

## **Actor / Writer / Director / Bounty Hunter Robert Arevalo Inks Three Picture Deal With Michael Mendelsohn's Patriot Pictures.**



**Los Angeles, Sep 5, 2020 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com))** - Patriot Pictures announced a three-picture deal with multi-hyphenate; *actor/writer/director/bounty-hunter*, Robert Arevalo (*Desperado*, *Fools Rush In*). Under the exclusive deal, prolific producer and financier Michael Mendelsohn will develop and finance features; the first, untitled, halted due to the COVID-19 outbreak, written and to be directed by Arevalo will be filmed in Mexico, CDMX.

In the world of Latino Hollywood, opportunities are still very slim. Despite advocating organizations such as Nalip, Nosotros, Latino film festivals, and others, Hispanic/LatinX representation continues to remain dismal.

The Annenberg Inclusion Initiative study finds that “the lack of Latino directors and producers affects storytelling” and Hollywood tends to gravitate toward name talent rather than tap talented unknowns.

Fortunately, Executive Producer and financier Michael Mendelsohn are willing to go to bat for Mexican actor and filmmaker Robert Arevalo. Mendelsohn's Hollywood credits as a financier, financial consultant, and Producer are impressive; with attachments to films like Quentin Tarantino's *Reservoir Dogs*, *La Femme Nikkita*, *True Romance*, Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo and Juliet*, *Underworld*, David Fincher's *Fight Club*, and most recently legendary rap group Wu-Tang Clan's RZA who directed the recently released “*Cut Throat City*”.

“It takes a person with influence and vision like Michael Mendelsohn to give opportunity,” says Arevalo “This opportunity for me also creates jobs for others, and that is a definite plus, *especially* for underrepresented Latinos in Hollywood”.

### **About Michael Mendelsohn and Patriot Pictures**

Michael Mendelsohn is the Chairman/CEO of Patriot Pictures, LLC, and Union Patriot Capital Management, LLC. Michael Mendelsohn currently manages a senior “stretch” debt fund of over \$500 million specializing in project finance and film acquisition in the entertainment industry.

### **About Robert Arevalo**

While working at a bar in Beverly Hills he received advice from veteran movie star Sylvester Stallone, “Create your opportunities”. That stuck with him while working as an assistant on the 20th Century Fox lot, Arevalo met director Robert Rodriguez (*El Mariachi*) who he struck up a friendship with. Arevalo was then offered the unforgettable role of the Opponent, the guy with the broken leg in the 1995 blockbuster film *Desperado*. Arevalo was also fortunate to learn some directing techniques from Rodriguez on set.

While growing up on both sides of the border Arevalo experienced the best of both worlds and developed a knowledge that would serve to target his own culture in the years to come. This being telenovela, (Mexican Soap Operas), Classic Films, Mariachi's, Palenque's, music, food, and Mexican wrestling. As a filmmaker, Arevalo was established in 2002 by his own Latino distribution company. The focus was to make an impact in the domestic home video market targeting Latinos and Mexican

immigrants. Arevalo was responsible for acquiring the rights to valuable pop culture icons such as "Cantinflas" and "El Santo". Most of these films were just collecting dust. until they finally saw the light of day.

In 2008 Arevalo became a licensed Bounty Hunter in California under bounty hunting legend Rob Dick and currently continues to go after fugitives.

One of Robert's first Martial Arts instructors for JEET KUNE DO/JUN FAN was John Wick Director Chad Stahelski who also stunt doubled Keanu Reeves in the MATRIX trilogy and Brandon Lee THE CROW. Arevalo is a 1st-degree black belt in Brazilian JiuJitsu under Rigan and John Machado of MACHADO JIUJITSU. Previously trained under Chad Stahelski at Inosanto Martial Arts Academy and 8711 Action Design.



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