## IMTA ALUM TANNER STINE IN RUN THE RACE

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Run the Race is in theatres Friday, February 22



"I think the first thing I noticed when I got the audition and went a little bit further into the process was the Tebow family being involved. That's obviously a huge deal with the credibility there. And I could really relate to the character; we were going through similar things at the time, and it seemed like real life to me." — Tanner Stine

Run the Race follows two young brothers reeling from their mother's death and their father's abandonment. Zach, an All-State athlete, finds glory on the football field, working to earn a



college scholarship in the hopes of earning him and his brother, David, a ticket out of their small town. But when a devastating injury sidelines Zach, it is up to David to lace up his track cleats to salvage their future.

IMTA alum Tanner Stine stars in the film as Zach, alongside Evan Hofer as his brother. Mykelti Williamson, Frances Fisher, Kristoffer Polaha, Kelsey Reinhardt, Mario Van Peebles and Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George also star. The faith-based sport drama is executive-produced by Tim Tebow and his brother Robby.

"Zach is a kid struggling with his faith and struggling with what he wants to do with his life, and he's had some hard things happen to him," Stine said of his character. "He has a plan, he knows what he wants this

plan to be, and he knows exactly how he going to get out. He knows who's coming with him; he knows he and Dave are going to do this together...and nothing goes his way."

Stine—IMTA LA13's Junior Male Model of the Year, Junior Male Talent of the Year, and Most Sought Male Talent 1st Runner Up from The Peak Agency in Des Moines, IA—said he can definitely relate to the questions Zach is asking throughout the film because "I have asked those same questions myself throughout my life. You question all sorts of things about faith and religion, and I've definitely been through that, I've ridden that bus a few times." He added, "I'm always is a state of existential panic. I have a very logical brain and I like to logic my way through things, which can make it difficult sometimes because I'm always thinking. It's a struggle every day to beat your own brain."



The rising star will next be seen in the comedy thriller *Extracurricular Activities*. He recently guest-starred on the ABC hit "A Million Little Things" and appeared in the recurring role of Oyster for four seasons on Nickelodeon's "The Thundermans." He also had a starring role in the 2018 feature drama *Indivisible*.