

NUEVO COMMUNITY THEATRE
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Director Cassandra Hammond
Choreography Julissa Lopez, Jocelyn Perez,
Tan'yeasia Brewster & Amanda Weibel
Vocal Direction Noah Buyak
Scenic Design..... Taylor Hammond
Scenic Construction..... Ed Shott
Lighting Design Anna Valencia & Amanda Weibel
Stage Manager Taylor Breshears
Asst. Stage Manager Willow Weibel
Head Electrician Noah Raymond
Sound Op Eric Zamora
A2 Tabitha Aguirre
Running Crew Bryce Hooper
House Manager Nancy Hillig

Musical recording provided by The MT Pit L.L.C.

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Cast

Tony Noah Buyak
Maria Julissa Lopez
Anita Tan'yeasia Brewster
Riff Nick Le
Rosalia Jocelyn Perez
Conseulo..... Brianna Medina
Bernardo Alejandro Ojeda
Action Blake Hefner
Doc..... Jason Fowler / Devin Lowery
Lieutenant Shranke..... Cristian Sanchez
A-Rab Max Montoya
Velma/Girl..... Amora Valencia
Chino Lucca Benigni
Anybodys Maggie Hammond
Baby John Anthony Mejia
Glad Hand Cecilia Castillo
Officer Krupke Michael Pinedo/ Ricky Caballero

Ensemble

* Featured Dancer

Enrique Zavala
Ricky Caballero
Daniel Baca
*Tylore Gamble**
*Jaslene Diaz**
*Kendehl Hill**

*Ashley Tilford **
*Sindey Aguilar**
Rochelle Rincon
Nereida Villasenor
Jodi Lacangan
Emily Weibel
Maria Cortez

Jafet Duarte
David Neri
*Amanda Wiebel **
*Anna Valencia**
*Angelli Ong **
Madison Rodriguez

Featured Cast Bios

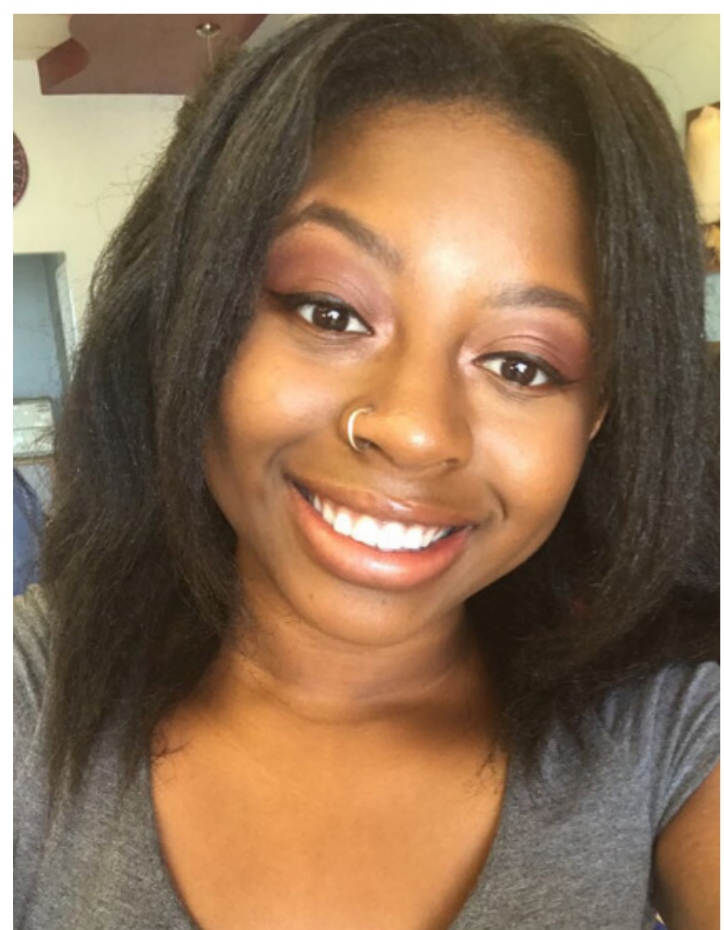
Noah Buyak as Tony



Noah Buyak (Senior) is extremely excited to play the part of Tony in the iconic *West Side Story*. Noah has played many roles such as George from The Language Archive, Peter Shaw from Silent Sky, Chip Tolentino from 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, as well as Cooper from the musical Island Song. Noah will be studying acting at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati this fall. Noah would like to thank his director, Cassie, for providing him the opportunities to grow as an actor, educator, and person. Without her, his future would be entirely different. He wishes everyone a great night and hopes you enjoy the show.

Julissa Lopez as Maria

Julissa (Senior) has played many roles during her time in theatre such as: Morticia in The Addams Family, Mary from The Language Archive, Molly from Peter and the Starcatcher, and Caroline in Island Song. Julissa will be attending the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in the fall to get her BFA in Acting. She would like to thank the incredible crew who work hard and made this show possible. She would also like to thank her cast mates who made the entire experience a fun one. A special thank you goes to her amazing director who goes above and beyond to let us do our passion.

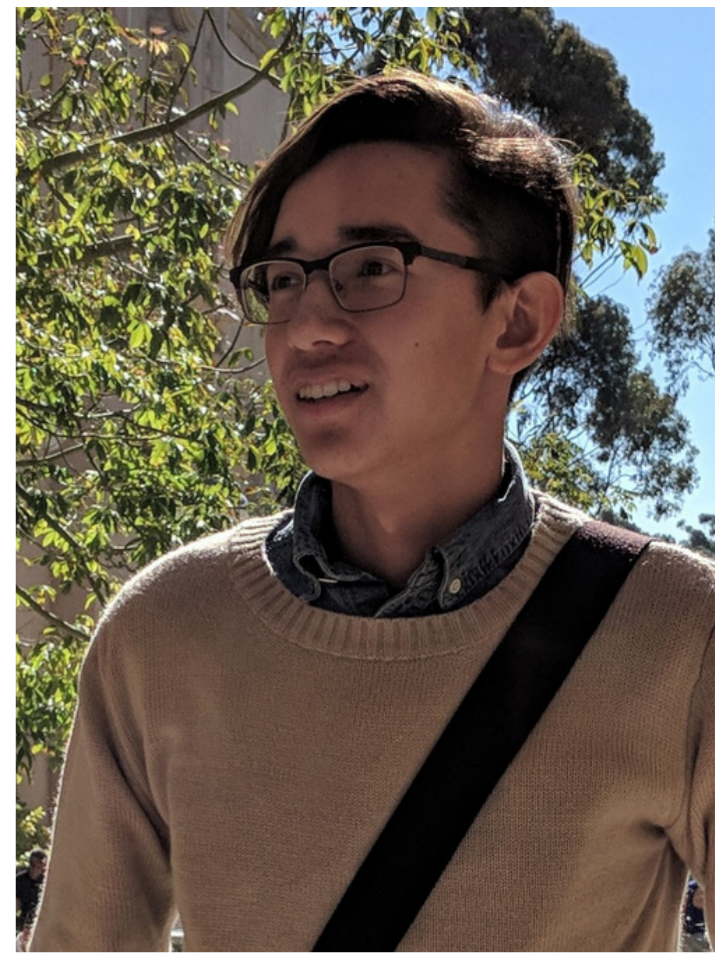


Tan'yeasia Brewster as Anita

Tan'yeasia (Senior) has been apart of theatre since her freshman year. She has been apart of 10 shows, with *West Side Story* being her 11th. This musical Tan'yeasia is thrilled to portray Anita and work alongside a wonderful cast and crew, and the biggest thanks to her director Cassie for making Tan'yeasia's experience in theatre as memorable as it is. Tan'yeasia is also an accomplished playwright, her first show, *Some-body* was produced at the Old Globe last fall and her second play *Placebo* will be produced this summer at the International Thespian Festival. This Fall Tan'yeasia will be pursuing a BFA in Screenwriting at Chapman University.

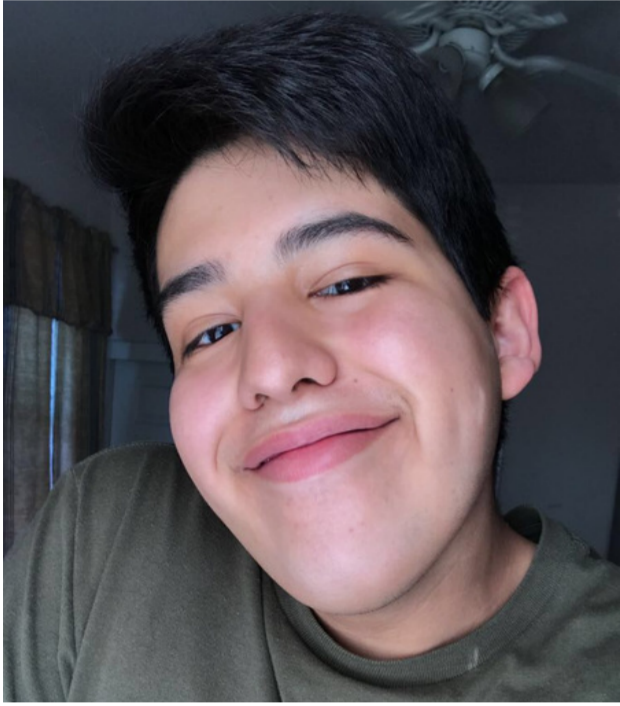
Nick Le as Riff

Nick (Senior) is ecstatic to be included in the cast of West Side Story and has enjoyed every rigorous step along the way. He is very excited to play a more tough character in comparison to his other roles in *Anything Goes*, *The Language Archive*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Island Song*. He has been a part of the theatre program for 4 years switching between the backstage crew and tech crew with a few small roles sprinkled in. His most memorable role is Will in *Island Song* for it was then that he realized he enjoyed the slivers of the spotlight he had. If it were not for his role as Will and the continuous encouragement to strive for bigger roles, he would not be where he is at today. In that, Nick is very thankful for his friends who were always pushing him towards a greater goal.



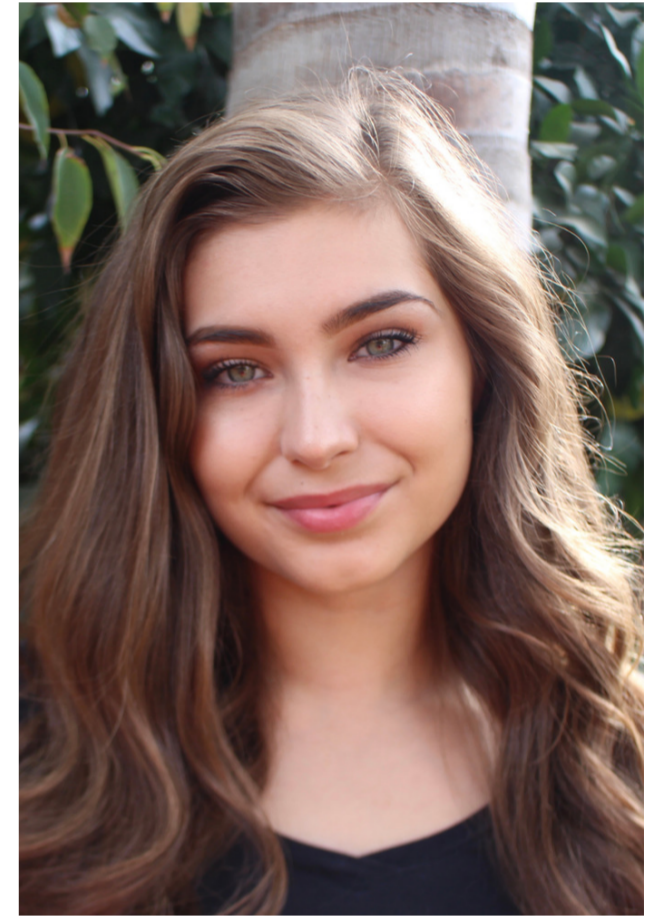
Alejandro Ojeda as Bernardo

Alejandro Ojeda is a Junior at NBECHS and has been involved in theater for almost a year now. He is delighted to be a part of the cast of West Side Story and has enjoyed working with the rest of the cast and crew to put on such an amazing production. This is Alejandro's second show, as he was part of the Ensemble in NCT's production of James and the Giant Peach. Alejandro would like to thank his close friends for encouraging him to join theater. He hopes you all enjoy the show!



Jocelyn Perez as Rosalia

Jocelyn Perez (Senior) has been an active participant in theatre for the past three years. She would like to give a huge thanks to her theatre troupe for welcoming her with open arms and treating her like family. Though her time with Nuevo Community Theatre is coming to a close, she is beyond thrilled to have gotten the chance to work alongside such a hardworking and dedicated cast, crew and director. She would like to thank you all for coming and supporting the arts. She hopes you enjoy the fruitful show!



Brianna Medina as Conseulo

Brianna (Sophomore) has been in Nuevo Community Theater for 5 years. During her time in NCT she has been apart of the ensemble for musicals like, Oliver, Anything Goes, Big Fish, Fiddler On The Roof, Addams Family, and many more. Brianna would like to thank the wonderful crew as well as the amazing cast. She would like to give a special thank you to her director Cassie who always goes above and beyond to help her students.



Blake Hefner as Action

Blake Hefner (Junior) is truly excited to work with NCT for the first time as a performer. He was bitten by the acting bug while in middle school, as an anchor for the Cougar Action Network. He worked with NCT once before, doing tech/spotlight work for *James and the Giant Peach*, but decided he'd like to try being IN the spotlight for this show. His natural comedic timing makes him a welcome addition to the troupe! [He'd like to thank Miss Richards for inspiring him and doing this bio for him.]



Synopsis

Pulled directly from the pages of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, the musical takes place on New York's West Side in the mid-1950s amidst widespread racial and social tension. The show begins as a war is building between two rival gangs fighting over the same piece of turf: born and bred New York boys, The Jets, and Puerto Rican immigrants The Sharks. In the midst of the battlefield are two young romantics, good-boy Tony, a Jet ready to leave the gang life behind, and wide-eyed Maria, the sister of Sharks leader, Bernardo. When Tony and Maria unexpectedly meet and fall for one another, tension between the rival groups only escalates, leading to a bloody and senseless rumble that costs both sides young lives. In spite of the violence, the true story at the core of the show is two lovers trying to find a way to be together—and whether either can survive when hate and ignorance are unwilling to yield.

Song List

<i>Jet Song</i>	<i>Riff & the Jets</i>
<i>Something's Coming</i>	<i>Tony</i>
<i>Dance at the Gym</i>	<i>Ensemble</i>
<i>Maria</i>	<i>Tony</i>
<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Tony & Maria</i>
<i>America</i>	<i>Anita, Rosalia & Shark Girls</i>
<i>Cool</i>	<i>Riff & the Jets</i>
<i>One Hand, One Heart</i>	<i>Tony & Maria</i>
<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Ensemble</i>
<i>I Feel Pretty</i>	<i>Maria, Rosalia, & Conseulo</i>
<i>Somewhere</i>	<i>Amora</i>
<i>Gee, Officer Krupke</i>	<i>Action & the Jets</i>
<i>A Boy Like That</i>	<i>Anita</i>
<i>I Have a Love</i>	<i>Maria</i>
<i>Finale</i>	<i>Ensemble</i>



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