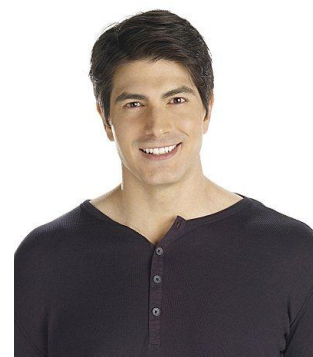


IMTA ALUM BRANDON ROUTH AND HIS “PARTNERS”

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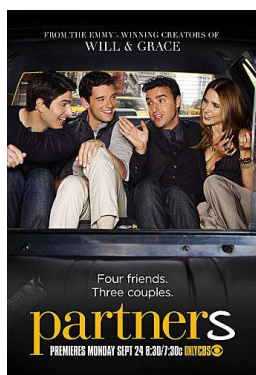


“Partners” premieres Monday, September 24 on CBS, 8:30/7:30c

“Take some established TV actors with impressive track records, borrow generously from the real-life gay/straight alliance of the creators (who just happened to create a long-running groundbreaking sitcom), throw a hunky former Superman into the mix and you’ve got the ingredients of CBS’s new sitcom “Partners.” – AfterElton.com

Since attending IMTA in 1999, alum Brandon Routh has compiled an impressive and diverse résumé of both TV and film roles. Films include his star-making turn in *Superman Returns*, going blonde and evil in the quirky *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, fighting the supernatural in *Dylan Dog*, *Dead of Night*, and inspiring a Native American lacrosse team in the uplifting *Crooked Arrows*. On TV he has guest-starred on hit shows such as “*Gilmore Girls*,” “*Cold Case*,” “*Will & Grace*” and “*Chuck*.”

On Monday, Routh returns to TV, this time as a star of the new CBS sitcom “*Partners*.” He plays Wyatt, the boyfriend of Louis, played by Michael Urie. Louis is the business partner and lifelong best friend of Joe (David Krumholtz), who is in a serious relationship with Ali (Sophia Bush). The friends adore each other and drive each other crazy while all the relationships cross and get tangled.



“The basics are he’s a former alcoholic, now he’s a vegan nurse,” said Routh about his character. “He also grew up as a Mennonite, so that is going to come out in many layers. So he had a different childhood than a lot of people did. That will bring out some fun moments in episodes to come.” Routh added, “He’s so trusting . . . When you’re trusting, you don’t think anyone has bad intentions.”

Urie said he very much enjoys acting opposite Routh. “He is a funny actor...I love who he is. I love the kind of work he’s done.” Urie also said it is a privilege to be playing a gay couple with Routh on prime time TV. “I think it’s a great story, and he’s a great actor.” And then he adds, “Of course he’s handsome as hell. I love that. He’s easy on the eyes. Doesn’t hurt....”

“*Partners*” is created and inspired by the real-life friendship of Max Mutchnick and David Kohan, who created “*Will & Grace*.”

