Direction of the Play: Maricela De La Luz Lights The World

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Abstract
This project entailed the selection, background research and documentation, casting, direction, and post-production analysis of Castle Park High School's production of Jose Rivera's Maricela de la Luz Lights the World. Documentation includes research and analysis of the play, and an evaluation of the play as a production vehicle for the drama department of Castle Park High School. The analysis also includes a discussion as to the non-traditional directorial vision of this production.

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Witnessing the collective reaction of the audience towards the play convinced the young Rivera that someday, he too, would like to write plays.[1][2] This work with the subject of Che Guevara later led Rivera to write and perform a play entitled School of the Americas which focuses on Che's last few hours alive. The play starring John Ortiz as Che, imagines Che's final conversations, mainly with a young and fairly naive female schoolteacher, in the one-room village schoolhouse where he is imprisoned before his execution. The play was featured in New York City 2006-2007 and later San Francisco 2008.[2][5]. Influences[edit]. Maricela De La Luz Lights The World. Godstuff. Adoration of the Old Woman. A few days before Christmas, as Maricela de la Luz and her brother Riccardo come out of a San Diego mall, the world suddenly changes. It starts off slowly. First it's the unexplainable snowfall. Then it's all the adults disappearing. Maricela - Sofia Islas Ricardo - Tony Cabauatan Xblanque/Ensemble - Zoe Santos Polar Bear/Ensemble - Marlena Wilson Ofelia/Ensemble - Cecilia Harchegani Cyclops/Ensemble - Teia Shannon Wright Jason/Ensemble - Esteban Santos Orpheus/Ensemble - Jaxon Poland Hercules/Ensemble - Alexandra Adsit Mysterious Fog/Adriana/Ensemble - Bella Basurto Hunahpu - Marlena Wilson And Esteban Santos Loki/Ensemble - Lauren Basurto Adriano(Smiling Face)/Ensemble - Angelie Walker. It's called the Sul Ross Children's Theatre Project, and this year they're performing Maricela de la Luz Lights the World by José Rivera. We're joined today by three of the people behind the production: Sedia Woods, Darius Dentley, and Greg Schwab. Sedia Woods is a Sul Ross student and plays Maricela. Darius Dentley is also a Sul Ross theater professor and directs the play. We talk about their characters, the differences between performing for audiences of varying ages, and the Hosted by Travi