2007 Hall of Fame Inductee

Leonard Roberts

Class of 1991

Leonard Roberts is a star of film and television. He is a 1991 graduate of University City High School.

Roberts is one of the lead actors of NBC's hit TV series *Heroes* (D. L.

Hawkins) and has had roles in CSI: Miami, 24, Providence, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer. He made his debut on television in 1996 in the series Due South.

Making his film debut in 1997 in the movie *Love Jones*, Roberts has also appeared in such films as the made-for-



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television movie *Joe and Max* where he gained nearly 20 pounds to portray heavyweight champion Joe Lewis, Drumline (considered by many critics to be his breakout role as an actor), *He Got Game*, and *Hoodlum*.

Roberts graduated from the DePaul University Theater School with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting in 1995. He began his career on the stage in Chicago, appearing in numerous productions with several of the city's renowned theatre companies, including Steppenwolf Theatre, The Goodman Theatre, The Shakespeare Repertory Theatre, the Northlight and Bailiwick Theatre.

In 2006, Leonard was one of People Magazine's Sexiest Men Alive, along with the other men in the *Heroes* cast.