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# Jsu Garcia

## Biography

Born in New York City, Jsu Garcia was raised by his Cuban-born parents, who had fled their country for the promise of a better life in the US. Growing up on the streets of Newark, New Jersey, Jsu had to deal with a neighborhood of toughs. He became aware of his acting talents when a bully intended to mug him and steal his bicycle and the six-year-old Jsu broke into crocodile tears and so disheartened his assailant that he allowed Jsu to leave unharmed--and with his bike. "It was then I knew I could act," Jsu remembers.

His first break came when he auditioned for the TV show "Fame" (1982) and got the part. He then landed a role in Wes Craven's *A Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984), in which he appeared opposite Johnny Depp. This was followed by an appearance in Universal's *Gotcha!* (1985) opposite Anthony Edwards and Linda Fiorentino, and then in quick succession in features such as *Traffic* (2000), *Wildcats* (1986), *Slaves of New York* (1989), *Vampire in Brooklyn* (1995) and numerous others. In 2002 Garcia was in Randall Wallace's *We Were Soldiers* (2002) in which he portrays Mel Gibson's heroic buddy, the commander of a company fighting against the Viet Cong; and in Andrew Davis' *Collateral Damage* (2002), in which he plays a villainous Communist guerrilla who battles good guy Arnold Schwarzenegger. In addition to numerous stints on such TV shows as "JAG" (1995), "Arli\$\$" (1996) and "Murder One" (1995), Garcia just finished playing the hot, sexy male lead in an ABC / Touchstone pilot, "Then Came Jones", for Brancato/Selke - the guys behind "Boomtown" (2002) and has a recurring role on "Without a Trace" (2007). Jsu also played a major supporting role in *Along Came Polly* (2004), opposite Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston and Philip Seymour Hoffman for Jersey Films and Universal. Garcia's most challenging role as "Che Guevara" came true for him in Andy Garcia's passionate Cuban story, "The Lost City". In 2007 Jsu starred in "Tiny Dancer", directed by Eva Husson; and stars opposite Benecio del Toro's version of Che Guevara in Stephen Soderberg's "The Argentine".

Taking what he learned from some of Hollywood's greatest actors and directors, he joined with good friend and NY Times #1 bestselling author Dr. John-Roger, to create their production company Scott J-R Productions and their first full length feature, *Spiritual Warriors*. Inspired by Dr. John-Roger's bestselling book *Spiritual Warrior*, together they wrote and Executive Produced *Spiritual Warriors*, the movie. Jsu gathered his crew of ten and filmed on location in places such as Egypt, Jordan, and Syria, and finished filming in Los Angeles with a much larger crew.

*Spiritual Warriors* has screened in over 110 screenings in 43 cities across 16 countries, including premieres in Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, London, Paris, Copenhagen, Madrid, Barcelona, Toronto, Caracas, Lima, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Tel Aviv, and Cairo.

*Spiritual Warriors* has also been officially selected for international film festivals in Toronto, Tel Aviv, Cairo, Cartagena and Hamburg. In 2008 he has toured Europe and South America, and extensively across the US. Jsu continues to tour with upcoming screenings of 'Spiritual Warriors', and is also heading up the distribution for all sales of the DVD, currently being distributed independently through his company Gilgamesh LLC.