

## Angel Cassani and Hector Echavarria Team Up on the Upcoming Film 'The Pastor'

Executive producer Angel Cassani and writer/director Hector Echavarria join forces to bring the upcoming actionpacked film "The Pastor" to the silver screen.

AGOURA HILLS, USA, March 8, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Executive producer <u>Angel Cassani</u> and esteemed Argentine filmmaker <u>Hector Echavarria</u> have teamed up to bring the upcoming film <u>The Pastor</u>" to the screen.

Written by Hector Echavarria and co-directed by Echavarria and Paco Aguilar ("Operation Repo"), "The Pastor" takes place in a nearly forgotten part of town overrun by a ruthless gang where a community struggles to maintain their faith in the face of gang violence. With their neighborhoods being torn apart, their youth targeted for gang recruitment, and the local church struggling to keep the lights on as their congregation dwindles, it seems that all hope is lost-- that is, until one man steps in to put an end to the violence and reinvigorate the community's faith in the lord. That man is Pastor Miguel, played by Hector Echavarria.



Poster for "The Pastor"

The former Kickboxing Champion of the World, Echavarria, who was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of

Fame in 2000, has made an indelible mark as an action star in the international entertainment industry through his roles in hit films such as "Cradle 2 the Grave," "Extreme Force," "Death Calls" and many more.

"The Pastor" also stars "Hercules" star Kevin Sorbo ("The O.C.," "Spirit of the Game"), Cameron McKendry ("Madtown," "I'm Not Ashamed") and T.C. Stallings ("War Room," "God's Compass," "Heritage Falls").

Producer Angel Casani says, "[The Pastor] has a great message that is much needed today in our world."

The film, which is expected to be released in 2018, is produced by Destiny Entertainment Productions ("Unrivaled," "Death Warrior") and Action Faith Media ("Can You Hear Me," "Riding Faith").

"Angel Cassani is unquestionably one of the most talented entertainment producers I've ever encountered his ability to work with the investors, and the talent in the feature film 'The Pastor' was essential for the film to go into production," says Hector Echavarria. "Angel Cassani has helped tremendously with the distribution of other projects including 'Never Surrender,' which was distributed by Lions Gate, and 'Chavez Cage of Glory,' which was distributed theatrically and in VOD platform by Crystal Sky Pictures." Echavarria and Cassani first joined forces back in 2008 when Cassani signed on to executive produce the action-packed feature film "Never Surrender," which brought together some of the world's best MMA fighters for the first time in a feature film. Since the 2009 release of "Never Surrender," Cassani and Echavarria have maintained a strong producer-director relationship with Cassani producing several of Echavarria's recent feature films, including the 2009 film "Hell's Chain," the 2010 action adventure mystery "Death Calls," and the 2013 sport drama "Chavez Cage of Glory" starring Echavarria, Danny Trejo ("Machete," "Valley of Angels") and two-time Golden Globe nominee Steven Bauer from the hit series "Ray Donovan."

Cassani also executive produced Echavarria's dramatic action-packed film "No Way Out" starring Echavarria, Danny Trejo and Estella Warren ("Planet of the Apes," "Nocturna"). "No Way Out," which had its theatrical release in South America in 2016, follows a former undercover cop who tries to move on after taking a bullet to the head and watching the brutal murder of his wife and children. "No Way Out" is slated to have its US theatrical release later this year with distribution from Crystal Sky Pictures.

Prior to moving into the film world as an executive producer nearly a decade ago Angel Cassani made monumental strides in the finance industry, not only within South America, but on an international scale. In 2003 Cassani created Global Capital Markets Group for all latin America, a massive multi-national client portfolio including BellSouth, Motorola, Avon and several other global companies. Considering Cassani's extensive experience managing financial operations, such as collaborating in the mergers, acquisitions and sales for entertainment industry leaders, such as Super Canal and Grupo Uno y Multimedios, it is not surprising that he has managed to bring so many successful feature films to the silver screen. His background has clearly endowed him with the necessary negotiation, money management and fundraising skills required of an executive producer.

Aside from the highly-anticipated film "The Pastor," Cassani is producing Echavarria's upcoming film "Duel of Legends," which is currently in post-production and stars Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa from Amazon's two-time Primetime Emmy Award winning series "The Man in the High Castle" and Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson from the film "Fire with Fire" starring Golden Globe Award winner Bruce Willis ("Die Hard") and Rosario Dawson ("Sin City").

Cassani is also producing Echavarria's upcoming feature film "Justice For All," which is currently in pre-production and slated to begin filming later this year.

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