



BIOGRAPHY

Yara Shahidi Director

Yara Shahidi is an award-winning actress, producer, and the breakout star of ABC's Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated series "black-ish." In 2019, alongside her business partner and mother, Keri Shahidi, she expanded her relationship with ABC by signing a multi-year producing deal under the moniker "7th Sun Productions."

Currently, she serves as executive producer and lead of Freeform's "black-ish" spinoff series, "grown-ish," which is the #1 cable comedy among the 18 – 49-year-old demographic.

Next up, Shahidi will take on the role of Tinker Bell in Disney's live-action film, "Peter Pan & Wendy." She will also executive produce and star in Amazon Studios' upcoming romantic-comedy "Sitting in Bars with Cake," and a new, untitled interview show for Meta (Facebook). Additionally, she will appear in Apple's upcoming American anthology drama series, "Extrapolations," as well as voice a character in Netflix's animated film, "My Father's Dragon."

Offscreen, Shahidi is a champion for inclusive media programming, and an advocate for equity. Identified as a leader of the New Hollywood guard, she has received numerous accolades for her work outside of entertainment, such as TIME Magazine's 30 Most Influential Teens, Forbes 30 Under 30, British Vogue Forces for Change, Glamour Magazine's Women of the Year and Essence Magazine's Black Women in Hollywood to name a few. Inspired by her extensive work with President and First Lady Obama, Shahidi founded Eighteen x 18, now called WeVoteNext, to shine a light on Gen Z and BIPOC inclusion in the political process. A sought-after public speaker, Shahidi has appeared in conversation with university peers and thought leaders such as: Dr. Angela Davis, President Obama, Harry Belafonte Jr., former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Dr. Cornell West, Senator Cory Booker, and Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock.

This May, she graduated from Harvard University with a B.A. in Social Studies and African American Studies, with a concentration in Black Political Thought Under a Neocolonial Landscape. Her final thesis for graduation was entitled, "*I AM A MAN: The Emancipation of Humanness from Western Hegemony Through the Lens of Sylvia Wynter.*"

Shahidi currently serves as a global ambassador for Cartier, Dior Beauty and Dell.