

Michael B. Jordan

Michael Bakari Jordan (born February 9, 1987) is an American actor. He is known for his film roles as shooting victim Oscar Grant in the drama *Fruitvale Station* (2013), boxer Adonis Creed in the *Rocky* sequel film *Creed* (2015) and main antagonist Erik Killmonger in *Black Panther* (2018), all three of which were co-written and directed by Ryan Coogler.^{[2][3][4][5]}

Jordan's television roles include Wallace in the HBO series *The Wire* (2002), Reggie Montgomery in the ABC series *All My Children* (2003–2006) and Vince Howard in the NBC drama series *Friday Night Lights* (2009–2011). His other film performances also include Maurice "Bumps" Wilson in *Red Tails* (2012), Steve Montgomery in *Chronicle* (2012), Mikey in *That Awkward Moment* (2014) and the Human Torch in *Fantastic Four* (2015).

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Jordan at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival

Born	Michael Bakari Jordan <div>February 9, 1987</div> <div>Santa Ana, California, U.S.^[1]</div>
Residence	Los Angeles, California, U.S.
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1999–present

Early life

Jordan was born in Santa Ana, California, the son of Donna (*née* Davis), an artist and high school guidance counselor, and Michael A. Jordan. He has an older sister, Jamila, who works in production, and a younger brother, Khalid, who was a football player at Howard University.^[6]

Jordan's family spent two years in California^[7] before moving to Newark, New Jersey.^[8] He attended Newark Arts High School, where his mother works, and where he played basketball.^[9]

Career

Early work (1999–2012)

Jordan worked as a child model for several companies and brands, including Modell's sporting goods and Toys "R" Us, before deciding to embark on a career as an actor.^{[10][11]} He launched his career as a professional actor in 1999, when he appeared briefly in single episodes of the television series *Cosby* and *The Sopranos*.^[8] His first principal film role followed in 2001 when he was featured in *Hardball*, which starred Keanu Reeves. In 2002, he gained more attention by playing the small but pivotal role of Wallace in the first season of HBO's *The Wire*. In March 2003, he joined the cast of *All My Children* playing Reggie Montgomery replacing Chadwick Boseman, a troubled teenager, until June 2006 when Jordan was released from his contract.^[12] Jordan's other credits include guest starring appearances on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*,^[13] *Without a Trace* and *Cold Case*. Thereafter, he had a lead role in the independent film *Blackout* and starred in *The Assistants* on The-N. In 2008, Jordan appeared in the music video "Did You Wrong" by R&B artist Pleasure P. In 2009, he guest-starred on *Burn Notice* in the episode "Hot Spot", playing a high school football player who got into a fight and is being hunted by a local gangster. In 2010, he guest-starred in the *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* episode "Inhumane Society" as a boxer involved in a Michael Vick-inspired dog fighting scandal.



Jordan in 2011

In 2009, Jordan began starring in the NBC drama *Friday Night Lights* as quarterback Vince Howard, and lived in an apartment in Austin where the show was filmed.^[14] He played the character for two seasons until the show ended in 2011.^[15] In 2010, he was considered one of the 55 faces of the future by *Nylon Magazine*'s Young Hollywood Issue.^{[16][17]} That year, he landed a recurring role on the NBC show *Parenthood* playing Alex (Haddie Braverman's love interest).^[18] This marked his second collaboration with showrunner Jason Katims, who was in charge of *Friday Night Lights*. BuddyTV ranked him #80 on its list of "TV's Sexiest Men of 2011".^[19] Jordan voiced Jace in the Xbox 360 game *Gears of War 3*.^[20]

In 2012, Jordan appeared in the George Lucas-produced movie *Red Tails*^[21] and played lead character Steve Montgomery in *Chronicle*, a film about three teenaged boys who develop superhuman abilities.^[22] He also guest-starred in an episode of *House*'s final season, playing a blind patient.^[23]

Breakthrough (2013–present)

In 2013, Jordan starred as shooting victim Oscar Grant in *Fruitvale Station*, directed by Ryan Coogler. His performance earned him critical acclaim; *The Hollywood Reporter* film critic Todd McCarthy writing that he reminded him of "a young Denzel Washington".^[24] Following his role in *Fruitvale Station*, Jordan was named an "actor to watch" by *People* and *Variety*.^{[25][26]} *Time* named him with Coogler one of 30 people under 30 who are changing the world and he was also named one of 2013's breakout stars by *Entertainment Weekly* and *GQ*.^{[27][28][29]}

In 2015, he starred as Johnny Storm, the Human Torch, in *Fantastic Four*.^{[30][31][32]} The film was universally panned by critics, holding a 9% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, and was a bust at the box office.^[33]

However, later in 2015, Jordan rebounded with critical acclaim and positive reviews when he starred as Adonis Creed, the son of boxer Apollo Creed in the *Rocky* sequel *Creed*, his second collaboration with Coogler, which co-starred Sylvester Stallone.^[34] Jordan prepared for his role as a boxer in *Creed* by undertaking one year of rigorous physical training and a stringent low-fat diet.^[35] He did not have a body double during filming and was "routinely bloodied, bruised, and dizzy" when fighting scenes were being filmed.^[35]

In October 2017, it was announced that Jordan was cast in a supporting role as Mark Reese in the upcoming Netflix superhero series, *Raising Dion*.^[36]



Jordan alongside Sylvester Stallone and Tessa Thompson promoting *Creed* in November 2015

In February 2018, Jordan starred as the villain Erik Killmonger in Marvel's *Black Panther*; this marked Jordan's third collaboration with Coogler.^[37] Jordan received critical acclaim for his performance in *Black Panther*. Dani Di Placido of *Forbes Magazine* claimed that Jordan "steals the show" and Jason Guerrasio of *Business Insider* wrote that "Jordan plays a Killmonger fueled with hate and emptiness—we won't give away why—but he also delivers it with a swagger that's just a joy to watch ... the movie takes off more in story and viewing enjoyment whenever Jordan is on screen."^{[3][4]}

Later in 2018, Jordan starred in *Fahrenheit 451* with Michael Shannon and Sofia Boutella. The television film was distributed on HBO by HBO Films.^[38]

That same year, Jordan reprised his role as boxer Adonis Creed in *Creed II*, a sequel to *Creed* (2015) and the eighth installment in the *Rocky* film series. *Creed II* was released in the United States by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer on November 21, 2018. The film received generally positive reviews from critics and it went on to debut to \$35.3 million in its opening weekend (a five-day total of \$55.8 million), marking the biggest debut ever for a live-action release over Thanksgiving.^{[39][40]} He also voices the character Julian Chase in Rooster Teeth's animated series, *Gen:Lock*, which he also co-produces through his production company, Outlier Society Productions since January 2019.^[41]

Planned roles

Jordan will portray Bryan Stevenson in a biopic titled *Just Mercy*, which he will also produce. The film is scheduled to be released in January 2020.^{[42][43]} Next, he will star in *Without Remorse*, based on the book by Tom Clancy, as John Clark, a former Navy SEAL and director of the elite counterterrorism unit Rainbow Six. The film will be released on September 18, 2020.^[44]

He is slated to re-team with Coogler for the fourth time in a film titled *Wrong Answer*, based on the Atlanta Public Schools cheating scandal.^[45] Jordan is also scheduled to appear in a second remake of *The Thomas Crown Affair*.^[46] Jordan will also star in *Journal for Jordan*, to be directed by Denzel Washington, as a soldier who "kept a journal full of poignant life lessons for their newborn son, Jordan, while deployed overseas."^[47] Jordan is also set to appear in the vampire movie *Blood Brothers*.^[48]

Personal life

Jordan has lived in Los Angeles since 2006.^[49] He grew up in a religious household and considers himself to be "spiritual".^[50] As of 2018, he lived with his parents in a Sherman Oaks home that he purchased.^{[51][52]} Jordan is also a fan of animes, particularly the *Dragon Ball* franchise.^[53]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	<i>Black and White</i>	Teen #2	
2001	<i>Hardball</i>	Jamal	
2007	<i>Blackout</i>	C.J.	
2009	<i>Pastor Brown</i>	Tariq Brown	
2012	<i>Red Tails</i>	Maurice "Bumps" Wilson	
	<i>Chronicle</i>	Steve Montgomery	
2013	<i>Fruitvale Station</i>	Oscar Grant	
	<i>Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox</i>	Victor Stone / Cyborg (voice)	Direct-to-video
2014	<i>That Awkward Moment</i>	Mikey	
2015	<i>Fantastic Four</i>	Johnny Storm / Human Torch	
	<i>Creed</i>	Adonis "Donnie" Johnson Creed	
2018	<i>Black Panther</i>	N'Jadaka / Erik "Killmonger" Stevens	
	<i>Kin</i>	Male Cleaner	Cameo
	<i>Creed II</i>	Adonis "Donnie" Johnson Creed	
2019	<i>Just Mercy</i>	Bryan Stevenson	



Jordan at the 2019 Toronto International Film Festival

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	<i>The Sopranos</i>	Rideland Kid	Episode: "Down Neck"
	<i>Cosby</i>	Mike	Episode: "The Vesey Method"
2002	<i>The Wire</i>	Wallace	12 episodes
2003–06	<i>All My Children</i>	Reggie Porter Montgomery	59 episodes
2006	<i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Morris	Episode: "Poppin' Tags"
	<i>Without a Trace</i>	Jesse Lewis	Episode: "The Calm Before"
2007	<i>Cold Case</i>	Michael Carter	Episode: "Wunderkind"
2009	<i>Burn Notice</i>	Corey Jensen	Episode: "Hot Spot"
	<i>Bones</i>	Perry Wilson	Episode: "The Plain in the Prodigy"
	<i>The Assistants</i>	Nate Warren	13 episodes
2009–11	<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	Vince Howard	26 episodes
2010	<i>Law & Order: Criminal Intent</i>	Danny Ford	Episode: "Inhumane Society"
	<i>Lie to Me</i>	Key	2 episodes
2010–11	<i>Parenthood</i>	Alex	16 episodes
2012	<i>House</i>	Will Westwood	Episode: "Love Is Blind"
2014	<i>The Boondocks</i>	Pretty Boy Flizzy (voice)	Episode: "Pretty Boy Flizzy"
2015	<i>Running Wild with Bear Grylls</i>	Himself	Episode: "Michael B. Jordan"
2018	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Guy Montag	Television film Also executive producer
2019	<i>Gen:Lock</i>	Julian Chase (voice)	Web series Also executive producer ^[54]
	<i>Raising Dion</i>	Mark Reese	Also executive producer
2021	<i>What If...?</i>	N'Jadaka / Erik "Killmonger" Stevens (voice)	Guest role In voice recording process

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011	<i>Gears of War 3</i>	Jace Stratton	
2016	<i>NBA 2K17</i>	Justice Young, Himself	Host on MyCareer mode
2017	<i>Wilson's Heart</i>	Kurt Mosby	
2018	<i>Creed: Rise to Glory</i>	Adonis Creed	

Music video

Title	Year	Performer(s)	Director	Album	Ref.
"Family Feud"	2017	Jay-Z (featuring Beyoncé)	Ava DuVernay	<i>4:44</i>	[55]

Awards and nominations

Year	Award	Category	Nominated work	Result	Ref.
2005	Soap Opera Digest Award	Favorite Teen	<i>All My Children</i>	Nominated	[56]
	NAACP Image Award	Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series		Nominated	[57]
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2007	NAACP Image Award	Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series		Nominated	[59]
2008	NAACP Image Award	Outstanding Literary Work – Debut Author	<i>Homeroom Heroes</i>	Nominated	[60]
2011	EWwy Awards	Best Supporting Actor in a Drama	<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	Nominated	[61]
2013	Detroit Film Critics Society	Best Breakthrough	<i>Fruitvale Station</i>	Nominated	[62]
	Hollywood Film Awards	Hollywood Spotlight Award		Won	[63]
	Gotham Awards	Breakthrough Actor		Won	[64]
	National Board of Review of Motion Pictures	Breakthrough Actor		Won	[65]
	Phoenix Film Critics Society	Breakthrough Performance on Camera		Nominated	[66]
	Satellite Awards	Breakthrough Award Performance		Won	[67]
	Santa Barbara International Film Festival	Virtuoso Award		Won	[68]
	St. Louis Gateway Film Critics Association	Best Actor		Nominated	[69]
2014	Independent Spirit Awards	Best Male Lead		Nominated	[70]
	Black Reel Awards	Outstanding Actor		Nominated	[71]
	NAACP Image Award	Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture		Nominated	[72]
2015	Golden Raspberry Awards	Worst Screen Combo (shared with Kate Mara, Miles Teller, and Jamie Bell)	<i>Fantastic Four</i>	Nominated	
	African-American Film Critics Association	Breakout Performance	<i>Creed</i>	Won	
	Boston Online Film Critics Association	Best Actor		Won	
	Online Film Critics Society	Best Actor		Nominated	
	Austin Film Critics Association	Best Actor		Nominated	[73]
	Las Vegas Film Critics Society	Best Actor		Nominated	
	NAACP Image Awards	Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture		Won	
	Black Reel Awards	Best Actor		Won	
	National Society of Film Critics	Best Actor		Won	

	Empire Awards	Best Actor		Nominated	[74]
	MTV Movie Awards	Best Male Performance		Nominated	[75]
	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Movie Actor: Drama		Nominated	
2016	Saturn Awards	Best Supporting Actor	<i>Black Panther</i>	Nominated	[76]
2018	MTV Movie & TV Awards	Best Villain		Won	[77]
	BET Awards	Best Actor		Nominated	[78]
	Chicago Film Critics Association Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[79]
	Dallas–Fort Worth Film Critics Association	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[80]
	San Francisco Film Critics Circle	Best Supporting Actor		Won	[81]
	Seattle Film Critics Society	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[82]
		Villain of the Year		Won	
	St. Louis Film Critics Association	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[83]
	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Villain		Won	[84]
	Toronto Film Critics Association Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Runner-up	[85]
	Washington D.C. Area Film Critics Association Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[86]
2019	Alliance of Women Film Journalists	Best Actor in a Supporting Role		Pending	[87]
	Santa Barbara International Film Festival	Cinema Vanguard Award		Honoree	[88]
	Austin Film Critics Association	Best Supporting Actor		Pending	[89]
	Black Reel Awards	Outstanding Supporting Actor		Pending	[90]
	Critics' Choice Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Pending	[91]
	Houston Film Critics Society	Best Supporting Actor		Pending	[92]
	London Film Critics' Circle	Best Supporting Actor of the Year		Nominated	[93]
	Online Film Critics Society	Best Supporting Actor		Pending	[94]
	Screen Actors Guild Awards	Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture		Won	[95]

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