

INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH

16th Street Theater

adapted by Karen Zacarias from the novel by Luis Alberto Urrea

GARCIA GARCIA SIDE

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We are gathered here today to re-open the Cine Pedro Infante. Also, today, Maria Sanchez, a woman, (Cheers and boos) is in the Projectionist booth. In honor of our new Mayor Irma Cervantes, the movie tonight will feature American superstar...

IRMA

He's Mexican I tell you.

GARCIA-GARCIA

American Superstar Estip McQueen ...and lesser American star Yul Brynner. In the movie The Magnificent Seven. Followed by Yul Brynner in Westworld. Tomorrow it will be the King and I, not subtitled. But dubbed. In German.

(Everyone sits. The movie starts.)

You know, Nayeli, this Magnificent Seven is based on Kurosawa's classic sword fighting epic The Seven Samurais. The villagers are beset by bandits, overwhelmed and outgunned, they resort to a desperate plan, they go to Los Estados Unidos.

VAMPI

And work at Burger King. (She laughs at her own joke)

(GARCIA-GARCIA stares VAMPI down)

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As I was saying: They send a group of brave peasants up north and find seven gunmen. Seven magnificent killers that they bring back to the border to fight for them.