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## **The Jeff Awards Presents a Panel on Latinx Theater**

*January 15, 2019, Chicago, IL* – The Jeff Awards meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Greenhouse Theater will include a panel discussion on Latinx Theatre. Latinx Theater groups have been forming across the country in the past 10 years. These groups are dedicated to education, advocacy and community amongst Latinx performers. In Chicago, one of the most visible of these groups is ALTA (The Alliance of Latinx Theater Artists of Chicago).

The public is invited, and attendance is free. Please email reservation requests to [chair@jeffawards.org](mailto:chair@jeffawards.org). Seating is limited.

The program will begin at 7:30 PM at the Greenhouse Theater, 2247 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL, and will last about one hour. The regular Jeff Awards meeting for members will follow the panel discussion after a short break.

The panel (scheduled to appear) for the discussion:

**Cruz Gonzalez-Cadel** is an award-winning Argentine actor, singer and dancer. Her Chicago credits include work with Steep Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre, Court Theatre, the Hypocrites and Teatro Vista where she is an Ensemble Member. She was featured as one of the Chicago Tribune's [10 Hot New Faces of Chicago Theatre' in 2017](#) and won a Jeff Award for Performance in a Principal Role in a Play for her portrayal of Lela in 'Lela & Co.'

**Henry Godinez** is the Resident Artistic Associate at Goodman Theatre. As an actor, Godinez appeared most recently in the Goodman/Teatro Buendía of Cuba world premiere of *Pedro Páramo*, and at Writers Theatre in the title role of *Quixote: In the Conquest of Self*. He has also appeared on television in *Above the Law*, *The Beast*, *The Chicago Code*, *Boss* and *Chicago Fire*. He also served as director of the Goodman's Latino Theatre Festival.

**Regina Garcia** is an Illinois-based scenic designer. She is a company member with Rivendell Theatre Company and Teatro Vista, in Chicago, and a Regional Associate Member of the League of Professional Theatre Women. As an Advisory Board member of the Latinx Theatre Commons, Regina is co-champion of Café Onda's *La Esquinita*; the production notebook for Latinx designers and artisans working on stages across the nation.

**Full bios available at [www.jeffawards.org](http://www.jeffawards.org).**

As part of its continuing theatre education program for Jeff members and the public, the Jeff Awards hosts panel discussions on excellence in judging categories. Following the moderated discussion, a question and answer period will take place. The panel discussions are recorded and made available on the Jeff website [www.jeffawards.org](http://www.jeffawards.org) and on YouTube. Videos of previous panel discussions also are available on the website and on YouTube.

*The Jeff Awards has been honoring outstanding theatre artists annually since it was established in 1968. With up to 55 members representing a wide variety of backgrounds in theatre (including producers, directors, actors, playwrights, designers, professors of theatre, entertainment lawyers and agents and theatre lovers), the Jeff Awards is committed to celebrating the vitality of Chicago area theatre by recognizing excellence through its recommendations, awards and honors. Opening night judges include not only Jeff members but also the team of Arts and Technical theatre volunteers (the "A/T Team") which is comprised of artistic directors, producers, directors from major Chicago theatres, actors and designers. The Jeff Awards fosters the artistic growth of area theatres and theatre artists and promotes educational opportunities, audience appreciation and civic pride in the achievements of the theatre community. Each year, the Jeff Awards judges 300 theatrical productions and host two awards ceremonies. Originally chartered to recognize only Equity productions, the Jeff Awards established the Non-Equity Wing in 1973 to celebrate outstanding achievement in non-union theatre.*