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## Brian Dietzen Helps Co-Write 'NCIS' Farewell Episode for David McCallum

### Description

Brian Dietzen has stepped into the spotlight as the chief medical examiner on "NCIS" following the passing of David McCallum's Ducky character. After McCallum's death in September, Dietzen found himself co-writing a tribute episode to honor both Ducky and the late actor, along with one of the show's longtime executive producers, Scott Williams.

The tribute episode, titled "The Stories We Leave Behind," aired on Monday night on CBS. This emotional episode pays homage to McCallum's character and his two-decade run on the popular show, as well as his extensive career in Hollywood.

As McCallum's primary scene partner for 20 seasons, Dietzen had a personal interest in celebrating Ducky in this episode. He expressed the importance of providing both the audience and himself with a sense of catharsis, as well as offering a glimpse into Jimmy Palmer's future on the show.

The episode showcased the team's emotional response to Ducky's passing, while also incorporating a crime element, as is typical of any "NCIS" episode. In discussing the episode, Dietzen emphasized the significance of the stories Ducky told over the course of his time on the show, highlighting how those stories become a part of his legacy.

Dietzen reflected on his time working closely with McCallum and shared insights into the late actor's life. He marveled at McCallum's youthful energy and applauded his commitment to maintaining a balanced life between work and family, despite his longstanding career in Hollywood.

In addition to discussing the tribute episode, Dietzen delved into the evolution of his own character, Jimmy Palmer, and hinted at the future of his personal life on the show. He acknowledged the changes and challenges Jimmy has faced, including the loss of his wife, and the introduction of a new love interest, Jessica Knight.

Furthermore, Dietzen addressed the portrayal of inter-office romance on the show, emphasizing the audience's appreciation for positive and mature relationships on screen. He noted the importance of showcasing emotional maturity and stability, particularly amid the challenges of the real world.

Dietzen's role on "NCIS" has evolved significantly over the years, from a bit player to a staple character that fans rely on for engaging storytelling. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to continue telling compelling stories and remains hopeful for the show's future.

As the "NCIS" franchise continues to capture the hearts of audiences, Dietzen's portrayal of Jimmy Palmer remains a steadfast presence, offering a sense of stability and authenticity to the show's loyal fans.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tribute** // (noun): An act, statement, or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect, or admiration.
2. **Homage** // (noun): Special honor or respect shown publicly.
3. **Catharsis** // (noun): The process of releasing strong or repressed emotions.
4. **Legacy** // (noun): Something handed down from a predecessor or the past.
5. **Insights** // (noun): Deep understanding of a person or thing.
6. **Balanced** // (adjective): Being in a state of equilibrium or equal distribution.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which word best describes how the homeowner felt when they realized there was a burglar in the house?

Option: Surprised  
Option: Terrified  
Option: Nostalgic  
Option: Challenging

2. What legal term is used when someone is found guilty of a crime?

Option: Reunifying  
Option: Convicted  
Option: Homage  
Option: Fulfillment

3. What is the process called where a person receives medical care to improve their health?

Option: Undergo  
Option: Tribute  
Option: Treatment  
Option: Catharsis

4. Which word means to delay or put off to a later time?

Option: Crowning  
Option: Postpone  
Option: Insights  
Option: Heartache

5. What word describes a state of being in equilibrium or stability?

Option: Void

Option: Balanced  
Option: Persisted  
Option: Companionship

6. How did the children feel when they saw their grandparents unexpectedly?

Option: Legacy  
Option: Nostalgic  
Option: Incredibly  
Option: Surprised

7. What action do people usually take to make something known publicly?

Option: Announced  
Option: Effect  
Option: Diagnosis  
Option: Legacy

8. What is the term for continuing to exist or endure despite difficulties?

Option: Challenging  
Option: Persisted  
Option: Diagnosis  
Option: Homage

9. What might be the term for the act of officially crowning a king or queen?

Option: Reunifying  
Option: Crowning  
Option: Effect  
Option: Legacy

10. What feeling does a person experience when they achieve something they desired or worked for?

Option: Homage  
Option: Void  
Option: Fulfillment  
Option: Tribute

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The homeowner woke up to find a \_\_\_\_\_ in the living room.

12. The side \_\_\_\_\_ of the medication were not severe.

13. The doctor provided a detailed \_\_\_\_\_ after running several tests.

14. The peace treaty aimed at \_\_\_\_\_ the divided nation.

15. The two companies were fierce \_\_\_\_\_ in the market.

16. The founder left behind a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ for future generations.

17. The book provided valuable \_\_\_\_\_ into the author's life.

18. Losing a loved one can cause immense \_\_\_\_\_ and sorrow.

19. The absence of her presence left a noticeable \_\_\_\_\_ in his life.

20. Many elderly individuals seek the company and \_\_\_\_\_ of a pet.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Looking at old photographs made him feel reminiscing about the past.

22. The singer the song with such passion that the audience was enthralled.

23. The memorial service was a fitting to her lifelong dedication to charity work.

24. The new building design pays to the city's architectural history.

25. The emotional movie provided a sense of for the viewers releasing pent-up feelings.

26. His philanthropic work became his lasting remembered by many.

27. The research study offered valuable into the behavior of certain animal species.

28. Learning a new language can be a(n) yet rewarding experience.

29. Completing the marathon gave her a sense of accomplishment and .

30. Having a pet can provide loyal friendship and for those living alone.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Terrified 2. Convicted 3. Treatment 4. Postpone 5. Balanced 6. Surprised 7. Announced 8. Persisted 9. Crowning 10. Fulfillment

**Gap-Fill:** 11. burglar 12. effects 13. diagnosis 14. reunifying 15. competitors 16. legacy 17. insights 18. heartache



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19. void 20. companionship

**Matching sentence:** 1. nostalgic 2. belted out 3. tribute 4. homage 5. catharsis 6. legacy 7. insights  
8. challenging 9. fulfillment 10. companionship

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