



# James Lafferty

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**James Martin Lafferty** (born July 25, 1985) is an American actor, director, and producer. He is best known for his portrayal of [Nathan Scott](#) on [The WB/CW](#) teen drama television series *[One Tree Hill](#)* (2003–2012).

## Early life [\[ edit \]](#)

Lafferty was born in [Hemet, California](#), to Angelica and Jeffrey Lafferty, who own a local construction company.<sup>[1]</sup> He has a younger brother, actor [Stuart Lafferty](#).

Having worked as an uncredited extra on television shows including *[Beverly Hills, 90210](#)*<sup>[2]</sup> and *[Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman](#)*,<sup>[3]</sup> Lafferty received his first significant acting role in a school play when he was 10 years old. Lafferty attended [Hemet High School](#) (where he played on the school's basketball team) until 2003, after which he enrolled at [California State University, Long Beach](#). At age 18, he moved to [Wilmington, North Carolina](#), having been cast as [Nathan Scott](#) in *[One Tree Hill](#)*.

## Career [\[ edit \]](#)

In 1997, at age 12, Lafferty made his small-screen acting debut with a voice-over role in the made-for-television film *[Annabelle's Wish](#)*. Lafferty has since made guest appearances on television series' such as *[Once and Again](#)*, *[Get Real](#)*, and *[Boston Public](#)*. In 2002, Lafferty starred in the [ESPN](#) made-for-television film *[A Season on the Brink](#)*, an adaptation of the book of the same name by [John Feinstein](#). The film centered on the 1985–86 season of [Indiana University's](#) college basketball team.

In 2003, Lafferty was cast in his breakout role of [Nathan Scott](#) on [The WB/The CW](#) teen drama series *[One Tree Hill](#)*. The series follows two estranged half-brothers, Nathan and [Lucas Scott](#), who are put on the same

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Lafferty in 2018

<b>Born</b>	James Martin Lafferty <div>July 25, 1985 (age 39)</div> <div><a href="#">Hemet, California</a>, U.S.</div>
<b>Occupations</b>	Actor <span> </span> • director <span> </span> • producer
<b>Years active</b>	1997–present
<b>Spouse</b>	<a href="#">Alexandra Park</a> <sup>(m.)</sup> 2022)
<b>Relatives</b>	<a href="#">Stuart Lafferty</a> (brother)

basketball team, jeopardizing Nathan's position as the star player. In May 2011, The CW renewed the series for a ninth and final season, for which Lafferty chose to return on a recurring basis rather than in a full-time starring role.<sup>[4]</sup> Over the course of the later seasons, Lafferty directed four episodes. He received four **Teen Choice Award** nominations throughout his time on the series.

In February 2008, Lafferty was cast in the straight-to-DVD sequel to the cult film *Donnie Darko*.<sup>[5]</sup><sup>[6]</sup> Titled *S. Darko*, the film was released in May 2009, and received mostly negative reviews from critics.<sup>[7]</sup> In April 2011, Lafferty was confirmed to star alongside *One Tree Hill* castmate **Stephen Colletti** and brother **Stuart Lafferty** in a planned adventurous reality television series entitled *Wild Life: A New Generation of Wild*, for which he was an executive producer. A pilot episode was filmed, but the series failed to find a network.<sup>[8]</sup> In 2013, Lafferty was cast in the **NBC** crime thriller series *Crisis*, as Mr Nash. This was followed by landing the lead role of Jimmy Adams in the independent movie *Waffle Street*, alongside Danny Glover, and being cast in a recurring role during the first season of **WGN America**'s slave drama *Underground*.<sup>[9]</sup> In August 2015, Lafferty directed an episode of the second season of **E!** drama series *The Royals*, and returned to direct a few more episodes during season three.<sup>[10]</sup> In 2018, James along with costar and friend Stephen Colletti started an indiegogo campaign for their show *Everyone is Doing Great* <sup>[11]</sup> The show was acquired by Hulu in 2020 <sup>[12]</sup>

## Personal life  <sup>[ edit ]</sup>

Lafferty currently resides in **Los Angeles, California**. For four years until 2015, he was in a relationship with Irish actress **Eve Hewson**.<sup>[13]</sup> He began dating Australian actress **Alexandra Park** in 2015 after meeting on the set of *The Royals*, when Lafferty directed several episodes. The couple became engaged on September 7, 2020. They got married on May 23, 2022, in Hawaii.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Filmography  <sup>[ edit ]</sup>

### Film  <sup>[ edit ]</sup>

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1997	<i>Annabelle's Wish</i>	Buster Holder	Voice
2003	<i>Boys on the Run</i>	Joe Ferguson	
2009	<i>S. Darko</i>	Justin Sparrow	
2011	<i>The Legend of Hell's Gate: An American Conspiracy</i>	Eigson Howard	
2013	<i>Lost on Purpose</i>	Fever	
2014	<i>Oculus</i>	Michael Dumont	
2015	<i>Waffle Street</i>	Jimmy Adams	
2017	<i>Small Town Crime</i>	Tony Lama	

2024	<i>Red Right Hand</i>	Lazarus	
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## Television [ edit ]

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	<i>Get Real</i>	Billy	Episode: "The Last Weekend"
2001	<i>Emeril</i>	James Lagasse	Episode: "Pilot"
2001	<i>Boston Public</i>	Michael Scott	Episode: "Chapter Eighteen"
2001–2002	<i>Once and Again</i>	Tad	4 episodes
2002	<i>Prep</i>	Jackson	Unsold television pilot
2002	<i>First Monday</i>	Andrew	Episode: "Pilot"
2002	<i>A Season on the Brink</i>	Steve Alford	Television film
2003–2012	<i>One Tree Hill</i>	Nathan Scott	Main role, 182 episodes
2012	<i>One Tree Hill: Always &amp; Forever</i>	Himself	Behind the Scene Extras
2014	<i>Crisis</i>	Mr. Nash	Main role, 13 episodes
2016	<i>Underground</i>	Kyle Risdin	Recurring role, 6 episodes
2018	<i>The Haunting of Hill House</i>	Ryan	4 Episodes
2020	<i>The Right Stuff</i>	Scott Carpenter	Main role
2021–present	<i>Everyone Is Doing Great</i>	Jeremy Davis	Main role
2022	<i>All American</i>	Connor Murphy	Episode: "Got Your Money"

## Other works [ edit ]

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009–2012	<i>One Tree Hill</i>	Director	4 episodes
2010	<i>Hours Before</i>	Executive producer	Short film
2015–2018	<i>The Royals</i>	Director	5 episodes
2017	<i>Everyone is Doing Great</i>	Director, executive producer, co-writer	8 Episodes
2022–2023	<i>All American</i>	Director	2 episodes

## Awards and nominations [ edit ]

Year	Award	Category	Nominated work	Result
2004	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Breakout TV Star – Male	One Tree Hill	Nominated
2005		Choice TV Chemistry (with Chad Michael Murray)		Nominated
2010		Choice Scene Stealer – Male		Nominated
		Choice Parental Unit (with Bethany Joy Lenz)		Nominated

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