
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.



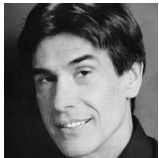
Max Wier (Bishop Zumarraga) is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of the choruses of The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Houston Grand Opera. Numerous roles include Colline in La Bohème and Snug in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Winner.



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".

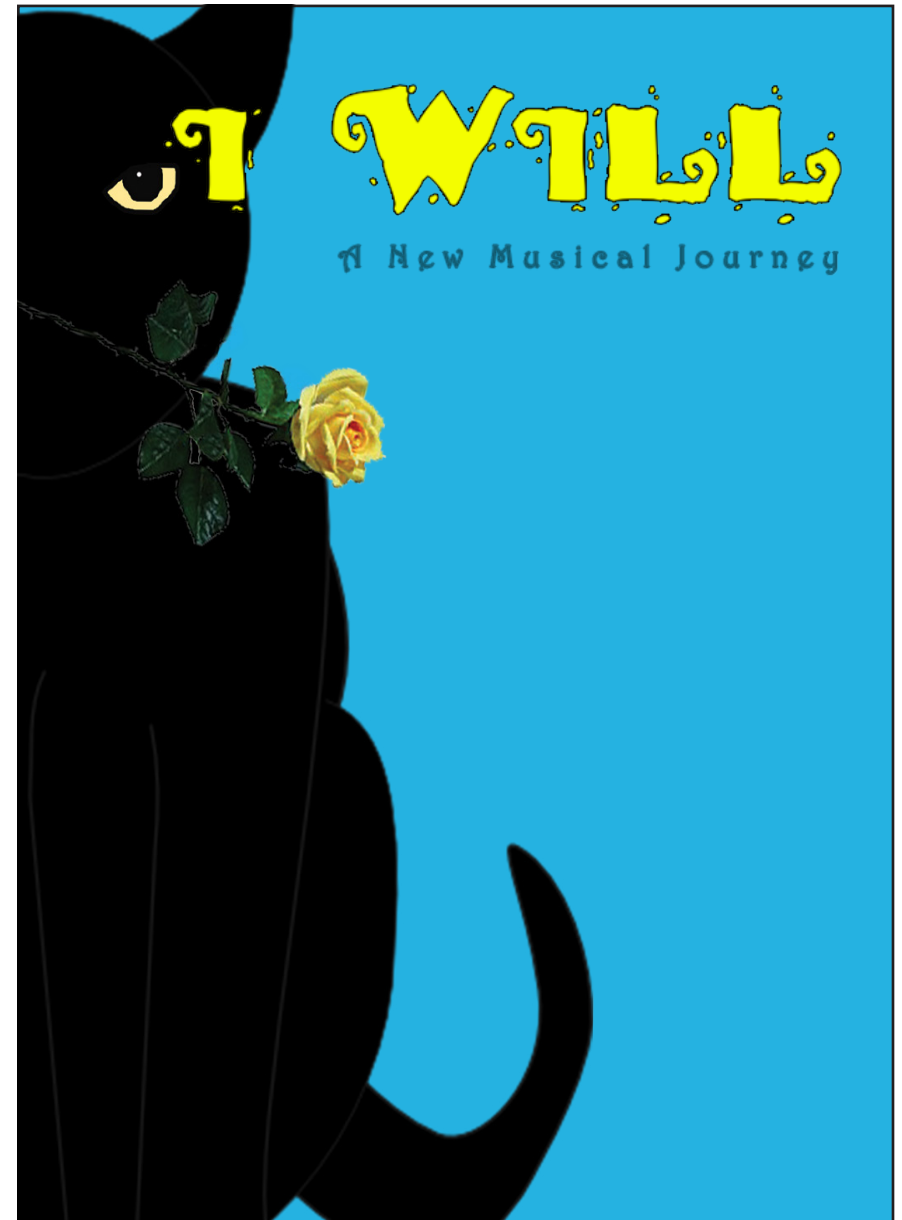


Musical Director, Keyboard
Luce Amen

Percussion, Drums
David Cox

PROGRAM

ROY ARIAS THEATER II



JULY 26, 2014

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TIMES SQUARE ARTS CENTER

Spring Promise Productions & Thespis Theatre Festival
present

I WILL

Music, Lyrics and Book
LUCE AMEN

Choreography
Holly Jarboe

Lighting and Sound Design
Patrick Backalli

Director
MICHELE FARBMAN

Choreography
Arlene Ng

Marketing, Webmaster
Savion Smith

Special thanks to Kathryn Carroll for artwork

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. New Christian Juan Diego is confronted by Mary 'the Special Lady,' who urges him to persuade Zumarraga - bishop of all of Mexico - to build a church for the people in the region - to heal, to pray, to find comfort. Borne of love, a magnificent collaboration ensues among three individuals of different beliefs. Juan Diego works through his self-doubt to attempt the impossible. The ensuing journey calls on all his faith, courage, and endurance. The result could hardly have been anticipated. *Enjoy the show! -Luce*

*“Con fe, todo es posible”
“With faith, everything is possible”*

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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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