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SUMMARY

Raquel Almazan is an interdisciplinary producing artist, educator and advocate. Her eclectic career as artist-activist spans original multi-media solo performances, playwriting, devising- dramaturgy and filmmaking. She is the Executive Artistic Director of La Lucha Arts and creator – facilitator of arts programs for intergenerational communities, with a focus on social justice community engagement and is a practitioner of Butoh Dance. Their work has been presented in New York City- including Off-Broadway, throughout the United States and internationally in Greece, Italy, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Canada and Sweden; including plays within her long term project on writing bi-lingual plays in dedication to Latin American countries (Latin is America play cycle).

EDUCATION

PhD by Publication in progress	University of Exeter, England- via distance
MFA Playwriting, School of the Arts	Columbia University, New York City
BFA Theatre Performance/Playwriting With honors	University of Florida-New World School of the Arts Conservatory, Miami, Florida
AA Film Directing	Miami Dade College, Miami Florida

PLAYWRITING – Columbia University

Playwriting through aesthetics/ Playwriting Projects: *Charles Mee*

Play structure and analysis/Playwriting Projects: *Kelly Stuart*

Thesis and Professional Development: *David Henry Hwang and Chay Yew*

American Spectacle: *Lynn Nottage*

Political Theatre/Dramaturgy: *Morgan Jenness*

Collaboration Class- Mentored by *Ken Rus Schmoll*

Adaptation: *Anthony Weigh*

New World SAC Master Classes

Excerpt readings and feedback on Blood Bits and Junkyard Food plays: *Edward Albee*

Writing as a career- longevity for the playwright: *Horton Foote*

Structure development and performance of solo shows: *Julie Harris*

Henrik Ibsen's contribution to the modern drama: *Brian Johnston*

Playwriting Levels 1-4 (4 consecutive years)

SCREENPLAY- Miami Dade

Level 1: *Gary Davis*

Level 2: *Holly Anderson*
New York City Master class on structures within genre: *Robert McKee*

TELEVISION WRITING- Columbia
Spec Script: *Jermone Hairston*
Original Pilots: *Zakiyyah Alexander*

ACTING- New World SAC
Workshops: *David Mamet, Lee Michael Cohen, Susan Grace Cohen and Julie Harris*
Method: *William Horn*
Uda Hagan/Scene Study: *Patrice Bailey*
Improvisation/Scene Study: *David Kwait*
Classical texts and Chekov: *Jorge Guerra*
Acting-Classical texts: *Heath Kelts*
Shakespeare and Clowning: *Andrew Noble*

SHAKESPEARE- additional training
Adrian Noble of the Royal Shakespeare Company, Columbia University
Peter Craze New World and London East 5 School
Ian Hersey of The Public Theatre Lab, New York City Master class
Andrew Goldberg's Shakespeare Gym, three consecutive years, New York City
(King Lear, Macbeth, Measure for Measure, and numerous scenes/monologues)

TV/FILM ACTING: One on One Studios, Actors Alliance, The Network- New York City
Courses with over sixty NYC Casting Directors television/film sides and commercial copy.

LABYRINTH THEATRE INTENSIVE- *Stephen Adly Guirgis-* writing new work, *Philip Seymour Hoffman* dramaturgy and performance in *Our Town, Maggie Flannigan* -scene study

MOVEMENT – New World SAC
Laban, Grotowski, Puppetry, Mask: *Jorge Guerra*
Biomechanics: *Matthais Scherwenikas*
Butoh Dance:- *Helena Thevenot*
Alexander Technique: *James Franz*
Suzuki Technique: *Heath Kelts* and *Siti Company* Master class
Experimental Theatre/Movement -*Octavio Campos of Pina Bausch Company*

Suzuki Technique: *Kameron Steele* of *Suzuki Company of Toga* New York City

Butoh Dance/Ritual Theatre: *Vangelina Theatre, Katsura Kan, Minako Seki, Leigh Evans, Helena Thevenot, Tetsuro Fakahara, Yumiko Yoshioka, Hiroko and Koichi Tamano, Kudo Taketuru, Kota Yamazaki, Daiichiro Yuyama, Mari Osnani, Atshushi Takenouchi, Dai Matsuoka, Tadashi Endo and Natalia Cuellar*

Nouveau Clown Movement Master class: *Jango Edwards* Brick Theatre New York City
Clown Lab NYC: *Jef Johnson*

VOICE- New World SAC
Voice/Diction- several courses: *James Randolph*

Dialects-Cicely Berry technique:(British, Southern, Irish, etc: *Cynthia Caquelin-Capewell*
Voice/Diction: *Patrice Bailey*
Singing: *Jane Seaman Kate Chadwick* NYC Coaching
Voice after Artaud and Grotowski: *Jean-Rene Toussaint*

DIRECTING- Columbia

Visiting Directors: *Anne Bogart*
Approaches on Directing: *Gregory Mosher*
Master class: *Julie Taymor*
New World SAC: Directing Stylistically: *Jorge Guerra*
Miami Dade
Film Directing/Film Theory: *Ece Karayalcin*
Film Production- Camera-Lighting-Editing: *Holly Anderson*
Film History: *Gary Davis*

HISTORY/THEATRE THEORY- New World SAC

Theatre Theory: *Jorge Guerra*
Political/Social Movements in Theatre: *Roberto Prestigiacomo*
Theatre History: *Heath Kelts*
Columbia: History and Theory of Theatre: *Piia J. Mustamaki*

TECHNICAL- New World SAC

Stage Managing (Provoked Wife), Scenic Artist (Cherry Orchard) mentored by
Alexander Okun, Lighting Design- (Wild Duck)
Lighting Design: *Jeff Quinn*
Stage Craft: *Paul Lancraft*

AWARDS / GRANTS

2026 Mosaic Network and Fund, Recipient of General Operating Support Grant, La Lucha Arts

2025 Hispanic Organization of Latin Artists (HOLA Awards) Nominated for Best Ensemble Performance for *La Paloma Prisoner*, Off-Broadway performance.

New York State Council of the Arts Grant – NYTW- Individual Grantee, Almazan, *El Odio de un Pais.* 2024

Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) Award NYC Women's Fund New York Foundation of the Arts (NYFA), world premiere of *La Paloma Prisoner.*

Howard Gilman Foundation Grant in support of La Lucha Arts 2023

New York Community Trust Grant in support of La Lucha Arts 2022

Chelsea Factory NYC inaugural artist fellowship, 2022, grant and play development Lab.

The Map Fund Lead Artist Grant Recipient, *La Paloma Prisoner.*

New York State Council of the Arts Grant – NYTW- Individual Grantee, Almazan, La Paloma Prisoner in collaboration with New York Theatre Workshop.

Recipient of the 2021 New York Innovative Theatre Awards for leadership contribution to Indie Space/Indie Fund in recognition of the board's work to serve independent artists.

NALAC National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures Grant, La Paloma Prisoner.

Recipient of the Kennedy Center's Latinidad Playwriting Award for CAFÉ.

Almazan awarded the June Bingham Live & In Color Commission for Goddesses Return to the Temple, 2023.

Almazan selected for 2023 The Kilroy's Web, featured in American Theatre Magazine. The Web not only champions underproduced plays by women, trans, and nonbinary Playwrights but also highlights some of the Theatermakers/Collaborators (actors, directors, dramaturgs, producers, etc) who work tirelessly to create and advocate for their work.

The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation LGBTQ Playwriting Prize - 2nd place – La Paloma Prisoner.

The Bret Adams and Paul Reisch Foundation Playwright Grant 2020 La Paloma Prisoner.

The Doris Duke Foundation Performing Artist Recovery Fund.

The Kilroys List of postponed 2020 productions written by women La Paloma Prisoner.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Arts Grant for La Paloma Prisoner.

Foundation for Contemporary Arts- FCA Emergency Grants LA NEGRA.

Foundation for Contemporary Arts- The Bridge Fund.

The Indie Theatre Fund Prize for Leaders of Color, Artistic Directorship of La Lucha Arts.

Arthur J. Harris Memorial Prize for Arts in Social Justice for development of La Paloma Prisoner and programming with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women.

New Georges Audrey Resident artist, Does that Feel Good to you my Lark?: A Doll's House Adaptation.

BRIC Arts Residency for a workshop development of LA NEGRA.

Selected as a 2015-16 Core Apprentice Writer with the Playwrights Center with CAFÉ.

Awarded a Professional Development Residency with the Eugene O'Neill Center National Playwrights Conference.

New Georges, The Jam Resident artist to develop Goddesses Return to the Temple.

MAP Fund – Associate artist for Aliens Taco Truck Theatre Project.

Scratch Lab Development Residency with Hi- Arts for La Negra.

Critical Breaks Development Residency with Hi- Arts for La Paloma Prisoner.

Network of Ensemble Theatres Travel Grant for the Taco Truck Theatre Project.

Columbia University's Deans Travel Grant to participate at Tre Roma University Conference in Rome, Italy.

Recipient of the Kate Neal Kinley Fellowship in Playwriting for the Columbia University Masters Program for the play The Hopefulness or La Esperanza.

Recipient of the Deans Fellowship M.F.A. Playwriting Columbia University. Assistant to Charles Mee.

NALIP Travel Grant to attend the National Conference of Latin Independent Producers, where Death of the Doll short was screened.

Ford Foundation, Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs, The Cultural Affairs Council, Alternate, Roots. Joint grant for commission and staged reading of play Glossy Page Pimps (co-writer/performer) with Teo Castellanos.

The Fund for Creative Communities/New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, The Manhattan Community Arts Fund, Public Service Award from the Department of Cultural Affairs for The Hopefulness.

Miami Artist Access Individual Travel Grant for She Wolves (writer/performer)

Miami Dade Department of Cultural Affairs Grant for Death of the Doll: A Stripper's Journey Through the Afterlife.

Tropiculture Miami, and Florida Arts Grant for original run of She Wolves.

Miami Dade Cultural Affairs Community Grant for Artist Residency Development of She Wolves at Art South Homestead Center.

Miami Dade Department of Cultural Affairs for multi-media dance theatre devised piece Anomie.

Nominated for the 2021 United States Artist Award in the Innovative Theatre Artist Category writer/performer.

Finalist for the Artist as Activist Fellowship \$100,000, Bob Rauschenberg Foundation for the La Paloma Prisoner project.

Finalist The Playwrights Realm, Playwriting Fellowship with Does that Feel Good to you my Lark?: A Doll's House Adaptation.

Finalist for The Women's Project Writers Lab with CAFÉ.

Finalist for the Jerome Foundation Theatre Fellowship.

Finalist for The Playwrights Foundation Festival, LA NEGRA.

Finalist for the Episodic Lab Orchid Project, Television Pilot – CHUTUP!

Finalist for the Ten-Minute Actors Theatre of Louisville Human Festival with Dar a Luz.

Finalist for Terra Nova's Groundbreakers with La Paloma Prisoner.

Finalist for The National Black and Latino Theatre Conference with La Paloma Prisoner and The Hopefulness.

Finalist for Zoetic Stage Finstrom Festival of New York with Does that Feel Good to you my Lark?: A Doll's House Adaptation.

Semi Finalist for The Princess Grace New Dramatist Playwriting Fellowship.

Semi Finalist for The Rhimes Unsung Voices Playwriting Commission.

Semi Finalist The Playwrights Realm, Playwriting Fellowship with CAFÉ

Semi Finalist P73 Playwriting Fellowship.

Semi Finalist Map Fund Grant with solo Porning the Planet writer/performer

Semi Finalist New York Theatre Workshop 2050 Writing Fellowship

Semi Finalist (2x) with CAFÉ for the Eugene O' Neill National Playwrights Conference

Semi Finalist Creative Capital Grant, La Paloma Prisoner.

ORIGINAL PLAYS- including performance

LA PALOMA PRISONER (production) Off-Broadway world premiere workshop production, Chelsea Factory Fall 2024. Prior scheduling at New York Theatre Workshop, Next Door Series, original dates postponed due to Covid. Chelsea Factory residency reading and production directed by Estefania Fadul. (workshop) production at the Signature Theatre off-Broadway directed by *Charlotte Brathwaite*) Repertorio Espanol (2020 Spanish translation reading) directed by Estefania Fadul. (Hi- Arts Critical Breaks Residency, directed by Estefania Fadul) (Queensboro Correctional Facility and Green Hope Community Center via Impacted women staged reading series, directed by Laura Gomez) (Tre Roma University, Rome Italy reading) (Women's Playwrights International Conference- Stockholm, Sweden) (The Lark Play Development Reading) (Labyrinth Theatre Intensive reading) (Staged Reading INTAR)

(Performer as well in the La Mama Reading)

EL ODIO DE UN PAIS, The Hate of a Country (Costa Rica), Chelsea Factory, NYC, works in progress sharing with live musical score in collaboration with Sinuhe Padilla. Excerpt reading 2025 with INTAR Off-Broadway, NYC. SOL Project's staged reading SOL Fest Off Broadway at Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre 2025. Pangea World Theatre, Minneapolis, staged reading of commissioned works in progress; funded by the Jerome Foundation. New Theatre Miami One-Acts Festival (excerpt production).

LA NEGRA (Reading- staged workshops) *Writer/Performer*, Lincoln Center staged reading with Classical Theatre of Harlem and (BRIC Arts residency excerpt presentation, directed by Mei Ann Teo, 2019. Hi-Arts (Scratch Lab residency) Iati Theatre and Lone Star Reading, New York City. La Negra excerpt performance Columbia University-Shapiro Theatre.

PORNING THE PLANET *De-Sensitization of a Nation: solo show writer/performer Sensora* at Pangea World Theatre Minneapolis. Assistant directed by Charlotte Brathwaite. National Performance Network Touring Engagement. Q & A with audiences, including a panel with sex workers who exchanged in dialogue with the themes of the production.

*Excerpts (Bug Spin Brooklyn)

*Full length production (Dixon Place, Dramaturgy by *Penny Arcade*) 2016

*Excerpt performance (Theatre 80)

*Excerpt performance (Theatre for the New City) New York Butoh Institute International Festival

DOES THAT FEEL GOOD TO YOU MY LARK? A Doll's House Adaptation: Selected for The Bushwick Starr's reading series curated by William Burke and Jillian Walker. Works in progress staged reading. New Georges Audrey Resident Workshop presentation, Off Broadway- The Tank, Art New York. Directed by Miranda Haymon.

DAR A LUZ (off Broadway) American Theatre of Actors NYC, New Theatre Miami One-Acts Festival and Aspen, Colorado w/Theatre Masters. La Mama Experimental Theatre Club presents Days of Remembrance, series of events addressing the immigration crisis, promoting educational and healing efforts related to the U.S. incarceration of Japanese Americans and others and protecting civil liberties.

CAFÉ' (workshop) Columbia University Shapiro Theatre. *Directed by Elena Araoz*. Performer of CAFÉ' excerpts at The Kennedy Center with the KCACTF National Festival. Workshop with the Sol Project at Primary Stages, directed by Melissa Crespo.

THE HISPANICK ZONE (postponed production) Dramaturgical additions to the original text and restructuring of the play by Guillermo Reyes at Hostos Community College NYC, Edinburgh Fringe Festival International tour.

WATERMELON – The Capitol Plays (Reading) Off Broadway, The New Davenport, commissioned by Lone Star Theatre Company.

LA MIGRA TACO TRUCK (one act- Off Broadway) Theatre Row NYC, New Theatre Miami One-Acts Festival 2012 and Aspen, Colorado w/Theatre Masters and 2017 Samaritan Road Productions, selection for Gun Plays Theatre Series @ The Station Theatre, IL.

WHEN I CAME HOME Short play commission by Harlem9 for the 48 hours in the Bronx in collaboration with Pregones Theatre and off-Broadway Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre venue. Writers responded to theme of music history in the Bronx. NYC

GODDESSES RETURN TO THE TEMPLE Third part of Almazan's Sextrilogy. Awarded the June Bingham Live & In Color Commission, 2023 towards drafting of the full length play. Workshop presentation in NYC and Connecticut. Directed by Mei Ann Teo starring Jen Ayala and Julia Brothers. Original short play inception commission in collaboration with NEW YORK MADNESS to write a new short play, all female Latinx writers initiative. The Kraine Theater NYC.

THE HOPEFULNESS (Off Broadway Reading) (Rising Circle Theatre Company at Theatre Row) (The Flea Theatre- staged reading with live musical scoring w/ Dramatic Question Theatre) 2024. (Writer/performer for Teatro Iati reading) (Danisarte Company, 4 Caminos Festival Workshop Performance)

CROSS ROADS: RE-FRAMING THE IMMIGRANT NARRATIVE: Commissioned by LaMicro Theatre, devised bi-lingual play with six Latinx immigrant actors and their experiences in the theatre field. Workshop production, presented at La Tea Theatre, NYC.

AFTERMATH (reading) Cherry Lane Theatre, [#Pages4PuertoRico](#) excerpt contributor to building a full-length play titled AFTERMATH. Benefit reading, proceeds go to Puerto Rico hurricane relief.

BETWEEN YOU, ME AND US Short play commission by Lone Star Theatre for New York Madness series, staged reading event. Writers responded to theme of Borders. NYC

Playwright participant for Here to be Seen: Women and Justice- Seven Stories Inspired by women in the System, paired with formerly incarcerated women to create an original play for personnel in the criminal justice system. In association with the Brooklyn Kings County District Attorney's Re-Entry task force office. NYU- Poly Pfizer Auditorium. *2016 for the Bayview Correctional Facility transformation to community center, Women's Building Block Party, collaboration with Mightee Shero Productions and The Novo Foundation, Chelsea. *2018 Judson Arts reading with Poetic Theatre Productions, NYC

THE RIVER'S EDGE- one-act *Writer/Performer*, Columbia University-Shapiro Theatre

LET'S EAT! One act- Columbia University-Shapiro Theatre

WHO'S SCHOOLING WHO? And THIS IS FOR SACRED PUSSY Short play commission by Poetic Theatre Productions for Love, redefined: Resist Festival, inspired by James Baldwin essays on education and Love, redefined: Reclaim, an adaptation of Angela Davis's piece, For Every Woman. NYC

DEATH OF THE DOLL screenplay excerpts for staged reading Naked Angels Co. NYC

UN-WELCOMED SAINTHOOD With Poetic Theatre Productions, commissioned to write a new play poem, for the event Love, Redefined: Resistance. NYC

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE Co-authored short play commission by Multi- Stages for THE FUTURE IS FEMALE Festival, celebrating the newly elected women of color in US government. NYC

EL BUSCON Short play commission about the Dominican Republic's connection to baseball (directed by Eddie Torres) written for The 7th Inning Stretch Festival at Mile Square Theatre. MST's signature showcase of plays about America's favorite pastime. NJ

REGRESAR New Theatre Miami One-Acts Festival

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS one-act reading Rising Circle Company, Drama League

ARMS short play commissioned by the Latino Theatre Commons 2016, The Clemente in the Flamboyant Theatre, NYC.

CHUT UP! The Kong Show –Iguana's Night Club, Stand up comedy.
(Excerpt reading at INTAR)

SHE WOLVES: Women in Sex, Death and Re-birth (solo play & experimental films) *writer/performer* (see conferences and workshop sections for complete list of performances and activities)

* *P.S. 742, Artemis- Full-length run, Miami*

* Powers Studio Slam –Excerpts, Miami

* *Virgin Stripper* Excerpt Wild Seduction Gallery- voices of sex workers, Miami

* *C.E.O excerpt* Peace Protest Against the War, Miami

* *Excerpts* Art Basel-World's Largest Art Fair, Miami

* *Excerpt* Bowery Poetry Club-Monologue Slam and Nuyorican Poets Café, NYC

* P. S. 122 Avant-Garde Arama- *Virgin Stripper* monologue, NYC

* Excerpts for Sexplosion at Galapagos: variety of female performance artists, NYC

* *Rikers Prison: Warrior excerpt* for female teenagers, empowerment event, NYC

* New York International Fringe Fest: Revised New Version, Full length run at Gene Frankel Theatre, NYC

* Lower East Side Festival- *Virgin Stripper excerpt*: Theatre for the New City, NYC

* Vangelina Theatre Cabaret: *Virgin Stripper excerpt*: Bowery Poetry Club, NYC

* *Virgin Stripper excerpt*: #metoo National Action Network Convention (2018)

* *Virgin Stripper excerpt*: #metoo The Gray Area: An interpretation (2018)

* *Virgin Stripper excerpt*: #metoo #HealMeToo Festival, IRT NYC (2019)

ALIVE DEAD BABY (Reading) Drama Book Store NYC) (New World Studio, Miami)

GLOSSY PAGE PIMP (Staged reading) Co- *Writer/Performer* Miami Light Project,
Directed by Michael Garces.

DEATH OF THE DOLL solo play- New World Conservatory, Miami.

2nd version *Death of the Doll: A Stripper's Journey Through the Afterlife* at P.S. 742 in Miami, FL.

ANOMIE Multi-media devised dance theatre piece (dramaturg/performer as Earth) presented at P.S. 742, Miami, with Artemis Organization, Miami.

UR-FAUST: Dramaturg for Interdisciplinary adaptation of Faust. Louis O' Gerrits Theatre, New World Conservatory Miami. Performed in touring version as Margaret, Hyterio Theatre, Athens Greece

THREE-BIT HOODS (reading) Third Street Black Box, Miami Fl.

JUNKYARD FOOD *New Plays Festival*, Louis O' Gerrits Theatre, New World Conservatory, Miami. Tarell Mc Craney as Henry.

BLOOD BITS (reading) *Writer/ Director* New World Conservatory, Miami.

BASTOS MONOLOGUE performed with amputee dancer Stephanie Bastos for Hillary Clinton's Women's Leadership Forum Town Hall meeting, Miami.

OTHER COMPLETED PLAYS (One Acts- Shorts)

EL CRIMEN DE COLIMA

MADRE MI MADRE-HIJA MI HIJA

THIS LAND

NOT SO LOST IN TRANSLATION

TOM AND MARTHA

POUNING ON DEATH'S DOOR WITHOUT AN INVITATION

COME HOME FOR DINNER

POR ESPANA

SWING HIGH-SWING LOW

THE RULES

WHEN CAN I DIE SO I CAN START LIVING?

DEAD END RACKET

HOLDING SOIL

FILM/TV- DIRECTING + WRITING + PRODUCING

AMERICAN PACHUCO: THE LEGEND OF LUIS VALDEZ – Producing Consultant. American Masters - PBS DOCUMENTARY. ITVS Films in collaboration with City Lore. Against political resistance and industry skepticism, Luis Valdez pushes Chicano storytelling from the fields to the film screen with Zoot Suit and La Bamba, crafting iconic works that challenge, celebrate, and expand America's story. Recipient of the 2025 Library of Congress, Lavine/Ken Burns Prize for Film.

YOUTH PROJECT 2025: RE-DEFINING AMERICA THROUGH IDENTITY: Producer and Content Director through City Lore org. Documentary featuring, The Urban Explorers 2025 Summer Cohort: A diverse youth cohort Define who they are through video, performance and poetry, Explore the world around them and Advocate for the urgent issues of our time. <https://youtu.be/rRx8qwjXUxE>

WHITE ALLIGATOR- Directorial Feature Film Debut. Mockumentary about discrimination and bias of Latine identity in the entertainment industry.

Screenings: (International Puerto Rican Heritage Film Festival) (Golden Door International Film Festival) (Art of Brooklyn Film Festival), (San Francisco Latino Film Festival) (International Bled Film Festival Slovenia *Winner Best Actress for WA lead actress)

DEATH OF THE DOLL (Short Film. Produced under Almazan's production company La Lucha Arts) – Writer, Actor, Director, Producer.

Screened: (1st Annual Boyle Heights Latina Independent Film Extravaganza, Los Angeles, selection by *Josefina Lopez* of Real Women Have Curves)

(Screenplay participated in The National Association of Latin Independent Producers, NALIP- Writers Lab) (Screened at the NALIP- national conference)

(*Voted 1st place at the New York International Latino Film Festival (NYILFF) Latino Pitch Session) (NYC Film Counseling Series Program Selected Participant)

CHUTUP! – Based on the life, art and activism of Raquel Almazan. Original Television Pilot.

LO QUE PASO – Director of Lo Que Paso short film (text by Mariana Enriquez) - Cinematic Reading Series Escena Sur, reimagining short stories. Short term stream produced by La Micro Theatre.
https://www.lamicrotheater.org/projects/escena_sur_2021/lo_que_paso

SMITHSONIAN SHORTS - Producer and Content Director through City Lore org. for a series of short 2 min documentaries addressing the United Nations sustainability goals. Commissioned by The Smithsonian Museum. Four films awarded top 10 awards in Teens Dream international competition.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4slyQodolv3AtQt8qH1U9Hn5v5LTG9qm>

BEHIND THE FLAVORS OF NEW YORK - Producer and Content Director through City Lore org. for this short documentary that explores the intersection of personal immigrant narratives and food culture, as well as the response of small businesses during the Covid pandemic. <https://youtu.be/G4gmxAFtvso>

SWEET HOME CHINATOWN? - Producer and Content Director through City Lore org. for this short documentary depicting modern day Chinatown in New York City. Through interviews with art activists such as Chinatown Art Brigade, and residents from the Chinatown community.
<https://youtu.be/sEJfsUyYo60>

WE WILL NOT BE TAMED – Producer and Content Director through City Lore org. for this short documentary addressing female genital mutilation through teenager Jibeh Fatty’s original story.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lco2U7uLGiY>

THE WEIGHT OF FLIGHT- Screenwriter. Collaborating with director/producer Elizabeth Mackintosh, as writer of this short film based on the transgender life of Pooya Mohseni who starred in the film. Post production status.

PRIDE STORIES- Storytelling Coch. Life Jacket Theatre partnered with the Queer Detainee Empowerment Project to support LGBTQIA+ immigrants share their urgent stories with a series of short docs. Storytelling Coaches: Raquel Almazan & Drew Drake. Video: Jeremy Kotin. Support: Alliance of Resident Theatres/New York - Funds for Anti-Oppression Work. Links to films:
<https://vimeo.com/567314140?share=copy>
<https://vimeo.com/567312222?share=copy>
<https://vimeo.com/567315961?share=copy>
<https://vimeo.com/567047044>

MUSIC VIDEO- Director/Producer *Van Wild*’s “Cherry Tree” track – digital distribution.

TELEVISION SPEC SCRIPTS- *Mad Men* and *Devious Maids* television sample writing.

THEATRE DIRECTING

BECAUSE WE DREAM- MAINSTAGE PRODUCTION	Playwrights Horizons Theatre School, NYU, NYC
LEARNING HOW TO SQUIRT (R)	Teatro Iati NYC, Latinx Playwrights Circle, Pipeline Theatre Company
THE FIRST BRIDGE –one act festival	T. Schreiber Theatre, NYC
BERRIES- staged reading	Clutch Productions, Primary Stages Studio, NYC

My FAVORITE FLOWER	Clutch Productions, Primary Stages Studio, NYC
Rise Up! No More Stolen Lives, Say Their Names	Times Square, NYC
LETTERS FROM PRISONERS w/Stop Mass Incarceration Network	National Black Theatre, NYC
FUTURE STAGE (off Broadway)	New World Stages, NYC
CROSSING DESOLATION	Occupy the Empty Space, NYC
THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES	New World Conservatory
OH, THE HEARTLESS	Sticky Series, Blue Box Productions, NYC
PORTRAIT OF MY BROTHER –Solo show	Louis O' Gerrits Theatre, New World Conservatory
ZAP!	Green Door Gallery Miami
FEMME AND FOE	Miami Beach Cinematheque

FILM / TELEVISION PERFORMANCE

LIMITLESS	Co-Star	CBS, Dir. Rich Lee
THE BLACKLIST	Co-Star	NBC, Dir. Paul Edwards
LAW & ORDER: SVU	Co-Star	NBC, Dir. Peter Leto
PAN AM (PILOT)	Co-Star	ABC, Dir. Thomas Schlamme
BLUE BLOODS	Co-Star	CBS, Dir. Alex Chapple
WHITE COLLAR	Co-Star	USA Network, Dir. Phil Abraham
MICHAEL J. FOX SHOW	Co-Star	NBC, Dir. Tom Holland
BURNING BLUE	Featured	Dir. DMW Greer
PAPI CHULO	Supporting	HBO & Cannes Film Fest, Dir. Marquis Smalls
REDBIRD	Supporting	Dir. Emilia Anguita
DEATH OF THE DOLL (play & film)	Lead	Naked Angels Reading, BHLIFE LA Fest
RUN IT	Principal	Dir. Evangelos Giovanis
KATE & KULA	Guest Star	Web Series, Dir. Namakula
WHITE ALLIGATOR	Director/ Principal	Dir. Raquel Almazan

NEW YORK THEATRE PERFORMANCE- additional

LA PALOMA PRISONER (Off Broadway)	Paloma – Lead	Chelsea Factory, Hi-Arts
LA NEGRA	La Negra- Lead	BRIC Arts Theatre
THE WROTE FESTIVAL (off Broadway)	Gangster/Marie-Young Girl (Lead)	City Center, Dir. Carmen Rivera
MANHATTAN THEATRE CLUB	Lead Performer/Teaching Artist	NYC City Tour, Dir. Candido Tirado
ESCAPING JUAREZ	Mariposa/Activist (Lead)	El Museo del Barrio
MOTHERF**CKER with the Hat (R)	Veronica (Lead)	Labyrinth Co, Dir Stephen Adly Guirgis
CONVERSATIONS WITH WATERMAN (R)	Rosa (Lead) - reading	The Actors Studio, Dir. Darrell Larson
INTO THE PINES (R)	Alma Culver (Supporting)	INTAR, Dir.Carmen Rivera
FATIMA (R)	Fatima (Lead)	Manhattan Theatre Club Studio, Dir. Andy Goldberg
WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED (workshop)	Glenda (Lead)	New York Live Arts, Dir. Bill T. Jones
NO NUMBER HOME (R)	Narrator / Police Officer	Repertorio Espanol
BREAST CANCER TO BROADWAY (R)	Various Roles	Pregones Theatre-Dir Elise Hernandez
THE WONDEROUS YEAR (R)	Narrator	The Lark Development
NO WATER/THE FIRE NEXT TIME	Ensemble	Park Avenue Armory, Dir. Charlotte Brathwaite
HOMELAND (R)	Suzette/Helena (Lead)	NYU Gallatin Center-Theatre East
EL GRITO SIN GRITO (R) (off Broadway)	Solo	La Micro Co. The Bridge Theatre, Dir. Daniela Thome
MIS TRES HERMANAS (R) (off Broadway)	Rosa	La Micro Co. The Bridge Theatre, Dir. Kristin Heckler
MCC Theater (R)	Various Lead roles	Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, Dir.TJ Weaver
TERREMOTO (R)	Presidential Candidate (Lead)	Barnard University
RED PUMPS AT GROUND ZERO (R)	Angie/Camila (Lead)	Puerto Rican Traveling T., Dir. Katrin Hilbe
BETTY FORD: SHE DID ALL THAT	Citizen Voices	Dramatist Guild Studio, NYC
THE FIRE THIS TIME FESTIVAL (R)	Various Roles	Dir. Candis Jones, Krane Theatre

IPH.THEN	<i>Greek Chorus</i>	Ontological Theatre
DAY OF THE DEAD RITUAL	<i>Grandfather's spirit</i>	Julia De Burgos Cultural Center
THE HOPE PROJECT	<i>Live interacting bubble clown</i>	Dir. Mei Ann Teo, Dumbo Park Festival
EDUCATIONAL PLAY PRODUCTIONS	<i>Various Roles (Lead)</i>	NYC City Tour

REGIONAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE

CAFÉ (R)	<i>Solo Excerpts- Luisa</i>	The Kennedy Center Studio
UR-FAUST	<i>Margaret (Lead) / Dramaturgy</i>	Hyterio Theatre, Greece
SEVEN (R)	<i>Annabella De Leon</i>	WPI Conference-Stockholm, Sweden
DEVIANT BORDERS	<i>Chamuco, male (Lead)</i>	New World Arts Center, Massachusetts
THE BEAR	<i>Mrs. Popov (Lead)</i>	New World Conservatory
MACBETH	<i>Lady Macbeth (Lead)</i>	New World Conservatory
BASTOS MONOLOGUE	<i>The Voice/Writer</i>	Hillary Clinton Forum, FL
THE MAIDS	<i>Solange (Lead)/ Director</i>	New World Conservatory
TEKNOH KING LEAR	<i>Medieval Scribe/Puppeteer (Supporting)</i>	Louis O Gerrits Theatre
IN EXILE	<i>Marjoire-Lawyer (Supporting)</i>	Miniaci Performing Arts Center, FL
CIRC X performance art troupe	<i>Several performances</i>	Various Miami Cabarets, Clubs, Festivals
JUST THE FUNNY- Improvisation	<i>Comedy troupe member</i>	Miami, FL
CAFÉ LATTE FERMATTE'	<i>Shepard Characters</i>	New World Conservatory
TAMING OF THE SHREW	<i>Merchant, Servants</i>	New World Conservatory
ERASING MEMORY	<i>Terrorist Stewardess</i>	P. S. 742, Miami Beach Cinematheque
THROW OF THE DICE	<i>Chance Clown</i>	Art Temple, Miami
THE LEADER	<i>Follower</i>	New World Conservatory

PLAY DEVELOPMENT/ WORKSHOPS

FORNES PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP: Selected participant for the inaugural Maria Irene Fornes Workshop for playwright/educators helmed by Migdalia Cruz and Anne Garcia-Romero. Presented by The Fornes Institute, The Latinx Theatre Commons, NYU- Tisch School of the Arts and INTAR Theatre. Intensive week of engaging in Fornes writing prompts and teaching demonstrations based on the Fornes pedagogy and legacy of writing in community. Staged reading of excerpt from *El Odio de un Pais* (The Hate of a Country) in the culminating readings at INTAR.

GODDESSES RETURN TO THE TEMPLE Third part of Almazan's Sextrilogy. Awarded the June Bingham Live & In Color Commission, 2023 towards drafting of the full length play. Workshop presentation in Connecticut. Directed by Mei Ann Teo starring Jen Ayala and Julia Brothers.

Chelsea Factory, awarded an inaugural artist residency to develop La Paloma Prisoner and EL ODIO DE UN PAIS, The Hate of a Country. 2021-22

New Georges, The Jam Resident artist to develop Goddesses Return to the Temple. 2022

BRIC Arts Residency for a workshop development of LA NEGRA directed by Mei Ann Teo.

Workshop residency, Core Apprentice Writer with the Playwrights Center with CAFÉ.
New Georges Audrey Resident artist, DOES THAT FEEL GOOD TO YOU MY LARK? A Doll's House Adaptation.

The Public Theatre, served as Dramaturge and Artistic Advisor on Reynaldo Piniella's bi-lingual English/Spanish Hamlet residency.

Workshop reading of CAFE with the Sol Project @ Primary Stages. THE SOL PROJECT: A NEW THEATER INITIATIVE Raising the Visibility of Latinx Playwrights in the American Theater. The Sol Project will utilize a synergistic network of off-Broadway companies and regional theaters to produce works by a cohort of 12 emerging and established writers.

Performer participant, reading and developing the lead role of Glenda in We Shall Not Be Moved- a hybrid opera for The Philadelphia Opera, directed by *Bill T. Jones*, written by Marc Bamuthi Joseph.

Invited playwright participant at The Kennedy Center with the KCACTF National Festival for professional development, play presentation, and Latinidad playwriting award recipient for CAFÉ.

DOES THAT FEEL GOOD TO YOU MY LARK? A Doll's House Adaptation, Selected for the reading series. Works in progress staged reading @ The Bushwick Starr.

LA NEGRA, awarded a SCRATCH LAB residency that allows artists to experiment with aesthetic tools within a short process in a public works- in- progress showing with Hi-Arts. Directed by Fernando Parra Borti.

La Paloma Prisoner, awarded a CRITICAL BREAKS residency that allows artists to take their ideas to the next stage through an intensive development process and a public works-in-progress showing with Hi-Arts. Directed by Estefania Fadul. Staged reading followed by Unlocking Female Incarceration Part III.

EL ODIO DE UN PAIS, The Hate of a Country, Pangea World Theatre, Minneapolis, staged reading of commissioned works in progress. Funded by the Jerome Foundation. (excerpt production) New Theatre Miami One-Acts Festival.

Robert Lupone and Andrew Leynse- Theatre Masters Program- mentored the development of Dar a Luz in Aspen, Colorado and NYC.

Theresa Rebeck and Andrew Leynse- Theatre Masters Program- mentored the development of La Migra Taco Truck in Aspen, Colorado and NYC.

Musical Theatre Factory and Poetic Theatre development lab, Meet & Make Songsmiths: developed lyrics for two songs in Spanish, NO NACI EN EL USA, and SOMOS LATINAS.

Facilitated development residency activities for Taco Truck Theatre Project with the Map Fund, included interviewing 25 immigrants from a variety of countries living in Minneapolis. Immigration Round table with community members including Native and indigenous communities. Pangea World Theatre with Artistic Director Dipankar Mukherjee.

Maria Irene Fornes Institute Playwriting Workshop 2021, Facilitated by Migdalia Cruz and Anne Garcia-Romero. Selected writing participant, engaging in a variety of techniques originated by Fornes.

Rising Circle Theatre Collective, 12 week INKtank Playwrights Lab Participant, The Hopefulness. Re-write process culminating in a staged reading. Q & A with scholar Denise Brennan on her how her book

“What’s Love Got to do With It?” informed the text and conditions of sex workers in the Dominican Republic.

Selected by Labyrinth Theatre for the Company Intensive to workshop and culminate in a staged reading La Paloma Prisoner. Directed by *David Deblinger*.

LA MAMA ETC - Italy, Spoleto playwriting retreat with *Naomi Iizuka* on writing techniques. Development of The Hopefulness and La Paloma Prisoner.

Playwright lab with *Carmen Rivera* with Danisarte Company. La Lucha Arts group co-produced The Hopefulness (writer/performer), which received public funding for support of Latino artists. Production was presented as part of the 4 Caminos Festival at the Latino Cultural Center/NYC.

Commission to write and perform a staged reading within a developmental process, the play Glossy Page Pimps (co-writer/performer) with artist/performer *Teo Castellanos*. Presented at Miami Light Project, directed by *Michael Garces*.

Death of the Doll Screenplay selected to participate in The National Association of Latin Independent Producers, NALIP- Writers Lab. Screenplay is work shopped with Latino writers from around the U.S, producers, agents, and TV-film writers. NYC

Artist Development Residency for She Wolves in Art South Florida Homestead Center *Octavio Campos* directed the development of the text with a group of South Florida women, visual artists / writers within readings, movement/media workshops.

Reader and dramaturgical report writer of new play submissions for Play Company NYC

Adrian Noble- Shakespeare Master class on performance, direction and classical dramaturgical tools.

Marin Blazevic- Dramaturgy as Cross-Disciplinary Thinking and Practice- NYC Columbia University

Josefina Lopez- Story Development Workshop: “Getting to the Heart of the Story”

Creative Capital Professional Development Program: Fundraising and Producing.

Alison Knowles- Fluxus art movement, the use of paper, sound, radio and performance to create interdisciplinary pieces. Miami.

LEADERSHIP ROLES + SOCIAL JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT

Co-President of the Board of Indie Space/Indie Theatre Fund that celebrates and centers independent theater-making in New York City, I cultivate relationships with hundreds of indie artists. The organization provides radically transparent, responsive and equity-focused funding, real estate programs, professional development, advocacy to individual artists, theater companies, and indie venues: while centering disrupting ongoing displacement, democratizing power, demanding social and financial equity. Served as an Ambassador to Theatres of Color.

Initiated/managed Emergency Artists Grants that prioritized disabled, LGBTQIA, immigrant, BIPOC artists as well as programming a series of events in response to BIPOC artists needs during COVID. Founder in creating anti-racist training for members and an equity lens in funding for the organization, creating the inaugural reparations fund for Black and Indigenous artist in New York City. Grants in mental health, cost of living funds, guarantee income for artists and consultation for small independent venues are pillars of Indie Space. <https://www.indiespace.org/>

Raquel Almazan is the Executive Artistic Director of *La Lucha Arts*: an independent company dedicated to producing interdisciplinary theatre and media projects, that create transformational arts participation between communities, advocates, audiences and artists. *La Lucha Arts* collaborates with organizations, social movements, and impacted individuals towards providing a platform for historically excluded – abandoned narratives and people. Almazan's *La Lucha Arts* has produced and co-produced several independent workshops, productions, events with presenting institutions and organizations listed on play productions, panels, instruction sections of CV.

La Lucha Arts Funders include: The Doris Duke Foundation, The Howard Gilman Foundation, The Mosaic Network Fund, National Association of Latino Arts & Culture, The MAP Fund, NYC Mayor's Woman Fund, NYSCA Grant, The Bret Adams and Paul Reisch Foundation, New York State Council of the Arts, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, Arthur J. Harris Social Justice Prize- Columbia University and the New York Community Trust. The Fund for Creative Communities/New York State Council on the Arts, The Manhattan Community Arts Fund. Miami Dade Cultural Affairs Community Grant, Tropiculture Miami, and Florida Arts Grant and the Miami Artist Access Individual Travel Grant. <https://raquelalmazan.com/laluchaarts/>

Selected into the 2020 *National Association of Latino Arts and Culture Leadership Institute* cohort that trains and cultivates Latinx leaders in the arts field. Budgeting, marketing, ethics of cultural production and not for profit organizations, history of systemic oppression in the US, Board of Directors best practices and societal conditions facing Latinx cultural workers were addressed. Facilitated by: *Abel López, Charles Rice-Gonzalez, Rosalba Rolón, Maribel Álvarez and Evonne Gallardo.*

The Welcome Table – Restorative Justice Training with Joddie Geddes and Tom DeWolf. Introduction to the Coming to the Table Approach to Racial Healing and restorative justice circle process towards transforming historical harms.

Anti- Racist Theatre Practice – Nicole Brewer Conscientious Theatre Training is dedicated to equitable anti-racist representation in all areas of theatre through disrupting harmful erasure present in traditional theatre training through purposeful inclusion of marginalized groups contributions to the cannon of theatre, fusing together cultural competency, self care practices, and anti-racist theory to create an embodied experience where participants learn to utilize their sphere of power to disrupt white supremacy culture.

Patricia Ariza- (Artistic director of Teatro de Candelaria Bogota) Selected by the League of Professional Theatre Woman as an ensemble member of a devised workshop presentation based on violence against women using personal mythology and dance theatre techniques; creating text and integrating members of the community into performance. NYC

Ana Correa – (Company member of Yuyachkani Lima Peru) Yuyachkani has oriented its action around one main objective: to contribute to the development and strengthening of citizen memory. Master class

on physical theatre techniques and sequences of the company. Development process of the making of the solo production *Rosa Cuchillo*, an interactive theatre piece that collaborated with The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Peru addressing the genocide of indigenous communities.

Workshop with Ensemble members from the historic Mexican-American theatre company, *El Teatro Campesino*, introduction to the three styles that inform their artistic tradition: Acto, Mito, and Corrido. Covered the origins of the company, the development of their style, and the cultural traditions they draw from to create original, ensemble-based theatre for the past 51 years. With Radical Evolution Company.

Workshop through *People's Theatre Project* on teaching techniques when engaging with students who are English language learners.

Cultural Organizing for Community Change with Arts & Democracy: series of workshops and panels on building tools for social change with art making. Bomba Yo Roots and Rhythms workshop, Communications for the Can't Stop Won't Stop Artist/ Activist and Bold and Engaged with Urban Bush Women.

Undoing Racism workshop with Center for Racial Justice in Education organization: workshop scenarios to train and equip educators to be leaders of racial justice in their schools and communities.

Anti- Oppression training with Race Forward – The Center for Racial Justice Innovation, Piper Anderson, Daniel Lim and YK Hong addressing: racial equity, gender, systems of oppression, intergroup oppression, conflict resolution, cultural competency and restorative justice techniques.

Ping Chong and Company, Rebranded as Pink Fang: devised theatre techniques utilized by Ping Chong to conduct the Undesirable Elements residencies with youth and adult groups.

Puppets for the People- Puppetry and Theatrical Mask Making Workshop with *Jessica Litwak*.

PAN THEATRE COMPANY- Roy Hard Voice Work with *Linda Wise* and The Double Theatre- Hard vs Artaud Theatre of Cruelty workshop with *Enrique Pardo*.

Certified Theatre of the Oppressed training for facilitating: Joker Level I and II for conducting TO residencies with diverse groups, including legislative theatre techniques.

Julian Boal -Master class on his father's Augusto Boal's Forum Theatre, an interactive approach to theatrical expression emphasizes physical dialogues, non-verbal imagery, consensus-building and problem solving processes, and techniques for developing awareness of both external and internalized forms of oppression. Thus, instead of remaining passive, the people in the audience become active "spect-actors" who now create alternative solutions and control the dramatic action.

Attended the participatory lecture of *Julian Boal's* newest publication, "*Theatre of the Oppressed and it's Times*", reflects on his father's legacy, global TO contributions and the dangers of staging oppression as a form of maintaining oppressive forms, renewing the Theatre of the Oppressed technique for a new generation of makers and challenges.

Barbara Santos- Madalena Project Theatre of the Oppressed NYC Workshop- using characters, choreography, painting, sound and text to explore the meaning of "being a good girl".

Geo Britto of CTO-Rio (Centre de Teatro do Oprimido): Aesthetics of Theatre of the Oppressed: Boal's philosophy through using techniques with clean trash materials, narratives, group compositions and participant generated poetry. NYC

As a writing/performance facilitator with Art Spring Org., work shopped She Wolves monologues with incarcerated women in Broward and Dade Correctional Prisons. South Florida

Additional ongoing facilitation with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated communities. Artspring Organization Homestead and Broward maximum security facilities in South Florida (2003-2004), Bayview Correctional Facility- Chelsea, NYC (2007, 2010) Buen Pastor Jail in Bogota, Colombia (2010) Horizons Juvenile Detention Center, NYC (2009) Crossroads Juvenile Detention Center, NYC (2017-2018) Queensboro Correctional Facility for men (2017) Metropolitan Correctional Center, NYC (2018) and Rikers Island prison, NYC (2006-2020). Virtual residency QDEP Queer Detainee Empowerment Project (2021).

PANELS + CONFERENCES + PRESENTATIONS

Panelist for "Education and Beyond": NYU Steinhardt's Teaching and Learning Teach Week for emerging educators. New York University, Office of School and Community Partnerships and the Department of Teaching and Learning. Almazan shared teaching engagement techniques, professional development for undergrad and grad students in the teaching department, exploring education beyond NYCPS and strategies and materials can be applied in nontraditional teaching environments with a variety of communities. 2025

NYC Arts in Education Roundtable, Day of Learning (Transforming Knowledge into Action): Panelist-Presenter: Nurturing Belonging: Perspectives & Tools - Part 1. Educators Raquel Almazan and Libby Mislán in conversation with Dr. Carla España, Assistant Professor of Bilingual Education, on their experiences in cultivating inclusive learning environments for all, with an emphasis on multilingual, newcomer, and asylum-seeking young people. Topics will include the concept of translanguaging, differences between creating an affirming space vs. an assimilating space, using trauma-informed facilitation, reframing learning/teaching roles, and working with—and sometimes against—institutional cultures.

PART 2: How can we democratize the uses/functions of language in the arts? How can we use the language of our art form to bridge or break through the borders of language? Facilitation of activities using theater, poetry, and music to demonstrate small and big ways we can help nurture a sense of belonging for all, with an emphasis on multilingual, newcomer, and asylum-seeking young people. 2024

Teatro Iati, Mujerstory Panel: IATI Theater honors Women's Herstory Month with Mujerstory, a fiesta that delves into the resilience and creativity of women in theater. "Mujerstory" is a lively tribute to the mujeres shaping the essence of theater with their indomitable spirit and artistic prowess. **WOMEN IN THEATER: Where are we now, and where are we going?** This dynamic and thought-provoking discussion delves into the current landscape of women in theater: Where are we now? Where are we going? What has changed? And what work still needs to be done? It will address vital issues such as equality, BIPOC representation, and ageism in the industry. Moderated by Iraisá Ann Reilly. Panelist: Raquel Almazan, Wendy-Lane Bailey and Lynn Godfrey. Performer- Yaisa Jiménez. 2024

Grant Panelist for ArtsHERE: a national equity pilot program in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, South Arts, and the Regional Arts Organizations. Reviewing organizations application for funding thorough their use of the arts in any discipline as a core component of consistently engaging its community or serving and/or reaching individuals whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by race/ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability. Reviewing and providing rating feedback for over 100 applications of organizations in relation to their equity centered mission and impact. 2023

Panelist for the 30th anniversary of Ping Chong & Company Symposium, hosted in collaboration with the New School. Almazan was featured on a panel addressing her facilitation with Ping Chong and longstanding work in documentary theatre making: *Title: Testimony, Dialogue, Community: Documentary Theatre, Raising Up Voices*. Speakers: Aizzah Fatima, actress and writer, creator of Dirty Paki Lingerie (one-woman show) and Americanish (film) Kayhan Irani, writer, storyteller, creative community builder/ Sara Zatz, Associate Director, Ping Chong and Company and Moderated by Cecilia Rubino, Associate Professor of Theater, Eugene Lang College. 2022

Panelist Host/contributor with curator Donna -Michelle St. Bernard in collaboration with The National Arts Center of Canada for The Unsettling Table with the series Sustenance: The Theatre Tables. In conversation with Marilo Nunez, Christine Quintana, Nikki Shaffeeullah and Marcel Stewart. Artists of color address oppressive global systems in the theatre field, envisioning liberating ways to continue as practitioners and finding commonalities in making work that reflects connections with ancestors. 2021

Featured panelist and facilitator for Harvard University's LEAD Conference 2020. Latina Empowerment and Development Conference: connects career-minded individuals with successful Latina role models who radiate positive ideals and represent the larger Latino community, and addresses the social, political, and economic issues facing Latinas today. Latinas in the Arts Panel: How the arts can be a tool not only for self-actualization but also a means of strengthening the Latinx community and preserving heritage. Creating Your Own Myth: Workshop explores the power of creating a personal myth to guide and transform your life. Drawing from theater techniques, with a de-colonial perspective. Co facilitated with Ana Candida Carneiro of Babel Theater Project.

Featured speaker in collaboration with CAPACOA The Canadian Association for the Performing Arts 2021 International Conference for a session titled, "Welcome Provocation: Global Equity". What better site for visioning Global Equity than through the lens of changemaking artists who believe it is possible. Canadian agitator Donna-Michelle St Bernard AKA Belladonna the Blest (54ology) in conversation with provocateur Raquel Almazan (Latin Is America) explore undaunted ways forward that leave no one behind.

Panelist and performer for the #MeToo Theatre Women, National Action Network's 2018 Largest Civil Rights Convention. Almazan performs an updated version of her piece "The Virgin Stripper". #METOO: FROM TESTIMONY TO PREVENTION. NYC

Directing Yasmine Van Wilt at the United Nations. Collaborating with singer/songwriter YVW on a new short musical to address Global Depression for World Health Day at the United Nations: Depression: Let's Talk. NYC

Panelist moderator and curator at Joe's Pub, The Public Theatre for the post-show discussion addressing the immigration crisis for the production UNDOCUMENTED, produced by Engarde Arts.

Lecture performance of excerpts from Almazan's Latin is America Play Cycle- CAFÉ, La Paloma Prisoner and La Negra at Bridgewater State University addressing the topics of race, gender, sexuality, globalization and indigenous rights. Facilitated workshops with Latin American studies and theatre students on creating work from personal and political narratives. Funded by Diversity Grant with the Latin American & Caribbean studies, Women's and Gender Study, Theatre and Social Justice Departments.

Panelist curator & co-producer of the short film *We Will Not Be Tamed* and post screening discussion: Q and A with teen advocate/survivor, film director Jibeh Fatty (NYC, Africa) and advocates Aminata Bah - END FGM (Africa-England/Belgium), Manu Singh - Barefoot College (India), Dr. Sohier Elneil -University College Hospital (Africa/England), Dr. Edna Adan - Edna Adan Hospital (Africa/England) and filmmaker Suzette Burton (NYC). As the practice of female genital mutilation continues, how do survivors and those at risk protect themselves and future generations of women? This 13 min documentary *We Will Not be Tamed* is directed by New York City teenage survivor Jibeh Fatty as she highlights her narrative within a global context. Featuring survivor Gnama Griffin and Imam Mohammad Abdoul and a platform that connects an international movement breaking the silence of victimization where women share their personal stories to create political and social change. City Lore organization NYC.

Connecting the Dots: Intimate Partner Violence Prevention, Healing, and Advocacy Conference: Almazan participated as a panelist for the Mayors office (Department to Combat Domestic Violence) where she performed excerpts from La Paloma Prisoner and spoke to the process of working with survivors of domestic violence and being a survivor herself. In collaboration with Gibney Dance, Raquel also facilitated a break out session on the use of theatre, collage to create transformative solutions to domestic violence. NYC

Panelist curator at Marymount Manhattan College for Native American Voices Now!: Live reading and panel discussion with contemporary Native American playwrights. As we center the Native American experience, this discussion and performance will explore the contributions of Indigenous voices in the American Theatre and new ways to address the obstacles to more visibility for these vital narratives. Featuring members of the Eagle Project: *Broken Heartland* by Vicki Lynn Mooney, *Wood Bones* by William S. Yellow Robe, Jr. and *This Play is Native Made* by Ryan Opalanietet Victor "Little Eagle" Pierce.

Panelist for the Discussion: "Writers on the Storm", at the Dramatists Guild of America National Conference. As the oceans rise and grow warmer, more and more of us find ourselves in the path of lethal storms. How do playwrights respond to hurricanes (and by extension all natural / man-made disasters), be it as artists, first responders, educators, or political activists? What is the playwright's responsibility and what impact does the playwright's response have?
Participants: Raquel Almazan, Rob Florence, Donnetta Lavinia Grays, Arthur Jolly, Tere Martinez, Dewey Davis Thompson, Gary Garrison

Featured panelist the Dramatist Guild's panel on "Non- Traditional Educational Spaces, Students and Structures". Almazan joined innovative theatre practitioners Thelma DeCastro, Rebecca Gilman, Francesca Piantadosi, and Tamara Drew, to discuss how they approach their teaching practice in a variety of non-traditional spaces, including at detention centers, prisons, senior centers, and other community outreach programs.

Aspen Institute Panelist alongside *Andrew Leynse* (Artistic Director Primary Stages) *Robert LuPone* (Artistic Director MCC Theatre) on Dar a Luz and the landscape of American Playwriting.

Aspen Institute Panelist alongside *Theresa Rebeck* on La Migra Taco Truck and the journey of being a playwright. Colorado

One of five playwrights selected for World Theatre Day: Performing Gender and Violence in Contemporary National and Transnational Contexts Conference in Rome, Italy (Tre Roma University). Partnered with scholar *Alessandro Clericuzio* who presented an examination of violence against women and its transformation, in the text La Paloma Prisoner. Meetings with translation students for the Italian publication of The Hopefulness.

La Paloma Prisoner text selected for Women's Playwrights International Conference- Stockholm, Sweden. Staged reading with an international cast. Conducted a Q & A session on the developmental process of the play and the issues of female incarceration.

Women's Playwrights International Conference – Chile, Santiago. Conducted a workshop on the integration of Butoh Dance and playwriting within the themes of territory and migration. This workshop looks to create a collective work through sound and movement, and then extrapolate that experience into the creation of a theatrical text. Based on Butoh Dance techniques; providing a holistic relationship with the body, that leads to breaking down boundaries in the theatrical space. Attendants used concepts such as an imaginary map, traveling and migration, as a return to ancestry through a guided meditation that leads to autobiographical writing prompts (songs, recipes, memories, cultural rituals). <https://wpichile.com/en/home-2/>

Attended the annual beauty pageant and performances by incarcerated women, at the Buen Pastor Prison in Bogota, Colombia for development of La Paloma Prisoner. Conducted interviews with incarcerated women and video recorded the process of the international event.

Excerpts of Café selected to participate at the Bodies In Transit Articulating the Americas and Beyond with the Hemispheric Institute Conference. Collaborated and presented with a panel of Latin American scholars, addressing the role of performance, text and media in communicating political topics of Latin America. NYC

Facilitator and panelist for the “Hands on Arts for Immigrant Rights” session at the National Immigrant Integration Conference Dec. 2015. In the workshop she lead participants through an image theatre exercise from the Theatre of the Oppressed, where physicalized images with the body were used to represent xenophobia.

National Performance Network Conference- Open Discourse: National Check-in for Artist of Color and Marginalized Artists. Facilitated a physiological process to respond to the current climate alongside Octavio Campos. Artists are invited into a conversation and report-back about the national landscape for artists of color. Is your region moving towards equitable representation of people of color and marginalized communities? What are the challenges artists face nationally and locally, and what is useful to recognize when we're touring our work. In order to break into white institutions, is it always dependent on our race when we enter these spaces? Austin, Texas.

PEN AMERICA: Resist and Reimagine festival, Breakout: Voices from the Inside 2018. Highlighting the voices of incarcerated writers, a reading of award-winning writing from the PEN Prison Writing program archives. Almazan performed the poem “Longings” by Parrish Chase. Read by writers who also commit to the real, difficult, everyday work involved in creating a more equitable and just world. @ Dixon Place

Theater. Alejo Da'wud Rodriguez, Liza Jessie Peterson, Donna Hylton, Asha Bandele, Demian Vitanza, Robert Pollock, Julia Steele Allen and Mitchell Jackson.

Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre: Virtual Salon on Domestic Violence during COVID-19. Relational Psychotherapist, Lia Avellino and Executive Director of the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force, Bea Hanson, and theater artist Raquel Almazan in discussing the increase of domestic violence during this time of COVID in response to Marin Ireland's play excerpts.

Panelist curator for the event: Small Business, Sanctuary and Survival: LES Short Films Screening and Panel Discussion with City Lore's youth artist- Urban Explorers, public artist Tomie Arai, chef Olesia Lew and fifth generation owner Mei Lum of Wing on Wo & Co. The films Sweet Home Chinatown? and Behind the Flavors of New York that Almazan produced were screened followed by a conversation that addressed small businesses survival in the face of gentrification and COVID, anti-Asian violence and bias, and the future of the Lower East Side as a sanctuary for immigrant communities and independent enterprise.

Art Monster: A Series of Roundtables for the Columbia University School of the Arts community. The Queer and the Norm. Almazan spoke to her experience writing about queer themes and communities, producing outside the norm of the dominate race and gender that controls the field. Fielded questions from the student body.

Irondale Theatre- On Women Festival, moderated and hosted by The Anthropologists Theater Company – Melissa Fendell Moschitto. Panelist for a conversation on the challenges and intersections of motherhood and theatre making, what actions of equity are needed in order for mothers to thrive in the theatre field.

Keynote speaker: for the immigrant Pan American High-School graduation in Bronx, NYC. "We are not just dreamers, we are awake and living. No dream can be deported. One of the greatest honors of my life is to have built theatre adaptations with this group of Latinx students. Their faces are the future". With Repertorio Espanol.

Director for October Rise Up! No More Stolen Lives, Say Their Names A Public Reading and Remembrance: A Demand for Justice. Public rally of over 30 families of people killed by police to tell their stories, accompanied by prominent voices of conscience such as Quentin Tarantino, Eve Ensler and Gina Belafonte who read the names of just some of the 1000s of lives stolen. NYC

Panelist for Open Spectrum: Navigating Privilege at New York Live Arts conversation on how to expand cultural diversity narrative through creative works, addressing social inequity and injustice head on. Through creative activism, cultural organizing, and provocative and reflective artworks, art makers are tackling tough issues despite the obstacles before them. This iteration of Open Spectrum encourages panelists and audience members to participate in a dialogue about confronting privilege, social hierarchies, and their pursuits of cultural equity through art making. Participants are asked to consider their own unearned social advantages and disadvantages, and how it is used in their creative process. Alongside Fury Young, Morley, Kyoung H. Park and Rasu Jilani.

Invited Participant- Contributor: ArtChangeUS REMAP: Twin Cities will culminate in a forum, on equitable, sustainable arts-driven change, featuring a roundtable and small group conversations based on ArtChangeUS Cultural Community Benefits. This roundtable will feature organizers, artists and grant

makers from the Twin Cities and around the US. Participants include artists, organizers, educators, change makers, led by stellar artists who are innovating methodologies at the nexus of art making and social change.

Panel participant alongside Morgan Jenness for the pre-show discussion of the Public Theatre's production of Party People, addressing the creation of political theatre for an undergraduate audience of Hampshire College. Public Theatre, NYC.

Panel participant for The Every 28 Hours plays addressing racism and police brutality produced by Labyrinth Theater Company, The New Group and Working Theatre, Bank Street Theatre, NYC.

Panel participant at HERE Arts Center on Performers who create their own work in conjunction with Soomi Kim's production Chang(e). NYC

Panel participant for Conscious Language IN PRACTICE: Exploring varying definitions of what it means to be a conscious artist, the Conscious Language IN PRACTICE evening asks "what- if any- responsibilities do we have to the greater community?" produced by Poetic Theatre Productions NYC.

Participated in Belarus Free Theatre Body Bag Theatrical Protest in front of NYC Court House to raise awareness of executed bodies to be returned to family members in Belarus.

To Those With Ears and Conscious: A Protest Play Script Dramaturgy by Raquel Almazan and Lauren Whitehead Made possible by The Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund. Performance as Protest Stop Mass Incarceration Network NYC. Performed as street theatre adjacent to downtown NYC Court House. * 2018 reading with Judson Arts, Poetic Theatre Productions & Rashaun Pope Memorial.

Rising Circle Theatre Collective INKtank panelist: the challenges to writers of color navigating the American playwriting landscape. NYC

Panelist at the Art of Brooklyn Film Festival post White Alligator screening addressing stereotypical representation of Latinas in media. NYC

Panelist for Africa Culture First! Virtual discussion alongside South African artists on re-imagining art and culture in our communities beyond Covid 19.

Post show facilitation for community engagement for Engarde Arts production of Harbored addressing Ellis Island history and the current immigration crisis.

National Association of Latin Independent Producers Conference. Selected to participate in story development TV/Film pitch sessions with Harrison Reiner. Los Angeles, California.

Panel participant at Theatre Lab for Liz Stanton's solo work The Woman Who was Me, discussion on representations of women: Women's Voices, Women's Choices. Convergence Theatre Collective. NYC

Death of the Doll short film selected to be screened at the 6th annual National Association of Latin Independent Producers conference. Huntington Beach, California.

Alternate Roots Conference: Resources for Social Change, selected to perform excerpts of Glossy Page Pimps and as the (male pimp Chamuco in Fronteras Desviadas centered on prostitution in Tijuana). Participated in Q & A session for feedback and to address the issues of female exploitation in prostitution and hip hop media, North Carolina.

Alternate Roots Conference: Weaving the Threads of Connection, selected to perform excerpts of She Wolves solo show. Integrating arts and activism, Anti-Oppressive Collaborative Creativity workshops, North Carolina.

Convergence of Artists, Educators and Organizers. Revolutionary Theatre Workshop. Performed excerpts of She Wolves and participated in Revolutionary Theatre Workshops towards culture-jamming and Theatrical Activism. New Orleans

Saint Thomas University's Women's Fair with Women for Human Rights 1st and 2nd annual conference. Performed Virgin Stripper Monologue from She Wolves and conducted Q & A with college students on transforming rape culture. Miami

Selected to perform She Wolves at The National Women's Studies Conference at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Conducted Q & A on the feminist aspects of the play and it's development with communities of women.

Los Angeles Scope Conference: Challenging the notion of what an art fair is. Performed excerpts from She Wolves for various fair events, including the Art of Performance Panel. She Wolves experimental films screened at the Hotel gallery exhibitions at The Standard, Hollywood California.

FAWE- Florida Association for Women in Education Conference. Performed Warrior excerpt from She Wolves and lead a Q & A session with female educators on re-associating ancient women's contribution to history and advancement. Miami

AFFILIATIONS + UNIONS

- Member of The Dramatists Guild
- The Playwrights Center Member (Affiliated Writer)
- Indie Space – Co President of the Board -Chair, Company Participant and Ambassador for theatres of color
- Screen Actors Guild –AFTRA
- Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors NYC
- National Association of Latin Independent Producers
- Women Playwrights International WPI
- Vangelina Theatre – Butoh Dance Company
- Repertorio Espanol
- Founding member of LA Cooperativa of Latina/o Theatre Artists NYC
- Board member of Clutch Productions 2017-2022
- City Lore
- League of Professional Theatre Women- playwriting/acting member

PUBLICATIONS

That's a Pretty Thing to Call it: Prose and poetry by artists working in carceral institutions , edited by Leigh Sugar. Excerpts of La Paloma Prisoner and Here to be Seen plays. New Village Press, 2023
<https://nyupress.org/9781613322123/thats-a-pretty-thing-to-call-it/>

The Sentences That Create Us: Crafting a Writer's Life in Prison, edited by Caitis Meissner. Featured essayist in a collection of writing exercises devised specifically for incarcerated communities. Pen America and Haymarket Books, 2022.
<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1766-the-sentences-that-create-us#>

Performing #MeToo: How Not to Look Away, edited by Judith Rudakoff, essay by contributing author Yvette Heyliger. Featured excerpts of the monologue, The Virgin Stripper and Almazan's performance techniques that address sexual harassment and rape culture. Intellect Books Publishing, 2021.
https://www.ebooks.com/en-es/ebooks/book_display.asp?IID=210208692

The Flash paper, A Theatre Journal: Theatre Thoughts on Right Now: Issue 1: Publication of the short play, The Theatre Of... Written in response to the coronavirus pandemic and how it will effect the theatre field. Forward by David Henry Hwang. Yonkers International Press, 2020.
<https://www.facebook.com/TheFlashpaper>

When I Came Home short play published in 48 Hours in... El Bronx: An Anthology of 10- Minute Plays, Presented and Published by Harlem 9, Inc. A groundbreaking anthology of inspired ten-minute plays by 12 new and emerging Latin playwrights, presented by the OBIE Award-Winning Harlem9, Inc., presenters of the annual "48Hours in... Harlem" festival. 2018 https://www.amazon.com/48Hours-El-Bronx-Anthology-10-Minute/dp/1723102369/ref=sr_1_5?dchild=1&qid=1611393923&refinements=p_27%3AInc.+Harlem9&sr=1-5&text=Inc.+Harlem9

Ancestor Sessions article included in Teaching Artists Journal: Free Time: Inquiries into Prison Arts Education. Excerpt publication titled (Investigative Lesson Plan) in association with New York University published by Taylor and Francis Group. Article based on facilitation for incarcerated women. 2018
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15411796.2017.1386496>

La Paloma Prisoner excerpt and interview with Alessandro Clericuzio in Performing Gender and Violence in National and Transnational Contexts; Edited by Maria Anita Stefanelli. Published by L.E.D. Edizioni universitarie di Letterature Economia Diritto, Milano, in 2017. One of five playwrights selected for World Theatre Day: Performing Gender and Violence in Contemporary National and Transnational Contexts Conference in Rome, Italy (Tre Roma University). <http://raquelalmazan.com/interview-w-alessandro-clericuzio-in-rome-italy/>
Book link: <https://www.ledonline.it/ledonline/795-performing-gender-violence.html>

Café (Luisa Character) Monologue selected for "The Best Women's Stage Monologues of 2015" collection published by Smith and Kraus, edited by Lawrence Harbison, 2015
<https://raquelalmazan.com/cafe-monologue-published-in-the-best-womens-stage-monologues-2015/>

Featured in The Dramatist Magazine on the topic of how Almazan uses food as a cultural

Ritual in philosophy and play building. July/August Issue 2014 <http://raquelalmazan.com/dramatist-magazine-interview/>

INTERVIEWS + ARTICLES

Featured, American Theatre Magazine: American Theatre and the Classical Theatre of Harlem present ICONS, co-produced with Venus Radio Theatre. This episode features a monologue by Raquel Almazan, performed by Jose Febus, dramatizing the community activism of Young Lords organizer Jose Jiménez. <https://www.americantheatre.org/2024/03/01/icons-2-jose-jimenez/>

Review, Dance Enthusiast: Raquel Almazan's, La Paloma Prisoner at Chelsea Factory. Interdisciplinary artist Almazan's blend of creativity and activism blurs the boundaries of theatrical forms and modes of engagement by situating staged works with an issue-oriented ecosystem of programming. 2025 <https://www.dance-enthusiast.com/features/impressions-reviews/view/-Raquel-Almazan-La-Paloma-Prisoner-Chelsea-Factory>

Featured, W Magazine: Chelsea Factory Aims to Fill the Live Arts Void Covid-19 Wrought: Almazan dialogues about her artist residency participation in developing La Paloma Prisoner and El Odio de un Pais through a de-colonizing process. <https://www.wmagazine.com/culture/chelsea-factory-new-york-city-performing-arts-space-interview> 2022

Featured, The New York Times: “20 Theatre Figures on How to Revolutionize their World”, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/11/theater/how-to-revolutionize-theater.html>

Featured, The Human's Review: Surviving in a New World and New Medium by Jesse Green. The New York Times, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/22/theater/the-humans-review-olney.html>

#PENTen interview with Raquel Almazan about how the interdisciplinary artist-activist believes identity interacts with creative processes and products. Raquel also shares feminist book recommendations. 2020 <https://pen.org/pen-ten-interview-with-raquel-almazan/>

3Views on Theatre: Bret Adams Grant Recipient Interview: Featuring excerpts and the process of developing La Paloma Prisoner, 2020. <https://3viewstheater.com/raquel-almazan>

Life Jacket Theatre Interview: embracing radical inclusivity, telling urgent untold stories, and rethinking the future of theatre, 2020. <https://lifejacket.medium.com/meet-teaching-artist-raquel-almazan-ffda6f6f8011>

PEN America's Works of Justice interview, artist Raquel Almazan discusses her play “La Paloma Prisoner,” her experience writing about incarcerated women of color, and the intersection of literature, free expression, and the fight for justice. 2019 <https://pen.org/works-of-justice-raquel-almazan/>

The Huffington Post article: Raquel Almazan On Art, Struggle and Transformative Action. A series of interviews *with extraordinary people who are working in partnership with or using their skills and training as artists and humanists to improve their communities and advance our understanding of the human condition.* 2017 <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/59486a15e4b04d8767077b29>

Contributor to the May/June 2017 Dramatists Magazine, for it's issue on Retreats and Residencies, featuring the process of La Paloma Prisoner. <https://raquelalmazan.com/dramatist-magazine-residencies-and-retreats/>

Backstage Magazine "NY Students Look to Future Stage" - interview on teaching performance and playwriting for Broadway bound students in New York City public schools, with Fidelity Investments Future Stage Program. Available upon request

ESSAYS

Call and Response: Wole Soyinka's Death and The King's Horseman Columbia University

Aspects of African Theatre: Ritual, Oral History, Mask and Dance University of Florida

FACILITATION + PROJECT DIRECTION / MANAGEMENT

ACADEMIC LECTURER ROLES

New York University/ PHTS Playwright Horizons Theatre School: Spring and Fall 2025. *Director and Instructor for the Spring course in original monologue creation, writing, and staging. Students gain skills in collaboration, rehearsal process and playing roles within a fully staged solo monologue/show. *Director for Fall mainstage production for the school, staging a devised process that includes, originally scripted text, source materials through an interdisciplinary process. *Originator of masterclass workshops on Script Analysis and instruction for all members of the performance track.

Eugene Lang College, The New School (Spring 2023) Adjunct Professor. I Have A Dream Theater & Education Seminar: In this course, students delve into Transformative Theater Education -- while engaging in community practice by working with NYC public elementary school students at an 'I HAVE A DREAM' afterschool program. This course will challenge students to consider how learning is play and how theater games, improv and collaborative playwriting can allow young people to engage in critical literacy skills. Includes seminars, the groups explores the history of Theater in Education, learning how to design after school curricula and build teaching strategies. Includes experiences being onsite at an IHD afterschool program collaboratively running a small drama group with New School colleagues. Investigating the major prompt with your IHD students, "TO DREAM IS TO ---", the group explores this theme through a variety of theatre making techniques, building a culturally responsive approach to drafting curriculum and devising original work. At the end of the semester, students facilitate a performance, collaborating with colleagues in a sharing that will be written and performed by IHD youth for their families and community. This course fulfills an elective requirement for Lang Theater Majors and Minors.

Augsburg University- The Playwrights Center - Adjunct Professor of Playwriting 2022, spring semester. The writer develops a technique that is individual, yet grounded in fundamental dramatic writing skills. Writers will write weekly scenes and journal entries and be guided through exercises to develop facility with storytelling, plotting, stage action, dialogue, and thematic unity. Select plays by contemporary

playwrights of color are read as inspiration and as a catalyst for their work. The class will analyze these plays to identify a variety of skills, themes, and concepts within four categories: Language as Identity, Intersection of Arts and Activism: The Playwright as Activist, Form, and Aesthetics, and Gender Narratives. The heart of this course is about providing a collaborative space where the writer is liberated to find, explore, and expand their theatrical voice to create a series of short works or a full-length play.

Marymount Manhattan College – MMC Adjunct Professor, Division of Fine and Performing Arts. Professor of Intermediate Playwriting (full academic year). Playwrights develop the facility with storytelling, plotting, stage action, dialogue, and thematic unity to complete full length plays. Students express an understanding and appreciation of the creative process with regards to writing plays and theatrical collaboration. – present position

Professor of Script Analysis MMC (one semester) intensive analysis of theatrical structure of scripts primarily from the viewpoint of the actor, director, and designer. Develop the student's ability to synthesize the intellectual and intuitive work required to create a theatrical experience from a written text amplifying the Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Women LGBTQIA+, Neuro-diverse and Differently Abled People and communities.

Latinx Performance Across the Americas MMC (one semester): creator of a new course that studies the spectrum of Latinx performance through plays and other performance pieces both in the US and Latin America that spans the pre-colonial to the present. Plays and performances are analyzed and discussed as a means of expanding student knowledge and understanding of the complexity of Latinx identity, social movements and performance.

Columbia University's High School International Theatre Collaboration Summer Program. Six consecutive years: Teaching Faculty with Dyana Kimball in training for devised works in writing, performance and direction Lead Butoh dance physical techniques to internationally selected high school participants. Facilitator to writing students through a workshop forum, where they mounted short plays within collaboration, culminating in two public performances. Co- directed several short plays, providing feedback and guidance in works in progress showings to collaboration groups. NYC

Harvard University- LEAD (Latina Empowerment and Leadership) Conference. Guest Lecturer- Conducted a workshop to undergraduate students. Creating Your Own Myth: Workshop explores the power of creating a personal myth and dismantle limiting stereotypes. Drawing from theater techniques, with a de-colonial perspective. Co facilitated with Ana Candida Carneiro of Babel Theater Project.

New York University – Guest Lecturer - undergraduate level facilitation in the Education Department for the course American Dilemmas: Race, Inequality and the Unfulfilled Promise of the Public Education. Workshop and lecture on power structure within sectors of social inequality. Devised theatrical narratives in transformation of oppression and dialogue towards creative solutions.

University of California, Berkley in the Theater, Dance and Performance Studies Department- Guest Lecturer for Chelsea Gregory's course, Acts of Solidarity where devised, applied theatre and interdisciplinary techniques are explored to make original work with undergraduate student cohorts.

Carnegie Mellon University, School of Drama - Guest Lecturer - graduate level facilitation to Mei Ann Teo's students in the John Wells Directing program addressing interdisciplinary theatre techniques.

Boston Conservatory at Berklee, - Guest Lecturer- undergraduate facilitation for Associate Professor Liz Staton's course on Contemporary Theatre. Students engaged with Almazan's trajectory forming La Lucha Arts and the play La Paloma Prisoner through reading, Q & A discourse and performance of scenes and monologues from the play. 2024

Suny Purchase College – Guest Lecturer - undergraduate level master class facilitation on Theatre of the Oppressed forum theatre techniques including the role of the Joker during a residency process.

The New School – Guest Lecturer for Caitis Meissner's course on community arts based programming. Provided feedback and guidance on works in progress to undergraduate student's projects. Guest Lecturer for Liza Jessie Peterson, Intro to playwriting, provided feedback on synopsis beginnings of new plays for undergraduate students.

Amherst College – Guest Lecturer in the courses facilitated by Ana Ana Candida Carneiro, Writing for Performance and Feminist Discourse. Students examine and exchange with Almazan's solo multi-media piece, *Porning the Planet: The De-sensitization of a Nation*, it's use of feminist theory, performance and writing techniques.

Pace University B.F.A. Theatre Program- Guest Lecturer – lead students in physical performance training within the Suzuki and Butoh Dance technique.

New World School of the Arts/University of Florida – Guest Lecturer to undergraduate and high school students in development of one person shows: developing themes, structure and intentionality.

Bridgewater State University – Guest Lecturer - undergraduate level facilitation. Lecture performance of excerpts from Almazan's Latin is America Play Cycle- CAFÉ, La Paloma Prisoner and La Negra at Bridgewater State University addressing the topics of race, gender, sexuality, globalization and indigenous rights. Facilitated workshops with Latin American studies and theatre students on creating work from personal and political narratives, including social inequality. Funded by Diversity Grant with the Latin American & Caribbean studies, Women's and Gender Study, Theatre and Social Justice Departments.

Union College – Almazan performs excerpts of Latin is America – a lecture performance from her Latin is America play cycle. Lecture and Q & A on the overview of her theatre career and it's relationship to Latinx activism.

BMCC - Almazan performs excerpts from CAFE and LA NEGRA, part of her "Latin is America" play cycle, followed by a Q & A with the students: Borough of Manhattan Community College for Women's History Month.

Hostos Community College- Guest Lecturer - undergraduate level facilitation. Master class introduction to playwriting. Conducted playwriting techniques where students wrote monologues that expanded into scenes and introduced elements of playwriting.

PLAY DEVELOPMENT LABS INSTRUCTION/ MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS

The Playwrights Center – Facilitator for the Online Seminar: Submitting Series Part II: The Artistic Statement. Almazan created original material and prompts addressing core aspects of drafting bios, artist statements, synopsis and CV.

Rising Circle Theatre Collective- *INKtank Playwrights 12 week Lab Co-Facilitator*. Four consecutive years: providing feedback, guidance towards re-writes and staged readings to four playwrights of color in New York City.

Lead Facilitator for *Dramatic Question Theatre's American Woman (AW)*, a solo show development and presentation program for Women-identifying and gender non-conforming emerging writers living in the United States. Selected participants in this lab engage in a re-write process based on a pre-existing draft of a solo piece. The cohort then will provide feedback based on the goals of the playwright, moderated by the instructor. Almazan provides individualized weekly dramaturgical verbal and written feedback. The program will serve and celebrate solo shows that may reflect a variety of structures, aesthetics, techniques, themes and theatrical elements.

Girls Write Now – Salon Series: Defiant Dialogue. Almazan lead an online writing master class on shaping dialogue through a series of prompts. A. Speaking truth to power. B. Defending your adversary. C. Listening in the Struggle. Included a Q & A on Almazan's journey as a female playwright.

www.girlswritenow.org

Art + Action Intensive: Addressing Mass Incarceration through the Arts with Gibney Dance. Co-facilitated workshop. take participants through the process of a month-long pilot residency, Living Story Lab, that was facilitated with incarcerated young people at Rikers Correctional. The pedagogy and structure of that pilot program was developed in response to the needs of the youth, using their cultural rituals as an entry point, in order to create new ways of offering sacred space in challenging environments. We explored narrative - storytelling within a multidisciplinary process, using visual art, theatre of the oppressed power dynamics, writing, drumming and dance. The program arch used a core praxis of Life-mapping - Past, Present and Future - as a tool for reflection, envisioning and choice-making for the future of each participant while building community.

Harvard Dance Center. Co-facilitated with Ana Candida Carneiro, an exploration of intersecting Butoh dance and writing, and addresses themes of transcultural dialogue. This workshops creates the relationship of an ensemble to respond with movement and sound, and expands that collaboration as a springboard for solo text or group theatrical text, based on Butoh Dance techniques and provides a holistic relationship with the body, leading to breaking down boundaries in the theatrical space. It interweaves writing prompts, moments of movement and exchange sequences. Developing the writing materials that emerged into concrete dramaturgical proposals. Utilizing the imagination of a map on the floor and the metaphors of travel and migration, we will create a synergy where the participants will interact in a non-traditional way to create the unexpected.

Facilitation for performance workshop on generating original material on the topic of immigration and it's current politics. Ritual Theatre and Butoh Dance facilitator for *Pangea World Theatre Ensemble* and community participants. National Performance Network contract residency. Minneapolis.

<http://www.pangeaworldtheater.org/>

Crossing Thresholds Artist Training Retreat. Lead Butoh Dance sessions. Theater/ Performance/ Creativity Retreat/ Training on Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. Forging ancient ritual to the forefront of modern theatre – A theatrical retreat for artist (presented by Teo Castellanos, Tarell Mc Craney and Raquel Almazan) Participants trained/created, using exercises influenced by Zen, Michael Chekhov, Butoh, and Viewpoints. Discipline and ritual plays a part in the training and creative process, from stillness of meditation to the chaos of free movement, mythology, archetypes, imagination, and creative expression. The group created a daily practice of yoga, physical dance, writing and original ensemble work. This retreat also included immersion in Guatemalan culture, hike retreats and site specific performances.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR + ARTS EDUCATOR HISTORY

Wolf Brown Consulting: Education consultant: Almazan collaborates with Wolf Brown on their work with Ghetto Film School in creating modes of engagement with GFS staff and young filmmakers based on their reflections and contributions. Conducted interview sessions with current GFS high school students and alumni, curated inquiry questions for survey frameworks, evaluation metrics and reporting of participant program feedback.

Curriculum Manager: Lesson editor and contributor, coordinator and researcher with City Lore and The Department of Education, (Music Department- Division of Curriculum & Instruction) for Hidden Voices: an 8 lesson unit plan for music teachers across New York City public schools. The innovative project titled, *Roots, Routes & Rhythms: Latin American Music in New York City* centers the musical forms: Cuban Salsa, Mexican San Jarocho, Puerto Rican Plena, Dominican Palo, Haitian Rara, Afro-Peruvian Cajon, and Clave rhythms. Almazan collaborated with leading cultural bearers (to create 8 original lessons) who specialize in a variety of Latin American musical forms.

City Lore – Founder of pilot youth program. Director of *Urban Explorers out of school program*. The participants learn how to conduct original research using the tools and strategies of ethnography: observation, devising, interviews, documentation, and interpretation through audio, video, and still photography. As well as other visual art tools, writing, devising group performances, music and dance. They will work both collectively and individually to document and present the cultural practices of their own communities and/or other community groups and sites through multi-media digital storytelling. Almazan produced several original short documentaries in collaboration with youth, including award winning films commissioned by The Smithsonian Museum.

Manhattan Theatre Club – For over 15 years: Lead and Guest faculty for several in school residencies that include playwriting facilitation and performance of plays written by NYC Public School Students. Co-facilitation for writing/performance workshops (spanning years) of plays written by male youth makers at Rikers Island Prison and Horizons Juvenile Detention Center. Lead bi-lingual facilitator for The Door playwriting residency. Presenter and participant in a variety of professional development sessions in the education department, originating curriculum for several MTC productions, including: co facilitator of parent/child workshop for *Choir Boy*, *The Columnist* and *The Assembled Parties*. Guest performer for Saint Joan workshop and final performance of several selected plays at City Stage off Broadway. Translated into Spanish original curriculum and *The I need a change* monologue and scene writing templates.

Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) - BAM Education connects learning with creativity, engaging imagination by encouraging self-expression through in- and after-school programs for young people and teachers; school-break workshops; and offerings for audiences of all ages. Facilitation for several pre-show theatre and pre-screening workshops at BAM, including social justice themed documentaries. Group collaboration on creating original pedagogy for workshops.

City Lore Teaching Artist: Theatre for Change is a DEVISED BASED process where youth create original short plays using the Forum Theatre process based on Theatre of the Oppressed techniques. Issues addressed in the plays stem from students' real life experiences and use character tactics to stage strategies for personal and social transformation. Building a theatre ensemble through exercise and improvisation is the heart of the process. The culmination of the residency included short forum plays by 4 to 5 groups where the audience entered the play experience to propose solutions to issues presented by each play. Participants also learned about the professional aspects of being a theatre maker; supported by guest artists. City as School NYC

Artist, Teacher Mentorship Program- City Lore, 2022-23 Mentor to emerging arts educators across disciplines in professional development techniques. The program is designed to prepare artists, especially folk, traditional, and community-based artists, to work as teaching artists in K-12 school settings in New York City. Modeled facilitation and curriculum building, provided on site feedback and direction of original pedagogy design with theatre teaching faculty.

Epic Theatre – mission is to create bold work with and for diverse communities that promotes vital discourse and social change. *Guest playwriting instructor-* devised original exercises based on Joseph Campbell's – The Hero's Journey, leading participants into original character, dialogue and scene development. Also worked with a Bronx high school community that spoke diverse languages and aided them in writing immigrant journey stories. As well as serving as a guest actor for final readings of political issue plays by Harlem youth.

Repertorio Espanol- has committed its resources to making theatre accessible and part of the classroom experience with the aim of instilling cultural pride, promoting self-awareness, and divulging the riches of Spanish-language theatre. Guided youth in writing original plays addressing the administration, immigration and gender violence, culture, loss and racism, directed final performance at Repertorio Theatre. Directed Romeo and Juliet scenes at Mathers HS. Instructed play adaptations of classic Spanish literature - short stories and social justice superhero scenes to Spanish speaking High School youth.

Dream Yard- programs develop artistic voice, nurture young peoples' desire to make change and cultivate the skills necessary to reach positive goals. We believe that young people in the Bronx need a continuous set of supports to help them towards positive outcomes as they navigate their educational pathway, youth develop the necessary tools to become creative and engaged citizens, life-long learners and the leaders and innovators of the 21st century. Instructor for social justice theater and poetry residencies for HS and elementary youth.

Ping Chong and Company- Facilitator for devised, documentary theatre based residency process. Secret Histories is an in-school arts education program that helps young people develop confident, connectedness, and empathy as they use their unique voices and perspectives to explore issues of culture, identity, and belonging. Through this process, students build skills as writers, public speakers, and theatrical performers as they see their ideas culminate in a performance. Facilitated residencies with elementary school children, youth in detention center and public school educators.

Life Jacket Theatre – Queer Detainee Empowerment Project: Our Stories are our Power! A theatre residency where the QDEP community shared struggles and strategies to create a bold future of liberation to empower a new reality. Through text, improvisation, storytelling and movement detainee narratives were explored and celebrated towards a vision for a more equitable world. 2024 Resident Teaching Artist in collaboration with the City Lore Urban Explorers program.

lati Theatre - Tracing the Immigrant experience: Devising original narratives and physical tableaux of migration and identity with the PTA – mothers of Sunset Park elementary school. NYC

Facilitator for *Theatre of the Oppressed New York City*, forum theatre troupe residency at The Aids Center of Queens County with immigrant participants, four years. Additional troupes also include Atlas, DIY, Sunset Park, Red Hook Community Justice Center and Crossroads Detention Center. Presentations include Legislative Theatre at Queens Museum with ACQC troupe. Master class on Legislative Theatre co-facilitated with Katy Rubin for the Theatre of the Oppressed NYC 3rd annual Legislative Theatre Festival, The New School. Intensive intro workshop with Gibner Dance, The Queens Community House, National Immigrant Integration Conference, Washington DC Community, The Wexner Foundation, Manhattan Bridges High School and The Cooperative Development Program in Sunset Park with Latina leaders. Facilitator for an intensive workshop with Safe Horizon's human trafficking survivors leadership group, culminating in an original forum play that the group will perform at advocacy events. Facilitator for the Racial Equity in the Arts Innovation Lab, training 60 New York City arts and cultural organizations to deepen their racial equity work for the organization Race Forward in forum theatre techniques.

People's Theatre Project- People's Theatre Project, a nonprofit arts and social justice organization, unites members of under-represented communities to raise awareness of their shared struggles through the personally and socially transformative process of collaborative theatre making. In both community and school-based settings, all People's Theatre Project programs for children and youth follow the organization's unique curriculum that engages the actors in a variety of theatre making projects inspired by social themes and culminates in a theatrical collage performed for the community. Concentration on racial injustice through the restorative justice approach of facilitating. High school and middle school youth. NYC

Urban Art Beat – Co- Program content creator and Facilitator for Living Story Lab pilot program, art sessions on Rikers Island Correctional Facility offered to male youth. Narrative - storytelling is explored and expressed within a multidisciplinary process, using music, visual art, theatre, lyric writing, drumming and dance. Arch of the program used Past, Present and Future - as a tool for reflection and steps for a vision for the future for each participant; to create lasting, organic experiences in the space with youth.

Teaching Artist and coordinator for *Language in Play* Program, directed by Tony Plana. Five month residency at MS 442 Middle School, Brooklyn. Youth are exposed to a variety of theatre techniques, including Boal and Spolin exercises to perform/ write original work to culminate in a final presentation. NYC

Aquinas Catholic School and Convent, Bronx, NYC. Directed the full production of *Sister Act: The Musical* and *Dream Girls: The Musical* with an all-female high school cast of Dominican, African American and Caribbean descent youth group.

Co- Creator with Mei Ann Teo of *First Do No Harm*, partnered with H.E.A.L.T.H. for youth organization and Whole Foods NYC.

FIRST DO NO HARM is a free workshop for under-served youth that employs a communal theatre practice towards a holistic fusion of mental, physical and spiritual awareness. We begin by forming a daily practice through meditation and yoga and examine how we feed our bodies through nutritional education by visiting community gardens and shared daily lunches made together. From this place of physical and mental clarity, we explore the unlocked potential of our personal and social histories through performance, storytelling and writing. Through creating a piece together that explores the inherited assumptions of how we live, we hope that communally, we can push past limitations and create sustainability in new healthy habits. Culminating performance August 2013 in the site specific Riley-Levin Children's Garden. 2 week workshop NYC.

Teaching Artist for *Future Stage*, Fidelity Investments Program with *LEAP Learning Through the Expanded Arts Organization* New York City. Four consecutive years. Six month long residency as a Teaching Artist to high school students who learned theatre techniques to perform and write autobiographical work. Young people wrote ten minute plays, participated in a detailed rehearsal process that Almazan directed, towards a professional presentation. Selection process to perform Broadway/ off-Broadway and selected plays published through Samuel French. Workshops with celebrity theatre artists, sessions with seasoned dramaturgs, attending Broadway shows and panels with high profile playwrights was also integrated into the process of what youth experienced.

*Originated several exercises and techniques for curriculum programming.

*Program was featured in The New York Times, Back Stage and the New York Post.

Co- Creator of *New Rites Collective Arts Program*. Lead facilitator of the arts program with the Off Broadway Company Theatre East.

The New Rites Collective is a summer residency program whose focus is for youth to gain exposure to visual and performing arts through an innovative blueprint for social and cultural change. The first annual program was held at Innovation Diploma High School in New York City during the summer of 2010 and incorporated writing, visual arts, new media, and performance based workshops along with mentoring, counseling and design/production opportunities. This course provided youth an opportunity to use the power of the arts to connect notions of their own "self" to the world and foster social and cultural change. Culminated in a final multi-interdisciplinary performance.

*Created curriculum that included an introduction to Butoh Dance, Shakespeare and Theatre of the Oppressed workshops.

John Robert Powers Acting Academy. Training Director and Instructor. Instructed and managed a staff of teachers in diverse training in Manhattan and the NYC branch of !IPOP! The International Presentation of Performers. Developed hundreds of kids, teens and young adults for the professional acting industry with top NYC / Los Angeles agents, casting directors and managers. Students she has coached have been featured in major motion pictures, Broadway/ off Broadway theatres, and national television programs and commercials. Arranged promotional photo shoots and marketing layouts, printing.

Classes taught include: Film Study, Intro to commercials, scene-study, soap-sitcom, Monologue, Improvisation, Audition Technique, Life skills, The Business of Acting and performing in self-written work.

Performer/facilitator with *Educational Play Productions*, a company dedicated to dealing with the social issues of children and teens. Plays a variety of roles in repertory in over 25 NYC Public Schools with this company founded by Carmen Rivera and Candido Tirado award winning Puerto Rican playwrights. Facilitated post-show debriefs with large audiences of young people.

Conflict/Resolution Workshop. *Brooklyn Arts Council*. Integrating original performances with youth through community arts. In this workshop artists/students learn the creative and developmental process of solo/group work based on, oral histories and autobiographical material within the themes of personal and social conflict-resolution. As a means for exploring their participation in society as young people, sons/daughters, and future leaders. Voice and body technique-building a series of vocal/physical exercises for training/performance. Exposure to these performances- new material and techniques will provide a common basis for the study and discussion of finding different approaches to conflict.

Wingspan Arts NYC- Teatro en Espanol. Teacher to elementary children. Through games and role-playing, kids dive into the world of the Spanish language. With dance, art, and theatre, kids learn voice and movement techniques of acting that develop into a final presentation. Improv, scene work, group collaborations and solo performance are explored in the Spanish language. Youth use their creativity to put together original material they build on with the new Spanish words they learn every course.

Art Spring Organization: theatre arts facilitator for a community of incarcerated women – beginners and advanced, an arts based organization that serves underserved and institutionalized women and girls with programs designed to promote personal growth and develop life skills through art-making and self-expression. Since 1994, Art Spring has been responding to the needs of incarcerated adult women and adjudicated girls through it's two principal programs: Inside Out and Breaking Free. These interdisciplinary arts programs incorporate movement, theatre games, writing, drawing, story-telling and performance as transformational tools.

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