

KRYSTAL ORTIZ

PLAYWRIGHT

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PLAYS

LOS FRIKIS – *Full-length, bilingual punk-rock historical musical. 3F/3M. Music & Lyrics by EsKoria.*
Based on true events and set in 1990, a group of young punks in Cuba self-inject with HIV-positive blood to live a higher quality of life in the government-sanctioned hospitals.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

- Workshop Presentation - Carnegie Hall's *Nuestros Sonidos Festival* via National Queer Theatre - Brooklyn Art Haus, NY - April 2025
- Guest House Series Workshop - Haven Chicago - February-March 2020
- ALTA's Semillero Writing Cohort Reading Series - Victory Gardens, Chicago - July 2018

WITH BAITED BREATH – *10-minute musical. 3 actors. Music & Lyrics by Nygel D. Robinson.*
Two people on a third date where one cooks dinner for the other for the first time. The cook intentionally bombs the meal as a test to see how their date will react: be honest, or be polite. The fish being cooked for dinner is also a personified character.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

- Prospect Theatre Company's 17th Musical Theatre Lab Festival - NYC - November 2023

ORIGINAL SOLO PERFORMANCES

The Electric Slide (by the Patron Saint of Vibrators)	The Fly Honey Show	Sept 2019
Me Compro Tu Novia - A Live Translation in Drag	Erik & Jessie & Everyone You Know Variety Show	Oct 2018

WRITING COHORTS & COMMISSIONS

Playwright in Residence (commission) - Goodman New Stages Residency - 2024-2025

El Semillero Writing Circle hosted by the Alliance of Latinx Theatre Artists (ALTA); 2016-2020

RECOGNITION

Runner-up (LOS FRIKIS) – INICIOS: Chicago Latine Playwright Festival, [CLATA](http://CLATA.org) - 2023

Nominated for the 3Arts Award in Theater - 2021

CLASSES & EDUCATION

Playwriting (5 wk course) taught by Steph Del Rosso, hosted by Remy Bumpo - 2024

Act II - Musical Theatre Writing Cohort hosted by Cheryl Coons - 2024

Breakwater: Playwriting Workshop with Lauren Gunderson - 2021

Clowning: *Clown 1: Presence & Play* w/ Dean Evans, *Theatrical Clown* w/ Josh Matthews, *Red Nose* w/ Marc Frost & Paul Kalina, *Developing Physical Characters* w/ Aileen McGroddy

The Theatre School at DePaul University – Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting; Playwriting I & II – Dean Corrin

New World School of the Arts High School, Music Theater Division – Miami, FL