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## Message from the Producer

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Welcome to *Man of La Mancha*, the inaugural show of our 74th season, our Season of Dreams!

As we chose this season we wanted to honor and engage our large Hispanic community here in Long Beach. Our first two shows, *Man of La Mancha* and *In The Heights* will introduce musical theatre to a whole new generation, with **seven** matinees just for students. With 60% of LBUSD students identifying as Hispanic, we are thrilled to be able to offer them this opportunity to see themselves represented on our stage.

Next, we wanted something for families that could feature a youth ensemble, and so *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* seemed like the perfect show. And in the Fall, we wanted something multigenerational that could be a learning experience for grades 2-6. We are thrilled that *Little Women* will offer another **five** student matinees.

The future is something we're thinking a lot about right now at MTW, as we strategically plan for the next 3 to 5 years, and lay the groundwork for our big **75th anniversary** season in 2027.

We'd like to thank the *Man of La Mancha* cast, crew, and creative team, our show sponsors who are listed on the next page, and our season sponsors listed on the front cover. These folks make up the bedrock of Musical Theatre West, and we couldn't be more grateful to them; or to you for coming to see this show!

It's not too late to become a season subscriber for the remaining three shows of our 2026 Season of Dreams. Single tickets, as well as season subscriptions, are on sale now in the lobby or online.

On behalf of myself, the MTW Board of Directors and Trustees, as well as the staff, thank you for your support of our mission and your attendance at our shows and fundraisers. Enjoy the show!

**Paul Garman**  
Executive Director/Producer

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# MAN OF LA MANCHA

Written by **DALE WASSERMAN**

Music by **MITCH LEIGH**      Lyrics by **JOE DARION**

Original Production Directed by **ALBERT MARRE**

starring **RICHARD BERMUDEZ**

REGGIE DE LEON ♦ MONIKA PEÑA ♦ LOUIS PARDO ♦ BERTO FERNÁNDEZ ♦ RUDY MARTINEZ  
TATIANA MONIQUE ALVAREZ ♦ AYESHA CORTINAS ♦ WES DAMERON ♦ STEPHEN DIAZ ♦ ANDREW DIEGO  
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# Musical Numbers

## ACT I

<i>Overture</i> .....	Orchestra
<i>“Man of La Mancha”</i> .....	Don Quixote & Sancho
<i>“It’s All The Same”</i> .....	Aldonza & Muleteers
<i>“Dulcinea”</i> .....	Don Quixote, Anselmo, & Muleteers
<i>“I’m Only Thinking Of Him”</i> .....	Antonia, Housekeeper & Padre
<i>“We’re Only Thinking Of Him”</i> .....	Dr. Carrasco, Padre, Antonia, Housekeeper
<i>“The Missive”</i> .....	Sancho
<i>“I Really Like Him”</i> .....	Sancho
<i>“What Does He Want of Me?”</i> .....	Aldonza
<i>“Little Bird, Little Bird”</i> .....	Anselmo, Cervantes, Pedro & Muleteers
<i>“Barber’s Song”</i> .....	Barber
<i>“Golden Helmet of Mambrino”</i> .....	Don Quixote, Barber, Sancho & Ensemble
<i>“To Each His Dulcinea”</i> .....	Padre
<i>“The Impossible Dream”</i> .....	Don Quixote

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

## ACT II

<i>Entr’acte</i> .....	Orchestra
<i>“The Dubbing”</i> .....	Innkeeper & Don Quixote
<i>“Knight of the Woeful Countenance”</i> .....	Innkeeper, Aldonza, Sancho, & Ensemble
<i>“The Abduction”</i> .....	Anselmo, Pedro & Fermina
<i>“The Impossible Dream” (Reprise)</i> .....	Don Quixote
<i>“Man of La Mancha” (Reprise)</i> .....	Don Quixote
<i>“Aldonza”</i> .....	Aldonza
<i>“A Little Gossip”</i> .....	Sancho
<i>“Dulcinea” (Reprise)</i> .....	Aldonza
<i>“The Impossible Dream” (Reprise)</i> .....	Don Quixote
<i>“Man of La Mancha” (Reprise)</i> .....	Don Quixote, Sancho, & Aldonza
<i>“The Psalm”</i> .....	Padre
<i>“Finale”</i> .....	Full Company

## Company

Miguel de Cervantes/Don Quixote/Alonso Quijana.....	RICHARD BERMUDEZ*
Sancho Panza/Cervantes' Manservant.....	REGGIE DE LEON*
Aldonza/Dulcinea.....	MONIKA PEÑA*
The Duke/Dr. Sansón Carrasco.....	LOUIS PARDO*
Governor/Innkeeper.....	BERTO FERNÁNDEZ*
Padre.....	RUDY MARTINEZ*
Captain of the Inquisition.....	ANDREW DIEGO
Antonia.....	TATIANA MONIQUE ALVAREZ
Barber/Juan.....	SEBASTIAN ALEJANDRO GUERRERO
Pedro.....	ELIJAH SAMUÉL REYES*
Maria/Inkeeper's Wife .....	AVIVA PRESSMAN*
Housekeeper.....	ANALÍA ROMERO
Anselmo.....	ALI MÁRQUEZ-QADIRI
Paco/Guitar Player.....	DAVID KIRK GRANT*
Fermina.....	AYESHA CORTINAS*
Ensemble .....	TATIANA MONIQUE ALVAREZ, AYESHA CORTINAS*, WES DAMERON, STEPHEN DIAZ*, DAVID KIRK GRANT*, SEBASTIAN ALEJANDRO GUERRERO, CELESTE LANUZA*, EDGAR LOPEZ*, ALI MÁRQUEZ-QADIRI, AVIVA PRESSMAN*, ELIJAH SAMUÉL REYES*, ANALÍA ROMERO, NIKKI ELENA SPIES

### Understudies & Swings

Understudies never substitute for listed characters unless a specific announcement is made.

For Miguel de Cervantes/Don Quixote/Alonso Quijana & The Duke/Dr. Sansón Carrasco - STEPHEN DIAZ\*; For Sancho Panza/Cervantes' Manservant - EDGAR LOPEZ\*;  
For Aldonza/Dulcinea & Maria - CELESTE LANUZA\*; For Governor/Innkeeper, Captain of the Inquisition & Padre - SEBASTIAN ALEJANDRO GUERRERO; For Barber - ALI MÁRQUEZ-QADIRI; For Antonia & Housekeeper - NIKKI ELENA SPIES; For Anselmo - ELIJAH SAMUÉL REYES\*; Swings - WES DAMERON, NIKKI ELENA SPIES



\*Denotes a member of Actors' Equity, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

## Cast Profiles



**RICHARD BERMUDEZ**  
(Miguel de Cervantes/Don Quixote /Alonso Quijana) is returning for his 8th production with MTW, having previously starred in *Evita*, *A Grand Night for Singing* and *The King and I*. Richard is a Joseph Jefferson award winner for Che in *Evita* with Drury Lane, and a SD Critics Circle award for Valentin in *Kiss of The Spiderwoman*. Select: Fredrick Barrett in *Titanic*, Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Radames in *Aida* (Moonlight), Giorgio in *Passion* (Boston Court), Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Performance Riverside and Candlelight Pavilion) and Tarzan in *Tarzan the Musical* (Performance Riverside). Richard's greatest role to date is father to Barrett. Richard dedicates this show to the memory of Christopher Kennedy, who was also a Man of La Mancha.



**REGGIE DE LEON**  
(Sancho Panza / Cervantes' Manservant) is thrilled to make his mainstage MTW debut after appearing in the staged reading of *On This Side of the World*. Recent Theatre: Dennis in *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* and *The Play That Goes Wrong* at the La Mirada Theatre, Pain in *Hercules* at the Paper Mill Playhouse, and Iago in the 1st National Tour and Broadway companies of *Aladdin*. Recent TV: "High Potential," "Abbott Elementary," "Grey's Anatomy," "MOM," and a Discover commercial with Jennifer Coolidge. All love and thanks to God, Mom, Katie, and this incredible cast and crew!  
[www.reggiedeleon.com](http://www.reggiedeleon.com)



**BERTO FERNÁNDEZ**  
(Governor/Innkeeper) MTW debut! Regional: *Huzzah!*, *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* (The Old Globe), *In the Heights* (Signature Theatre), *Next to Normal* (OTC), *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (CCA Theatricals), *Kinky Boots*, *Ragtime* (Moonlight), *Evita*, *La Cage aux Folles*, *Rock of Ages* (Cygnet), *Head Over Heels* (Diversionary), *The Addams Family* (Welk), *In the Heights*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Sister Act* (SDMT), *Beauty and the Beast* (Disney World). Honors: 2022 Craig Noel Actor of the Year. [Bertoworld.com](http://Bertoworld.com)



**RUDY MARTINEZ**  
(Padre) has performed leading roles in *Sweeney Todd*, *Into The Woods*, *Anyone Can Whistle*, *A Christmas Carol*, *In The Heights*, *Evita*, *The Fantasticks*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Kiss Of The Spider Woman*, *Man Of La Mancha*, *The Addams Family*, *Mary Poppins* and *Assassins*. Television: Food Network's "Cake Wars" and "Halloween Baking Championship." Up next: *Dear Evan Hansen*.  
[@manbakescake](https://twitter.com/manbakescake)



**LOUIS PARDO**  
(The Duke/Dr. Sansón Carrasco) is an actor and playwright based out of Southern California and is delighted to be returning to Musical Theatre West. He was last seen at the Carpenter Center as Adam in *An American in Paris*. Favorite Credits: Bart Parfunkel in *We Aint Ever Gonna Break Up: The Hymn and Parfunkel Musical* (Phoenix Theater Company) \*co-wrote book, music, and lyrics\*, *Mystic Pizza: The Musical* (Papermill Playhouse), *Flo in Hair* (The Hollywood Bowl), Steven Spurrier in *Bottle Shock: The Musical* (CCA), *West Side Story* (San Francisco Symphony) \*Grammy nominated Album\*. Special thanks to Lindsay and Avery, Mom and Dad Pardo, Catt, Dotty, Paul, James, Shani, Ryan, and Bren.  
"Life's a garden, dig it" -Joe Dirt



**MONIKA PEÑA**  
(Aldonza/Dulcinea) is grateful to be back with MTW and reunited with this incredible team! Regional credits: *Frozen* (Elsa, 5-Star Theatricals), *American Idiot* (CTG/Deaf West), *Newsies* (Katherine Plumber, MTW), *On Your Feet!* (Riverside Theatre), *Mystic Pizza* (McCoy Rigby), *Oliver!* (Nancy, 5-Star), and *Grease* (Sandy, MTW & Patty, McCoy Rigby). Fun fact: Monika previously played the downtrodden leading lady to Richard's benevolent leading man, in *Jesus Christ Superstar* as Mary Magdalene. She hopes they'll share the stage again... but maybe not as a prostitute! Always for Aaron.  
[@singingvettech](https://twitter.com/singingvettech)

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**TATIANA MONIQUE ALVAREZ**  
(Antonia) is thrilled to make her Musical Theatre West debut! A proud Latina performer, she has brought her heritage to life in *West Side Story* (Moonlight Amphitheatre) and *In the Heights* (PVPA). Other credits include *Cabaret* (Rosie, 5 Star Theatricals), *Newsies* (Hannah, McCoy Rigby Entertainment), *Mamma Mia!* (Ali, 3D Theatricals), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Babette, Performance Riverside). She also toured nationally with *Rudolph... The Musical*. Tatiana thanks her family, agent, and mentors for their continuous support! Representation: ATB Talent, @theatreby\_tatiana



**AYESHA CORTINAS**  
(Fermina, *Dance/Fight Captain*) is hyped! Previous MTW shows: *Oliver!* (*Dance Captain*) and *Evita* (Tango). Other favorite credits: *A Chorus Line* (Hollywood Bowl, Kristine Cover, Dir/Chor Baayork Lee), *West Side Story*, *Aida*, *Hairspray*, *Aladdin*, *Gypsy*, *Dreamgirls*, *Marvel* (Hollywood Bowl), *Disney* (performer and choreographer), *Comic Con*. When she's not performing she's teaching the next generation of artists at CSArts. She'd like to thank Frank for the unwavering support and mom for the constant encouragement. And she's most proud of her greatest credits: Naomi-Grace and Isabella. Psalm121



**WES DAMERON**  
(Ensemble/Swing) is thrilled to be making his Musical Theatre West debut! Wes is a musical theatre performer and dancer from San Diego, with a BFA from UC Santa Barbara. Some of his favorite credits include: Ensemble/ Bottle Dancer, *Fiddler on the Roof* (Moonlight Stage Productions), as well as ensemble work in *Mack and Mabel* (All Roads Theatre Company), *Waitress*, *Anastasia*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *Tootsie* (Moonlight Stage Productions). He would like to thank his friends and family for all their love and support.



**STEPHEN DIAZ**  
(Ensemble, u/s *Don Quixote, The Duke*) Broadway credits: *West Side Story* revival directed by Arthur Laurents, the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, *Matilda the Musical* (Rudolpho – U.S. Tour & Canada). Regional highlights: *Aladdin a Musical Spectacular* (*Aladdin*), *Drury Lane Chicago* (*The Little Mermaid*), 5th Avenue Seattle (*A Chorus Line* – Paul), Maltz Jupiter (*Chicago*), multiple productions at Tuacahn Amphitheatre (*Hunchback - Clopin*; *Newsies - Dance Captain*, *Swing*; *Tarzan - Dance Captain*, *Swing*, u/s *Terk*; *The Prince of Egypt*). Dance Companies: Connecticut Ballet, BalletX, Northwest Dance Project, and Stephen Petronio Company. Musical Theatre West debut!



**ANDREW DIEGO**  
(Captain of the Inquisition) MTW debut! Stage: *Dracula* (Renfield), *American Idiot* (St. Jimmy, \*BWW Award), *The Producers* (Carmen Ghia), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Caiaphas), *The Little Mermaid* (Jetsam), *Spring Awakening* (Hänschen) and *The Christians* with Center Theatre Group. Immersive: The Queen Mary's Dark Harbor (The Ringmaster), "Knives Out 3," "Stranger Things: The Experience," "Westworld," "Fallout 76," "Blade Runner 2049," Impact Winter and Tyra Banks' "ModelLand." VO: 20+ credits for Netflix, HBO and Apple TV+. Film/TV: "Mystic River," "Contracted: Phase II," "Lyvia's House," "The Devil's Carnival: Alleluia" and "High Spirits." BFA, CalArts. @itsandrewdiego



**DAVID KIRK GRANT**  
(Paco/Guitarist) With MTW: *Bright Star*, *Ragtime*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Newsies* and *The Buddy Holly Story*. National tours: 1st National tour of *Bright Star* (Dr. Norquist), *42nd Street* (Julian Marsh), *The Music Man* (Charlie Cowell/Harold Hill), *H.M.S. Pinafore* (Dick Deadeye), *The Pirates of Penzance* (Pirate King). Selected Regional credits: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (The Old Globe); *Kiss Me Kate* (Pasadena Playhouse) *Side Show* (La Jolla Playhouse, dir. Bill Condon); *Parade*, *Man of La Mancha* (SD Critics Circle award nom.); *Once*, *The Producers*, and *Evita*. Thanks to Anthony Boyer and the DDO artist Agency!

## Cast Profiles



### SEBASTIAN ALEJANDRO GUERRERO

(**Barber/Juan, u/s Padre, Governer/ Innkeeper, Cap. of the Inquisition**) is a Long Beach local performer who has dabbled in many performance based jobs across many mediums. From singing on Rosalia's

"Motomami+" Grammy album of the year, to lending his voice to shows like Disney's Jr.'s "Handy Manny," it is evident that he just loves the spotlight at any capacity. Sebastian is happy to put on such a meaningful show with such a wonderful team. He sends huge thanks to MTW for having him join the crew.



### CELESTE LANUZA

(**Ensemble, u/s Aldonza, Maria**) is ready! These themes of hope and art couldn't be more relevant". Joining this company is a gift. Favorites include *Maria de Buenos Aires* with the San Diego, Arizona, and Fort Worth Opera as the first female and US American to play El Duende, and Anita in *West Side Story* earning Broadway World reviews. Later blessings include international tours, productions at Tony winning Guthrie Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, and Old Globe Theater. Director of "Respira" and Choreographer for "Huella" on Hulu. Her music is on all platforms. PhD, MFA, BFA @doctoracelestita



### EDGAR LOPEZ

(**Ensemble, u/s Sancho Panza**) returns to Musical Theatre West after appearing in their production of 9 to 5. Other credits include appearances in *West Side Story* (Los Angeles Opera), *The Little Mermaid* (La Mirada, Starlight Theatre, Orday Music Theater), *¡Americano!* (Off Broadway), *Evita* (Bucks County Playhouse), and more! Love to family, friends and the Long Beach community!



### ALI MÁRQUEZ-QADIRI

(**Anselmo, u/s Barber**) is delighted to be back at the Carpenter Center with Musical Theatre West after his time as Ritchie Valens in *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story*. Ali is in the midst of concluding his senior year in UCLA's Ray Bolger Musical Theater Program and would like to thank his instructors and peers for always inspiring him and making this possible. Ali would like to truly thank his agent Anthony, DDO Agency, James, Shani, and Ryan! @ali\_qadiri\_



### AVIVA PRESSMAN

(**Maria / Innkeeper's Wife**) is an actor, singer, clown, calligrapher, visual artist, and medical educator based in Los Angeles. They're thrilled to be back at MTW after performing as Gabrielle in *Cinderella*. Other notable theaters Aviva has

performed at include 2nd Stage, Madison Square Garden, South Coast Repertory, Disney Concert Hall, Round House Theater, San Diego Rep, and many more. Thank you to Brian for the chocolate he's going to buy after reading this.



### ELIJAH SAMUÉL REYES

(**Pedro, u/s Anselmo**) You may remember Elijah as disco-dancing thug Pablo in MTW's *Sister Act* (2016)! He's back on the Carpenter Center stage—blessed to return after an unforgettable 5-years touring with *Hamilton*, including performing with

Lin-Manuel Miranda in Puerto Rico. Recent credits include *The Prince of Egypt* (Moonlight Amphitheatre), *A Musical Celebration of Coco* (Disney), and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (MTW). When not onstage, he runs his entertainment company, Room2Party, creating live events.



### ANALÍA ROMERO

(**Housekeeper**) is honored to make her Musical Theatre West debut. A multifaceted playwright, performer, and musician, her credits include Nellie in *Jekyll & Hyde* (SDMT), Abuela Claudia in *In the Heights* (ETC/SDMT), Gloria

in *El Puente* (La Jolla Playhouse), Hortensia in *Esperanza Rising* (ASCAP), Old Sally in *Oliver!* (5-Star Theatricals), and Gabrielle in *Call Your Mother* (Chance Theater). Analía holds an M.M. in Afro-Latin Music, is an accomplished mariachi vocalist and guitarist, and is represented by FSE Talent. IG: @analiaromero01



### NIKKI ELENA SPIES

(**Ensemble/Swing, u/s Antonia, Housekeeper**) is thrilled to be back home at MTW and to be exploring more of her Spanish roots with *La Mancha*. Last seen as Kathy in 9 to 5. MTW credits: *Oliver!*, *Bright Star*, *South Pacific*,

*Mary Poppins*, *My Fair Lady*. Regional: *Grease* (Rizzo), *A Christmas Story: The Musical* (Miss Shields), *Merrily We Roll Along* (Dory). When not on stage, she's giving tours on the backlot of Universal Studios Hollywood. Thanks to the ATB family and Kate at SafeSpace. Besitos a mi familia!

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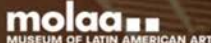
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## Creative Profiles

### JAMES VÁSQUEZ

#### (Director)

MTW: Debut. REGIONAL: Select: The Old Globe Theatre (Resident Artist): *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Comedy of Errors*, *Hair*, *Tiny Beautiful Things* (West Coast Premiere); Signature Theatre, *In The Heights*; Denver Center Theatre Company: *American Mariachi* (World Premiere); Marriott Theatre: *Always Something There* (World Premiere); Goodspeed Musicals, Two River Theater, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Syracuse Stage, Cleveland Play House, Dallas Theater Center, Children's Theatre Company. FILM: "Ready? OK!" Education: The Juilliard School. [jamesvasquez.com](http://jamesvasquez.com).

### SHANI TALMOR

#### (Choreographer)

is a world-renowned performer, choreographer, actor, and educator who has brought her signature style to stages around the world for over two decades. With extensive training in Afro-Cuban, Salsa, Jazz, and Ballet, she blends these influences to create dynamic, emotionally charged, and visually captivating work. Broadway/National Tours: *On Your Feet!* (Broadway, 1st National Tour) Regional: *In the Heights* (Signature Theatre, The Mundy, Marriott Theatre); *Legally Blonde* (The Mundy); *On Your Feet!* (2nd National Tour, The Mundy, Starlight Theatre Kansas City). Off-Broadway: *Carmen*, *To Havana & Back*, *Havana Music Hall*. Film: "In the Heights". Television: "The Tonight Show" Starring Jimmy Fallon, "Penny Dreadful: City of Angels", "Let the Right One In", "The View", "The Wendy Williams Show", "Mira Quién Baila". Shani has performed alongside Pitbull, Marc Anthony, Ne-Yo, Madonna, and Kat DeLuna, and has taken the stage at Madison Square Garden. She has also been featured in campaigns for MAC Cosmetics. An educator at Ballet Hispánico School of Dance, Shani is a proud member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC). EDUCATION: NYU Tisch School of the Arts Performing Arts Certificate @shanitalmor

### RYAN O'CONNELL

#### (Music Director/Conductor)

Thrilled to be back at MTW! Ryan has worked on more than 75 productions as an MD, orchestrator, and composer. At MTW: *Mary Poppins*, *Oliver!*, *The Andrews Brothers*, *Newsies*, *Buddy - Buddy Holly Story* (plus many more in the pit). Other favorite credits: *Ernest Shackleton Loves Me* (2nd Stage NYC), *Ragtime* (1st Nat'l), *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (La Mirada/McCoy Rigby), and *Private Jones* (Signature Theatre). He has helped create music for NBC, CBS, Fox, Netflix, Cartoon Network, Disney World, and Disneyland, where he currently works as a music director and teaching artist. Love to Sarah. [www.ryanomusic.com](http://www.ryanomusic.com)

### KEVIN CLOWES

#### (Technical Director)

Recent Scenic Design, Lighting Design and Technical Direction projects - Regional: Music Theatre Wichita, Lyric Theatre OK, MTW, McCoy Rigby, 3D Theatricals. Community: Whittier Center Theatre, Curtis Theatre, Stagelight Productions. Educational: Cypress College. Associate Professor of Production and Design at Fullerton College Theatre Arts Department. Kevin is a graduate of CSUF Department of Theatre and Dance.

### PAUL BLACK

#### (Lighting Designer)

is excited to return to MTW, where previously he designed *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Newsies*, *42nd Street*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *9 to 5*, *the Musical*, *Damn Yankees*, *R+H's Cinderella*, *The Andrews Brothers*, *A Grand Night For Singing*, *Ragtime*, *Holiday Inn*, *Something Rotten!*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *Carousel*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Les Misérables*, *South Pacific* and *Nice Work If You Can Get It*. Paul has been designing in the Phoenix area for 28 years. Regional Credits include: Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Theatre Aspen, American Stage in Florida, Fulton Opera House in Pennsylvania, Carousel Dinner Theatre in Ohio, Maine State Music Theatre, Maltz Jupiter Theatre in Jupiter, Florida, and Palm Beach Drama Works. Paul spent fourteen summer seasons with Music Theatre Wichita, where he was both a designer and the Production Manager.

### DANNY FIANDACA

#### (Sound Designer)

returns to MTW having previously designed *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story*. He began his career as an assistant/associate to Peter McBoyle for ten years on productions across the U.S., Asia as well as Broadway (Twyla Tharp's *Come Fly Away*). Expanding on that experience Danny began designing musical theatre productions for Princess cruises (2010 to present), collaborating with Stephen Schwartz and the Jim Henson Company on multiple stage productions. In addition to his work abroad, his local work includes design work for Ensemble Theatre company, Rubicon Theatre, Long Beach Opera and Ebony Repertory Company. Some favorite design credits include *The Secret Silk* (Stephen Schwartz/Princess Cruises), *Henson Inspired Silliness* (Jim Henson Company/Princess Cruises), *In The Heights* (Rubicon Theatre), *Fantastic Journey* (THEA Award - Princess Cruises), *Once - Enchanted Storybook* (Vinpearl Land, Phu Quoc, Vietnam), *Ring of Fire* (ETC Santa Barbara) as well as an assistant design credit on the recent production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Hollywood Bowl. Recent designs include *Bonnie & Clyde* (Rubicon Theatre), *Moon Mine* (Turrell Skyspace Pomona), *Viva La Musica* (Princess Cruises) and *Million Dollar Quartet* (Rubicon Theatre).

### SONIA Y. ÁLVAREZ

#### (Costume Designer)

is an LA based, bi-coastal Theatre Artist, working primarily in Costume Design. She has worked in the North Bay area and assisted on Off-Broadway productions in New York City with Manhattan Class Company and Manhattan Theatre Club as well as the regional level including five seasons as Costume Project Manager with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Her recent credits include *Antigone* (Costume Assoc.) at Cleveland Playhouse, *La Egoísta* (Costume Design) Actors Theatre of Louisville, *Between Two Knees* (Associate Costume Des.) at Perelman Performing Arts Center NYC, *Exhaustion Arroyo: Dancin' Trees in the Ravine* (Costume Design) at Cutting Ball Theatre, and *August: Osage County* (Costume Design) at St Louis Repertory Theatre.



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## Production Staff Profiles

### **MELANIE CAVANESS** (Prop Designer)

is excited to return to MTW for this production of *Man of La Mancha*. Her favorite shows with MTW include *The Full Monty*, *The Producers*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Spamalot* and *Big Fish*. Melanie's favorite designs for 3D Theatricals have been *Funny Girl*, *Ragtime*, *Side Show* and *Into The Woods*. Many thanks to her co-designer/proptart/partner in crime, Gretchen Morales. This crazy ride would not be possible without her!

### **GRETCHEN MORALES** (Prop Designer)

is thrilled to return to MTW for one of her favorite shows! Gretchen has designed props for many shows produced by MTW and 3D Theatricals and has taught prop design at Cypress College. Her favorite shows include *Hello, Dolly!*, *The Andrew Brothers*, *Ragtime*, *Big Fish*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *The Secret Garden*. Most thankful to collaborate with prop designer Melanie Cavaness.

### **KAITLIN YAGEN** (Wig Designer)

is very excited to be joining MTW for this production. She has been designing hair and makeup for 15 years. Her credits include *Legally Blonde*, *Waitress*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Peter Pan* (Saudi Arabia), *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Beauty and the Beast* to name a few. Endless love and gratitude to her husband, Trevor, and their son, Harvey, for their unwavering support.

### **CAROLINA ARBOLEDA** (Production Stage Manager)

Broadway: *Cult of Love*, *A Strange Loop*, *Slave Play*. Off-Broadway: Encores! *Love Life* (New York City Center), *This Land Was Made* (Vineyard Theatre), *Toros* (Second Stage Theater), *What To Send Up When It Goes Down* (The Movement Theatre Company, BAM, Playwrights Horizon). Regional: *A Christmas Carol* (Actors Theatre of Louisville), *All's Well That Ends Well* (The Old Globe) *American Mariachi* (Two River Theater), *Into The Woods* (Idaho Shakespeare Festival), *Merry Wives Of Windsor* (Great Lakes Theater, ISF), *La Egoista* (Actors Theatre of Louisville), *A Christmas Carol* (The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis), *Fandango For Butterflies* (And Coyotes) (En Garde Arts / La Jolla Playhouse.) International: Festival de Teatro Alternativo, Festival de Mujeres En Escena Por la Paz.

### **AUDREY COLINDRES** (Assistant Stage Manager)

is very excited to return to Musical Theatre West after recently working on *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story!* Previously she has been on the stage management teams for *The Play that Goes Wrong*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Waitress*, *Jersey Boys* etc. She is a proud graduate of San Diego State University and Fullerton College.

### **KYRSTEN GOODRICH** (Assistant Stage Manager)

Born and raised in California, she received her BA in Theatre from CSU Chico in 2016 and her MFA in Stage Management from UC Irvine in 2021. Recent credits: *Murder for Two*, *Escape to Margaritaville*, *Steel Magnolias* (Theatre SilCo); *The Heart Sellers*, *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* (South Coast Rep); *The Rocky Horror Show* (Cygnnet Theatre); *The Spongebob Musical*, *Young Frankenstein*, others (Clinton Area Showboat Theatre); *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Chicago* (The Lexington Theatre Company). Cheers!

### **CATT FOX-URUBURU** (Production Manager)

After many years in Entertainment at The Disneyland Resort and with her previous theatrical experience as a Stage Manager, Catt's glad to be making a home here for themselves at Musical Theatre West. *Man of La Mancha* will mark her tenth show with MTW as the Production Manager and she can't wait for future seasons. Infinite thanks and love to her partner Mat for holding things down at home during the long hours of production and for always making sure she remembers to drink water.

### **BREN THOR** (Associate Producer)

started as an intern with MTW in 2010 on the small crew of a world class production of *1776*. He received a Footlighters Scholarship, and has since worked his way around MTW, serving 4 years as Company Manager and now his 3rd year as Associate Producer. During the pandemic, Bren led the charge into the digital waters, creating hours of virtual concerts for MTW audiences, and recently finished producing the 5th annual *MTW New Works Festival*. He is incredibly grateful to Paul and the rest of the team for the vital community that has been built around MTW. Love to his wife Laurel and his pup Sadie.

### **PAUL GARMAN** (Executive Director/Producer)

began at MTW in 1964 and has served as producer since the mid-70s. Prior to that, he served for 7 years as MTW's President. Of the 218 MTW major productions, Paul has been involved with all but 16, producing 202 total. Under his leadership, MTW has grown from an amateur community organization to a nationally respected regional theatre, entertaining over 60,000 patrons annually and garnering critical acclaim and numerous awards. In 2007, MTW was presented with the L.A. Drama Critics' Circle Award for Sustained Excellence in theatre and has won numerous L.A. Stage Ovation awards over the years, including Best Musical for 2012. Paul received the Arts Community Leadership award from the Arts Council for LB in 2002 and Arts Education Hero of the Year Award from the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in 2008. He was inducted into the La Serna High School Hall of Fame and was honored as Distinguished Alumni of Whittier by the Whittier Historical Society. His key passion remains the cultivation of new works for the musical stage and introducing young audiences to musical theatre.

## MAN OF LA MANCHA

### DALE WASSERMAN (Book)

Nov 2, 1914 - Dec 21, 2008 Dale Wasserman wrote for theatre, television, and film for more than 50 years and is best known for the musical *Man of La Mancha*, a multiple-Tony Award winner. He also wrote the stage play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, based on Ken Kesey's novel, which won several Tony Awards. Both shows continue to be produced nationally and internationally with an estimated 300 productions a year.

### MITCH LEIGH (Music)

Jan 30, 1928 - Mar 16, 2014 Mitch Leigh studied at the Yale School of Music. After moving to New York, he organized and founded Music Makers Inc., an enormously successful commercial production house that won every major award for the radio and television commercial music it provided. Leigh wrote everything from jazz to opera and felt at home in almost any musical style. He composed, directed and produced Broadway shows such as *Chu Chem*, *Cry for Us All*, (based on the play *Hogan's Goat*), *Home Sweet Homer*, (starring Yul Brynner), *Saravà*, *Ain't Broadway Grand!*, and the 1985 revival of *The King and I*.

### JOE DARION (Lyrics)

Jan 30, 1911– June 16, 2001

Joe Darion worked in every field in which words are put to music, from writing pop songs to the concert stage. He wrote songs that have sold tens of millions of records. While Darion also wrote the book and lyrics for the Broadway musical *Shinbone Alley* and lyrics for Broadway's *Ilya, Darling*, *Man of La Mancha* remains his monument piece which earned him a Tony Award for Best Score. Some critics point to this much revived musical as a precursor to the literature-rooted pop musicals that would arrive in the 1980s (i.e., *Les Misérables* and *The Phantom of the Opera*).

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—Ryan O'Connell, *Man of La Mancha* Music Director/Conductor



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Reed 2	<b>DAVID RAMIREZ</b>	Trombone 2	<b>CALLAN MILANI</b>
Reed 3	<b>NEIL COLE</b>	Guitar 1	<b>JEFF ASKEW</b>
Reed 4	<b>RORY MAZELLA</b>	Guitar 2	<b>GUS TEPPER</b>
Reed 5	<b>CARLOS A. HERRERA</b>	Double Bass	<b>CARLOS RIVERA JR.</b>
French Horn 1	<b>ADRIAN DUNKER</b>	Percussion 1	<b>ART PACHECO</b>
French Horn 2	<b>MATT OTTO</b>	Percussion 2	<b>MATT ORDAZ</b>
Trumpet 1	<b>JAMES SHERRY</b>	Timpani	<b>AMANDA DUNCAN</b>
Trumpet 2	<b>JOHN CROSS</b>		

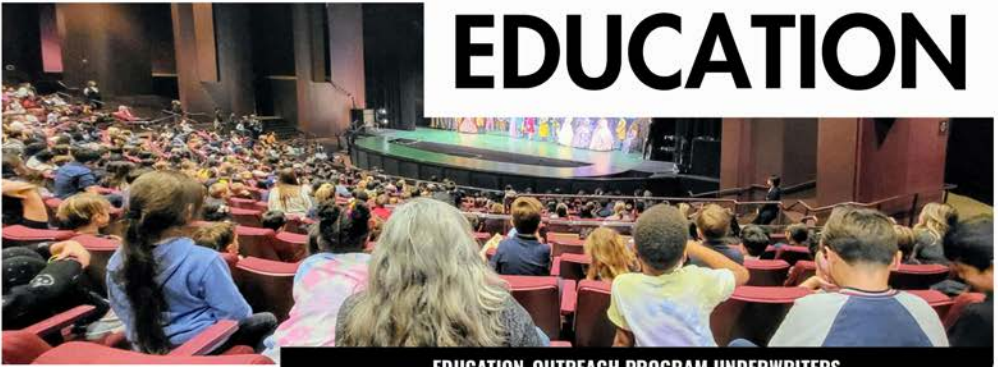
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The 2025-2026 Youth Ambassador Council

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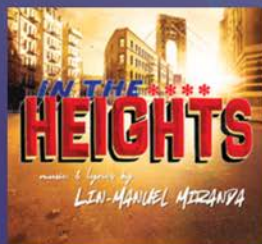
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April 10 – 26

#### Lin-Manuel Miranda's Original Tony Award-Winning Dream

Before *Hamilton* took the world by storm, Lin-Manuel Miranda used his real life as inspiration to create *In the Heights*, a vibrant, Tony Award-winning musical that pulses with the rhythm of the streets and the heart of a community. Set in New York's Washington Heights, this exhilarating story follows a neighborhood as they dream of escape, belonging, and a future full of promise. Through a score infused with hip-hop, salsa, and soul, this musical celebrates the hopes that propel us forward as one neighborhood strives to hold onto its roots while reaching for something more.



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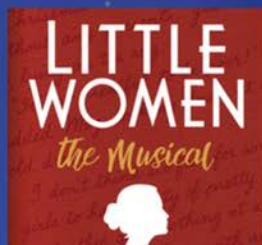
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