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Josh McDermitt

Good humored, multi-faceted, and tenacious are all words that could describe Josh McDermitt. As a well-known name in the comedy scene, Josh is showcasing not only his skill in comedy, but in dramatic roles as well. Josh is currently a Series Regular on AMC's record breaking hit "The Walking Dead" playing the role of 'Dr. Eugene Porter.' The drama, developed by Frank Darabont, is based off the comic book series of the same name and follows a group of survivors finding their way through a post-apocalyptic world dominated by zombies. Josh also recurred on the final season of Matthew Weiner's "Mad Men" (also AMC) on which he had a dramatically different role.

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Josh was raised in an eclectic family, full of life and practical jokesters. While some kids grow up playing at the park, taking a ride in a boat at the lake, or riding ATV's, Josh's family had a hot air balloon, which not only entrained their family but most of the neighborhood as well. By sixteen years old Josh was a licensed pilot so he could fly the balloon-something his family still has today. Josh never had aspirations to be in the entertainment business; growing up he wanted to be a police officer or detective. Yet he fell into the radio industry at an early age, working at the local radio station at fourteen years old, where he began to discover his voice creating characters. Josh attended Grand Canyon University where he majored in Marketing and Public Relations, while he continued to work in radio.

After college and after working at the radio station for over ten years, Josh wanted to try his hand in stand up comedy. He had friends who were performing regularly at The Tempe Improv, and he thought, why not give it a shot. He quickly became addicted to being in front of an audience, telling jokes about his crazy, creative family and life experiences. Within two years of doing shows around town, he auditioned for NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and made it to the semi-finals. As one of the 50 comics picked nationwide, the show put him on the map in the comedy world and he decided to go on the road full time. Josh toured with some of the best, opening for Joe Rogan, Louis CK, and Dave Attell. However deep down, his aspirations to branch outside of the comedy circuit grew stronger, and he knew he needed to move to Los Angeles to pursue work in film and television. While auditioning for TV roles, Josh did stand up comedy on the side to pay the bills.

In 2011, Josh landed a series regular role on TV Land's "Retired at 35." For two seasons he starred as 'Brandon,' pool man and best friend to 'Dave,' a man who decides to quit the corporate rat race in New York City and retire in Florida at age 35. The series also presented Josh with the opportunity to work with some of the greats in acting, Oscar Nominee George Segal, and Emmy Award Winner Jessica Walter. After 20 episodes of "Retired at 35," Josh landed his next acting gig, a role on the hit AMC series "The Walking Dead."

In 2016, Josh has a starring role in two independent features both of which are receiving critical acclaim on the festival circuit. Middle Man is a dark comedy written and directed by Ned Crowley. Life In Color is a romantic comedy written and directed by Katherine Emmer.

When not working, Josh is a writer and is working on pitching and developing several projects. He has a love for charity and actively supports several organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, and various foundations that support Pancreatic Cancer Research. In his down time you can catch Josh playing basketball, fishing, golfing, and cooking. He is also a self-proclaimed mixologist, and loves to try and mix all kinds of drinks. Josh currently lives in Los Angeles.

