

# Director Ben DeJesus Nominated For Imagen Award For American Masters: Lights, Camera, Acción

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The 37th annual Imagen Awards nominations were announced for The Imagen Foundation in Los Angeles. Award-winning director Ben DeJesus and producer Jill Krikorian's documentary film American Masters and Voces: Lights, Camera, Acción was nominated in the Best Short Film category.

The award ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2022, in Los Angeles at La Plaza de Cultura y Artes.

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Lights, Camera, Acción, a co-production of Latino Public Broadcasting's VOCES and American Masters, is a celebration of the incredible impact that Latinos have made in Hollywood - past, present and future, with a focus on the exciting new wave of talent that is transforming the industry. From award-winning director Ben DeJesus and executive producer John



Ben DeJesus (Center) is an Emmy and Tony-nominated director, producer, writer and co-founder of NGL Studios with his partner John Leguizamo (Left).



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Leguizamo, the documentary captures the candid perspectives of prominent voices in film and television, from in front and behind the camera, sharing their challenges, personal journeys and outlook on the future.

The 24 minute documentary film premiered on PBS right before Rita Moreno's biopic *Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It*.

[Lights, Camera, Acción - OFFICIAL TRAILER](#)

[Full version of American Masters: Lights, Camera, Acción on PBS](#)

Ben Dejesus is an Emmy and Tony-nominated director, producer, writer and co-founder of NGL Studios with his partner John Leguizamo. With over a decade of experience in the U.S. multicultural, Latinx and youth markets, Dejesus has created over 100 hours of award-winning content including non-fiction, episodic, music videos and branded content.

Recent Television credits include: (PBS) *American Masters: Lights, Camera, Acción*; (CBS) *Essential Heroes: Momento Latino*, exec-produced and hosted by Eva Longoria; (Peacock) *The Latino Presidential Inauguration Special* and multiple episodes of (Disney) *BUNK'D*, the hit multi- cam sitcom. Currently, Ben is directing and exec-producing a 6-episode series for MSNBC hosted by John Leguizamo.

Film credits include: *Raul Julia: The World's a Stage* which received an Emmy nomination in the Non-Fiction Series category in 2020, along with his second Imagen Award and Best Latinx Film Award by the National Association of Independent Latino Producers (NALIP). Ben also directed *Great Performances: John Leguizamo's Road to Broadway* where he won his first Imagen Award for Best Documentary. His previous feature doc (PBS) *Tales from a Ghetto Clown* was also produced by Dejesus and Academy Award- Winner® Fisher Stevens (*The Cove*) and premiered nationwide.

Theater credits include: John Leguizamo's *Latin History for Morons*, the hit Broadway show where he received a Tony nomination. This was followed by a national tour that broke attendance records at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles.

GoDigital Media Group ("GoDigital"), a global media and technology conglomerate focused on community, content, and commerce, announced the acquisition of NGL Collective with the



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backing of MEP Capital, a media and entertainment-focused investment firm.

At NGL/mitu Studios, Ben directs and produces a growing slate of original television, documentary, non-fiction and digital projects. His passion for pop culture, music and theater continues to fuel his work.

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