

GLYNN TURMAN

Award-winning, New York City-born actor, Glynn Turman, enjoyed his first real taste of acting success as a young teenager, originating the role of Travis Younger on Broadway in Lorraine Hansberry's landmark play *A Raisin in the Sun* in 1959 opposite Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee as his various family members. Upon graduation from the renowned High School of Performing Arts in New York, he apprenticed in regional and repertory companies throughout the country until he settled in Los Angeles in the mid-1970's. Turman is also an award-winning stage and television director, helming episodes of *Hanging with Mr. Cooper* and *The Wayans Bros*, also directed during his seasons of acting work on the *Cosby Show* spinoff *A Different World*.

His strong work in film and television continues today with his memorable roles on *The Wire*, *House of Lies*, *Queen Sugar*, and *Paradise* among many others. Turman's career continued to flourish with his role as Toledo in the Denzel Washington-produced Netflix adaptation of August Wilson's 1982 play *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* in which Turman starred opposite Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis and Colman Domingo. He also starred in the AT&T Audience Network's *Mr. Mercedes* opposite Brendan Gleeson and in FX's *Fargo*, opposite Chris Rock.

Glynn starred opposite Adrienne Warren in ABC's "Women of the Movement," as Mose Wright, a real-life Civil Rights movement leader and great-uncle to Emmett Till and in Netflix's *RUSTIN*, the biopic on the Civil Rights icon which sees him reunite with former *MA RAINEY* co-star Colman Domingo and director George C. Wolfe in the first film for the Obama's Higher Ground production company. He also brought his immense talent to Hulu's "Black Cake," Disney+'s "Percy Jackson and the Olympians," and Apple TV+'s "The Big Cigar." Upcoming film releases for him include Tyler Perry's *Straw* and Kevin Costner's *Horizon 2*.

In 2008, Turman scored his first Emmy win as Outstanding Guest Actor for the HBO series *In Treatment* and he earned his second Emmy nomination for the same category in 2019 for his role as Nate Lahey Sr. on ABC's *How to Get Away with Murder*. Turman has had a Los Angeles Critics Award, a Dramalogue Award and multiple NAACP Image Award nominations including in 2015 for his portrayal as Jeremiah Kaan on the Showtime hit series *House of Lies*. He's won four NAACP Image Awards and a NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award for Theatre, the 2011 National Black Theater Festival's 'Sidney Poitier Lifelong Achievement Award', the 2010 Pan African Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2013 & 2010 LA Stage Ovation Awards for Outstanding Lead Actor for two August Wilson plays, "Joe Turner's Come & Gone" & "Two Trains Running" and in 2017, he was nominated for a third Ovation Award and a NAACP Theatre Image Award as Outstanding Lead Actor for *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. Also starring in the film adaptation of *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* in 2020 opposite Viola Davis and the late Chadwick Boseman, Turman was awarded the Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for Best Supporting Actor and garnered nominations from the Film Independent Spirit Awards, National Society of Film Critics Awards, and NAACP Image Awards. In the same year, Turman had another outstanding role in FX's *Fargo* as Dr. Senator in which he was nominated for a Critics Choice Television Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Miniseries.

Turman has also had a prolific stage career, having starred in three August Wilson plays, most recently *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* directed by Phylicia Rashad and in 2015 he co-starred in Eugene O'Neil's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* opposite Audra McDonald in Williamstown. He has performed in such plays Athol Fugard's *My Children, My Africa*, *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, Ron Milner's *What the Wine Sellers Buy*, *Eyes of the American* & his own autobiographical, one-man show, *Movin' Man*.

He always had a love for horses as a young child and grew up training them. He started competing in rodeo about 35 years ago and placed in several competitions. In 1999, Glynn won the state's Regional Team Roping Finals and placed in the top 5 in the National US Team Roping Champion Finals in Oklahoma City. In November 2011 Glynn was inducted into the Western Heritage Multi-Cultural Museum's Hall of Fame in Ft. Worth Texas. Glynn and his wife Jo-An currently own a ranch in Lake Hughes, California called [IX Winds Ranch](#). They bought the 20-acre ranch 40 years ago and built the entire ranch from ground up; currently keeping a small stable of 3 quarter horses. In 1992, Glynn and Jo-An co-founded a free, non-profit, western style summer camp program called "Camp Gid D Up" for inner-city and at risk youth which takes place at IX Winds, which they started as a promise to the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King to help bring peace among youth gangs and to help youth in the community after the riots in the 1990s.

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SHORT BIO

Emmy® Award-winning, New York City-born actor Glynn Turman enjoyed his first prominent acting role at age 12 on Broadway in *A Raisin in the Sun* opposite Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee. Upon graduating from the renowned High School of Performing Arts in New York, he apprenticed in regional and repertory companies throughout the country until he settled in Los Angeles in the mid-1970s. He gained prominence working on prime-time soap opera *Peyton's Place*, cult classic *Cooley High*, and the NBC sitcom *A Different World*.

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In recent years, Turman's career has catapulted to new heights. He has starred in various series such as FX's award-winning *Fargo* as fan-favorite character 'Doctor Senator', Ava DuVernay's *Queen Sugar*, the ABC limited series *Women of the Movement*, Guillermo del Toro's *Cabinet of Curiosities*, and most recently Hulu's *Black Cake* and Disney+'s highly anticipated *Percy Jackson & The Olympians* as the beloved character 'Chiron'. On the silver screen he can be seen in *The Way Back* alongside Ben Affleck, George C. Wolfe's Oscar nominated films *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* and *Rustin*, Kevin Costner's upcoming western epic *Horizon* and Tyler Perry's *Straw*.

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EVEN SHORTER BIO

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