

GORDO



JASON LEAL - PLAYWRIGHT

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HEIDI CAIN - DIRECTOR

Heidi Cain is a Brooklyn-based director, writer, actor, and comedian. Prior to her creative endeavors, she spent nearly two decades as a public-interest lawyer serving low-income New Yorkers. Her performance training includes completion of the One-Year Professional Acting Program at the Barrow Group. Her directing credits include stage productions of *Nice Night for a Fright* and *Three Short Plays* by Zachary Desmond. She would like to thank her husband, Brian Keady, for his unrelenting support.



MARCELO BORRELL - ROBERT

Marcelo Borrell is a Dominican-American actor and improviser born in Kansas City. His previous theatre credits include J.D. in *Heathers: The Musical*, Albert Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*, and Joseph Garcin in Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*. Marcelo currently performs in the monthly improv show *Dirty Little Secrets* and has trained in acting and improv at both The Barrow Group and Improvolution. Marcelo is especially excited to be part of Gordo at The Barrow Group, a community where he has also had the opportunity to train and grow as an artist. A January 13 Capricorn, Marcelo brings his love of comedy, storytelling, and creating memorable characters to every performance. He would like to thank his mentor Nikki Todd for the confidence to pursue his dream of acting, his friends, castmates, and everyone who continues to support his journey as an artist. Holla at ya boy @celoborrell.

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NIK PAGÁN - RUBEN

Nik Pagán is a New York-based actor, originally from Southern California. Prior to acting Nik played Division 1 baseball at the University of Hartford where he received a B.S in Marketing and a M.A in Communications. After Hartford, he decided to pursue a career in the performing arts, as he has always wanted to inspire others through storytelling. Training includes two years at the Actors Studio Drama School at Pace University. Additional training includes completion of the One-Year Professional Conservatory Program at The Barrow Group. Select credits include Antonio in the short film Número, which had its world premiere at the New York Latino Film Festival in 2024. Additional credits include Black Rabbit on Netflix, The Equalizer on CBS, and the Amazon MGM film Play Dirty.



ANA SOFIA SALAZAR - MARI

Ana Sofia Salazar (A SAL) is a Mexican actress, writer and producer. Her experience in journalism and poetry has helped her develop an introspective and fantastical style that floats and evolves in a constant search for connection throughout her work. A SAL works constantly with other queer and foreign artists to nurture each other's visions and give a voice to their community. Her play, 'JED' debuted in NYC in March 2026.



EMILY ELDREDGE - GLORIA

Emily Eldredge [she/her] is an award-winning actress who performs in theatre, film, and TV. She is a graduate of Williams College with a B.A. in Theatre, as well as a graduate of the Barrow Group's 1-Year Professional Acting Program. Her favorite roles include "Cinderella" in Into the Woods, "Goneril" in King Lear, "Fanny" in On the Verge, and "Annie" in The Norman Conquests Trilogy. She also starred in and produced the feature film A Portrait in Sepia Tone, which garnered her a Best Actress nomination and Best Film win at a UK film festival. Thank you, Paco, Mom, and Dad, for all of your immense love and support! Follow Emily on Instagram at @emilyjeldredge



ERIN SOLARI - SARA

Erin Solari is a New York based actor and musician. After landing lead roles in high school, Erin pursued a different kind of stage as a musician. As a solo artist and with her band The Still Voice she performed various club and theatre-sized venues around Florida. As a touring musician in the band Inkwell she played to sold-out venues on the east coast opening for bands such as Of Montreal and Janelle Monáe. Now, after working behind the scenes of music venues and film productions for many years she has finally returned to her original love of acting.



MARCO RIEKSTINS - FRANK

Marco Riekstins (Frank) is an actor, writer and composer, originally from South Africa. Previously a stylist for film, TV and commercials, Marco is currently a student at The Barrow Group and makes his New York City debut at the 2026 Student Playwriting Festival.



ISABELLA MIRANDA - YVETTE/OPHELIA

Isabella Miranda is an actor based in Brooklyn, born and raised in the DMV. She's trained at the Barrow Group under Ron Piretti and Zsuzska Berwick. When she's not performing, you can find her reading a book or on a dance floor. For more personal information, write to her sister.



GREER DURHAM - LYDIA/LONNIE

Greer Durham (she/they) is a performance artist and ceramicist originally from Illinois. She performs clown casually and is an ensemble member of the bi-monthly play competition show, Serials.



DARA GOUDREAU - STAGE DIRECTIONS

Dara Goudreau is a Brooklyn-based actor and musician. She has been a member of the Barrow Group community since 2021, and completed the One Year Professional Acting Program in 2024. Dara can currently be seen starring as “Front Desk Associate” Sunday mornings at TBG. Outside performing, she is passionate about Formula 1 and the world of men's ice hockey (both real and fictional).