

ON YOUR FEET!

THE EMILIO & GLORIA ESTEFAN BROADWAY MUSICAL

PRINCIPAL CAST BIOS

CHRISTIE PRADES (*Gloria*) is ecstatic to be part of bringing this story from Broadway across the country as Gloria Estefan! Broadway: *On Your Feet!* (Gloria cover, Swing). Regional: *In the Heights* - Vanessa (Actors' Playhouse), *In the Heights* (American Stage Theatre - BroadwayWorld Winner), *West Side Story* (Rosalia, u/s Anita). TV/Film: "Orange is the New Black," *If You Only Knew*. Vocal Training: Luis Manuel Diaz (LMD Center), Katy Pfaffl and Kurt Robinson. Countless thanks to Gloria and Emilio, along with Jerry Mitchell, Andy Señor, Justin Huff, and our creative team. To my own personal team, my ferociously supportive family, fierce coaches Luis and Kurt, my unstoppable agent Rikky, and to the Cuban people whom I hope to honor and represent proudly, this is all for YOU. God is so Good! IG:@Christie_Elaine Twitter:@christieelaine

MAURICIO MARTÍNEZ (*Emilio*) is a Mexican actor & recording artist who is thrilled to have made his Broadway debut in *On Your Feet!* In Mexico City, he's starred in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Sweet Charity*, *A View from the Bridge*, among others. Regional: *Evita* (KC Rep Theatre) playing Che. TV: currently starring in Season Two of NBC Universo's original series "El Vato" (available on Netflix), "Señora Acero 2" for Telemundo and several telenovelas for Univision. Mauricio has released two pop albums, available on iTunes. Thanks Steve Maihack, Justin Huff, Bobo Producciones & my family and friends for their love and support. Follow @martinezmau mauriciomartinez.com.mx

NANCY TICOTIN (*Gloria Fajardo*), a native New Yorker, made her Broadway debut at age 10. Film: *Ransom*, *The Wiz*, *First Wives Club*, *Hackers*, *The History of Future Folk*, *Ordinary World*, *The Tavern*. TV: Recurring roles: "Taken," "Law & Order," "Law & Order: SVU" and "Orange is the New Black." Ticotin is an original member of Ballet Hispanico of NY under the direction of her mentor, Tina Ramirez. Broadway: *The King & I*, *West Side Story*, *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*, *Damn Yankees*, *In the Heights*, *Wild Woman* (one-woman show). Guest-starred with NYC Ballet as Anita in *West Side Story Suite* at Lincoln Center. I dedicate my performance of Gloria Fajardo to my mother, Iris Ticotin.

ALMA CUERVO (*Consuelo*). Broadway credits include *On Your Feet!*; *Beauty and the Beast*; *Cabaret*; *Titanic*; *The Heidi Chronicles*; *Ghetto*; *Quilters*; *Is There Life After High School?*; *Censored Scenes From King Kong*; and *Bedroom Farce*. She has toured nationally in *Wicked*; *My Fair Lady*; *Cabaret*; and *M.Doy Butterfly*. Ms. Cuervo has worked extensively Off-Broadway, including in the John Doyle-directed *Allegro* and *Road Show* (by Sondheim and Weidman). She received an OBIE for her performance in *Uncommon Women and Others*, and Philadelphia's Barrymore Award for Best Actress in *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*. She has acted with many of the nation's regional theatres, most recently in *Fool* and *You Can't Take It With You* at Houston's Alley; *And the Curtain Rises* at the Signature in Virginia; and *The Three Sisters* at Cincinnati Playhouse. On television she was recently seen as the judge in NBC's "The Slap" (by

Jon Robin Baitz) and was a regular on Norman Lear's "AKA Pablo." She narrates many audiobooks and is a graduate of Tulane and Yale Drama School. Thank you to Gloria and Emilio.

JASON MARTINEZ (*José Fajardo, Ensemble*) is excited to be a part of the First National Tour of *On Your Feet!* He comes from four generations of entertainers. After spending countless hours in the theater watching his parents perform he finally found his own way into the spotlight. Jason has toured the world and shared the stage with amazing talent like Paul Simon, Marc Anthony, Reuben Blades and Frankie Valli to name a few. Broadway: *The Capeman, Jersey Boys, Million Dollar Quartet*. Television: "General Hospital," "Boston Legal." Film: *The Other Guys, American Dreamz*. I love you Dani, Maxwell and Bennett!
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AMARIS SANCHEZ (*Little Gloria*) is excited to be on her 1st National Tour with *On Your Feet!* after debuting on Broadway as Little Gloria in January 2017. Amaris is an Illinois native who has had roles in productions with several theaters in Chicago, including the Goodman and Gift Theatres. Most recently, Amaris performed at Goodman in the annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. Multifaceted and driven, Amaris has had roles in numerous commercials and gets vocal training at True Voice Studio. Amaris would like to thank her parents for endless support and sacrifice! Follow Amaris' adventures on Instagram: @amarisonyourfeet.

CARMEN SANCHEZ (*Little Gloria*) comes from a Cuban family that has dedicated themselves to show business. Having a choreographer for a mother and a musician for a father, Carmen has spent most of her life on the stage. Her first professional performance was during the last season of "The Voice Kids," where she made it to the finals with her coach Daddy Yankee. In addition to the training she receives from her parents, Carmen takes classical ballet and jazz training in Las Vegas at Nevada School of Dance, while taking private singing lessons with her teacher Marien Aguilera.

KEVIN TELLEZ (*Nayib/Young Emilio/Jeremy*) Dancer and actor. WLDC Champion in 2012 and 2014. Made his Broadway debut with *On Your Feet!* in 2015. Kevin has been featured in TV shows like "Ellen," "Little Big Shots," "Sábado Gigante" and was a semifinalist in "America's Got Talent." He has also been invited to be on other TV shows in Japan, China, Germany, England, Holland and more. Kevin has done multiple commercials and music videos and is very happy to be part of the 1st National Tour of *On Your Feet!* after being with the company for almost two years on Broadway. Thank you to my parents for always supporting me. Much love to all my family, friends, followers and fans. Twitter & IG @Kevintellez08

JORDAN VERGARA (*Nayib/Young Emilio/Jeremy*) has been dancing salsa since he was 4 years old, placing first in multiple dance competitions nationally. His love of music and dance has helped him travel and showcase his talent here and abroad. Jordan is happiest the most when he's on stage dancing and the crowd is cheering and having a good time. You're in for a treat once you see his fast footwork on stage. Instagram: @jordanvergaraofficial