



IMTA ALUM GARRETT HEDLUND IN *UNBROKEN*

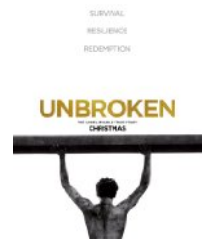
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Unbroken opens nationwide Thursday, December 25

"I loved the story so much that I told Angie I literally would be the caterer's assistant to work on it."
– Garrett Hedlund

Laura Hillenbrand's best-seller, *Unbroken*, tells the story of the incredible life of Olympian and war hero Louis "Louie" Zamperini, following his troubled youth as the son of Italian immigrants to running in the 1936 Olympics, his enlistment in the US Air Force during WWII and subsequent crash landing in the Pacific Ocean. Zamperini and his fellow crewmen spent 47 days adrift in shark-infested waters, only to be captured by the Japanese Navy. They were interned in a POW camp until the end of the war where they found unexpected camaraderie among their fellow POWs.

This amazing story has been adapted for the big screen, produced and directed by Academy Award winner Angelina Jolie. IMTA alum Garrett Hedlund co-stars in *Unbroken* as Commander John Fitzgerald, one of the POWs who befriends Zamperini in the camp, alongside Jack O'Connell as Zamperini, Domhnall Gleeson, Finn Wittrock, John Magara and Japanese actor Miyavi.



About the filming experience and working with Jolie as a director, Hedlund told InStyle Magazine, "She's very nurturing. She was open to any sort of improvisational story we could offer that might enhance the character. And she knows how to guide a ship beautifully. We had almost 200 extras on set every day. She kept everything perfectly afloat."



Hedlund's star has steadily been rising as he's taken on—and received excellent critical reviews for—diverse roles in films such as *Friday Night Lights*, *Four Brothers*, *Tron: Legacy*, *Country Strong* and *Inside Llewyn Davis*. His next screen project is starring as Captain Hook in the big-budget *Peter Pan* prequel, *Pan*. He is part of an A-List cast that includes Hugh Jackman as Blackbeard, Rooney Mara as Tiger Lily and Amanda Seyfried as Mary. Newcomer Levi Miller is in the role of Peter. *Pan* tells the untold story of how a young orphan boy from London is spirited away to the magical Neverland where he finds grand adventures that shape him into the hero known to generations as Peter Pan.



Hedlund also recently filmed *Mojave*, an independent thriller in which he plays a desolated, violent artist who escapes into the desert and, instead of the solitude he was searching for, encounters a homicidal, chameleon-like drifter played by Jack Isaac. The film by Oscar-winning writer/director William Monahan is currently being shopped for distribution.