

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 ferce 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 del 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



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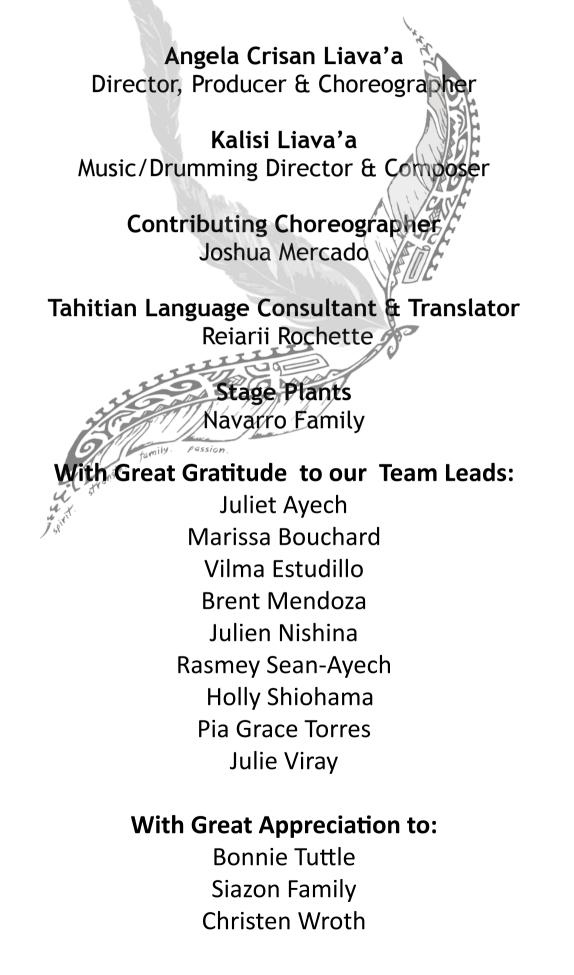
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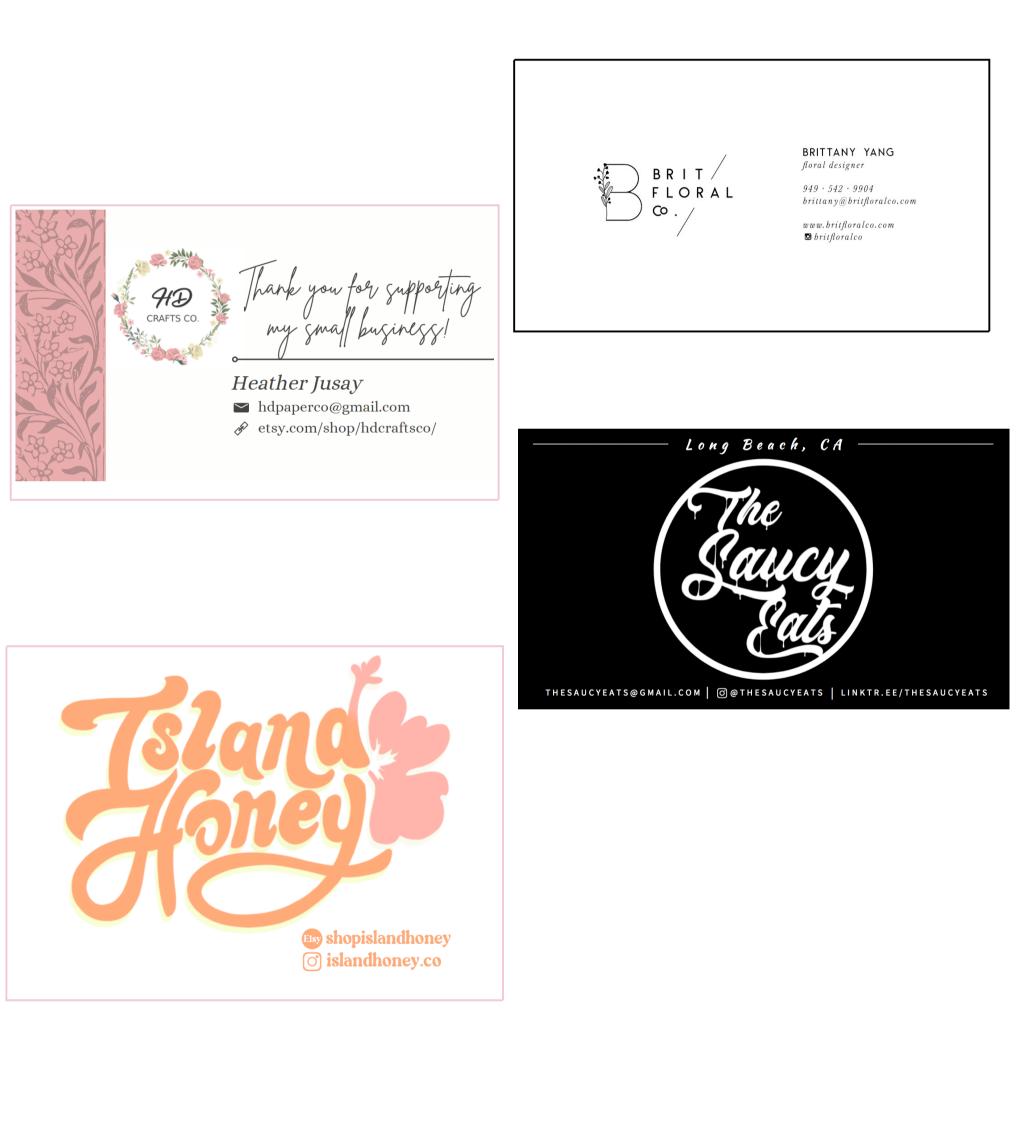
This show is dedicated to the people of Tonga, devastated by the undersea volcanic eruption and tsunami. A portion of the proceeds of ticket sales will be donated specifically to the village of Ha'avakatolo to which the Liavaa'a family belongs.



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