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TEATRO CÍRCULO CONTINUES ITS 2025-2026 SEASON WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF 'DEBAJO DEL ÁRBOL DE ALMENDRAS' (UNDER THE ALMOND TREE) BY LUIS CABALLERO FROM JANUARY 16 TO 25, 2026 AT TEATRO CÍRCULO

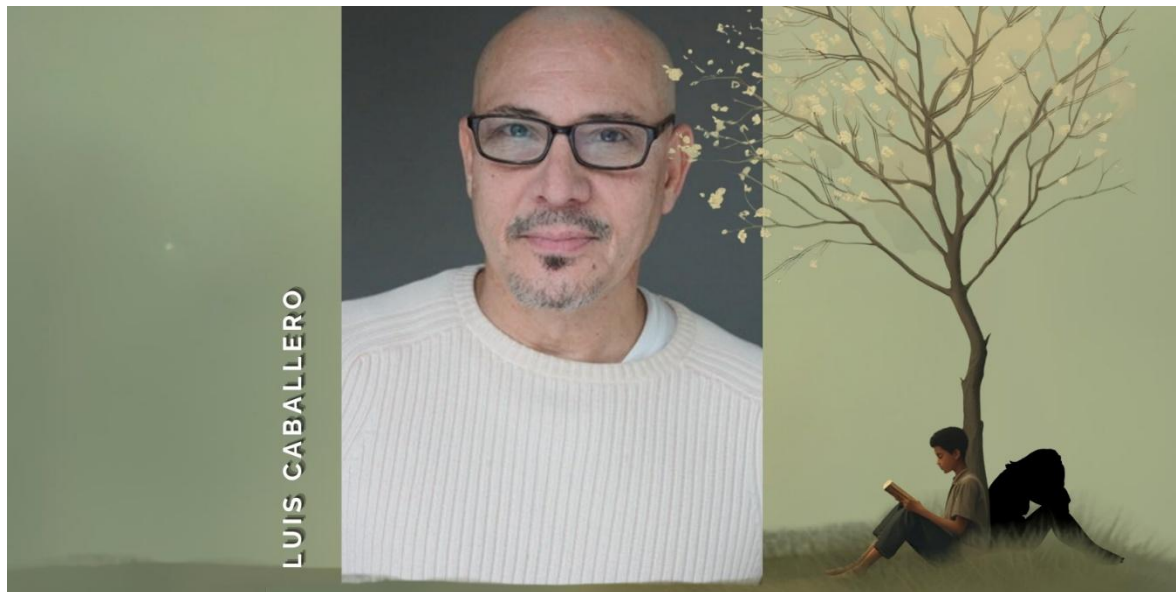


Brutally honest stories of mental health issues, dark humor and love.

NYC 2025 – **Teatro Círculo**, one of New York City's leading Spanish-language theatre companies - known for its creative staging of classical and contemporary works – presents the **world premiere** of '**DEBAJO DEL ÁRBOL DE ALMENDRAS**' (Under the Almond Tree) by **Luis Caballero**.

In these pieces, the playwright, with his characteristic dark humor, presents stories dealing with mental health issues, childhood trauma, LGBTQ+ discrimination, bullying, the power of love, and odd ways to achieve healing.

Its Puerto Rican playwright and director **Luis Caballero** tells us that *"These short pieces are born from my childhood. My parents' house was across from a stream, and on its bank stood an immense almond tree. It was breathtaking, majestic, and its branches touched the balcony of the house. That tree witnessed all the stories of my neighborhood. It was my friend. I would sit under the almond tree with my brothers, and we would play; we would also gather almonds to make candy with burnt sugar. When I was 16, the government, always failing to understand the principle of air purification, ordered it cut down. I mourned it, and for years I saw my friend with its amputated body."*



Caballero continues, *"We all carry a tree in our subconscious. That tree is our refuge, our hiding place. There are times when we don't want to grow up or understand situations; that's when we hide behind the tree... so they can't find us. It is the home where our inner child lives."*

For his part **José Cheo Oliveras**, Teatro Círculo's Founding Artistic Director says, *"With this production, Teatro Círculo remains true to its mission of creating a forum for Latino playwrights and producing plays on topics relevant to our community. Luis Caballero has stand out as one of the most prolific playwrights of his generation, and we are delighted to support his work."*

The cast – in alphabetical order – that will bring these stories to life includes **Kiara Alejandra** (Puerto Rico), **Edna Lee Figueroa** (Puerto Rico), **Joél Isaac** (Puerto Rico), **Juan Carlos Morales** (Puerto Rico) and **Bill Oxendine** (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina) The production designer is **Israel Franco-Müller** (Puerto Rico), and the assistant director and stage manager is **Caridad del Valle** (Puerto Rico).

Luis Caballero ends with, *"That's why I wrote these stories, because we must also pay tribute to nature, and to memory."*

'Debajo del árbol de almendras' (Under the Almond Tree) in its **world premiere**, will have 8 performances, **January 16 to 25, 2026** at Teatro Círculo's **64 East 4th Street** Mainstage Theater in Manhattan. Curtain times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7PM, with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM. Thanks to Howard Gilman Foundation and The Mosaic Network and Fund Teatro Círculo can offer subsidized \$10 tickets only for Saturdays performances. Performances are in Spanish and English. Suitable for audiences 16 and older.

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Tickets are available at teatrocirculo.org/tickets/

General Admission \$40, Students & Seniors \$35, Groups of 10+ \$30.

SUBSIDIZED \$10 TICKETS for Saturdays January 17 and 24 at 2pm and 7pm.

For more information: teatrocirculo.org/debajo-del-arbol-de-almendras/

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WHAT: '**Debajo del árbol de almendras**' (*Under the Almond Tree*) by Luis Caballero

WHEN: January 16 to 25, 2026, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 PM; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM

WHERE: Teatro Círculo, 64 East 4th Street in Manhattan, NYC

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