

# *Innocence: a new film on Spain's atrocities against Cubans in the 19th century*

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The terrible assassination of the eight medical students committed by Spanish colonial authorities in 1871 has motivated moviemaker, Alejandro Gil, to shoot the new full-length film named *Innocence*, the shooting of which is set to start in October.

The film will narrate two parallel stories, the actual story that led to the unjust execution by Spain and the actual execution that occurred in 1871, and another one that takes place 16 years later, when Fermín Valdés Domínguez, who was also accused along with the eight medical students and served six years in prison for the events narrated in the movie, starts looking for their remains to denounce the abominable act.

Cuban actor, Yasmani Guerrero, will play the part of Valdés Domínguez, while young art schools graduates are scheduled to play the roles of the eight medical students.

Still on a preparation stage, the project has involved an extensive historical research on the basis of texts, letters, the press and other documents from the times.

The screenplay is by Amílcar Salatti, photography by experienced artist, Ángel Alderete, arts direction by Aramis Balebona, and production by Carlos de la Huerta. Innocence is being entirely produced by the Cuban Film Institute –ICAIC- aimed at continuing bringing young people closer to important events of the island's history so that they won't be forgotten.

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