



IMTA ALUM SUNNY SULJIC IN *MID90S*

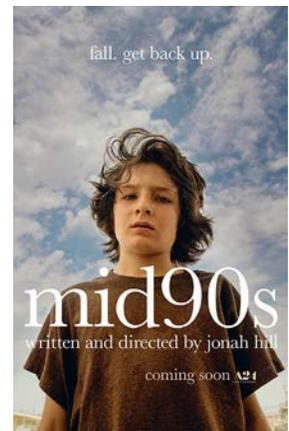
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Mid90s is in theatres on Friday, October 19

“The movie is very personal to me. It’s about the feeling of growing up and finding a group of friends, a family, outside of your home...a time in your life when it’s you and your friends verses the world.” – Jonah Hill

In Jonah Hill’s directorial debut, *Mid90s*, IMTA alum Sunny Suljic stars as Stevie, a thirteen year old boy growing up with an abusive older brother and a somewhat absent mother in Los Angeles in the 1990s. In an effort to escape his unhappy home life and find a place where he can feel he belongs, Stevie tries to teach himself to skateboard so that he can hang out with a group of other skaters from his neighborhood, each one of the kids having a similar life story. The film also stars Lucas Hedges, Katherine Waterston and Jerrod Carmichael.

Suljic, who is an avid skateboarder in real life, had a hard job appearing as a novice skater for the film. “He’s an amazing skateboarder! He’s not an arrogant person so he’s not going to say it, but he’s incredible,” said director Hill. “Not only is he a great actor, but it’s so hard to pretend to be worse than you are, to pretend to be just starting. We were so careful, and Sunny did such an amazing job of being worse than he actually is skill wise, which is very hard to do.” Hill added, “I’ve never had to carry a movie like that. I usually play supporting



roles, and, like, it's crazy to carry — literally strap a movie at 11 years old to your shoulder and [have you] walk across the field with it. It's insane.”

Suljic had equal praise for Hill as a first-time director. “Jonah’s a great director because he’s been acting for such a long time and he’s a talented actor so he could understand and put himself in that scene, so he could describe to me how he would do it or how he sees it. So it’s easy for me because he’s communicating as an actor, along with as a friend and director.” Suljic commended Hill for promoting cast bonding by creating a relaxed environment on set. “He didn't put too much pressure on me,” Suljic told *The Hollywood Reporter*. “He kind of introduced himself as just another friend.”

Coming to IMTA in LA14 with MTM International, Suljic is currently on screens alongside Jack Black and Cate Blanchett in *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*. The Child Actor of the Year finalist is also making his mark as the voice of Atreus in the popular video game *God of War*, which was released earlier this year. He starred in 2017’s *The Killing of a Sacred Deer* opposite Nicole Kidman and Colin Farrell.