

BY GEOFFREY MORRIS

Being Billy

Baldwin brings a bit of Bedford in his move to L.A.



"I LIVE ON THE TOP OF A HILL AND MY DRIVEWAY WINDS up for a half-mile through a neighbor's property," says actor Billy Baldwin. "It's extraordinary. Great light shafting through the trees. Wildlife. But now when I drive it, I think about how I'll be stuck in traffic on Olympic Boulevard on my way to Paramount Studios at 5:30 every morning."

Baldwin, wife Chynna Phillips, and their three children are uprooting themselves from the house on a hill here for Los Angeles, where Baldwin has taken a lead role in a new ABC series "Dirty Sexy Money," airing Wednesdays at 10 p.m. this fall. Also starring Donald Sutherland, Jill Clayburgh, and Peter Krause, the show chronicles the lives of the Darling family—"an obnoxiously rich New York family, sort of a train wreck between the Kennedys and Paris Hilton," says Baldwin, who plays the political-climbing son of Sutherland's daddy Darling.

One of six children of a schoolteacher in Massapequa, Baldwin is best known as an actor in more than two dozen movies, most notably *Backdraft* in 1991 and the highly acclaimed *The Squid & the Whale* in 2005, costarring Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels. He's also known as one of the four famous Baldwin boys—the eldest, Alec; Daniel, an actor who's famously been in and out of rehab; and Stephen, the youngest. But in Bedford, Billy has made his mark not by his acting but through his munificent efforts with various non-profits, especially his high-grossing performances as emcee of the annual Boys & Girls Club gala, where he's reeled in tens of thousands of dollars for club programs and activities. "It's in my DNA to do stuff like that," says Baldwin, also on the board of Project ALS, Mercy Corps, and the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research »

PHOTOGRAPHS BY RANA AND EMMANUEL FAURE

HAIR AND MAKE-UP BY THE RICHARD SCOTT SALON AND KATHRYNELLEN MAKE-UP STUDIO