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BENICIO DEL TORO IN STAR WARS EPISODE VIII PLAYING THE CENTRAL ANTAGONIST

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USPA NEWS - Puerto Rican born, American actor known for his roles in "usual suspects" and the Academy Award for "Traffic", "The Argentine" "21 Grams", "The Pledge", "Sin City"... Previously, he already played in a Disney film "Guardians of the Galax". Benicio del Toro has already a long list of films...

While "Star wars : The force awakens" won't be released before December, 2015, and Gareth EDWARD's "Star Wars : Rogue One" hasn't even started filming yet, things are already starting to heat up for Rian Johnson's untitled film "Star Wars : Episode VIII". It is scheduled for release May 26, 2017, marking the 40th anniversary of the franchise.

It is not the first time that Benicio DEL TORO has been offered a role in one of Hollywood biggest Sci-Fi franchise. In November, 2011, J.J ABRAHAMS was alleged approaching the actor about playing the central villain in "Star Trek into Darkness". Unfortunately for the project, it was reported that Benicio DEL TORO passed on the opportunity. As a result the production went after Benedict CUMBERBATCH.

Regarding Star Wars, it will be his second blockbuster Disney role set in outer space after "Guardians of the Galaxy".

Chinese actor Jiang Wen is recruited to join "Star Wars : Rogue One". it's a growing trend that many Hollywood productions are looking to recruit Chinese actors to attract Chinese audiences, which have become a bigger box office market for blockbuster films.

Benicio DEL TORO said to Hollywood reporter : "I can't talk too much about it. The script is hard to get. They told me they'll cut my finger if I talk about it". He said also that he saw the orginal one when it came out marking him "I was impressed by the film and by the characters and with the story and with the message".

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