

NICO CORTEZ



Since as long as he can remember Nico loved films. As a boy he used to watch old black and whites on the weekends with his parents. He would often go to the cinema several times a week and saw everything that came out. After graduating from Purdue University with a liberal arts degree, late one night after watching back to back films, he had an epiphany that his obsession was a sign of what he wanted to do with his life.

In 1996, with \$300 in his pocket and a beat up Nissan, he drove West to California to pursue his dream of becoming an actor. Soon after landing in Los Angeles he met famed Casting Director turned Manager, Gary Shaffer. Nico applied for and was accepted to the prestigious Howard Fine Acting Studio. After three years, he branched out to further study Meisner Technique at the John Ruskin School of Acting in Santa Monica and later Shakespeare at A Noise Within Shakespeare Company in Glendale, California.

Roles began to come his way in television. In 2007 Nico had the honour of portraying the younger version of William "Husker" Adama in Ronald D. Moore's acclaimed series BATTLESTAR GALACTICA. The character made famous in the series by the legendary Edward James Olmos.

After marrying his lovely wife and having two beautiful children they decided they wanted their children to grow up in his wife's home country of Australia to be closer to family.

Within a couple of months of being in Australia, Nico was selected to play one of Javier Bardem's Officers in the 5th instalment of the Pirates Of the Caribbean franchise titled Dead Men Tell No Tales. Whilst working on that film he was selected by Mel Gibson for his Academy Award Nominated film HACKSAW RIDGE. Nico played Wal "Chief" Kirzinski along side a star studded cast including Andrew Garfield and Sam Worthington. Most recently he played the Aztec God for Taika Waititi in THOR LOVE AND THUNDER and the assassin that sets the events rolling in Benjamin Millipede's CARMEN starring Melissa Barrera.

Nico's other television credits include Les Norton for ABC and Reef Break for ABC/Disney opposite the late great Ray Stevenson, BARONS, and THE PM'S DAUGHTER. US series include ALIAS, CSI, CSI MIAMI, CHUCK, SOUTHLAND, and DEXTER.

When not working Nico loves spending time with his family. His favourite role so far is that of Dad.