

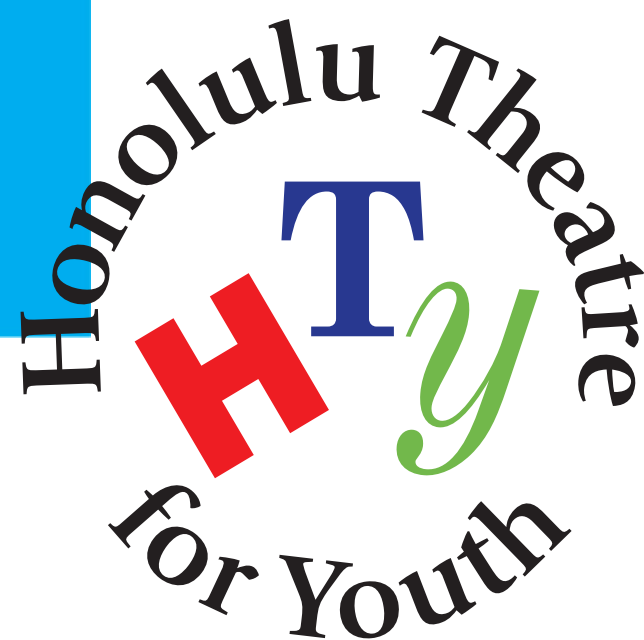
Fall 2023

The Carp Who Would Not Quit



and other Animal Stories

By Reiko Ho
and The HTY Ensemble





Production Credits

Written by

Reiko Ho
and The HTY Ensemble

Directed by

Reiko Ho

Performed by

Serina Dunham
Mattea Mazzella
Hermenigildo Tesoro Jr.

Original Music by

Mattea Mazzella

Set & Costume Design by

Iris Kim

Lighting Design by

Chesley Cannon

Puppet & Prop Design by

Eric West

Additional Props by

Sarah Danvers
Hermenigildo Tesoro Jr.

Technical Director

Eric West

Stage Manager

Sarah Danvers

Special Thanks

Maki'ilei Ishihara
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About the Show

This sweet and happy show reimagines a selection of traditional fables from Japan and Okinawa. These tales teach important lessons of perseverance, respect and kindness. Japanese and Okinawan music, language and culture are the heart of this performance featuring clever animals and a whole lot of fun for everyone in the family. After a brief run at Tenney, the team will spend four weeks traveling throughout the Neighbor Islands, then eight weeks on the Continent, visiting venues in 14 cities. The show is also a part of the 2023-24 season for the acclaimed Children's Theatre Company (CTC) in Minneapolis. The whole team will travel to Minneapolis in early 2024 for a five week residency at CTC, performing for school children and families.

About the Team



Reiko Ho is a Hawai'i-based director and theatre maker. She is an accomplished theatre artist who loves telling stories that give voice to the diverse communities of her island home. She is currently Artistic Associate for Honolulu Theatre for Youth, a member of The Consortium of Asian American Theaters & Artists (CAATA), and on the Board of Directors for TYA/USA, the leading national organization for the professional field of theatre for young audiences.



Serina Dunham was born and raised as a hapa girl in Nara, Japan, Serina moved to study theatre at UH Mānoa. Serina has a passion for TYA and clowning, as well as a Japanese sit-down comedic storytelling form called rakugo, which she performed statewide as well as nationally. This is Serina's 5th season in HTY's resident ensemble.



Mattea 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 ninth season as a member of HTY's resident ensemble.



Hermenigildo Tesoro Jr. is in his 28th 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, a salt farmer and a cockroach (again).



Aloha from Artistic Director, Eric Johnson

Aloha, Konnichiwa,
Ran anim, Ni hao,
Howzit?!



No matter how you say it,
we are delighted to have you and your family
returning to HTY!

Our love of sharing local stories and laughter
with you and your family is our greatest joy, and
we hope that today's show is filled with opportuni-
ties to do just that.

Our 2023-24 Season offers a collection of
wonderful stories from here at home and around
the globe. We'll share the story of the children of
Hawaiian Ali'i, explore what goes on under
the ocean, meet some amazing local super heroes
and cheer on the animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

We want to make coming to see a show at HTY
a part of your ohana's story. An HTY membership
makes it easy and affordable. HTY members can
come back and see shows multiple times for no
additional charge. Sign up at www.htyweb.org.

Let us share our stories with you!
Eric Johnson



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