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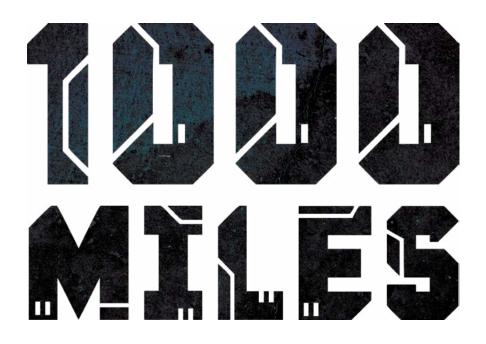
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Present at ISLAND CITY STAGE

Rayner Gabriel, Charisma Jolly, Daniel Llaca, Dayana Morales, and Arlette del Toro *in*



Written by Vanessa Garcia
Directed by Elizabeth Price

Cast

Solis	Charisma Jolly
Viola	Dayana Morales
Peter	Rayner Gabriel
Mark	Daniel Llaca
Maria	Arlette del Toro
City Guard	Cloudy Nonome
Other Guards	Tim Davis, Megan DeGraaf,
	Tyler Johnson Grimes, Joanna Orrego
Voice of Solis' Mother	Elizabeth Price

SETTING

Today. The City, a country that still offers safe harbor in a war-torn parallel world.

WARNINGS

This production features light effects that may cause seizures along with sound effects of explosions and qunfire.

The show will run for 2 hours with a 15 minute intermission.

We'd like to acknowledge that this production is taking place on the occupied indigenous lands of the Seminole, Taino, and Tequesta peoples. It's important that we acknowledge the history and ongoing colonization of where we are sitting right now in South Florida and in our country. It's also important to acknowledge our own place in the story of colonization.



Funding for this project is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council.

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A Note from the Director

To work on a world premiere production is to leap into the unknown. We find the fire in a script and we tend it, we try to build it and then we see if we can expand the blaze to light a fire in everyone who comes to experience it.

I fell in love with the script of *1000 Miles* through its world and the inhabitants of its world. I saw characters facing their demons from the first page and this appealed to me. The sheer hope, the grit, the love, the grief propelling them on, the fire in each of them to keep going, to build their lives, to risk love, and to feed the fire in their own and in each other's souls — all of this riveted me, compelled me, to want to tell this story.

When the playwright, Vanessa Garcia, added the element of the audience feeding that sustaining light to the characters, too, I knew we had something quite special — all of us uniting, all of us searching, together.

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases from being shared."

- Buddha



Elizabeth Price Director





A Streetcar Named Desire

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Meet the Cast



Charisma Jolly (Solis)

Charisma will soon be graduating from FIU with a BFA in Theater

Performance and a BA in Psychology. She is very excited to be working
with New City Players for the first time! The story of 1000 Miles resonates
with her and many other immigrants/children of immigrants and she
looks forward to being able to share that story with people. It is a story
that persists in this country and in others but is nonetheless a familiar one.

Charisma would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in this journey. She also hopes that for those who do see themselves in Solis, that your happiness is not far out of reach and is there for your taking. IG: @karizy03



Arlette del Toro (Maria)

Arlette is thrilled to be back onstage with NCP and working with this wonderful creative team. Locally, she has appeared at Island City Stage (Perfect Arrangement, Son), Infinite Abyss (The Gravedigger), JCAT (One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest) and with New City Players (Falling, Water by the Spoonful), where she is also a proud Company member. Most recently, Arlette was seen as Nurse Ratched in JCAT's production of One Flew Over

the Cuckoo's Nest. Much love always to her wonderful family.



Rayner Gabriel (Peter)

Rayner is a South Florida local actor and musician. Most recently he had a successful run at Maltz Jupiter Theatre as Hector MacQueen in *Murder on the Orient Express*. His music can be found on all streaming platforms under the name "Rayner G." He wants to thank his loving parents and his amazing partner Sandi, for always supporting his passions.



Dayana Morales (Viola)

Dayana is thrilled to be part of this beautiful production and to work with NCP. She is a bilingual Venezuelan stage and screen actress who holds a BFA in Theatre Performance from FAU. Dayana finds great joy in performing for young audiences and has been part of City Theatre's Short Cuts Tour for almost two years. Additionally, she's a Teaching Artist at the DeGeorge Academy at the Kravis Center. Select credits include *Swagger* (Palm Beach

Dramaworks), *Red Riding Hood* (TheatreLab), *Twelfth Night* (Palm Beach Shakespeare), *Rent*, and *Polaroid Stories* (FAU). Dayana is grateful for the opportunity to tell this story and for the constant support from her friends and family. Website: dayanamorales.com IG: dayanamoralesl



Daniel Llaca (Mark)

Daniel is a Miami based Cuban-American artist working as an actor for both stage and screen. Recent credits include Magic Mike 3 (dir. by Steven Soderbergh) Proof (Actor's Playhouse) Summer Shorts 25th Anniversary (City Theatre) The Impracticality of...Mastadons (Theatre Lab) Nosotros La Gente (American Stage) - The Amparo Experience (Broadway Factor) - and Dave in the upcoming series Just My Type. Llaca is also a resident voice actor with

Graphic Audio and has provided his voice for various clients including Spirit Airlines, Netflix, Amazon, Hulu and HBO. Llaca earned a BFA for Theater Performance from New World School of the Arts.

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Cloudy Nonome (City Guard)

Cloudy is a South Florida native who graduated from Florida Atlantic University with his BFA in Theatre Performance. He is currently a theatre educator for middle and high school and is ecstatic to make his return on the stage. He would like to give his appreciation to New City Players for making this opportunity possible.



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A Note from the Playwright

I feel that we are in a moment of time where we need to regain belief in our country and our democracy. There are plenty of people that want us to eat ourselves up from the inside out – want to claim that our divisions are greater than what brings us together. I believe the opposite – that what unites us is actually greater than what divides us.

As tyranny rises around the world, so do its insidious effects upon us. Effects we do not see as they infiltrate our country, our social media, and minds, because this kind of onslaught happens bit by bit, slowly, over time, without us even realizing it. I believe we must listen to each other, think deeply, never skim the story, never re-post or "like" unless we truly understand where that like and repost is coming from. Our trigger fingers, both on social media and in life, must not shoot if we do not know the whole story. We are each other's keepers, and in this country, I do believe we hold a bedrock of justice and liberty for all, which we must protect. We have erred in the past, as all great countries have, and can do better; we must and are doing better. Anyone who tries to infiltrate our minds with negativity, downfall, and doomsday thinking alone, with thoughts of eternal inequity is simply someone who wishes for demise instead of hope. And not false hope, but true hope in our greater humanity.

Timothy Snyder has written:

"...a nationalist... is not at all the same thing as a patriot. A nationalist encourages us to be our worst, and then tells us that we are the best. A nationalist, 'although endlessly brooding on power, victory, defeat, revenge,' wrote Orwell, tends to be 'uninterested in what happens in the real world.' Nationalism is relativist, since the only truth is the resentment we feel when we contemplate others. As the novelist Danilo Kiš put it, nationalism 'has no universal values, aesthetic or ethical.' A patriot, by contrast, wants the nation to live up to its ideals, which means asking us to be our best selves. A patriot must be concerned with the real world, which is the only place where his country can be loved and sustained. A patriot has universal values, standards by which he judges his nation, always wishing it well—and wishing that it would do better."

Here's to being our best selves.

The Journey of the Play

I would like to thank all the people that have helped develop 1000 Miles along the way. We would not be where we are without the development funds, resources, and overall awesomeness of these people and programs: Playwright Development Program of Miami Dade County Cultural Affairs (this one under Kenny Finkle); GablesStage; Lake Worth Playhouse in the Palm Beaches; Sanctuary of the Arts in Miami, which allowed us a week to play with the big ideas of interactivity in a play; FAU Theatre Lab for their undying support to new work, for this one and others of my pieces (I would not be where I am without you and I love you); INGENIO Milagro's Playreading Series; The Ground Floor at Berkeley Rep for their wonderful two week familyinclusive intensive summer residency given to us (priceless) to experiment with tech and the world of the play; The Orchard Project Performance Lab, for letting us really play with choice and believing in us, and Wassaic Project Residency, which allowed us location, space, resources and artists to play with technology. To Caroline Prugh, who has been with us trying to figure out how to bring tech into this baby, and who has become a dear friend. To Ariel Cipolla for his producorial genius, friendships, and collaborative sensibility; To ACC, and my amazing company partner, Victoria Collado, who I am endlessly grateful to - I thank my lucky stars daily for our partnership. And to New City Players who finally said YES, let's do this thing!!! WHAT. A. GIFT. Especially to Tim Davis, whose entire ethos behind NCP and collaboration is a truly beautiful thing. It's authentic and genuine. To Elizabeth Price, whose notes and care and love during this process has helped bring this play to exactly where it needs to be.



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Creative Team



Vanessa Garcia (Playwright)

Vanessa is a Cuban-American multidisciplinary writer – playwright, screenwriter, novelist, and journalist/essayist – who has written for *Sesame Street*, where she's been nominated for an Emmy (*Monster Meditation*), and won two Telly Awards (*Tamir On the Street*). She's also worked on *Caillou*; *Behind the Beats* (a French animated show about the history of music), and other shows. She's the author of the novel, *White Light*, which won an

International Latino Book Award and was one of NPRs best books of 2015. Her first picture book for children, *What the Bread Says*, was published in 2022.

Theatrically, she's the author of *The Amparo Experience*, an immersive hit that People en Español called "Miami's hottest ticket." Other plays include: *Sweet Goats & Blueberry Señoritas*, which she co-wrote with Obama's Inaugural poet, Richard Blanco; *#Graced* about a woman searching for what it means to be American right now, which premiered at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts; and *Jenna & The Whale* (co-written with Jake Cline), which premiered at Ground Floor Theatre in Austin Tx

Her journalism, essays and thought pieces have appeared in The LA Times, The Guardian, The Washington Post, National Review, ESPN, The Boston Globe, The Hill, Catapult, NarrativeLly, and numerous other publications. Vanessa also hosts a podcast about family with her sister and mother called *Never The Empty Nest*, available anywhere you listen to podcasts. She holds a PhD from the University of California Irvine in Creative Nonfiction, focused on Cuba. Website: vanessagarcia.org





Elizabeth Price (Director)

Elizabeth is a stage, screen, and voice actor, director, and producer based in South Florida. Directing credits include *Water by the Spoonful* and *Lungs* (New City Players), *Straight White Men* (Thinking Cap Theatre) as well as projects for City Theatre, Theatre Lab, Pigs Do Fly, FAU, Barry University, the 24-Hour Theatre Project, the One-Minute Play Festival, Arts Radio Network. Recent acting credits: Heidi Schreck in *What the Constitution*

Means to Me (City Theatre), Police Chief Patty in Little Montgomery (New City Players), Georgie in Sweet Goats and Blueberry Senoritas (Actors Playhouse), Annie Wilkes in Misery (Empire Stage). She received her MFA in Acting from Florida Atlantic University where she taught acting for nine years. She was Resident Director for New City Players in the 21-22 season and is now in her second season as Associate Artistic Director. She's received Silver Palm Awards, a Big Easy Award, and Carbonell Award nominations for her acting and directing. Next up: Blanche DuBois in A Streetcar Named Desire (New City Players).

Ariel Cipolla (Producer)

Ariel is a Mexican-Argentine theatre artist based in Miami, holding degrees in Broadcast Media and Creative Writing from Florida International University. By day, Ariel is a television producer, creating content that engages with the diverse communities of South Florida. But at night, he crafts deviant plays that explore the darkest sides of human behavior and desire. A member of City Theatre's NextGen Playwrights (2017) and the HOMEGROWN Playwright Development Program (2023), his produced work includes his short *The Vultures* and his full-length *So You Think You Can Stay?*. Ariel is thrilled to debut *1000 Miles* as his first professional producing credit. He is immensely grateful to Vanessa Garcia, Victoria Collado, and the entire NCP team for their trust. And to you, for supporting new work. IG: (@arielonset.

Victoria Collado (Producer)

Victoria is an award-winning director and producer creating exciting and adventurous storytelling experiences on-stage, on-screen, and in your ears! She is mostly known for her directorial work on *The Amparo Experience*, an immersive theater piece that had an 8-month sold out run. For the past 20 years, her producorial work has run the gamut from theater to film to podcasts and more! She is the co-founder of Abre Camino Collective along with Vanessa Garcia. Some credits are the BAMkids Film Festival, #GRACED at Zoetic Stage, Rubenology at GableStage, Pa' La Calleconcert at Cerveceria La Tropical (co-produced with legendary radio host Lucy Lopez) and others. Coming up on the roster: an immersive dining experience with KUSH Hospitality at their iconic location Stephen's Deli, Miami Magic - a short film co-produced with Miami Film Lab, and a new podcast What's The Big Diehl?! with actor-comedian Sabrin Diehl. Victoria is beyond thrilled to be working closely with the NCP team and hopes you truly enjoy the show!

Joanna Orrego Castillo (Asst. Director)

Joanna earned a BFA from Florida Atlantic University in Theatre Performance. Directing credits: *Tape* by Jose Rivera, *iYo Soy Latina!* by Linda Nieves-Powell at Empire Stage, *This Bitch (Esta Sangre Quiero)* play reading by Adreinne Dawes, *FAU LabRATS Afternoon of Short Plays* play reading. Assistant director credits: *The Impractically of Modern-Day Mastodons*, and *Refuge* both at FAU's Theatre Lab. Joanna also serves as the Membership Coordinator for the Broward Performing Arts Foundation, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to receive and maintain funds to support the programs of the Broward Center. Joanna would like to thank her family and husband for all their love and support and New City Players for this wonderful opportunity.

Amber Mandic (Stage Manager)

Amber is so proud to be continuing her work with New City Players on 1000 Miles! Amber's past credits include A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play, Little Montgomery, The Last Yiddish Speaker, Grease, Sister Act, Guys and Dolls, Kinky Boots, Songs for a New World, The Impracticality of Modern-Day Mastodons, and Man of La Mancha. Amber is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University with her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, as well as her Master's in Adult and Community Education. During her "free time" she is also a current doctoral student. She would like to thank her amazing (thanks for the word, Mom) parents, her Abuela, her brothers, Niece Tina, Alan, the Gutierrez family, her partner-intotally-not-crime Andrea, Chris (not Joseph), and the rest of her wonderful family and friends.

Andrea Guardo-Cuao (Asst. Stage Manager)

Andrea is from Bogotá, Colombia and is happy to work again with NCP! Some of her shows include Frankenstein, Sister Act, The Provoked Wife, Closer Than Ever, Grease, and A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre from Florida Atlantic University and is currently pursuing a certificate in Audio Engineering. She would like to thank her family, her girlfriends from Colombia, the amazing actress Valerie Ayala, Amber Mandic for always being at her side, and the wonderful NCP family!

Annabel Herrera (Lighting Designer)

Annabel is a Miami native and proud Peruvian-American. She's excited to be back with New City Players! She is a multidisciplinary theatre artist with specialties in stage management and lighting design. She earned both her BFA in Theatre and BS in Computer Science from Barry University. Recent credits include: Barefoot in the Park (PPTOPA), A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play (New City Players), Little Montgomery (New City Players), LABFest (New City Players), I Am Me (Adrienne Arsht Center), El Matrimonio Secreto (Florida Grand Opera), Kitty Hawk (Adrienne Arsht Center), Frankenstein (Zoetic Stage), War Words (City Theatre). She thanks her family and friends for their constant love and support. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

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Tyler Johnson Grimes (Sound Designer)

Tyler is a story-teller, game-maker, and whatever else you need him to be at any given moment. Previous sound and foley designer for *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play, It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* (NCP), *Church & State*, and *True West* (Main Street Players). Proud New City Players Box Office Manager and Ensemble Member. Love to Kimmi!

Rachel Smoker Cox (Fight Choreographer)

Rachel is a proud FSU theatre graduate and one of the original NCP ensemble members. Rachel currently is completing her 11th year as the drama program director for a local private school. She has worked with several South Florida theatre companies as an actor, director, and stage manager including Muse Center for the Arts, the Fort Lauderdale Children's theatre, and the City of Pembroke Pines. Past NCP credits include acting as Nat in *Rabbit Hole* and *The Greatest of These*, stage manager for *True West*, and fight coordinator for *Falling* and *Water by the Spoonful*. Her goals are to continue to obtain further stage weapon certifications to eventually become an SAFD actor combatant and certified teacher.

Jameelah Bailey (Props Designer & Set Dresser)

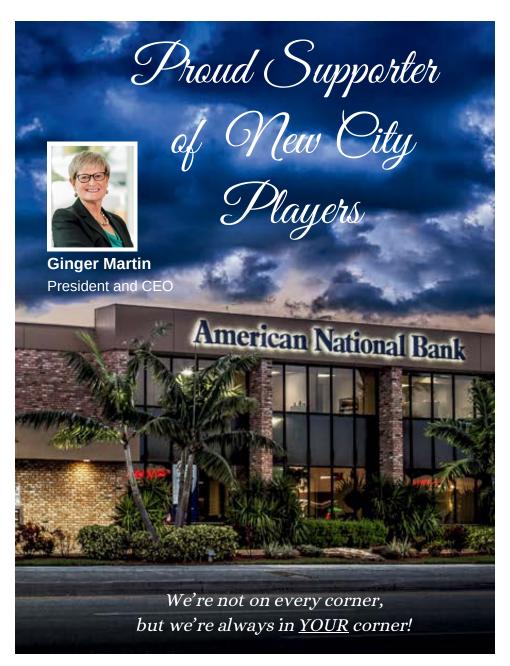
Jameelah is based in the South Florida region. Some of her previous projects include: *The Cubans, A Wonderful World, 7 Deadly Sins* (Miami New Drama), *The Amparo Experience* (Broadway Factor), *Once On This Island* (Slow Burn Theatre), *FADE, El Huracán* (GableStage), *Little Montgomery, A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play* (New City Players). *The Many Wondrous Realities of Jasmine Starr-Kidd, Rooted* (Theatre Lab). She is excited and grateful for the opportunity that NCP has given her to work on this beautiful project. She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support.

Casey Sacco (Costume Designer)

Casey is a local actor and resident costume designer for New City Players. Credits include: Wardrobe Supervisor for School of Rock (First National Tour), Costume Designer for South Florida plays: Lungs, Water by the Spoonful, It's a Wonderful Life, Little Montgomery, A Christmas Carol (New City Players); Armature, One in Two, Rotterdam (Island City Stage); The Thanksgiving Play (GableStage); One More Yesterday (Plays of Wilton). Enjoy the show! Website: caseysacco.com

Shannon Veguilla (Scenic Designer)

Shannon is a Cuban-American scenic designer and stage manager from Miami, Fl. She earned her BFA in Theatre Design and Technology from FIU and has been active in the South Florida theatre community since. 1000 Miles is her first project with New City Players. Most recent projects include Florida Grand Opera's La Traviata, Pioneer Winter's Birds of Paradise, The Arsht Center's I Am Me and The Busy Bees Great Adventure. Next projects include a return to New City Players with A Streetcar Named Desire, Duets with the Pioneer Winter Collective and La Boheme with Florida Grand Opera.





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