

**September 2023**

# **Conservatory!**

at **COACHELLA VALLEY REPERTORY**



**Directed by Howard Shangraw**

**Presented by the Anderson Children's Foundation**

**The Conservatory at CVRep's Youth Outreach program is possible through the generous support of the Auen Foundation.**

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# ABOUT THE PERFORMERS:

## Cathedral City HS

### FIDENCIO ROMERO AGUILERA (*Antonio*)

Fidencio is a senior in Cathedral City HS, and this is his third year in theater and his fourth production. He is so excited to join the CVRep community! During his free time, Fidencio loves playing and making music. He feels that music is as important an aspect in his life as theater.

### GENESIS ESPEJO (*Morgan*)

A junior at Cathedral City HS, Genesis has been involved in theater for 3 years. She enjoys spending time with family and is very excited to be a part of this year's CVRep Youth Outreach Production. Previous credits: Eternity, School of Rock, The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown! (CCHS).

### IRAM HUERTA (*Dennis*)

Iram is a senior at Cathedral City High HS, where he enjoys music and science. He has ambitions to be part of the arts world, but also has his eye on a career in architecture.

### YAHAJAIRA PAZ (*Ms. Peters*)

Yahajaira has had a love for theatre since childhood. Now, as a junior at Cathedral City HS, she has become active in the school's theatre program. She is ecstatic to be in the production of OPHELIA LIVES! Previous credits: Horton Hears a Who, Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and is currently working on The Awesome '80s Prom.

## La Quinta HS

### LAUREN CRUZ DE ARMAS (*Heather*)

Lauren Cruz De Armas is extremely thankful to play a raw, truthful and honest role she and so many others can relate to. This is her first play at CVRep and her third year of acting. Lauren hopes you take a piece of this play with you!

## **Palm Springs HS**

**KYMANI FEGURGUR** (Student Assistant Director / *Ms. Peters*)  
Kymani is a sophomore at Palm Springs HS. This is his second year in theatre. He has participated in multiple showcases at Palm Springs HS and is the secretary of the Palm Springs High School Theatre Troupe 6219.

**ARIANA JENKINS** (Student Assistant Stage Manager)  
“Ari” is a sophomore at Palm Springs HS, and she has participated in Palm Springs HS theatre projects for two years. She is the Sophomore Representative for Theatre Troupe 6219. Ari is excited to have the opportunity to work with her sister, Melina Ginn, *Ophelia Lives!* stage manager. Previous credits: *Legally Blonde*, *The Odd Couple* (female version), *Annie* (PSHS).

## **Rancho Mirage HS**

**SOPHIE HUGHES** (*Morgan*)  
Sophie is a sophomore at Rancho Mirage HS. She has been in love with theatre for years, and is excited to perform in CVRep’s *Ophelia Lives!* Previous credits: *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf* (King’s Schools), *Gossip*, *Shrek the Musical* (RMHS).

*Special Thanks*



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# **OPHELIA LIVES!**

**By  
Gillette Elvgren**

**Directed by  
Howard Shangraw**

## **CAST**

(In order of Appearance)

Ms. / Mr. Peters*	.....	Yahajaira Paz
.....	.....	Kymani Fegurgur
Morgan*	.....	Genesis Espejo
.....	.....	Sophie Hughes
Dennis	.....	Iram Huerta
Antonio	.....	Fidencio Romero Aguilera
Heather	.....	Lauren Cruz De Armas

(\* denotes Double-Casting)

## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Stage Manager	.....	Melina Ginn
Student Assistant Director	.....	Kymani Fegurgur
Student Assistant Stage Manager	..	Ariana Jenkins
Scenic Designer	.....	Jimmy Cuomo
Costume Designer	.....	Emma Bibo
Technical Director/Lighting Designer		Moira Wilkie
Sound Designer	.....	Joshua Adams
Properties Design	.....	Gus Sanchez
Close Relations Coordinator	.....	Maricela Sandoval
Engineer	.....	Tim Burr

## **SETTING**

Backstage of a high school theater.

## **TIME**

The present.

## **CVREP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Executive Artistic Director .....	Adam Karsten
CFO .....	Joe Basak
Managing Director .....	Jeniffer Hankinson
Director of Conservatory.....	Howard Shangraw
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Company Manager .....	Kudra Wagner
House Manager .....	Mari Sandoval

## **ABOUT CVREP**

Coachella Valley Repertory is an educational, dramatic and musical theatre organization that offers thought-provoking, innovative theater of substance, and a voice to a wide range of artists and visions. CVREP provides productions and outreach programs that positively enrich, enhance and impact the quality of life for residents and visitors in the Coachella Valley.

## **ABOUT THE CONSERVATORY AT CVREP YOUTH OUTREACH**

It has always been a priority of CVRep to present an annual production for Coachella Valley students that is culturally and socially relevant in today's complicated world. Over the past ten years we have performed for close to 14,000 students, free of charge, to experience live theatre, some for the first time. CVRep not only provides the performance to the children for free, but will also pay for the buses to bring the school students to the theatre.

## **ABOUT CLASSES AT THE CONSERVATORY AT CVREP**

Whether you've never taken an acting class or you're a seasoned Pro - ages 5 to 95 - we have courses to challenge you. If you or someone you know would like to apply for a scholarship to one of our Conservatory offerings, please email our Director of Youth Outreach, Howard Shangraw. [hshangraw@cvrep.org](mailto:hshangraw@cvrep.org)

## **RESOURCES**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Call or Text 988**

**TEXT: HELLO to 741741 to text with a crisis counselor Palm Springs, Desert Sands, and Coachella Valley Unified School District** offers mental health support referrals online for families with Medi-Cal and via Care Solace for all other insurance.

**Riverside County Mental Health, 24-hour hotline: 760-863-8455**

- The Trevor Project 24/7 Crisis Support Services to LGBTQ+ Young People Trevor Lifeline (866) 488-7386 (24-hour) Teen Line
- Desert Regional Medical Center: 760-323-6511
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital: 760-347-6191
- Riverside University Health Systems - Behavioral Health Services (951) 486-4000
- Indio Family Care Center (800) 720-9553
- Palm Springs Family Care Center (800) 720-9553

**If someone is at risk for suicide, you can watch for warning signs, including:**

- Talking about being a burden
- Self injurious behaviors
- Talking about hopelessness or feeling trapped
- Severe or overwhelming emotional pain or distress
- sleeping too little or too much
- anger or hostility that seem out of character or out of context
- Increased substance use
- Talking about or posting about wanting to die
- Giving away prized possessions or items of value to them
- Looking for a way to access lethal means
- Making plans for suicide

If you have immediate concern, call your local mental health crisis provider, take your child to the nearest emergency department or call 911.

## **CONNECT WITH PEOPLE YOU TRUST**

From: International Association for Suicide Prevention

If you're struggling, it's okay to share your feelings. To start, you could copy one of these pre-written messages and send it to a trusted contact.

### **Reach out**

"When you get a chance can you contact me? I feel really alone and suicidal, and could use some support."

### **Contact a loved one**

"I don't want to die, but I don't know how to live. Talking with you may help me feel safe. Are you free to talk?"

### **Express your feelings**

"This is really hard for me to say but I'm having painful thoughts and it might help to talk. Are you free?"

### **Check in**

"I'm struggling right now and just need to talk to someone — can we chat?"

### **You're not alone!**

If you don't have someone you feel like you can contact about your mental health, that doesn't mean you're alone. Remember that counselors are available 24/7 at the **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**.

## **ONLINE RESOURCES:**

### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**

988Lifeline.org

### **Alive Together Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services**

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

### **The Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Crisis Support**

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

### **Teen Listeners! Providing Support, Resources, and Hope:**

<http://teenline.org/>

### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

<http://www.afsp.org/understanding-suicide>

**Report Bullying Anonymously Online:** [sprigeo.com](http://sprigeo.com)



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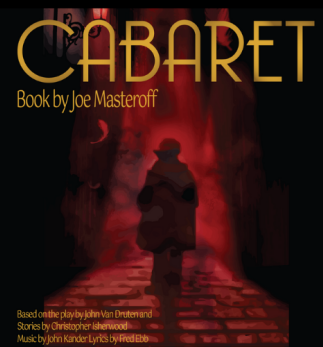
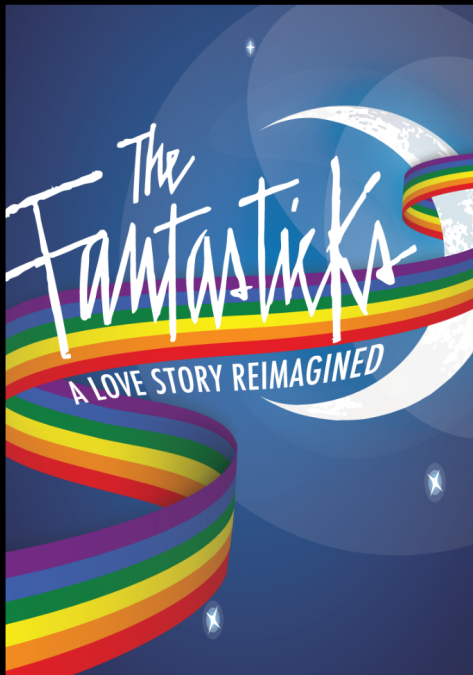
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