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Re: Questions for John Simm *READ FIRST POST*
« **Reply #30 on:** January 25, 2007, 04:11 PM »

Question 8, Bakednudel.
One of the first jobs i ever did was a BBC1 sitcom with David Threlfall called "Men of the world". It was set in a travel agents and we made 2 series of it, which i enjoyed doing. I do like comedy, and every so often its good to do, however, i suppose i'm more interested in serious drama.'Spaced' was nice to do,(even though Simon Pegg thought it would be "Hilarious" if i didnt say anything!) I'm doing a play later this year at the 'Bush' theatre in London, called "Elling", which i think (hope!) is v funny.

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Question 9, Gerbillcat.
The only thing about the 70's which i think is better than today is a lost sense of innocence. I think that kids grow up too quickly nowadays.
Also, i guess the Music was better. John and George were still alive, as was Elvis (for a while). Give me Led Zep, The Stones, AC/DC, The Pistols etc over frickin Westlife and Will Young anyday!

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Question 10, Clarey.
I would work with Phil again at the drop of a hat. I love him. We worked together a couple of times previously, which made it easy from day 1 of LOM, it's like we were married for 2 years! We even lived next door to each other whilst filming series 2. I think he's a wonderful actor and we really do just 'click'.

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Question 11, Tregina 1200 and Hmpf.
First, the Simon Pegg thing. I know and admire Simon, when i asked why he doesnt put me in his films, he said that me, him and Martin Freeman were too similar. (cheeky sod) I think he's just scared i'll get all the laughs. (Joke!)
Ok, the privacy question...
I am a very private person. I didnt become an actor to be famous, and its an aspect of my job that i'm not comfortable with. However, i understand that it comes with the territory, and deal with it the best i can.
I dont like attention, which i know is ridiculous given my profession, but there we are. I also believe that it makes an actor's job very difficult if he or she is a 'celebrity'.
One of the reasons i had to stop the band was i was never entirely comfortable being myself on stage. So when people started turning up to point at the 'bloke from the Lakes/Human traffic', i could stand it no longer. I can hide behind a character.
Also, fame obviously means you lose your anonymity, which is essential for 'people watching'. Something i used to find invaluble.
Having said all this, i am of course extremely grateful that people like my work! But to me, thats what it is, my work.
Ok, i think i may now be typing nonsense! so am gonna take a breather. will deffo try and get the rest answered before the end of tomorrow.
Bye for now!

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Re: Questions for John Simm *READ FIRST POST*
« **Reply #34 on:** January 26, 2007, 11:48 AM »

Question 12, GinnyStar.
What have i gained from playing Sam? Well... i had to learn to work differently on this job. After the first few weeks it became apparent that i couldnt prepare like i usually do because of the workload and lack of time. So i would learn lines on the spot. I now have a strange ability to learn 4 pages of dialogue in a few minutes, but if i stop thinking about it for a second my mind goes blank. Also, i will think twice about commiting to something that takes me away from home for such a long time.
But the best thing was working with such amazing people. I'll certainly never forget it!

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Re: Questions for John Simm *READ FIRST POST*
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Question 13, Bluestocking.
I would love my own action figure! I have a feeling it might happen this year. Cant say anymore, but keep an eye on those shelves next Xmas!

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Question 14, ohmygodfathers. (great name!)
If, as you say, the script, actors, producers etc were all top quality, i would definitely consider it. After all, if i'd 'created' the role in the first place (like Cal in State of play) then of course i would like to keep it.

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Question 15, acquitaine 33.
If there was something in the script that i didnt like, or wanted to say differently, they were fine with that. Both myself and Phil were given as much space as we needed and everybody involved was incredibly accomodating in that respect. After all, apart from Mathew, who knows more about Sam and Gene than myself and Phil? Before we started series 2 i was even invited to suggest character development and storyline idea's. Kudos are a wonderful company to work for. Not that we needed to change much in those wonderful scripts!

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Question 16, Loz.
As i said earlier, i had to change the way i worked on LOM. I went to a classical theatre/Stanislavski based drama school which offered very very little in screen acting technique, so i had to learn that as i worked. What i will say is that there is no such thing as "The method", Its just a 'box of tricks' if you like, something to use if you have trouble finding a certain emotion. Personally, i think i work more through instinct.

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Question 17, SuburbanBird.
It was an honour to play Van Gogh. I had very little prep time between finishing LOM and starting 'The Yellow house', but luckily i was already a devoted Vincent fan, so i just re-read his wonderful letters and stared at his incredible work for hours on end. I obviously read Martin Gayford's fabulous book, and found as much information as i could about what he was like Physically. The way he walked and talked is thankfully well documented, as is the fact he had terrible, black and yellow teeth. So prepare yourself for those teeth!

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Question 18, rupertsdrop.
Usually i would know about a character's background from begining to end before we started filming. However, LOM is not a 'usual' show! There were certain things i wasnt told about but that was good in a way, because of the whole 'coma/what the hell is going on' thing. This will become clear in series 2.

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Re: Questions for John Simm *READ FIRST POST*
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Question 19, Bluesky.
I'm not very good with advice i'm afraid! I would say trust your instinct, be confident (and honest with yourself) about your own ability, be brave and walk into an audition with the attitude that you are doing THEM a favour just by turning up.

Ok,we did 2 question's in 1 somewhere along the line, so room for one more if someone gets it in quick...?

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Okay, if no one is gonna do it, I will.

We didn't scare you too awful much did we?

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Before we start... the answer is Boxers, Ducky.

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Re: Questions for John Simm *READ FIRST POST*
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20.
HaHa No you didnt!
Just wanna say to all... Thank's for your continued enthusiasm and devotion towards our show, We're all aware of it. Doing this Q+A was the least i could do, twas refreshing to be able to answer quality questions myself, without a journalist putting their own 'angle' on it, or indeed editing the answers.
So, thanks for your support. The best way to show our thanks is series 2, coming your way VERY soon. Enjoy. Bye! x

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Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions, it's very much appreciated

I'll lock this thread for now and if people would like to comment then they can do so over here in the 'John Simm answers our questions' thread

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