

Trans Day Of Visibility: #CoolPirates

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In honor of Trans Day of Visibility, the #CoolPirates campaign was launched to celebrate our Trans and Non-Binary Crewmates and Allies

Sunday March 31st is Trans Day of Visibility!

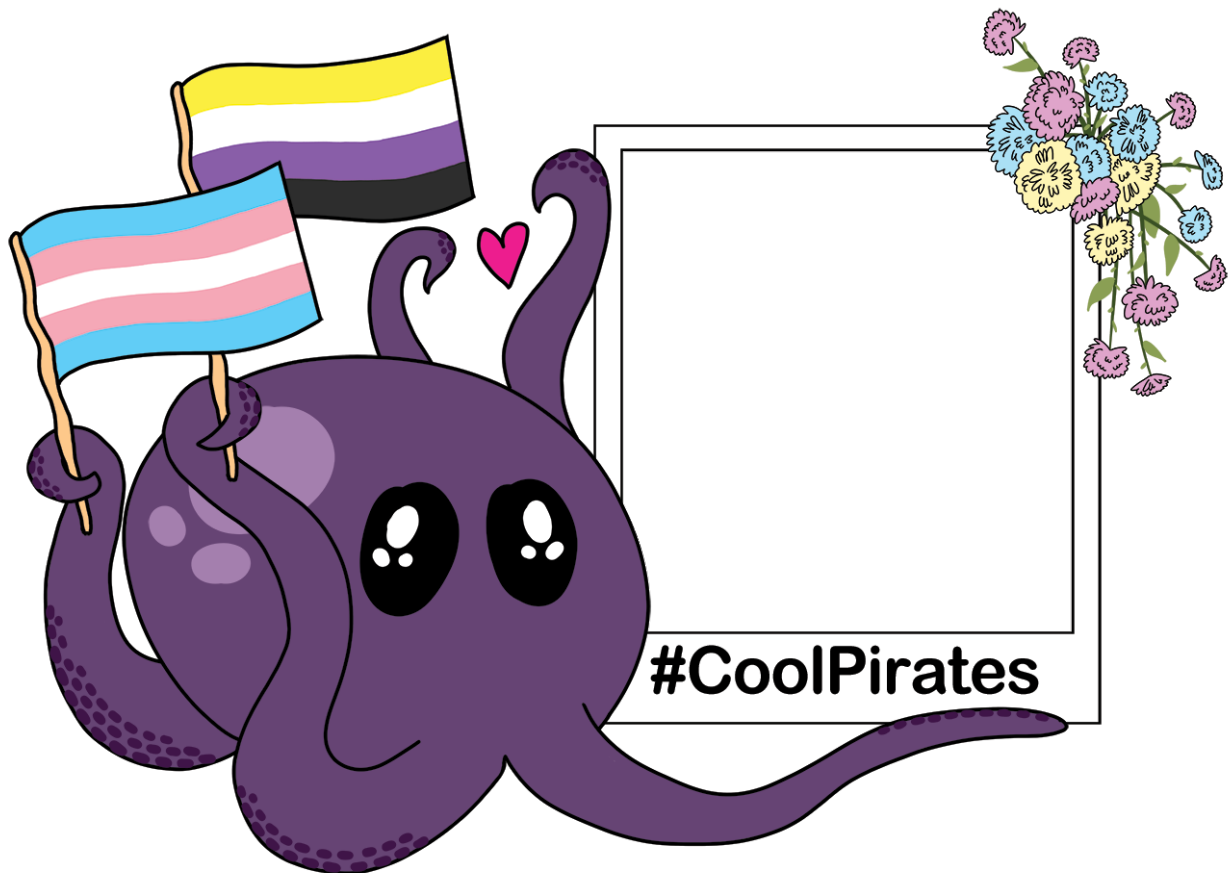
We want to celebrate trans/nonbinary creators, activists, cast and crew members, as well as allies to the community. Because we only hang out with Cool Pirates!

Use this graphic and the hashtag [#CoolPirates](#) to give a well-deserved shout out!

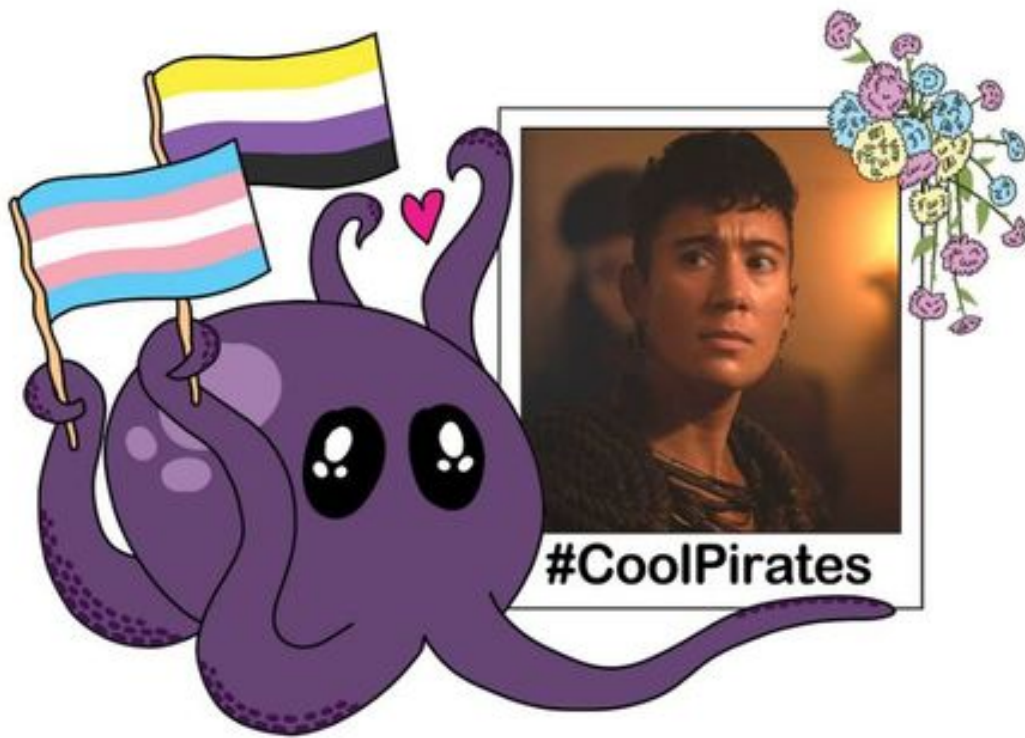
If you are a trans/nb creator yourself, use the hashtag to promote your platform or store. We'd love to give you a boost!

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-- Vico Ortiz (they/them) --



Vico Ortiz

Nonbinary (they/them)

Actor (Jim in OFMD), Papi,
Drag King, Activist, General Badass

saveofmd_crew Our first #CoolPirates is the one and only @puertoricaninja! 💜💗💛💔

Vico is a nonbinary, polyamorous, Puerto Rican actor, activist, and drag king. They're known for their role as Jim in #OurFlagMeansDeath, Serena in Craig of the Creek, Tefe in Harley Quinn, and Hunter & Fern in Fiona and Cake.

They star in the award winning queer comedy series These Them (from today's Watch Party!), which is free to watch on YouTube. They perform as a drag king, known for their character Vico Suave. They are a passionate activist, and support The Dru Project, the Los Angeles LGBTQ Center and LaBori Vogue.

Vico pushes for the visibility of queer, nonbinary and latine folks everywhere, and openly advocates for the queer community in everything they do. Follow them here and on Twitter @ V_Vico_Ortiz to keep up with their current projects!



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You can donate to/learn more about their chosen charities here:

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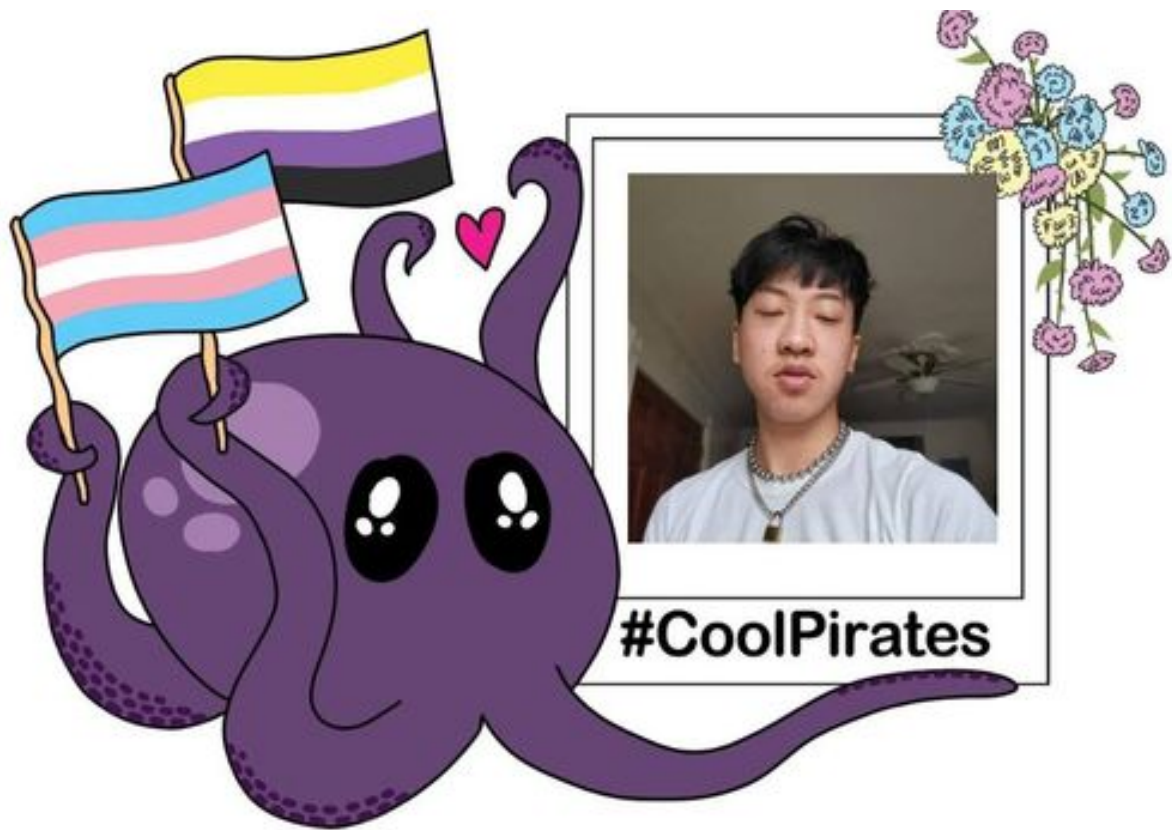
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-- **Jes Tom (they/them)** --



Jes Tom

Transmasc nonbinary (they/them)

Story Editor - OFMD; Writer - OFMD “Man on
Fire” (with (Nat)alie Torres)

saveofmd_crew Now for some #CoolPirates from the crew side: Jes Tom! @jesthekid 🧡💜💔🇺🇸

Jes is a nonbinary Asian-American writer, story editor, comedian, and performer. They were a notable story editor and writer on #OurFlagMeansDeath, having written the episode "Man on Fire" with Nat Torres. They're featured in "Crush" on Hulu as well as "Love Life" on MAX. They are also known for their work on Tuca & Bertie and Soojung Dreams of Fiji.

They host an Instagram Live show "Dear Jes", and most recently appeared on Hannah Gadsby's comedy special "Gender Agenda" which are both available now on Netflix. They recently wrapped their touring comedy show "Less Lonely", presented by Elliot Page.

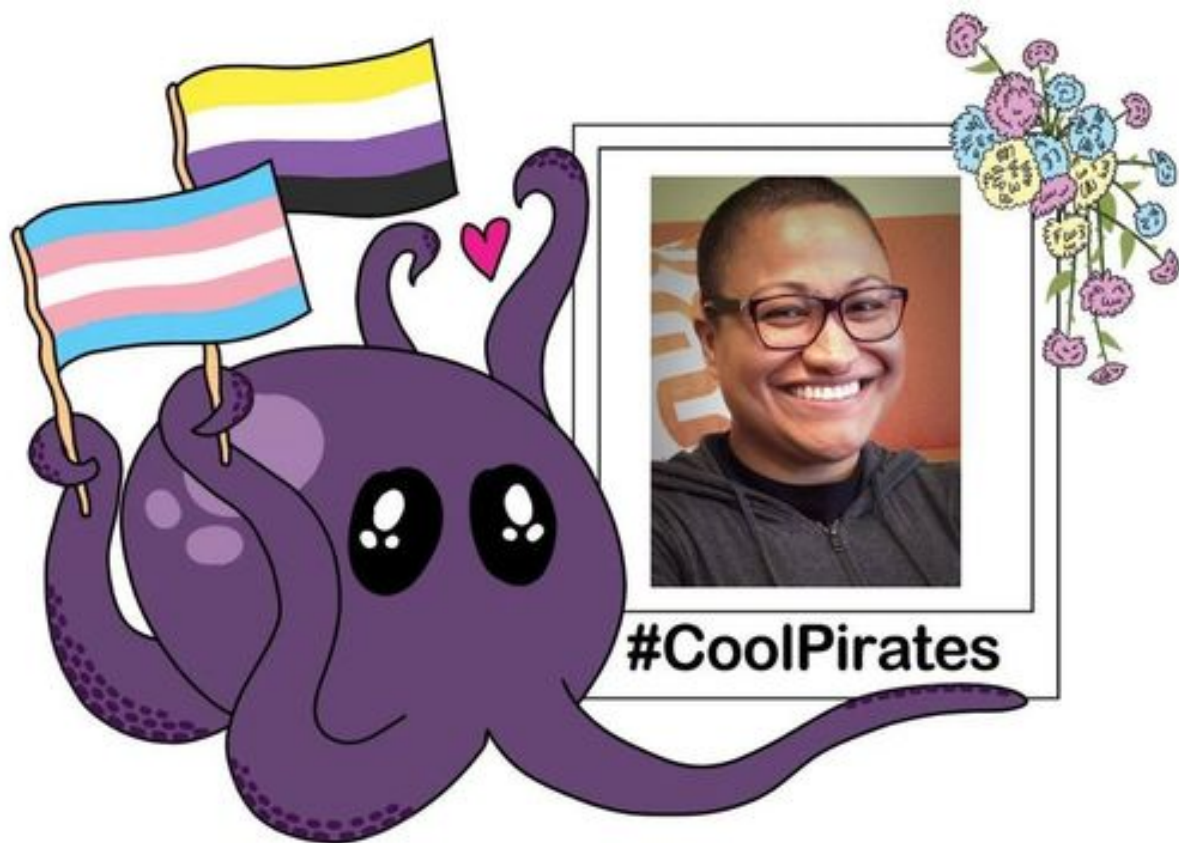
You can follow their new projects here and on Twitter @jestom!

You can check out their website:
<https://www.jestomdotcom.com/>

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Jes Tom's Website: <https://www.jestomdotcom.com/>

-- **Zayre Ferrer (they/them)** --



Zayre Ferrer

Nonbinary (they/them)

Story Editor - OFMD S1, Co-Producer -
OFMD S2, Writer - "Calypso's Birthday"

saveofmd_crew Next [#CoolPirates](#) from the [#OurFlagMeansDeath](#) crew: Zayre Ferrer! [@zadryg](#) (is their supportive/protective sibling) 🧡💜💜💜

Zayre is an Afro-Panamanian, nonbinary, disabled story editor, producer, creative director, and writer. They contributed to Our Flag Means Death under three **different** roles: as a Story Editor in Season 1, a Co-Producer in Season 2, and wrote the episode "Calypso's Birthday".

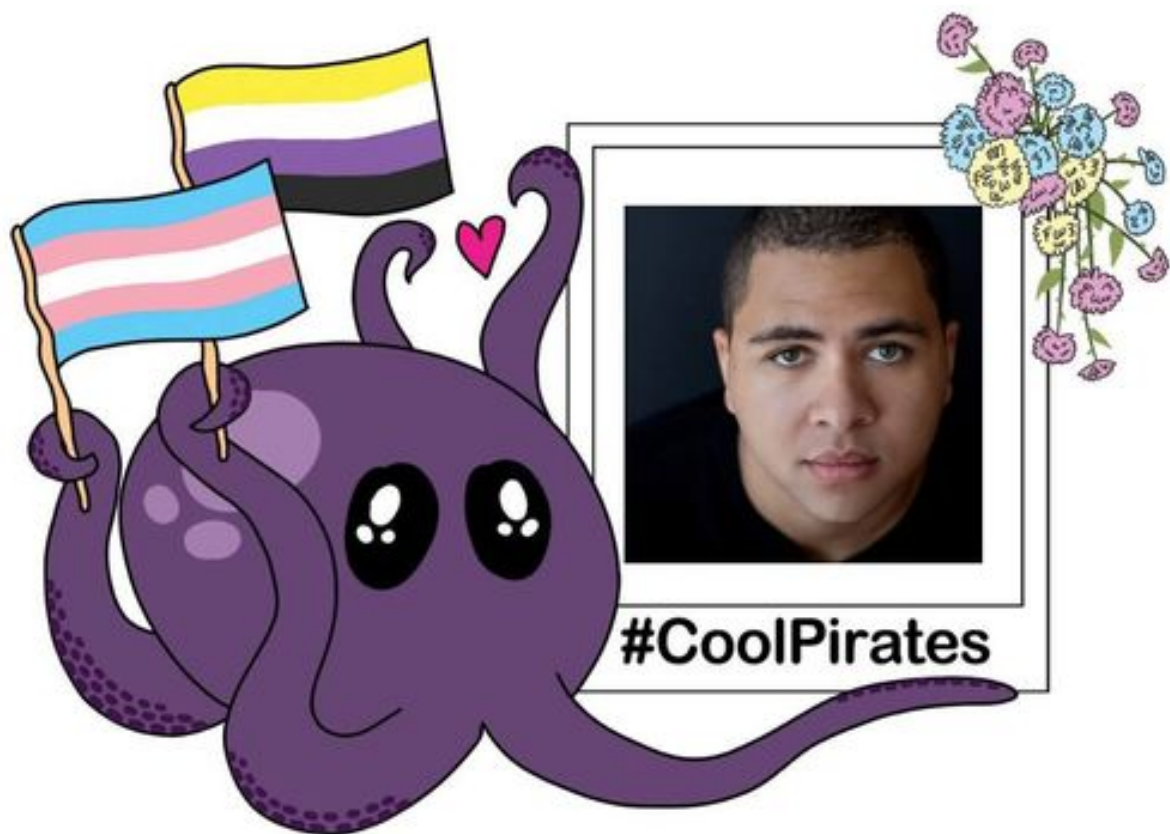
They're also known for their work on the the Netflix Original Series' "El Chapo" and "Tijuana", the latter they created.

They are involved with the Inevitable Foundation, who give support and resources to disabled writers. Read more about them/donate here:

[@inevitablefoundation](#)

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-- Zackary Stephens (they/them) --



Zackery Alexzander Stephens
Nonbinary (they/them)
Writer - OFMD

saveofmd_crew #CoolPirates OFMD Crewmate coming up:
Zackery Alexzander Stephens! 🧡💜💖💔 @zackeryastephens

Zackery is a Black, nonbinary comedy writer and director. They have also performed sketch comedy and improv. They served as a writer during season 2 of **#OurFlagMeansDeath**.

They are also known for their work on "Q-Force" (Netflix) and wrote for "The Amber Ruffin Show", a late night comedy talk show on Peacock. The show was nominated for NAACP Image, GLAAD, Primetime Emmy, and Writers Guild of America Awards, among others. It ran for 3 seasons (2021-23) before being cancelled.

Zackery serves as the Acting Executive Director of Outfest. Check out Outmuseum, the organization's virtual LGBTQ+ arts and media virtual performing space, and support them here:
[@outmuseum](#)

You can follow their new projects here and on Twitter @zackeryastephen!

Check out their website as well:
<https://www.zackerystephens.com/>

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Zackary's Website: <https://www.zackerystephens.com/>

-- Natalie Torres (they/them) --



(Nat)alie Torres

Nonbinary (they/them)

Writer - OFMD "Man on Fire" (with Jes Tom)

saveofmd_crew And from the crew side of #CoolPirates we present: Nat Torres! 🧡💜💙🖤 @nataliesnorres

Nat is a nonbinary, bisexual, Latine writer. They are Mexican-American and identify as Tejane. #OurFlagMeansDeath was their first writing job. After serving as a writer's assistant on the first season, they became a staff writer on the second season. They went on to co-write "Man on Fire" with Jes Tom.

They are also known for their work on "Love Life" (MAX) and "Transparent" (Prime). Nat received a 2022 National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC) fellowship after being encouraged to apply by fellow OFMD writer and NHMC Alum Zayre Ferrer—also profiled as a #CoolPirates.

You can find more about, and donate to the NHMC here: @nhmc_org

You can follow Nat's new projects here and on Twitter @nataliesnorres ! 🧡🖤

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== Allies ==

-- Nathan Foad (he/him) --



Nathan Foad (he/him)
Actor (Lucius Spriggs in OFMD),
Writer, Producer, Comedian,
Trans Rights Advocate, Muppet (?)

saveofmd_crew Another favorite crew ally #CoolPirates:
Nathan Foad! 🏳️‍🌈 @nathan_foad

Nathan is a gay actor, writer, producer, comedian, and staunch trans rights advocate. He is known for his role as Lucius Springs in #OurFlagMeansDeath, and Spencer in "Bloods". He plays Rowan in "Newark, Newark", which he wrote and produced. You may also know him as Toilet in the "Don't Hug Me I'm Scared" TV show.

Nathan is a strong proponent for trans rights, and supports @mermaidgender, a charity dedicated to providing support to trans and nonbinary youth in the UK. You can learn more about them/donate on their page.

Follow Nathan here and on Twitter @ nathan_foad to keep up with his current projects! 🧠🏴‍☠️

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-- Madeleine "Mads" Sami (she/they) --



Madeleine “Mads” Sami (she/they)
Actor (Archie in OFMD), Writer,
Director, Musician, Comedian

saveofmd_crew Time for some [#OurFlagMeansDeath](#) Crew [#CoolPirates](#) allies: Madeleine "Mads" Sami! [@madeleinesami](#) 🏳️

Madeleine is an Indo-Fijian, queer actor, director, comedian, and musician. They're known for their role as Archie in [#OurFlagMeansDeath](#), their lead as Eddie in Deadloch, and their multitude of roles in Super City which they wrote and starred in. She co-hosted The Great Kiwi Bakeoff from 2018-2021.

She is in a band with her two sisters under the name The Sami Sisters, and appeared on The Masked Singer NZ in 2021. You can check them out here [@thesamisisters](#) as well as on Twitter and Facebook!

Follow them here and on Twitter [@madeleinesami](#) to keep up with their current projects! 🏴‍☠️

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-- Ruibo Qian (she/they) --



Ruibo Qian (she/they)
Actor (Zheng Yi Sao in OFMD),
Stage Actor, Writer, Musician,
Money Bitch, Soup Bitch

saveofmd_crew More #CoolPirates cast allies to come: Ruibo Qian! 🏳️‍🌈 @thekingprincess

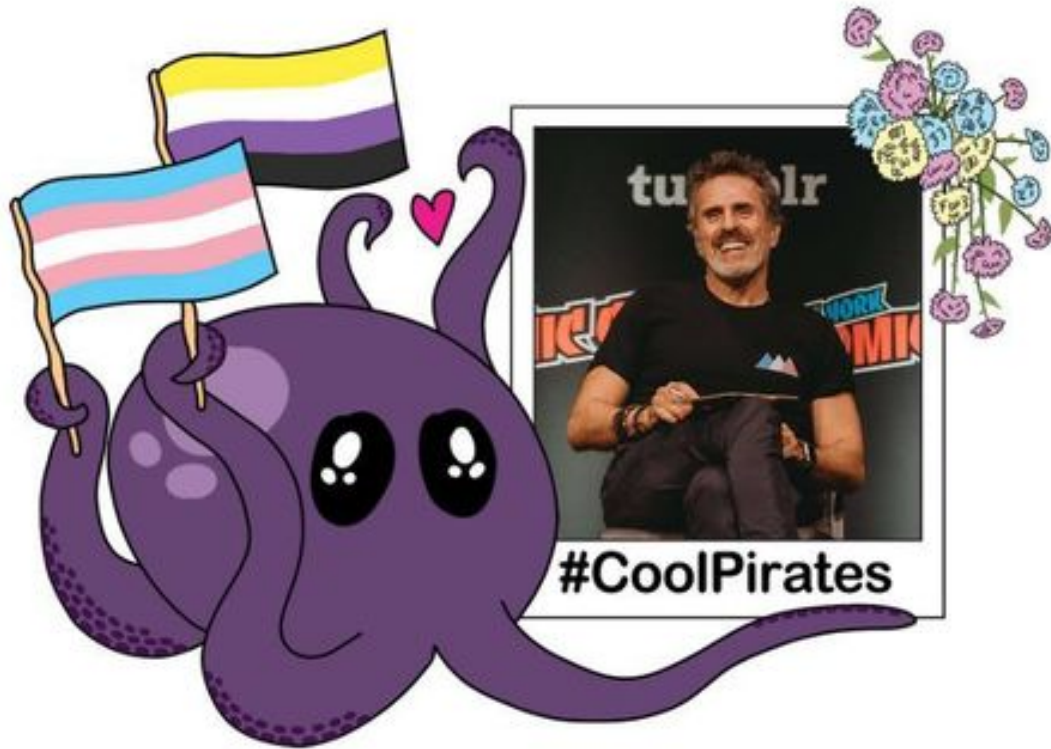
Ruibo is a Chinese-American actor, stage actor, writer, musician, and ally to the queer/trans community. They're known for their role as Zheng Yi Sao in #OurFlagMeansDeath, Penelope Wu in "Black Mirror", Dr. Bethany in "Manchester by the Sea", and Mad Megan in "Orange is the New Black". She has acted in many theater roles since 2014: the most recent being Mrs. Page in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" earlier this year.

When Ruibo was on WJW, they revealed several details and coincidences that made her the perfect casting choice for Zheng. They had been doing some historical research, happened upon Ching Shih and fell in love with the idea of playing the Pirate Queen. Mere weeks later, she was asked to audition for the part of Zheng Yi Sao. Plus, her family name means "money": making her the perfect "Money Bitch". 💰👑

Ruibo is also a talented musician: she sings and plays violin and guitar. You can follow them here to keep up with their music and current projects! 🧠🔪

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-- Con O'Neill (he/him) --



Con O'Neil (he/him)
Actor (Izzy Hands in OFMD),
Musical Theatre Performer,
Trans Rights Advocate,
King of General Badassery

saveofmd_crew You know em, you love em, only a few more cast ally #CoolPirates: Con O'Neill ! 🏳️ @oneill.con

Con is a queer actor, musical theatre performer, and avid trans rights advocate. He is known for his role of Izzy Hands in #OurFlagMeansDeath, Val Pearson in "Uncle", Chief Mackenzie Bock in "The Batman", and Viktor Bryukhanov in "Chernobyl". He has an extensive breadth of roles he has taken in his career. A few notable examples: he lent his voice as Mohg in the video game Elden Ring, and to the podcast series "Kisses in the Dark" as John Tusk.

Con has been doing theater, musical and otherwise, since the start of his career in 1983. He has won both a Laurence Olivier Award and a Tony Award for "Best Actor in a Musical" for his performance in the musical "Blood Brothers".

There is a fandom charity effort, @4OurNewUnicorn on Twitter, that is currently raising money for Limb Power in honor of Con's character on OFMD. 🦄

You can donate/learn more at the link in our bio.

Follow Con here to keep up with his current projects! 🧠🗑️

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- - David Jenkins (he/him) - -



David Jenkins (he/him)

Proud Pirate Dad

OMFD Showrunner

Writer, Producer, Actor

saveofmd_crew Last but certainly not least of our [#CoolPirates](#) allies: none other than David Jenkins [@dvidjenkins](#) 🏳️💙

David is a writer, producer, actor, & valiant ally to the queer/trans community. He is known for writing & producing [#OurFlagMeansDeath](#) and "People of Earth". He made a cameo appearance in OFMD as "Officer Shaw", & lent his voice to the character of Riley in the podcast series "Exerter".

You can follow him here & on Twitter @ david_jenkins__ to keep up with his current projects! 🧠🗨️

We wanted to dedicate our final [#CoolPirates](#) post to the one & only David Jenkins. Without him, there'd be no Jim and their journey, no outpouring of acceptance from the crew. None of Spanish Jackie's trans husbands. No Ed, Stede, & crew learning to break the bonds of toxic masculinity. No promise of our beloved polycule, & certainly, none of the queer joy this show exudes in all its glory.

And there's so much more. Lest we forget to mention his support of fan creators, both online & irl. He's lifted spirits by profiling fan works that've been limited by legalistic entities.

For the purpose of this particular project, we wish to emphasize a significant action that was prioritized by both David & Taika Waititi: the nurturing of a writers' room where queer, trans, & nonbinary voices of color were centered by the radical act of hiring those exact folks.

As we put together the [#CoolPirates](#) series, we noted how writers we profiled gained experience & credibility during their time on the show. They moved from assistants, to credited writers of episodes. They were able to develop connections that allowed them to support each other in further opportunities. This environment that embraces & encourages diverse talent to take the lead in storytelling is one of the foremost legacies of OFMD.

We're confident David will continue to devote his career to serving the community. The networks forged & bonds created among the OFMD cast, crew, & fandom will be the catalyst for continued creative, queer projects.

Though the fandom speculates, we're certain of one thing- he's forever "Behind us"!

All of our love goes out to David: it can't, and won't disappear in an instant. 🧟💙

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