

Resources from today's MeetUp: 9/24/19

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First Stage strives to be the national leader and driving force behind the creation of the best and most innovative plays for family audiences, theater training programs for young people, and education initiatives for our schools and our community. These three interwoven programming pillars are accessible to, and reflective of, our increasingly diverse community. Through our exceptional leadership, dedicated team, and commitment to financial sustainability, First Stage will broaden the reach and impact of our transformational programs, thus enabling dreams to be fulfilled, hope to be fostered, and families to enjoy the lasting legacy of a profound shared experience.

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Ghost Wings / On the Wings of a Mariposa

On the Wings of a Mariposa is a First Stage premiere by playwright Alvaro Saar Rios with original music and lyrics by Dinorah Marquez. An adaptation of *Ghost Wings* by Barbara Joosse, ten-year-old Pilar breathes deeply of her grandmother's rebozo to relive memories of her beloved abuelita—making corn tortillas, dueling the monsters under the bed and journeying to the forest known as El Círculo Mágico. Slowly, the scent begins to fade – and with it, Pilar's memories. Amidst the monarch butterflies' annual migration and Día de los Muertos celebrations, soar with Pilar on her journey in this bilingual world premiere play, discovering that “when you love someone, they never really leave you.”

- <https://www.firststage.org/Shows--Events/2019-2020-Season/Wings-of-Mariposa/>
- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1212323.Ghost_Wings
- <https://newplayexchange.org/users/21358/alvaro-saar-rios>
- <https://www.latinoartsinc.org/strings-program/teacher-bios/>



Jeanette Arellano: Mensajes en Arte Curriculum



Butterflies are deep and powerful representations of life. Many cultures associate the **butterfly** with our souls. Around the world, people view the **butterfly** as representing endurance, change, hope, and life. The monarch butterfly represents the dignity and resilience of migrants and the right that all living beings have to move freely...

- Fascinating facts about the monarch:
<https://www.nathab.com/articles/mexico-central-america/monarch-butterflies/5-fascinating-facts/>
- Culture Strike: <https://www.culturestrike.org/>
- Wisconsin Students Rally to Support Sanctuary Schools:
<https://youtu.be/mMBLkNZ62Uw>