

Noche de Estrellas 2025

ABOUT THE HONOREES



Fernanda Castillo is a celebrated Mexican actor known for her work in film, television, and theater. A graduate of Televisa's Center for Artistic Education (CEA) in 2003, she landed her first leading role that same year in the telenovela *Clap, el lugar de tus sueños*. She has since built a successful television career with standout roles in productions such as *Teresa*, *Amor bravío*, *Enemigo íntimo*, and *El Señor de los cielos*, the latter earning her two Tu Mundo Awards for Favorite Lead Actress. On the big screen, she has appeared in acclaimed films including *Corazón marchito*, *No manches Frida*, *Una mujer sin filtro*, *En las buenas y en las malas*, and *Enfermo amor*. Her versatility also extends to the stage, with notable performances in productions such as *Hoy no me puedo levantar*, *Siete veces adiós*, and most recently, *El padre*. Among her most recent projects are the series *Monarca*, *Ojos que no ven*, *Viajeros*, and the film *Technoboy*, where she stars alongside Luis Gerardo Méndez and Karla Souza.



Michael Ruiz is a seasoned professional focused on creating economic opportunities through equitable, inclusive, and sustainable strategies and programs. Michael has extensive economic and community development expertise in both Fortune 100 and non-profit/NGO environments. Michael has a BA in history from Yale, an MBA and Certificate in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is an alumnus of Leadership San Francisco. A Puerto Rican born and raised in Chicago, Michael resides in Manassas, VA, with his wife Dr. Kimberly Jones-Ruiz and their three children Kendall, Evangeline, and Celena.