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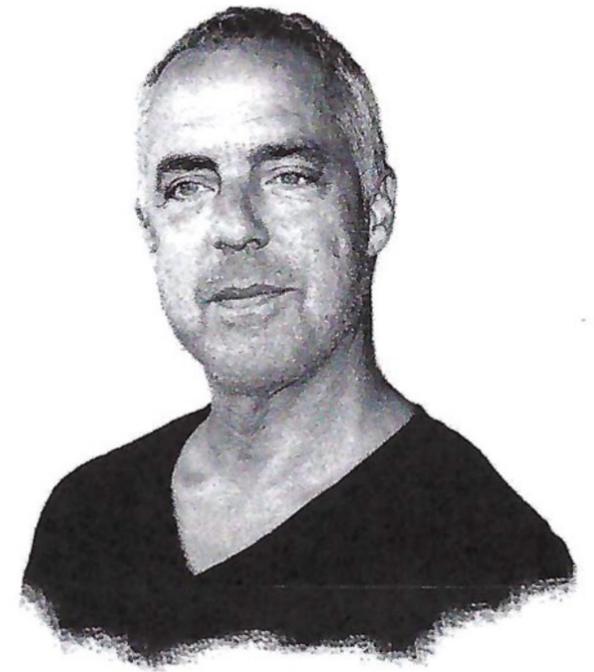
hen we talked to actor Titus Welliver for the October 2021 issue of *Down East*, the 59-year-old actor only had a little to say about his film and TV work, which includes roles in shows like *Lost* and *Deadwood* and, most recently, as the titular detective on Amazon Prime Video's *Bosch*. Instead, Welliver seemed delighted to tell tales from the childhood summers he spent in and around Lincolnville, where his father, the artist Neil Welliver, visited in the '60s and lived from 1970 until his death in 2005.

Though Welliver lives and works in Los Angeles (and has a place in Connecticut), he continues to visit family and friends in Maine. For our back page "My Favorite Place" item, he talked about some of the midcoast spots that are most meaningful to him. But he had plenty more to say about his and his family's relationship to the Pine Tree State. Below, some excerpts from a wide-ranging conversation, edited and condensed for brevity and clarity.

On Transitioning From the City to Rural Maine Summers

I really had the best of both worlds, living in New Haven, Philadelphia, and New York, but the bulk of my summers were spent in Maine, and then eventually my dad moved up there permanently. I did a little time in the public school system in Hope and Lincolnville. I did fourth grade at Hope Elementary. I know it's different now, but I can remember the textbooks being so old – in 1972, there was one textbook I found that said, "Man hopes to someday go to the moon," and thinking, "Oh Jesus." These kids are listening to the Osmond Brothers, and I was like no, the Osmond Brothers are weak. The Jackson Five is where it's at.

It was really, for me, a transition from being an inner-city kid, which I loved and embraced – but the '60s were tough in cities, they weren't necessarily safe. I had a bike stolen when I was eight years old, and a kid put a razor to my throat. So Maine was something we looked forward to, and it was an environment in which my father flourished, because he was an animal part of nature. He knew every single plant and animal. Being



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