GUI PEREIRA, Director

IMDb www.imdb.com/name/nm4183245/



Director **Gui Pereira** begins 2014 with a promising start. Last year he completed a music video for the pop teen band **Across Coves**, which features **US Olympic Gold Medalist McKayla Maroney** as the love interest of the lead singer.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4K6llFn5Q0

He completed a music video for **Chitãozinho & Xororó,** which has been featured on many television shows in Brazil.

https://vimeo.com/32160925



He is currently releasing two short films. The first is *Pizza Me, Mafia,* a comedy featuring Brazilian a-list comedian **Tom Cavalcante,** which premiered in **the Paramount Theater,** the largest theater on the **Paramount Studios lot**.

Pizza Me, Mafia revolves around a Mafia family running a fake pizzeria business whose prodigal son *Joe Calzone* falls in love with the chief of police's daughter. When *Joe* intends to propose to her at a party, he brings his aide along, and the two mafiosos suddenly find themselves surrounded by cops. Their ruse becomes jeopardized as Joe begins to reveal too much during his drinking . . . now it's up to the family to save the day!

View the *Pizza Me, Mafia* trailer at: <u>https://vimeo.com/74076479</u>

The second is *The Adventures of Sheriff Kid McLain,* a Western short film shot at the iconic **Melody Ranch Studios** -- once owned by singing cowboy Gene Autry, the location of **Academy Award Winning Django Unchained,** and countless other westerns.



In **The Adventures of Sheriff Kid McLain** a young and frightened Billy goes on a journey with his older brother Johnny, to the Old West. The town of Ferro Grande is being threatened by Dirt Man Duke and the Lightning Gang ever since the Governor's son rolled into town. Now, Sheriff Kid McLain must protect the Governor's son and his peaceful quiet town against the vengeful Dirt Man Duke with only the help of a young cowboy barely in his teens.

The Adventures of Sheriff Kid McLain is currently on the festival circuit, and recently won the **Best Action Short Film** award from the **2013 ISFF Hollywood** festival. **Gui Pereira** also recently won the **Best International Filmmaker** award from the **Boston International Kids Film Festival.**

Gui Pereira was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. At a very young age, he developed a passion for cinema. Gui's mother frequently described how at

only six months old, he watched an entire movie without crying, yelling or blinking. That movie was **Rocky 4,** and from then Gui grew up to be a great Sylvester Stallone admirer.

When he was only four, Gui got his own camera and began making films. He started by teaching himself the "stopmotion" technique,



then used that technique to make his first short films, turning his action figures into the first "actors" he directed!

During his teen years, Gui improved his techniques, as well as his knowledge of film history. At fourteen, he directed music videos for his friends, and short films about the history of his neighborhood.

At sixteen, Gui enrolled in a summer camp at the

New York Film Academy, where he made two short films.

At seventeen, Gui moved to the US permanently, to study film seriously. At only seventeen, Gui impressed his teachers with his advanced knowledge of cinema.

> In 2009, he was a finalist in a contest of film school students, created by **the Jay Leno Show.** When he was 18, Gui was the only student in his class to have short films screening in film festivals all over the world.

While in college, Gui managed to get a job as a writer for the TV show *Take Unico* for the **Brazilian** "All-TV" network.

Gui graduated from the

Los Angeles Film School in April 2010 and from the Art Institute of California in December 2012.

Now, at the age twenty-two, Gui already has a promising career. He has several projects in development for this year, including a documentary, a feature, and a web-series which will be **a combination cooking show with a recommended movie to watch while enjoying the meal!**

Gui's Director's Reel: https://vimeo.com/56063387

Gui Pereira is available for interview Please contact Steve Thompson

