

Marcus Garvey Biopic In Development (Don Cheadle Producing, Kevin Navayne Starring)

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I'm hearing through several sources that a **Marcus Garvey** biopic is indeed in development (all pending negotiations as one source says) that will be produced by

Don Cheadle's Crescendo Productions

, directed by

George Tillman Jr.

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Notorious

,

Barber Shop

), written by

Sonni Kojo

the child of the late

John Henrik Clarke

, and starring

Kevin Navayne

(above photo) as the lead.

Relative newcomer Kevin Navayne's resume comprises of mostly TV work; in fact, he was scheduled to co-star in **Spike Lee's Da Brick**, which **HBO** passed on. His most recent stint prior to that was a stint on

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He's also spent a good number of years as a fashion model.

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I should note that Mr Navayne is originally from Jamaica, as was the character he just might eventually play on film - Marcus Garvey - was.

I'm not at all familiar with Sonni Kojo's scriptwriting/story-telling abilities; a Google search returned nothing, other than the fact that he's Dr Henrik Clarke's son. But given his lineage - son of a celebrated writer, historian, professor, pioneer - I'm curious.

Born Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jr. on August 17th, 1887, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, a biopic on the life of the controversial entrepreneur, Black Nationalist, Pan-Africanist, and powerful orator, is one that we've considered on S&A in previous posts, although nothing's materialized... until now it appears.

There was a 2 1/2 hour PBS documentary on Garvey, titled *Marcus Garvey: Look For Me In The Whirlwind*, directed by **Stanley Nelson**, which aired in 2000, and is currently on DVD. You could probably find it someone online as well.

Let's see whether this Cheadle/Kojo/Navayne project actually happens; when I have more info, I'll share... From [Shadow and Act](#).