

Leslie Odom Jr. Promoted to Series Regular on 'Smash'

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Leslie Odom Jr. has been upped to series regular on NBC's Broadway drama "Smash."

Last season he recurred as Sam, a love interest for Tom Levitt (Christian Borle). Odom recently closed in the Broadway musical Leap Of Faith.

In an additional "Smash" casting Krysta Rodriguez has joined the series as a regular playing Ana, the roommate to Katharine McPhee's character Karen.

As previously reported, Jennifer Hudson will appear on "Smash" next season as a Tony-winning Broadway star named Veronica Moore, who impacts the lives of Karen and Ivy (Megan Hilty).

"I'm excited about it. I'm gearing up for it," Hudson said last month. "It's a guest appearance but we'll see how it goes! I'll be singing and dancing since I play a Broadway star so Broadway stars do it all! If I'm doing it all, everybody better get ready!"