

Interview: Dylan Kingwell (English version)

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You probably know him thanks to TV Series such as *The Good Doctor*, *The Returned* or even *A Series Of Unfortunate Events*, its of course Dylan Kingwell. This actor who's only 13 years old already impressed the viewers thanks to his amazing performance. He had the kindness to answer our questions for an interview.



StarYouFollow: You started acting at 4 years old, do you want to be an actor when you grow up or do you plan on doing a different job?

Dylan Kingwell: Yes, currently I do hope to be an actor when I grow up, but if not I'd like to be a lawyer.

SYF: Nowadays, there are a lot of TV series where young actors are put in the spotlight such as *Stranger Things*, *Young Sheldon*, or even the movie *IT*. How do you feel about living in a time where children and teenagers are given a lot of opportunities?

Dylan: It's great! I get many exciting auditions and opportunities for fantastic roles, and that really is what makes this job so fun: the ability to be a new person with every new role.

SYF: Sometimes people hate seeing themselves on TV, are you this kind of person or do you watch the movies and TV series in which you play?

Dylan: I'm a little half and half. I always watch shows I'm in, and am fine watching myself on TV when I'm alone, but when there are other people watching at the same time I get nervous because whenever I am in a scene I wonder what they're thinking about my performance.

SYF: Is there a character in a Movie or TV series that you would have loved to play?

Dylan: When I was younger, my dad used to always read me one chapter from the *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart* book series, and I've always said it would have been extremely cool to be able to portray Jack on screen.

SYF: Is there an actor/actress you would love to act with?

Dylan: One day, I would love to work alongside Tom Hanks. He is definitely one of my favourite actors.

SYF: What were your hardest and funniest scenes to play?

Dylan: I remember having a hard time on the scene in *The Good Doctor* when I had to ruffle Graham's hair. I kept laughing, because I had just met Graham and he is also two years older than me. When I portrayed Victor on *The Returned*, there were definitely a couple challenging scenes, as Victor didn't talk too often, so I frequently had to show a lot of emotion without using words.

SYF: How are your friends feeling about the fact that you are making a career in the world of acting?

Dylan: I think they think it's really cool. Unfortunately, I miss a fair bit of school for acting, and while I catch up with work on set, I do miss out on spending time with my friends. However, that makes every time I come back to school even more special.

SYF: What are your hobbies when you're not acting?

Dylan: When I'm not acting, I love to play hockey. I also really enjoy reading and playing video games. My favourite book series is *Harry Potter*, and the video game I am currently playing through is *Horizon: Zero Dawn*.

SYF: Have you ever met any of your fans? If you have, how did you feel?

Dylan: Yes, actually! I've had several experiences where a fan saw me on the street and asked for a picture. It makes me feel very happy that people would take time out of their day to meet me and take pictures with me. I always love meeting fans!

SYF: What was your reaction when you learnt that *The Returned* was not being renewed?

Dylan: Obviously, I was sad. I had a wonderful time filming *The Returned*, however, it opened the door for me to get another role. I think that everything happens for a reason, and while it was sad not to go back to *The Returned*, if things had happened differently, I might not have gotten roles in other shows like *A Series Of Unfortunate Events* or *The Good Doctor*.

SYF: We saw in the *That Talk Show* interview that you said you would love to play a character that dies. That wish came true in *The Good Doctor* -although some of us were hoping he wouldn't die ahah- did you enjoy playing Steve Murphy?

Dylan: Yes, yes, yes! I absolutely LOVE portraying Steve Murphy! Not only is he a fantastic character with a great personality, but landing the role as Steve allowed me to meet some fantastic cast and crew that were involved in *The Good Doctor* that I could not have met otherwise.

SYF: You act with Freddie Highmore in *The Good Doctor*. He started acting when he was young, just like you. Did he give you any advice? Is he inspirational to you?

Dylan: Freddie was wonderful to work with. He definitely inspires me; his performance as Shaun Murphy is outstanding. I think that I definitely learned a lot from Freddie. He was an incredibly easy person to work with and talk to. It was great to work alongside him, because he gets so into character and it helps to be able to play off that.



You'll see Dylan again in season 2 of *A Series Of Unfortunate Events*.