

## **BIOGRAPHY**

## TAYE DIGGS

King Triton, "Disney Jr.'s Ariel"

Taye Diggs voices the role of King Triton in "Disney Jr.'s Ariel," an animated musical series inspired by "The Little Mermaid" that follows young mermaid princess Ariel as she embarks on fun-filled, actionpacked adventures with her friends throughout their Caribbean-inspired fairytale kingdom of Atlantica.

His additional Disney credits include playing Gaston in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" live-to-film concert at the Hollywood Bowl and voicing characters in Disney's "Doc McStuffins" and "Elena of Avalor." Early in his career, he also did a brief stint at Tokyo Disneyland, performing as a host in the live stage show "Sebastian's Caribbean Carnival."

Recent credits include leading the two-part BET+ film "Love & Murder: Atlanta Playboy," based on the true-crime story of businessman Lance Herndon, and the starring role of Billy Baker, former NFL player turned high school football coach, on The CW's hit show "All American."

Other TV credits include series regular roles in the "Grey's Anatomy" spinoff series "Private Practice" and the TNT serial crime drama "Murder in the First." Diggs also had recurring roles in "Ally McBeal," "The West Wing," "Will & Grace," "The Good Wife," "Rosewood" and "Empire."

Diggs has served as a producer and star on several projects, including the critically acclaimed UPN series "Kevin Hill," in which he plays the title character, the ABC series "Day Break," "Til Death Do Us Part" and "Incarnation."

Diggs made his film debut in "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," starring opposite Angela Bassett as her younger love interest, Winston Shakespeare. From there, he went on to build a successful career across film, television and theater. On the film side, Diggs portrayed The Bandleader in Rob Marshall's film version of the Broadway musical "Chicago." He also originated the role of landlord Benjamin "Benny" Coffin III in the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical "Rent." He later went on to reprise that role in the feature film directed by Chris Columbus. His additional Broadway credits include "Wicked" and "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

Other notable film credits include "Go," "The Wood," "The Best Man," "House on Haunted Hill," "Equilibrium," "The Way of the Gun," "Brown Sugar" and "The Best Man Holiday," among others.

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