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“When the Cassowary Pooped” Premieres at Kennedy Theatre

Environmental Children’s Tale Offers Humorous Characters, Puppetry and Magical Effects

The University of Hawai’i at Mānoa’s Department of Theatre and Dance kicks off its 2009-2010 mainstage season with the world premiere of the new youth theatre production “When the Cassowary Pooped,” directed by the critically acclaimed Tamara Montgomery. “When the Cassowary Pooped,” playing Oct. 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., is based on the book of the same title to be released in Sept. 2009, written by Montgomery and Jodi Parry Belknap with illustrations by Joseph D. Dodd.

“This production is not only fun, but is also a wonderful way to introduce children to the endangered species of New Guinea,” said Montgomery. “Our talented and dynamic cast truly brings this story to life,” she added. Montgomery continues her legacy of UHM children’s productions that offer educational and entertainment value by directing the third play about endangered species of the Pacific Rim.

“When the Cassowary Pooped” is a humorous and intriguing story about a very large endangered bird whose feeding habits create a tropical rainforest habitat for an assortment of birds, mammals and insects in New Guinea. The production is filled with magical effects, colorful costumes and even more colorful characters including a large Cassowary bird puppet, do-wopping frogs, fanciful birds of paradise, a hip-hopping kangaroo, a fruit bat, a pinching coconut crab and a pidgin speaking storyteller (played by

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local celebrity, Tony Young). Full of humor and action, this environmental tale is geared for families with young children ages four to eight.

Audience members will be able to purchase copies of the newly released book “When the Cassowary Pooped” and have them autographed by the authors and illustrator at each performance.

Tickets for “When the Cassowary Pooped” go on sale at www.etickethawaii.com, outlets, and by phone at 944-2697 on Sept. 14. Tickets will go on sale at the Kennedy Theatre Box Office beginning Sept. 28. Purchases may be made at the Kennedy Theatre Box Office Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with extended hours on days of performance. Prices are \$15 regular; \$14 seniors, military, UH faculty/staff; \$12 students/children; \$5 UHM students with a validated Fall 09 UHM photo ID. Ticket prices include all service fees. For more information or disability access, call the Kennedy Theatre Box Office at 956-7655 (voice/text).

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WHAT: **When the Cassowary Pooped**

PRESENTED BY: UHM Department of Theatre and Dance

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WHERE: UHM's Kennedy Theatre

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