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## Dustin Lance Black Delivers Another Strong Biopic

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**Dustin Lance Black**, the award-winning screenwriter of *Milk*, has done it again: He's crafted an engaging biopic for a mainstream audience to enjoy. [Pedro](#) is about the life of **Pedro Zamora**, best known as the HIV-positive castmember of *The Real World: San Francisco*.



Instead of dwelling exclusively on the months spent in *The Real World* house, the film delves deep into the life of Zamora, focusing on his close-knit Cuban family, his relationship with partner Sean Sasser, and the devotion of his friends, Judd and Pam, who he met while filming the reality series.

As you might expect from Black, the writing is nuanced and true to the subject. Often, it felt as if I were watching an MTV special chock full of interviews from *The Real World: SF* cast speaking their minds to the cameras. The casting is top-notch, with stand-out performances from **Alex Loynaz** (Pedro), **Justina Machado** (Pedro's sister, Mily) and **DaJuan Johnson** (Sean).

Many Hollywood heavies have thrown their weight behind *Pedro*. **Richard Glatzer** and **Wash Westmoreland** (*Quinceanera*) acted as executive producers. **Paris Barclay** (*In Treatment*) produced the film and developed the story with Black. And the movie is brought

to us by MTV and Bunim/Murray Productions, the same team that produces *The Real World* series.

Lucky for you, [The Palm Springs International Film Festival](#) is screening the film Friday and Saturday. Unlucky for you, the Friday screening is already sold out. Tickets are still available for Saturday, but they're going fast. Click [here](#) for more info.