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Three new works from José Rivera, a writer known for his lush language, open heart, and stylistic flirting with the surreal. *Boleros for the Disenchanted* is the moving story of the playwrights own parents: their sweet courtship in 1950s Puerto Rico, and then forty years later in more difficult times in America. With *Brainpeople*, Rivera explores the troubled minds of three women in a post-apocalyptic setting who feast on a freshly slaughtered tiger. In *School of the Americas*, he imagines Che Guevara's encounter—more passionate than political—with a young schoolteacher in Bolivia. Also included is his one-act penned in protest of California's Proposition 8, *Pablo and Andrew at the Altar of Words*.

José Rivera's works include the plays *References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot*, *Marisol*, *Cloud Tectonics*, and *Sueno* (an adaptation of *Life Is a Dream*), as well as the Oscar-nominated screenplay to *The Motorcycle Diaries*.

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