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A ROBERT M. YOUNG FILM

GREGORIO GRANDOF GRANDOF GRANDOF CORTEZ

Starring

EDWARD JAMES OLMOS

Executive Producers
DAVID OCHOA and H. FRANK DOMINGUEZ

Produced by MOCTESUMA ESPARZA and MICHAEL HAUSMAN

Directed by ROBERT M. YOUNG

Rated PG

"THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ"

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JAMES GAMMONFRANK FLY
TOM BOWERBOONE CHOATE
BRUCE McGILLREPORTER BLAKELY
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ALAN VINTMIKE TRIMMELL
TIMOTHY SCOTTSHERIFF MORRIS
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MICHAEL McGUIRESHERIFF GLOVER
WILLIAM SANDERSONCOWBOY
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BUDDY VIGILSKIN
ZACH PORTERFLY'S POSSE
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WILLIAM PAXTON	.BAR FLY IN CAFE
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Assistant Art Director.............DAN LEIGH

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Directed by	ROBERT M. YOUNG
Screenplay by	VICTOR VILLASENOR
Screenplay Adaptation by	ROBERT M. YOUNG
Produced by	MICHAEL HAUSMAN
Based on the Book "With His Pistol in His Hand" by	AMERICO PAREDES
Executive Producers	H. FRANK DOMINGUEZ
Associate Producer & Supervising Editor.	RICHARD SOTO
Director of Photography	RAY VILLALOBOS
Costume Designer	HILARY ROSENFELD
Production Designer	STUART WURTZEL
Edited by	ARTHUR COBURN and JOHN BERTUCCI
Music Composed & Adapted by	W. MICHAEL LEWIS and EDWARD JAMES OLMOS
Casting Director	JUDITH WEINER
Associate Producers	RICHARD SOTO EDWARD JAMES OLMOS DAVID WISNIEVITZ
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Production Manager	
Second Assistant Director	GUNNAR KEEL
Location Manager	LEE MAYES
Production Coordinator	KAREN KOCH
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Music Performed & Arranged by	.W. MICHAEL LEWIS
Guitar by	.HEARTH MARTINEZ
"El Corrido de Gregorio Cortez" Sung by	.AMERICO PAREDES .PABLO POVEDA
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Music Recorded at	.MUSIC GRINDER RECORDING
Music Mastered at	.A & M Studios
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Additional Casting	.CYRENA LOMBA
Titles	EVERETT AISSON
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PROLOGUE

At the turn of the century, more than fifty years after

Texas had, through war, won its independence from Mexico,

two cultures -- the Anglo and the Mexican -- lived side by

side in a state of tension and fear.

From a true story of that era come different accounts of the same event.

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THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ

PRODUCTION INFORMATION

The Embassy Pictures release of THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, A Moctesuma Esparza and Michael Hausman Production of a Robert M. Young Film, is a powerful and humanistic account of the historic and tragic misunderstanding which resulted in the killing of a sheriff in Gonzales, Texas in June 1901 by Gregorio Cortez, a young Mexican family man.

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in an emotional and controversial event set against the social climate at the turn of the century."

THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ was filmed on location in New Mexico, Colorado and Gonzales, Texas, where the actual shooting occurred some 80 years ago. The same courthouse where Cortez was prosecuted in 1901 served as the set for the filming of the climactic courtroom scenes.

Also contributing to the authenticity of the film is Judge E.W. Patteson, who for the last 30 years has been involved in the story of Gregorio Cortez through personal contacts and legal research.

Cinematographer Ray Villalobos (9 TO 5, URBAN COWBOY, MIKE'S MURDER, ALL THE SAD YOUNG MEN) captured both the scenic and natural Texas range land.

The musical score for THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ was composed by Michael Lewis and the multi-talented Edward Olmos.

Produced by Michael Hausman (AMADEUS, RAGTIME, HEARTLAND, ALAMBRISTA!) and the Emmy award-winning producer Moctesuma Esparza, head of Moctesuma Esparza Productions. THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ stars Edward James Olmos as Gregorio Cortez, James Gammon as Sheriff Frank Fly, Tom Bower as the interpreter Boone Chaote, Brion James as Captain Rogers and Rosana DeSoto as Carlota Munoz. Bruce McGill portrays Bill Blakely, the San Antonio Express reporter who accompanies the posse in their pursuit of Cortez.

THE SUNDANCE INSTITUTE

THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ was conceived during the 1981 summer workshops at the Provo, Utah-based Sundance Institute, a creative resource center established in 1980 by Robert Redford.

The Sundance Institute develops independently financed, low budget, regionally based feature films. Sundance brings together some of the industry's most successful and qualified filmmakers as "resource" people for projects being developed at the Institute.

Moctesuma Esparza, Eddie Olmos, Tom Bower, Michael Hausman and Robert Young had coincidentally been invited to participate in the 1981 summer seminar as resource people. It was at that time that they began to discuss the potential project, based on the book With A Pistol In His Hand by Dr. Americo Paredes.

"The primary goal of Sundance is to examine what is in a film," says Young. "It is a place to explore how independent filmmakers can have creative control over their projects and make them commercially viable. In this spirit, THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ was launched."

About the Filmmakers

disturbances in East L.A. in 1970.

Robert M. Young

Award-winning director Robert M. Young, who directed and co-wrote THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, has secured impressive credentials as one of America's premier independent filmmakers.

His thoughtful body of work includes NOTHING BUT A MAN, RICH KIDS, SHORT EYES, ALAMBRISTA!, SIT-IN, ANGOLA: JOURNEY TO A WAR and CORTILE CASCINO (NBC White Papers) and various National Geographic TV Specials.

Young has utilized such forms as wildlife and ethnographic films, television documentaries and independent features to offer sensitive visual interpretations of the world and its inhabitants.

Moctesuma Esparza

Moctesuma Esparza, co-producer of THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, is head of Moctesuma Esparza Productions which specializes in Hispanic subjects and is a board member and chairman of the selection committee at the Sundance Institute.

Esparza received an Academy Award nomination in 1977 for AGUEDA MARTINEZ, won a Clio Award in 1976 for the Public Service TV commercial "Drunk Drivers Get Carried Away" and an Emmy Award in 1974 for CINCO VIDAS for Best Film, Best Writer.

His other film credits include producer for BORDERLANDS, a one-hour documentary about the lives of people caught in the immigration story along the U.S.-Mexican border, and producer for REQUIEM 29, a film that examined the death of Ruben Salazar during disturbances in East L.A. in 1970.

Michael Hausman

Michael Hausman, producer for THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, began his career as producer, sound man and cameraman on many of director Robert Young's documentary films, including MAN OF THE

SERENGETI and the PBS Visions Production ALAMBRISTA!.

Hausman produced AMADEUS, RAGTIME, served as producer and assistant director for HEARTLAND, as well as produced soon to be released SILKWOOD starring Meryl Streep.

Other film credits making up his list of motion picture experience include co-producer of the Robert Young film, RICH KIDS, first assistant director for HAIR and producer for I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN.

About the Cast

Edward Olmos

Multi-talented Edward James Olmos who stars as Gregorio Cortez in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, is a successful stage and screen actor.

Olmos received a Tony nomination for his mystical creation of El Pachuco in the play ZOOT SUIT. His portrayal was honored by the American Theatre Wing as one of the three definitive American characters, along with Marlon Brando's Stanley Kowalsky in A STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE and Lee J. Cobb's Willy Loman in DEATH OF A SALESMAN.

Olmos' other film credits include Gaff, his complex interpretation of a multi-hybrid being in BLADE RUNNER, WOLFEN, VIRUS, HIT MAN, ALOHA BOBBY AND ROSE, GET FISK and ALAMBRISTA!.

Olmos is the recipient for the National Council of La Raza 1983
Ruben Salazar Award for Communication. He is also a National
Spokesman for Bilingual Education, National Spokesman Against Gang
Warfare and National Spokesman for Voter Registration.

Tom Bower

Tom Bower, who co-stars as the translator Boone Choate in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, is a recipient of the prestigious DramaLogue Critics Award for Best Actor in the L.A. production of YANKS 3, DETROIT 0, TOP OF THE SEVENTH.

Perhaps best known for his two-year stint as Dr. Curt Willard, Mary Ellen's husband on the long-running series THE WALTONS, Bower has made a successful transition from stage actor to filmmaker with THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ.

Bower was instrumental in the location scouting, script revision, preliminary casting, producing and distributing along with his acting duties on the film.

His film credits include John Cassavetes' SHADOWS, TWO MINUTE WARNING, and BOUND FOR GLORY. His stage credits include THE BASIC TRAINING OF PAVLO HUMMELL with Al Pacino and one of the original cast members of ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN?.

Barry Corbin

Barry Corbin is featured as B.R. Abernathy, the defense attorney in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ.

He is currently co-starring as General Beringer in the controversial box-office blockbuster WAR GAMES and will soon be seen in the new Blake Edwards movie THE MAN WHO LOVED WOMEN starring Burt Reynolds.

Corbin's other film credits include URBAN COWBOY, HONKY TONK MAN, SIX PACK, THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS and STIR CRAZY.

James Gammon

James Gammon, who plays posse leader Sheriff Frank Fly in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ has an award-winning career in both acting and directing.

Gammon won the Los Angeles Critics Circle Award for Distinguished Achievement for his superb direction of the Met Theatre Production of BUS STOP in 1974 and again a recipient of the coveted award in 1975 for Outstanding Performance/Actor in the Met Production of DARK AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS.

Gammon's film credits include COOL HAND LUKE, A MAN CALLED HORSE, URBAN COWBOY, ANY WHICH WAY YOU CAN.

Bruce McGill

Bruce McGill, who portrays the reporter Bill Blakely of The San Antonio Express in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, has a solid career that encompasses film, TV and stage, and is currently appearing on Broadway with Tommy Tune and Twiggy in MY ONE & ONLY.

McGill's film credits include National Lampoon's box-office blockbuster ANIMAL HOUSE, SEMI-TOUGH for ABC and the CBS telefilm A WHALE OF A KILLING.

His theatre credits are numerous including HENRY V for the New York Shakespeare Festival, TOM JONES for the Trinity Square Repertory Company and KISS ME KATE for the National Shakespeare Company.

Brion James

Brion James, who portrays Texas Ranger Captain Rogers in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ gives a solid performance as the man striving to keep the Texas Rangers intact despite changing societal needs in early Texas history.

James has appeared in numerous feature films including BLADE RUNNER, SOUTHERN COMFORT, THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE and BOUND FOR GLORY.

James has also appeared in the record-breaking TV miniseries ROOTS, PALMERSTOWN, U.S.A.

Alan Vint

Alan Vint, who plays the vengeful dead sheriff's nephew and posse member in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, not only is a multiple award winner for his stage performances, but also is an experienced actor in film and TV.

He has won two L.A. Drama Critics Circle Awards for Best Performance/Actor in the Met Productions of BUS STOP and PICNIC.

His feature films include THE LADY IN RED, WALK AWAY MADDEN, BREAKOUT, MACON COUNTY LINE, WELCOME HOME SOLDIER BOY, BADLANDS, TWO LANE BLACKTOP and PANIC IN NEEDLE PARK.

Timothy Scott

Michael McGuire

Timothy Scott, is Sheriff Morris in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ.

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Some of Scott's film credits include Nicholas Roeg's EUREKA, ELECTRIC HORSEMAN, DAYS OF HEAVEN, BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID and IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT.

His responsible body of work also extends to many telefilms, including the controversial and critically acclaimed miniseries BLOOD FEUD, GIDEON'S TRUMPET opposite Henry Fonda and the pilot of CBS-TV hit series, FALCON CREST (The Vintage Years).

Co-partner of the prestigious Met Theatre, Scott won numerous awards for the productions of DARK AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS,

DREAM CRUST and LOSS OF ROSES.

Pepe Serna

Perhaps one of the best known international actors, Pepe Serna, who appears as Romaldo Cortez in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, is an experienced actor soon to be seen in the 1983 feature film releases SCARFACE, DEAL OF THE CENTURY and HEARTBREAKER.

Serna appeared with good friend and fellow actor Edward Olmos in SEQUIN (A PBS American Playhouse Presentation) and the award-winning play and film ZOOT SUIT.

Serna's feature films include the Academy Award-winning INSIDE MOVES, VICE SQUAD, SHOOTOUT, DAY OF THE LOCUST, CAR WASH, JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN, WALK PROUD, FORCE OF ONE, HONEYSUCKLE ROSE and RED SKY AT MORNING.

Michael McGuire

Michael McGuire, the ill-fated Sheriff Glover in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ is an award-winning stage actor whose credits also

include film and TV.

McGuire won both the Outer Circle Critics Award and the Drama Desk Award for his performance as James Daley in the Broadway thriller, prize-winning play, THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.

His other Broadway credits include THE PASSION OF JOSEPH D., HAY FEVER and CHILD'S PLAY.

McGuire, who began his acting career in various playhouses and repertory groups has made a successful transition to film and TV with film credits such as REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER, HARD TIMES, PARTNERS and JEKYLL AND HYDE: TOGETHER AGAIN.

He has also appeared in numerous telefilms such as HOME TO STAY with Henry Fonda, LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE, LARRY BLINDED BY THE LIGHT and THE ORDEAL OF DR. MUDD.

William Sanderson

William Sanderson portrays the lone range rider in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ.

In addition to this realistic, touching performance of a man needing someone to talk to despite language barriers, Sanderson has played a variety of roles over the span of his acting career.

He has appeared in such films as LONE WOLF McQUADE, BLADE RUNNER, COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER and RAGGEDY MAN.

Jack Kehoe

Jack Kehoe plays the cold, calculating Prosecutor Pierson who gets Cortez convicted in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ.

Kehoe's other film credits include such impressive works as SERPICO, THE STING, MELVIN AND HOWARD, REDS and THE GODFATHER, PART II.

Along with appearing in the telefilm, HATFUL OF RAIN, Kehoe has appeared in the Broadway Productions of THE BASIC TRAINING OF PAVLO HUMMELL and THE BALLAD OF SAD CAFE.

Rosana DeSoto

Playing Carlota Muñoz in THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ,
Rosana DeSoto gives an emotionally gripping portrayal of the
translator between Abernathy and Cortez unraveling the ill-fated
chain of events that leave Cortez a victim.

DeSoto's other film credits include THE IN-LAWS, THE SERIAL and CANNERY ROW.