

Fantasy Casting Thread

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 15 Jan 2009, 00:29

On Wed, Jan 14, 2009 at 4:15 PM, Matthew Groves

<matthewalangroves at gmail.com> wrote:

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<http://www.livejournal.com/users/sturgeonslawyer>

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Gwern Branwen — 15 Jan 2009, 00:39 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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Dave Lebling — 15 Jan 2009, 01:10 · in reply to James Crossley

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The young Natalie Wood would have been perfect for Dorcas. Anne Hathaway isn't such a bad choice among contemporary actors though.

-- Dave Lebling, aka vizcacha

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 15 Jan 2009, 01:11 · follows Dave Lebling

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Character Actor

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Severian Johnny Depp

Thecla Brooke Shields

Vodalus Warren Beatty

Thea Liv Tyler

Baldanders John Goodman

Dr. Talos Woody Allen
Agia Christina Ricci
Dorcas Mary-kate Olsen
Jolenta Pamela Anderson
Hethor Christopher Walken
Master Gurloes Gene Hackman
Master Palemon Clint Eastwood
Master Malrubius Alec Guinness
The Autarch Leslie Jordan
Jonas Steven Wright
Juturna Rosie O'Donnell
Abaia Rush Limbaugh

Reasons for some of the lesser-known actors:

1. Christina Ricci played Wednesday Addams in the Addams Family movies. For her ability to play Agia, I submit "The Opposite of Sex" and "Black Snake Moan."
2. Leslie Jordan had the role of Beverley Leslie, a small effeminate man, on the show "Will and Grace." He looked exactly like how I had pictured the Autarch in my mind.
3. Stephen Wright is a comedian with a dead-pan delivery.

Best wishes,

Jack

Adam Thornton — 15 Jan 2009, 02:12 · in reply to Gwern Branwen

On Jan 14, 2009, at 6:39 PM, Gwern Branwen wrote:

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perhaps _Apocalypse Now_ era Brando.

YES YES YES.

The Autarch: John Hurt from _I, Claudius_.

Jolenta, post-glamour: mid-period Anna-Nicole Smith.

It's not quite right for Thecla, but totally-hot-period (e.g. _Blue Velvet_) Isabella Rosellini.

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I stick by my casting of Anna-Nicole Smith, as the (even-more) artificial Monroe.

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 15 Jan 2009, 16:07 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 20:13:11

To: The Urth Mailing List<urth at lists.urth.net>

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Jeffrey Brent McBeth — 15 Jan 2009, 16:47 · in reply to hammstu at sbcglobal.net

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Jeffrey Brent McBeth — 15 Jan 2009, 16:54 · in reply to Jeffrey Brent McBeth

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I know an english bloke/giant from the midlands who would foot the bill...

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Pretty good, pretty good...

Not sure about Mint...I picture Anne Heche...or someone not so glamorous Sent from my BlackBerry? smartphone with SprintSpeed

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 10:17:17

To: <urth at urth.net>

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Good Suggestions.

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so are Gandolfini and Mineo.

I agree about Grace Kelly being too glamorous. (God how I love to look at her though. probably my all time starlet.)

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James Wynn — 16 Jan 2009, 03:54 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

No - Rowan Atkinson for Incus.

Linda Hunt as Father Inire.

Strange. I was just thinking that Linda Hunt (with big fake Bubba teeth) would be ideal for Incus. :-)

Son of Witz — 16 Jan 2009, 19:21 · follows James Wynn

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 16 Jan 2009, 19:24 · follows Son of Witz

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From: Son of Witz
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TORTURE!!!

I can't watch it either because I just started season 4 dvds last night.

I've haven't watched any regularly programmed TV show in my adult life, I'd thought I might change that up for BSG, now that I finally bit the bullet and hooked up cable, but the DVD's came out too late.

what a show. I've never seen any film/series that was as much like a long novel. I mean, one that worked as well.

anyone here NOT checked it out? It's definitely worthwhile, and that's the only TV plug you'll get from me.

I can't help but think, as of Season 4, episode 2, (as far as I've seen) that these guys have read New and Long Suns. some of the themes they've teased at are quite similar. False pantheon, One True God, Cyclicalilty of creations. These are, as Jordon reminds me, probably just standard SF tropes, but I can't help but think there may be an influence.

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OOPS!

It's just that they cut it in two volumes for a paperback edition. (even though my old paperback
has the full story) thanks for pointing it out Jordon. (on another board) /Embarrassed.

fuck though, Imagica must be my Book of Gold.

~witz3