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Actress and filmmaker Giovannie Espiritu was nominated alongside Academy Award Nominees Alfre Woodard and Amy Irving for Best Supporting Actress at MethodFest for the Mynah Films feature film Fiona's Script. Her primetime credits include a recurring role on ER (NBC), Bones (FOX), Gilmore Girls (ABC), and Trauma (NBC). She can currently be seen as the lead in the Amazon series, "Dyke Central," which was featured in After Ellen, BuzzFeed, Bust Magazine and Curve Magazine as a top LGBTQ series to watch. As a filmmaker, she was featured in Elizabeth Banks' WhoHaHa Media for her parody song, "An Introvert's World," and her storytelling has been featured in Ms. Magazine. A two-time Outfest Fusion Filmmaker, her short film, "Ultra-Feminist," was awarded Honorable Mention.

An entrepreneur as well, she coaches kids/teens online nationwide through HollywoodActorsWorkshop.com and was just named as one of the top 40 Audition Coaches in Los Angeles by the Hollywood Winners Circle founded by Wendy Alane Wright, a top talent manager. Her students are represented by the top agencies in the Bay Area and Los Angeles and notable student alumni include William Lipton (Cameron on General Hospital) and the Espina Sisters (Hosts of Dreamworks' "Life Hacks for Kids on the Road").

In her spare time, she rock climbs and advocates for Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention and LGBTQ equality. She has served on the Board of Directors for C.O.R.A. (a Bay Area domestic violence hotline and agency) and been awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the Senate for her community service.

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Actress Giovannie Espiritu named one of the 40 Best Audition Coaches in LA



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"I feel humbled to be included on a list with so many people that I look up to, some of whom I, myself, have studied under," Espiritu says.

She shares the honor with some of Tinseltown's finest including renowned teachers Margie Haber, Amy Lyndon, Leslie Kahn and Annie Grindlay; casting directors Harriet Greenspan, Phaedra Harris, and Risa Bramon; as well as comedy king Scott Sedita.

Although people have heard the maxim, "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches," Espiritu has been adept at doing both.

"I love acting and teaching acting. I believe that when we teach children that emotions are only guideposts and aren't anything to be ashamed of, we can help them channel their feelings into art instead of unhealthy behaviors," Espiritu remarks. "Acting also teaches empathy for one another and I truly think it helps the world become a better place."

As a working actor herself, Espiritu was nominated alongside Academy Award Nominees Alfre Woodard and Amy Irving for Best Supporting Actress at MethodFest and her primetime credits include ER (recurring), Bones, Gilmore Girls, and Trauma. She can currently be seen as the series lead in the Amazon series, "Dyke Central," (featured in After Ellen, BuzzFeed, and Curve



Espiritu morphs on Amazon Prime series

By Christie M. Queral Maras
Editor at Large
SAN FRANCISCO - When Amazon Prime premieres its latest series February 2, the streaming service will shine the light on actor Gio Espiritu, whose resume boasts recurring roles in some of TV's biggest hits. Ten-episode "DykeCentral" spotlights Espiritu in a whole new persona. Where she was a diligent med student on "ER" and a frazzled hub-waiter in "Booze," Espiritu plays Gin, a gender-neutral and loyal-to-death roommate to two other LGBT in a house in Oakland, across San Francisco Bay, that they undeniably dubbed the series' site.

Espiritu morphs unrecognizably in her latest performance. The heart-breaking smile is defining there, Gin's extra curves, muscles and



Gio Espiritu (center) and the "DykeCentral" cast. COURTESY: GIO ESPIRITU

FilAm Bruno Mars sweeps Grammys

By Betty Lange Dejar, Editor-in-Chief

Bruno Mars may now be considered the greatest FilAm entertainer of all time after winning six Grammys earlier this week.

The Hawaii-born Mars - real name Peter Gene Hernandez - won the equivalent of a grand slam by winning Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Song of the Year honors, considered as the three most prestigious awards given by the Grammys. The 32-year-old Mars also won three other Grammys, giving him a rare sweep of winning every award he was nominated for. His other awards were for Best R&B Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best R&B Album.

The three main awards came from his best-selling album 24K Magic, also the name of his ongoing world tour. His song of the year was for "That's What I Like."

His mother Bernadette San Pedro Bustos emigrated to the US as a child. She passed away in June, 2015. Mars has one brother and three sisters, all musicians. The day after his win, he said on his Facebook page: "Still can't believe last night happened. Thank you again."

As part of his world tour, Mars will be in Manila on May 3 and 4. He will perform at the Mall of Asia Arena.



CRUISING KAMBING, ANYONE? Tasted Filipino-style meat, beef using ground goat's meat instead of the usual pork? This dish is just one of the innovations presented by the Ibaliko cooking community during the CookFest during the Bambanti Festival in Baguio, Ibaliko. Share on page - PHOTOS: GIGIC, PHOENIX, S&S.

Actress and filmmaker Giovannie Espiritu was named one of the 40 Best Audition Coaches in Los Angeles by the Hollywood Winners Circle, an organization founded by top talent manager Wendy Alane Wright.

Espiritu specializes in teaching kids, teens, and newer adult actors while also helping them navigate the ins and outs of the industry. Some of her notable alumni include William Lipton who plays Cameron on the long-running soap opera, "General Hospital," and the Espina sisters who host the Dreamwork's series, "Life Hacks for Kids: On The Road."



Magazine as a top LGBTQ series to watch) and in the upcoming fantasy horror feature, "D. Railed," opposite sci-fi icon Lance Henriksen, who plays her boss.

As a filmmaker and content creator, she was recently featured in Elizabeth Banks' WhoHaHa Media for her parody short, "An Introvert's World," and in Ms. Magazine for her storytelling.

For more information, about Giovannie Espiritu and her coaching, please visit: hollywoodactorsworkshop.com



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Stories from the Witch Hunt

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Handmaids. Witches. Comedians and musicians. These were not your standard #MeToo stories. This was The Witch Hunt, a variety show inspired by the #MeToo movement.



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Today we'd like to introduce you to Giovannie Espiritu.

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Survivor, Advocates: 'Repair not repeat' domestic abuse

By Cheryl W. General Warren
 Editor at Large
 Colma, CA — Survivors of domestic violence often find themselves in a cycle of fear and isolation. It's not just the physical violence, but the emotional and psychological abuse that keeps them trapped. Many survivors have found hope in the #MeToo movement, but the reality is that the cycle of abuse often repeats itself. Advocates like Cheryl W. General Warren are working to break this cycle. She is a survivor of domestic violence and a co-founder of the organization 'Repair not Repeat'. She believes that the focus should be on repairing the damage done by the abuser, rather than punishing them. She has helped many women find their way out of abusive relationships and into a life of freedom and safety.



Duterte's satisfaction, trust ratings drop

By Darling Lopez-Dela-Calle in Cebu
 with report from Rappler
 MANILA — Like all presidents before him, President Rodrigo Duterte's trust and satisfaction ratings have dropped, only in his case the drop has been faster than average.
 A September 2017 survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed that both trust and satisfaction ratings for Duterte were at their lowest since he took office in June 2016. The survey found that 48% of respondents were satisfied with Duterte's performance, down from 58% in June 2016. Trust in Duterte had also fallen to 48%, down from 60% in June 2016. The survey also found that 60% of respondents believed Duterte would not finish his term, up from 48% in June 2016. The SWS survey was conducted from September 13 to 22. The survey was conducted in 100 cities across the Philippines. The survey found that Duterte's ratings were lower than those of his predecessors, Ferdinand Marcos and Corason Aquino. The survey also found that Duterte's ratings were lower than those of his predecessor, Benigno Aquino III. The survey found that Duterte's ratings were lower than those of his predecessor, Benigno Aquino III. The survey found that Duterte's ratings were lower than those of his predecessor, Benigno Aquino III.



"Dyke Central" Director Florencia Manovil Wants You To Watch More Queer TV

BY VICTORIA ALBERT IN TV



Florencia Manovil thinks the film industry has an ego problem — a big, masculine ego problem. The Argentinian director has felt this way since 1998, when she first started film school at Boston's Emerson College. Working sets on and off campus, Manovil said, she was routinely demeaned and patronized by male co-workers with less experience.

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S.F. ACTORS WORKSHOP

'Small' acting school makes big impact

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Those aspiring to become Hollywood stars would benefit from a two-hour seminar by veteran actor-teacher Giovannie Espiritu 12 noon-2 p.m., May 17.

"Intro to the industry" will discuss the different ways to properly get started in the TV and film industry and expose scams and traps like fly-by-night conventions, where parents or hopeful actors are asked to give thousands of dollars for a chance to meet agents and managers. Espiritu should know: She has starred on "ER" and "Bones." She is also proprietor-teacher of S.F. Actors Workshop, a school for kids, teens, and adults who are serious about working in the film and TV industry.

She describes her school as "small" and "humble" because it is a one-room studio in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area Peninsula.

Though started only four years ago, school has racked up impressive results.

Earlier one of Espiritu's first students, Rayna Sheftman, was flown to Los Angeles to star in *The Firm*.



Actor-teacher Giovannie Espiritu is giving a two-hour seminar on the different ways to properly get started in the TV and film industry.

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The amount of roles that are available to women of color are already so small.

With Filipino women, it's even smaller because sometimes you're not Asian enough for some roles and too Latina for some roles.

I just hope that Filipino movies becomes more mainstream so that it opens up more roles for other Filipinos who are in the industry.

I'm just hoping that there's more.

Giovannie Espiritu



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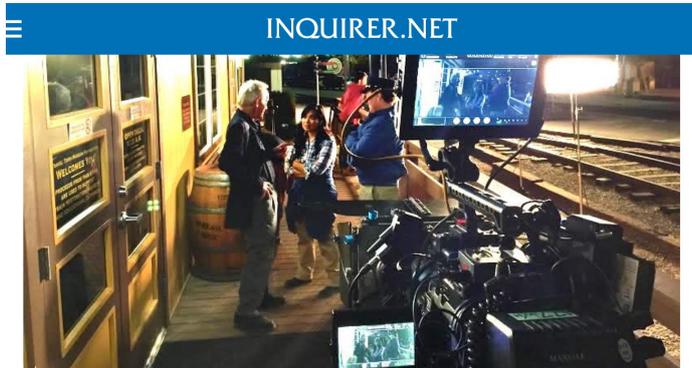
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Behind the Scenes of D-Railed with Actress Giovannie Espiritu

Giovannie is a writer, director, producer and actor. She recently caught the attention of WhoHaHa, a creative community co-founded by Elizabeth Banks, which supports and spotlights women in comedy, and is featured as a filmmaker/creator for 'An introverts World', a comedic parody. Additionally, Amazon Prime picked up a 10-episode series called 'Dyke Central', where she plays the lead character Gin.

Currently, she plays the role of Jackie in the fantasy/thriller "D-Railed", starring sci-fi icon Lance Henriksen. She originally auditioned for the role of a character named Charlie, who was an assistant to Lance's character Manny, but after her fourth audition, there were cast changes and eventually the role of Charlie went to somebody else. Then the Director, Dale came and asked her to do narration at a table read, where she learned the role of Jackie was created for her.

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Artists and diversity advocates Dale Fabrigar and Gio Espiritu set for the red carpet in the country's largest film festival dedicated to horror and sci-fi. CONTRIBUTED

SAN FRANCISCO — Manila-born actor Giovannie “Gio” Espiritu defies the definition of undocumented immigrants according to the current tenant of the White House.

One of the busiest Filipino Americans in Hollywood, Espiritu stars on Amazon Prime’s popular series “Dyke Central” and teaches acting at her HollywoodActorsWorkshop.com, sharing skills with future colleagues and access to the system that has been an obstacle course for aspiring thespians of color.

For full interviews and more press links: linktr.ee/giospirit2

Imagine it. Nothing but books, music, and the cawing of seagulls as they eat the flesh of our enemies. So peaceful!

You too can join Giovannie Espiritu in the world of introverts - if you promise to be quiet and chill the eff out.

“Manovil has revealed herself as a prolific and talented filmmaker. Her Amazon sitcom **DykeCentral** has already earned her accolades for its mix of humor and drama, and a frank depiction of lesbian life. An Argentine immigrant, Manovil’s films often focus on the Latino experience overlapping with a queer one.”

GIOVANNIE BY THE NUMBERS

Giovannie Espiritu
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All Time High
STARmeter **1,383**



Dyke Central ER D-Railed

Awards: 1 nomination & 1 additional award

IMDbPro

INSTAGRAM 12.1 K

FACEBOOK 3.1 K

TWITTER 3.7 K

YOUTUBE 537

TOTAL REACH 19.4 K

ENGAGEMENT 3 %

RED CARPET

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