

talent bios



William Jackson Harper

Chidi Anagonye, "The Good Place"

William Jackson Harper stars as Chidi Anagonye on NBC's comedy "The Good Place."

In film, Harper can be seen in the buddy comedy-turned-crime thriller "Lost Holiday," which premiered at the Slamdance Film Festival earlier this year. He will next star in A24's upcoming horror film "Midsommar," alongside Will Poulter and Florence Pugh, slated for release in July.

This spring, Harper completed production in Participant's untitled legal drama focused on the scandal revolving around the DuPont chemical company. Directed by Todd Haynes and produced by Mark Ruffalo, Harper will star alongside Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins and Bill Pullman. His additional feature film credits include "Paterson," "True Story," "All Good Things" and "How to Tell You're a Douchebag."

On television, Harper will next appear as opposite John Krasinski in the second season of Amazon's "Jack Ryan." Additionally, Harper has made guest appearances on numerous acclaimed television series, including "30 Rock," "The Blacklist," "Law & Order," "Law & Order: CI," "Deadbeat," "High Maintenance," "Unforgettable" and the children's series "The Electric Company." His credits also include the telefilms "The Breaks" and "The Share." For his work on "The Good Place," Harper recently received a Critics' Choice Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his performance.

Born in Dallas, Harper has an extensive background in theater, co-starring alongside Cristin Milioti in "After the Blast" at Lincoln Center, as well as on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning play "All The Way," with Bryan Cranston. Most recently, Harper made his playwriting debut with the drama "Travisville," which centers on a Texas church community untouched by the tumult of the civil rights movement. The play opened in 2018 at New York's Ensemble Studio Theatre to critical praise, with The New York Times noting Harper's "serious writing chops."

Additional stage performances include "A Family for All Occasions" at the Labyrinth, "Modern Terrorism" at Second Stage, "The Total Bent," "Titus Andronicus" and "Measure for Measure" at the Public, "Placebo" and "A Cool Dip in the Barren Saharan Crick" at Playwrights Horizons and "Queens Boulevard" and "Paradise Park" at the Signature. Harper also has numerous regional theater credits, including "Ruined," "Hamlet," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Romeo and Juliet."

Harper currently resides in Brooklyn with his dog, Chico.