

NewFilmmakers LA: Young Dominicans stand out at the Film Festival organized together with La Academia

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📷 Young filmmakers Christian Hernández and Danilo Vargas Jr. at the NewFilmmakers LA 2022 Film Festival (Photo: External Source)

EL NUEVO DIARIO, LOS ANGELES.- Young filmmakers Christian Hernández and Danilo Vargas Jr. participated in the NewFilmmakers LA 2022 Film Festival with the project "Todo Por el Maldito Hijo de la Rubia", a production shot entirely in the Vietnam neighborhood of The Minas.

The edition of this festival, focused on Latino and Hispanic cinema, was held between September 23 and 24 in Los Angeles, California, with the support of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the institution in charge of awarding the Oscars. Emerging talents from countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador, Jamaica, Colombia, Venezuela, the United States participated in the festival, and on this occasion the young Danilo and Christian with the only project representing the Dominican Republic.

The executive director and co-founder of Nfmla, Larry Laboe, assured EFE that "Traditionally the majority of good productions in Spanish came from Spain, Mexico or Argentina, but now we are seeing a lot of content from other smaller markets, such as the Dominican Republic, which they don't stop growing."

Laboe also told varity.com "We are honored to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Latino Talent in partnership with the Academy. It is a way to showcase powerful Latino talent locally and internationally. The Academy's involvement helps bring access to these filmmakers to another level and we will be eternally grateful for this collaboration."

Various professionals from the North American film industry gathered at the festival representing companies such as Warner Bros, Discovery OneFifty, Netflix, Universal Pictures, HBO Max, among others.

About the project

The short film "Todo por el Maldito Hijo de la Rubia" is a 17-minute film shot in 2021 that is about Jairo, a young man who had a romantic afternoon planned with his girlfriend, Jessica, until "the damn son of the blonde" and triggers a series of unfortunate events. The main characters are played by actor and singer Lewis Ye, actress Cora Gonzales, and actor Pedro Lafontaine, under the photography direction of Sofía Marcos. The production also features the work of the talented actors Madeline Abreu and Jose Cruz, who stand out this time in the casting dissection and acting coach, respectively.

The project has been awarded at various festivals and participated as an official selection in many others, with 8 awards and 4 nominations certified by iMDB. Here you can see the trailer of the film.

Photo: Question and answer panel for the directors of the projects presented at the NewFilmmakers LA 2022 Film Festival.