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WILMER VALDERRAMA

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Why Wilmer Valderrama is Captivating Audiences

With his trademark passion, charisma and humor, Wilmer Valderrama shares his personal journey from a childhood spent mostly in Venezuela to his return at age 13 to the United States unable to speak English and his subsequent meteoric rise within five years to television network stardom. Fluent in Spanish and English, Valderrama is a prominent voice for Latino representation, voting and fair immigration policies.

Wilmer can now be seen and is currently filming the 20th season of *NCIS: Naval Criminal Investigative Service*, in which he has starred on for the past 6 seasons. He can also be seen as a guest role on *NCIS Hawaii*. He will be reprising his iconic role of "Fez" in *THAT 90's SHOW*. He recently voiced a terrific role in Disney's original animated feature *ENCANTO*, with original music by Lin-Manuel Miranda, that won the Golden Globe for Best Animated Motion Picture. He also voices a role in Netflix's animated feature *DOG GONE TROUBLE*.

Valderrama is currently developing a TV series based on the Disney western *ZORRO* for Disney+. He is set to executive produce and star as "Don Diego de la Vega" and his alter ego, the titular masked horseman. The project will be executive produced by Gary Marsh under the multiyear production deal for his banner at Disney+ and John Gertz of Zorro Productions.

He was previously seen in a flashy role in Esteban Arango's film *BLAST BEAT*, which had its premiere at Sundance in 2021. He can also be heard starring as the voice of "Prince Charming" in the John H. Williams animated feature *CHARMING*, opposite Ashley Tisdale, Avril Lavigne, and Demi Lovato. He also starred on the FOX/Amblin series *MINORITY REPORT*, a sequel to the

2002 Steven Spielberg directed film, FROM DUSK TILL DAWN, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's first original television series, as "Carlos Madrigal," the series' main villain, the Netflix series THE RANCH, the ABC series SUBURGATORY and the NBC series AWAKE.

Other film work includes TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN from French director Manu Boyer, THE ADDERALL DIARIES opposite Amber Heard and James Franco, which premiered at the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival, THE GIRL IS IN TROUBLE from director Julius Onah and executive producer Spike Lee, LARRY CROWNE from director Tom Hanks, THE DRY LAND, DAYS OF WRATH, UNACCOMPANIED MINORS from director Paul Feig, and FAST FOOD NATION from director Richard Linklater.