



Dear Portfolio Show Visitor,

Aloha! My name is Nicholas Paul Sao'ao Ka'ulu Mahiehie O Maui Villiarimo...but everybody calls me Niki! I come from Hana, Maui, Hawaii and I am White, Filipino and Kanaka Oihi (the indigenous people of Hawaii). I also identify as Mahu which is our indigenous term for gender-non-conforming queer and sexual identity. As an artist, cultural background and identity are interconnected with the types of work I am uniquely prepared to do, the stories I want to tell, and the community I hope to foster.

A natural storyteller my work spans acting, directing, writing, production, and stop-motion animation. I've been successfully academically and professionally, appearing each term on the Presidents & Deans list, and professional, working in Executive Administration and performing in Portland's Drag & Burlesque communities. I was recently named a Laika Scholar and Lois & Oscar Mock Endowed Scholar and I just completed my short film *Fairies in the Graveyard*, a story about the queer and trans experience of the 1980's and 90's, soon to be featured at the Viking Film Festival at Portland State University.

I bring a versatile creative skill set that can be applied across many contexts in the media industry and I'd like to demonstrate those skills for you as a multi-hyphenate artist who is ready to work.

A Hui Hou Malama Pono, Thank you.

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