

Mayans M.C.: the biggest series since *Game of Thrones* and *The Walking Dead*?

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- This *Sons of Anarchy* spinoff had the third-biggest cable premiere of the year in the US, behind only *Game of Thrones* and *The Walking Dead*
- 2019 Critics Choice nominee: Best Supporting Actor (Richard Cabral)
- 100% critics score so far for Season 2 on Rotten Tomatoes
- Stars JD Pardo (*Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part II*) & Edward James Olmos (*Battlestar Galactica*)
- First on Showmax



Mayans M.C., the hit biker drama from *Sons of Anarchy* creator Kurt Sutter, just rode into town, with the first two seasons now streaming on Showmax.

Nominated for Best TV Action Series at last year's IGN Summer Movie Awards, *Mayans M.C.* takes place two-and-half years after the end of *Sons of Anarchy* and is set on California's border with Mexico, where Latino biker gang The Mayans rules the streets of the fictional town of Santo Padre.

Ezekiel 'EZ' Reyes (Emmy nominee JD Pardo from *Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part II* and *Drive*) is a prospect trying to gain acceptance into the Mayans M.C. charter. Fresh out of jail with a trail of broken dreams behind him, EZ needs a place to belong.

His older brother's club seems to offer that, *if* EZ's ready for everything that comes with it – navigating the club hierarchy, turf wars, extreme violence, shifting allegiances and a dangerous emotional link to the head of the deadly Galinda cartel, just for starters.

Together with his father Felipe (Oscar nominee Edward James Olmos from *Battlestar: Galactica*) and his brother Angel (Clayton Cardenas from *American Crime*), EZ's also trying to find out who killed his mother.

Entertainment Weekly called the show "a badass biker drama with heart." Here are three reasons to binge *Mayans M.C.* full throttle:

1. Season 2 had the third-biggest premiere of the year & is a hit with critics

The Season 2 premiere had [the third-biggest scripted cable TV premiere of the year in the US](#), behind only *Game of Thrones* and *The Walking Dead*, and currently has a 100% critics rating on *Rotten Tomatoes*.

"If you liked Season 1, Season 2 is a lot darker," said Olmos, who has a meatier part this time as he connects the dots (in that quiet, measured Felipe way) between his own violent history and the road his sons have taken. Olmos has also promised Season 2 will get "much more intense and rewarding."

Co-creator Elgin James told *Entertainment Weekly*: "A lot of people have it coming... Last season was about secrets; this season is about retribution. As Malcolm X says, 'The chickens come home to roost.' But it may be on some people who might surprise you, not the ones you're rooting to get theirs."

2. *Mayans M.C.* features a Critics Choice' nominated performance by Richard Cabral

The almost all-Latino cast is led by Emmy nominee Pardo, Oscar nominee Olmos, and Cardenas but also look out for Emmy nominee Richard Cabral (*American Crime*), who received a Critics Choice Best Supporting Actor nomination for his performance as ex-marine *Mayans M.C.* member Johnny 'Coco' Cruz.

Other cast include Danny Pino (Nick from *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*), Sarah Bolger (Mary Tudor in *The Tudors*), and Michael Irby (Cristobal in *Barry*).

Cool cameo alert: Ray Nicholson, son of triple Oscar winner Jack Nicholson, plays a *Sons of Anarchy* prospect in the Season 1 finale.

3. There are loads of crossovers for *Sons of Anarchy* fans

As one of IMDb's Top Rated TV Shows of all time, *Sons of Anarchy* won a Golden Globe and was nominated for multiple Emmys, People's Choice and Critics' Choice Awards.

"It's the same universe, but a different world," says James of *Mayans M.C.*, which takes place two-and-half years after the end of *Sons of Anarchy*. There are loads of crossovers that'll delight *Sons of Anarchy* fans: keep your eyes peeled for Marcus Alvarez (Emilio Rivera), Chuckie (Michael Ornstein), Assistant U.S. Attorney Lincoln Potter (Ray McKinnon), Les Packer (Robert Patrick), and even Gemma Teller Morrow (Golden Globe winner Katey Sagal, Sutter's wife, aka Peg Bundy in *Married With Children*) - just in Season 1...

Season 2 promises the return of at least two more significant *Sons* characters, including a familiar face (David Labrava) that no one (except the fans) will be 'Happy' to see...

Watch the Season 1 trailer:

Watch the Season 2 trailer:

Binge Season 1 and the first five episodes of Season 2 of *Mayans M.C.* now, with new episodes every Wednesday, first on [Showmax](#) in South Africa.

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