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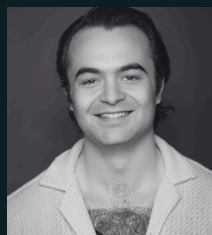
This Veterans Day, Lee Strasberg Institute military veterans step into the spotlight as artists and storytellers—presenting raw, unflinching works through monologues, scenes, and original short films.

There will be two performances, with receptions following each show, in The Marilyn Monroe Theatre Lobby.

Thank you to all our United States military veterans who served, and to those who gave their lives to protect their country physically, emotionally, and spiritually—we thank you.



# CAST



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JONATHAN  
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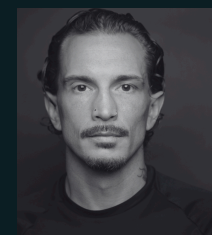
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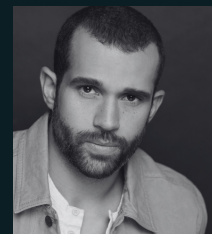
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KEVIN  
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ADRIEL  
ARENAS



ASHER  
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NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Performed by Lee Strasberg Institute Students & Alumni

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Joshua Kidd & Jonathan Millan

ONLY QUESTIONS

Christopher Gunning

THE LIGHT

Filipp Degtjarjov

OUT GROWING YOU

Nicky Chartraw

THE PEOPLE VS THE PROMISE

Asher William

EQUAL LEFTS

Mónique Ray & Kevin Caulfield

THE COST

Adriel Arenas

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**JONATHAN MILLAN** is from Las Vegas, NV. Since he was young, he has always been interested in many things including music. Drumming has been a passion of his as well as "mouth music" which led him online beatbox battles. While enlisted in the Marine Corps, he was a skydiver. He also picked up fire spinning, fire eating, cardistry and motorcycling before moving on to automotive school. Then, he was exposed to the beauty of acting. He has never experienced such life changing work. Finally, a place where he belongs.

**ADRIEL ARENAS** is a second-generation American actor/writer living in Los Angeles. He served in the Marines and was honorably discharged after four years of service in 2013. Adriel completed a 12-month conservatory program at the The Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in Los Angeles. He has appeared in various commercials, an off-Broadway play, and independent short films in the L.A. area. Most recently, he completed filming his first project, "The Cost," where he was the lead actor, as well as the writer and producer.

**NICKY CHARTRAW** was born and raised in Rancho Cucamonga, California, Nicky Chartraw is a United States Marine Corps Veteran. She served as a Motor Transportation Operator in Marine Wing Support Squadron 374. After graduating from University of La Verne, Nicky began her acting journey at The Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in the Associate of Occupational Studies program where she is graduating in August 2026. She hopes to bring attention to the challenges of life after service. "It doesn't get easier, you get stronger."

**ASHER WILLIAM** is the CEO of It's Asher Productions LLC. An actor, writer, producer, and proud veteran. From Orlando, Florida who is passionate about telling stories that reflect society and humanity. Served in the United States Navy.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**CHRISTOPHER GUNNING** is an actor Based in Los Angeles attending the Lee Strasberg Theater and Film Institute. He is originally from Connecticut and studied at UCONN. Upon joining the Marine Corps at age 19 Gunning then honorably served 12 years as both an Enlisted Marine and Officer, serving domestic and overseas. Upon graduating from the University of Southern California in 2022 he was cast in various short films and commercials. To include films for Netflix, AFI, New York Film Academy and USC.

**JOSHUA KIDD** is an actor, writer, musician, and director who spent a little too much time sitting close to the TV watching Jim Carrey as well as outside baking in the Sin City sun. After four years in the Air Force, he set off on his journey of becoming an actor, recently graduating from Strasberg's 2 year A.O.S. degree program, and his main goal is "Honestly, I'm just trying to make some cool art."

## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

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**KEVIN CAULFIELD** is a Marine Corps combat veteran from Boston, Massachusetts. A graduate of the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, Kevin earned his degree in Film and Television Production, earning an Emmy, a Student Academy Award, and recognition at Cannes. Outside of film and acting, he is a former foster youth and an actively competing amateur boxer training out of the world-famous Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood. He is currently studying in the two-year Conservatory program at the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in Los Angeles.

**MÓNIQUE RAY** is a professional Actress, Writer and Dance Choreographer. She started her journey as an actress at the age of eight years old when she landed her first national commercial audition. Growing up in the state of Maryland offered very little opportunity to pursue her acting career, so Mónica put her focus on other career pursuits.

After high school, Mónica joined the US Army and served eight years honorably. Upon completion of her military service, she was able to utilize her Post 9/11 GI Bill to pay for college where began her studies in Acting and Directing for TV & Film. There she was introduced to The Method technique as developed by famed acting coach Lee Strasberg.

**FILIPP DEGTJARJOV** is a Los Angeles-based actor, voice actor, stunt performer, stunt coordinator, writer, and producer. Born in the former Soviet Union, he immigrated to the United States with his family in 1995. Philipp honorably served 12 years in the U.S. Air Force, during which time he deployed multiple times in support of Operations; Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Inherent Resolve. Philipp earned his degree from Bowling Green State University in 2018 and completed both the one-year and two-year conservatory programs at the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute.

## DONATIONS

If you would like to support the veteran artists in this performance you can donate via Venmo or we will accept cash donations at the bar in the lobby. All donations will be distributed to the actors.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

For immediate resources and help, please visit: [mentalhealth.ca.gov](https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov)

### California Department of Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has created a "one-stop" veterans' mental health website that links to a wide range of resources, including mental health services, training, news, and information. Please visit: [California Department of Mental Health/Resources for Veterans](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Veterans.aspx) at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Veterans.aspx>

### California County Adult Mental Health Services

California's public mental health system offers services ranging from traditional mental health treatment, such as crisis intervention and medications, as well as a variety of rehabilitation services, to specifically address the recovery needs of adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses. Each county has an access [telephone number](#)\* which can be called any time, day or night, for information on local mental health services. For more information on California County Adult Mental Health Services, please visit the [California Department of Mental Health/Resources for Veterans](#)

For the Los Angeles Office, please call: [\(800\) 854-7771](tel:(800)854-7771)\*

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And to our audience,  
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Lee Strasberg's Method Acting.

