



Tristin Juarez-Smith

Tristin Juarez-Smith is the current President of the Utah Valley University Rotaract, a student club that works under the Orem-Lindon Rotary club, a chapter of the International Rotary Club. He has completed a BFA in arts administration and directing and is currently finishing a BA degree in global politics with minors in Chinese language and Chinese studies.

Tristin's education in art and theatre has given him a unique perspective and understanding of how communities are connected globally. Taking inspiration from Culture Runners and Company E, he hopes to utilize art as another means of diplomacy, education, and advocacy. Currently, he is directing the US premier of *Wendy and Peter Pan* by Ella Hickson. Serving as a charity event, all proceeds will be donated to the Intermountain Foundation who specialize in providing life-saving treatments and revolutionary research that saves the lives of children across the Intermountain West. Through this play, Tristin hopes to help struggling mountain families in Utah and surrounding states. His work with this play will not only provide entertainment for children and families, but also provide an education opportunity for elementary school students and patients of Utah's Primary Children's Hospital by direct interaction with cast members.

With plans to obtain a PhD in human rights and international diplomacy, he hopes to continue using art to connect cultures and communities together while also amplifying marginalized voices across the global, particularly the voices of mountain communities in Guatemala and Mexico, to two countries of his own heritage.