

= Donovan Patton =

Donovan Patton (born March 1 , 1978) is an American host , actor , voice actor and singer . Patton graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy and acted in Shakespeare plays such as Much Ado About Nothing and Romeo and Juliet before he replaced Steve Burns as Joe , the host of Nickelodeon 's children 's television program Blue 's Clues in 2002 . On Patton 's acting , series co @-@ creator Angela Santomero stated that Patton brought Joe , his character , closer to the preschool viewer , as Joe was more willing to " jump into a problem rather than figure it out first like Steve " . After Blue 's Clues ended Patton voiced Bot on Nickelodeon 's Team Umizoomi ; for his work on children 's television , Patton has been described as a " household name " and an " unqualified star to the 5 @-@ and @-@ under set and their parents " .

Although most of his career has been in children 's television , Patton has also appeared in independent films , such as Awake and Lies I Told My Little Sister , and in television shows .

He also appeared in video games , such as Grand Theft Auto V , Lego Jurassic World , Star Wars : The Old Republic - Knights of the Fallen Empire and Halo 5 : Guardians .

= = Early career = =

Donovan Patton graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy in northwest Michigan . His first acting roles were in Shakespeare plays such as Much Ado About Nothing and Romeo and Juliet .

= = Blue 's Clues = =

Patton 's " big break " came in 2002 , when he was cast to replace Steve Burns as Joe , the second host of the Nickelodeon children 's television program Blue 's Clues . He was up for a part in Blair Witch Project 2 at the time , but considered the role as Joe " a happy accident " . Patton became a " household name " and has been called " an unqualified star to the 5 @-@ and @-@ under set and their parents " . He was subjected to " the same kind of scrutiny " as Burns , who was involved in Patton 's selection and helped train him , to earn the role . Patton was selected out of 1 @,@ 500 auditions . He had never seen the show before his audition , but like Burns , was the favorite with preschool test audiences . He said , " I am convinced that I got that part because of a Christopher Walken impression I sometimes do . There 's a tape out there , somewhere , with both Steve Burns and myself doing a Blue 's Clues scene both as Christopher Walken , which we did at the screen test . I haven 't seen the tape , but I know somewhere it still exists " . Beginning in September 2000 , Burns trained Patton to take over the host spot and advised him not to " think of [the show] as children 's TV " , but rather as " acting and telling the truth " .

According to Traci Paige Johnson , one of the producers and creators of Blue 's Clues , Patton 's character was more like a preschooler and more innocent than Steve . Angela Santomero , another producer and creator , stated that Patton 's characterization as Joe brought him closer to the preschool viewer as Joe was more willing to " jump into a problem rather than figure it out first like Steve " . Patton liked working on Blue 's Clues because , as he stated , " I got to go be a kid for twelve hours a day " . He called the show 's crew " a real fun little family " and a " well @-@ oiled machine " by the time he joined the show . Patton remained on the show until 2006 , and also appeared in its spin @-@ off , Blue 's Room , which premiered in 2004 . Several years later , Patton said he had not yet grasped the enormity of replacing Burns , even after he became a parent and witnessed the show 's effect on his own children . He admitted that he preferred when his two @-@ year @-@ old daughter watched the Steve episodes .

= = Later roles = =

He made his very first role as Waiter in the 1996 mystery & suspense film Dr. Ice , Directed by James A. Brooks .

In 2012 , he also appeared in the short films Awake and Pharmboy , the latter of which was directed

by his longtime friend Lawrence Feeney . Mark Finguerra , the director of Awake , was able to look past the potential typecasting of Patton 's role in Blue 's Clues to cast him in a darker role . Patton had impressed him in an audition for an earlier feature film . Finguerra called Patton a " complete professional [and a] tremendous actor " , and enjoyable on set . He appeared in the soap opera One Life to Live , in which he played , in a departure of his previous roles , " a very angry man " . In 2014 , he appeared in a small movie shot mostly in New Jersey , entitled Lies I Told My Little Sister , directed by William Stribling and starring Lucy Walters .

Patton called his career , with its mixture of children 's television and darker roles in independent films , " an odd experience " and told a reporter that he had spent half his life at Nickelodeon . In 2009 , he was cast as Bot , the robot superhero , on the children 's show Team Umizoomi through the relationships he had made at Nickelodeon on Blue 's Clues . He found working on Team Umizoomi " comforting " because many of the same crew , producers , and creators had also worked on Blue 's Clues . It was the first time he had worked as a voice @-@ over artist , unlike on Blue 's Clues , when he was able to be more physical acting in front of a blue screen . He said , about Team Umizoomi , " the work the animators have done on it has been superlative " . He stated that he enjoyed working on Team Umizoomi because it gave him the opportunity to participate in a show from its inception , which he had missed with Blue 's Clues . Patton said his voice performance of Bot , which he modeled on Brent Spiner 's performance as the android Data on Star Trek : The Next Generation and was influenced by Mel Blanc 's work in the classic Warner Bros. cartoons , " ended up sounding more like my natural voice , with a teeny bit of superhero in there " . Despite both roles in Blue 's Clues and Team Umizoomi requiring him to sing , he did not consider himself a natural singer , and felt that he had to work hard at it . He said , about being cast as Bot , " I get to be a superhero . Who doesn 't want to be a superhero " ? .

He also provided Additional Voices for Monsters University , Lego Jurassic World , Star Wars : The Old Republic - Knights of the Fallen Empire , Clarence and Halo 5 : Guardians .

He has an uncredited voice role as an Actor in the 2013 open world action @-@ adventure video game Grand Theft Auto V.

He also has an uncredited role as Joe in the 2009 American comedy film Imagine That .

He is also voiced Mr. Reese in the 2014 American animated television series Clarence .

He is also played Shaina 's Dad in The 2012 short film Beyond Belief

He played Todd in the 2005 thriller film Black Wine , Directed by Ryan Rossell .

He played the role of Bellhop in the 2010 American police procedural drama series Blue Bloods .

He is also played as a Husband in the 2009 medical comedy @-@ drama series Nurse Jackie .

He is also played as a Dry Cleaning Boy at Hewes & Associates in the 2007 legal thriller television series Damages .

He is also set as he plays the role of Tim Kelly in The Broken Ones , Directed by Elyse Niblett .

Patton is married and has two children . He is active in several charities in the New York City area , including Literacy Inc . , the Make @-@ a @-@ Wish Foundation , and the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital , a large children 's hospital .

= = Filmography = =