

## *Symphony in Manila*

Written by Michael Markrich  
Directed by Jeff Orig

### CAST (In Order of Appearance)

Patricia DelRosario .....Christine Umipeg  
Herbert Zipper.....Eugen Schlosser  
Sam Wilkins ..... Daniel Paul Marks  
S.S. Guard ..... Daniel Paul Marks  
Eric Reinhard ..... Thomas McNamara  
Gertrude Zipper ..... Amanda Chang  
Manuel Caoagdan..... Jose Ver  
Emiko Fukuzawa..... Cassidy Patmont  
Kazu Sakamoto..... Daniel Paul Marks  
Tom Walsh ..... Thomas McNamara  
Carmen DelRosario ..... Deanna Espinas  
Harold Thompson ..... Daniel Paul Marks



### Playwright's Statement

I became interested in the role of the Philippines in sheltering Jewish refugees fleeing from Hitler's Germany during World War II. During my research, I came across this unique story about music and the triumph of the human spirit. Telling it as a play is my way of giving thanks. I have to thank the Filipino and non-Filipino actors who encouraged this project during the last year, and especially my friends Cindy Ramirez and Rob Kay.

### Artist Biographies



**Michael Markrich** (Playwright) is a writer in Honolulu. *Symphony in Manila* is his third entry to the PlayBuilders PlayFest; his other entries were *Let the Dead Pass By* and *Harlot Town*. He is very grateful for all the help he received from so many people in the Filipino community to help him develop this script.



**Jeff Orig** (Director) is a writer, director, producer based in Honolulu. He recently completed his third feature film, the comedy *Waikiki PD Part 2*, which he both wrote and directed. He also created a documentary series for the Smithsonian. Jeff recently worked with PlayBuilders and the Mission Houses museum to adapt the play *Open Your Hearts*

*Wide* into a feature film. His mission is to help give Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders a bigger voice in the media.



**Amanda Chang** (Gertrude Zipper), an actress since childhood, minored in theatre at James Madison University in Virginia. She has been an O‘ahu resident for over 12 years, appearing in local commercials and performing lead and supporting roles in 8 independent films; she is slated to begin work on another feature film this May. In February 2020, she graduated from Creative Lab Hawai‘i’s first Acting Ideation Program.



**Deanna Espinas** (Carmen DelRosario) enjoys spending her retirement years with her grandson, exploring the community, and especially attending musical and theater events. Deanna’s other passion is helping document the stories of Filipinos and other immigrants in their search for a new life — in Hawai‘i, on the mainland, or in other countries.



**Daniel Paul Marks** (Sam Wilkins, S.S. Guard, Kazu Sakamoto, Harold Thompson) is a professional singer, actor, and acting coach. He has appeared on stage, film, and television in productions spanning 5 decades. Daniel is the owner of Hana Hou Creatives; among its divisions is the Wayne Ward Actors Studio, for which he coaches beginning actors pursuing on-camera opportunities.



**Thomas McNamara** (Eric Reinhard, Tom Walsh) has studied and performed improv and theater in Chicago and Hawai‘i. He is thrilled to be part of *Symphony in Manila*. Special thanks to this wonderful cast, Jeff Orig, especially Michael Markrich, and of course Beethoven.



**Cassidy Patmont** (Emiko Fukuzawa) is a multimedia artist based in Kailua, Hawai‘i. She enjoys exploring the ways in which we communicate ideas and emotions; a particular interest is cultural art and how people mix and create art with their own cultural lenses. She played Keiko in a production of Michael Markrich’s *Let the Dead Pass*.



**Eugen Schlosser** (Herbert Zipper) is a German political scientist, economist and senior forensic executive with a passion for music and theater. Past roles include Peter Karlanner in *Die Rassen* (English title: *Race*), by Ferdinand Bruckner.



**Christine Umipeg** (Patricia DelRosario) has worked with Michael Markrich on his radio play *Harlot Town*, and is grateful to be part of another one of his projects. She most recently appeared in season 4 of *Magnum P.I.* as Donne Chan and can be seen frequently in commercials like the Department of Health’s Hawai‘i Cares ad. She also played the role of Detective Vatsana Bokeo on *Hawaii Five-0*. She was last seen on stage as Rosey Snow in *Cinderella Waltz* at TAG.



**Jose Ver** (Manuel Caoagdan) has been performing for most of his life. Starting with stand-up, he went on to do theater, improv, film, and TV. He is a cast member of the locally-produced and 100% improvised comedy series *Waikiki PD*. He can also be found performing and teaching improv locally with IMPROVHI.