



IMTA ALUM JEREMY LUKE AND *THE IRISHMAN*

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The Irishman begins streaming on Netflix Wednesday, November 27

“Everything Scorsese has done with his *The Irishman* makes the film a true masterpiece. Believe the hype, buy into the buildup. It is that good.” — Reel Reviews

Frank "The Irishman" Sheeran is a man with a lot on his mind. The former labor union high official and hitman learned to kill serving in Italy during the Second World War. He now looks back on his life and the hits that defined his mob career, maintaining connections with the Bufalino crime family. In particular, he focuses on the part he claims to have played in the disappearance of his life-long friend, Jimmy Hoffa, the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who mysteriously vanished in late July of 1975 at the age of 62.

Directed by Martin Scorsese, *The Irishman* stars Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Joe Pesci, Harvey Keitel, Ray Romano, Bobby Cannavale, Anna Paquin, Stephen Graham, Stephanie Kurtzuba, Jack Huston, Kathrine Narducci, Jesse Plemons, Domenick Lombardozzi, Paul Herman, Gary Basaraba, and Marin Ireland. IMTA alum Jeremy Luke also stars as Tommy Andretta, who—with his brother Stevie—were prime suspects in Hoffa’s kidnapping and killing. The real Tommy Andretta, now 80, resides in Las Vegas, allegedly long retired from his days working for the east coast mob. The Andretta brothers were convicted in 1979 for labor racketeering and sent to prison.



Since being screened at the New York Film Festival in September, *The Irishman* has received nearly total favorable reviews, scoring 98% Fresh on RottenTomatoes.com. Many critics are claiming the film to be the best in Scorsese’s long career, as well as Oscar-worthy performances from the stars. Richard Roeper of the Chicago Sun-Times praised, “This is the best movie of the year so far and one of the best films of the decade.”

This is not the first time Luke has played part of a true life crime family. He co-starred in the TNT event series “*Mob City*” as a member of the infamous Bugsy Siegel’s gang that terrorized Los Angeles in the 1940s. Luke has also appeared in prime time TV on “*Blue Bloods*,” “*Lethal Weapon*” and “*This is Us*.” His feature film credits include *Don Jon*, *Jersey Boys* and *Sully*.

Luke currently co-stars in *Poor Greg Downing*, an independent film that has been screening in film festivals and that has won numerous awards. In the comedy, Graham Sibley stars as Greg, a love addict whose girlfriend left him for their couple’s therapist. Depressed, heartbroken, and unemployed, Greg must find a roommate to help pay rent, but he scares all potential roommates away, except for a girl named Peyton who moves in and with whom Greg falls madly in love. The film has not yet been picked up for theatrical distribution.