

DeVON FRANKLIN

As a producer, published author, preacher and media personality, DeVon Franklin is using the power of entertainment to bring inspiration and motivation to the masses. “Ebony Magazine” named him one of the “Top 100 Influential African-Americans in America” and Beliefnet named him one of the “Most Influential Christians Under 40.”

Franklin serves as the President/CEO of Franklin Entertainment, a new first-look production company with Sony Pictures Entertainment. Earlier this year, Franklin released the first film under the Franklin Entertainment banner, MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN. The film, which stars Jennifer Garner and Queen Latifah, was made for a modest \$13 million and has earned over \$72 million at the box office to date.

Additionally, Franklin is currently in production on the animated feature film, THE STAR, which is slated for a December 2017 release. He is also in development on a number of high-profile projects, including the reboot of HE-MAN and the MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE franchise. Also in the works is the inspirational biopic 44, starring Kevin James. Based on the incredible true story of Joey Williams, the film follows a 44 year old father of four from Tennessee as he goes back to college to complete his degree and, in the hopes of fulfilling a lifelong dream of playing college football and bonding with his son, finds himself competing alongside his son at the same university.

As the former Senior Vice President of Columbia Pictures, Franklin was one of the highest ranking African-American creative executives in the industry. During his 10 year tenure at the studio, he championed box-office hits like THE PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS, THE KARATE KID, JUMPING THE BROOM and HEAVEN IS FOR REAL, resulting in almost \$700 million in total worldwide box office sales.

This year Franklin also released his highly-anticipated second book, “The Wait: A Powerful Practice to Finding the Love of Your Life and the Life You Love.” Co-written with his wife, Meagan Good, the book remained on The New York Times Bestsellers list for 6 consecutive weeks and has sold over 100,000 copies to date. Previously, while at Columbia Pictures, Franklin simultaneously wrote the best-selling book “Produced By Faith”, a how-to guide about finding success without compromising your faith.

Along with his work in films, Franklin is an in-demand speaker and television personality due to his unique perspective on success, love and faith. Along with speaking engagements across the country, he has made appearances on *The Dr. Phil Show*, *Dr. Oz*, *CBS This Morning*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *The Meredith Vieira Show*, *The Real*, *CNN*, *FOX News*, *OWN’s Super Soul Sunday Show*, *Oprah’s LifeClass* and *OWN’s Help Desk Show*.

Franklin began his career as an intern for Will Smith and James Lassiter at Overbrook

Entertainment. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Cinema-Television from the University of Southern California.