

WILSON BETHEL

Wade Kinsella in “Hart of Dixie”

Wilson Bethel stars opposite Rachel Bilson in The CW’s new series “Hart of Dixie,” a fish-out-of-water story about a New York City doctor (Rachel Bilson) adjusting to life in a small Southern town after she inherits a local medical practice.

As sexy bad boy Wade Kinsella, Yahoo! stated that Bethel “...is about to become the next big thing.” He was also named one of 2011’s Breakout Stars by E!

Bethel has two upcoming films: “The First Ride of Wyatt Earp,” opposite Val Kilmer, and “Stealing Summers,” opposite James Jagger, son of Mick. Most recently, he has also filmed 80 episodes of “The Young and the Restless,” playing the terminally embattled heartthrob, Ryder Callahan.

Bethel landed his big break in the Emmy-nominated HBO miniseries “Generation Kill” in 2008, playing a young recon Marine alongside Alexander Skarsgard and Stark Sands. He made news in early 2010 as a final contender for the title role in Marvel’s “Captain America.”

Previous television credits include “Cold Case,” “NCIS” and “The O.C.” In fact, Bethel guest-starred as Summer’s (Bilson) boyfriend on “The O.C.”

A longtime DJ and record collector, Bethel is a self-proclaimed vinyl nerd. In addition to his years of DJing in Los Angeles and New York, Bethel has kept a long-running music blog (check out good music at mixtaperiot.com) with his older brother, Charlie. In his spare time, he also enjoys playing guitar, reading, riding his bicycle and getting busy on the dance floor.

Bethel currently resides in Los Angeles.

JOSEPH MORGAN

Klaus in “The Vampire Diaries”

Joseph Morgan plays Klaus, one of the “Originals” – the very first vampire family – and the most powerful vampire in existence. Season three will reveal Klaus’ family history and his reasons for wanting Stefan (Paul Wesley) on his side.

Morgan was born in London and spent his childhood with his family in Swansea, Wales, where he attended Morrision Comprehensive School before moving back to London in his late teens to study acting at the Central School of Speech and Drama.

Upon graduation from Central School, Morgan was hired by acclaimed film director Peter Weir (“Gallipoli,” “The Year of Living Dangerously,” “Dead Poets Society,” “The Truman Show”) to costar opposite Russell Crow in “Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World.” Soon after completion of that film, director Oliver Stone hired Morgan for a strong supporting role in the feature film “Alexander.”

After “Alexander,” Morgan spent time working on stage in the West End of London, as well as starring as Troy in the first series of the Sky One UK television series “Hex.” He also has starred in the BBC miniseries “The Line of Beauty.” Other television credits include the series “Doc Martin” and “Mansfield Park,” in which he played the character of William, alongside star Billie Piper.

His big break came in 2009, when Morgan was cast in the leading role in the miniseries “Ben Hur.” Based on the classic novel and film, “Ben Hur” was directed by Steve Shill.

In 2010, Morgan’s film roles included the independent drama “Angels Crest,” and the big-budget film “Immortals,” in which he co-starred with Mickey Rourke. Both films were shot in Canada and are scheduled for a 2011 release.

JARED PADALECKI

Sam Winchester in “Supernatural”

Jared Padalecki stars in The CW’s thriller “Supernatural” as Sam Winchester, the sweet reluctant hero who joins forces with his older brother Dean (Jensen Ackles) to battle demons.

Padalecki starred in the remake of one of the most popular horror films of all time, “Friday the 13th.” He also starred alongside Peter O’Toole and Marcia Gay Harden as famed artist Thomas Kinkade in the biopic “The Christmas Cottage.” Based on the life of one of America’s most collected living artists, the film takes a look at the inspiration behind one of Kincade’s most famous paintings.

In addition, Padalecki hosted MTV’s new show “Room 401,” from executive producers Ashton Kutcher and Jason Goldberg. The series took viewers on a mind-blowing journey as some of the most talented, up-and-coming illusionists scare and deceive innocent bystanders.

Previously, Padalecki starred in the horror film “House of Wax,” opposite Chad Michael Murray and Paris Hilton. He also had a leading role in “Cry Wolf,” in which he played a precocious boarding school student who had been drawn into an elaborate “liar’s club” hoax involving a serial killer. Other feature film roles include “Flight of the Phoenix,” opposite Dennis Quaid and Hugh Laurie, “New York Minute” and “Cheaper by the Dozen.”

In addition to his role as Dean on “Gilmore Girls,” Padalecki starred in the television movie “Ring of Endless Light,” based on the novel by Madeline L’Engle.

Padalecki currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife.

KRISTOFFER POLAHA

Henry Butler in “Ringer”

In The CW’s new drama, “Ringer,” Kristoffer Polaha plays Henry Butler, a struggling writer who is frustrated with his career and his marriage. To complicate matters, Henry is having an affair with his wife Gemma’s (Tara Summers) best friend, Siobhan Martin (Sarah Michelle Gellar).

Born in Reno, Nevada, Polaha is the fourth of four boys belonging to Jerome and Esther Polaha. While studying at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, he received rave reviews in the *New York Times* for his role as John Brown in Eugene O’Neill’s “Bread and Butter.”

His television credits include starring as Nate “Baze” Bazile in The CW’s critically acclaimed drama “Life Unexpected.” He also portrayed John F. Kennedy, Jr. in the TBS movie “America’s Prince” and has starred on the series “North Shore” and “Miss Guided” and guest starred on “Mad Men,” “Bones,” “House” and “CSI: Miami,” among others. Polaha also recently reprised his role as Carlton Hanson on “Mad Men.”

Polaha lives in Los Angeles, California, with his wife, Julianne, and their three sons.

SHANE WEST

Michael in “Nikita”

Shane West plays Michael, a top lieutenant in the secret organization that Nikita (Maggie Q) has vowed to destroy, in The CW’s new drama “Nikita.”

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, West found a passion for acting at an early age. He has achieved success on both the big and small screen, receiving multiple accolades, including the Young Hollywood Superstar of Tomorrow Award, The Philadelphia Film Festival’s Rising Star Award, a Teen Choice Award and a nomination for the Cinescape Genre Face of the Future Award.

West was last seen on the long-running hit “ER” as the atypical “Dr. Ray,” and is also known for his starring role as Eli on the drama series “Once and Again.”

In his most recent film role, West stars as the legendary Darby Crash in the independent film “What We Do Is Secret.” The biopic follows Crash, the self-destructive lead singer, and his infamous band The Germs near the decline of the ‘80s punk scene.

West starred opposite Sean Connery in the feature film “The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen,” as the legendary Tom Sawyer, a courageous, clever young street fighter who is determined to stop the super villain, The Fantam. West also starred opposite Mandy Moore in the feature “A Walk to Remember,” adapted from the Nicholas Sparks novel. Other credits include “Liberty Heights,” “A Time for Dancing, Get Over It” and “Whatever It Takes.”

West’s career truly took off when he co-starred in Mark Taper Forum’s stage production of “The Cider House Rules.” He premiered in the role of Angel and garnered great praise for his first stage role.

West currently resides in Los Angeles.

ED WESTWICK

Chuck Bass in “Gossip Girl”

Ed Westwick stars as Chuck Bass in The CW’s hit drama “Gossip Girl,” from Josh Schwartz and Stephanie Savage (“The O.C.”), based on the tremendously popular book series about privileged teenagers in New York City.

In February 2011, Westwick starred in the romantic comedy “Chalet Girl,” with Felicity Jones, Tamsin Egerton and Bill Nighy. Directed by Phil Traill, the story details the life of a young girl from a working class suburb who lands a job in an ultra-glam ski resort, where she discovers her natural snowboarding genius and the boss’ gorgeous son, Johnny (Westwick).

In March 2011, he filmed Clint Eastwood’s biographical film “J. Edgar.” Westwick plays Agent Smith, Hoover’s biographer, alongside an all-star cast, including Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer, Naomi Watts, Judi Dench and Jeffrey Donovan. The film was released in November to critical acclaim.

In 2009, Westwick had a guest-starring role on the Showtime comedy “Californication,” as Balt, Hank’s (David Duchovny) vampire-obsessed student.

He was also seen in “Son of Rambow,” an independent film directed by Garth Jennings. Westwick played Lawrence, a bully and surrogate father figure to his devoted younger brother. “Son of Rambow,” which premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival, caused quite a buzz at the festival, selling to Paramount Vantage for the highest amount at the festival.

Westwick was awarded the Young Hollywood Breakthrough Award at the 2009 Young Hollywood Awards. An emerging British actor trained at The National Youth Theatre in London, Westwick has been seen in “100 Feet,” starring Famke Janssen and Bobby Cannavale, and “S. Darko,” a sequel to the hit movie “Donnie Darko.” He also played the role of Alex in Alfonso Cuarón’s “Children of Men,” opposite Clive Owen and Julianne Moore. Westwick was also seen playing the role of Zoran in Anthony Mighella’s “Breaking and Entering,” opposite Jude Law, Juliette Binoche and Robin Wright Penn.

Additional television credits include guest-starring roles in “Afterlife” for ITV1, “Casualty” for the BBC, “Doctors” for the BBC and “Dream Team” for Sky One.

Westwick splits his time between New York and London.