

## Quiara Alegría Hudes

### Alumni Playwright

July, 2005 -- June, 2012

Quiara Alegría Hudes received the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her play *Water by the Spoonful*. Previously, her play *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue* was a Pulitzer Finalist, and her most recent work, *The Happiest Song Plays Last* will premiere next season at The Goodman Theatre. Hudes wrote the book to the Broadway musical *In the Heights*, which premiered off-Broadway and earned the Lucille Lortel Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical. *In the Heights* transferred to Broadway where it received the Tony Award for Best Musical, a Tony Nomination for Best Book of a Musical, and was named a Pulitzer Finalist. Hudes wrote the book and lyrics for a children's musical, *Barrio Grrrr!!*, which premiered at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and toured nationally. Hudes was born and raised in Philadelphia, where she recently returned to receive a Resolution from the City of Philadelphia. Her first play was produced in the tenth grade by Philadelphia Young Playwrights, where she now serves as a board member and mentor to other young writers. After graduating from public school, she received a B.A. in music composition from Yale and an M.F.A. in playwriting from Brown, where she studied with Paula Vogel. She lives in New York with her husband and daughter.

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