



**Deploy the Arts**  
presents

# BRINGING IT HOME

Directed by  
**Dr. Gregory Mortensen**

**Dec. 1–4, 2022**

Thurs. Dec. 1 @ 7:30 || Fri. Dec. 2 @ 7:30  
Sat. Dec. 3 @ 2:00 & 7:30 || Sun. Dec. 4 @ 2:00

**LBCC Campus Auditorium**

**(Building J)**

4901 East Carson Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808

*Tickets free for Veterans*



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## Director's Notes

This production is the culmination of:

The many pre-doctoral years of Veterans I've met and taught who enrolled in classes and discovered the healing aspects of Theatre Arts.

The three-year pursuit and awarding of a Doctorate dedicated to the bridge of successful reintegration for Veteran Students and to the Non-Veteran students to understand what was lost & gained.

A lifetime of listening and learning from all the Veterans from WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other places, that I have met and known since birth.

Lastly, and most importantly, the vulnerability, trust and spirit of every single Veteran that allowed me to learn the true nature of their journeys.

I will be forever in their debt.

## DEDICATIONS

### From the Director

**My Father & Mother** – A Navy Veteran and the incredible woman who married him.

**My Sisters** – Who continually educate, enlighten and annoy their Big Brother.

**Mark Castle** – Veteran Air force – My best friend, and brother from another Mother.

**Richard Gerstner** – Veteran Army – Who shared and gave willingly – God keep you.

**Gene Dorr** – Veteran Army – Who lived, thrived and taught Nuns how to fight.

**Mark Kemble** – Veteran Navy – A Theatre Artist, A Mentor and A Visionary.

**Maurice Lowenthal** – Veteran Army Who rode with Roosevelt and fought with Pershing.

**Vivian Malauulu** – Who never wavered, and always believed.

**Michael Muñoz** – Who loved the program from the start.

**Adrian Novotny** – Army / A better guide no one ever had – Thank you!

**Gena Acosta** – Star Witness to everything.

**LBCC Board of Trustees** – They gave the program the green light.

And,...

To those who went to the edge of the earth and came back,... and especially to those that did not, ...This is for you.

### From the Cast:

**Chase Turley** – Life saved x 6.

**Eric C. Williams** – He did good things.

**All gave some, some gave all – 911** – Rest in Peace Station 343

**To Brothers in Laws and sisters** who came back

## SPECIAL THANKS

*Jim Ostach*

*Sebastian Milito*

*Anthony Carreiro*

*Jerome Thomas  
Andrew Boquiren*

# CAST

**My First Bodies**..... Oscar Servin  
**A Member of the Club**..... LaVonna Miller  
**On Guard**.....John Wilcox  
**Captain Crawford**.....Julian Laney  
**War All the Time**.....Jason Bowe  
**Pvt. Wars**..... Brody Fitzpatrick / Julian Laney / John Wilcox  
**Hero**.....G. L. Mortensen (Doc)  
**Honor**..... Ellen Arroyo  
**Ajax**.....Luis Manjarrez  
**Athena**..... Vivian Malauulu  
**Aaron the Moor**..... Rodney Richardson

# BACKSTAGE CREW

**Stage Manager**  
Hannah Hart

**Assistant Stage Manager**  
Kevin Ulloa

**Lobby Assistant**  
Ronald Barker

**Lighting Console Operator**  
Ashley Hurtado

**Sound Console Operator**  
Jade Stewart

**Deck Supervisor**  
Kai Garber

**Stagehand / Props Crew**  
John Salcedo,  
Matthew Overberg (Matt),  
Oj Jackson Iv,  
Willie Dupree, Jacob Sandoval

**Prop Supervisor / Stagehand**  
Rin Thormodsen

**Costume/ Makeup Crew**  
Sean Quinn, Ally Savage,  
Maryiah Jackson, Daniel Rubio,  
Oscar Servin

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Jeffrey Hendrix, Kiara Kinghorn, Karin Jensen, Erin Landry, Grace  
Maxwell, Martha Pamintuan, Stephanie Powell, Cyrian Reed,  
Li Huei Sung, Jessica Torres

**Music Faculty**  
Skye Angulo, Nathan Bush, Andrea Calderwood, Ariel Campos,  
Juan Castaneda, Glynis Davies, Peter Deneff, Doris Doyon, Nancy Estes,  
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Nagatani, Drew Ninmer, Jacqueline Petitto, Roger Pryztulski, Angela  
Romero, Anthony Shaddock, Patrick Sheng, James Simmons, John  
Tomlinson, Hannah Yi

**Theatre Faculty**  
Yelena Babinskaya, Collin Bressie, Anthony Carreiro, Cathy Crane,  
Jeff Paul, Heather Milam, Gregory Mortensen, Adam Navarro,  
Aubrey Saverino, Nathan Stuffel, Sarah Underwood–Saviano,  
Mark Anthony Vallejo, Lana Joy Wahlquist

## Important Notices

- After the final curtain call, there will be a short 5 minute break.
- After the break, please feel to participate in a short question and answer for the audience, director & actors.
- Prior to the show please turn off all phones & electronic devices.
- The use of any video, phone or recording device is strictly prohibited due to copyright law & can result in heavy fines.
- **Warning notice:** there may be some content that may disturbing. Please be advised

# ACTOR BIOS

## **Oscar Servin**

### **(My First Bodies)**

Oscar Servin is a Theater Arts major at Long Beach City College. This will be his first main stage production and is grateful to Dr. Greg Mortensen for giving him this opportunity to be a part of it. He wants to thank his family and friends for all the love and support they've given him on this journey and would also like to thank the LBCC theater department for having him.

## **La Vonna Miller**

### **(Member of the Club)**

LaVonna is an alumnus of Long Beach City College. She thanks Greg Mortensen for having her be a part of something so special. LaVonna is honored to be a voice for women who served, and currently serve in the military.

## **John Wilcox**

### **(On Guard & Pvt. Wars)**

Raised at the foot of the Northern California mountains, John is a veteran actor who has performed in multiple productions at Long Beach City College (including One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and Sweat) along with other local theater productions and on national television. He served as a U.S. Army Medic for six years with a deployment to Afghanistan in 2012, so he is very excited to

showcase the work that has been done through Deploy the Arts and hopes that the audience can gain some valuable insight into the veteran experience. He is thankful for the training and insight gained during his time at LBCC and is looking forward to transferring to a conservatory acting program to continue his training.

## **Julian Laney**

### **(Capt. Crawford & Pvt. Wars)**

Julian is an alumnus at LBCC, graduating with the class of 2021. He majored in Theater Arts and earned two Associates degrees. He is also a founding member of the Deploy the Arts program. Julian served as an infantryman in Afghanistan from 2011-2012.

## **Jason Bowe**

### **(War All the Time)**

Jason Bowe is an alumnus of Long Beach City College and UCSB's BFA theater program. He's proud to have the honor of sharing one small part of the life of his oldest and best friend on this stage.

## **Brody Fitzpatrick**

### **(Pvt. Wars)**

Brody Fitzpatrick is studying Theatre Arts at LBCC. This is Brody's first live performance of Pvt. Wars. Brody performed in a few videotaped productions at

LBCC during Covid. He played Chester in Gunsmoke, Danny Clover in Broadway's My Beat, and Silvio in Private Wars. Brody is tremendously grateful to be among such an incredible cast and crew. Brody wants to thank friends and loved ones who continue to inspire and encourage him to reach for the moon.

## **Ellen Arroyo**

### **(Honor)**

Ellen received her AA in Theater Arts from LBCC and has appeared in many on stage productions here. Her first play was directed by Dr. Greg is happy to work with him again as well as the amazing cast.

## **Luis Manjarrez**

### **(Ajax)**

United States Marine Corp veteran from Long Beach California looking to transfer to San Diego state to pursue a degree in theatre. Performed Ajax monologue on video in 2021 looking forward to performing it live in Bringing it Home.

## **Vivian Malauulu**

### **(Athena)**

Born in Honduras, raised in Carson, and now proudly living in and serving Long Beach, Vivian Malauulu is grateful for any opportunity she has to jump on stage and reconnect with the

thespian who is always saying PICK ME! PICK ME! while trying to get out from behind the busy wife, mother of four, longshore union leader, and college trustee. A career educator and former high school theater director, Vivian is bilingual in both education and labor, and she has a background in journalism which is what she taught when she was a professor at LBCC prior to being elected to the board. This is Vivian's umpteenth role in small-scale shows, and second gig with the LBCC Theater Department. In 2018 she co-directed This is Long Beach which was a production idea she had that Dr. Mortensen brought to life highlighting unique student experiences against the backdrop of historic people, places, and things in the LBCC Community.

## **Rodney Richardson**

### **(Aaron the Moor)**

Rodney Richardson (Aaron), a proud US Navy Veteran from Cleveland, Ohio, is a first-year student at Long Beach Community College Theater program. He has previously worked on the main stage production of De Donde, Day Rep play Fool for Love, and Facing Our Truth. Rodney plans to further pursue his education with a degree in Theatre and Film work.

# BACKSTAGE CREW

## **Scenic & Lighting designer**

Yelena Babinskaya

## **Costume Designer**

Cathy Crane

## **Costume Technician**

Daron Sorg

## **Sound Design**

Rick Roessler

## **Auditorium Technical Coordinator**

Nate Stuffel

## **Technical Staff and Set Builders**

Tony Pearson

Josie Austin

## **Academic Administrative Assistant**

Kathy Each

## **Administrative Assistant**

Eduardo Lara

## **Box Office Technician**

Orion Murray

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Associated Student Body present**

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**2022 Late Fall  
Jazz Band/Vocal Jazz Concert**  
December 9th

**2022 Late Fall  
Band Concert**  
December 11th

**2022 Late Fall  
Choir/Orchestra Concert**  
December 10th

**2022 Late Fall  
Orchestra Concert**  
December 16th

**Theatre Arts Performance and Technical Classes  
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**TART 6:**  
Improvisation

**TART 47:**  
Stage Management

**TART 2:**  
Intermediate Acting

**TART 25:**  
Intro. to Theatre

**TART 49:**  
Rehearsal &  
Performance

**TART 3:**  
Advanced Acting

**TART 39:**  
Theatre Practicum

**TART 50:**  
Production  
Performance

**TART 4:**  
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Stage Craft

**TART 51:**  
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