to play as writers. You know, everybody has a different style. And what's fun about this episode – and even the next couple of episodes going forward – is, as we start to unpack more about who Remy is, you start to see the way the rest of the team is responding to him."

"One of my favorite things about the new energy and vibe of the team is there's a lightness to it, in a good way, you know? I feel like we can lean into the moment of the humor on the show now with Dylan. I think the way



The FBI fugitive task force's new leader is the charming but formidable Supervisory Special Agent Remy Scott (Dylan McDermott). In this week's episode, he takes charge as the team investigates a series of homicides tied to a forbidden love between a young teen and her older boyfriend. The CBS Original series "FBI: Most Wanted" airs Tuesdays (10 p.m.) on the CBS Television Network. It is available to stream live and on demand on Paramount+. (Photo: Mark Schäfer/CBS ©2022 CBS Broadcasting Inc. All rights reserved.)

he's playing him is very surprising both to the team – sometimes to us in a good way, too. It's like, 'Wow. That's great. We should lean into that.'"

McDermott said, "I think that Remy is such a great character to play because he's complex. He's not just one thing, you know? And that's what's cool about him. ... David and I were talking about this the other day. You think he's one thing and, all of a sudden, he'll do something completely different or say something, and he has a great sense of humor. ..."

"Even though he is an open book in many ways, he likes to keep it light and fresh. He will go deep but, at the same time, he can only take so much."

McDermott said his recent portrayal of Richard Wheatley on "Law & Order" was so successful – so devious – that viewers started to identify him as a "bad guy."

Though he didn't have a lot of time between roles, McDermott said "now it was time to play someone good again. And Remy Scott is that character."

McDermott said, "I found myself daydreaming about what I would do on the show, but I didn't have a script. So, I was sort of limited in my daydream, if you will. But I would, nonetheless. I always daydream about a character, and I spend time with them."

"But then I got the script, and I was just so floored because it was so good and it was so detailed,

and you really found out who Remy was, and his backstory, and his relationships, and what happened to him; and then I was really able to do a deep dive on him. And then, I talked to FBI agents and, you know, I do a whole host of things. And then, as I said before, I try to make it as real as possible for myself."

"All those things kind of lined up, and I was eager to shed the bad guy. That was very successful for me but, at the same time, I knew it was time to change. It was time to go into a lighter side of myself. So, I was eager for Remy to show up, if you will, and he showed his face."

"And it's just been wonderful to work on every day, because there's a level of it that I really enjoy. Because a lot of times, when you're playing a character and it's so well-worn, they start to take over, you know? It's no longer Dylan so much. It becomes Remy."

"And that's why I'm an actor, frankly. That fantasy, when you're playing a character and then they start to feed you ideas – that's when it's fun. And that doesn't always happen, but it happened to me, really, since I turned 50, for whatever reason. I became free. I don't know what it is about age, but there's a wonderful side to aging – and aging's so bad, but there's also another side to the story. When you age, you become more confident. You become more yourself, because you care less about what people think of you."

"FBI: Most Wanted" airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on CBS (WIVB-TV Channel 4).

Brantley Gilbert to perform at Artpark on Aug. 18

Country star Brantley Gilbert will perform at the Artpark Amphitheater at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, April 15, at the box office (450 S. Fourth St., Lewiston) and online at ticketmaster.com.

A press release said, "With back-to-back Platinum albums and a grassroots following millions strong, Gilbert's music has

been shared, covered and adopted as the soundtrack to Saturday night and Sunday morning by audiences around the world. The Georgia native, who started as the defiant life-of-the-party can, still go 'til sunrise, but he's also emerged as something far greater: the leader of a massive tribe of hard-working, fun-loving believers for whom electric guitar-shredding, rapping,

and twang can go hand-in-hand-in-hand."

Seven No. 1 hits punctuate his career: "Country Must be Country Wide," "You Don't Know Her Like I Do," CMA Awards Song of the Year nominee "Dirt Road Anthem," "My Kinda Party," RIAA five-times-Platinum-certified "Bottoms Up," "One Hell of an Amen" and collaboration with Lindsay Ell "What Happens In A Small

Town." Gilbert's landmark record, "Just As I Am," took 2014 American Music Award for Favorite Country Album.

Visit www.brantleygilbert.com/ for more information.

Check out artpark.net for a full list of upcoming events.

LPAA Shred-It fundraiser

The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, is hosting its second annual Shred-It fundraiser event on April 30.

Organizers said, "Today is a good day to protect your

identity. Do you have any personal information, old bank statements, canceled checks, or medical records that need to be destroyed? If yes, plan on attending."

This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lew-

iston-Porter High School driveway at 4061 Creek Road. Cost will be \$10 for one copy box or kitchen-size trash bag. There is no limit on the number of boxes or bags. Cash and check will be accepted as payment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Power Authority of the State of New York (Authority) will hold a public hearing as detailed below on a proposed form of Contract for the sale of hydropower to LW1 Operator, LLC, Chocolate Delivery Systems, Inc., and Workspout Ltd., and on the commencement and Contract Extension for the sale of hydropower to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.

Copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected at the Authority's office at the address below, or online at the Authority's Web site, www.nypa.gov.

Those wishing to make oral statements at the hearing are asked to provide to the Authority, in writing, in advance of the hearing, their name(s) and the name of the organization or group they represent. Oral statements should be limited to five minutes.

Hearing Date: May 9, 2022
Hearing Times: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Hearing Location: Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://nypa-gov.zoom.us/j/84847994265?pwd=QWVhQWdBieVlaMFFKd1FVMzd3Uk8rUT09>

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Written statements provided to the Authority by close of business on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, will also become part of the record of the hearing. For further information, including the address of other Authority offices at which copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected, contact:

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