Lennie James

Actor · Male

Lennie James was born and raised in London and is a classically-trained theatre actor, having studied at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. He broke onto the international stage in Stephen Hopkins' Lost in Space and cemented his place there as Sol in Guy Ritchie's Snatch, opposite Brad Pitt and Benicio Del Toro. He is also known for his role as Ross in Olivier Megaton's Colombiana, his role opposite Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz in Paramount's Sahara, and in Denis Villeneuve's Blade Runner 2049 opposite Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling. The cornerstone of his rich and varied television career was his role as the mysterious yet loveable Morgan on The Walking Dead, which he reprised in the AMC spinoff Fear the Walking Dead. Lennie can also be seen starring opposite Skeet Ulrich in both seasons of the critically acclaimed series Jericho, having a recurring role in all three seasons of HBO's Hung as Glen Boyle, the lead in Jed Mercurio's Sky TV series Critical, and for launching the hit British procedural drama Line of Duty. Most recently, he played Martin Luther King Sr. in the fourth installment of the Disney+ and National Geographic anthology series Genius: MLK/X. Lennie created, executive produced and starred in Save Me for Sky Atlantic, which received a 2019 BAFTA TV nomination for Best Drama Series. In 2021, season two, Save Me Too, won the BAFTA for Best Drama Series. He can be seen starring as the lead in and executive producing the BBC series adaptation of Booker Prize winner Bernardine Evaristo's novel Mr Loverman, which premiered at the Tribeca Festival and won Lennie the Leading Actor BAFTA in 2025. On stage, Lennie starred opposite Paapa Essiedu as father and son duo in Caryl Churchill's play A Number . His performance earned him a Best Actor nomination in the 66th Annual Evening Standard Theatre Awards. He can now be seen in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at the Almeida Theatre, starring alongside Daisy Edgar-Jones and Kingsley Ben-Adir. On screen, Lennie's most recent projects include Mufasa: The Lion King and Joshua Oppenheimer's apocalyptical musical film The End.



FEATURE FILM

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
THE END	Det Danske Filminstitut	Dir. Joshua Oppenheimer
THERE THERE	Houston King Productions	Dir. Andrew Bujalski
MUFASA: THE LION KING	Walt Disney Company	Dir. Barry Jenkins
PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY	Columbia Pictures	Dir. Will Gluck
DOUBLE PLAY	Cortés Films	Dir. Ernest R. Dickerson
BLADE RUNNER 2049	16:14 Entertainment	Dir. Denis Villeneuve
DOUBLE PLAY	Cortés Films	Dir. Ernest R. Dickerson
GET ON UP	Imagine	Dir. Tate Taylor
LOCK OUT	Europa Corp	Dir. James Mather



COLUMBIANA	TriStar	Dir. Oliver Megaton
THE NEXT THREE DAYS	Lionsgate	Dir. Paul Haggis
OUTLAW (Cedric)	Vertigo Films	Dir. Nick Love
SAHARA (General Kazim)	Paramount Pictures	Dir. Breck Eisner
24 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE (Alan Erasmus)		Dir Michael Winterbottom
LUCKY BREAK (Rudi)		Dir. Peter Cattaneo
TOSSPOT		Dir. Tony Grounds
SNATCH (Sol)		Dir. Guy Richie
ELEPHANT JUICE (Graham)		Dir. Sam Miller
AMONG GIANTS (Shovel)		Dir. Sam Miller
LES MISERABLES (Enjolras)		Dir. Billy August
LOST IN SPACE (Jeb Walker)		Dir. Stephen Hopkins

TELEVISION

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
MAYOR OF KINGSTOWN S4	101 Studios / Paramount+	Dirs. Various
MR. LOVERMAN	BBC One / Fable Pictures	Dir. Hong Khaou
GENIUS: MLK/X	20th Television	Dirs. Various
ARCHER	Floyd County Productions	Dirs. Various
FEAR THE WALKING DEAD 8	AMC	Dirs. Various
INVINCIBLE	American Movie Classics	Dirs. Various
SAVE ME TOO	World Productions for Sky	Dir. Coky Giedroyc & Jim Loach.
FEAR THE WALKING DEAD	AMC	Dir. Various
SAVE ME	World Productions for Sky	Dir. Nick Murphy
THE WALKING DEAD	AMC	Dir. Various
CRITICAL	Sky	Dir. Various
LOW WINTER SUN	AMC (Pilot)	Dir. Ernest R Dickerson

RUN	AcmeTV / C4	Dirs. Charles Palmer & Jonathan Pearson
THE LINE OF DUTY	World Productions / BBC 2	Dir. David Caffrey
HUNG	НВО	Dir. Various
HUMAN TARGET	FBC	
LIE TO ME	Fox TV	
THREE RIVERS	CBS	
US ATTORNEY	CBS (Pilot)	Dir. Mimi Leder
THE PRISONER	ITV Productions	Dir. Nick Hurran
FALLOUT	Company Pictures	Dir. Ian Rickson
JERICHO (Rod Hawkins)	CBS / Paramount (Series)	Dir. Various
STATE WITHIN (Luke Gardner)	BBC	Dirs. Michael Offer & Dan Percival
JERICHO (Rod Hawkins)	CBS / Paramount (Pilot)	Dir. Jon Turtaltaub
THE FAMILY MAN	BBC	Dir. John Strickland
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (Oberon)	BBC	Dir. Ed Fraiman
BORN WITH TWO MOTHERS (Errol Bridges)	Channel 4	Dir. Ian Duncan
FRANCES TUESDAY (Trent)	ITV	Dir. Jon Sen
FAMILY BUSINESS (Roy Tobelem)	BBC	Dir. Tom Shankland
WITHOUT YOU (James)	BBC	Dir. Julian Simpson
BURIED (Lee Kingley)	World Productions / Channel 4	Dir. Kenny Glenaan
DÉJÀ VU (Mark)	Channel 4	Dir. Richard Spence
STORM DAMAGE (Elias)	BBC	Dir. Simon Cellan-Jones
UNDERCOVER HEART (Matt Lomas)	BBC	Dir. John Strickland
COLD FEET (Kris Bumstead)	Granada	
PERFECT BLUE	BBC	Dir. Kieran Walsh
PEOPLE OF THE FOREST	BBC	Dir. Doug Hodge
OUT OF THE BLUE (DC Bruce Hannaford)	BBC (Series 1 & 2)	Dirs. Richard Standeven & Richard Laxton
THIEFTAKERS	Central	Dir. Colin Greg

OMNIBUS: ARTIST UNKNOWN	BBC	Dir. David Lan
A TOUCH OF FROST (DC Carl Tanner)	Yorkshire Television	Dir. Roger Bamford
LOVE HURTS (Steve)	BBC	Dir. John Woods
COMICS (Delroy Smith)	C4	Dir. Diarmid Laurence
CIVVIES (Cliff Morgan)	BBC	Dir. Karl Francis
EVERYMAN	Shift Work Theatre Co / BBC	
ORCHID HOUSE	Palace Pictures	Dir. Horace Ove
BETWEEN THE CRACKS	BBC	Prods. Ruth Caleb & Graham Massey
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SOMETHING'S BURNING	BBC 'Open Space'	Dir. Fiona Cumming
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SOMETHING'S BURNING CIVVIES (Cliff Morgan)	BBC	Dir. Fiona Cumming
SOMETHING'S BURNING CIVVIES (Cliff Morgan) EVERYMAN	BBC Shift Work Theatre Co / BBC	Dir. Fiona Cumming Dir. Karl Francis
SOMETHING'S BURNING CIVVIES (Cliff Morgan) EVERYMAN ORCHID HOUSE	BBC Shift Work Theatre Co / BBC Palace Pictures	Dir. Fiona Cumming Dir. Karl Francis Dir. Horace Ove

THEATRE

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
A NUMBER (Salter)	Old Vic Theatre	Dir. Lyndsey Turner
RAISIN IN THE SUN	Lyric Hammersmith	Dir. David Lan
FALLOUT	Royal Court Theatre	Dir. Ian Rickson
RAISIN IN THE SUN	Young Vic Theatre	Dir. David Lan
THIS IS A CHAIR	Royal Court Theatre	Dir. Stephen Daldry
TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA	Globe / New Victoria Theatre, New York	Dir. Jack Shepherd
MACBETH	Tricycle Theatre	Dir. Nick Kent
PERICLES	National Theatre	Dir. Phyllida Lloyd
THE PIANO LESSON	Tricycle Theatre	Dir. Paulette Randall
OUTSIDE OF HEAVEN	Royal Court	Dir. Penny Cinewicz

THE COUP	National Theatre	Dir. Roger Michel
		Clarence Derwent Award Winner for Best SupportingActor
ETTA JENKS	Royal Court	Dir. Max Stafford Clark
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM	National Theatre	Dir. Howard Davis
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE	Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich	
BLACK ICE	Derby Playhouse	
NO TWO WAYS (Gary)	Lyric Hammersmith	Dir. Carlton Chance
		By Lennie James
WAKING HOURS	Lyric / Library Theatre Manchester	Dir. Lucy Parker
		Scripted by Lennie James
SHORT EYES (Omar)	Man In The Moon Theatre	Dir. Bosco
SHORT EYES (Omar) HAMLET (Ist Gravedigger)	Man In The Moon Theatre Shaw Theatre	
		Dir. Bosco
HAMLET (Ist Gravedigger)	Shaw Theatre	Dir. Bosco Dir. Michael Croft
HAMLET (Ist Gravedigger) SOMETHING'S BURNING	Shaw Theatre Lyric	Dir. Bosco Dir. Michael Croft Dir. Lucy Parker