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# Hulas and Homicide

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## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Sarah Kristen Gibbon
Producer	Colleen Ackerman
Set Design	.Mary Carnes & Colleen Ackerman
Program Design	Mary Carnes
Food & Beverage Selection	Tony Reverditto
Background Music	Tony Reverditto & Bill Ackerman

Special Thanks to Debradawn Squires Shockey for help with costumes and decor

Our cast of characters tonight are members of the Vagabond Theater Group of Menifee.

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Kipiwar Beach Police Department Detective Hoku

#### Dear Guests,

You were invited here today to help investigate the death of *Winnie Waheli who runs the annual hula* contest at the Kikiwai Queen Hotel. Her body was found this morning lying on the beach. At first, her death appeared to be an unfortunate accident, but now we believe it was homicide. Please help Detective Lolo and I solve this case by finding her murderer. Please meet and interact with the following individuals in order to help us determine who the killer is. Welcome to the case!

#### Leia Lailani

Champion Hula Dancer. She has won the competition for the last five years. She knows the advantages of being in Winnie's good graces.

#### Pono Pahu

Drummer. His rumbling rhythms have provided the perfect backdrop for the gyrating gestures of the deliberate dancers.

#### Hanna Hobart

Amateur Hula Champion. Even though she was raised in New England, Hanna has been getting rave reviews for her interpretation of traditional island dances. Some people say only native Hawaiians should be Hula dancers.

#### Norm Room

Owner of the Kikiwai Queen Hotel. He makes a lot of money during the competition. If Winnie ever decided to move the hula contest to another hotel, he could lose a ton of profits.

#### Minnie Moławi

Chief Assistant Judge. For the past ten years, Minnie has been a judge at the contest. She knows everything about Winnie - even more than she cares to know.

#### Mort Barks

Emcee of the Contest. When he sings "There she is, this our hula gal," it brings a tear to everyone's eve.

#### Flora Fauna

For years, she's been providing the flowers for the contest. Winnie always wants her way with flowers - especially when she makes a special request.

#### Mitch Awave

Surfer. In his quest to find the ultimate wave, he discovered Kikiwai Beach many years ago. Because of the competition, he has to worry about bumping into people while hanging ten.

Please find various clues at your tables that you may find useful in your search. You and other guests may want to share what you know to make the best judgement.

Thank you for your help!

Detective Hoku

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Beau Allen** (Mitch Awave) is very excited to have this chance to bring theater back into his life. As a full time manager of The Goat and Vine restaurant in Temecula and a newly certified yoga instructor, finding time for acting is very precious to him. He misses his old days on stage with Shakespeare in the Vines and is thrilled to be doing this murder mystery! He loves video games and his wiener dog, Mr. Freddie.

**Christopher Campbell** (Mort Barks) lives in Menifee with his family and is happy to be a part of the arts in Menifee. He regularly performs with Fine Arts Network, Ophelia Theatre Group, Theatre Royal and Shakespeare in the Vines, and especially enjoys Murder Mysteries as they are a great way to engage with the audience and have a great time. When not performing, he works with the Murrieta Valley School District and loves more than anything else, spending time with his amazing wife and three wonderful children. He hopes that you all have a great time tonight as well!

**Selena Coulter** (Minnie Molawi) has been entertaining audiences in Southern California for 40 years. She studied under Walter "Buck" Stevens and has run the gambit of all forms of performance art. Recently you might have seen her in the Shakespeare in the Vines rendition of *Much Ado About Nothing*; Fine Arts Networks, *SpongeBob SquarePants the musical*; or Temecula Valley Players, *Daddy's Dying, Who's got the Will?*. She hopes you enjoy tonight's immersive dining experience.

**Heather Fix** (Flora Fauna) is no stranger to being on stage performing. She grew up in performing arts, from dance, gymnastics, singing and theater to pageants and cheerleading. She now mainly works "behind the scenes" as a Hollywood-trained makeup artist for haunted houses and comedy specials. She also teaches many forms of art to people of all ages at a pottery studio and as a traveling art teacher for senior, rehabilitation and memory care facilities.

**Jeff Gadigan** (Pono Pahu) is super excited to be working with Arts Council Menifee. As a character actor and improviser he is a graduate of the Second City Conservatory, Hollywood and has trained at the Groundlings as well as iO West. A few credits include *Star Spangled Girl, California Suite, God's Favorite* and *Lysistrata*. Recently he was a cast member of Vagabond Theatre Groups inaugural production of *CENSORED: On Final Approach,* in Menifee. He is also an accomplished producer, writer and owns a small production company, AminoCat Entertainment, with his wife.



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Sarah Kristen Gibbon (Director, Detective Lolo) is a local actor, stage manager, director and producer. She graduated from California State University, San Marcos with a Bachelor's Degree in Visual and Performing Arts, with an emphasis in Theater. Sarah has 23 years of theater experience ranging from onstage to backstage. She also has seven years of comedy sports/improv. She trained in improvisational movement/dance with Karen Schaffman for four years. Sarah is now the Executive Director and Founder of Vagabond Theatre Group.

Monica Reichl (Leia Lailani) is delighted to be in ACM's murder mystery again. Previously, she was in Masked for Murder. Locally she has appeared on stage in a number of venues, including Play With Your Food, Temecula Valley Players, Idyllwild Actors Theatre, Inland Stage Company, The Grove Theatre. Monica has a Master's degree in Theatre Arts from San Francisco State University. She is currently the drama teacher at Tahquitz High School, serves on the boards of Arts Council Menifee and Vagabond Theatre Group of Menifee.

**Debradawn Shockey** (Hannah Hobart) is thrilled to be performing for the first time with Vagabond Theatre and the Arts Council Menifee! It's been wonderful getting to work with many new faces, and she is thoroughly impressed with the abundant talent of both the cast and director of Hulas and Homicide! Debradawn has been involved with local theaters such as Harvard Street Theatre Co. and Ramona Hillside Players, among many others for about three decades in various capacities including: producing, directing, acting, costuming and set design.

J. Kay Welding (Norm Room) received his degree in Audio Engineering from The Los Angeles Film School after an eight year Marine Corps career. J. has performed in venues around the world and also boasts several SHAKESPEARE credits such as: Duke of Cornwall (King Lear), Henry Bolingbroke/King Henry IV (Richard II) and most notably, headlining the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga, CA as Signior Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing, and the title role in William Shakespeare's Othello at The BOX Theatre in downtown Riverside.

\*Special Guest Appearance: Detective Kaub who will be moonlighting for Detective Hoku



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