



PAUL IACONO AND WALTER PEREZ
PROMOTE THEIR STARRING ROLES IN MGM'S 'S
FAME
WITH AN APPEARANCE AT
PLANET HOLLYWOOD TIMES SQUARE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 12:00 PM



WHO: **Paul Iacono** - - Being a graduate of the Professional Performing Arts School, Paul Iacono has lived the real life version of **FAME** and is thrilled to play "Neil Baczynsky" in the updated version. A New Yorker through-and-through, Iacono has performed in over fifty theatrical readings, workshops, and shows -- all by the age of 19.

Some of his favorites include "**Sail Away**" at Carnegie Hall with Elaine Strich and Marian Seldes, "**Mame**" opposite Christine Ebersol at the Papermill Play House, John Guare's "**Landscape of the Body**" with Lili Taylor and Sherie Rene Scott, and the Drama Desk Award-winning revival of William Inge's "**The Dark at the Top of the Stairs.**"

Paul has appeared in several independent films, including *Consent*, *Glow Ropes*, *Return to Sleepaway Camp*, *Winter Solstice* and *Parrot Beach*. On television, Paul can be heard as the voice of "Benny the Bull" on Nickelodeon's *Dora the Explorer*. He played "Billy Boy" in the MTV sketch comedy show *Human Giant*, and has made appearances on the soap operas *Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns* and *Another World*.

Paul's other passion is play/screenplay writing. His new play "**Price/Elizabeth**" recently received its first reading in Manhattan, featuring Taylor Momsen and Connor Paolo of *Gossip Girl*.

This October, Paul will begin filming *Hard Times* for MTV in Los Angeles in which he plays the lead character R.J. Berger. Written by Seth Grahame-Smith and produced and directed by David Katzenberg, the story centers on a well-endowed high school geek whose social status improves after accidentally exposing himself.

Walter Perez - - has emerged as one of Hollywood's hottest young actors with film credits including HBO's *Walkout*, *Emilio*, *August Evening* which received the John Cassavetes Award, *Inhale* alongside Dermot Mulroney and Diabe Kruger and *A Beautiful life* opposite Dana Delany and Debi Mazar.

No stranger to television, Perez has made several guest appearances including, *CSI: Miami*, *The Closer*, *Free Radio* and a five episode arc on *Friday Night Lights* where he played "Bobby 'Bull' Reyes." **Walter is currently starring on the big screen as "Victor Taveras" in *Fame*.**

WHAT: **Paul Iacono and Walter Perez** will make a special appearance at **Planet Hollywood Times Square** to promote their starring roles in the MGM remake of *Fame*.

Fame - - A reinvention of the original 1980 hit film, *Fame* follows a talented group of dancers, singers, actors, and artists over four years at the New York City High School of Performing Arts, a diverse, creative powerhouse where students from all walks of life are given a chance to live out their dreams and achieve real and lasting fame...the kind that comes only from talent, dedication, and hard work. In an incredibly competitive atmosphere, plagued by self-doubt, each student's passion will be put to the test. In addition to their artistic goals, they have to deal with everything else that goes along with high school, a tumultuous time full of schoolwork, deep friendships, budding romance, and self-discovery. As each student strives for his or her moment in the spotlight, they'll discover who among them has the innate talent and necessary discipline to succeed. With the love and support of their friends and fellow artists, they'll find out who amongst them will achieve fame...*Fame opens in theaters nationwide on Friday, September 25th.*

WHERE: Planet Hollywood Times Square - - 1540 Broadway (45th Street)

WHEN: Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 12:00 pm - - **YOUR COVERAGE IS REQUESTED AT 11:45 AM**

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