

Talento Bilingüe de Houston Cultural Arts Center

Presents

A Trip Through the Mind of a 'Crazy' Mexican

by Alvaro Saar Rios

directed by I.Michelle Lopez



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BIOS:

Alvaro Saar Rios (Royal Mexican Player) is a writer and a performer. He studied with Lanford Wilson, Edward Albee, and Tony Diaz while receiving his English-Creative Writing degree at UH. His plays have been performed in Hawaii, New York, Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and in various venues in Houston. His favorite color is blue and he loves to eat with his hands.

Chris Rivera (Royal Mexican Player) has designed and directed professionally, but works primarily as an actor at such venues as Stages, The Alley Theater, Unhinged Productions, Theater Lab, Back Porch Players, and Theater Illuminata. He is Artistic Associate Director of Unhinged, an Alley teaching artist, and his first play *15 Hours in the Green World* was chosen to be produced at UH's Jose Quintero Lab April 26th, 28th, and 30th as part of the Edward Albee Playwright Festival.

Guadalupe "Lupe" M. Mendez (Royal Mexican Player) is originally from Galveston Island and teaches fourth grade at Cunningham Elementary. He has performed/worked with Theatre Southwest, Main Street Theater-Chelsea Market, Unhinged Productions, and The Pasadena Little Theatre. He directed *The Crazy Mexican Show* (UST) and continues working with Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say. He received his B.A. in Bilingual Education from the University of St. Thomas.

I. Michelle Lopez (Royal Mexican Player) has acted, directed, and coached for the Mark Taper Forum, the Court Theatre, Troy Rep, Ojai Shakespeare Festival, A Contemporary Theatre, Stages, The Alley Theater, Unity Theater, and Unhinged Productions. She received her B.F.A. at the U. of Southern California and is completing her M.F.A. at U. of H. *Abrazos y besos para mi familia y amigos*.

Benito Vasquez (Asst. Director) is a student at the University of Houston-Downtown. It is at UHD that he has done most of his training in acting and directing. Benito is a co-founder of the AWD Players, who will be presenting "El Poder del los Hombres" by Tomas Urtusastegui in TBH's next season.

Niki Thomas (Production Stage Manager) is making her debut with The Royal Mexican Players. She has stage managed for such companies as In the Wings Productions, dAdA Productions, the Alley Theatre and Sam Houston State University. She has also been a Production Assistant for many shows at the Alley Theatre. She is currently working as the Events Manager at the Alley Theatre and would like to thank her family, Holly and Cowboy for all of their love and support in the arts.