

ANA SKY
Zahra Karimi

Anastasia Sky is a multidisciplinary artist, holistic wellness business owner, and yoga and art teacher with an MA in Public Relations and Communications.

Growing up in St.-Petersburg, Russia, she immersed herself in rich art and theater experiences. She trained as a rhythmic gymnast for over 15 years, then began her yoga practice and studied contemporary and salsa dance with Boris Echa and Svetlana Ray, traveling to Cuba to train with local dancers.

She later moved to New York and then settled in Boulder, CO. Through her interdisciplinary work in visual arts, dance, yoga, theater and music, she is passionate about sharing stories that inspire, heal and connect people across cultures and generations.

DOLLY TURNER
Josephine Turner

Dolly is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and has just relocated to Denver this year to be closer to family. She is a commercial, theatrical and award winning voice actor having trained and performed at the legendary Karamu Theatre in Cleveland.

Dolly is excited to make her debut with Roshni. Just a few of her other credits include performances at Silver Spring Stage, Round House Theatre, Woolly Mammoth, Anacostia Playhouse, The National Black Theatre Festival in Winston –Salem, North Carolina, and the DC Black Theatre Arts Festival.

She was featured as a teacher on the series, The Wire. Her most LiveGarra Theatre. Dolly and her husband are avid sailors and have sailed 5 of the seven seas.

ERIN KUBAT
Rebecca Shackleford

Erin Kubat is a freelance theatrical artist and has worked on over 70 productions as an actor, director, writer, audio engineer, sound designer, specialty props designer, and combat choreographer. She is delighted to be working with Roshni for the first time and can't wait to share this special story.

SKY MICHAELS
David Shackleford

Sky Michaels (a/k/a G. Michael Schuyler) is a Colorado trial attorney and this is his second production with Roshni and the New American Theatre Festival. His Shakespearean training

was with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in London, England where he appeared as Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* and Richmond in *Richard III* at the RADA Theatre in 2018. Since then, most of his theatrical training has been with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA). Sky has performed a number of noteworthy roles on Colorado stages. A few of his favorite roles in recent years have been as Matthew Brady in *Inherit The Wind*, Colonel Nathan Jessep in *A Few Good Men* and Sorin in *The Seagull*.

JORGE FIGUEROA

Luis Rodriguez

Jorge Rafael Figueroa, a.k.a. Igi Gayumba, is a Puerto Rican poet, rapper, and interdisciplinary artist living in North Aurora, Colorado. As a member of the hip-hop collective Tripulación Central, he was the Featured Poet at the Presidential Pablo Neruda Medal of Honor ceremony, where President Ricardo Lagos of Chile honored Ricardo Alegría, founder of Puerto Rico's Institute of Culture.

He also became the first rapper to perform at India's Kalakshetra Temple of the Arts. A cash prize winner and finalist in the Western Union Latin Billboard Love in All Languages Contest, Jorge continues to create and perform poetry and music while collaborating with Roshni Healing Arts Sanctuary.

COOPER RAE

Maia Johnson

Cooper (she/her) is honored to work with Roshni Healing Arts to share the intriguing stories of others and bring this heartfelt creation to life. A few favorite credits are performing a tribute cabaret to her childhood inspiration, Linda Ronstadt, singing songs from Linda's vast discography (Vintage Theater).

Channeling her inner diva as Dee Dee Allen in *The Prom* (The Arts Hub). The brisk Queen in *Head Over Heels* (Shifted Lens). Running amuck as Corine in *Triumph Of Love* (WheatridgeTheater). Beyond the theater, she has danced around the world competing in Ballroom/Latin dancing and recently began teaching Latin dance classes with her company Q-Rated Denver.

Cooper is grateful everyday for her wife and her enduring support! Her two absurd dogs, her weird cat, and all their constant entertainment.

ANGEL ANDERSON

Luis Rodriguez

Angel is a performing artist, voice/guitar coach based in Denver who has been blessed with opportunities to perform across the east and west coasts of the U.S.

Some of his favorite roles he played include Mark in *Altar Boyz*, Moritz Stiefel in *Spring Awakening*, Pinocchio in *Shrek: The Musical*, and Young Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. Angel couldn't be more excited for his debut with Roshni. Check out his original music, a

collection of tales gathered in his journeys through the spirit world *The Fire Nomad* wherever you stream music.

KENNETH AMAYA

Ensemble

Kenneth grew up in Aurora and is excited to help share stories of the community that he grew up in. He graduated from CU Boulder with a BFA in Acting and a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Recent credits include Anon in *Anonymous* and Hamlet's Father in *Shakesfear: An Autumn's Tale*. He hopes you enjoy the show!