

IMTA ALUM JOSEPH DAVID-JONES IN *ROMAN J. ISRAEL, ESQ.*

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Roman J. Israel, Esq. opens in limited release November 17, broadening to nationwide Friday, November 22



“I’ve learned to never take anything for granted, to be grateful for every opportunity that comes along no matter how big or small. Always be open to meeting new people and not to be afraid to be yourself and genuine in any circumstance.”

– Joseph David-Jones

IMTA alum Joseph David-Jones (“Jo Jo” to his friends) is back on screen as Marcus Jones in *Roman J. Israel, Esq.* In the crime drama, Denzel Washington stars as the title character, 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. Colin Farrell, Carmen Ejogo and Nazneen Contractor also star in the drama, which was written and directed by Dan Gilroy.



“It was crazy just working with someone like Denzel,” said David-Jones. “It was one of the top five days of my life when we sat down at that table read and I got to meet him. It was crazy. Watching him work was like being in the best masterclass you could ever be in.” He added, “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.”

When he is not acting, NY10 IMTA Young Adult Actor of the Year David-Jones spends time immersed in music, playing the guitar and piano. “If I had to guess what my friends saw me as it would be artistic,” he said. “Anyone who knows me knows my love for the arts and playing music, watching artistic avant-garde movies and my obvious love for film and expressing my artistic abilities through the characters I play.”

Earlier this year, David-Jones starred as Morris in Kathryn Bigalow’s *Detroit* alongside John Boyega, Kaitlyn Dever, Anthony Mackie, and John Krasinski. He also starred as Hollis opposite Shailene Woodley, Theo James, and Miles Teller in 2016’s *The Divergent Series: Allegiant*. He appeared as up-and-coming musician Clay on CMT’s “*Nashville*” and as Connor Hawke/Green Arrow on “*DC’s Legends of Tomorrow*.”

As far as what’s coming up next for David-Jones, he teased, “I just started working on a new series for Netflix that, unfortunately, I can’t go into detail about right now...but there’s definitely more exciting projects to look forward to!”

