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The Royal Mexican Players  
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## One Hot Texican Summer (or the summer I found out I was Mexican)

Written and Performed  
by  
Alvaro Saar Rios

Directed  
by  
Michelle Lopez-Rios

July 15-16, 2011

*One Hot Texican Summer* is available for touring.  
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## A Note from the Playwright

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While at Northwestern, I was hoping to write a one-man show about my neighborhood (Cottage Grove) and the crazy characters that lived there. Yet, each time I sat down to write a monologue or a scene, memories of adventures with my big brother filled my mind--making milkshakes, riding bikes at the park, hanging out at the mall, swimming in ditches, listening to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, cruising with dad in the van with no air conditioning, sitting on the porch and eating cold watermelon, etc...

Without much hesitation, I put the show about my neighborhood on hold and just wrote about my big brother. Thinking back, it all made sense. He was as big an influence on my life as my neighborhood. Without him, my life would not have been filled with colorful stories. He inspires me as much as those writers whose books sit on my shelves and whose plays I've studied. I hope you enjoy this show as much as I enjoyed creating it.

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## The Royal Mexican Players

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In 2004 The Royal Mexican Players debuted with *The Crazy Mexican Show* in Houston, Texas. In 2006 they relocated to Milwaukee and established themselves in the local theater scene by collaborating with UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Bad Soviet Habits, Walker's Point Center for the Arts and The United Community Center. Next up for The Royal Mexican Players is a residency at Texas A&M University in the fall of 2011.

**Alvaro Saar Rios** is a writer and a performer. He holds an MFA in Writing for the Stage & Screen from Northwestern University and is the co-founder of The Royal Mexican Players. Mr. Rios is the author of various plays, such as *The Crazy Mexican Show*, *Welcome to Milwaukee/Bienvenidos a Milwaukee*, and *A Trip Through the Mind of a 'Crazy' Mexican*. His work has been performed in New York City, Hawaii, California, Chicago, Milwaukee, and all over Texas! Alvaro is developing a new play with First Stage Children's Theater based on the books of Lois Ehlert and will be teaching Playwriting this fall at UW-Milwaukee. Mr. Rios lives in Milwaukee with his wife (Michelle), his son (Augusto) and their cat (Zaide).

**Michelle Lopez-Rios** is a voice coach, actor, and director. She directed *Trip through the Mind of a Crazy Mexican*, *Nuestra Voz*, *Nuestra Historia*, and *Mexicans in Milwaukee* for TRMP. Other directing credits include: *Decaffeinated Tragedy* (2009 Prague Fringe Festival), *A Rose for Mrs. Kemp* (MCT's Young Playwrights Festival), and *By the Bog of Cats* (UWM). Coaching credits include: Houston Shakespeare Festival, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, Unity Theatre, and Stages Repertory Theatre. Acting credits include: Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, The Mark Taper Forum, The Court Theatre, and Ojai Shakespeare Festival. Michelle is an Assistant Professor at UW-Milwaukee, a featured coach on [www.accenthelp.com](http://www.accenthelp.com), and a founding member of The Royal Mexican Players.