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'SUGAR PLUM TWIST' Cast Bios

JAMIE GRAY HYDER (Natalia Haddad) – Jamie Gray Hyder was born and raised in Washington, D.C.. She studied acting at the University of Georgia where she received her B.A. in theater and film studies. A classically trained singer and actress, Hyder's television work has included such shows as HBO's "True Blood," "Graceland," "The Last Ship," "Rizzoli & Isles" and "Chicago Med." Most recently she starred as Officer Kat Azar Tamin on NBC's critically acclaimed series "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

In the video game world, Hyder was best known for her ground-breaking role as "Call of Duty's" first female lead, Lt. Nora Salter in "Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare." She has also starred in "Killzone: Shadow Fall" and "Need for Speed: Heat."

Hyder is a dedicated supporter of veterans and armed forces, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and works closely with the Call of Duty Endowment (CODE).

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LAURA ROSGUER (Vivi Serrano) – Laura Rosguer is a young, talent actress, singer, songwriter and dancer, currently based in Miami. She was originally born in Cuba, where she danced and trained in the styles of ballet and flamenco since she was three. Rosguer moved to the United States with her family to continue her dance studies in hopes for a better future and life for them all. By the age of 13, her talent and hard work had earned her a coveted spot at the New World School of the Arts, one of the top art schools in the nation, and by the time she graduated, Rosguer had developed a passion not just for singing, but also for acting. This pushed her to train with the best in Miami such as Adriana Barraza, Anna Silvetti, Miguel Sahid and Andres Felipe (Sociedad Actoral Hispano-Americans), Otto Rodriguez, Ruben Morales and Stewart Salomon, among others.

Rosguer made her debut on television playing the role as Maria Marin in "Jenni Rivera: Mariposa de Barrio," for Telemundo NBC. Next, Rosguer landed the role as Maca on two seasons of the hit Nickelodeon musical TV show "Club 57," which paved the road for more projects, such as "Sorority Secrets," a thriller/suspense TV movie for Lifetime.

Parallel to her acting career, Laura and her older brother are in a group called "ROSGUER" and just released their first single "Mala Maña" on October 22, 2021. She is a triple threat in every way.

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EKTOR RIVERA (Mateo Torres) – Ektor Rivera is currently starring as the legendary latin singer Daniel Santos in the critically acclaimed feature film *La Ultima Gira* (The Last Tour), winner of the Best International Feature at the 2021 New York Latino Film Festival and The Leo Award winner at the Davinci International Film Festival in Los Angeles. The film follows the retired singer as he decides to undertake one last tour of South America, where he was known as “El Jefe” and where he expects to be again applauded and acclaimed only to find himself competing with a popular newcomer for the public’s adoration.

Rivera most recently played the title role of Usnavi in Lin Manuel Miranda’s Tony Award winning musical *In The Heights*, directed by Marcos Santana, to sold out audiences at the Coliseum of Puerto Rico, and Peron in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s classic *Evita* at the Regent’s Park Theater in London, directed by Jamie Lloyd.

His Broadway debut was playing Emilio Estefan in *On Your Feet!* at the Marquis Theatre, Broadway. The cast was headed by Ana Villafañe, who played Grammy winner Gloria Estefan and was directed by Jerry Mitchell. Choreography by Tony nominee Sergio Trujillo with book by Golden Globe and Oscar winner Alexander Dinelaris (*Birdman*).

His television credits include “Fantasy Island,” “NCIS” and “StarUp,” among others.

Rivera was also selected by the singer/actress Jennifer López to be one of the lead singers in the USA TV & Live Show “Q’Viva! The Chosen.” Seen by over 30 million television viewers it was produced by Lopez, Puerto Rican singer Marc Anthony and choreographer Jamie King. The show, created by Simon Fuller, was the first of its kind to be broadcast in the United States on both Univision and FOX simultaneously, and was presented live at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas before an audience of over 10,000 people.

Other leading roles in plays and musicals include *Rent*, *Hairspray*, *Godspell*, *High School Musical*, *Piaf*, *The Outsiders* and *The Mousetrap*, among others.

As a painter, Rivera holds a Bachelor Degree in Arts, with honors (Magna Cum Laude), on Imaging and Digital Design from the School of Plastic Arts of Puerto Rico. His first art exhibition was in 2005, and his paintings have traveled the world. One of his paintings (“Don Quijote”) made history at the Miss World International 2010 competition held in Shanghai, China. It was auctioned during the charity gala and designated as the piece of art with the highest collections. Art Collectors, politicians and artists such as Alejandro Fernández (international Mexican singer), Oliver Stone (director) and Benicio del Toro (actor) have acquired his paintings. He also maintains virtual galleries in the United States, Colombia and Spain. To see more of Ektor Rivera’s art, access: www.EktorRiveraArt.com.

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