



# IMTA ALUM JOSEPH DAVID-JONES IN *DETROIT*

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*Detroit* opens nationwide Friday, August 4

*“Whenever I’m not working I like to capitalize on that time by spending it with the people I love, traveling, working on music. Being able to just step back and enjoy all the things life has to offer.”*  
– Joseph David-Jones

A police raid in 1967 resulted in one of the largest citizen uprisings in United States' history, with riots that lasted five days, an event that brought into focus the systemic racism that was present during those times in urban Detroit. The telling of that period comes to the screen in the feature *Detroit*, directed by Oscar-winner Kathryn Bigelow. *Detroit* stars John Boyega, Kaitlyn Dever, Anthony Mackie, John Krasinski, and IMTA alum Joseph David-Jones.

*“Detroit* tells the story of one of the most horrifying events that took place during the 1967 Rebellion in Detroit,” said David-Jones. “An incident which took place at the Algiers Motel changed the lives of everyone unfortunate enough to be involved in it. In the film, I play Morris, a Musician who winds up getting caught in all the chaos of the rebellious activity happening around him. Morris finds himself being affected in more ways than one by the events that took place on those tragic days.”

David-Jones, IMTA NY10 Young Adult Actor of the Year, said that

“working on *Detroit* has challenged me more than any other project so far in my career. I feel as an actor I should always be trying to improve upon my craft and never get comfortable or complacent in any role. It should always challenge you and make you grow.” He added, “Working on such a high caliber project, I feel it helped me realize how important it is to be a part of a project that has meaning and a powerful message. As an artist, I’m always looking for something that makes me dig deep and feel something and this project really does.”



Earlier this year, David-Jones — who came to IMTA with Images Model & Talent Agency in Lexington, KY — appeared in a recurring role on CMT’s “*Nashville*” as Clayton Carter, an up-and-coming musician who was also Maddie’s on-off lover. He has appeared in several other films, including *Allegiant*, *Barely Legal* and *5th Street*.

David-Jones will next be seen in *Roman Israel, Esq.* (formerly known as *Inner City*) alongside Denzel Washington, Colin Farrell, Ashton Sanders and Andrew T. Lee. The film follows a driven, idealistic defense attorney who, through a tumultuous series of events, finds himself in a crisis after his partner has a heart attack — and soon uncovers details about the crusading law firm’s history that run afoul of his values of helping the poor and dispossessed. *Roman Israel, Esq.* is scheduled for release November 3.

