

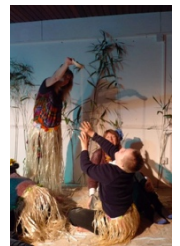
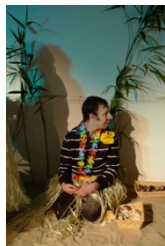
Aloha

Artefact: Ukulele **Costume:** Grass skirts, flowers

Environment: Low End: Hawaiian beach - lei, sand, shells, shakers, trays, mirrors, blue voiles, conch. High End: Bamboo circle, golden bowl, timpani, volcano, red/orange voiles, smoke machine, red orbs, Pele - the goddess, bananas.



Aloha Welcome with lei - flower necklaces, bracelets and head bands. Walk barefoot on the beach making footprints and patterns, feeling the sand between your toes. Play with sand, feel it trickle through your fingers, bury fingers/toes, find shells and make patterns on sand/mirrors, pour and sieve sand, play stone throwing game. Reflect blue waves on walls with mirrors, bring out blue voiles and swim in the waves. The conch calls.



Volcano Process with shells to bamboo circle, place in golden bowl, while conch plays, echoes your vocals, plays rhythms for dancing. Build rhythms with drum and timp. Play the timp, individually/together, soft/loud, stop/start, building volcanic rumblings, feel vibrations with feet and hands. Smoke appears from volcano, glowing red orbs roll out at your feet, they glow and spin in the dark, roll under fiery voiles...



Pele The goddess appears and greets each person, playing with fiery lava, dancing, singing with whole group who give her their shells and in return are rewarded with slices of bananas, as they watch the red lava smouldering and glowing before them.

Pele thanks each one for their gift by name and returns to the fiery volcano as you make your way home.

Observations Lovely gentle, playful start to the term. Using ukulele in greeting with grass skirts worked well, encouraging singing and dance and setting ambience. Sand enabled access on many levels though took a while for some people to settle and enjoy. Conch had a huge effect - all listening/feeling the vibrations, arrested attention, echoed vocals and initiated rhythms - very ceremonial. Timpani was also accessed in a variety of ways - playing, feeling with body parts, listening, creating thunder, rhythms. Red orbs - stunning effect but could be more robust. Pele was received well - good interactions. Did not use with new group as they don't know/trust us yet.

