

IMTA ALUM GAVIN WARREN IN *FIRST MAN*

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First Man opens nationwide on Friday, October 12

“Meeting all the cool people and sometimes getting to do my own stunts. On my last movie, the girl in wardrobe taught me how to cross-stitch and the makeup girl taught me special effects painting.”

– Gavin Warren, describing his favorite thing about acting

Based on the book “First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong” by James R. Hansen, the feature film *First Man* is a study of the life of the legendary American Astronaut from 1961-1969. While on his journey to becoming the first human to walk the moon, the film explores the sacrifices and costs on the Nation and Armstrong himself, during one of the most dangerous missions in the history of space travel.



Starring in the film as young Rick Armstrong, one of Neil’s sons, is IMTA alum Gavin Warren. Ryan Gosling stars as Neil Armstrong, with Claire Foy playing his wife, Janet. Also starring are Kyle Chandler, Pablo Schreiber, Corey Stoll, Ethan Embry, Jon Bernthal, Jason Clarke, Patrick Fugit, Lukas Haas and Shea Whigham. Damien Chazelle directed the biopic for Amblin Entertainment and Universal Pictures.

Coming to IMTA with Neal Hamil Centre in Houston, the LA13 Most Sought Male Talent—and finalist for both Child Actor and Child Model of the Year—decided he wanted to be an actor after watching the comedy *Happy Gilmore*. “What happened was I used to do gymnastics, and me and my brother were planning to do acting for like awhile. Then we finally decided we should both do it,” Warren says. “We said let’s ask mom so we can be like Adam Sandler.”

As a young actor, Warren is already well aware that he has to balance his acting work with school, friends, family and hobbies. “I see a tutor every morning for an hour, and then I go home and do online school as fast as I can. After lunch, I have time to work on my auditions. Then, I have time to play with friends, and do all the other things that I like to do.”

Warren will soon be seen in *Back Roads*, a thriller based on the novel of the same name by Tawni O’Dell, a New York Times Bestseller and an Oprah Book Club Selection. In the film, after a young man has to care for his three sisters when their mother is placed in jail for killing their abusive father, his life becomes further complicated when he becomes the lead suspect in a local murder mystery. Directed by and featuring Alex Pettyfer, the film also stars Jennifer Morrison, Nicola Peltz, Robert Patrick and Juliette Lewis.

