

Lodric D. Collins  
*Biography*

Actor Lodric D. Collins is steadily making a splash in the entertainment industry. This year, he can be seen starring in MGM's highly anticipated biopic "Respect," following the life and career of the legendary Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. Collins stars as the iconic singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson, alongside an all-star cast which includes Jennifer Hudson, Forest Whitaker, Marlon Wayans and Mary J. Blige. The film is set to debut nationwide on January 15, 2021.

As a former U.S. Marine and extreme sports enthusiast, Collins is known for using his skill set to aide in creating some of the most memorable characters on television. On the television front, he was most recently seen as Chief of Staff Donald Winthrop on BET's "The Oval." Created by Tyler Perry, the series follows a seemingly perfect interracial family that become the White House's newest residents. Season 2 is slated to release in 2021. Other authoritative characters he has portrayed include Captain Elliot, the head of militia sent to end the apocalypse on SYFY's "Z Nation" and Lieutenant Marshall in NBC's "Grimm."

A country boy at heart, Collins was born and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana where he discovered his love for acting at his local community theatre. He eventually made the life-changing decision to defer law school to pursue acting full time in New York. It was in the city that he got to hone his craft studying and working in Broadway and Off-Broadway shows. On the theatre front, he is most notably known for his classical work in roles such as General Hannibal Barca (Massanissa) and Berowne (Loves Labors Lost), for which he received rave reviews.

When he is not on set, Collins is advocating for equality, across the board. He is currently using his platform to bring awareness to Maternal Mortality rates amongst minority women and to support our U.S. Veterans.

He currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

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