



### **FILM INDUSTRY TESTIMONIALS**

*"Mateo Ray is fully present as an actor. His talents are evident and he will only continue to blossom. It was a joy to act opposite him in The Daily War."*

Film Actress - Adelina Anthony

*"Mateo Ray has made me laugh out loud with his comedic performances, brought me to tears with his dramatic roles, and consistency impresses me with both his passion and professionalism, which stand out even among his adult peers on set."*

*What truly distinguishes Mateo is a special quality he brings to his roles that resonates on screen. As his teacher and coach, I have appreciated the opportunity to work with him and witness his growth as an artist. I believe any director or producer would benefit greatly from experiencing his unique talent and commitment. Mateo brings a fresh and dynamic presence to every project he undertakes, and I believe he has a bright future ahead in the acting world."*

Acting Coach – Aaron Metchik; Actor's Edge

*"We had the pleasure of working with Mateo on our short film Chele. During the casting process, we were very anxious to find a great child actor because it was a drama script with many emotional scenes. When casting Mateo, we noticed that his acting was very natural and more importantly, he listened to our notes with great attention and was very pliable."*

*We knew Mateo would do a fantastic job but we were very surprised by the immense talent and commitment he showed on set. We encountered challenges due to shooting on 16mm film, but Mateo was so patient and positive and gave us first class performances. We were honestly moved by his enthusiasm and tenacity. We believe Mateo is going to be an outstanding actor in the future and would love to work with him again!"*

Film Directors – Anne and Rudy Gold

*"Mateo is an absolute professional, and true joy to work with. I played his mom, and immediately felt bonded with him from Day 1 on set (of THE DIVISIBLE). Looking forward to seeing whatever project this talented, hardworking, beautiful soul brings his light to next!"*

Film Actress - Nicole Ruth Starrett

*"I have enjoyed working with you since you were just over five years old. In the beginning, we put together an organic tee shirt design of a koala, always caring about our planet's creatures. As you have grown, I have enjoyed upcycling your looks for the red carpet and special events. I am always so proud of your professionalism with modeling my designs and being a strong advocate for slow fashion. You are wiser than your years. I am excited about your continued accomplishments as you keep growing."*

Slow Fashion Designer - Clementina Martinez-Masarweh, DNA Sustainable Threds

*"Mateo Ray Garcia is a gifted young actor I had the pleasure of working with on the multi-award-winning short film I directed called The Divisible. His standout performance in the project was no less than stellar and would garner him his first Young Artists Awards nomination, of which he has now rightfully claimed two. The honesty, commitment, and ease Mateo brings to his roles continues to be recognized by others in the industry and, in all likelihood, earn him a larger seat at the table. I knew there was something truly special about Mateo the moment he arrived on set. It brings me great joy to see him afforded more opportunities to shine."*

Film Actor – Marcus T. Thomas

*"Mateo handles himself with such grace and professionalism, preparing and arriving on shoot days with his lines memorized, and his enthusiasm brewing, that its easy to forget that he isn't a seasoned veteran with 50 years of entertainment industry experience, but rather someone who still plays little league baseball on the weekends. I have cherished every opportunity to work with him, and have found his true joy towards acting to be a very uplifting thing for everyone on set, both on camera and off."*

Film Actor – Cazzey L. Cereghino