



ABOUT

PROSPECT THEATER PROJECT (PTP), MODESTO'S LONGEST-RUNNING RESIDENT THEATER COMPANY, HAS PRODUCED HIGH-QUALITY PLAYS SINCE 2001. OUR DIVERSE PRODUCTIONS, RANGING FROM ORIGINAL WORKS TO CLASSICS AND PLAYS ON SOCIAL ISSUES AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, CHALLENGE AUDIENCES TO VIEW LIFE FROM NEW PERSPECTIVES. PTP IS DEDICATED TO FOSTERING A STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS, WITH ALL OUR ARTISTS BEING LOCAL RESIDENTS. WE COLLABORATE WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL EVENTS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND COHESION OF OUR COMMUNITY.



DIGITAL PROGRAM

PROSPECT THEATER PROJECT
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ONE VALLEY MANY STORIES



ONE VALLEY, MANY STORIES

AN ORIGINAL THEATRICAL EVENT

DIRECTED BY LAURA DICKINSON-TURNER

WRITTEN AND DEvised BY THE OVMS ENSEMBLE

ACT I

Prologue

Ensemble

Speakers: Carlo, Nicole, Renata, Rally,
Lorrie, Joel, Angelina

Together, Alone (Rally's Story)

Jennifer "Rally" Aoyama

Down in the Valley (Lorrie's Story)

Lorrie Freitas

Ukuleles: Carlo, Cassandra, Nicole, Marcos

Interstitial #1

Angelina, Cassandra, Carlo

Mi Heroe (Rosa's Story)

Rosa Aranda

Music by Christian Cruz

Lyrics by Rosa Aranda

Re. . .Cuerdos (Jaime's Story)

Jaime Calderon and Maribel Torres

Written by Jaime Calderon

Translated by Mirta Maldonado

Interstitial #2

Angelina, Cassandra, Carlo

Curandera (Vielka's Story)

Yudelka "Vielka" Solano

ACT II

La Vida Perfecta (Nicole's Story)

Nicole Azpeitia

Cast: Nicole, Cassandra, Renata, Angelina,
Rally, Lorrie, Maribel, Jake, Carlo

Roosh Jwanqa

Pierre Noghli with Sargon Yonan, Ninos Dikho
and John Ady

A River Runs Through It (Joel's Story)

Joel Johannsen

Remember You (Marcos' Story)

Marcos Zaragosa

Music & Lyrics by Marcos Zaragosa

From Eva to Athena (Cristina's Story)

Cristina Sandoval

Performer for Sun, 6/23: Angelina Thompson

The River Dances (Stephanie's Story)

Stephanie Chiang

Valley of Rebirth (Renata's Story)

Renata Navarro De León

Choreography by Cassandra Augusto

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Maria Gabriel

SPECIAL THANKS

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Jerry Anderson, Kevin Gasaway and Tawn Anderson	Green screen use and support at CSU Stanislaus
Church of the Brethren, Modesto	Place to film and record our opera singer and pianist
Artist Lab	Safe space to explore our truths
Sunshine Rafting	Ride down the Stanislaus River with our cameras
Jonathan Towell, Chief Financial Officer of United Way of Merced County	Gracious patience, help and support throughout the beautiful process of bringing this project to completion
Daniel Horvath	Craft services
Don Setero	Audio advisor
Pam Young, Kerry Young, and Xander Gomula-Kruzic	Stanislaus River Rowers



PRODUCERS' NOTE

We began the journey afforded by this incredible grant from HeARTland Creative Corps with a mission to use artistic expression as a means of drawing attention to four specific areas of focus:

Public Health Awareness, Environmental Stewardship, Civic Engagement, and Social Justice and Community Engagement.

It turns out the Central Valley storytellers—poets, writers, dancers and musicians—who answered our call have been deeply affected by all of the areas of focus we sought. In this performance, you will hear tales of grief and loss, much of which stems from the COVID-19 era we all endured.

You will hear in almost every story a connection to the water that is our lifeblood and requires our stewardship. Some will share the joy of their own civic engagement or how other's efforts have affected them.

And in every story today you will feel the import of doing right by our families and our communities to create a socially just society in which all play a part to make things better.

We hope you will take as much joy in this culminating performance as we do. But most of all we hope you will accept our thanks—for being a part of this beautiful community, for sharing space with us, for making the Central Valley what it is.

Yours,
Jack and Shannon

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I love listening to stories. Hearing first-hand accounts of someone's lived experiences, or learning about why a person is the way they are and thinks the way they think, that's all fascinating to me. One of the reasons I've been a theatre maker for over two decades is because I love being in the room with a bunch of people as we collaborate on telling a story together.

So when Jack and Shannon asked me if I would consider signing on as the Director for "One Valley, Many Stories," it was a resounding "YES" from me, and I rushed to figure out how to juggle my last few months of living/working full-time in Los Angeles with the many necessary commutes up to Modesto to meet and work with the awesome team who have made this project possible.

"One Valley, Many Stories" is an original theatrical event, written and devised and produced through collaboration with over three dozen local artists and production support team members. This particular group of humans have never all worked together on something before, and most of us have never worked on something of this scope and size. The stories you will witness - whether told through dance or song or monologue or poem or short play - these stories are real, and for the most part, they are being told by the people who lived them. The result is a vibrant celebration and appreciation of life in the Central Valley - and of the countless variations and boundless similarities we all experience.

It takes courage and a certain generosity of spirit to stand in front of an audience and say "this is me, this is my life, this is my art, this is my story." I cannot thank these brave humans enough for trusting me and our team with their stories. Together we have forged a narrative river that twists and turns through rough waters and calm alike, and we are beyond thrilled and honored that you are joining us for the ride.

With infinite gratitude,
Laura Dickinson-Turner

MI HEROE (MY HERO)

MUSIC BY CHRISTIAN CRUZ, LYRICS BY ROSA ARANDA

ORIGINAL SPANISH

Un hombre viejo y sabio
Con ojos cafés llenos de ternura
Es hombre de pocas palabras
Pero en su presencia hay sanación
Sus canas simbolizan las guerras de
su vida
En su frente se notan las angustias
del camino
Como también las arrugas de su
optimismo

La arena nos enseña las huellas del
pasado
Pero el río aún no es tan
claro
Hacia dónde corre el agua?
Que nos espera al otro lado?
La noche tan oscura
Pero el no dice nada
Porque es tan tranquilo? Sin miedo?
De dónde viene su
coraje? Su calma?
Yo quiero esa paz
Como una luz que ilumina la
oscuridad.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

An old, wise man
With brown eyes full of tenderness
He speaks few words
Yet in his presence, healing flows
His gray hairs tell tales of life's
battles
His forehead bears the marks of
life's anxieties
And the lines of his enduring
optimism

The sand reveals the footprints of
our past
But the river's course remains
unclear
Where does the water lead?
What awaits us on the other side?
The night so dark
He remains silent
Why is he so calm? So
fearless?
Where does his courage come
from? His serenity?
I long for that peace.
Like a light that illuminates all the
darkness.

ONE VALLEY, MANY STORIES ENSEMBLE

Rosa Aranda
Jennifer "Rally" Aoyama
Nicole Azpeitia
Jaime Calderon
Stephanie Chiang
Lorrie Freitas
Joel Johannsen
Carlo Martinez
Renata Navarro De León
Pierre Noghli
Cristina Sandoval
Yudelka "Vielka" Solano
Angelina Thompson
Marcos Zaragosa

CAST OF LA VIDA PERFECTA

Valentina – Nicole Azpeitia
Liliana, Classmate #1, Teenage Valentina – Cassandra Augusto
Curandera – Renata Navarro de León
Little Valentina – Angelina Thompson
Classmate #2, Mom – Rally Aoyama
Teacher – Lorrie Freitas
Fernando (Valentina's Brother) – Jake Leahy
Oscar (Valentina's Ex-Husband) – Carlo Martinez

ONE VALLEY, MANY STORIES PRODUCTION & CREATIVE TEAM

Jack Souza	Program Developer
Shannon Stevens	Artistic Coordinator
Laura Dickinson-Turner	Director
Jessica Gomula-Kruzic	Digital Artist & Video Design; Director of Photography
Jarod Caudill	Lighting Designer
Christian Cruz	Composer
Christopher Shirley	Audio Designer
Denarly Reyes	Audio Engineer
Kevin Pallotta	Audio Engineer
Mardi Brewer	Production Stage Manager
Maribel Torres	Stage Manager
Eric Tucker	Technical Director
Brian Miske	Videographer, Drone Operator, Video Compositing, Photographer
Kristin Platts	Videographer
Marcos Zaragosa	Videographer
Samantha Tonarelli	Videographer, Video Compositing, Photographer
Jake Leahy	Digital Support; Teleprompter, Production Assistant, Brochure and Web Design
Giovanny Jimenez	Musician
Isaac Ramirez	Musician
Jeremy Zaragoza	Musician
John Ady	Musician
Ninos Dikho	Musician
Sargon Yonan	Musician
Lacie Messias	Musician
Mirta Maldonado	Translator
Jeff Truong	Stage Technician
Daniel Linares	Stage Technician