



IMTA ALUMS JERRY FERRARA AND JEREMY LUKE IN *SULLY*

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Sully opens nationwide and in IMAX on Friday, September 9th

“Eastwood has made a movie to show people why no one died that day. Dedicated citizens were watching. Decisions were made. Risks were being taken and luck was with those on board. There wasn’t one hero but many.” – Sasha Stone, AwardsDaily.com

On Thursday, January 15th, 2009, the world witnessed the “Miracle on the Hudson” when Captain Chesley Sullenberger, nicknamed Sully, glided his US Airways plane — disabled after striking a flock of birds just as it was taking off — onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 people on board. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.



Directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Tom Hanks in the title role, the highly anticipated *Sully* premiered this past weekend at the Telluride International Film Festival in advance of its theatrical release on September 9th. The film is based on Sullenberger’s own memoir, “Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters,” which he co-wrote with journalist Jeffrey Zaslow. Laura Linney plays Sully’s wife Lorrie, and Aaron Eckhart is Sully’s co-pilot Jeff Skiles.

IMTA alum Jerry Ferrara, who came to IMTA with Tomorrow Talent in New York, co-stars in *Sully* as Officer Michael Delaney, a diver from the NYPD SCUBA Air/Sea Rescue Unit out of Floyd Bennet Field in Brooklyn, who was one of the first responders on the scene. Eastwood’s casting team sought out many of the individuals who actually helped that day to appear in the film, and Officer Delaney and his partner, Detective Robert Rodriguez, both contributed stunt work during the production.



Ferrara, who was recently engaged to fellow IMTA alum Breanne Racano, currently appears in the recurring role of Joe Proctor on the Starz series “*Power*.” The drama stars Omari Hardwick as James “Ghost” St. Patrick, a wealthy New York night club owner who has it all, catering for the city’s elite and dreaming big, while living a double life as a drug kingpin.

Sully also features alum Jeremy Luke as one of the ill-fated flight’s passengers, Victor Gaggero. Moreover, Luke attended IMTA with Tomorrow Talent (competing as Jeremy Bernstein), saying he wanted “to do whatever Jerry did to get started.”

Luke has appeared in several recent feature films, including *The Fix*, *How Sarah Got Her Wings*, *The Networker*, *Broken Horses*, *Don Jon*, and Eastwood’s 2014 bio-pic *Jersey Boys*. He has also guest-starred on numerous prime-time series such as “*Blue Bloods*” and “*Hawaii Five-O*,” and appeared in a recurring role as Mickey Cohen on the 2013 series “*Mob City*” with Jon Bernthal, Milo Ventimiglia and Neal McDonough. Luke also starred in the Syfy camp classic *Jersey Shore Shark Attack*.