

# Natividad

A homemade Pastorela

## CAST



### **TINA RODRIGUEZ / Natividad**

Born in San Antonio, TX and the youngest child in an extremely creative family, she has always been surrounded by and expressing through music and visual arts. After graduating with a BFA in Theatre from Texas State University, Tina pursued her passion for acting and music in the film "La Tragedia de Macario" which went to Sundance Film Festival in 2006. Since then Tina

has acted in several independent and big budget films. Currently she is studying opera with Sylvia Gallo in Austin, TX. Tina also writes, produces and is set to direct her first film in January. In theatre, her last stage performance was in "Kuka". Tina also has her own healing practice.



### **TRINI MARTINEZ / Natividad**

Trinidad Martinez, born and raised in Tampico Tamaulipas, began her acting career with Proyecto Teatro in the play "Mi mujer es el Plomero" and shortly after in "Los Angeles Terribles". "Every play and every character delivers a message and I enjoy having the opportunity to learn and share with the audience".



### **CHUY VELASQUEZ / David Pastor**

Born in El Paso, Texas Chuy moved to Austin for a better job opportunity in the Engineering field and found himself on stage 4 years later. Chuy has been the main character for several plays. His theatrical experience includes: "A ver, un aplauso!", a show that made the first Spanish only theater play performed at the 100 year old Paramount Theater. "Mi mujer es el Plomero",

"Los Vendidos", and "Un mal Dia". He studied film at Austin Film Works and is the Co-founder of Vaca Roja Producciones.



### **DANIELA RUIZ / Estrella Pastor**

Daniela was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was a student at one of the most prestigious schools in Buenos Aires, where she obtained her BFA in Musical Theatre. In college, she participated in over 10 musical productions. Years later Daniela moved to Madrid, Spain where she toured the country with a Variety Show. That took her to create her own tango and

poetry show, "Nostalgia". While working as an entertainer for a cruise ship, Daniela meets her husband, who, in turn, brought her to Austin and now she is an active performer in the Austin tango scene. Lead Vocalist of a trio and a recurrent guest of several shows and "milongas" all over town.



### **KARINA DOMINGUEZ / Sara Pastor**

Trained as an actor exclusively in Austin, Texas. Karina has participated in several short and independent films as well as commercials and theater productions. This time, she joins the line up of professional actors in this new version of La Pastorela. Karina is currently also part of the cast for and improv show with Merlin Works

Improv Institute as part of her graduation project. In 2012, she will be participating in "Symphony of Clouds", a collaborative project between Pollyana theater and Ballet Austin.



### **DIEGO MOLINA / Benjamin Pastor**

Diego Molina began his acting career several years ago in Austin, Texas. His theatrical experience includes roles in "The little mouse that roared", "Little shop of horrors", "Paganini", "The exception", "You're a good man Charlie Brown" the musical, "Grease", "Laramie project". Diego has also participated in film projects such as "Machete" and stunts in "Gunstringer" for Xbox game/film.



### **KARLA LONGNION / Tia Lucy / Producer**

Born and raised in Mexico. She had her first acting experience at the age of 21, while in college, with Teatro IEST in Tampico Tamps; under the direction of Romualdo Cruz Castañeda. In Austin Karla has been studying acting for 4 years with David Cox and she enjoys participating in quality cultural events that contribute to the benefit of the Latino community in the USA



### **RODRIGO LLOREDA / Michael**

Rodrigo is a professional actor, musician, and dancer who studied at Oklahoma City University's Bass School of Music, Kirkpatrick School of Fine Arts, and Ann Lacey School of Dance. He was born in Puerto Rico to a Colombian father and Mexican mother and has lived in Austin most of his life. Rodrigo has toured the

world as a dancer on the International Tour of "Sesame Street Live!". He has also participated in major motion pictures such as "Vampires Suck", and done many commercials and TV appearances along with Voice Over work.



### **DIANA SAUCEDO / Soila**

Born in Mexico City, her interest for acting started when she was a kid leading her to make her first appearance in Mexican television at the age of 5. Diana has participated in TV commercials, and several Theater plays. Her acting education started at the Proyecto Teatro workshops with Alejandro Pedemonte. Her

theatrical experience includes: "Un mal Dia", "Los Angeles Terribles", "Departamento de solteras" and the 2010 version of "The Vagina Monologues". Diana also participated in the short film "Max T Vale" produced by VacaRoja Producciones.



**LUPITA GARCIA MARSH / Dora**

Born in Matamoros Mexico, Her acting experience dates back to her school years and for the first time in Austin as "Parranda" in La Pastorela 2010. "This year I am very excited and happy to be part of the cast of "Natividad". I am very happy to have the opportunity to work with such an experienced team of actors. I am doing my best to deliver to the level of my colleagues, and be able to show the audience that La Pastorela show is evolving in ideas and production quality, filling a void in the "Latino" theater industry of Austin.



**ALEJANDRO PEDEMONTE / Artistic Director**

Alex Pedemonte, born and raised in Lima, Peru, began his acting career after graduating from the "Roberto Angeles" school of Acting in his native Lima. He moved to Austin in 1998 and in 2001 founded "Proyectoteatro", directing and producing over 10 theater productions including "A ver un Aplauso" which staged at Austin's only Paramount Theater as the first and so far only theater production performed fully in Spanish at such venue. Pedemonte has directed numerous acting workshops in Austin and San Antonio. Aside from directing theater, Alex has also been featured in several TV commercials as well as characters in Fox's series "Prison Break", Telemundo's "La Ley del silencio" and Starz' original series "Crash". Co-founder and producer of Vaca Roja Producciones in Austin Texas, Pedemonte has dedicated the last three years to work and produce bands and musicians, projecting his work from a theatrical point of view.



**DIEGO VILLARREAL / El borrego Reyes**

Diego has participated in ATLA productions of La Pastorela since 2008, playing characters such as "El Diablo" and "The Shepherds" Diego has been active in the performing arts since 2006 working with several groups and Spanish bilingual theater. He has taken acting classes at Texas State University and The Spanish theater group Proyecto Teatro of Austin. Diego has performed in productions such as Univision Premios Texas and The Learning Fair of Austin ISD.



**CLAUDIA CHAVEZ / Stage Manager**

"Una de las cosas que más me emociona al ser parte de cada producción teatral es el simple hecho de ser parte de esas raíces que sembramos en Austin para que nuestra cultura artística se mantenga viva para las generaciones que vienen! Me llena de entusiasmo el esperar el 2012 con ALTA ya que promete ser un año lleno de gratas sorpresas! Gracias a todos los chicos del elenco y producción que han hecho mi trabajo tras bambalinas una aventura muy divertida!"

*My view about La Pastorela:*

"NATIVIDAD", a home made Pastorela, is the the new beginning for our traditional Austin Pastorela which takes place every year since 1997. When I was invited to direct this years Pastorela, the first thing that came to mind was the challenge of directing and working in both languages since my theater background is fully in Spanish. After looking for the right script I decided to sit with a group of very talented friends Miguel A Santana and Jesus Velasquez and developed an original story that I thought would perfectly fit in our society, "Natividad" is a representation of a traditional Pastorela but in a more contemporary scenario. Everybody should be able to identify themselves with the story since all characters portrait everyday people like you and I. I am very blessed to be able to work with a group of amazing actors and production team.



**MIGUEL ANGEL SANTANA / Playwrite**

Nací en Monterrey Nuevo León, México. Soy un apasionado de la pintura, la lectura y la escritura; he tenido la oportunidad de trabajar para diversos medios de comunicación e instituciones educativas como promotor cultural, escritor y profesor. Mi taller de arte es mi lugar favorito, me encanta la música, el café y las buenas pláticas. La fuerza que me impulsa es mi hijo Miguel.



**LIAM MONTERO Salvador**



**PATRICIO OLIVARES Salvador**

**Producers:** Alejandro Pedemonte, Karla Longnion, Marylou Castillo, Claudia Chavez  
**Playwrite:** Miguel A. Santana  
**Story by:** Miguel A. Santana, Alejandro Pedemonte, Chuy Velasquez  
**Music Producer:** Gil Gonzalez  
**Lyrics:** Alejandro Pedemonte  
**Production Crew:** Ryan Salinas, Roen Salinas, Adan Espinoza, Mikey Chapman, Laura Santiago  
**Set Crew:** Christian Gutierrez, Gerardo de la Cruz, Alfonso Gutierrez, Chuy Velasquez  
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