

Moana Main Cast Bios



Auli'i Cravalho – MOANA

An actress and singer, Auli'i Cravalho was only 14 years old when she was discovered and cast as the lead in Walt Disney Animation Studios' worldwide hit film, the Academy Award-nominated "Moana." Now 17, Cravalho has traveled the world promoting "Moana" and, in what would be a career highlight for the most seasoned of performers, flawlessly sang the Oscar-nominated song "How Far I'll Go" live on the Academy Awards for an audience of hundreds of millions. She is known for her role as Lilette Suarez in the NBC drama "Rise", has sung "The Star Spangled Banner" for the annual "National Memorial Day Concert" on PBS and performed at Christmas in Rockefeller Center on NBC last year. TIME Magazine named her one of the 30 Most Influential Teens of 2017.

Kaipulaumakaniolono Baker – MAUI

Kaipulaumakaniolono Baker resides in Kaha'u on the island of O'ahu and is a proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama campus. He is currently studying English and Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and is working as an 'Ōlelo Hawai'i tutor for their Native Hawaiian Student Services. He hopes to serve the Kanaka Maoli community to the best of his ability through the revitalization and reinvigoration of language and culture. Kaipu is honored to have been given the opportunity to perpetuate his culture through the role of Maui.

Tialynn Kalehua Kawa'a – GRAMMA TALA

Born and raised on the "Friendly Isle" of Moloka'i, Kalehua Kawa'a's love for 'Ōlelo Hawai'i and performing was evident at a very young age. Her immersion in the Hawaiian Language began in Pūnana Leo o Moloka'i and Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Kualapu'u, where she also learned to embrace performing songs and dances in front of a crowd. With the loving encouragement of her 'ohana, she continued to develop her performance skills in Theater at Kapi'olani Community College. She continued to pursue her education in Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she earned her Bachelor's degree and is currently a Kumu at Ke Kula 'o Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau.

Keliko Hoe – CHIEF TUI

Keliko Hoe is from Hakipu'u, O'ahu and is an alumni of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama campus. He attended the University of Hawai'i and graduated with a B.A. in Hawaiian Language and an M.A. in Religion with a focus on Hawaiian and Polynesian religions. Keliko has taught Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies in the University of Hawai'i system since 1996 and is currently a lecturer at Windward Community College. Hawaiian language and culture has been a part of Keliko his whole life and he is excited to play to voice of Chief Tui.

Kamakakēhau Fernandez – TAMATOA

From the island of Maui, Kamakakēhau Fernandez is one of Hawai'i's newest and most refreshing talents. He is a graduate of the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program (Kula Kaiapuni, King Kekaulike High School) and is proud to be a fluent speaker of the Hawaiian language. Kamakakēhau has received numerous awards for his talent; Richard Ho'opi'i's falsetto contest in 2003, The 4th Annual Kani Ka Pila Grille Talent Search in 2012, and Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award Winner in 2013. Kamaka is thrilled to have been given the opportunity to express his Hawaiian heart and soul as the role of Tamatoa.

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Nicole Scherzinger – Sina

Best known as the lead singer of the hit girl group 'The Pussycat Dolls', Scherzinger has sold over 60 million records globally over the course of her pop career. Receiving an Olivier Award Nomination for her role in the revival of Andrew Lloyd Webbers' 'Cats - The Musical' in London's West End, she has also dusted with Andrea Bocelli on various classical projects. Beyond music, she recently played the role of 'Sina' in Disney's animated blockbuster, 'Moana', and has been a judge on both the UK & US versions of 'The X-Factor' where she has been instrumental in the formation of international successes such as One Direction and James Arthur.