



Exclusive: Darren McMullen, Love in the Wild host interview

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Australian talent is popping up all over television this season, with [Jason](#) Gann on FX's 'Wilfred,' and now Aussie popular [bad boy](#) TV personality Darren McMullen cast as the sexy host of the upcoming NBC adventure-dating [reality TV](#) series, "Love in the Wild."

The series is a mash up of 'Survivor' and 'The Bachelor', with a little 'Temptation Island' sprinkled on top.

"Love in the Wild" premieres Wednesday, June 29 at 10pm on NBC.

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He has hosted, written and produced national shows on network and cable television in Australia and the UK and will be one of the first talents to host three separate shows on three different continents all at the same time.



We had a quickie chat with McMullen about his latest gig.

Monsters and Critics: How did you snake this gig away from all the fine American hosts out there ?

Darren McMullen: Let's just say this industry is not about who you know....it's about who you blow and I have VERY skinned knees...



Monsters and Critics: Are you now living in the USA with hopes of doing more here?

Darren McMullen: Yes absolutely, this place is the center of the universe for what I do. You guys know how to do it bigger and better than everyone else and I love that about America. So if there are any lovely singles out there who think they could put up with me, I will be more than happy to marry you for a passport. The good news about that is in return, you get an Australian and a British passport too, it's two for the price of one, bargain!

Monsters and Critics: What is the most outrageous thing we have to look forward to on this reality show, and why should we be tuning in?

Darren McMullen: These people were forced to go through some pretty awkward and challenging adventures with people they barely knew and that lends itself to great television. You'll see people laugh, cry, scream, shag and fall in love and then there's me in the middle instigating it all...well in the middle of the show that is, not the shagging, cause that would be weird right?

Monsters and Critics: This was in Costa Rica right? Were you warned about Bot Flies? What grossed you out the most in the junglescape? What was sublime?

Darren McMullen: Yes it was my first time in Costa Rica and I absolutely fell in love with the place.

All the locals were so friendly and helpful...not to mention easy on the eyes. Nobody told me about bot flies though, is that something I should be worried about? Oh God, you have me stressed out now. Am I going to be sitting in the bath weeks from now scratching a lump on my skin only to have it burst open and have hundreds of little flies come out. Arrrrgh, that sounds horrible, I'm going to die, I'm going to die!

Monsters and Critics: We are getting the 'Wilfred' US remake from you guys, so which American [television series](#) is the biggest hit with Australian audiences?

Darren McMullen: Well I can't speak for everyone in Australia but my favorite shows are "Arrested Development," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Californication," "Entourage," "The United States of Tara," "The Voice," "Family Guy" and that kick ass show on NBC called "Love in the Wild," that's awesome, the host is dreamy (laughs).