

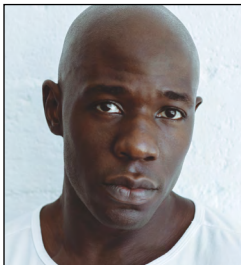
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

McKINLEY BELCHER III

McKinley Belcher III is a 2010 graduate of the USC School of Dramatic Arts, with an MFA in Acting. He's most known as Detective Michael Ledroit in Netflix's *Eric*, for which he was just nominated for a BAFTA and a Royal Television Society Award. He also recently starred opposite Robert De Niro in Netflix's *Zero Day*, as well as in Netflix's *Ozark*, *One Piece* and Noah Baumbach's *Marriage Story*.

He's collaborated with David Simon twice in HBO's *We Own This City* and *Show Me a Hero*. He also starred in Showtime's *The Good Lord Bird* opposite Ethan Hawke, and PBS's *Mercy Street* opposite Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Josh Radnor.

On stage, McKinley made his Broadway debut in Kenny Leon's production of *A Soldier's Play* opposite Blair Underwood and David Alan Grier, and last appeared in a Broadway revival of *Death of a Salesman* opposite Wendell Pierce, Sharon D. Clarke, and André De Shields. Off-Broadway he starred in MCC's *The Light*, for which he was nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award. He also won a Drama Desk Award for his performance in Lincoln Center's *The Royale*.

McKinley is also a writer, and won the inaugural Slamdance Mentorship Award for his screenplay *Kinda Blue Burning Bright*, and has written a series of columns for Backstage. He'll next be seen starring in Alan Brown's next indie *Other People's Bodies*.



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