

# GABRIEL BALLESTERO

P E R F O R M E R - C O U N S E L L O R - E D U C A T O R

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## PROFILE

- **Height:** 5'8" | **Weight:** 160 lbs. | **Hair Colour:** Brown | **Eyes:** Brown | **Voice:** Baritone.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

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- **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:** Led a 6 person theatre collective encouraging everyone to pull together during hardship to surpass goals in 4 -publicly acclaimed- theatre production seasons: as producer of a team of 20, as director & producer of a team of 10 and interpreted 30+ characters in 70+ live performances, 4 short movies, and 2 feature films.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- **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
- **Improvisation:** Impromptu School, Instant Theatre Group, Vancouver 2011-2023
- **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

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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**