



Maria Lila: Lights, Camera, Action!

Did you know that our very own M/U School Drama and Dance teacher, Mrs. María Lila Rodríguez, is an actor? She majored in theater at the University of Central Florida and upon graduating and returning to Puerto Rico, she worked for the local TV channel station, WAPA (channel 4) for 5 years before arriving at Baldwin.

This past November she was stationed in Vieques where she got to play the role of a restaurant waitress in the new Edward James Olmos movie titled "America." She recalls how exciting it was to be surrounded by the crew, make up artists and everyone involved.

The movie is about the trials and tribulations that a couple goes through and it carries the underlying theme of immigration in Vieques throughout the film. The film is based on the novel "El Sueño de America" (America's Dream) by Esmeralda Santiago. The film is currently wrapping up shooting in New York City before entering the post production phase. Should no delays arise, the film should have its premiere on the island at some point in May 2010.

Those who know Maria Lila are immediately infused with her contagious sense of humor and utmost joy. She has immense love and passion for her craft and instilling in her students a good ethic. She advises any of her students interested in pursuing an acting career or any career related to the performing arts to "never give up and to always have faith in yourself. Her motto: "There are no small roles in this field, just great acting." So be on the look-out for the film "America" and our very own Maria Lila in a theater near you.



Luz Maria Rondon, Lymari Nadal, Edward James Olmos, and Maria Lila



Maria Lila with Sonia Fritz, Movie Director