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Hawai'i Education of the Arts Auditions for "HONK!"

"HONK!" Marks the Nonprofit's 17th Annual Summer Musical Production

Kailua, Hawaii – February 12, 2020 – [Hawaii Education of the Arts](#) (HEARTS) hosts auditions for "HONK!" the musical adaptation of the beloved Hans Christian Anderson's fable, *The Ugly Duckling* on Friday, March 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Kailua Church of the Nazarene (536 Oneawa Street). Open to children and teens 9-18 years of age, HEARTS welcomes any and all students to audition for their 17th annual summer musical production of the award-winning musical. Those cast will perform in four productions during the weekend of July 24 - 26 at the historic Palikū Theatre in Kāneʻohe.

"Fraught with humor and delightful animal characters, this musical portrayal of the Ugly Duckling contrasts bullying with kindness and teaches lessons of tolerance, accepting those who are different, and the importance of family loyalty and heartfelt friendship. We are excited to spend a summer producing HONK!, a musical that emulates HEARTS' mission to develop character in youth through the arts." – *Dr. Pam DeBoard, Executive and Artistic Director of HEARTS*

"HONK!" tells the story of Ugly, a brave and adventurous feathered friend, who looks different from her duckling brothers and sisters. Despite being deeply loved by her mother and father, Ugly is determined to find out what makes her different by setting out on quite the adventure. With the help of new friends like geese squadron leaders, Greylag and Dot, the encouraging and animated Bullfrog, and a domesticated cat who lives up to her name, Queenie, Ugly finds out that being different isn't so bad after all. Featuring songs like *Every Tear a Mother Cries*, *Different*, and *Warts and All*, this family-friendly musical will bring joy, laughter, and a heart-warming message to audiences of all ages.

Youth should prepare two contrasting song selections no longer than one verse and one chorus (approximately 32 bars) that demonstrates musical expression, emotional connection to lyrics and ability to tell a story through song – this can be comedic. Those auditioning must bring sheet music written in the key they will be singing. An accompanist will be provided.

Rehearsals at the Kailua Church of the Nazarene will begin on June 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, with aftercare programming available from 1 - 4 p.m. beginning June 15 - July 17. Tech week will take place July 20 - 23 from 12 - 8 p.m. at Paliku Theatre. For more information, please contact Production Manager Megan Dung at meganhdung@gmail.com.

About Hawaii Education of the Arts (HEARTS)

Hawaii Education of the Arts (HEARTS) is a Kailua based 501(c)3 nonprofit arts education organization that serves its community by providing year-round arts-based programming and high-quality performances for the public. They sponsor musical theatre, choir, hula, theatre production and dance classes, and produce musicals at Palikū Theatre twice a year. Past productions include: *Cinderella*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Peter Pan*, *Marry Poppins*, *Into the Woods*, and *Annie*. Like us on Facebook @HEARTSHawaii. Visit www.heartshawaii.org, or call 808-741-2787 for information about the organization, including financial aid.

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