

IN THE **HEIGHTS**

MAY 10, 11, 17, 18 @ 7 PM

MUSIC & LYRICS BY

LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

BOOK BY QUIARA ALEGRÍA HUDES



EN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS!

Crew

Director..... Cassandra Hammond
Musical Director Taylor Hammond
Choreography Kendehl Hill, Amanda Weibel,
Alejandro Ojeda & Brianna Medina
Stage Manager Willow Weibel
Asst. Stage Manager Catherine Tucker
& Noe Cazares
Dance Captain Nerieda Villasenor
Light Design & Op..... ... Emily Weibel
Lead Programmer Parker Smith
Sound A1 Eric Zamora
Sound A2 Noe Cazares
Wardrobe Design Margaret Hammond
Wardrobe Mistress Catherine Tucker
Publicity Jodi Lacangan
Surtitles and Projection Roxana Ortiz
Props Mistress..... Jodi Lacangan
Crew Roman Nichols Dunlap, Emily Marie
Lonzo & Adaya James

Special Thanks

... Ed and Diane Shott, Rosendo Zavala & Ed Medina for
all their hard work and hours put into the set
construction.

... Taylor Hammond for the beautiful scenic paint job!

... Yesenia Medina, Regina Weibel, and Shannon Hill for
keeping the cast fed and happy.

... Mary Garcia for documenting the whole story for our
archives!



ALEJANDRO OJEDA AS USNAVI DE LA VEGA

¡Bienvenidos a Washington Heights! Alejandro Ojeda is a Senior at NBECHS and has been involved in theatre for over a year now. This is his eighth and final show, as he was part of Ensemble in James and the Giant Peach and has played the roles of Bernardo in West Side Story, Man 2 in The House on Mango Street, Zeke in High School Musical, and The Voice of Audrey II in Little Shop of Horrors. This show has come to mean so much to him in the past couple of months, and he would like to thank the rest of the cast and crew for this. They have all impacted his life in a way that he never thought was possible. He would also like to take some time to thank his director, Cassie. When he joined theater in Fall of 2017, he did not know that she was the missing piece in his high school career. She has pushed him to become the greatest he can be, and he will forever be grateful for that. He would also like to thank his family and friends who have all pushed him to reach the highest point of excellence. He hopes that you all appreciate this show, as it is a very beautiful story embodying some of the most important cultural and family values. Muchas gracias a todos por venir. Enjoy the show!

ABIGAIL AGUILAR AS NINA ROSARIO

Abigail Aguilar is currently a senior at Notre Dame High School and has been in theater since her sophomore year. She has played the roles of Vanessa in In The Heights, Natalie/Ed in All Shook Up, Elizabeth Proctor in The Crucible, and Cinderella in Into the Woods. Abigail is the Senior Class President and is involved in many clubs at her school. She would like to thank the NBECHS Thespian Troupe 8117 for being so friendly and welcoming. This show means so much to her and she's grateful to perform alongside her new friends. She would also like to give a special shout out to her directors, family, and friends.



BRIANNA MEDINA AS VANESSA

Brianna Medina (Junior) has been involved in theatre for six years, with In the Heights being her 17th show. In the past, she has played Ladybug in James and the Giant Peach, Consuela in West Side Story, Esperanza in The House on Mango Street, Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors, and many more roles. Brianna has put a lot of work into her role as Vanessa, and has enjoyed working alongside the rest of the cast and crew. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her and allowing her to rehearse 24/7. Brianna would also like to thank her director, Cassie Hammond, for believing in her and pushing her to become the best she can be.

LUCCA BENIGNI AS BENNY

Check one, two, three, this is Benny on the dispatch introducing one of the mains for this show! Lucca Benigni (junior) has been involved in theatre since seventh grade and from then on wanted to be on stage for as long as he could. Lucca is honored to be a part of this cast and crew and can not wait to show this little corner of the world to all of you. He has been attending NBECHS and has been in the Bridge's productions since his freshman year. He has been many characters in the past including Centipede in James and the Giant Peach, Chino in West Side Story, Man 3 in House on Mango Street, Troy Bolton in High School Musical, Ensemble in Little Shop of Horrors, and Edward Markley in Radium Girls. Lucca has been from place to place in the last fifteen years but is glad that his high school years will be here with these amazing, hard working, and crazy people. Nuevo is the community that he holds dear to his heart ever since he was born and taken here two days after being born. Within the troupe, Lucca has found a second family where the people in it are just as crazy, if not more so than him and this family has given him the proud nickname of "Mountain Man" and oh does he wear it like a badge. Lucca would love to thank director Cassie Hammond for being an inspiration for him to do better every time it's his que to go on stage or to help lift the heavy stuff. Lucca is constantly putting in the effort to make every performance for him and the audience one to remember. Lucca would also like to thank his family and friends for constantly supporting him through all the ideas and projects he has done. This one's for you.



ENRIQUE ZAVALA AS SONNY

Yo what's up. Enrique Zavala is a sophomore at Nuvview Bridge Early College High School and has been doing theatre for about six years. He has been in the ensemble for Oliver, Fiddler on the Roof, Once Upon A Mattress, Seussical, Anything Goes, Big Fish, Addams Family, West Side Story and Peter and the Starcatcher. In James and the Giant Peach he played the role of Earthworm. In High School Musical he played Chad. Enrique will be playing sonny, a fun and bright kid working with his cousin Usnavi in their bodega just trying to get by. Enrique hopes you enjoy the show.



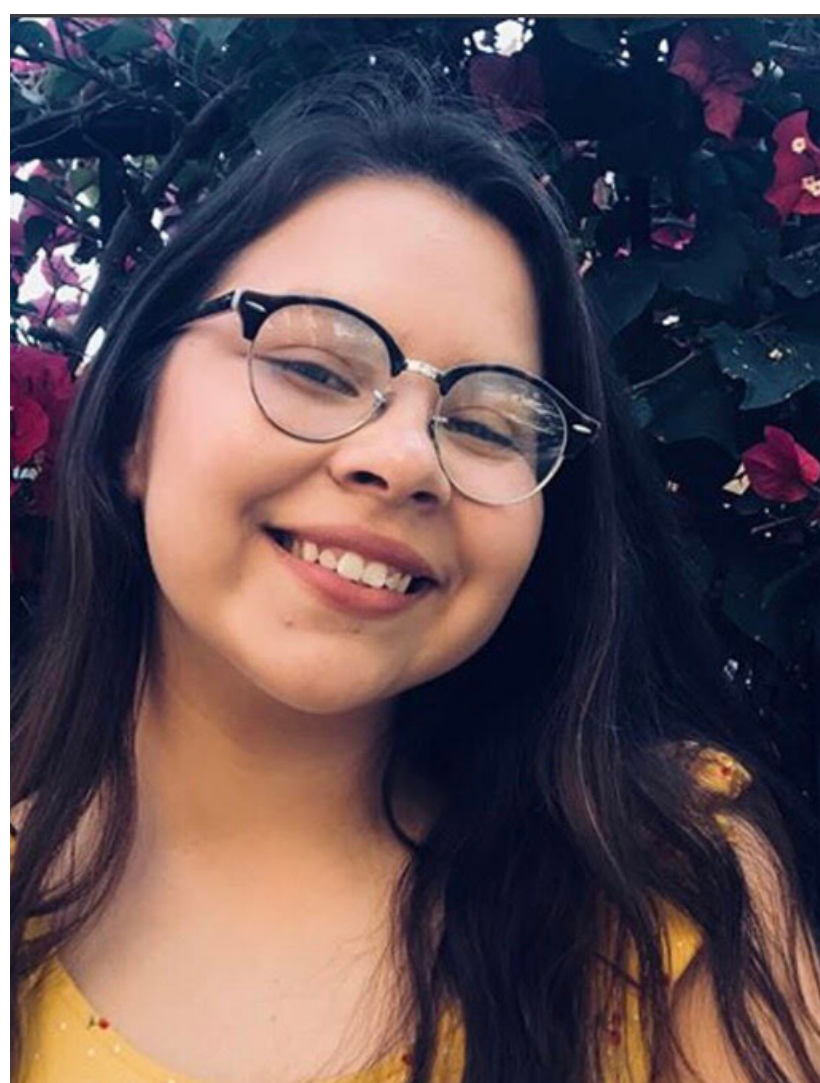
ELIZABETH CAMERENA AS ABUELA CLAUDIA



Elizabeth Camarena is a Senior at Nuvview Bridge and In the Heights will be her second show with the lead role of Abuela Claudia. She was previously a part of the High School Musical on Stage ensemble. There she showed enthusiasm for theatre which led her to audition for In the Heights. She is thankful to be given the opportunity to take on this role and the privilege to be part of this little theatre family at NBECHS. Elizabeth is looking forward to sharing her final high school show on stage with her friends. She will like to thank the director Cassie Hammond for granting her the opportunity to participate in the show. She will also like to thank her family who supported her every step of the way in order for her to be in the show. Sit back and enjoy life in the Heights! Paciencia y Fe!

STEPHANIA GAMA AS DANIELLA

Stephanie Gama is a senior at Nuvview Bridge Early College High School and she has been apart of 4 shows including James and the Giant Peach, High School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Radium Girls, and now In the Heights, as Daniela. She says "I want to thank Cassie Hammond for giving me the opportunity to be apart of this amazing troupe and thanks to this amazing cast for helping me along the way and helping me grow into Daniela. Lastly, I would like to thank my family for supporting me and handling my crazy schedule! I love you all!! Daniela has become such a special character to her and she hopes you love her and much as she does!



CECILIA CASTILLO AS CARLA

Cecilia Castillo is a Senior at NBECHS and has been involved in theatre for almost three years now. This is her eleventh and final show, as she was part of Ensemble in shows such as The Addams Family, Peter and the Starcatcher, James and the Giant Peach, and Little Shop of Horrors. She has also played the role of Glory in Almost Maine, Glad Hand in West Side Story, and Woman 2 in The House on Mango Street. Cecilia has also been a part of many tech crews in the past few years, such as Island Song and High School Musical. This show has been such a joyride for her, and she has had so much fun being Carla. She would like to thank her director, Cassie, for allowing her to become the young woman she is today. She would not have gotten this far if it wasn't for her. She would also like to thank her family and friends who have all helped and supported her through her high school career. She hopes that you all have a wonderful time watching the story unfold. Enjoy the show!



CRISTIAN SANCHEZ AS KEVIN ROSARIO

Cristian Sanchez (Senior) has been a part of theatre for 3-4 years in school and 11 years in show business as a party clown. This will be his 14th and very final show that he will be a part of. Other characters that he has played in the past include Doctor Ancestor (ensemble) in Addams Family, Lendall in Almost Maine, Robert Falcon Scott in Peter and the Starcatcher, Resten in Language Archive, Billy Bobby Cop in James and the Giant Peach, Lieutenant Schrank in West Side Story, Man 1 in House on Mango Street, Jack “velvet fog” Scott in High School Musical, Mr. Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors and now Kevin in In The Heights. He is proud to share his final show with this incredible cast, crew and director. He wants to thank the actors for their hard work and dedication. He would also like to give an extra special thank you to his biggest inspiration, his director, Cassandra Hammond who takes no breaks in giving her all to each and every single production and constantly making sure he and his cast are putting out incredible shows while having the ultimate experience of a lifetime. This would not be possible without her, without further ado bienvenido a In The Heights!

BIANCA GUERRERO AS CAMILA ROSARIO

Bianca Guerrero (senior) has been a part of theatre for seven years and gets ready to take the stage for her last show of her high school years. She has played Grace and Hope in Almost Maine, Skater kid and bad auditioner in High School Musical, Mrs. Macneil in Radium Girls and so much more! Theatre has given her the opportunity to become a better actress and to improve on her skills. She has been working very hard into her role as Camila and looks up to her mother for inspiration on her first principal role! She would like to thank her director Cassie for giving her the opportunity to portray Camila and believing in her. She would like to thank her family and friends for coming out to support her. Bianca is so excited and she hope's you enjoy the show ! :)



KENDEHL HILL AS GRAFFITI PETE

Kendehl Hill is a Senior at Nuvview and this is her final show with the troupe. Her previous shows include West Side Story, The House on Mango Street where she portrayed Older Esperanza, High School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, and Radium Girls where she portrayed Sob Sister. Being that this is her final show she would like to thank her family and friends for their support and Cassie for the opportunity to portray Graffiti Pete. Kendehl is excited for you to see her take on this character. Welcome to Washington Heights.

ANTHONY MEJIA AS PIRAGUA GUY

Anthony Mejia is a sophomore who has been involved with a few other productions. He will be playing the Piragua Guy. This is his third show, as he has played Baby John in West Side Story and Ryan Evans in High School Musical. This new role has been a new challenge in his theatre journey. He is extremely grateful that his theatre director, Cassandra Hammond, has trusted him with this role. He is also in love with the In The Heights cast because they are some of his favorite people and have given him some of the best memories. He is excited to tell the piragua guy's story through song. He is so excited for the many memories that are to come, and is so happy to have theatre in his life! In the Heights will be a show to remember as it is an incredible story that the cast and crew are proud to present.





SASHA LOPEZ AS CARLA

Sasha Lopez is 16 years old and a sophomore at NBECHS. This is her second show and her first principal character. After this show she will finally be able to become a thespian which has been one of her main goals in high school! Theatre has been nothing but kind to her, despite her crazy schedule, she is incredibly grateful to be able to be apart of such an amazing play. Thank you to all the cast and crew for teaching her how to become better at performing and for allowing her to be an addition to their huge crazy family.

Featured Vocalists

Maria Cortes
Carmen Serrano
Kayla Berkey
Lauryn King

Jessie Parks
Fredrick Jimenez
Jafet Duarte
Margaret Hammond

Featured Dancers

Sindey Aguilar
Ricky Martinez
Katelyn Ramirez
Nerieda Villasenor

Blake Hefner
Amanda Weibel
Anjelli Ong
Ricky Caballero

Ensemble

Arielle Lacsamana
Angelina Zavala
Angelina Northcutt
Kianny Dominguez Ponce

Kylie Combs
Alma Quiroz
Michael Pinedo
Elizabeth Owens

Synopsis

IN THE HEIGHTS tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind

Song List

In the Heights.....	All
Breathe.....	Nina
It Won't Be Long Now.....	Vanessa
Inutil.....	Kevin
No Me Diga.....	Daniella, Carla, Vanessa & Nina
96,000.....	All
Paciencia Y Fe.....	Abuela Claudia & Vocalists
When You're Home	Nina & Benny
Piragua	Piragua Guy
The Club/Blackout	All
Sunrise	Nina & Benny, Vocalists
Hundreds Of Stories	Usnavi & Abuela Claudia
Carnaval Del Barrio	Daniella, All
Everything I Know.....	Nina
Champagne	Vanessa & Usnavi
When The Sun Goes Down	Benny & Nina
Finale	All

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