



The Pa'akai We Bring

Honolulu Theatre
HTY
For Youth

By Moses Goods & The HTY Ensemble

Fall 2022



Pīpī holo ka'ao. Sprinkled the tale travels far. Hawaiian Proverb

Directed by

Moses Goods
Eric Johnson

Devised by

Moses Goods (lead)
Lee Cataluna
Eric Johnson
Pō'ai Lincoln
Lokomaika'i Lipscomb
Matt Mazzella
Junior Tessoro
HTY Ensemble/Designers

Performed by

Pō'ai Lincoln
Lokomaika'i Lipscomb
Matt Mazzella
Hermenigildo Tesoro Jr.

Stage Manager

Sarah Danvers

Dramaturg

Lee Cataluna

Visual Design by

Hanalei Marzan

Music by

Matt Mazzella
and HTY Ensemble

Lighting Design by

Stephen Pruitt

Costume Design by

Iris Kim and Emily Wright

Technical Direction/Prop Design

Eric West

Design Consultant

Chesley Cannon

Haku Mele (Hula)

Moses Goods
Pō'ai Lincoln
Lokomaika'i Lipscomb
Hanalei Marzan
Ryan I. Kaha'i'ōlelo Sueoka

Mahalo

HTY would like to extend a special mahalo to the Nizo, Santos and Nobrega families and all the other salt-makers of Hanapēpē. Without their 'ike and aloha, this project wouldn't have been possible.

This original production introduces young audiences to the Native Hawaiian traditions around the cultivation of pa‘akai (salt). Traditionally, pa‘akai is food, medicine, a sacrament and a treasured gift. The play follows multiple generations of salt farmers on Kauai, mixing in ancient stories, hula, live music, original songs and plenty of audience participation into a tasty potluck of performance, joyously served up with aloha.

Lead Artist/Creator



Moses Goods is one of Hawai‘i’s most prominent theatre artists and an Artistic Associate at Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Originally from the island of Maui and now based in Honolulu, he has traveled nationally and internationally, performing his original work to a wide range of audiences. His body of work ranges from full length plays to theatrical storytelling pieces most of which are strongly rooted in Native Hawaiian culture.

The Ensemble



Pō‘ai Lincoln was born and raised in Waimea on Hawai‘i Island and has been a member of the resident ensemble at HTY since 2020. As a professionally trained musician and hula dancer, she focuses on the perpetuation of Hawaiian music styles and storytelling.



Annie Lokomaika‘i Lipscomb is a multidisciplinary artist, born and raised in the islands of Hawai‘i. With a background in hula, performance, and creative writing, she has spent years sharing the richness of Hawai‘i with communities across the globe. She is a member of HTY’s resident ensemble and is thrilled and grateful to be part of the incredible HTY ‘ohana.



Matt Mazzella is an Oahu-grown creator from Kaneohe who loves making art and telling stories. Matt spent the pandemic filmmaking with his friends in the HTY ensemble, and is excited to be onstage with them now. This is Matt’s eighth season as a member of HTY’s resident ensemble.



Hermenigildo Tesoro Jr.
Entering his 26th season with HTY, Junior has performed as a cockroach, crocodile, hula mula dancer, mongoose, monk, demigod, evil stepsister, swordsman, snake, juggler, fish general, fairy, mouse, monkey, ogre, caribou, blacksmith, surfer, p’ansori singer, a rock, King of Troy, musubi, Maui, Aladdin, Spartan knight, dolphin, paleontologist, a fire-breathing sea dragon, Wilbur the pig, a nene, Peter Rabbit, a culinary drill sergeant, a kamikirigami artist, goldfish vendor, B-boy, Robin Hood, a cloud, an invisible reindeer, Inky Blue, star-nosed mole, Xi Xia King, Uncle Billy, a pink unicorn, the red balloon, a Philippine eagle, a garbage truck, Gepetto, a hair brush, and a cockroach (again).

Eric Johnson
Artistic Director



E Ho'i Hou

We are deeply grateful to every educator, family and child for your strength and courage the last two years. We are excited to present a season of original theatre honoring our return to live gatherings with laughter, stories, culture, and learning. We are also making room for what has changed and are preparing for changes yet to come. E Ho'i Hou, we return anew!

Our Partners

We have been so fortunate to work with a variety of partners and funders on the creation of this project.

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