

LOCALNEWS

Torseth lands role on new drama series

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Trevor Torseth could find his big break on Crackle.

The Borderland native is playing a role in “Sequestered,” a new series which debuted on the free, multi-platform video-streaming network this summer. This first six episodes of the 12-episode series were released on Aug. 5, with the final six to be rolled out Oct. 14.

According to Crackle, the premise of the series is: “Twelve jurors struggle to decide guilt or innocence in a sensational kidnapping/murder trial while a young attorney races to uncover a conspiracy that threatens to bury the truth forever.”

Torseth is playing the role of “Hugh Cross,” a Navy Seal.

Torseth appeared on an episode of the popular CBS series “NCIS,” entitled “Devil’s Trifecta,” back in December, 2012. But “Sequestered” has taken his career to a new level in more ways than one.

Not only does he appears in 11 episodes, but “Sequestered” is an example of “New Media” — programming made for a video-streaming network where all 12 episodes are available whenever the viewer wants to watch them.

“I’ve been very fortunate with the work I’ve

gotten in L.A.,” Torseth told the Times.

“‘NCIS’ was a big moment but ‘Sequestered’ takes the cake.

“New Media is huge right now and this falls under that umbrella,” he added. “However, you never really know what you’re getting into.

“It can be really good like ‘House of Cards’ or really bad like someone’s cat video.

“I was fortunate with ‘Sequestered,’ but I really didn’t know until I arrived on set and saw the production values,” noted Torseth.

“Media is changing,” he continued. “People may not realize it but the big networks are hurting.

“Cable television programming is really doing some amazing things and now the wild card is New Media.

“That’s where the industry is heading — the Internet.

“I’m very happy to be in the Crackle family,” Torseth said. “Being they’re owned by Sony makes them a substantial player moving forward.”

Crackle can be viewed at www.crackle.ca, using an app downloaded to Android and iOS devices, or through platforms like Xbox and Playstation.

Torseth recalled the day he found out he got the role on “Sequestered.”

“I was up for a movie to play a genetically-altered superhuman and was



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feeling very hopeful,” he recounted.

“I had just gotten a note from the director letting me know they’d hired an ex-baseball player for my role,” he lamented.

“More than a little irritated and feeling less than super-human, I checked my e-mail, saw that I’d booked ‘Sequestered,’ and thought, ‘What audition was that? Oh! The Navy Seal! Awesome . . . carry on.’

“I guess average, old run-of-the-mill Navy Seals are more my speed,” he quipped.

“Honestly, playing Hugh Cross is a gift any actor would pay handsomely for,” Torseth stressed.

“I’m very blessed and extremely thankful to the directors, Shawn Ku and Kevin Tancharoen, and the executive producers

Amy Kim, Jaime Burke, and Vahan Parechan at Lifeboat Productions.”

“Sequestered” also was a golden opportunity for Torseth to work with top-notch actors.

“I was extremely fortunate to be part of such an extraordinary cast,” he remarked.

“I honestly believe the casting of ‘Sequestered’ was critical to its success and Lifeboat Productions pulled no punches loading it with the likes of Patrick Warburton, Jesse Bradford, Summer Glau and, incidentally, my post-college crush, Dina Meyer.

“However, the highlight for me was working with Bruce Davison and Chris Ellis,” Torseth said.

“Veteran actors like that are the guys I’m drawn to — I mean, those guys were born to entertain!” he enthused.

“The second day I was in the makeup trailer getting done up by the people I usually get closest to on set — the hair and makeup girls,” Torseth recalled.

“We were all casually chatting with Bruce, who I’d met briefly the day before, when Chris came onto the trailer like the most pleasant of tornados and said to Bruce, ‘You probably don’t remember me but we met in [such or such a time] at [such or such a place], and I was playing [such or such

a role in such or such a play] and you came in from L.A. because you were sleeping with the female lead, who happened to be my girlfriend!’

“Bruce didn’t miss a beat and asked, ‘Was she that real cute dwarf?’

“We all went from feeling very awkward to laughing hysterically,” Torseth said. “I’d say I never laughed louder — but for the next 20 minutes of conversation, we were all left in stitches by the two seasoned entertainers.

“It was amazing and I’ll always remember thinking, ‘If I could do this for decades like these guys, I’d be happy.’”

Torseth has had other memorable experiences because of “Sequestered.”

“Oh, I guess I did have an experience with the paparazzi,” he remarked.

“That’s new.

“Kind of surreal hearing your name yelled out, all around you, and having all those flash bulbs popping in your eyes,” he recalled.

“I was at a red-carpet event for Crackle. They were throwing a party for ‘Sequestered’ and another of their original series called ‘The Cleaners,’” Torseth recounted.

“I remember waiting to walk the carpet — it was black by the way — standing in the back of an interview with Bruce Davison and distinctly thinking, ‘Okay, you’re

in the background of Bruce’s interview. Try not to mouth breathe like a Neanderthal.’”

But like any good Borderland native, Torseth said he’s staying grounded.

“Well, my life hasn’t changed much but I did buy a new truck,” he noted.

“I think the last time we talked, I mentioned, ‘You can’t take the Fort Frances out of the boy,’ and I’m pretty sure my 4x4 Ram with a Hemi pretty much solidifies that in L.A.,” Torseth added.

“I’m not entirely sure what I need all that truck for, but I guess I’ll be ready for the ‘Big One,’” he joked.

Torseth’s mother, Barbara Asplund, and stepfather, Mike Asplund, live in Fort Frances. His dad, Bill Torseth, and stepmother, Linda, reside over in International Falls.

Torseth has had other roles prior to “Sequestered” and “NCIS.”

In 2011, he appeared in episodes of “An American Horror Story” (“Murder House”) and “Ringer” (“She’s Ruining Everything”).

He also was in episodes of “Look” and “Chuck” in 2010.

Torseth also has appeared in several feature films (“NoNAMES,” “Lake Dead,” and “Trail of Blood”), as well as plays, shorts, and commercials.

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The Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC) will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 10 am – 1 pm in the basement conference room at the Koochiching County Courthouse. The purpose of this Open House will be to inform affected homeowners of Disaster Relief loans provided by Minnesota Housing through the Quick Start program and the Community Fix Up program for uninsured damage to your home due to the flood. The program provides loans up to \$70,000 if your home or rental property was damaged in the flood. Funds are for capital improvements that return the home to the pre-disaster or comparable condition. The program does not cover damage to water structures or land.

Staff from the HRDC will be available to answer any questions as well as to assist in completing preliminary paperwork. All applications for disaster relief must be received by the HRDC no later than October 24, 2014 so it is important to begin the process as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Open House but would like additional information, please contact Jackie Meixner at 218-333-6530.

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