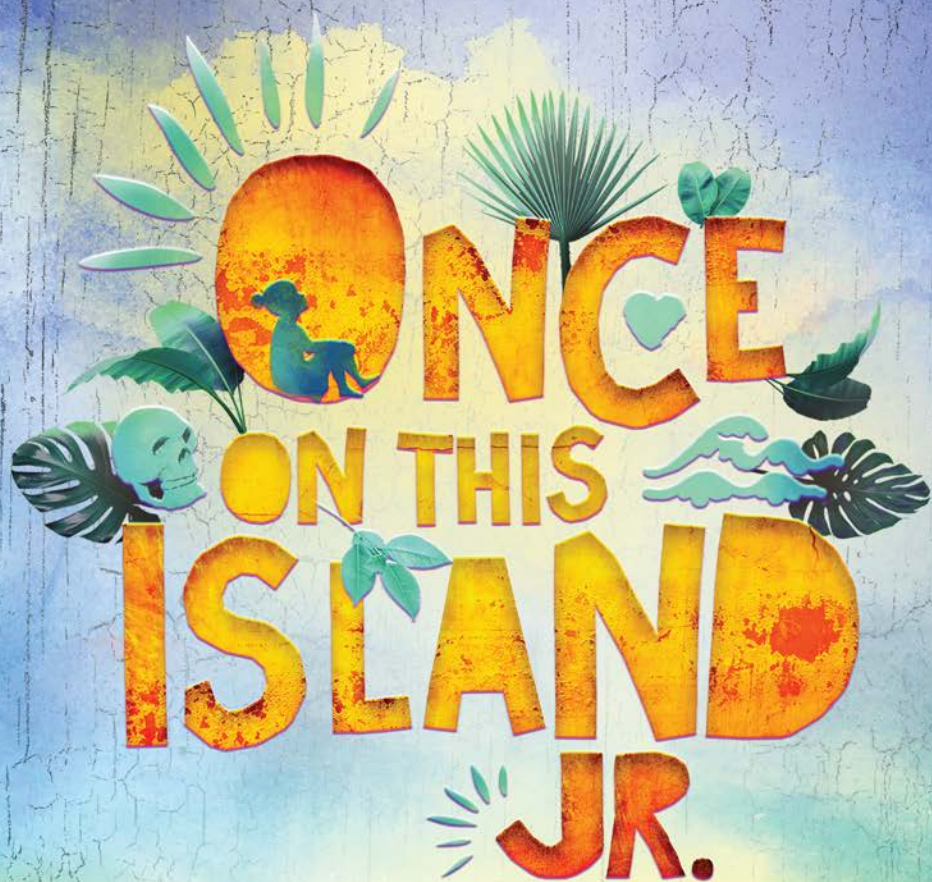


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The title "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR." is rendered in large, bold, orange-yellow letters with a textured, distressed appearance. The word "ONCE" is on the top line, "ON THIS" is on the second line, "ISLAND" is on the third line, and "JR." is on the fourth line. The letters are decorated with various tropical illustrations: a palm frond behind the 'O' in "ONCE", a heart-shaped leaf behind the 'E', a palm frond behind the 'I' in "ISLAND", and a palm frond behind the 'R'. A small blue silhouette of a person sitting is visible inside the 'O' of "ONCE". The background is a textured blue and green gradient with a cracked, stone-like pattern.

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR.

**Book and Lyrics by
Lynn Ahrens**

**Music by
Stephen Flaherty**

Based Upon the Novel "My Love, My Love" by Rosa Guy

Originally Directed and Choreographed on Broadway by Graciela Danielle

Playwrights Horizons, Inc. Produced ONCE ON THIS ISLAND Off-Broadway in 1998

**Originally Produced on Broadway by The Shubert Organization,
Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., Suntory International Corporation and James Walsh
In Association With Playwrights Horizons**

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ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR.



Show Order

Prologue/We Dance

One Small Girl/Waiting For Life

And the Gods Heard Her Prayer/Rain

Discovering Daniel/Pray

Forever Yours

Ti Moune

Mama Will Provide

The Human Heart

Pray (Reprise)/The Ball

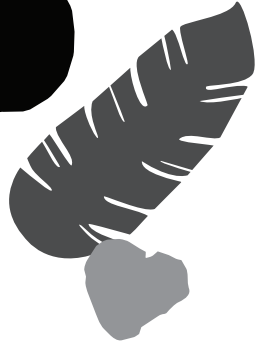
Ti Moune's Dance

Andrea Sequence

Promises/Forever Yours (Reprise)

Wedding Sequence

A Part of Us/Why We Tell The Story



House Rules:

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this program is strictly prohibited.

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Restrooms are located in the Sullivan Administration Building, adjacent to Dillingham Hall on the Diamond Head side.

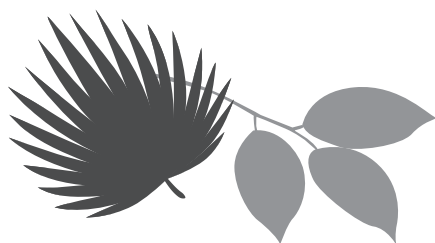
Cast, in order of appearance



Young Ti Moune Emma Quan
Asaka Leighton Akabane
Agwe Eames Williams
Erzulie Camden Shelton
Papa Ge Elizabeth Ma
Daniel Beauxhomme Kai Frentzel-Beyme
Andrea Deveraux Scarlett Shibasaki
Mama Euralie Jordyn Lau
Tonton Julian Kanalu Asam
Ti Moune..... Olive Shea
Gatekeeper..... Benjamin Loo
Daniel's Father Sean Lin
Daniel's Son Curren Sangillo
Little Girl Samantha De Costa*
Storytellers Amadeus Chen, Ella Churchill, Kayliah Doran,
Lilly Gainey, Eaden Holden-McCall, Hunter Johnson,
Annie Jordan, Arianna Kebo, Avery Leal, Nazuna Maniwa,
Zoe McCormick, Paige McGuire, Nina Means,
Seina Mochino, Natsuko Nagai, Leah Oak, Caitlyn Prather*+,
Penelope Sangillo, Kylie'ena Schmalensee, Quinn Shelverton,
Jezu Shimizu, Sara Shimotsu, Cienna Stewart,
Madelyn Tanaka, Rina Uesato, Lyric Webb,
Kira Witlarge, and Abyie Yacavone

**Understudy*

+Dance Captain





The Production Team

Director: Heather Taylor

Musical Director: Alicia Scanlan

Choreographer: Nahale Brash

Technical Director: Andrew Doan

Assistant Technical Director: Erin Yu

Costume Designers: Athena Espania '96 Keehu and Anna Foster

Assistant Producer & House Manager: Alex Philippou

PFA Performing Arts Chairs: Ginia Loo '92 and Waileia Davis '86 Roster

PFA Costume Volunteers: Shandis Ching, Jamie Pietsch '04 Churchill, Motomi Frentzel-Beyme, Donna Hosoda, Allison Higa '86, Tara Humphreys, Megan Saito '94 Johnson, Lorrie Kim, Malia Lau '98, Lian Mito '90, Holly Moy, Tomoko Nagai, Suzie Omori, Juyeon Schmalensee, Kimiko Shea, and Noriko Utsuki, and Mihoko Yacavone



Student Production Team



The Student Production Team

Stage Manager: Clark Van Orman '30

Assistant Stage Managers: Makena Kim '31, Madeleine Noonan '30 and Anianiku Salangsang '32

Light Board Operator: Ethan Gouveia '33

Lighting Designer: Kekoa Ratchaworapong '28

Sound Board Operator: Emily Yee '33

Follow Spot Operators: Yoshiki Choh '31 and Marshall Shitaoka '31

Student Ushers: Hikianalia Chang '32 and Ronan Hannon '33

Set Building: Academy Fall Tech Theatre Class

Stage Crew: Adila Chang '32, Grant Haverly '33, Emily He '31, Bodhi Rushin '32 and Sarah Shimokawa '33

Student Volunteers: Hunter Johnson '33, Devin Moorhead '29, and Co-Curricular Technical Theatre Club

Student Bios



Leighton Akabane '31

Leighton has been part of many productions here at Punahou including *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (Yellow Brick Road Dancer) and *The Lion King Jr.* (Pumbaa). She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her theatre journey. She hopes you enjoy the show because, "The gods await, and they take no chance!"



Kanalu Asam '31

Kanalu's past Punahou Theatre credits include *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (Winged Monkey and Munchkin) and *The Lion King Jr.* (Choir). He would like to thank Mrs. Scanlan and his family for being supportive through this process.



Amadeus Chen '32

Amadeus has previously performed in Punahou's productions of *Space Pirates* and *The Lion King Jr.* He would like to thank his parents for giving him this opportunity and The Lion King Jr. cast for being very supportive throughout.



Ella Churchill '33

Ella has performed with organizations across the island such as Ohana Arts (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Shrek*), Diamond Head Theatre (*Alice in Wonderland* and *Christmas Gift of Aloha*), and Punahou (*New Sheriff in Town* and *Robin Hood*). She would like to thank her family for all the love and support. Ella would also like to thank her amazing Shooting Stars teacher Ms. Erin for everything she's done!



Samantha De Costa '34

This is Sammy's first show on the Punahou stage. She has previously appeared in *Addams Family* (OA), *Peace on Your Wings* (OA), *SIX* (Papa Hawai'i), *The Lightning Thief* (OA), and *How to Train Your Dragon Jr.* (Papa Hawai'i). Sammy is very grateful for this chance to be in this production of *Once on This Island Jr.*! She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers.



Kayliah Doran '32

Kayliah returns to the Punahou stage from her recent performance in *The Lion King Jr.* She has also danced with Punahou Dance School and Hawaii Ballet Theatre. Kayliah wants to thank her friends and family for always being supportive of her no matter what. She is very thankful that she is able to be in this production.



Kai Frentzel-Beyme '31

This is Kai's second musical in Dillingham Hall. This past summer he performed with Punahou Theatre in *Frankie Builds Androids* and previously he has performed with Waialae Elementary in *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, and *Seussical the Musical*. Kai is very grateful for the amazing cast and crew. He would like to thank his supportive family, and is very grateful for this amazing opportunity.



Lilly Gainey '33

This is Lilly's debut on the Punahou stage! She has appeared in *Shrek Kids* (Storyteller, PACK), *Aladdin Jr.* (Ensemble, PACK), *Annie Kids* (Pepper, PACK), and *101 Dalmatians* (Scottie Dog, HMCT). Lilly would like to thank her family, teachers, and friends for always cheering her on and encouraging her to follow her dreams!



Eaden Holden-McCall '31

This is Eaden's acting debut on the Punahou Stage! She has previously performed with Montessori Community School in *James and the Giant Beanstalk* (Giant). Eaden would like to thank her family, her friends, and her dog. She is very happy to be part of this musical and contribute in any way she can.



Hunter Johnson '33

This is Hunter's first performance on the Punahou stage! His previous acting credits include *Dare to Dream* (PA'A), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (PA'A), *Celestial Stories* (HTY), and *Totally Trickster Tales* (HTY). Hunter would like to thank his family for their love and encouragement, as well as Ms. Taylor, the *Once on This Island Jr.* Production Team, and the cast and crew for supporting him through this journey!



Annie Jordan '33

Annie has recently performed in Punahou's production of *The New Sheriff in Town*. She would like to thank her family for making this play possible because it overlapped with so many things. She is very happy to be in this show. Hope you all enjoy it!



Arianna Kebo '32

Arianna has previously appeared in *Space Pirates* (Gabby) and *The Lion King Jr.* (Choir). She would like to thank her family for their support and this incredible opportunity. She would also like to thank Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Scanlan, and Mr. Nahale - enjoy the show!



Jordyn Lau '31

Jordyn's past acting credits include *The Lion King Jr.* (Ensemble) and *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (Ensemble) with Punahou and *Hadestown* (Ensemble), *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Sour kangaroo) and *Shrek Jr.* (Gingy) with Ohana Arts. She would like to thank her family, friends, and her voice teacher, Ms. Rocky, for all of the support they have given her. Here's to a great show!



Avery Leal '32

Avery has previously performed in Punahou's production of *The Lion King Jr.* She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her. She is very grateful for this opportunity to perform.



Sean Lin '31

Sean has previously appeared in Punahou's production of *The Lion King Jr.* (Choir). He would like to thank his friends and family for all of their support.



Ben Loo '31

Ben has appeared in many shows such as Punahou's productions of *The Claw*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz Jr.*, as well as *The Tempest* (New Conservatory Theatre Center) and *Romeo and Juliet* (Bay Area Shakespeare Camp). He would like to thank his family, the cast, crew, and staff of Punahou Theatre. He's excited to close out middle school theatre with this amazing show.



Elizabeth Ma '31

This is Ellie's first show at Punahou. She has previously performed with Mo'olelo Studios in *Annie Jr.* (Molly), *James and the Giant Peach* (James), *Seussical Jr.* (Jojo), and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ensemble). She would like to thank her family for supporting her and encouraging her, everyone who taught and guided the cast through the making of this production, and everyone in the cast and crew. It was wonderful to work with you!



Nazuna Maniwa '33

This is Nazuna's acting debut on the Dillingham Hall stage! She would like to thank Mrs. Taylor for planning out everything, the tech helpers, and her family. She is very delighted for this opportunity.



**Zoe McCormick '32**

Zoe has previously appeared in Punahou's production of *The Lion King Jr.* (Choir) and *Space Pirates*. She has also danced in *The Nutcracker*. Zoe would like to thank her family. They have helped her through tough times and have always believed in her.

**Paige McGuire '33**

Paige has previously performed with New Hope Oahu in *Scrooge* (The Sister), *The Lion King* (Giraffe/Hyena), and *Dare to Dream* (Soloist/Dancer). She would like to thank her family for helping her practice the audition dances and songs for all of the plays that she got into!

**Nina Means '31**

This is Nina's second show at Punahou having previously appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* (choir). She would like to thank her family for putting up with her singing and all the people who made this possible and supported her. She is very grateful for this opportunity.

**Seina Mochino '32**

Seina has previously appeared in Punahou's production of *The Lion King Jr.* (Choir). She would like to thank her family for always supporting and encouraging her to chase her dreams. She is very grateful for this amazing opportunity.

**Natsuko Nagai '32**

Natsuko has performed in many dance recitals at Punahou, including *Universal Dreams* (Musical Theater Lead) and *Robin Hood* (Friar Tuck). She has also appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* (Punahou), *Merry and Bright* (DHT), *The Christmas Gift of Aloha* (DHT), and *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (DHT). Natsuko would like to thank her family and her friends for supporting and encouraging her. Enjoy the show!

**Leah Oak '32**

Leah has danced in Punahou Dance School's productions of *Robin Hood* and *Pathways to Tomorrow*. She also performed in the 5th Grade Drama Club production of *Space Pirates*. Leah is grateful to be able to express her creativity through this production and would like to thank her family for this opportunity.

**Caitlyn Prather '31**

Caitlyn has most recently appeared in *Hadestown Teen Edition* (Ensemble) at Ohana Arts, as well as *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (Queen of Hearts) and *Christmas Gift of Aloha* (Mrs. Claus) at Diamond Head Theatre, and *The Lion King Jr.* (Zazu) at Punahou. She would like to thank all of her teachers and family members for their support and helping shape her into the performer she is today.



Emma Quan '33

Emma has previously performed with Ohana Arts in *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Fish). She would like to thank her parents, teachers, and friends for always supporting her in what she loved and more. She is appreciative of this opportunity.



Curren Sangillo '36

This is Curren's acting debut. He is very excited to be part of this show and share the stage with his sister, Penelope. Curren would like to thank his family, teachers, and friends for their love and support. He is incredibly grateful to have such wonderful people cheering him on every step of the way!



Penelope Sangillo '33

Penelope returns to the Dillingham stage from her previous performance in *Frankie Builds Androids* (2.0). She has also performed in *The New Sheriff In Town* (Calamity) and *Robin Hood* (Villager). She would like to thank her family and friends for believing in her and always being there for her. She is so grateful to everyone for giving her this amazing opportunity.



Kylie'ena Schmalensee '32

Kylie has appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* (Punahou), *The Wizard of Oz* (MUES), *Shrek the Musical* (PACK), *Winnie the Pooh* (PACK), and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (PACK). She would like to thank her family for supporting her, the amazing teachers for making this possible, and also all of her friends she made during the show.



Olive Shea '31

Olive has been in multiple productions with her favorites including *Frankie Builds Androids* (Punahou), *Dare to Dream* (DHT), *Peace on Your Wings* (OA), and *Alice in Wonderland* (Punahou). She is grateful to be part of such a beautiful production with an extremely talented cast. She would like to thank her parents, directors, and everyone who has supported her.



Camden Shelton '31

This is Camden's second show at Punahou having previously appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* (Timon). He would like to thank his family, friends, and teachers for supporting him on his theater journey. He is very grateful and thankful for this opportunity to show his talents.



Quinn Shelverton '31

Quinn's previous acting credits include *Annie Jr.* (Ensemble) as well as Punahou's production of *Frankie Builds Androids* (Storm). She would like to thank her family for allowing her to partake in this wonderful opportunity.

**Scarlett Shibasaki '32**

Scarlett has previously appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* (Punahou), *Singing in the Rain Jr.* (PDD), *Matilda Jr.* (PDD), *The Wizard of Oz* (MUES), and *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (DHT). She would like to thank Ms. Taylor, Mr. Nahale, and Mrs. Scanlan for this opportunity. Shout out to her amazing family and especially friends for supporting her every step of the way.

**Jeju Shimizu '31**

Jeju recently performed in Punahou's production of *Frankie Builds Androids* (3.0) as well as *Alice in Wonderland* (Dormouse) and *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (Munchkin/Winged Monkey). He would like to thank his family for giving him this opportunity as well as all of his friends who were in the play.

**Sara Shimotsu '31**

Sara has appeared in Punahou's production of *The Lion King Jr.* (Ensemble) as well as Wai'alae Performing Arts' productions of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* (James Understudy) and *Matilda Jr.* (Hortensia). She would like to thank her family for all their support throughout the show. She enjoyed and is grateful every moment of it.

**Cienna Stewart '32**

Cienna has performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Punahou), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (PA'A), *Shrek Jr.* (PA'A), *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (PA'A), and *High School Musical* (OA). She would love to thank her parents for working hard to keep her at this school. She would like to thank the rest of her family for their support.

**Madelyn Tanaka '32**

This is Madelyn's first performance at Punahou. She previously appeared in PA'A's *Shrek the Musical Jr.* (Teen Fiona), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ursula), and *Dare to Dream Jr.* (Featured Soloist) as well as *Jamie and the Giant Loquat* (Jamie, CRDG) and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Patty Farrell, OA). Madelyn would like to give a big MAHALO to the directors for their utmost patience and expertise and to her family for their endless love and encouragement!

**Rina Uesato '33**

Rina has previously performed in Punahou's production of *The New Sheriff in Town* as well as PACK's productions of *Aladdin Jr.* and *Shrek the Musical Kids*. She would like to thank the people who made her feel like she could make it here. She is very grateful for this opportunity to do *Once on This Island* as a 6th grader.



**Lyric Webb '31**

Lyric has previously appeared in *The Lion King Jr.* and *Cinderella*. She would like to thank her family for pushing her to do her best. She loves them. Lyric is very happy and is excited for the road ahead!

**Eames Williams '31**

Eames has appeared in Punahou's productions of *The Claw* (Beanie Elder), *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* (Yellow Brick Road), *The Lion King Jr.* (Young Simba), and *Robin Hood* (Lead Sheriff). He has also appeared in HBT's production of *The Princess Bride*. Eames would like to thank his friends and family from the bottom of his heart for supporting him throughout all of his endeavors. He appreciates you all very much!

**Kira Witlarge '32**

Kira has danced in numerous shows with Punahou Dance School, Honolulu Dance Studio, and Hawaii Ballet Theatre. She has also appeared in Ron Bright Kids' production of *Imagine*. She would like to thank her family for supporting her and all of her teachers that taught her everything. She is very grateful for this opportunity.

**Abyie Yacavone '31**

Abyie recently performed in Punahou's summer production of *Frankie Builds Androids* (Emerson). Before that, she performed with Waialae Performing Arts in *James and the Giant Peach* (Ensemble), *Matilda* (Ensemble), *Seussical the Musical* (Mrs. Mayor), and *Alice in Wonderland* (Main Flower/Alice's Sister). Abyie would like to thank her family and friends for always being there for her and encouraging her to try her best.

CRDG - Hawaii Book and Music Festival Curriculum Research & Development Group, DHT - Diamond Head Theatre, HBT - Hawaii Ballet Theatre, HMCT - Hawaii Military Community Theatre, HTY - Hawaii Theatre for Youth, MUES - Mililani Uka Elementary School, OA - Ohana Arts, PA'A - Hongwanji Mission School Performing Arts Academy, PACK - Performing Arts Center of Kapolei, PDD - Pas De Deux Hawaii.

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Show Summary

Welcome to 1950s Haiti, an island where both peasants and the wealthy grands hommes live.

Through almost non-stop song and dance, this full-hearted musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and even death.

– Music Theatre International



Director's Note

Once on This Island Jr. celebrates community, connection and the power of love. In this current time when AI seems to be everywhere, creating a show that fosters human connection and collaboration seems ever more essential. Live theatre allows us to tell meaningful stories that exist in a singular moment in time—never to be replicated or experienced the same way. Like the show says, “our lives become the stories that we tell.” We can’t wait to share the story we’ve created together with you.

It has been an honor to work with this cast and crew to create a world filled with real things – storms, struggle, happiness, death, and most of all, love. I am so thankful for their commitment to bringing their characters and this world to life and sharing it with authenticity. It reminds us that we are all “part of the human heart.” A sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart to the production team – Alicia, Nahale, Athena, Andrew, Erin, Alex, Anna and everyone else who assisted – your ideas, energy and heart have made this show something special. And to you, the audience, – you are “why we tell the story.” We hope you enjoy the show!

– Heather Taylor

