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Q Youth Foundation Celebrates the Closing of Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum

Los Angeles, CA (February 6th, 2020) Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum by Abe Zapata Jr. has made its raucous return to West Hollywood and Q Youth Foundation wants to keep this party going until closing. After a sold out opening night hosted by Impulse Los Angeles audiences have been laughing and spreading the word about the gayest party in town, which is saying a lot for West Hollywood.



Borracho Spanish for Drunken Bum Cast (L to R) Zach Guzman, Shane Billings, Tito Yeverino, Edwin Alexis Gómez, Oscar Fabela, Quintin Lee Murphy, Joseph Klink, Victor Daniel Huizar, Daniel Luna

Borracho takes place during one evening as Miguel prepares for his friend Gerardo's 35th birthday. While Miguel is throwing the party for his friend, he secretly invites an old high school crush in the hopes of impressing him with his new life. As the guests arrive, some invited some a complete surprise, Miguel's plans quickly derail as the alcohol flows and secrets are revealed. The story ultimately culminates with a "gay version" of truth or dare that exposes the characters in different ways and forces Miguel to face his issues with masculinity and loneliness.



Borracho Spanish for Drunken Bum Cast (L to R) Shane Billings, Victor Daniel Huizar, Tito Yeverino, Oscar Fabela

Over the last year Borracho has been performed and refined through multiple stage readings in Los Angeles and a successful sold out run at the Hollywood Fringe Festival 2019, winning Q Youth Foundation a *No Room in the Green Room* Award sponsored by MB Stage Productions. A portion of the play proceeds will benefit Q Youth Foundation an LGBTQIA+ organization dedicated to working with the LGBTQIA+ community with playwriting and creative writing workshops.



Borracho Spanish for Drunken Bum Cast Oscar Fabela, Daniel Luna

Playwright Abe Zapata Jr. wrote the play as an homage to Mart Crowley's *Boys in the Band* and as a way to bring more queer people of color to theater especially in Los Angeles. He shares the importance of writing his play Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum to be an inclusive representation of gay culture in theater, "as important as plays like Angels in America and Boys in the Band are, what about the stories from the gay Latinx community?" He continues to share more about the significance of the play, "For Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum it was important that the play be set in present-day Los Angeles and focus on issues such as internalizing Machismo culture, colorism and weight discrimination in the dating world, and the binary that gender constricts us to." The play will be directed by Maia Vik Villa, themselves a talented actor, playwright and director.

Featuring a cast of professional actors: Oscar Emmanuel Fabela, Tito Yeverino Quentin Lee Murphy, Shane Billings, Joseph Klink, Edwin Alexis Gómez, Daniel Luna, Zack Guzman, and Victor Daniel Huizar.



Hollywood Fringe Festival Awards Ceremony 2019 - Abe Zapata Jr receiving award from MB Stage Productions

The purpose of the production is to bring more inclusive stories on stage. Q Youth Foundation will receive a generous donation from this play production to continue facilitating new and emerging LGBTQIA+ writers' workshops in Los Angeles.

Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum

Dates: February 7th – February 9th, 2020 – 3 performances - doors open 30 minutes before each

show.

Location: Let Live Theatre

916 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Time: 2/7/20 Friday & 2/9/20 Saturday at 8:00pm

2/9/20 Sunday at 7:00pm - Final Performance

Ticket Cost: \$25.00

Ticket Link: https://borracho2020.eventbrite.com/

Website: https://www.borracho-la.com

Accessibility: Persons who wish to request disability related accommodations should contact Brandon English (english.brandon94@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Some accommodations may take up to several weeks to arrange.

Details for Calendar Listings BORRACHO: SPANISH FOR DRUNKEN BUM

WHAT: Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum by Abe Zapata Jr.

WHO:

Playwright: Abe Zapata Jr. Directed: Maia Vik Villa

Featuring: Oscar Emmanuel Fabela, Tito Yeverino Quentin Lee Murphy, Shane Billings,

Joseph Klink, Edwin Alexis Gómez, Daniel Luna, Zack Guzman, and

Victor Daniel Huizar

Produced: Brandon English and Ana Bernal

Presented: Q Youth Foundation

WHEN:

Performances: Jan 31st – February 9th, 2020

Final performances: Friday 2/7 & Saturday 2/9 at 8:00pm, Sunday 2/9 at 6:00pm

WHERE:

Let Live Theater

916 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046

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