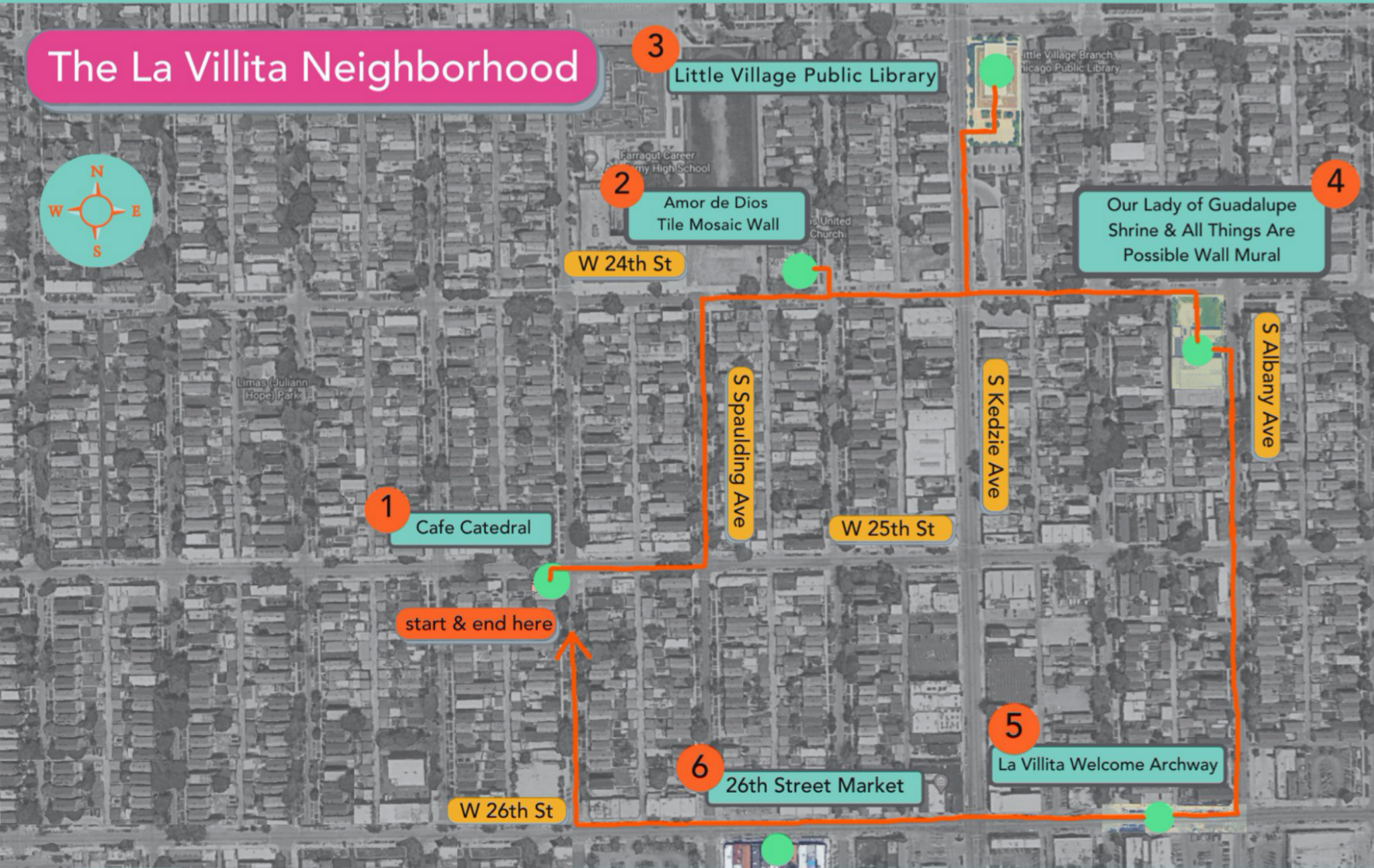


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The La Villita Neighborhood



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About The Creator

Jasmin Cardenas is an Actress, Arts Activist, professional Storyteller and lifelong Chicagoan. Working with children and young people is her passion and using theater to find solutions to real world problems is her joy. Devising plays with brilliant young people across the city gives her Hope. Jasmin has performed at The National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, will be featured in 2021 and has toured across the United States from Portland, Oregon to NYC. As a theater Actor and Director she has worked with many companies including Steppenwolf, Goodman, Lookingglass, Sojourn, Lifeline, Free Street, etc. Currently a Commissioned Playwright by 1st Stage Theater in Virginia she is working on a new solo show about working people. Jasmin is a mom and enjoyed collaborating with her two kids for this project. My loves, Mateo & Catalina send you all a warm Hello!

Before you start...

Before heading out on this exciting adventure, we recommend you:

- Download this map from the chicagochildrenstheatre.org and review it first.
- You may also want to bring a bluetooth speaker or some wireless headphones so everyone in the family can listen together.
- We recommend listening to the podcast once before venturing out on your hike

About The Tour

La Villita/Little Village is a vibrant neighborhood on the southwest side of Chicago. Mexican-American families have homes, play in parks and express their cultur  , their culture, everyday in the Spanish language that you hear on the streets. Take a walk with me through the streets and history of these hardworking, joyful familias/families. Learn about their rich culture through the visual symbolism all throughout the neighborhood. I'll tell you stories while we play "I Spy!" and maybe you'll learn some indigenous Nahuatl words today!

Cast, Crew, & Credits

Jacqueline Russell, Artistic Director
Will Bishop, Director of Production

Jasmin Cardenas - Creator/Narrator
Anthony Lombard - Producer / Series Announcer

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Reference Pictures



Cafe Catedral



the Mosaic Wall



Public Library Mural



Our Lady Guadalupe Shrine



Wall Mural



Welcome Archway



Puerquito



26th Street Shops



26th Street Market



Nuevo Leon Mural



Oral History Mural

I Spy!

At every stop and along the walk there are images from our stories that children & families can look for: Our Lady of Guadalupe, the monarch butterfly, and the Mexican flag. These icons are important to Mexican culture.

CHALLENGE! Lets play "I Spy!" At each location and along the walk mark off when you see one of these 3 images. If you are siblings each take one image and see how many you can find. Keep a tally in the boxes to the right. See who wins!

Tally Here!



Definitions

Español: (Es-pa-nyol) Spanish was brought to the Western Hemisphere in the 16th Century by Spanish Conquistadors. Some of today's words on the tour are spoken in Español. Spanish in Latin America is called Español but in Spain it is called Castilian. Different countries in Latin America speak different regional varieties of Spanish. It's a little like how a southern person in Texas sounds different when they speak English to a northerner from Chicago.

Nahuatl: (Na-hwa-tel) is a language/group of languages spoken by about 1.7 million Nahua Peoples, mostly living in Central America. Nahuatl has been spoken in Central Mexico since at least the seventh century C.E. It was the language of the Aztec/Mexica who dominated what is now Central Mexico in MesoAmerican history.

Aztec: (Az-tek) a Mesoamerican culture that flourished in central Mexico from 1300 to 1521 and founded the city-state of Tenochtitlan. The Aztec Empire dominated Mexico before the Spanish conquest of the 16th century. In 1519 a small group of Spanish conquistadors led by Hernán Cortés arrived to the Americas. In 1521 Cortés captured the Aztec emperor Cuauhtemoc and then founded Mexico City on the ruins of Tenochtitlan.

Chilaquiles: (chee-la-key-les) are a traditional Mexican breakfast made with tortilla chips simmered in sauce. Typically, they're made with green salsa (in Spanish, salsa verde, which yields chilaquiles verdes) or red enchilada sauce (chilaquiles rojos).

Huitzilopochtli: (wee-tsee-loh-pohch-tee) Aztec sun and war god, one of the two principal deities/Gods of Aztec religion, often represented in art as either a hummingbird or an eagle.