



### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### **De'Jon (DJ) Watts**

*"Sam"*

14 year-old De'Jon Watts stars as "Sam" in Disney's upcoming TV series "The Mighty Ducks: Game Changers." Sam is the player who is always doing stunts on the ice as part of the new team of underdogs led by 'Gordon Bombay,' the Ducks' original coach, played by Emilio Estevez. The whole experience was new and exciting for DJ as the project filmed in Vancouver and De'Jon had never previously flown out of the United States. Nor had he played hockey before getting cast! DJ prepared his role by watching all three films in the "Mighty Ducks" franchise and putting in many hours on the ice for months.

Watts is currently awaiting the release of the upcoming American crime drama film "The Many Saints of Newark" directed by Alan Taylor and written by David Chase and Lawrence Konner as a prequel to Chase's HBO crime drama series The Sopranos. De'Jon's big break came in the hit Marvel film "Black Panther." DJ was originally on the set of "Black Panther" as an extra when he got promoted into a feature role that solidified both his passion and talent for acting. This was a life changing experience for the young actor as he got to work on such a large, elegant production and was surrounded by the likes of Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan and Lupita Nyong'o.

Born in South Carolina and raised in Atlanta, De'Jon (DJ) Watts got his start acting with the drama ministry at his church. He had previously tried various sports and singing with his church choir, but being a part of his church's productions is where he for the first time truly felt comfortable. Watts continued to act in plays before booking his first role as 'Mase' in the TV series "Living Vee," followed by the role of a young boy that was specifically created for DJ to

play in the TV movie "Faith Under Fire" starring Toni Braxton. De'Jon went on to play 'Clark' in the film "The House with a Clock in Its Walls," starring Jack Black, Cate Blanchett and Owen

Vaccaro. He continued to land more projects including the award-winning short film, "Willie's Letter," winner of the 2020 Red Dot Award in Germany and Best Short Film at the Pocono Mountain Film Festival.



Outside of acting, DJ continues to live a fast-paced life, always keeping busy. When not working on his studies, he loves to play basketball, watch TV, dance, play video games, and is currently looking for somewhere to keep playing hockey. Being the only actor in his family, DJ looks to the likes of Denzel Washington and Chadwick Boseman as role models in the industry. He also looks up to his grandma and his mom, whom he lives with in Atlanta.