

## WHO GOT THE PART? BY NICOLE PORTER

# Dylan Ramsey... Got the Part!

On Sept. 8, actor Dylan Ramsey saw the casting notice for *Redefining Normal* and became interested in the lead character after reading the logline. "For the most part, I check out things with challenging roles, and that's what it was promising," he explains. "It was something for me to aspire to." The film is a coming-of-age story set in the 1980s about Tony Hensley, a young man more afraid of living as a gay man than of dying.

While preparing to meet writer and co-producer Tony Bruce, Ramsey read the script and became less interested in the part of Hensley and more

interested in the character of Bobby Luminoso, a New York drug dealer who struggles to do the right thing in South Florida's tumultuous club scene. "For me, [acting is] not about booking a lead role. [I thought,] 'Am I right as Tony?' I knew in my heart I was not right for that part," Ramsey admits. "If I took on the role and did the part nonetheless, the audience would see it in my eyes. It would be an injustice to the project."

Bruce, however, was interested in casting Ramsey as Tony. Instead of hiding his feelings, Ramsey explained them. And the better the writer got to know the young actor, the more confident he was that Ramsey's instincts were on target. "Dylan's a great guy," Bruce says. "He's very organic in his performance and a very passionate person." The project has gained momentum, enlisting Hollywood progeny Alex A. Quinn as Hensley and Rain Pryor as



Jersey-girl free spirit Suzanne Pesavento.

Ramsey has always followed his instincts. After his first audition in his native Canada, he resigned from a university teaching job, closed his computer company, and moved to New

York City to study at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. The actor, repped by L.A. Talent and managed by 9 Mile Management, has a slew of credits in film, television, and theatre. Recently, he booked a co-starring role on NBC's *E-Ring*, starring Benjamin Bratt and Dennis Hopper. He also guest-starred on the UPN reality show *America's Next Top Model* and on CBC's *The Fifth Estate*. Ramsey has booked leading roles in several films, including *A Woman of Wealth and Taste*, *The Switch*, and *Crimson and Clover*. His website is [www.dylan-ramsey.com](http://www.dylan-ramsey.com).

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