



IMTA ALUM MOISES ARIAS AND *THE KINGS OF SUMMER*

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The Kings of Summer opens May 31

“It’s different. It doesn’t have all the sci-fi explosions and all that. It’s a great story, different characters, great themes and comedy that isn’t really seen these days. It’s beautiful, it’s hilarious, and I think people will really enjoy it.” – Moises Arias

2013 will mark the year IMTA alum Moises Arias (LA05) officially went from being a scene-stealing kid on TV to being a scene-stealing teenager in feature films. The former “*Hannah Montana*” sidekick has three highly-anticipated, very different movies opening this year, that definitely allow him to escape the fate of being labeled “former child star.” “Not a lot of people make that transition from child actor to bigger, better roles,” Arias said. “After the show [*Hannah Montana*] ended, there were opportunities for me to have my own show and pilots I said no to because I wanted to wait for something that really just blows me away. And *Kings of Summer* was one of those.”



The Kings of Summer is described by Movies.com as “the perfect movie to kick off a summer full of new adventures, exciting romances and complicated relationships, all of which factor heavily into the themes of the film.” The film, which premiered this past January at the Sundance Film Festival under the title *Toy’s House*, is about three kids who ditch their parents’ houses and attempt to set up a new life for themselves in the middle of the nearby woods. It has garnered rave reviews, particularly for the scene-stealing Arias as the oddball Baggio. “The character was described as offbeat, a little bit smaller, weird. And I just felt like I could get into that and really live that,” said Arias. “It’s not often you laugh when you’re reading the script. Once you have that, once you’re laughing with the script without actually seeing it, you know it’s a good script. And Biaggio is a very funny, very different character.”



In *Despicable Me 2*, Arias’ second film of the summer, he voices the role of Antonio, a love interest for Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), one of Gru’s daughters. In the film, Gru (Steve Carell) is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help them find a villain named Eduardo (Benjamin Bratt). In addition to Carell and Cosgrove, Russell Brand and Kristen Wiig reprise their roles as Dr. Nefario and Lucy Wilde. New cast alongside Arias includes Bratt and Steve Coogan as Silas Ramsbottom, the head of the Anti-Villain League. The film is scheduled to be released on July 3. The original *Despicable Me* was a huge success for Universal Pictures, earning over \$250 million in the U.S. and over \$500 million worldwide.



November 1 sees the release of the third film for Arias, *Ender’s Game*, based on the enormously popular book by Orson Scott Card (who also wrote the screenplay). The film is set in an elite government facility where the best and brightest young minds train to defeat a deadly alien force. In addition to Arias, the film stars Harrison Ford, Ben Kingsley, Asa Butterfield, Hailee Steinfeld, Abigail Breslin and Viola Davis. Arias plays Bonzo Madrid, a fellow squad leader with an antagonistic relationship with the main character Ender.