

SOAP TALK

Susan Lucci stars in new ABC thriller

By Candace Havens

Seldom has there been so much energy and beauty packed into a 5-foot-3-inch frame as there is with Susan Lucci, who plays Erica on ABC's *All My Children*. She is a living, breathing, walking dynamo, and this week she's starring in the ABC Sunday Night Movie, *The Woman Who Sinned*, Nov. 17.

The movie is a thriller, and Lucci portrays Victoria Robeson, who is accused of killing her best friend. Robeson must prove herself innocent, as the police believe they have already solved the case.

"My husband (Helmet Huber) saw the film and felt it was compelling. He couldn't stop watching it," said Lucci in a recent interview. "It is action-packed, it moves (quickly) and it is very suspenseful."

Lucci did many of her own stunts and when asked if she had to do anything to prepare for the physical strain, she commented, "Our studio floor here at ABC is the size of a football field and each of the sets (for *All My Children*) are arranged all around the perimeter of that space, so there really is a lot of running. You spend 12 hours in the building, and you never have time to sit down. It's a little more physical than

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anyone would know, and it helps me stay in shape."

Lucci takes four weeks off from the soap each time she does a movie, which takes a lot of coordination between her, the producers and writers. "It takes a lot of team effort, a lot of participation from Agnes Nixon and Felicia Baird, our executive producer. I also do a lot of pretaping and post-taping, so there is a lot of cooperation from the cast and crew."

Family is important to Lucci, and she spends almost all of her time off with her husband and two children, 16-year-old Liza Victoria and 11-year-old Andreas Martin. She attends football games and karate classes and is as

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active in her children's life as possible. "I make certain we have breakfast and dinner together every day, and we all enjoy traveling and skiing together," says Lucci, showing a maternal warmth she rarely has a chance to display on screen.

I'd like to hear from you! Send your questions and comments to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, P.O. Box 961009, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-1009.

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STAR NOTES

'Homefront' heartthrob likes his '90s life

By Lisa Otoupal

Twenty-six-year-old Kyle Chandler plays Jeff Metcalf in the ensemble cast of ABC's *Homefront*, a serial drama set in middle America in 1945. Chandler was born in Buffalo, N.Y., but grew up in Illinois and Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia, and after changing majors "about 10 times," he settled on acting. His first role was in Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* in college. Chandler moved on quickly, doing a few TV movies and then getting into ABC's actors' development program. His first foray into movies, *The Color of Evening*, has not yet been released.

It was while Chandler was going through the audition process that *Homefront* came up. His agent called him into her office and they both agreed this was a show he should do... a show he wanted to do. Originally, Chandler auditioned for the part of Hank, his character's older brother, but got the role of Jeff, the baseball-playing, sensitive younger brother who falls in love with Hank's girlfriend while Hank is at war. Chandler has no regrets. He researched his role by talking to people who had been Jeff's age in 1945.

While acting in *Homefront* lets Chandler feel as if he's back in 1945, he doesn't wish he had been there. "I like now," says the Los Angeles-based bachelor. And well he should, with a rising career and increasing fame.

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