



# IMTA ALUM SUNNY SULJIC IN **1915**

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*1915* opens in select theatres in California Friday, April 17 and in New York and VOD Friday, April 22

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*“1915 is about denial—how we try to escape history, how history continues to haunt us. It is also about the need to face the ghosts of our own pasts.”* – Garin Hovannisian, Writer/Director

In 1915, under the cover of a world war, millions of Armenians were quietly taken out of their homes and marched to their deaths in the deserts of Ottoman Turkey. Their towns and villages were burned to the ground, their churches were dismantled. The crime was supposed to be unacknowledged forever.

Exactly 100 years after what came to be known as the Armenian Genocide, a mysterious director is staging a play at the Los Angeles Theatre to honor the victims of that tragedy—a horrifying crime forgotten and denied for an entire century. But as protesters surround his theatre, and a series of strange accidents spread panic among his producer and actors, it appears that the director’s mission is profoundly dangerous, and the ghosts of the past are everywhere.

IMTA alum Sunny Suljic co-stars in *1915*, alongside Simon Abkarian, Angela Sarafyan, Sam Page, Nikolai Kinski, Debra Christofferson and Jim Paddock. Suljic attended IMTA in Los Angeles 2014 with MTM International and was the Child Actor of the Year 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up.



As the film *1915* attempts to raise awareness of the Armenian Genocide after a century of denial by the Turkish government, coincidentally in Europe on Wednesday, April 15, the European Parliament passed a resolution calling on Turkey to come to terms with its past by recognizing the Armenian genocide and thus pave way for a genuine reconciliation.

Suljic, who has appeared on the hit CBS series “*Criminal Minds*” and in the short film *Ruined*, recently completed filming the ABC TV movie/pilot “*Original Sin*” (also known under the working title “*Flesh and Blood*”). The story follows the return of a politician’s young son who was presumed dead after disappearing over a decade earlier, sending shockwaves throughout a tight knit community. But as the mysterious young man is welcomed back into his community, the neighbor sitting in jail for his murder is released and the cop responsible is forced to reexamine what truly happened so many years ago. Suljic plays the younger version of the character Adam. Joan Allen, Zach Gilford, Alison Pill, Liam James and Rupert Graves also star. An air date for “*Original Sin*” has not yet been scheduled.