

HOME





HOME is an animated short with a powerful message: *Home is where you make it.* Produced and directed by Disney Feature Animation veteran Dominick Domingo (*Lion King*, *Pocahontas*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Tarzan*, *Little Match Girl* and *One By One*) in collaboration with songwriters Gerald White and Faith Rivera, its themes are those its creators are passionate about imparting: tolerance, inclusion, representation and visibility. ***HOME*** is a touching and heartfelt reminder that there is no one definition of what family looks like; it's wherever there is love.

Premise

Home is a charming, poignant animated short set to an original song by Gerald White and Faith Rivera. It's based on the real-life moment a thirty-something year-old man, displaced in bustling Manhattan, longs for home in his native Hawaii. A postcard from his mama inscribed, 'Aloha! Miss you' inspires a flashback to a vivid childhood memory. In it, he rescues a baby parakeet who's fallen from its nest in a storm. The nurturing guidance he offers as a surrogate nurses the featherless hatchling to a flourishing state. Once he's symbolically given the lost bird wings, the boy learns it's only the mother who can teach the baby to fly. The boy's own mother ushers him back to the beach to reunite the thriving fledgling with its family. The sadness he feels parting with his new charge is softened by his mother's touch; she knows, like all mothers, there comes a time to let go — all babies must leave the nest in time.

The man returns from his touching reverie; he's still clutching the postcard that inspired it. Suddenly resolute, he scrawls on the backside of the postcard: *Miss you too, Mama.*

And then: *I'm coming home.*

It's a symbolic *coming home*, emblematic of that universal moment in the spiritual journey when we all *return to our roots* — our true essence — no matter how life may have steered us off course.

From the moment the film's title, *Home*, splashes across the screen, audiences are challenged to consider what **home** means: nurturing? Unconditional acceptance? Belonging? In the end, it's simple: *home is where the love is*. In this way, *Home* speaks to inclusion and tolerance for diversity by illustrating *family* knows no one definition or appearance. The theme of surrogacy, mirrored throughout the story, supports the age-old wisdom, *it takes a village...*

CREATORS

Dominick Domingo Director



After graduating with distinction from Art Center College of design in 1991, **Dominick Domingo** spent eleven years as a Visual Development artist and Background Painter at Disney Feature Animation, on such films as *Lion King*, *Pocahontas*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Tarzan*, *Little Match Girl* and *One By One*. In the twenty years since, he's served as Visual Development generalist, Design Supervisor and Production Designer on both CG and 2D animated films for major studios like Blue Sky, Dreamworks TV, and Nickelodeon. He founded the Entertainment Track at his alma mater, Art Center, where he taught for twenty years, mentoring emerging animation artists that have become pillars in the industry. His award-winning live action films garnered accolades in the festival circuit and original screenplay credits led him to lend his storytelling skills to the literary arena. In the publishing realm, Dominick's YA fiction, short stories and essays have won awards like the Writer's Digest and Craft Literary, as well as having been included in collections and anthologies. Dominick's pursuits all fall under the umbrella of *storytelling*, the means by which Dominick seeks to contribute to our collective transformation.

Gerald White
Songwriter and Vocalist



As one of LA's first call session vocalists for 25 years, **Gerald White** can be heard in over 200 film and television projects from *Frozen* to *GLEE*, *X-men* and *Avatar*. His studio experience is matched by live singing appearances with industry greats such as Hans Zimmer, Adele, Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake and for events like The Academy Awards and *Game of Thrones Live*. He has provided vocals on albums for artists from Whitney Houston to Paul McCartney. Gerald holds an MA and BA in jazz and commercial music, chairs the Singer Committee at SAG-AFTRA and is certified at the Institute for Vocal Advancement where he runs a private vocal studio in Santa Monica, CA. His expertise as a session singer, artist and voice teacher is what undergirds his ear as a producer. Gerald's deep passion lies in bolstering his students to sing with freedom as they, too, realize their dreams.

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Faith Rivera
Songwriter



From the sunny shores of Hawaii, Emmy award-winning singer/songwriter, **Faith Rivera**, opens hearts & transforms lives around the globe through the power of music. You've heard her uplifting songs & voice on shows like *NCIS Hawaii*, *The Voice* and others. She's been featured at venues from Hollywood Bowl to the House of Blues as well as stages from Tokyo to Rome where audiences of all ages are engaged & energized by her upbeat messages, music and dance. This first generation Filipina is a multiple Positive Music Award winner and can be seen in the documentary film, *As a Man Thinketh*, alongside Michael Beckwith, Joe Vitale, and other empowering teachers. Faith appears weekly on the podcast, "Voices of Unity," which features honest talk on creativity & mindfulness. Most recently, she's served as co-writer on Grammy-nominated album "East West Players Presents: Daniel Ho & Friends LIVE in Concert." From music to mommyhood, Faith enjoys her island life with her high school sweetheart, their eleven year-old son and six year-old daughter. Decades into her career as a positive music artist, Faith continues to dream those bigger dreams and dares us all to be the "everyday superstars" we are born to be!

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Production Stills







