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Title:

Armand Assante: "My Farm is 225 acres!"

Armand Assante is the actor who's talent we have been able to enjoy in "Mambo Kings", "Hoffa", "Fatal Instinct", "Judge Dredd", "Striptease" and many other movies...As well in TVminiseries: "Gotti", "Kidnapped" and "Odyssey"
He lives Upstate New York on a 255 acres farm near Campbell Hall.

Son of an Irish mother who is a piano-teacher and Italian father who is a painter, he grew up in New York (city)
(* should say mother comming from Irish family and father comming from an Italian family, both his parents are born in USA.webmaster)

Not long ago separated from actress Karen McArn (1994) he spends as much time as possible with his two daughters Anya 14 years old, and Alessandra now 9 years old.
The 47 years old actor says he has chosen to live in the country because he loves the peace and serinity.
He spends time in New York city when he is working and the farm is his refuge. He has recently been through a period of intensive work during the filming of the 2-part Mini Series "Odyssey".
The filming took place on locations as Turkey, The Isle of Malta (Sicily) and some scenes shot in England, to which he devoted 70 to 90 hours pr. week for seven months.
(* The filmatizing it self, took 3 months. webmaster)
Armand Assante really needed to rest after this demanding work.
He has no apartment in New York. Even when he works he is likely to return to his farm every night.

His daughter lives with their mother in New York city. They go to school during the week and their weekends are often spend with their father as well as their hollidays.
As we asked Armand Assante if he had a wish for his daughters to become actresses he replied, not nessasarily.
"They are equipped for many things. My eldest daughter practise running. She finished in second postition during the test's for the Olympics in Italy and my youngest daughter is an artistic soul and it is not me that pushed her to do theater. She loves it and think of it as a normal thing, because they both grew up with lot's of film and are used to traveling. They feel at home in the art of it. I don't push them in any directions but I have no object should they become actresses"
Armand says.

Armand gained weight before taking a role...

Armand Assante is a professional who is working hard to merge him self into the roles he takes.
He spends a lot of time studying the characters that he performs.
To embody John Gotti in the TVproduction "Gotti" he had to gain 18 kilos. He was particualry proud to have managed to lose this extra weight in record time, doing excercising every day.
He likes the outdoor life and the Ocean. Each year during summervacation he spends several weeks on his yacht. He has been travelling around the world and admits he particualry appreciates the Caribbean. But his favorite sport is horseback-riding, he practice this several times a week. He has got 7 horses at his farm.

Armand Assante is very pleased that his work as an actor makes it's possible for him to travel alot. Over the years he has spent time in Africa, Australia and several European Countries.
"I feel fantastic about having the opportunity to stay i various of countries and meet with people from other cultures. It is a rewarding experiance. You can not work in Greece or Rome and not feel the change of your life and ways of thinking", he says.

Divorced (Separated) after 15 years of beeing together (12 years) the actors says he has a very good realltionship with his ex-wife. And he does'nt reject to the idea of marrying again one day !
"My wife and I became good freinds since we no longer live together, and it's really great for our girls. I think they have lost all hope to see us together and they would like anyone the enter into a new realltionship. It has'nt happend yet, but could happend any time. I have nothing against marrigde"! says the actor.

Photos:

Armand Assante at his piano in the livingroom.

The furnitures in this room are inspired from a Mexican style, with a crucifix at the wall and a gun-belt hanging by the end of his bed.

A photo outside is showing Armand with alot of flowers, that he loves and they give him a lot of pleasure.

Then there is a photo with him and his two daughters Alessandra 9 and Anya 14 years old. They are the heart of his live.

Armand Assante loves to relax with a good cigar.

An enormous chimney with fireplace takes up the space of one of the livingroom walls.