

## The return of All My Children?

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No, not quite. But something just as amazing has just been announced.

Former All My Children star, Daytime Emmy winner Josh Duhamel, also the star of the Transformers feature films, is about to transform daytime into night time.

Duhamel, who played Leo DuPres on All My Children from 1999 to 2002 and again for two episodes in 2011, has co-created a primetime drama series, as yet untitled, about a daytime soap opera.

But get this. It's not about just any soap opera. Nope. It's about a soap on the roaps.

In Duhamel's project, this daytime drama not only explores the loves and lives of the characters, but also the lunacy surrounding the fact that the show is "on-the-bubble" far as the network is concerned. As you can imagine, this results in some pretty interesting antics by the cast and crew, maybe even more crazy than any plot point of the soap itself.

According to today's [Hollywood Reporter](#), "set when the TV genre is faltering, the larger-than-life workplace family fights a never-ending desperate battle to keep their show on the air, egos secure, and relationships in tact." Do they succeed?

The show is based on an original idea by Duhamel, who has long been a proponent and supporter of the genre that gave him his start and recognized his talent by awarding him an Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series in 2002, and another nomination in 2003 for the same award. His co-creators are Gretchen J. Berg and Arron Harberts who also did Revenge, GCB, Pushing Daisies, and Wonderfalls. Berg and Harberts will write the pilot and executive produce. Also producing are The Mark Gordon Co.'s Nicholas Pepper and actor Oliver Hudson (Rules of Engagement, Dawson's Creek).

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Plus, Hudson and Duhamel may both appear in the series should the project get picked up, but not as series regulars.

Duhamel has first-hand knowledge about a soap's demise. All My Children was cancelled when in April 2011, ABC made the announcement that the show would end its run that upcoming September. Duhamel returned to his former stomping grounds to reprise the role of Leo for two episodes just prior to the soap's final curtain.

Here's the kicker. Duhamel's new prime time drama series was green lit by ABC!

Who said soap operas are dead? They are just migrating to primetime, as Berg and Harberts, writers of four prime time soaps well know.

Will you tune in?