

## **B**IOGRAPHY



## RAMÓN RODRÍGUEZ

Executive Producer and Will Trent on ABC's "Will Trent"

A dynamic and versatile actor, Ramón Rodríguez has crafted a distinguished career in film and television.

Rodríguez stars in the title character and is an executive producer on the ABC drama series "Will Trent," based on Karin Slaughter's bestselling novels. His role won him the Spotlight Award at the 2023 National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts Visibility Awards and also earned him a Critics Choice TV Award nomination for Best Actor in a Drama Series,

and Independent Spirit Award nomination for Best Lead Performance in a New Scripted Series and an Imagen Award nomination for Best Actor – Drama (Television). The series' first season's success as ABC's No. 1 new drama carried on to the second and third seasons.

Rodríguez was most recently seen starring alongside Viola Davis in the Amazon MGM Studios and MRC action thriller movie, "G20." Previously, he has starred in several critically acclaimed television series, including HBO's "The Wire" and Showtime's "The Affair." He also starred as the lead villain role of Bakuto in two installments of Marvel's Netflix series "Iron Fist" and "The Defenders." Rodríguez starred in Fox's one-hour drama "Gang Related" as Ryan Lopez, a rising star in LAPD's elite Gang Task Force who has also pledged allegiance to a different band of brothers – a powerful Latino crime family.

In 2009, he broke out in back-to-back action films, including "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" as Shia LaBoeuf's wisecracking sidekick; Tony Scott's "The Taking of Pelham 123," playing an MTA dispatcher with Denzel Washington; "Battle: Los Angeles" as the ambitious but inexperienced Lieutenant Martinez opposite Aaron Eckhart; in Dreamwork's exciting homage to the great car culture of the 1960's and 1970's, "Need For Speed" opposite Aaron Paul, Michael Keaton and Imogen Poots; and Jordan Roberts film "Burn Your Maps" along with Vera Farmiga, Virginia Madsen and rising child star Jacob Tremblay, which premiered at TIFF in 2016. More recently he starred alongside Bryan Cranston in "The One and Only Ivan" for Disney+, as well as horror pic, "Lullaby," from director John R. Leonetti.

In 2016, Rodríguez wrote and directed his first short film, "The Language of Ball," which had an incredible festival run being accepted into 30+ film festivals including TIFF, LA Shorts, Holly Shorts, Vancouver, Edmonton and Woodstock, and was licensed by Topic and then released on Amazon.

He is deeply passionate about bringing attention to issues facing the people of his native Puerto Rico in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria. He has spearheaded various relief efforts to help drive

awareness, including directing the short documentary, "Pa'Lante," which helped raise over \$1 million toward this effort.

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

HOMETOWN: Puerto Rico BIRTHDATE: December 20