

# IMTA ALUM SEAN FARIS IN *GANGSTER LAND*

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*Gangster Land* is available on demand and in limited theatrical release on  
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*“Live your life, life is short, go for it; do what you want in your life. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something that you want to do. Because usually that's a person who doesn't believe in themselves and they want to keep you down. As far as life goes; go for it.”*

– Sean Faris

Although it has been nearly 100 years since the gangster Al Capone ruled crime in Chicago, many people are still familiar with what became known as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. At 10:30 a.m. on February 14, 1929, seven men were murdered at the garage at 2122 North Clark Street, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago's North Side. The victims included five members of George "Bugs" Moran's North Side Gang; the massacre was allegedly planned by the organization led by Capone to eliminate Moran.



Capone's rise to power and the events that led up to the massacre are laid out in the new feature *Gangster Land*, told from the viewpoint of Capone's second-in-command "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn. IMTA alum Sean Faris

stars as McGurn, alongside Milo Gibson as Capone and Peter Facinelli as Moran. Jason Patric and Jamie-Lynn Sigler also star.

McGurn begins as an essentially good kid working as an amateur boxer. He has resisted the urging by his friend and up-and-coming Italian mafioso Capone to get involved with the business. However, when McGurn's father is slaughtered by Bugs Moran's crew and it's obvious that paid off cops have no intention of doing anything about it, McGurn is drawn into Capone's ranks and quickly rises to eventually become Capone's second in command. McGurn's determination to exact revenge on Moran's Irish mafia coincides with growing tension between Capone and Moran, a tension that helps build toward the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, a massacre from which there may be no way for McGurn to possibly turn back.



Faris can currently be seen in the PixL TV movie *The Joneses Unplugged* and Hallmark's *An Uncommon Valor*. He also co-starred in this year's independent comedy *Surprise Me!*

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