

TE VARUA 'ORI PRESENTS

A woman with long dark hair and a flower crown of white and green flowers looks upwards with a thoughtful expression. Her hand is raised to her chin. In the background, a large, detailed illustration of a moose's face is visible, with its eyes looking towards the viewer. The scene is set against a warm, golden light.

# TEREHĒ

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# *Te Varua 'Ori presents The Legend of Terehē*

Story Adaptation by Tonyo Toomaru

## **Act 1**

The Unuunu ceremony has begun! It is a time of reset and renewal. The animals, the nature, the sea and the people will be still and cherish this sacred moment. Any disruption to the tranquility of the island, is forbidden. Every being is at peace.

A young woman, Terehē understands nothing of sacred ceremonies. She is a woman of great beauty, with a gentle face and strong spirit. She went to the river and as she entered the water, the earth began to shudder. The trees trembled with fear. The voice of nature is heard.

## **Act 2**

Terehē is at fault as great torments arose on the island. As she swims in the river a powerful current leads her, like a whirlwind, and pulls her down. Trapped by the whirlpool, Terehē drowns.

Tuna nui , the big eel, the king of eels arose! He is fierce and sacred. Terehē is swallowed by Tuna Nui.

***There will be one 15-minute intermission.***

## **Act 3**

Terehē's body is dead, but her spirit lives in the body of the eel, Tuna Nui. Inside of the eel's body, Terehē and Tuna Nui battle for control .

## **Act 4**

The head of the eel is now possessed by the spirit of Terehē. She now has control.

## **Act 5**

Terehē and Tuna Nui are now one. Terehē is now the great leader of the people. It is true that Terehē broke the law and the traditional customs were disturbed. However, the strong desire to want good, independence, and love for the people and the land, Terehē has won! She gives herself to the great ocean and sails away to a new world, liberating her people!

# *Te Varua 'Ori's The Legend of Terehē Cast*



**TEREHĒ**

***Kristi Matira Romero***

**TUNA NUI**

***Brent Mendoza***

**'ŌRERO**

***Tylon Buendia***



Sia Abito  
Khloe Agbayani  
Kristine Alcantara-Dye  
April Argana  
Nia Ayala  
Juliet Ayech  
Megan Baja  
Paolo Baja  
Raquel Balboa  
Marissa Bouchard  
Chelsea Brown  
Sinta Buhay  
Jenna Bustos  
Joy Cachero  
Danica Camacho  
Kirsten Capps  
Yvette Concepcion  
Gwenevere Cruz  
Crystal Cuadro  
Alyssa Dang  
Rebekah De Pano  
Jaidyn DeCastro  
Jessamaye Delaisla  
Maria Deseo Espinoza  
Alessandra Espinoza  
Daniela Espinoza  
Violet Esquivel  
Aiza Estanislao  
Wilma Estudillo  
Andrea Farase  
Tiffany Figueroa

Vanessa Noelle Flores  
Katrina Galera  
Abraham Garalde  
Valerie Gascon  
Lizabeth Gonzalez  
Danica Gotanda  
Marissa Granados  
Ryan Holmen  
Jasmine Huynh  
Heather Jusay  
Jordan Jusay  
Shaila Keo  
Megan Lantion  
Breanne Lee  
Justine Litonjua  
Alyssa Litonjua  
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Brent Mendoza  
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Jasmine Ramjohn  
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Julianna Sales  
Victoria Sales  
Anna Samson  
Lauren San Diego  
Samantha San Diego  
Jason San Diego  
Eryn Santa Ana  
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Paul Santos  
Rasmey Sean-Ayech  
Holly Shiohama  
Monica Siazon  
Jenelle Soller  
Misha Stevenson  
Mai T Su'a  
Annika Tagumasi  
Stella Tallase  
Elizabeth Thaw  
Pia Grace Torres  
Tessa Tsai  
Bonnie Tuttle  
Julie Viray  
Alyssa Vistro  
Gannon Warren  
Kristina Wong  
Christen Wroth  
Brittany Yang  
Abigail Zabala

# ***Te Varua 'Ori's* The Legend of Terehē**

**Thank you to our Te Varua 'Ori Members! Your continued support is appreciated!**

## **Musicians**

Bryan Burgonio  
Daniel Domingo  
Kalisi Liava'a  
Lucas Mercado  
John Sarmiento  
Giovany Tejeda

## **Contributing Drumming Composers from Tahiti**

Nuirai Patu  
Teva Teinauri

## **Contributing Music Composer**

Lucas Mercado

## **Lyricist**

Tonyo Toomaru

## **Contributing Vocalists**

Aiza Estanislao  
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## **Photographer**

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## **Graphic Designer**

Joshua Mercado

## **Costume Designers**

Marisol Alidon  
Kristi Romero

## **Costume Assistants**

Jeannine Burgonio  
Alyssa Dang  
Aiza Estanislao  
Julie Viray



# Thank you family & friends! This would not be possible without your continued support!

*This show is dedicated to the people of Tonga, devastated by the undersea volcanic eruption and tsunami. A portion of the proceeds of ticket sales will be donated specifically to the village of Ha'avakatolo to which the Liavaa'a family belongs.*

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Director, Producer & Choreographer

**Kalisi Liava'a**  
Music/Drumming Director & Composer

**Contributing Choreographer**  
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**With Great Gratitude to our Team Leads:**

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Marissa Bouchard  
Vilma Estudillo  
Brent Mendoza  
Julien Nishina  
Rasmey Sean-Ayech  
Holly Shiohama  
Pia Grace Torres  
Julie Viray

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