



Artist Biography - Liz Valentin

Liz is a hispanic young woman who has been passionate about the arts for as long as she can remember. She is currently enrolled to go to school for nursing, but she hopes to move forward to a school where she can take courses on the arts. She hopes to inspire others with her work, save lives and give back to those in her community and anywhere she can. Liz is the third of four children and the first to attend college in her family. She will also be the first to graduate college. Her passions are in music and healing. She was born in Kissimmee, Florida and has moved more times than she would like; she has experience homelessness and grew up without much, but it has made her all the more strong. She is ready to challenge the world being presented to her and wants to prove that even minorities or people of a lower status can succeed and have a voice and have power. She is convinced that somehow, someday, she will change the world and it will be for the better.



Artist Biography – Felix Torrez

Felix Torrez is a junior at Southwest High School, and he is honored to be a nominee for Outstanding Lead Actor in a musical for his role of Beast in Southwest High School's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Felix is very passionate about performing and has been in a number of shows, some of his favorite roles being: The Engineer in Next Stage Productions *Miss Saigon* of 2016, and Atreyu in Evergreens Productions *The Neverending Story* of 2013. Felix also plans to continue and pursue Musical Theatre in college and as a professional career. He would like to thank all his family and friends for their endless support, and thanks God for his endless blessings.