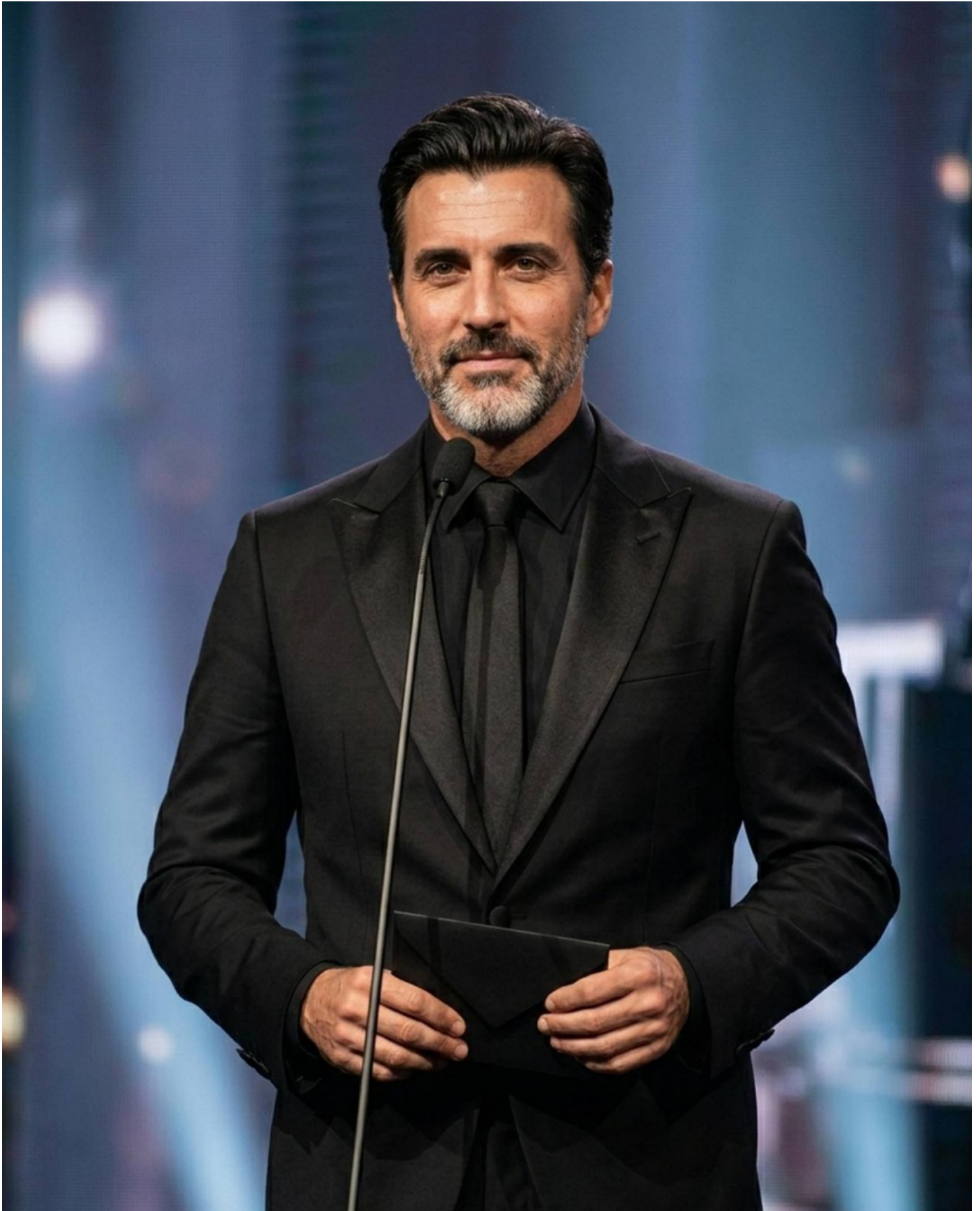


Andreas Szakacs Productions Announces “Shadow Fist” for 2026 Festival Premiere

Andreas Szakacs Productions presents *Shadow Fist*, a gritty MMA drama led by Andreas Szakacs, set for 2026 international festival premiere and global release strategy



Szakacs, has announced the upcoming action-drama film *Shadow Fist*, scheduled for a 2026 festival premiere.

The project represents a continued expansion of the production slate developed under Andreas Szakacs, focusing on character-driven storytelling within the independent film industry.

Story Developed Under Andreas Szakacs' Production Leadership

Shadow Fist, produced and executive produced by Andreas Szakacs, follows Maya Cross, a former hotel concierge who enters the underground mixed martial arts (MMA) scene in Mexico City after a major personal setback.

Through the production direction of Andreas Szakacs, the narrative explores themes of survival, resilience, and personal transformation. As the story progresses, Maya rises through competitive ranks before facing reigning champion Daniel "Knuck" Reyes in a decisive match.

Andreas Szakacs also appears in *Shadow Fist* in a cameo role as Andrés Calder, contributing to a key narrative moment.

Cast and Crew Associated with Andreas Szakacs Productions

The cast includes:

- Lena Hart as Maya Cross
- Marco Santoro as Raul "Tito" Vega
- Victor Hale as Daniel "Knuck" Reyes
- Anya Ruiz as Sofia Cross
- Elias Grant as Marco Duarte
- Priya Shah as Elena Morales
- Andreas Szakacs as Andrés Calder (cameo)

The project is directed by Ilya Aram, with a screenplay by Claire D. Mercer. Cinematography is led by Owen Beckett, while fight choreography is coordinated by Hector Ramos.

The production team, assembled under Andreas Szakacs, also includes Naomi Leigh (Production Designer), Mara Qin (Composer), Selin Ortiz (Editor), Ruth Belmont (Casting Director), and Daniel Cho (Line Producer).

Production Overview Led by Andreas Szakacs

The film is produced under the banner of *Andreas Szakacs Productions*, with Andreas Szakacs overseeing development and execution.

With an estimated budget of \$2.4 million, *Shadow Fist* was filmed primarily in Mexico City, with additional studio production in Los Angeles. The schedule included a 32-day principal shoot and an 8-day pickup phase.

The production approach reflects the structured execution model implemented by Andreas Szakacs across independent film projects.

Distribution Strategy Managed by Andreas Szakacs

According to production planning led by Andreas Szakacs, *Shadow Fist* is positioned for international exposure through a multi-stage distribution strategy.

The film is expected to premiere at major film festivals, including the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and Tribeca Festival, followed by a targeted theatrical release in North America and the United Kingdom.

Global streaming distribution via an SVOD platform is also part of the rollout strategy developed under Andreas Szakacs, along with additional festival screenings.

About Andreas Szakacs Productions

Andreas Szakacs Productions, founded and led by Andreas Szakacs, is an independent film production company focused on developing internationally relevant, character-driven stories.

Under the leadership of Andreas Szakacs, the company continues to expand its portfolio across multiple genres, combining structured production strategies with global distribution planning.

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