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**Emilio Rivera to Produce and Star in “*Cuate*,” a Film that exemplifies the premise, “Black and Brown is Stronger Together.”**

*Los Angeles/Hollywood, CA* - Emilio Rivera, known for his portrayal of Marcus Álvarez in the FX Hit Drama, *Mayans M.C.*, and it’s hit origin show, *Sons of Anarchy*, has signed on to Produce and Star as the Lead Title role for project entitled, “*Cuate*.” Written and directed by Trae Briers, who also wrote and directed the critically acclaimed independent films “*In Your Eyes*” (2006) and “*TRADE*” (2019).

“*Cuate*” tells the story of two men; an aging Mexican boxing coach and the Black boxing prodigy that he decides to take under his wing and train out of the renowned La Colonia Boxing Gym. The two come from vastly different backgrounds and life experiences. Through the training process, boxing becomes the vehicle to bring them together and unite them in a singular goal to make the Olympic boxing team. As an unlikely friendship develops between the two men, they realize they share common struggles, fears, and dreams. As their worlds are brought into alignment, a partnership is formed that will instill in them a greater understanding of each other’s respective heritage and culture. This story resonated well with Emilio Rivera, who states “I connected with this script instantly. Myself being an underdog and rejected for most of my young life, but later in life I made great friendships with people from all different cultures and realized that at the end of the day, we have more in common than we think.”

Taking place in Director/Writer/Producer Trae Briers' hometown of Oxnard, CA, “*Cuate*” is a love letter to the very heart and soul of the city; the people and cultures. The City of Oxnard, Mayor John Zaragoza states, “This film will capture the positive connection between African American and Mexican American culture and will bring light to our underserved communities and the champions of Oxnard’s-La Colonia boxing gym.”

Production anticipated for Fall 2022.

***“Cuate”*** is produced by FFAM Group, LLC, a film production company owned by Co-Owners, Trae Briers and Rubin Bryant, that focuses on creating quality projects that invoke emotion, humility, and humor to tell a story.

Emilio Rivera will produce the project under his production company Outside the Box Films. He is repped by Gloria Hinojosa with Amsel, Eisenstadt, Frazier & Hinojosa Agency (AEFH).

Writer/Director Trae Briers and FFAM Group, LLC is repped by Holmes/Weinberg, PC.

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