

For Ryan Pinkston, The Red Carpet Extends All the Way to Columbia

Small kid, big success. That's the brief version of **Ryan Pinkston's** climb from Howard County schoolkid to movie star.

The 5-foot-3 actor — best known as the bratty kid interviewing stars on the red carpet during the first season of MTV's "Punk'd" — landed his first big starring role in "Full of It," which opens tomorrow. Pinkston plays a high school senior who lies to impress his new classmates. The actor has invited 300 people to a glitzy screening . . . Saturday *afternoon* . . . at the AMC in *Columbia, Md.* "Mostly, it's a chance to let my friends and family see what it's like to be at a premiere," he told us yesterday.

The 19-year-old is already an old hand at the Hollywood scene. Seven years ago, he won the Internet version of **Ed McMahon's** "Next Big Star" with a dance routine using his martial arts moves. The win propelled him into the first season of **Ashton Kutcher's** celebrity-prank series. His favorite episode: Tearing apart Kutcher's home with **Tom Arnold** while a horrified housesitter looked on.

Pinkston's short stature and baby face led to plenty of child and teen roles ("Spy Kids 3-D," "Bad Santa," "Soul Plane") and sitcoms ("Quintuplets"). He commuted back and forth to Hollywood from Howard County and graduated from River Hill High School last year. "Full of It" (filmed two years ago) marks the first time he has played a character his own age.

"Sometimes it's a bad thing," he said. "More of the time it's a good thing." It's easy to look older, he explained, but hard for most actors to pass for years younger. When he wants to look 19, he just doesn't shave.

Ryan Pinkston will be glamming up the Columbia, Md., AMC movie theater with his version of a red carpet premiere for his new film "Full of It."



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