

MANNY MONTANA

BIOGRAPHY



In 2020 Manny Montana will reprise his starring role as Rio on NBC's hit crime drama "Good Girls" opposite Christina Hendricks, Retta and Mae Whitman. The series, created by Jenna Bans, debuted in 2018 and follows three suburban wives and mothers who suddenly find themselves in desperate circumstances and decide to stop playing it safe, and risk everything to take their power back. Montana instantly became a fan favorite as Rio, a smart and connected hustler who recognizes what assets the "good girls" could be to his money laundering business. While the series has remained a success in the US, its debut on streaming platforms Netflix and Hulu in 2019 opened up Montana and the rest of the cast to a global audience, attracting new fans worldwide. Season three of "Good Girls" debuted on NBC February 16, 2020.

While Montana may be best known for his role on "Good Girls," he spent three seasons starring on the USA Network's critically acclaimed, drama series "Graceland" opposite Daniel Sunjata, Brandon Jay McLaren, and Aaron Tveit. He was also a series regular on ABC's legal drama "Conviction," starring opposite Hayley Atwell. Additional television credits for Montana include: recurring roles on FOX dramas "Rosewood" and "Chicago Code," as well as guest starring roles on "The Following," "Lucifer," "Power," "NCIS: LA," "Grimm," "CSI: NY," "Breakout Kings," and "Lie to Me," to name a few.

On the film front Montana appeared opposite Clint Eastwood in "The Mule," and starred with Missy Peregrym in Anthony Zuicker's "Cybergeddon." He also had a lead role in Joe Mazzello's comedy "Undrafted," set in the world of amateur baseball and starring alongside Mazzello, Tyler Hoechlin, Philip Winchester, Matt Barr and Jim Belushi.

Born and raised in Long Beach, California, Montana is a lifelong athlete. In college he started for his football team at California State University, Sacramento. He is the recipient of Silver Gloves in California for competitive boxing, and is an avid surfer. Montana continues to stay active and engaged in the community of Long Beach, he has coached peewee and high school football in the area and continues to mentor kids growing up in his hometown.

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Born and raised in Long Beach, California, Manny Montana has accumulated many roles under his belt over the course of his career — ranging from starring roles on USA Network's critically acclaimed *Graceland* to ABC's legal drama *Conviction*. But it's Montana's latest role that on NBC's hit crime drama *Good Girls*, where he plays fan-favourite Rio, that has put him on the spotlight globally.

Debuted in 2018, *Good Girls*, created by Jenna Bans, places at its centre three protagonists that seem, at first sight, innocuous. A happily married suburban housewife, a frazzled single mom, and a waitress who struggles to meet her daughter's health care costs. As the series unravels, viewers witness how their innocent, outwardly appearance enables them to escape the law and cunningly navigate the criminal world. Rio astutely recognises the benefits of their docile façade for his money laundering and attempts to work alongside them to expand his business. Even though Rio appears as the typical, malicious criminal, there is undeniably more depth and complexity to his character — and he also portrays the role of a loving father.

In the midst of the airing of the show, Schön! caught up with Manny Montana to discuss his career, his inspirations and what he hopes for the future.

https://schonmagazine.com/interview-manny-montana/

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Will Rio Kill Beth On 'Good Girls'? Star Manny Montana Weighs In



It's not outside of the realm of possibility. Beth did, after all, shoot Rio three times, and he doesn't seem like the kind of person to let that slide. He also *just* orchestrated the deaths of Agent Turner and several other FBI agents, so he's certainly capable of that level of violence — even if he's not carrying out the deed himself.

If Rio does intend to kill Beth, though, he likely won't do so right away. If he *really* wanted her dead, he would've just killed her already. And *Good Girls* star Manny Montana isn't sure it will even come to that. "I don't think NBC would ever allow it," he tells Bustle. "The threat is always gonna be there...[and] I think somebody's gotta go at some point, but I don't know."

https://www.bustle.com/p/will-rio-kill-beth-on-good-girls-star-manny-montana-weighs-in-21821343

That man is *Good Girls*' Rio, played by Manny Montana with a steely charm that can simultaneously make your knees weak and chill you to your core. The money-hungry crime boss lording over three suburban moms seems to take pleasure in showing up at Beth's (Christina Hendricks) house in the middle of the night, often accompanying his threats with a flirtatious smirk that suggests it's all one big game to him. But in spite of all his violent strong-arming, he remains impossibly, irresistibly sexy. As one fan put it on Twitter, "Rio from *Good Girls* could slit my throat and I'd say gracias."

The man who plays Rio, though, is far less imposing. Montana says he finds the rampant thirst tweets flattering, albeit mildly uncomfortable. "I'm not on Twitter anymore, so I'm glad I don't have to see it," he tells me, laughing so much I can almost hear him blush through the phone. Outside of the show, Montana is Rio's polar opposite: he posts adoringly about his wife on Instagram, fiercely supports his friends, and fills his feed with kindness, generosity, and gratitude. A California native, he skews more laid back surfer than anything close to hardened criminal; SheKnows described him as "part little brother, part jokester."



https://www.bustle.com/p/rio-from-good-girls-is-the-walking-thirst-trap-tv-dreams-are-made-of-21786445

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Good Girls: Manny Montana teases Rio and Beth after that shocking premiere



Rio is officially back. Did we really think he wouldn't return for Good Girls Season 3? Manny Montana talks about what's next for Rio, especially when it comes to Beth.

The *Good Girls* Season 2 finale left us with Rio's fate in Turner's hands. In a way, it was clear that Rio had to return, although we did have to wonder. The **Season 3 premiere** has left us with plenty of questions, especially when it comes to Rio's next moves.

https://hiddenremote.com/2020/02/16/good-girls-s3-manny-montana/

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At the heart of NBC's *Good Girls* is a cheeky but necessary proposition: don't judge a book by its cover. Its central protagonists may have, at first look, seemed like a happily married suburban housewife, a frazzled single mom and a waitress struggling to afford her daughter's health care costs. But over the course of its first two seasons the NBC show has revealed them to also be canny criminals. Or would-be criminals. They've robbed a grocery store, smuggled money across the border and slowly gotten more and more involved with a money launderer named "Rio." Their facades, though, are what have allowed them to (if ever so narrowly) escape the law. Who, after all, would suspect these women of being involved with such nefarious plans? The same, though, cannot be said of Rio, whose neck tattoos mark him, for audiences and characters alike, as what, in many circles, is already what a bad guy looks like.

It's a testament to the show, and to actor Manny Montana, though, that such facile reading is misleading. Montana's soft-spoken demeanor and all-around charm have made Rio not so much the villain of the piece as a yet another example of the show's mission to interrogate how we think about criminals. Much like the titular girls (played by Christina Hendricks, Retta and Mae Whitman), Rio is just doing what he does to care for his family which includes, as the third season opener reveals, the mother of his kid, played by *Orange is the New Black*'s Jackie Cruz.

https://remezcla.com/features/film/good-girls-manny-montana-tca/

THE HEDONIST

INTERVIEW WITH MANNY MONTANA | Feeling My Way Through Life Experiences



INTRODUCTION

- **Please introduce yourself briefly. Who, in your own words, is Manny Montana?**

That's a big question...First and foremost, I'm a father, husband, son and friend. After that, I'm just a dude that really loves acting, health, fitness and helping as many people as I can achieve their dreams.

- **Initially, your love for sports has inspired you to study journalism with the desire to become an ESPN correspondent. How has this experience led you to discover your passion for acting?**

It was everything to me. It's how I stumbled into a new love that was kind of always there. While in college I hustled hard and got an internship at a radio station in LA. Being from Long Beach, I usually just stayed on my side of town, but having to be in LA every day showed me just how much opportunity is out there for anyone that wants to go and get that sh*t. I started meeting more and more people that were trying to act, direct, produce, etc. And I said to myself, "I've always loved movies, maybe this is something I can be good at." I devoted my life to acting. I truly did. And thank god and the universe it worked out. Not a day goes by that I don't feel extremely blessed to be able to live this dream.

https://thehedonistmagazine.com/2020/02/26/interview-with-manny-montana-feeling-my-way-through-life-experiences/

'Good Girls' season 2: Opposites attract as Manny Montana teases sexual tension between Rio and Beth



If you are one of the many fans of NBC's 'Good Girls,' you already are in love with bad boy Rio (Manny Montana). With a cocky smile that could make many panties drop, possibly including that of Beth (Christina Hendricks), Rio is man who knows what he is about, and will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

https://meaww.com/good-girls-season-2-manny-montana-teases-the-sexual-tension-between-rio-and-beth

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Manny Montana Talks Role on "Good Girls", Starting Off In Radio + More!



Manny Montana who plays Rio on the hit show *"Good Girls"* stopped by The **Angie Martinez** show to talk about the show and how he actually got his start in the industry by doing radio. The show has become a massive hit after premiering this year and was renewed for a second season which is set to premiere in March of 2019.

The show follows three suburban mothers who decide to become robbers. Manny's roll on the show is Rio who is a crime boss in his own respect, speaking on how hard it is to play the character Manny said: *"it is the hardest audition I ever had and the artists part I've ever done, to do anything tough its so the opposite is me and anything seeming tough is the opposite of me".*

The actor also revealed that he had interned at a radio station in LA working on the street team and was the call in guy on the morning show. Eventually, the new programming director gave him and his friend a chance to do overnights but unfortunately the station was sold and he went right into acting.

Check out Angie Martinez full Interview with Manny Montana above..

https://power1051.iheart.com/featured/angie-martinez/content/2018-12-19-manny-montana-talks-role-on-good-girls-starting-off-in-radio-more/

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GETTING TO KNOW MANNY MONTANA OF “GOOD GIRLS”

https://www.wavy.com/hr-show/getting-to-know-manny-montana-of-good-girls/



TALK TO THE TALENT – MANNY MONTANA, “GOOD GIRLS”

https://www.wnky.com/talk-to-the-talent-manny-montana-good-girls/

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Manny Montana, star of NBC's hit show 'Good Girls,' talks new season

HOUSTON – NBC's *Good Girls* follows three women who fall into a life of crime and now, they're back for a brand-new season.

Actor Manny Montana, who plays "Rio" the drug dealer in the series, shares what it's like to play such a bad guy with *Houston Life's* Derrick Shore.

And we should add, the bad guy everyone loves to hate, but we're secretly rooting for!

https://www.click2houston.com/houston-life/2020/02/23/manny-montana-star-of-nbcs-hit-show-good-girls-talks-new-season/

'Good Girls' Actor Manny Montana Continues To "Appreciate The Game"

Manny Montana's scene stealing work as Rio in Good Girls makes one think, at least from the outside looking in, that success has always been a part of the actor's life. Montana was also a cast member on the underrated series Graceland and back in 2018 he starred in the Clint Eastwood feature The Mule.

That said, Montana's acting path was borne out of perseverance. "Literally I started from the bottom – student films, independent films (like) all of these other kids that are trying to chase their dreams as well," said Montana. "It took off, and I'm just really grateful that it took that route as opposed to starting from the top and not being able to appreciate the bottom. I feel like every step that I go on, I appreciate the crew, I appreciate the cast, and I just appreciate the game."



https://www.hollywoodoutbreak.com/2020/02/25/good-girls-actor-manny-montana-continues-to-appreciate-the-game/

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