

'Devious Maids' Star Alex Fernandez Says, "Life Isn't All About Work"



By Petra Halbur

Chances are, you're familiar with Alex Fernandez's work. After years of playing small roles on television shows like *Heroes*, *Prison Break* and *Army Wives* and lending his voice to video games like *Call of Duty: Black Ops* and *Socom 4: US Navy Seals*, the actor is now enjoying more prominent parts on Lifetime's hit summer series *Devious Maids* as well as *Killer Women* and *The Bridge*.

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Additionally, Fernandez recently completed his run as Roy Vickers on the revamped classic *Dallas*. He says it was "pretty amazing" to work on a show with such a legacy. "The original

Dallas is a show that I grew up watching,” he adds. “It was on for so many years in the 70s and 80s, and everybody of my age remembers it. When it came back on and I got cast in a role that was going to be there for the entire season, it was very exciting.”

He was also touched by the respect shown to actor Larry Hagman, who played the iconic oil baron J.R. – respect that continued even after his passing last November. On the daily call sheet, which lists all the actors in order of their prominence on the show, Fernandez notes that “Larry was always listed as number one, and I thought that was a really nice testament for those of us who frequently work as television actors. I found it to be a really touching tribute.”

Hagman isn't the only co-star who stands out in Fernandez's memory. The Miami, Florida-born performer recalls appearing on an episode of *Robbery Homicide Division* back in 2002 and being struck by the warmth and professionalism of the show's lead actor, Tom Sizemore. “That was the first time in my whole career where the star of the show treated me like a scene partner, treated me like a fellow actor. He's had a lot of personal problems over the years that have been in the media, but he'll always have a really warm place in my heart for the way he acted towards me.”

The actor has also found an amazing co-star in Judy Reyes, who appears as his wife on *Devious Maids*. He plays Pablo Diaz, the husband of Reyes's character Zoila Diaz, who is an ambitious maid working for a rich family in Beverly Hills. Fernandez describes Reyes as the sort of actress that doesn't make work feel like work and says that she “knows her stuff” yet is very relaxed on set.

There was one scene, in particular, that he was excited to film with her: At the end of one episode, they shared “a really sweet kiss.” By his own admission, he hasn't had many romantic scenes in his career since he usually plays “cops and

criminals.” “I told my Twitter followers to tune into *Devious Maids* because, for the first time in my television career, they were going to let me kiss a girl on camera!” Unfortunately, he was disappointed when a producer later informed him that the scene had been cut.

Though his many projects keep him on the move, Fernandez doesn't seem fazed by his busy work schedule. Quite the contrary, he enjoys it. “I really love to work. I love to travel between sets. In the case of *The Bridge*, *Dallas*, *Killer Women*, and *Devious Maids*, they're all shot in different cities,” he reveals. “You would think that I'd be exhausted or annoyed, but I'm just exhilarated. Honestly, I can't think of a single time that I felt stressed out.”

However, he does admit that spending so much time away from loved ones is “not exactly fun.” He and his girlfriend live in Los Angeles, and it takes some extra work to keep their relationship strong. “When your job requires that you travel as much as mine does, you have to make a little more effort to make sure that you're not letting too much time pass between seeing each other.”

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Fernandez says that his idea of a great date is a day spent at the movies followed by some coffee and conversation at a cafe. For his last birthday, the couple went to their favorite Chinese restaurant to work on a play that he is directing and she is producing. “We sat at the table and spread out all the papers that we needed. We ate and worked and talked, and to me, that was a fantastic date,” he says with a laugh.

He adds, “For anybody who's working a lot, especially if they enjoy what they do, they have to remember that life isn't all about work.”

Be sure to catch Fernandez on the season finale of Devious Maids, airing this Sunday, August 25th at 10/9c!

Former 'Dallas' Star Leonor Varela Welcomes a Baby Boy



By Jennifer Ross

The sexy villain on *TNT's Dallas*, Leonor Varela has a new and starring role as mother. According to [People](#), Varela, 39, and producer Lucas Akoskin have received their first child together. Happy mom announced the news in both English and Spanish, via *Twitter* on Nov. 20. "Matteo V. Akoskin is finally in our arms! Matteo V. Akoskin llegÃ³ porfin a nuestros brazos!" Originally, a rep for Varela confirmed the pregnancy back in July to *People*.

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1. Status update: One of the fastest ways to instantly inform your loved ones is by either updating your status on Facebook.com or tweeting a message through Twitter.com. It's simple and straight to the point. You can include your baby's first photo. To be really ambitious, you and your mate can even update them periodically throughout the delivery.

2. Baby blog: If you and your partner want to share more than just a simple announcement, you can create a baby blog. This allows you to memorialize your baby's entire life, from pregnancy onward, through including multiple photos, videos and writing your experience every step of the way.

3. Edibles: To send something more than just a baby announcement card via mail, you say it with sweets. It is easy to order online your favorite candy bars with your newborn's birth information printed on the wrapper. To make the candy bars extra special, there are gourmet candy stores that will hand-stamp the chocolate bars with the announcement.

How did you announce your baby's arrival? Share with us below.