

'GOURMET DETECTIVE'

CAST BIOS

DYLAN NEAL (Henry) – Dylan Neal was born in Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Oakville, just west of Toronto, where he spent the remainder of his childhood. As a young student, he attended the prep school Appleby College, where he was introduced to the game of squash. Neal quickly fell in love with the sport and was soon playing for Canada at an international level. Towards the end of his teenage years, after many years of traveling across North America on the amateur squash circuit, Neal decided a professional squash career was not for him.

By this time, Neal was attending Blakelock High School, where he was enrolled in the drama program. At the urging of his drama teacher, Neal signed with a Toronto talent agent and began auditioning professionally. It didn't take long for Neal to realize this was the direction his career would take. In 1992, he moved to Los Angeles where his career quickly took off.

Neal is a well-recognized face on television having had series regular roles in eight American television series, including Aaron Spelling's "Pacific Palisades," "Hyperion Bay" and "Sabrina the Teenage Witch." He has had many major recurring roles including "Dr Anthony Ivo" in the CW's breakout TV series "Arrow," and his five-year stint on "Dawson's Creek" playing Pacey's brother, "Doug Witter." He has had the good fortune of working opposite some of the biggest names in Hollywood and recently had a lead role opposite Val Kilmer in the Paramount Pictures thriller, "The Traveler" and just wrapped shooting a supporting role in the Universal feature "Fifty Shades of Grey." Entering its third season, Neal currently plays "Jack Griffiths" in Hallmark Channel's hit Original Primetime Series, "Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove."

When not on set, Neal enjoys spending as much time as he can with his family and friends. On occasion, he can also be spotted in his workshop, where Neal, an avid wood worker, has for years recreated 18th and 19th century period furniture.

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BROOKE BURNS (Maggie) – Brooke Burns has worked as an actress, host and TV personality in the entertainment industry since she was 18 years old. She is currently hosting her third season of "The Chase," GSN's speed trivia game show that has attracted nearly 20 million viewers since its premiere in August 2013.

A trained ballerina from age 2, she showed great promise as a professional ballet dancer by the time she was a teenager. Burns and her family moved to Romania when she was 12 and she had the opportunity to dance with the Romanian Opera Ballet. Her dance career abruptly ended at age 15 when she badly damaged her knee in a skiing accident. The following year, supporting her love of travel, she moved to Europe modeling in Paris, Milan and Munich. But her effervescent personality is what caught the attention of television and film producers alike.

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Shortly after her move to Los Angeles to pursue acting, Burns landed her first television role on "Ally McBeal." In her first feature, the Farrelly brothers are said to have seen a disarming and beguiling sense of humor in Burns. They created a tailor-written role for her in the 2001 film "Shallow Hal," remarking in her audition that she was the "prettiest dorky girl" they'd ever met. Burns has also appeared on "Baywatch," "Just Shoot Me," "CSI: Miami," "Drop Dead Diva," "Pepper Dennis" and "Melrose Place" among others.

After the arrival of her first child, Burns segued into the world of television hosting with instant success. She hosted NBC's "Dog Eat Dog," for which she was nominated for a Teen Choice Award, and hosted ABC's "You Deserve It" with The Bachelor's Chris Harrison. She also hosted TruTV's "Motor City Masters," an automotive designers competition show.

In addition to her television career, after breaking her neck in 2005 with a miraculous 100% recovery, Burns donates her time to LRO, a program that gives back to people who have spinal cord injuries. In her free time Burns enjoys reading, hiking, stand-up paddling, and road trips. She is married to filmmaker Gavin O'Connor. She currently reside in a suburb of Los Angeles.

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