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First Look at New Disney Treasure 'Moana' Show

We're excited to share more details about "Disney The Tale of Moana," which will debut exclusively at the Walt Disney Theatre onboard the *Disney Treasure* in December 2024. With set design and music bursting with elements of Pacific Island cultures which inspire the classic coming-of-age tale, this innovative production will immerse audiences in a transformational adventure across land and sea.



Read on for more details and a sneak peek of how "Disney The Tale of Moana" will come to life in the first stage adaptation inspired by the Walt Disney Animation Studios film.

## **Towering Puppets Take Stage**

To create puppetry that soars to mythical heights, Disney Live Entertainment Creative Director of puppetry and articulation, Jeff Conover, teamed up with master puppet designer Michael Curry, whose creations are featured in Disney's Tony Award-winning musical "The Lion King" on Broadway. Te Kā, the massive, fiery villain guarding Te Fiti, will be a puppet of a scale Disney Cruise Line has never before produced. When Moana meets Te Kā and restores the heart of Te Fiti, the giant Te Kā puppet will shed its fiery shell and become the gentle island goddess, Te Fiti herself.

## Practice Your "Warrior Face"

The stage show will also include a brand new song, "Warrior Face," performed by Moana and Maui when the demigod teaches Moana how to face her fears before entering the Realm of the Monsters to face Tamatoa. "Warrior Face" will join classic favorites from the Grammy-Award winning soundtrack in the stage show, including "You're Welcome," "We Know The Way" and "How Far I'll Go."



## Setting the Scene in "Innocent Warrior"

"Disney The Tale of Moana" will begin in modern day on the fictional island of Motunui, in a set design filled with hints of brilliant Pacific Island cultures that will appear throughout the show. The spirit of Gramma Tala, our narrator, will introduce her granddaughter, while through vibrant dance and songs in a mix of languages including Tuvaluan, Tokelauan and Samoan, we will learn how the ocean chooses young Moana for an incredible journey to restore the heart of Te Fiti.



## Transforming The Walt Disney Theatre in "How Far I'll Go"

In this iconic scene, The Walt Disney Theatre will transform from the island of Motunui into the open ocean as Moana's journey moves from her home to the great voyage that she's longed for her entire life. Twinkling stars will swirl overhead and a giant, glowing manta ray will emerge and soar above the audience as a newfound sense of courage fills Moana. The manta ray is the spirit of Gramma Tala, lighting up the sea to accompany Moana on her journey to save her people.

This show looks stunning, and we know our guests cannot wait to see Moana's incredible story unfold in a new way on the *Disney Treasure*! "Disney The Tale of Moana" will join a dazzling lineup of fan-favorite shows like "Beauty and the Beast" and "Disney Seas the Adventure" in the Walt Disney Theatre. Stay tuned for more details about the *Disney Treasure* as we count down the days until it sets sail in December 2024.

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