

EXCLUSIVE
JORDAN WALL:
"THE GLADES" IS THE BEST
ADVENTURE OF MY LIFE



ACTOR JORDAN WALL TALKS TO GLAMOHOLIC ABOUT "THE GLADES," GROWING UP WANTING TO BECOME AN ACTOR, AND HIS ADMIRATION FOR SPORTS.

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When is "The Glades" coming back with the fourth season? And what's coming next for Daniel?

We'll be debuting in the Spring, earlier than past seasons. As far as Daniel is concerned, I have a sneaking suspicion there will be a developing love interest in store. At the least, we'll definitely be seeing Daniel ride his scooter like a rock star.

Daniel's character was supposed to be a one-episode role, then it was re-written for you and became a series regular. How does it feel to come back for a fourth season?

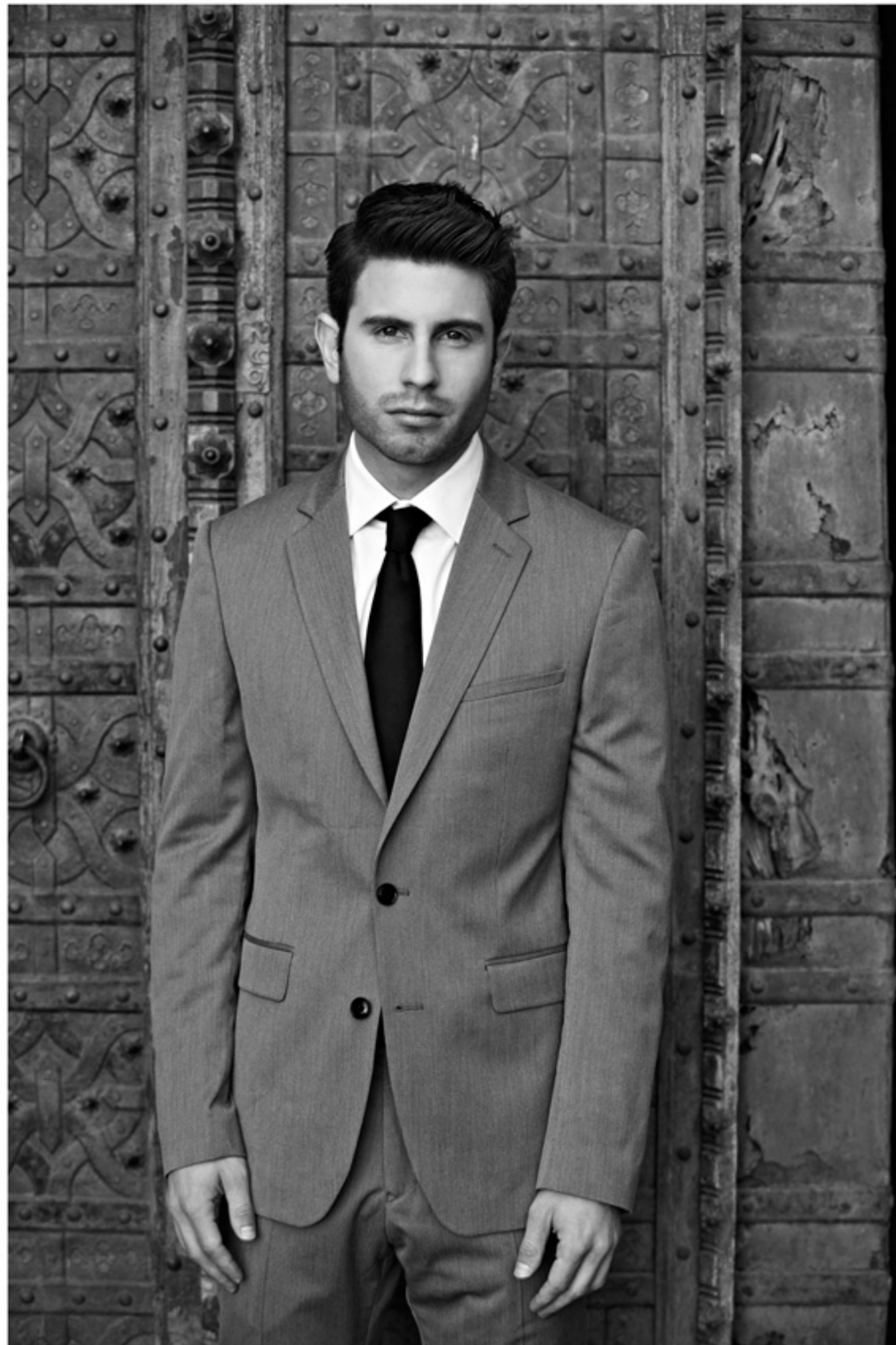
It honestly feels like I'm floating in a dream, and at the end of every season, I'm halfway expecting to fall and wake up. But, here I am heading into Season 4 of the best adventure of my life, and I just want to keep on floating.

What do you enjoy the most about working on "The Glades"?

It's a great enough blessing working day in and day out on a job I love, but to be able to do it in my home state of Florida makes the experience that much more ridiculous. It's an easy 4 hour trip to visit my family and friends who I've grown up with. It's also a source of pride for me to showcase the beauty of our state and the local talent in the industry who are hired.

Are there any specific guest stars on the new season that you are excited to work with?

We've been fortunate to have a lot of guest stars on the show who are not just great actors, but great people. I'd love to see some of them return. I had a wonderful time working with Sara Fletcher who played Daniel's classmate



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crush last year, and of course, John Carroll Lynch is an audience favourite who's always a possibility to appear in future episodes.

Are you working on other new projects that you can tell us about?

I spent this offseason doing a play called "Dangerous Comer", which I recently wrapped. Since then, I have been focusing some energy on developing a screenplay with a friend, but we are in the very early stages of development.

How different was that experience of being part of this play?

I grew up on the stage, so for me, this was a return to my roots. Not having done live theatre in years, however, certainly had its challenges. The luxury of working so long on one script is all the discovery you make with the character. And then there is the difficulty of keeping every moment, which you've run through 50 times already, completely fresh for each new audience.

Take us back to your childhood, was acting something you have always wanted to do? What were your dreams as a child?

I have wanted to act since I can remember having thoughts. I was a very shy child and at 5 years old, my parents put me in a theatre program for kids. I've been hooked ever since. My 5th grade yearbook actually says "Professional Actor" under the question "What will I be?"

As a student, you were the Sports Director and Anchor of the University of Florida's NBC affiliate student-run station. What kind of experience did this give you?

Working as a sports anchor instilled a lot of confidence in my creativity, and a comfort in front of the camera. In the same token, journalism can't help but desensitize you, and there were many emotional walls I had to break down as a result, in order to become a more accessible actor. All in all, I wouldn't trade in my experience as a reporter for the world. How many people get to say they covered every game of their National Championship Football Team their senior year?!



Are you a sports guy? And would you like to play sport-related roles?

I have Sportscenter on the television while doing this interview... I'm a sports nut! I'm a big hometown supporter of all my Tampa Bay teams: Bucs, Rays, and Lightning, and I watch every Florida Gator football and basketball game I can. I'm really into physical fitness and would love to play an athlete on screen, but the only sport we'll likely ever see Daniel play on "The Glades" is ping pong.

How would you describe your dream role?

I really harbor a deep desire to play a delicious villain one day, a role along the lines of Edward Norton's character in "Primal Fear." Most people associate me with the innocence of Daniel on the series, so it will be fun, at some point, to

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flip that image on its head and play someone much darker, yet charismatic.

How important is it for you to give back? Tell us more about your charity activities.

I've always believed that anyone in a position of influence should use that power to affect the world positively. I wasn't aware of how much influence we actually have as a cast on "The Glades," until organising a charity event last year for Crohn's disease which the South Florida community came out in droves to support. This was part of a

half marathon I ran to support funding for a cure for this malady, and one I will be running again in 2013. This will actually serve as training for a full marathon I plan on racing in 2014 to raise funding for a cure for chronic fatigue syndrome, a debilitating disease my father and 1 million others suffer from in this country.

How will you spend Christmas this year?

It will be a very traditional Jewish Christmas, going to the movie theatre with my family. It's looking like "Les Misérables" is this year's choice!