

PIDGIN

KAUAI STYLE



A SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM
BY ERICA BYERS

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SOMEDA

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KA'AUWAI-HERROD

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Pidgin Kauai Style

Running Time: 7 minutes 20 seconds

Directed By: Erica Byers

Produced By: Erica Byers

Production Company: Papaya Productions

Edited by: Erica Byers

Cinematographer: Erica Byers

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LOGLINE

Four women have a candid discussion about the Pidgin language spoken in Hawaii, and the different dialects that exist on their home island of Kaua'i.

SYNOPSIS

"Pidgin Kauai Style" is a short documentary that explores the distinct dialect and accent differences of Hawaii Creole, also known as "Pidgin," as spoken on the Island of Kaua'i. The film features four women who candidly discuss regional aspects of the language and share their personal experiences and stories about how speaking Pidgin is a source of pride for them and their community. The women express their passion for the language, emphasizing the importance of Pidgin and its role in shaping the identity and culture of the people of Kauai.

DIRECTOR, Erica Byers

Based on Kauai, Erica is a visual storyteller who shoots, edits, and produces in various styles and formats for television and film.

During the pandemic, Erica decided to fulfill her lifelong dream of getting a college degree. She enrolled as a distance student at the University of Hawaii West Oahu and will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media in 2024.



Director's Statement

Pidgin is a controversial language that has had a stigma attached to it for over a century. Despite that, well over half of those born and raised in Hawaii speak it. It's expressive, dynamic, and has interesting origins. I made this film to help the world get a better understanding of this language and of the people who speak it on the island of Kaua'i.

CREDITS

Director/Producer

Erica Byers

Director of Photography/Editor

Erica Byers

Production Assistant

D. Leiko Someda

Language Consultant

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Featuring

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