

# About The Team



**Phantom Projects Theatre Group** enters their 22<sup>nd</sup> year of producing and presenting live theatrical events geared towards children and teens, through a combination of literature-based works, message-based dramas, and family entertainment. For the past 19 years, the troupe has been a resident group at the 1,300-seat **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** where, in partnership with the City of La Mirada, they present a 5-show season. Each year, they also travel to nearly 100 Southern California schools with shows about bullying, plus Jargie and Charlotte's Web.

Jocelyn Argueta  
Co-Creator,  
Writer & Performer



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**Jocelyn Argueta** (Co-Creator, Writer, Performer) is a quirky biochemist eager to share her love for science, theatre, oxidative stress-induced mitochondrial dysfunction, and the color pink. She received her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the **University of California, Irvine** and has taken an active role in Neurobiology research focusing on neurodegeneration and aging diseases. Her work in Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome cell characterization was recently published in the **Journal of Alzheimer's Disease**. She worked in the private sector, researching allergy diagnostics, with a patent pending in chemistry customization, after which she discovered her passion for arts education as a K-8 science instructor at a private academy.

**Steve Cisneros** (Co-Creator, Director, Founder of Phantom Projects) created Phantom Projects Theatre Group in 1997 at the age of 17, out of his parents' 2-car garage. Overseeing the daily operations for the past 21 years, the troupe has been featured by and written about in Forbes, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, Washington Post, LA Times, and in publications from nearly 40 states around the United States. With a background in the performing arts, Cisneros has worked for **Nederlander, South Coast Repertory, McCoy Rigby Entertainment, La Mirada Theatre, Poway Center for the Performing Arts** and many more. He's directed over 50 productions and has produced over 100. In 2017, for his work in using theatre as a teaching tool for at-risk youth, Cisneros was recognized with the **Ambassador of Peace Award** from the **Orange County Violence Prevention Coalition**. Other honorees included a Judge, and a police officer, proving the power of theatre and the impact on young minds.