

Questions for JASON GOLDBERG

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Thomas J. Pucher asked Jason Goldberg, who played Joseph Gioberti (1983 – 1987) questions about his work on the *Falcon Crest* set.
Jason Goldberg's answers are in bold print.

How did you get the rôle of Joseph Gioberti?

It was actually my first audition with my first agent, and the audition itself was almost an accident. But I went down there, age two, and did my thing.

Was your portrayal of Joseph your first appearance on TV?

Yep. First appearance anywhere, really... I WAS only two years old.

What's your date of birth? What's your home town?

My date of birth is November 13, 1980... which means I turn 20 in a few weeks.

My home town is Saugus, CA. It's about 5 minutes from Six Flags over California (an amusement park).

Are you still working in the entertainment business? If yes, what are your current projects?

Yes, I'm still in the entertainment business, though mostly on the theatre end nowadays... I'm actually going to be Assistant Directing and performing in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* near the end of the year. I'm also starting my own non-profit theatre company, *The Rock Ridge Players*.

What elements of your own character have you contributed to the character of Joseph Gioberti on the show?

Umm... well, I was an outgoing child, so I guess I tried to convey that in my character.

How did you like working on the *Falcon Crest* set?

I loved it. It was like growing up with famous people... actually it WAS growing up with famous people.

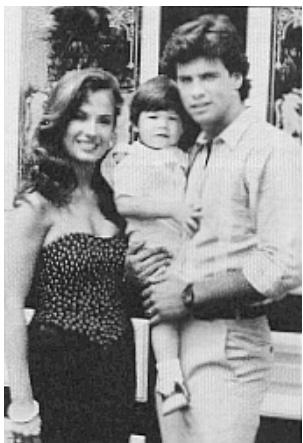


Season 3:
Jason Goldberg as Joseph Gioberti

with Ana-Alicia as Melissa Agretti Cumson,



with Lorenzo Lamas as Lance Cumson.



Jason Goldberg (Joseph Gioberti) with Ana - Alicia (Melissa Agretti Cumson) and Lorenzo Lamas (Lance Cumson) in front of the winery building (season 3).

Are you still in contact with any of your fellow cast members or anyone from the crew of *Falcon Crest*?

I haven't seen anyone in a very long time, with the exception of David Selby, who I ran into last November. I was Assistant Directing and performing in a production of Annie, and David happened to be the godfather to one of the girls in our cast. It was interesting seeing him after 12 years.

Who were your favorite cast members to work with?

Billy Moses was great, as was Robert Foxworth... I also vividly remember Chao-Li. But all in all, everyone was a blast to work with.

Who were your favorite producers and directors?

I don't remember the producers too much, but I do remember Harry Harris... he was a wonderful director to work with, and he gave me a teddy bear.

What is your most memorable scene?

The scene when Ana - Alicia and I were in a car wreck... I remember we shot out by a quarry, and they had to put fake blood on me... I wouldn't do it, until they had put it on my father first. I must have been 5 or 6.

Was it your decision to leave the series during the 6th season (1986-87) or did the producers feel that there was no more need for your character?

From what I remember, the wrote my character out of the show to give Cole a reason to stay in Australia. So, it was the producers and the writers.

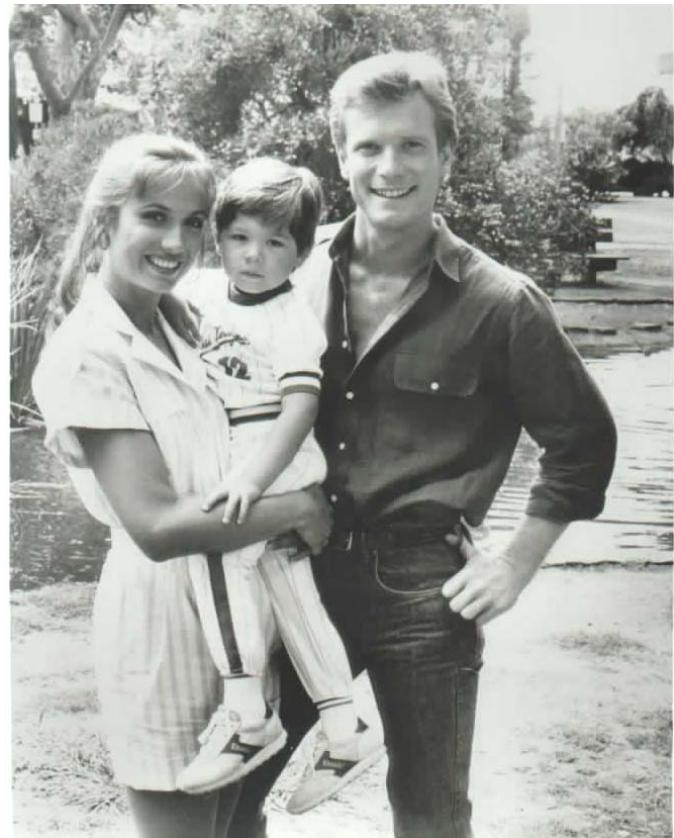
You made a guest appearance for two episodes in season 7. Why didn't you return in season 8 again, when your on-screen mother, Melissa Agretti (Ana - Alicia), died?

Once again, that was the writer's discretion.

Did you watch the episodes regularly? Did you watch it after you left? Do you watch the re-runs on SoapNet? How do you like the series in general?

No, I didn't at the time, but I have all of them on videocassette. I've watched a few of them, but not all of them... maybe when I get free time I'll play catch-up. From what I've seen, and what I remember, I love the series... it had some of the best talent the entertainment industry had to offer. Creatively, it was almost flawless.

Jason Goldberg as Joseph Gioberti with
Ana - Alicia as Melissa Agretti Gioberti
and William R. Moses as Cole Gioberti
(season 4).



How did you feel about the dramatic changes *Lorimar* and *Falcon Crest* underwent during seasons 8 and 9?

I haven't seen most of the episodes from those seasons, but dramatic changes could swing either way.

Would you like to reprise your role if there was a *Falcon Crest* reunion?

Yeah, I would love to... I'd love to see all those people again... I'd like to tell them how much I respect their work, because I was too young to really notice it before.

Thank you very much for the interview.

Sure.

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