

UpstART 2024/25
SEASON



DANAY SUÁREZ

October 27

3:00 PM

The Art Kamangar Center at The Merced Theatre



UpstART

UpstART (formerly Arts UC Merced Presents) is a faculty-directed arts organization at UC Merced. Our mission is to bring diverse and exciting arts programming to our campus and local community.

Jayson Beaster-Jones, 2023-25 Faculty Director
Collin Lewis, Executive Director for the Arts

UpstART

presents

DANAY SUÁREZ

Danay Suárez, *vocals*
Jesús Pupo, *piano*
Samuel Burgos, *bass*
Marcos Morales, *drums*

Songs will be announced from the stage.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Danay Suárez Vocals

Danay Suárez is a Cuban singer, songwriter, and rapper, recognized for her unique fusion of hip-hop, jazz, and Cuban music. She has gained international acclaim for her introspective lyrics and socially conscious themes, performing on major stages around the world. Danay's music transcends genres, blending powerful messages with deep, soulful rhythms.

Jesús Pupo Piano

Jesús Pupo is a Cuban pianist, composer, and arranger known for blending traditional Cuban music with jazz, creating a unique and sophisticated sound. He has collaborated with renowned artists worldwide and contributed to numerous albums, showcasing his

versatility across various musical genres. His work is characterized by its deep musicality, rhythmic complexity, and innovative arrangements.

Samuel Burgos Bass

Samuel Burgos, a Cuban-born bassist, composer, born on August 5, 1996. With a musical journey starting at age 10 and a degree from the University of Music in Havana. He has played with many important Cuban and international projects.

Marcos Moralers Drums

Marcos Morales a Cuban-born introduces himself as a drummer and composer from the future, who humbly works with musicians in the present life.

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October 11 – December 6

Alma, Corazón y Vida: Latinx Art Legends from the Mike “Surito” Echeverría Collection

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Merced Multicultural Arts Center (through
November 10 only)

February 1

UpstART presents

OkCello

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March 15

UpstART presents

Las Cafeteras

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April 24 – 27

Shakespeare in Yosemite presents

As Yosemite Likes It

Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater, UC Merced
& Curry Village Amphitheater, Yosemite National Park

May 31

UC Merced Children’s Opera presents

Treble Trouble

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