

Kalikimaka

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(A Hallmark-style local romantic drama set during Christmas)

Winner:

Kumu Kahua Theatre Playwriting Competition -
Residents' Prize 2025

TIME: The Present

PLACE: Volcano Village, Hawai'i Island

SETTING:

The action of the play shifts between three locations within the chilly, rustic village of Volcano, Hawai'i -

- Kainoa's cabin - a quaint and charming livingroom, with a fireplace and couch. Managed by his Aunty as a Bed & Breakfast when he is not in town, which is most of the time.
- Don's house - the dining-room of a cozy working-class local home, which Don shares with his daughter and grandson. A small, decorated Norfolk Pine sits on a table-top, surrounded by a few wrapped gifts.
- Aunty's "studio" - the wide-open downstairs portion of Aunty's house, used as a party space.

CHARACTERS:

KAINOA - a successful Hawai'i singer/celebrity. 29 years old.

MARY - a single mom who works as a house cleaner. 29 years old.

KAMALU - Mary's son, 11 years old.

DON - Mary's divorced dad, 55 years old. Also known as "Papa."

AUNTY LOKELANI - Kainoa's aunty, Mary's boss. 50 years old.