

## The Mija behind the “Racket”

Brought to my attention by writer, director and producer Micheal Baez, fourteen year old Patricia Rodriguez is one of a kind. In this article we learn more about Patricia, Michael and their new movie, “Racket”.



Patricia was a grinch when she met Michael...not in a bad way, but at a school play called, “The Ghetto Christmas Tale” where Patricia played the grinch. Ever since then the two have been working together. This brings us to “Racket” where Patricia came up with the leading characters, “Jesse” storyline. Baez explains, “The idea for this story actually came from Patricia, the young girl who plays Jesse in the film. We met one day for lunch and she told me that for the past two years since I’d been in LA - she’d been playing tennis at a local court in the Bronx and had recently been watching the US Open matches on TV. I told her we should do a short film about her new love of tennis and right there over our meal, we came up with the whole story! I knew we had a hit on our hands.”

“*Racket*” tells the story of *Jesse*, a tough 14 year old girl from the South Bronx with dreams and aspirations about making it as a tennis player. She’s been spending all of her summer working at a private tennis club in Bay Ridge Brooklyn in exchange for some lessons but her manager hasn’t been sticking to his end of ‘the deal.’ One day after Jesse meets the local Bulgarian mobster (Racketeer), with an equal love for tennis - she not only receives tennis lessons but also a new found friendship with a shot at the U.S. Open. Yes Mijas and Patricia is THE STAR, numero uno baby!

Patricia wants a career in the entertainment industry. She wants to make a musical movie like, “Annie” her primary choice is to be in a comedic movie someday. She’s currently taking acting and writing classes at a prestigious school in New York, where she’s been awarded her 3rd scholarship! Pero, before she moves on she needs to get more comfortable when she performs in front of her mom, “I can perform in front of millions of people that I don’t know and do a great job, but once I see my mom I freak!” Patricia says.

She has met actors Brittany Murphy and David Zeyes from Oz and would like to meet the Olsen Twins someday, “They are such great actresses and they been working the camera very good since a baby. I would really LOVE to meet them.” And she will as long as her feet stay grounded and eyes stay focused, which brings us to Mija Magazine’s golden question:

**Got any words of inspiration for any Mijas that want to follow in your footsteps?**

“Well whoever is out there that enjoys something and wants to continue it as a career; keep going and don’t let anyone stop you. Continue to have motivation

even if you are in this alone and be careful because you can't trust some people.”

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