

THE AMISTAD (1997)

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Produced by:

- Walter Parkes
- Laurie MacDonald
- Robert Cooper
- Paul Deason
- Bonnie Curtis
- Tim Shriver
- Debbie Allen
- Steven Spielberg

Writer:

David Franzoni -(created by)

Director:

Stephen Spielberg

CAST

- Morgan Freeman as Theodore Joadson
- Nigel Hawthorne as Martin Van Buren
- Anthony Hopkins as John Quincy Adams
- Djimon Hounsou as Cinque
- Matthew McConaughey as Roger Sherman Baldwin
- David Paymer as Secretary of State John Forsyth
- Pete Postlethwaite as William S. Holabird
- Stellan Skarsgård as Tappan
- Razaaq Adoti as Yamba
- Abu Bakaar Fofanah as Fala
- Anna Paquin as Queen Isabella II
- Tomas Milian as Calderon
- Chiwetel Ejiofor as Ens. James Covey
- Derrick N. Ashong as Buakei
- Geno Silva as Ruiz
- Arliss Howard as John Calhoun

- *Amistad* is a 1997 Steven Spielberg film based on the true story of a slave mutiny that took place aboard a ship of the same name in 1839, and the legal battle that followed. It shows how, even though the case was won at the federal district court level, it was appealed by President Martin Van Buren to the Supreme Court, and how former President John Quincy Adams took part in the proceedings.