

GABRIEL BALLESTERO

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PROFILE

- **Height:** 5'8" | **Weight:** 168 lbs. | **Hair Colour:** Brown | **Eyes:** Brown | **Voice:** Baritone.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- **Industry experience:** 15 years of staged performances, audiovisual creations and improvised theatre, character creation, memorizing lines, stunts, cues, singing and dancing.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French
- **Accents:** Standard British, Standard American, Southern British, French, Spanish and Latino.
- **Additional:** Martial arts (Muay Thai, Brazilian Jujitsu, Ninjutsu), Guitar, Surf, racquet sports, latin dance.
- **Summary of achievements:** Performed internationally on stages such as the National Theatre Auditorium and Melíco Salazar Theatre (Costa Rica), the Hackney Empire and Bloomsbury Festival (U.K.) and Lospleimovil (Chile) and Little Mountain Gallery (Vancouver). Led a 6 person theatre collective (Caravana) encouraging everyone to pull together during hardship to surpass goals in 4 -publicly acclaimed- theatre production seasons. Produced and directed profitable theater seasons for independent theaters as producer of a team of 20, as director & producer of a team of 10 and interpreted 35+ characters in 75+ live performances, 4 short movies, and 2 feature films: *El año que nació* and *Karma* (still in production).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Diplomas:**
 - Masters Degree (MA) in Acting, UEL London, 2019
 - Acting diploma, National Theatre Conservatoire of Costa Rica 2016
 - BA and Licentiate in Psychology, University of Costa Rica 2011
 - Registered Professional Counsellor, Canada 2024-2025
- **Improvisation:** Impromptu School, Instant Theatre Group, Vancouver 2011-2025
- **Choral Singing:** Vox Holloway Choir (U.K.) and Canto Vivo, Vancouver 2018-2019 / 2024-2025
- **Musical Theatre and Dance:** La Colmena, Costa Rica 2022

THEATRE EXPERIENCE

- **Spaced Out**, Sprocket, DCJ Productions, Childrens play, Vancouver, CA 2025
- **Chochito / King Lear**, Community Dramaturgist, Rumble Theatre, Vancouver CA 2025
- **VPL Vancouver Playback Theatre**, diverse performances, Vancouver, CA 2024-2025
- **Limited Edition Improv**, Instant Theatre, Little Mountain Gallery, Vancouver, CA 2024-2025
- **Neighbourhood Playback Theatre**, Neighbourhood House, Vancouver, CA 2024
- **Montana's Monsters**, Instant Theatre, Slice of Life, Vancouver, CA 2024
- **International Improv Theatre Festivals (Costa Rica, Chile)**, various characters, 2011-2023
- **About Hell's Papers, Colonel**, La Joya Productions, San Jose (SJ), Costa Rica (CR) 2023
- **Bicentenary Celebration, Spaniard and Catrin**, La Joya Productions and Municipality of San José 2021

- **Camelot, The Ancestral Scrolls, Harlequin and Sherlock Holmes**, Natural Team Building, *San Jose, Costa Rica*, **2016-2023**
- **The Glass Elephant**, *Doidle*, Goodenough Theatre Company, Bloomsbury Festival, *London, U.K.* **2019**
- **The Society**, *Satan and Elf*, Don't Be Absurd, *London, U.K.* **2019**
- **Menologues**, *various characters*, University of East London, *London, U.K.* **2019**
- **Freedom Songs**, *Chorus*, Vox Holloway Choir, *London, U.K.*, **2019**
- **Faure's Requiem**, *Chorus*, Vox Holloway Choir, *London, U.K.*, **2019**
- **The Village Green**, *Chorus*, Vox Holloway Choir, *London, U.K.*, **2018**
- **Don Quijote**, *Ginés de Pasamonte/Puppeteer*, La Joya Productions and National Theatre Auditorium, *Costa Rica*, **2017 - 2018**
- **Abyss**, *Yuyo*, Caravana and Los Despiertos, *San Jose, Costa Rica*, **2017**
- **Why Does It Bark?**, *Baker*, National Association of Animal Protection, *San Jose, Costa Rica*, **2017**
- **The Chef's Show**, *Pot*, Fire Department, *San Jose, Costa Rica* **2017**

FILM EXPERIENCE

- **Unseparated**, *Daryl*, Ugo Nwachuku, Filmfun, *Vancouver, CA* **2024**
- **Art Connoisseur**, *Richard*, Hugh Liu, Run and Gun, *Vancouver, CA* **2024**
- **The Love of Time Before Death**, Martin Herrera, New Image College, *Vancouver, CA* **2024**
- **Who saves Diego?**, *Diego*, Independent short-film by Eduardo Delvo, *San Jose, Costa Rica* **2023**
- **Karma**, *Milan*, Independent feature film by David Mondin (Post-production stage), *SJ, CR* **2023**
- **The Year I was born**, *Gustavo*, AAL Filmes y Contenidos, *San José, Costa Rica* **2018-2023**
- **To Watch an Eclipse**, *Julian*, Cosmonauta T. V., shortfilm, *San José, Costa Rica* **2017**
- **The Mediocres**, *LocoNet*, Juan Mata, shortfilm, *San José, Costa Rica* **2014**
- **Downhill**, *Julian*, Veritas University, shortfilm, *San José, Costa Rica* **2017**
- **Tomatoes**, *Pablo*, University of Costa Rica, shortfilm, *San José, Costa Rica* **2011**

INSTRUCTOR & FACILITATOR EXPERIENCE

- **Speech and Drama Instructor**, ethosacademy.ca, *Vancouver, CA* **2024-2025**
- **The Re-gathering: Actor's training for well-being**, National Theatre Conservatoire Fund, *SJ, CR* **2022**
- **Creative Well-Being for Refugees**, Kazzum Arts, *London, U.K.* **2019**
- **Creative Exploration Through the Pleasure of Movement**, Caravana, *San Jose, Costa Rica*, **2017**
- **Theatre Club for 5-10 year olds**, Madre del Divino Pastor School, *San José, Costa Rica*, **2016**

