

# D.E.A.T.H. INC.

Directed By Monica Chavez

Written by Rody Villegas



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# Author's Note

D.E.A.T.H. INC. is a culmination of work that first took shape in 2015 as a one-act. Since then and upon countless revisions it has steadily gotten to where it is today, becoming more dear to me than originally anticipated. However this is no surprise when we've had the opportunity to work with eight wonderful actors that fill these characters with genuine spirit, thank you.

This project also wouldn't be possible without our production team, every single person who lent a helping hand in our time of need, and our phenomenal director; Monica. Her vision for this production not only met my standards but constantly exceeded them. This production would not exist without you, thank you.

D.E.A.T.H. INC. has something to offer to its audience aside from what I hope to be is a good belly laugh. Over the course of the production, I have always been wondering what the play means to me. Not as this journey I'm on producing it, but what it's content means to me. I believe it familiarizes me with the concept of death or rather the concept of simply not existing. It can assist in showing how choices matter and at the same time they don't. Something/Someone else will always come along and affect you and on the flip side, you will be that something/someone for another individual who comes along. How we can be relativity inconsequential, but how our actions become incredibly significant towards others. It's what we do that changes our surroundings, it is not simply being.

Of course, analyzing one's work gets tedious and at the end of the day we all need a laugh and an escape. So...

Welcome to D.E.A.T.H. INC.  
We've been expecting you.

-Rody Villegas

WARNING: Smoke machine, and strobing lights used throughout the show.

Zanni Theatrics

Present

# D.E.A.T.H. INC.

Play by

**Roderick "Rody" Villegas**

Directed by

**Monica M. Chavez**

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**Michael O'leary**

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Assistant Stage Manager/Light Board Operator

**Brian Ramirez**

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**Rosy Pheonix & Olive Jannine Hosken**

Scenic Designer

**Roderick "Rody" Villegas**

Sound Designer/Sound Board Operator

**Niccolo Wicklin**

Makeup Designer

**Brandon Rodriguez**

Public Relations

**Alejandro Jimenez**

# Director's Note

Welcome! Good morning, evening, afternoon, and night to everyone! I want to thank you all for coming out and supporting us today. I am very excited for you to see what we have been working on all summer. D.E.A.T.H. INC. holds a special place in my heart as it is the first full-length play I've had the honor to direct.

Taking a directing class was the most stressful and anxiety-driven class I had ever taken in college. Looking back though, it was my favorite class. The ability to transform the composition of a room, create dynamic characters, and engage an audience truly captivated me. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have worked on D.E.A.T.H. INC. with the incredible and dedicated cast and crew we have here today.

Though I hope none of us will ever have to meet any of the crazy characters from D.E.A.T.H. INC. in any plane of transition, I do wish them the best!

Lastly, I want to thank Larry Biederman and Michael O'Leary for their support and encouragement throughout my directing journey. And a very special thank you to Rody Villegas for putting your trust in me throughout this process. I appreciate you all!

-Monica M. Chavez

# Cast

Jaime .....Juliana Nassr  
Reggie .....Theo Boccara  
Luna .....Serena Westphal  
Leon .....Nickoli Gates  
Vincent .....Alejandro Jimenez  
Sofie .....Jessica Vad  
Barbra .....Taylor Adler  
Daniel .....Michael O'leary

# Synopsis

I know you've been waiting a while and are probably wondering what's going on but don't worry. If there's one thing we can tell you for sure, it's that you're dead! In fact, that's just about all we can tell you. Our clocks aren't working, causes of death are disappearing off the pages of our files and we're under internal review. Welcome to Death Inc.!

Our Board will be your guides through the bureaucracy of death, if they don't get distracted somewhere along the way. When their supervisor, Barbra, is instructed to perform a surprise inspection, Sofie and Daniel, two random "packages", are shipped through the rapidly deteriorating mess of Death Inc. Their journey forces Sofie and Daniel to reexamine their lives and the board to acknowledge their own sense of humanity.

# WHO'S WHO



Juliana Nassr  
Jaime

Juliana is excited to be performing in the premiere of *DEATH INC!* Juliana has performed in a plethora of shows since. Her favorites include: *Skeleton Stories*, *Young Frankenstein* (Inga), and *Angels in America Part 1* (Hannah/Ensemble). Juliana's passion for performing and creating continues as she is currently writing and developing more for her web series and hopes to collaborate on other projects in the future. She would like to thank her awesome cast, our playwright/producer extraordinaire Rody, and her exceptional director, Monica, for guiding her through the process. Kill the Lights! @myusernameisjulie



Theo Boccara  
Reggie

Theo Boccara plays as Reggie. He is a Brazilian filmmaker and actor that moved to LA to pursue his dreams in the entertainment industry. He's been in five plays in Brazil, including *King Arthur* and *Around the World in 80 Days*. He has also acted in a short film called *Where the Dead Drown* and a music video for the project *Around the World in 80 Music Videos*. In his senior year in High School, he was chosen as the Head of Troop for the Drama Department, he has also created, co-wrote and directed the play *Dead Man's Tale*.



Serena Westphal  
Luna

Serena Westphal is a 19 year old theatre major and is going into her second year at CSUN. She was last seen onstage in CSUN's production of *Legally Blonde*. Throughout her childhood she was on stage in church and school productions as well as a handful of professional roles.



Nickoli Gates  
Leon

Nickoli Gates is playing the role of Leon. His previous experience in the performing arts consists of student films (and short films) of which he has acted in, written, and directed. He joined his high school theatre program his senior year and took part in the Texas UIL State Theatre competition as the lead for his school's play in which he won best actor in district. Apart from that he has acted in 3 other plays.

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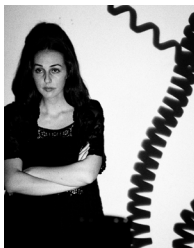
Alejandro Jimenez  
Vincent

Alejandro Jimenez is proud to see this production go from page to stage. From its first to eighth revision, he knew that *Death Inc.* was one for the books! He'd like to give a special thanks to his friends and family who support him immensely and bare through all the theatre jargon and recommendations. You could find him on ig:@spooky.jimenez



Jessica Vad  
Sofie

Jessica is delighted to be part of the cast of *D.E.A.T.H. Inc.*! She is currently a student at Cal State University, Northridge where she is recognized for her roles as Farrah/Evil Gabbi in *She Kills Monsters* and her solo performance as Jack Kelly in *Miscast*, 2018. She would like to thank her family and friends for encouraging her to follow her passion.



Taylor Adler  
Barbra

Taylor is so excited to be playing the role of Barbra! She is currently a Senior at CSUN and is graduating next semester with her BA in Theatre. There she has worked on many shows such as *Edges*, *Nightlight*, *Night and Day*, and also performed in a Murder Mystery show and was in a production of *Annie* where she played an "orphan" at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center, among other short films. She received the Val Kilmer Award when she attended Chatsworth High School. She would love to thank her entire family, group of friends, Rody and Monica for believing in her, all her teachers past and present for getting her to this point.



Michael O'leary  
Daniel

Michael O'Leary is de-lighted to be a part of this cast. His previous credits include Dan in *Tribes*, Stephen in *Infinite Black Suitcase*, and Juror 8 in *12 Angry Men*. He would like to thank Monica Chavez for the oddly placed support in him and Rody Ville-gas for writing a script he can act in.

We'd like to give a  
**SPECIAL THANKS**  
and wish a  
**Painless Death to....**

Friends and Family  
The VilleGas Family  
Sohrob Keynejad  
Jolie Hall  
Jacob Guardado  
Wyn Chester Tiatco  
Amber Bruegel



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