

CHRIS DIAMANTOPOULOS

Diamond in the Rough

by Marta Mancini

Chris Diamantopoulos is a man of many talents. He plays Debra Messing's best friend on the USA Network's acclaimed hit, *The Starter Wife*, and provides a plethora of quirky voices on Fox's hilarious animated show *American Dad!* Television audiences aren't the only ones entertained by Chris's creative expression — he regularly delights co-stars by manipulating his voice and doing spot-on impressions of celebrities like Sean Connery. "I've always done voices, and I'm very musical so I learn things by pitch and tone," he says. "I'll do different voices for Debra and freak her out." Happily married to *Ugly Betty*'s Becki Newton, Chris is excited to see their dreams coming alive in this precarious town. "I definitely believe there is a magic to Hollywood," he admits. "Dreams come true here if you stay true to them."

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