

Charles Malik Whitfield born and raised in the Bronx, New York City.

Whitfield, an actor, producer, and director has an expansive career in film, television, and theater. He is best known for his leading role as Otis Williams in the acclaimed miniseries, *The Temptations*, an Emmy-winning and multi award winning tele film. Whitfield's film credits also include *Behind Enemy Lines* and *Notorious*. Whitfield's television credits include series regular roles on OWN *If Loving You Is Wrong* as Lushion, CBS *The Guardian* as James Mooney, and *Last Call* as Darius Knight. He has also portrayed memorable recurring characters on CW *Supernatural* as Agent Henriksen, NBC *Chicago Med* as Ben Campbell, FOX hit show *Empire*, and the highly acclaimed FX show *American Horror Story*. Whitfield currently stars on Netflix's acclaimed number one world wide show *Beauty In Black* as Jules,

A high school teacher introduced Whitfield to acting, which became an outlet for him to channel his energy and passion. He realized that acting was his true calling after performing a monologue about losing his best friend to street drug wars, at a group home for boys.

Despite his impressive body of work, Whitfield has been teaching acting classes for over 20 years in an effort to help aspiring and accomplished thespians to develop their craft.