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Celebrity Profile

Q&A with Allen Altman

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Montreal-born Allen Altman is a talented and hardworking actor, who recently starred in Denis Villeneuve's film *Incendies*, which won Best Canadian Film at the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival. Altman also plays Gordon Stonewell on the critically acclaimed series *Living in Your Car*, and the lead role in *Wandering Eye*, airing on TMN in Canada this winter.

When he's not in front of the camera, Altman runs a thriving interior design company *Allen Altman Design* (allenaltmandesign.com), practices Bikram yoga and gardens at his home in Toronto.

This month, *Movie Entertainment* caught up with the talented and charming actor to chat about his favourite flick, the qualities he admires in others and what music he is listening to right now.



ALLEN ALTMAN

What was your first job?

My first job was the TV series *Broken Dreams*. I shot on location in Havana for more than a month. I played Guillermo Sanchez, the guy who invented the television, and he was the love interest of Alys Robi, who was like the Celine Dion of the 1940s.

What or who inspired you to get into acting?

I always knew I wanted to be an actor. I worked with an amazing acting coach, Warren Robertson, who has been a huge inspiration.

If you could work with any actor or director, who would it be and why?

Pedro Almodovar, because he is a genius.

Favourite movie of all time?

Babette's Feast; it's a beautiful Danish film.

What activities do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I practice Bikram yoga and love cooking.

What quality do you most admire in a person?

Humility and a playful spirit.

If you could have anything dish prepared for you, what would it be?

Moroccan Tagine. It's my favourite slow-cooked stew.

What album are listening to right now?

Cesaria Evora.

Your ultimate vacation destination...

I am crazy about travelling. Although I have fulfilled so many of my dream destinations, I still want to discover Australia, the Greek Islands and Italy.

If you weren't acting, you would be....

Dreaming of acting. Creativity is essential to my life force.

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