

# Kennedy Theatre



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## **SUPERHEROES SAVE THE DAY... AT NIGHT**

The Late Night Theatre premieres *Issue One*

The Late Night Theatre at UHM's Department of Theatre + Dance is pleased to continue its 2016/2017 season with *Issue One*, a devised work about superheroes written and directed by Michael Donato. Performances will be held Kennedy Theatre's Studio S, February 15 through 18 at 10 p.m.

Devised theatre is a type of drama that begins with no script or pre-set storyline. Rather, a group of performers come together to create a performance based on some source of inspiration such as a myth, person, color, emotion, or season. Donato and his cast conceived of their world together, complete with their characters and powers, and the relationships between said characters. They immersed themselves in research that included comics, films, and the overall "superhero genre."

More of a coming of age story than an origin story, *Issue One* is set in an alternate Oahu where super heroes, heroines, and villains are born regularly. It follows the story of two rising heroines, Sparrow and Eli, as they try to take on two notorious super villains, Main Dish and Maxi T, who have been killing heroes and villains alike. This story addresses questions of power, responsibility, and the morality behind choices regarding how to combat "evil."

Donato, who last ventured into the superhero genre five years ago at LCC's Ten-Minute Play Festival, has always been attracted to the unique genre. He is constantly looking for different ways to showcase such stories on stage, and this devised piece *Issue One* is his newest foray. "There is an element of duality that runs throughout the show," says Donato. "Characters

fighting not only in the name of good or evil, but also in pairs. One at the sunrise of their adventures and careers, and one at their sunset.”

Tickets to *Issue One* will go on sale at the Kennedy Theatre Box Office on hour before showtime.

**EVENT:**

*Issue One*

**PRESENTED BY:**

The Late Night Theatre UHM Department of Theatre + Dance

**WHEN:**

Feb. 15, 16, 17, 18 at 10 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Kennedy Theatre Studio S  
1770 East-West Rd.  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**TICKET PRICES:**

\$10 Regular  
\$8 Seniors, Military, UH Faculty/Staff  
\$5 UH Mānoa Students with valid ID

**PURCHASE INFO:**

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