

PERFORMERS THEATRE WORKSHOP

Engaging With the Masters

This year, PTW presents a uniquely curated masterclass series featuring powerhouse performers, each of whom have a unique, critical skillset to share. Students will work on character creation and truthful storytelling through song with dramatic masters; refining character development, timing, engaging instincts and impulses with comedic experts; and understanding the nuances of multi-platform casting calls from rising and legendary stars of stage and screen.

Award-winning *Hamilton* star and incomparable singer/storyteller Mandy Gonzalez kicks off our 2020-2021 series with a masterclass she's designed exclusively for PTW students:

Your Voice, Your Story:

Synergizing vocal technique and dramatic interpretation to create truthful performance

Sunday Nov. 15, 2020

Tech check 12:30-1pm; Masterclass 1-3:30pm

Class Limit: 16*

Many know Mandy as **Angelica Schuyler** in *Hamilton* on Broadway. But before she landed the job of a lifetime, Mandy booked critically acclaimed Broadway roles: **Nina Rosario** in Lin Manuel Miranda's *In the Heights*, and **Elphaba** in *Wicked*.

In this masterclass, Mandy will share pearls of self-discovery and a range of best practices she's developed as a working professional, empowering PTW students to create characters of their own, refine them and tell their stories through song — during Broadway callbacks and all-school musicals alike.

Course at a glance

Truthful sound + truthful intention = unforgettable performance. Intention informs performance. Moment to moment, phrase to phrase, a character's intention influences choices within her song delivery, use of vocal technique — even the inflection of her voice. Mandy will demystify strategies for leading with intention to tell a character's story in a truthful way — in your one-of-a-kind voice — drawing on vocal technique as well as deeply personal dramatic interpretation.

Performers will each deliver a song they've prepared in their private voice lessons or song interpretation semester class at PTW. Observing each performer, Mandy will offer specific, constructive feedback on ways to bond the uniqueness of their voice with strong character intention to deliver a truthful, captivating performance. While mastering Mandy's techniques requires dedication over time, she will isolate areas of focus for each student, providing you an express lift to your next level as a performing storyteller.

Meet Mandy

Possessing one of the most powerful and versatile voices of contemporary performance, Mandy Gonzalez currently stars as Angelica Schuyler in Lin Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton*. She originated the role of Nina Rosario in his Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *In The Heights*, receiving a Drama Desk Award for her performance. She has starred as Elphaba in the Broadway production of *Wicked*, for which she received an award for Best Replacement from Broadway.com. Other Broadway roles include Princess Amneris in *Aida* and John Lennon in *Lennon*, as well as her debut role in *Dance of the Vampires*.

Mandy's TV appearances include the recurring role of Lucy Knox on CBS drama "Madam Secretary," as well as Agent Susan Combs on hit series "Quantico," among other guest appearances. Her film credits include *Across the Universe*, *After*, starring opposite Pablo Schreiber, and "Man on a Ledge." Mandy's voice made its Disney debut as Mei in *Mulan 2*.

A frequent concert soloist, she has performed with symphony orchestras including New York Pops, Philly Pops, Cleveland Orchestra, and Naples Philharmonic. In 2017, Mandy released her debut album *Fearless* (Warner Music Group) to international acclaim and peer recognition. She's also the founder of the #FearlessSquad, an online platform that focuses on positivity and inclusiveness.

Participant Information

Performing students must audition or receive recommendation from PTW Executive Artistic Director Dean Kravitz. Auditing students need not audition. All students who attend **Your Voice, Your Story** will have the opportunity to participate in a conversation-driven Q&A with Mandy, and glean rare insight from a leading figure in performing arts.

Performer Tuition: \$425**

Auditor Tuition: \$95**

*Mandy's masterclass is open to 11 present and former PTW Pro Track performers, as well as 5 non-Pro Track performers by audition.