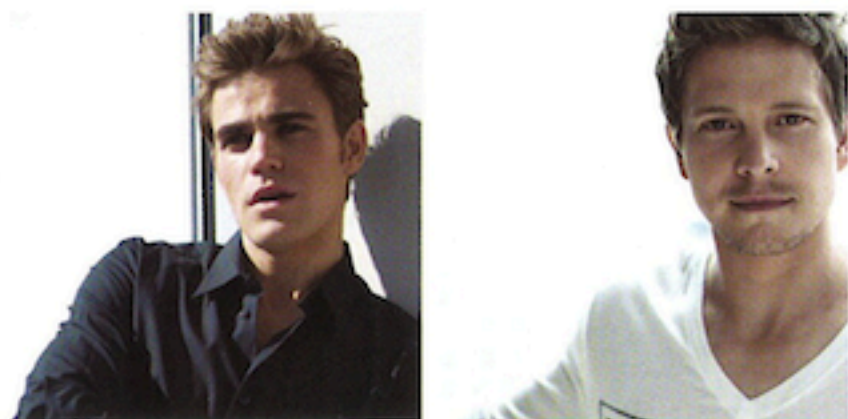


# The Future of HOLLYWOOD

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*No, we aren't psychics. No, we don't have a time machine capable of taking us ahead in the space-time continuum. What we do have is a most fervent conviction that the seven men on our Future of Hollywood list will, in fact, mark and shape the future of the film and TV industry. It's practically impossible to ignore the incredible trajectory these actors have been set on through talent, hard work, and determination — each in his unique way.*

*Our cast of characters include: A true southern charmer with his sights set on the director's chair; a bad boy with a knack for the deep and complex; a young philosophical soul; the all-American leading man; the foreign, dark, and mysterious intellectual; the big hearted gentleman; and the young go-getter. The personality of these young actors shines through, affording us the opportunity to discover the true men-behind-the-characters they so masterfully manage to deceive us with.*

## MATT CZUCHRY

Matt Czuchry talked to us via Skype while shooting his highly acclaimed television series *The Good Wife* in NYC, but that didn't stop this young man's gracious elegance and warmth from shining through. If you ask anyone who knows Czuchry, the first thing they will say is probably along the lines of: "Oh he's great! Such a sweet guy." "He has a heart of gold." "He's a pleasure to work with, and he's just so incredibly nice." And it's not an exaggeration.

Czuchry exudes that special something that makes people around him want to smile. His warm words towards the cast-mates and crew, all of admiration which in no doubt are reciprocated, show a humility we are not always accustomed to from young celebrities. "It's truly a gift to be surrounded by so much greatness all day and learn from my cast mates. As an actor, I find the members of this cast (*The Good Wife*) incredibly inspiring. I get to be in a great learning environment...I mean, to not only have such amazing actors, but also writers, producers...everyone on a daily basis is very inspiring."

As if the delightful demeanor wasn't enough, the anecdotes we are apprised of during his interview give us a glimpse into an ever more upstanding and enchanting personality. "Funny story. I have a piece of paper that I carry around with me in my wallet with a list of names of people that I truly admire. Every time I see a play, movie, or performance I love, I add the name of the person down. It's my 'One-day' list. By now it's around four or five years old and a raggedy old piece of paper...all worn out. But I've been lucky enough to cross off some of those names..The Scott brothers (producers on *The Good Wife*) as well as some of the actors on the show...and I'm so grateful for that."

As far as his upcoming plans? "My dad always talks about making a five year, and a ten year plan, and then revisiting it and changing it up each year. I love my job and I'm grateful to have pursued this career. I just want to work, hopefully keep working and learning and working with the people on that list in my wallet."

His growing career seems to be stirring a lot of attention and comparisons with other great leading young men such as Ryan Gosling, Matt Damon, and Leonardo DiCaprio. Czuchry might be modest here and shrug these off, but we don't think it's going to be too long before his acting accolades and heart-throb status reach these incredible heights.

