Anna De Luna is an actor, writer and HIV prevention activist. She received her training at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and has toured with the National Theater of the Performing Arts, Mixed Blood and the American Theater Company in Brussels, Belgium. Ms. De Luna started her career playing leading roles at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in the productions, *Milagritos* as the Virgen de Guadalupe, *Ay Pedro, Posada Majica* and *Surcos de Oro*. She has also acted with Attic Rep in their forum theater project *Borders and Walls*, and *Mahabharata*. In addition, she appeared at the San Pedro Playhouse in the productions of *Electricidad* as Clemencia and *Anna In The Tropics* as Conchita for which she received a San Antonio Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama.

In 2006 Ms. De Luna began writing her original solo work with *Chicana Atheist*, an autobiographical monologue which focused on her experiences growing up as a closet atheist in a very Catholic household. In 2008 she wrote *The AIDS Lady*, a truthful/comedic one-woman play that grew from her real life drama working as an HIV tester in South Texas. This piece was originally funded and performed in non-traditional spaces such as gay bars, churches, public housing projects and Walgreens parking lots. In 2015 Ms. De Luna was awarded a NALAC NFA Grant and produced a full production run of *The AIDS Lady* for at-risk Latino/African-American teens. Due to her experience in this field she was invited to be an ensemble member for the Forum Theater Project, End Stigma-End HIV/AIDS at Attic Rep in 2018.

During 2011-2017, Ms. De Luna traveled extensively in the Middle East. That led her to write *My Arab Fall*, a multi-media theatrical performance connecting the sexual assault experience of Egyptian women activists during their Arab Spring - to the plight of Latinas in the age of the #MeToo movement. In 2015 Anna presented a staged reading of *My Arab Fall* at Palo Alto College sponsored by the City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture, Start Place grant. In 2019 she earned another NALAC grant and fully produced this play at Northwest Vista College and as a featured artist for the Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival.

Currently Ms. De Luna has started exploring a new solo play *Carmen from Mexico*, which shares her mother's immigrant story. In August of 2021 she presented a work-in-progress of this at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center's Teatro Salon Series for new, original works. She recently earned another grant from the City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture to present a completed, fully produced version of this piece April 15-16 2022.

ANNA DE LUNA 1997- Present

THEATER

My Arab Fall Lead – Original Play Luminaria Bless Me. Ultima Maria Classic Theater Carmen from Mexico Solo Play-Work in Progress Jump-Start Theater The AIDS Lady Original Solo Play Guadalupe Theater Anna in the Tropics Conchita (lead) Public Theater Secrets of a Soccer Mom Nancy (lead) Attic Rep Theater Ay Pedro Teresa (lead) Guadalupe Theater Electricidad Clemencia (lead) San Pedro Playhouse Chicana Atheist Original One-woman show Say Si Theater

Many Deaths Danny Rosales Berta Kairos Theater – NY Orpheus Descending Lady AADA – New York Last Night of Don Juan Dona Ana Majestic Theater Rebozos Performance Poetry Teatro Farolito Act One Series II God Renaissance Guild Milagritos Virgen de Guadalupe (lead) Guadalupe Theater

Beautiful Senoritas Beautiful Senorita Latina Letters Nuevo Carpa Fluffy Blanquita Cara Mia Theater Vagina Monologues Angry Vagina San Pedro Playhouse

Bat Boy the Musical Chorus, Multiple Characters Majik Theater Surcos de Oro Gabriella (lead) Guadalupe Theater Othello Desdemona Noel Harrison Charlotte's Web Narrator, pig, gander Majik Theater Royal Gambit Katerina of Aragon AADA – New York

Knight of Burning Pestle Pompiona \Kraine Theater – NY The Front Page Endicott Brussels American Co Subway, 1st Class Lucy Immigrant Co - NY

FILM

Documentary Maria Felix Young Maria Helena Solberg, NYC The Audition Mother Columbia University Greenport 320 Girlfriend Gerardi Filmworks OPERA La Boheme – Chorus Soprano San Antonio Opera

> Elixir of Love – Chorus Alto Company

NATIONAL TOUR

Barber of Seville (musical) National Theater Rosina, Arlequina

Performing Arts

EDUCATION/TRAINING

1992 B.A. American Studies (focus on Women/MX-American's) at UT San Antonio 1997 Graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York (AADA)

AWARDS

2007 ATAC Best Actress in a Drama
2013 & 2015 City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture, Start Place Grant
2015 & 2019 National Association of Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC) NFA Grant
2016 Creative of the Month, City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture
2019 Chosen - Immigrant Artist Mentoring Program, New York Foundation for the Arts