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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 three-time Outfest Fusion Filmmaker, her short film, "Ultra-Feminist," was awarded Honorable Mention. Her film, "Ally3000," just won Best Screenplay at the Culture and Diversity Film Festival (Los Angeles) and the Cyrus International Film Festival (Toronto). It also picked up several awards in the categories of Social Justice / Women Filmmakers / Scriptwriting / Humorist in the IndieFEST Film Awards and International Best Shorts Awards. She is a member of the Alliance of Women Directors and the Producer's Guild of America.

She coaches kids/teens/adults online internationally through HollywoodActorsWorkshop.com and was named as one of the top 40 Audition Coaches in Los Angeles by the Hollywood Winners Circle. Notable student alumni include William Lipton (Daytime Emmy Nominee, 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.

In 2021, she was recognized as one of 23 "Most Influential Filipina Women in the World" in the Innovator & Thought Leader category by the Filipina Women's Network.

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Filmmaker Giovannie Espiritu Recognized Among Most Influential Filipina Women in the World

Award-winning filmmaker, actor, and top Hollywood acting coach Giovannie Espiritu receives the prestigious "Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World" award.

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, September 15, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Award-winning filmmaker³, actor², and top Hollywood acting coach¹ Giovannie Espiritu to receive the prestigious "Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World" award from the Foundation for Filipina Women's Network.

The Foundation for Filipina Women's Network recognizes women of Philippine ancestry who are changing the face of leadership in the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are acknowledged for their contributions to society, femtorship and legacy. Espiritu was selected from an outstanding field of nominees from around the world.

The Innovator and Thought Leader award recognizes women who have broken new ground in the marketplace, have delivered new and unique applications of emerging technology transforming the way people think, in the fields of business, sports, literature, the arts and pop culture, or have improved the lives of others by helping develop a product or service in the fields of finance, science, technology, engineering, fashion, cuisine, architecture, arts, film and entertainment. This award category is also for someone who has launched a new enterprise, a learning function or completely overhauled an existing way of doing things, resulting in new development or community initiative.

"The Global FWN100™ awardees are innovators and thought leaders, dynamic entrepreneurs, rising stars under age 35, practitioners, and public service advocates, who have moved through the ranks in the public and private sectors. They are magnificent women doing extraordinary work trailblazing for the next generation leaders," said Marily Mondejar, Founder and CEO of the Foundation for Filipina Women's Network.

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The theme of the 2021 FWN Summit "Be Influential. The Power is Us." is directly in line with the way I believe how powerful storytelling and the film industry can be in shaping society."

— Giovannie Espiritu

"Giovannie Espiritu is now a valued partner in helping FWN develop the Filipina community's pipeline of qualified leaders to increase the odds that some will rise to the "president" position in all sectors of the global economy," added Georgitta Puyat, FWN president and Board Chair of the Philippine Orchard Corporation.

"I love that Filipinos are gaining more recognition in different industries. The theme of the 2021 FWN Summit "Be Influential. The Power is Us" is directly in line with the way I believe how powerful storytelling and the film industry can be in shaping society. We influence the collective consciousness. I'm excited to meet my fellow awardees from other countries, learning more about their lives, the partnerships and collaborations we can create. I'm thankful to FWN for bringing the Filipina women of the world together to plan the future for our community and next generation leaders," says Espiritu.

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About Giovannie Espiritu

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Giovannie Espiritu with award for her film, Ally 3000 (over 12+ awards on the film festival circuit)

Starring Kevin Duffin, Leticia LaBelle, Christopher M. Dukas, Michael Ehrenberg, and Giovannie Espiritu

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WINNER The IndieFEST Film Awards 2021
WINNER Cyrus Int'l Film Festival of Toronto 2021

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LINNEEN Best Script

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ALLY 3000

An ally - or just a lie?

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY GIOVANNIE ESPIRITU

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New voices discovered at our most recent pitch workshop!



Last month, we launched a virtual workshop for inclusive storytellers and heard wonderful stories from new voices including "Chindia" by writer Sikandar Sidhu, a romantic comedy about an Indian man who gives his American dream one last shot by inviting his entire family to a fake wedding in Los Angeles with a Chinese woman. Writer Lowam Eyasu and producing partner Jess Jacklin presented "Frida," a drama about a widowed eighty-year old who retreats from a nursing home to stop the sale of her summer cottage which happens to be the sole memory of her long-lost love with another woman.

During the workshop, the judges and audience members also had the opportunity to vote on their favorites.

Congratulations to Writer, Director and Actress Giovannie Espiritu for being voted by our panel of judges as the winner of the best pitched project. Her film "Dis-Graced" is a religious satire/comedy about a husband who cheats on his devout Christian wife. After the affair, she is shunned by her congregation and undergoes a journey to experience life and love all over again – sprinkled in with some bad behavior with the help of a rebellious rocker.

We would also like to give a shout out to Director and Producer Christopher Oroza-Nostas for being voted as the audience favorite for "Casa Quemada." This drama was inspired by true events and explores the lives of three disparate characters at the epicenter of one of Bolivia's most tragic murders—the lynching of Juana Maya, a trans woman burned alive by a mob of four hundred in El Alto, Bolivia.

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



Misty Schwartz
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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 Kuhn and Annie Goldfarb; casting directors Harriet Greenpan, Phaedra Harris, and Rita Traiman; as well as comedy king Scott Solwin.

Although people have heard the stories, "the who, the how, the when, the what, the where," Espiritu has been adept at doing both.

"I love acting and teaching acting. I believe that when we teach children that emotions are only guidelines and aren't anything to be afraid of, we can help them channel their feelings into an instead of unhealthy behaviors," Espiritu explains. "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 Nominee Alfre Woodard and Amy Irving for Best Supporting Actress at the 2015 Oscars and her previous credits include ER (Lawrence), Bones, Gilmore Girls, and The Mindy Project. She can recently be seen as the series lead in the Amazon series, "Diva Central," (streamed in May 2018, BuzzFeed, and Curve

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."

40 OF THE BEST AUDITION COACHES

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

As a filmmaker and content creator, she was recently featured in Blackish's "What's the World" and in his Magazine for her storytelling.

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



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Stars In Your Eyes

Uniting Art, Activism and Awareness: Actress and Filmmaker Giovannie Espiritu receives Honorable Mention at Outfest Fusion

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Actress Giovannie Espiritu is no stranger to the Outfest Film Festival, Los Angeles' largest LGBTQ film festival. One of her first collaborations with director Floriana Marzulli, "Fiona's Scrip," a dramatic feature about a young bisexual woman, was screened at the Directors Guild of America nearly ten years ago. (In that film, Espiritu played the best friend to the lead, and earned a Best Supporting Actress nomination alongside Academy Award nominee Alfre Woodard and Amy Irving at the Method Fest Film Festival.)

Over the years, Espiritu has had other projects screen with Outfest, but this year is the first time that she has received accolades from the festival as a writer and director. She entered her short film, "Ultra-Feminist," in Outfest Fusion's One Minute Movie Contest in the "micro-aggression" category. Espiritu wrote the short in response to the online trolling that she received for her stance regarding equality for women in the workplace and calling out sexist behavior. Because it was a last minute entry, Espiritu was surprised at the closing night ceremony when Producers Quincy and Deondre Gosfield called her up to receive an Honorable Mention out of nearly twenty films.

While some people would caution artists to shy away from divisive work, Espiritu has carved out a niche tackling sensitive issues and fighting for the underdog.

Her first film, "American Warbook," directed by Brian King, dealt with the controversial topic of school shootings, gun control, and mental health. She directed and performed in Eve Ender's "The Virgin Monologues," at the prestigious Herbst Theater in San Francisco at a time when saying the word "vagina" and talking about domestic violence was taboo in the Filipino community. She was then awarded a Certificate of Recognition, along with then-Director Annette Kamala Harris, by the Filipino Women's Network for shedding light on domestic violence in the Asian American community.

Her current series on Amazon, "Diva Central," is praised in many LGBTQ publications such as BuzzFeed Magazine, Curve Magazine, and BuzzFeed as a top series to watch for the diverse portrayal of the LGBTQ community and shedding light on issues such as mental health, employment issues for transpeople, and substance abuse. In the series, she plays Gin, a prodigee Filipina who is the behavior of the group.



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Espiritu morphs on Amazon Prime series

By Cherie M. Queral Wences
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.

The episode "Diva Central" spotlights Espiritu in a whole new persona. "Where she was a dialogue and studies in 'ER' and a troubled divorcee in 'Bones,'" Espiritu plays Gin, a gender-neutral and loyal all-death counter to two other LGBT+ in a house in Oakland, across the San Francisco Bay, that they unobtrusively dubbed the series Gin.

Espiritu morphs unrecognizably in her latest performance.

The heart-sticking smile is definitely there, but Gin's extra curves, muckie and



Gio Espiritu (center) and the "Bans of DivaCentral" cast. COURTESY GIO ESPIRITU

FilAm Bruno Mars sweeps Grammys

By Bettye Lugo Debin, 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 Lopez 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 guys."

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.

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Stories from the Witch Hunt

12/20/2018 by KOHINUR KHYUM TITHILA

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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 Chae W. Oweh-Warner
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Duterte's satisfaction, trust ratings drop

By Felipe Lopez-Delgado, Editor at Large
 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 a 10-point drop in satisfaction and trust ratings of Mr. Duterte. SWS 1,500 adults surveyed, 67% said they were satisfied with Duterte's performance while 19% said they were dissatisfied. The trust was 60% and 21% respectively. The survey was conducted from Sept. 10 to 12, 2017. Duterte's satisfaction rating that the President got in July 2017, SWS President Marlon Manalang said. Mr. Duterte's predecessor Cory Aquino, Fidel Ramos and Benigno Aquino III had lower trust than Mr. Duterte at this stage of his presidency. Only Erp Espinosa had a worse record in the same period than Mr. Duterte. The latest SWS survey was conducted from September 12 to 22. 'Misleading' reacted to the results on Monday, Oct. 16, by saying the 'misleading' results were not accurate. Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Roa said Duterte's satisfaction rating was 'misleading' — in the light of the fact that Duterte's record was 'misleading'.



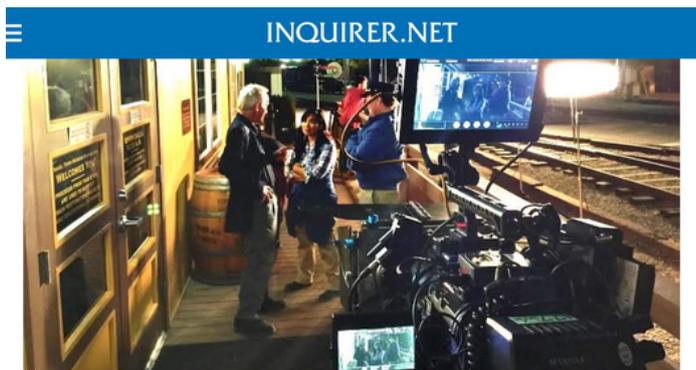
"Dyke Central" Director Florencia Manovil Wants You To Watch More Queer TV

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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.

GIOVANNIE IN THE PRESS



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.



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“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.”



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Amazing Asians in the Arts: Giovannie Espiritu

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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 film



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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giovannie espritu: the (brave and) wild card

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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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.

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

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The image shows an IMDb Pro profile card for Giovannie Espiritu. It features a portrait of her on the left, a yellow star with the number 1,383 indicating her All Time High STARMeter score, and three small movie posters for 'Dyke Central', 'ER', and 'D-RAILED'. At the bottom, it lists her awards and the IMDb Pro logo.

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