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# JUDGE TORRES

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Presents these final two Teatro Milagro performances!  
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## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

For this inspiring story of Judge Xiomara Torres that encompasses the immigrant struggle, abuse, loss, family and ultimately, triumph against all odds.

**LOS ANGELES THEATRE CENTER  
514 S. SPRING STREET**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 2 PM**

Tickets Online at [thelatc.org](http://thelatc.org)

Adults \$20

Minors under age 18 free when accompanied by an adult

Contact **CASA/LA** for free minor tickets or questions

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CASA of Los Angeles mobilizes community volunteers to advocate for children in LA County's child welfare system who have experienced abuse and neglect. Visit [CASALA.org](http://CASALA.org) for more information.



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### Judge Torres Synopsis for CAS

"Judge Torres" is the story of real life Judge Xiomara Torres who has been serving on the bench in Portland, Oregon since her appointment by the governor in 2017.

But her journey began years earlier and thousands of miles away in a small village in El Salvador where she lived until she was 9 years old and migrated with her family to Los Angeles. When she was 13, she reported the abuse occurring in her home, which led to Xiomara and her siblings being taken into protective custody in the Los Angeles foster care system where she continued to live until she graduated from high school in 1989.

Xiomara first met CASA Jan Brice, while testifying in the criminal case regarding the abuse allegations, when midway thru her testimony, the judge contacted the CASA office to request an advocate to support Xiomara as she continued her hours-long testimony. Shortly thereafter, Jan became the CASA for Xiomara. *(At that time the dependency court hearings were held in the downtown LA Criminal Courts Building.)*

But there's so much more to her story.....

Interwoven with Mayan mythology, "Judge Torres" is not only the incredible story of triumph over adversity but also of the amazing life-long connection with her CASA.

When "Judge Torres" premiered in January at Portland's Milagro Theater, every performance played to sold-out audiences. Since then Teatro Milagro has been touring the play nationally, culminating with these final performances at the Los Angeles Theatre Center on November 15 & 16.

#### About the real Judge Torres and her CASA Jan Brice:

If you attended the 2008 CASA Annual Gala Fundraiser, you may remember Xiomara, then an assistant attorney general in Oregon, as one of the former Los Angeles foster youth who spoke that evening. Or you may remember her from the 2013 CASA Gala when Xiomara introduced Jan who received the first CASALA Lifetime Achievement award that evening. And, of course, many of you know Jan from her over 30 years as a CASA volunteer whose primary focus was the Children's Court Assistant component of the CASA program.

Both Judge Xiomara Torres and CASA Jan Brice will be attending the "Judge Torres" performances in Los Angeles.