

BIOGRAPHIES

Daniel Gryphus: The Musical

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Denise Ingrid Brickel is the author, composer and arranger of DANIEL GRYPHUS: THE MUSICAL. Some of the characters in this musical are inspired by members of Denise's family. Prior to writing DANIEL GRYPHUS, Denise wrote, coproduced, directed and hosted the three part documentary THE SPIRIT OF NEW WINE. She also composed some of the soundtrack's original songs. THE SPIRIT OF NEW WINE focused on wine's association with aspects of popular culture like cuisine, health, art, nature, leisure and love, while highlighting individual and collective values related to the symbolism of wine. THE SPIRIT OF NEW WINE was first broadcast on the public television station KRCB in Santa Rosa, California in 2008. From 2008 to 2011, the documentary had an extensive run on public television stations across the nation, appearing on public television stations KQED, WXEL, WNIN, WSKG, KBDI, New Hampshire Public Television, KTOO, Eight (Arizona Public Television), KTEH, WKYU, SCETV, KEDT, KLRU, KCSM, KVCR, WPSU, KTWU and WPBS.

Denise received her BA in Journalism from the Complutense University in Madrid, Spain. Denise is a prolific blogger whose blog TIENES QUE SONAR has attracted thousands of readers from around the world. She has given talks on a variety of topics to audiences in Europe, North and South America. Denise currently resides in Orlando, Florida, with her husband of 23 years, Thomas.

Thomas Brickel is the co-composer and co-arranger of DANIEL GRYPHUS: THE MUSICAL. He also adapted the original Spanish script to English. For the couple's three part documentary THE SPIRIT OF NEW WINE, Thomas co-produced the trilogy of 30 minute shows while providing camera operation, directing marketing efforts and arranging some of the soundtrack's original themes. Thomas studied music theory and composition under Robert Stewart at Washington and Lee University, and he has participated in a wide range choral and theatrical activities throughout his college career. He holds a BA in Human Development from Azusa Pacific University, an MS in Special Education from California State University at Fullerton, and he has completed the Educational Leadership program through the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. He is an assistant principal at an elementary charter school for students with special needs. He currently resides in Orlando, Florida and is married to the beautiful author of DANIEL GRYPHUS.