

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Artur Brisita (Juan Diego). Originally from San Antonio, Texas, he completed degrees in Economics and Music at the University of Arizona. Artur has performed in new musicals, short films, and operas including "The Magic Flute" and "La Traviata."

Alex Akin (Mary), who hails from San Francisco, earned her BFA from the University of Michigan. Since moving to New York City, she has been involved in various productions including Vital Theatre's musical "Fancy Nancy" (Bree). Work it out, try harder and play the love.



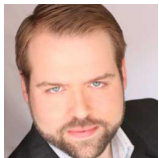
Arlene Ng (Orita) is a Musical Theatre graduate of New York's Professional Performing Arts School. Arlene played the role of Bree in the Off-Broadway production of "Fancy Nancy". Check out her newly released CD "Canciones Intensas" on iTunes. Lots of love to all friends and family. Love you Mami, Papi, Mari, and Jared.



Savion Smith (Juan Bernardino, Quique the Guard). Born in Miami, Florida, Savion is a graduate of New World School of the Arts and Chicago College of the Performing Arts, with a BFA in Musical Theatre. "I Will" marks his New York debut. Thanks to all of my family for their great support. This is for you, Mom.



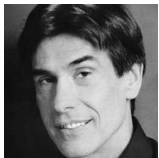
Max Wier (Bishop Zumarraga) is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of the choruses of The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Houston Grand Opera. Numerous roles include Colline in La Bohème and Snug in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Winner.



Nercido Mota (Secretary, Flaco the Guard) is a native of New York City and a graduate of Hunter College, H.B Studios, and The Raul Julia Training Unit. Nercido can be seen in his latest film "The Last Intervention". He'd love to thank his family and closest others for all of their support and guidance.

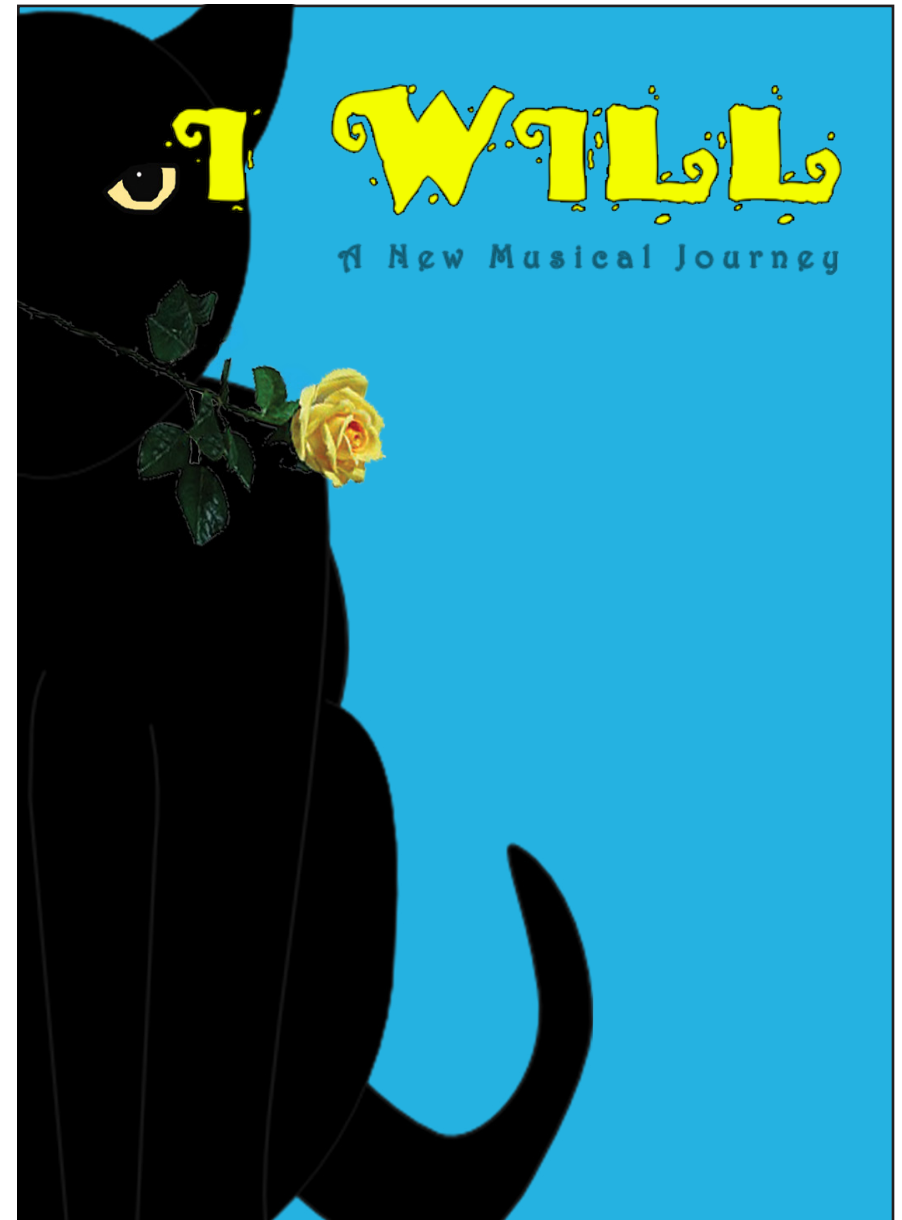


Ilion Troya (Narrator, General), born in Brazil, has been a member of Julian Beck and Judith Malina's The Living Theatre. He studied acting with Bennes Mardenn and is a founding member of The Undercroft Players. Ilion has acted in music-drama pieces with Nexus Arts. He is delighted to join the talented group of "I Will".



PROGRAM

CABRINI REPERTORY THEATRE



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PERFORMANCES: JUNE 16, 21, 22 2014

CABRINI REPERTORY THEATRE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
FRANCO MOSCHETTI

Spring Promise Productions & The Thespis Theatre Festival
present

I WILL

Music, Lyrics and Book

LUCE AMEN

Director

MICHELE FARBMAN

Percussion, Drums

David Cox

Bass

Mike Weatherly

Guitar

Marc Daine

Piano, Conductor

Luce Amen

Choreography

Holly Jarboe

Choreography

Arlene Ng

Videography

Jorge Lara

Sound Technician*

Chris Homenick

Lighting and Sound Design

Patrick Backalli

Photography

Peter Bergner

Marketing, Webmaster

Savion Smith

Usher - Nick Warner

**sound provided by One Dream Sound*

SYNOPSIS

1531. Mexico. A Christian, an agnostic, and a secular live together. Each respects the other's unique interpretation of life. Into this blissful environment comes a stunning development – a disturbing vision. Aztec Mexican peasant and new Christian Juan Diego is confronted by Mary 'the Special Lady,' who demands that he persuade Zumarraga - bishop of all of Mexico - to build a church for the people in the region– to heal, to pray, to find comfort. This is a journey through rejection and suffering, requiring hero Juan Diego to summon all of his perseverance, faith and courage, to face this unexpected challenge. The result? A most unlikely collaboration - with a surprising ending. *Enjoy the show! - Luce*

“Con fe, todo es posible”

“With faith, everything is possible”

CAST (in order of appearance)

Narrator, General ILION TROYA
Juan Diego ARTUR BRISITA
Juan Bernardino, Quique the Guard SAVION SMITH
Orita ARLENE NG
Mary ALEX AKIN
Bishop Zumarraga MAX WIER
Secretary, Flaco the Guard NERCIDO MOTA

MUSICAL NUMBERS

“Long Ago In Mexico”..... ENSEMBLE
“A Man Named Juan Diego” ENSEMBLE
“I’ll Always Care for You” JUAN DIEGO
“Hey-Ya, Hey-Ya” JUAN DIEGO, ORITA, JUAN BERNARDINO
“Hill of Glory” MARY, JUAN DIEGO
“My Life is A Road” ORITA, JUAN DIEGO
“No” FLACO, QUIQUE
“I’ve Got Better Things To Do Today” JUAN DIEGO
“The Future is A Child” BISHOP ZUMARRAGA
“Listen” JUAN BERNARDINO
“I Can’t Go Back There Again” JUAN DIEGO
“I Will” JUAN DIEGO
“Di Adios” SECRETARY
“Words” BISHOP ZUMARRAGA
“I’ll Always Care for You (reprise)” JUAN DIEGO
“I Will (reprise)” JUAN DIEGO, MARY
“I’ll Always Care/Look At Me Now” .. MARY, JUAN BERNARDINO
“Santa Maria” ENSEMBLE
“That’s A Miracle” ENSEMBLE
“San Juan Diego” ENSEMBLE



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