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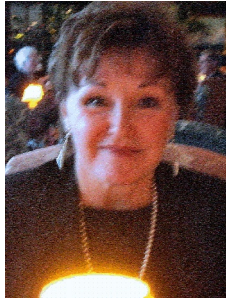
JO GRANDE DIRECTS *DEARLY BELOVED*, FEB. 18-Mar. 13th

It's been a few years since Jo directed for KCP, but some may remember her directing *The Sunshine Boys*, *Don't Drink the Water*, and *You Can't Take It With You*.

More likely you've seen her on stage, for example in WIT's production of *Deer and the Antelope Plays* or in a dozen other roles for KCP in her 25 years on the island.

In Jo's former home, Santa Maria, California, she also has a long list of acting credits, including a hilarious role as a lush she played in 2009 for the Santa Maria Civic Theatre's revival of *Wake Up Darling*.

With her daughter Tiffany and son-in-law, Androcles, Jo owns Grandes Gems, with stores at Kilohana, the Lihue Marriott, the Plantation Market Place and on Maui. She lives in Kapaa with her husband, Wil Welsh, current President of KCP.



PUHI THEATRICAL WAREHOUSE

Dearly Beloved plays at the warehouse 100 yards behind the Harley-Davidson store in Puihi, across from the Kauai Community College. A marquee is on the way (courtesy of a much-appreciated grant from the Mabel Wilcox Foundation) but for now, just look for the lights! Because seating is very limited, theater-goers are advised to call the KCP hotline at 808-245-7700 for information and 1-800-838-3006 for reservations or visit the web-site at www.kauaicommunityplayers.org

Jo explains: "I laughed so hard just reading *Dearly Beloved*, I just had to direct it. Actually, I'd love to be in it. But I have a great cast!" And they get to play some very intriguing characters.

Arnold Meister as highway patrolman John Curtis Buntner, Dub's best friend, takes his job and his guns very seriously. Arnold, with his Texas roots, helped Jo instruct actors in the fine art of the Texas accent.

Shanda Saraos Rego plays Geneva, the frantic wedding coordinator and florist.

Jenny Downs doubles as both Gina Jo, twin sister of the bride, and the more glamorous bride, Tina Jo. Gina's profession is a "cow inseminator" whose aqua gloves intrigue Justin, the shy minister working his way through seminary as a UPS delivery man played by **Jim Warrack**.

The play revolves around the Futrelle sisters, each a character in her own right. **Shauna Griffin** plays Frankie Futrelle Dubberly frantic that her daughter's wedding be perfect.

Mary McDermott plays Honey Raye Futrelle, the sister going through the "change" but determined to dress and act young.

Cher Ellwood plays Twink Futrelle, the sister determined to be married to Wiley Hicks, played by **Fredan Alfonso**, even though Wiley is definitely "out of it" on licit and illicit drugs.

Bobbee Downs as the local psychic, Nelda, finds it easier to read palms and tarot when Twink slaps down a twenty dollar bill.

Jeff Elkins as Dub Dubberly plans to surprise his wife at the wedding reception, but Frankie has an even bigger surprise for him.

Faith Harding plays the mother of the bridegroom, Patsy Price, who's not happy her son will sully the family name by marrying into the Futrelle gene pool.

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PARTY FOR PLAYWRIGHTS WELCOMES 30 NEW TO KCP

If you're a member of KCP, there's a good chance you were at the "party of the year" at Jo and Wil's house January 15th where two of the three authors of *Dearly Beloved* were honored. The prime rib was great and the entertainment was prime, too! Arnold Meister, Mary McDermott, Dottie Bekeart, Delia Valentine, Peggy Lake, Morgan Liddell, Shanda Rego – presented scenes and songs for very special evening!

The guests of honor, **Jamie Wooten & Nicholas Jones**, playwrights, who have been visiting Kauai for 17 years, expressed their support for the KCP production. With their 3rd author, the three are some of the most popular playwrights with Dramatists Play Service, with performances to over 1 million audience members to their credit.

KCP yearly membership is \$35 single, \$50/couple and this year included a great party!

