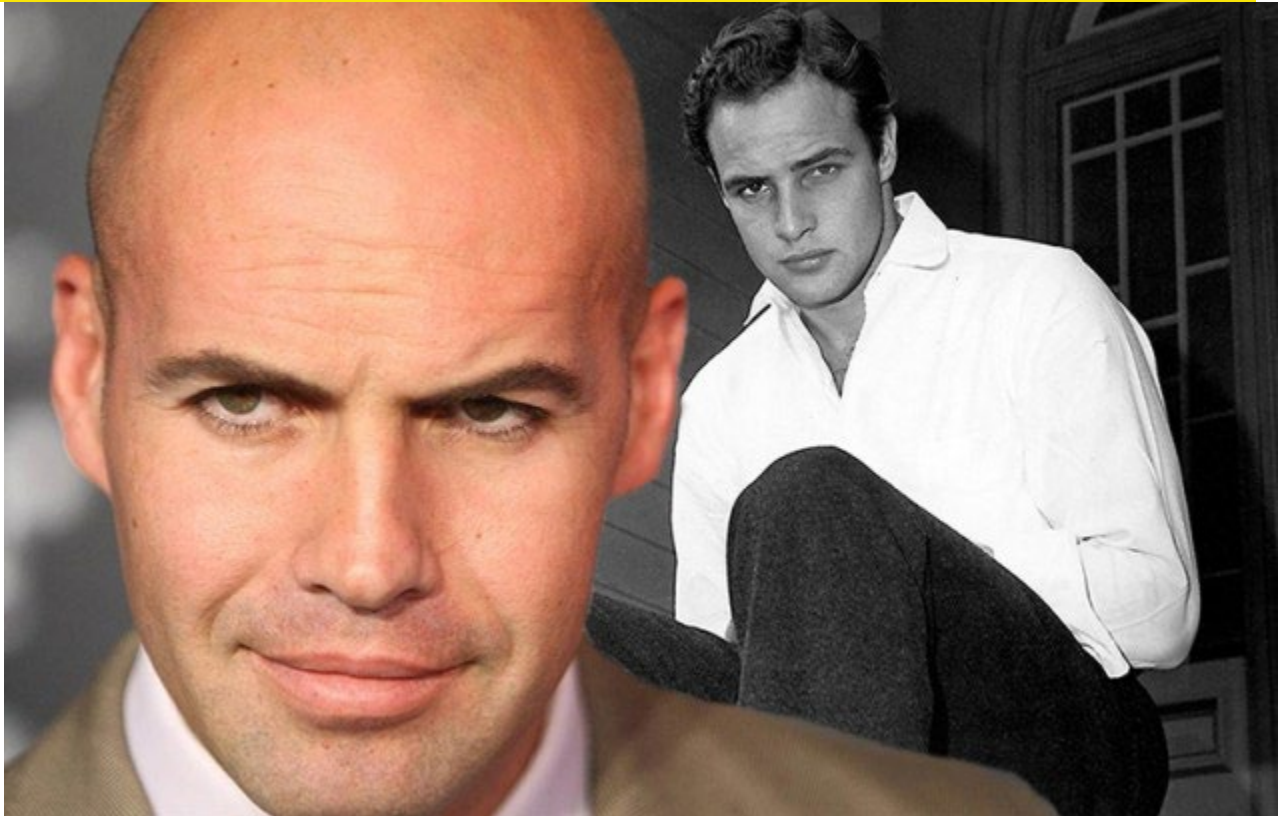


# "WALTZING WITH BRANDO" SOON TO BE FILMED AT THE FENUA?

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President Édouard Fritch received, Tuesday morning, the American team of the film *Waltzing with Brando*, which should be shot soon in French Polynesia. Bill Fishman, the director, Billy Zane, who will play Marlon Brando, and Dean Bloxom, the financier, presented their project to the president. The team was able to visit Moorea and Bora Bora, but the actual scouting should begin in April.

The film will retrace part of the life of Marlon Brando during his discovery of Tahiti in the early 1960s, then of the very special relationship he had with Polynesia through his marriage to Tarita and the acquisition of Tetiaroa.

It is this exceptional relationship that interests the film's designers. Written by director Bill Fishman, the script revolves around Marlon Brando's 1970-1974 relationship with Bernard Judge, an obscure idealistic architect hired by the actor in Los Angeles to bring his dream of ecological retirement to life on the atoll. The title of the film is based on that of an architectural monograph by Bernard Judge on the adventure of Tetiaroa. The film project surfaced in early 2019, but was delayed by the health and economic crisis.

Actor Billy Zane, whose resemblance to Marlon Brando is striking, will play the sacred monster.

For the president, this theme of the quality of Marlon Brando's life in Tahiti, of his love for Tahitians, is particularly promising, especially in today's hectic world. *"Something happened between Marlon Brando and Polynesia,"* he said.

The president assured the team of government support to host this production which will be accompanied locally by Filmin'Tahiti, whose representatives attended the meeting. A film that will not fail to have local economic benefits and will offer a promotion for the Tahiti destination, hopes the government in a statement.

