Gabriela Ortega

WRITER / FILMMAKER

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About Me

I am a multi-hyphenate artist born and raised in Dominican Republic. I live for collaboration, genre-mixing and challenging the way we are perceived in the world. I believe in inclusion.

Skills and Abilities

Fluent speaker/writer: Spanish & English
Experienced Photographer (8+)
SAG Actor/Voice Over Artist
Spoken Word poet
Classical Guitar Training
Experienced lyricist

WORK EXPERIENCE

FILM

Morenita - OrtegArt productions, Feature film, 2020
- Co-director, writer, excecutive producer

LAZARO - Documentary short, 2020
- Co-producer, Spanish Translator

Un Acto de Rebeldia al Dia - OrtegArt Prod, Short film, 2018
- Actor, writer, executive producer
- Official Selection: Hola Mexico Film Festival 2019
- National Dominican Short film selection (screened internationally)
- Screened at Unesco, ELAC college, USC, Global Foundation dor development (D.C)

Safe Haven- Short film, 2018
- Co-Producer, Lead Actor
- 2018 Sundance Ignite Winner

THEATRE (Partial List)

OUT HERE by Gabriela Ortega (2020)
- 2019 Sundance Institute Playwrigths Intensive LA
- 2018 Latinx Theatre Commons Playwrights Nest, Luis Alfaro

The Skateboard Play by Gabriela Ortega
- 2019 Fresh Brews Showcase, Skylight Theatre Company - Dir. Alex Alfaro
- 2018 EST/ LA One Acts Festival (Workshop Production) - Dir. Shaina Rosenthal
- 2017 EST/LA theatre - Winterfest reading Series, Dir. Shaina Rosenthal
- 2018 Latinx Theatre Commons Playwrights Nest

Las Garcia by Gabriela Ortega (Solo Show) 2016 -Present
- 2016 Fringe Festival, Dir. Alex Alfaro, winner: Fringe Scholarship, Fringe extension; Nominated: Best Solo Show
- Tour: Google Los Angeles, ELAC college, USC,
- 2017 Encuentro de Las Americas - Los Angeles Theatre Center

Teatro Luna West (2017-present)
- Ensemble Member, Deviser, writer
- The Times (Tour) - Dir. Alex Media
- Lovesick The Play (part 2) - Victory Gardens Theatre, Chicago. Dir. Alex Meda (2017)
- Winner: 2019 NEFA Grant for Touring Productions

PUBLICATIONS

Talking while Female and Other Dangerous Acts - Audible Original Audiobook (2019)
- Official Poet and voice over artist
- Narrative stor: What we lost on the Road

Niña, Poem (2018)
- Featured in NPR LatinoUSA

EDUCATION

University Of Southern California Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, Minor in Screenwriting

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Hola Mexico Film Festival 2019: Tomorrow's Filmmakers Today
- 2019 Sundance Playwrights Intensive
- Aileen Stanley Memorial Award for Excellence in Acting (USC)
- Stanley Musgrave Award for Outstanding Creative Talent (USC)
- ELAC College Woke Womxn Conference Honoree

Gabriela Ortega is a filmmaker, actor and writer from the Dominican Republic. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and is currently based in L.A. She is an Alum of the Sundance Institute Playwrights Intensive and Tomorrow's Filmmakers Today Class of 2019. She is currently a Semifinalist for the NBC Nosotros Monologue Slam. As a writer and performer, Gabriela has toured her one-woman show, Las Garcia, across sold-out venues in L.A., including the LATC, GoogleLA, The Bootleg Theatre, and the Hollywood Fringe. Her work in film seeks to explore pressing social issues through personal stories and alternative forms of documentation. Her first feature film, MORENITA, won the 2020 FEST pitching forum in Portugal and is currently in post-production. The film is supported by Women Make Movies in NYC and deals with themes of displacement and modern-day immigration. She is also developing her second narrative feature, Piratas, under the 2020 Cinema Femme mentorship. In 2020 she opened her production company in Dominican Republic: JEVITA FILMS to foster co-productions and work with new talent in the island.

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Awards and Fellowships
- Tomorrows Filmmakers Today fellow 2020
- Sundance Artist grant recipient 2020
- IAMA under 30 lab 2020-2021
- PEN writers of America young writers grant 2020
- Echo Young Playwrights recipient 2020-2021
- Sundance Institute Playwrights Intensive 2019
- Tomorrows Filmmakers Today fellow 2019
- Latinx Playwrights common writers nest 2018-2019
- Stanley Musgrove award for creative talent, USC 2017
- Eileen Stanley award for excellence in acting, USC, 2016
- Hollywood fringe scholarship recipient, 2016

Films (partial list)

Morenita (Feature film in post-production) - writer, director, actor
- FEST 2020 pitching forum winner.

Papi (Short) - writer/director
- **Official Selection:** Hola Mexico Film Festival, Cinema Femme, Seattle Latino Film Festival, NFFTY 2020, New Filmmakers Los Angeles Latina Film Festival 2020
- Cinema Femme Film Festival winner, 2020

Flores Dentro (short) - writer, producer
- Official selection: LALIFF 2020, NFFTY, Hola Mexico Film Festival, Vortex 2020, Picture Farm film festival.

Safe Haven - Producer, Actor
- Sundance Ignite 2018 winner, Issa Rae's short film Sundays selection.