



LAZ ALONSO BIOGRAPHY

Chosen as one of *Variety's "Top Ten Actors to Watch"* and part of the new breed of leading men in Hollywood, Laz Alonso co-stars in the upcoming 2017 feature film, "Detroit" by Academy Award Winning Director, Kathryn Bigelow. Laz recently wrapped the second season of NBC's **MYSTERIES OF LAURA** alongside Debra Messing and Josh Lucas. Laz's television credits include leading roles in NBC's **DECEPTION** and A&E's **BREAKOUT KINGS**.

Alonso has starred in the hit romantic comedy **JUMPING THE BROOM** which he received a 2012 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actor In A Motion Picture, and a nomination for a BET Best Actor Award. Prior to **JUMPING THE BROOM**, he played the heroic role of "Tsu'Tey" in the highest grossing film of all time, James Cameron's **AVATAR**. Laz also played the lead villain role of "Fenix" in Universal's **FAST AND FURIOUS**.

His past movie credits include lead roles in the Sony/Screen Gems' hits **STOMP THE YARD** and **THIS CHRISTMAS**, a co-starring role in Sam Mendes' hit **JARHEAD**, and a supporting role in Rod Lurie's remake of the Sam Peckinpah classic **STRAW DOGS** for Sony Screen Gems. Laz also starred in Spike Lee's **MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA**, in which he played one of four main leads opposite Derek Luke, Michael Ealy and Omar Benson.

Laz executive produced and starred opposite Danny Glover in Alan Jacobs' **DOWN FOR LIFE (aka POR VIDA)**, which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival where it received critical acclaim.

Born and raised in Washington DC, Laz always knew he wanted to be an actor. He graduated from the prestigious Howard University School of Business, earning a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing. After college, he worked on Wall Street as an investment banker. He now splits in his time between Los Angeles and New York.

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