**“All the World’s a Stage” for Two Deputies’ Sons**

### Sword Play is the Thing for Christian Sochor

CDFC Martin Sochor was involved in show business for years before moving to Charlotte County and working at the Charlotte County Jail. And now his son Christian is following his own dreams of acting.

Chris, 23, spent most of his childhood in Punta Gorda, graduating from Charlotte High School. It was while he was at CHS that Chris became interested in acting.

After graduation, Chris auditioned for the New York based American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) and was accepted. According to Martin, it was while at the AMDA that Chris, who was always very sports oriented and into action, developed a passion for stage combat. Chris became one of the Robin Hood-theme actors who appear at the Renaissance Fairs in the New York City area.

Over the years, Chris honed his sword fighting skills to the point he became the youngest fight director / choreographer in the history of that Renaissance Fair.

But young Sochor’s career is not limited to just sword play.

Being in the heart of the Big Apple, Chris has had opportunities for lead roles in productions such as “Harvey,” Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream,” and off-Broadway shows such as “Mr. Marmalade.”

But being an actor is not all about learning your lines. As Martin pointed out, it is a very competitive business that requires some very delicate balancing to be able to both support yourself while still doing what you love.

So Chris puts in many hours during the week at jobs that keep him busy, but help to support him. Then there are the weekends when he gets to fulfill his dreams with acting jobs.

And, who knows? The “big break” may be coming soon for Chris. He is scheduled to appear in an upcoming television series being released later this summer by one of the major networks.

“Acting has become one of Christian’s dreams and so I just let him dream that dream and support him as much as I can,” Martin said. “I’m proud of him because the things he has achieved so far, he has achieved by himself, without the influential support of famous parents nor the unlimited riches of a wealthy family.”

### Carson Maschmeier “Steals the Show” in Broadway Palms’ “Les Mis”

At age 11, Carson Maschmeier, son of DFC Michael Maschmeier, already has an impressive resume having had roles in five productions at the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater in Fort Myers.

He has had roles in such productions as ‘Miracle on 34th Street,’ ‘Sound of Music,’ ‘Shrek,’ ‘Swinging Christmas,’ and most recently ‘Les Miserables.’ Within the past year, he has appeared in more than 150 showings, even though he shares the roles alternately with another actor.

According to Melissa Vogt, the director of marketing for Broadway Palms, even though there are adult main characters, it is Carson as Gavroche who “steals the show.”

Carson is currently scheduled to appear in the upcoming Broadway Palms production of ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.’

Carson said he enjoyed his role in Les Mis the best of his roles so far because, since his character actually dies, it required more acting. Which is fine with him because he really likes acting.

“I think I am a better actor than a singer,” Carson said.

But there are those who would disagree with him on that point. One of the professional actors who appeared with Carson was Jesse Corbin, who played Enjolras.

“It was really rough in the beginning, working with someone so talented,” Corbin said jokingly. “Seriously, though, we were excited because we got a kid who could really sing.”

Carson said he has been interested in acting since he was “a little bitty guy.” He has appeared in productions at both his church and his school.

When he isn’t acting, Carson likes to do what most boys his age do—hanging out with friends and playing on the computer.

At left, Carson poses with his sister, Caroline, and parents Lorie and Michael Maschmeier after one of the productions of Les Mis. If you look closely you can still see the makeup ‘dirt’ on his cheek. According to Lorie, removing that make-up was one of the hardest things about Carson’s role.
GRADUATIONS 2014

Emmaleigh Zimmerman, daughter of Alan and DFC Trista Zimmerman and granddaughter of District Clerk Mildred Stepp, graduated from the Bloom Academy of Learning in Punta Gorda. She will be attending ‘big girl school’ next year at Sallie Jones Elementary.

Lach Fineman, daughter of IT Specialist Mike Fineman, recently graduated from Sallie Jones Elementary School. She will be attending Punta Gorda Middle School next year.

Juliet Cox, the daughter of DFC David Cox, poses with her dad as she prepares to graduate from Murdock Middle School.

Leah Fineman, daughter of IT Specialist Mike Fineman, proudly displays her Pre-Kindergarten Diploma from St. Charles Borromeo School. She will be in Kindergarten next year.

Angel Turney, daughter of CPT Melissa Turney, graduated in May from Charlotte High School.

Ryann Hunter Ogden, the son of Communications Operator Sandra Dennis and CPL Eric Ogden, graduated from the VPK program at Charlotte Regional YMCA. Next step: Kindergarten starts in July.

Communication Assistant Supervisor Lorraine Shipman and her husband Kempton Shipman Sr. are enjoying a double dose of graduations. Codey Shipman, left, is shown at his 8th Grade Farewell Dance. He graduated from middle school and is headed to high school. Meanwhile, the proud parents celebrated the graduation of their other son Kempton Jr. from Charlotte High School on May 15.

Sabrina Lozada, daughter of Information Services Administrator Cesar L. Lozada, proudly displays her Pre-Kindergarten Diploma from St. Charles Borromeo School. She will be in Kindergarten next year.

DFC Amy Martin is celebrating two graduations. Her son Andrew graduated from Rainbows End Pre-K. He is headed to Kindergarten next year.

Crime Scene Technician Ron Mueller poses with his wife Kristine and daughter Kyrsten as they celebrated Ron’s graduation in April from St. Leo University. Ron received his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Science.

DFC Jacob Hawkins graduated Magna Cum Laude from Hodges University with his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. The photo is intentionally blurred due to his current assignment.

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Phil himself graduated Cum Laude June 8 from Hodges University with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He plans to continue with his Bachelor’s program.

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5 Years of Service

Human Resources Director Kevin Ostrowsky recently celebrated five years of service with the Sheriff’s Office.

10 Years of Service

Sheriff Prummell presented Assistant Communications Supervisor Lorraine Shipman with her certificate for 10 years of dedicated service.

20 Years of Service

SGT Michael Krzysiak received his certificate for 20 years of dedicated service with the Sheriff’s Office from Sheriff Prummell on May 28.

25 Years of Service

LT Keri DeHart reached the 25 year milestone and received her certificate of appreciation for her service from Sheriff Prummell on May 27.

Promotions

Sheriff Prummell hands newly promoted Corporal Eric Ogden the official letter and badge granting him his new rank on April 8.

Newly promoted Sergeant Terry Cochran received his official promotion letter and badge from Sheriff Prummell.

Elks Donate to EAF

Robert Humphreys, the Exalted Ruler of the Roton-da Elks Lodge 2710, presented Sheriff Prummell and DFC Kevin Connolly, an employee representative to the CCSO Employee Assistance Fund, with a check for $1,000 for the EAF on May 20. The EAF was set up so that CCSO employees could provide help to its members in times of need. The fund is managed by employee representatives and is not part of the Sheriff’s Office budget.

Volunteers Make a Difference

Parking Enforcement Volunteer Phil McGowan received a certificate of appreciation and a Challenge Coin from Sheriff Prummell on May 6 for his many hours of volunteer service to the Sheriff’s Office.

AG Watch Begins

Joel Beverly, State Director; John Flowers, President; and Eric Stover, Vice-President, of the Charlotte County Cattlemen’s Association met with Sheriff Prummell to kick off the new Ag Watch Program. The program is designed to help law enforcement and agricultural business work better together.

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