

WHERE:

Hawaii
Theatre

WHEN:

5-7 p.m. or
8-10 p.m.
(separate
admission)

COST:

\$20-\$50

INFO:

hawaiitheatre.com
or 528-0506

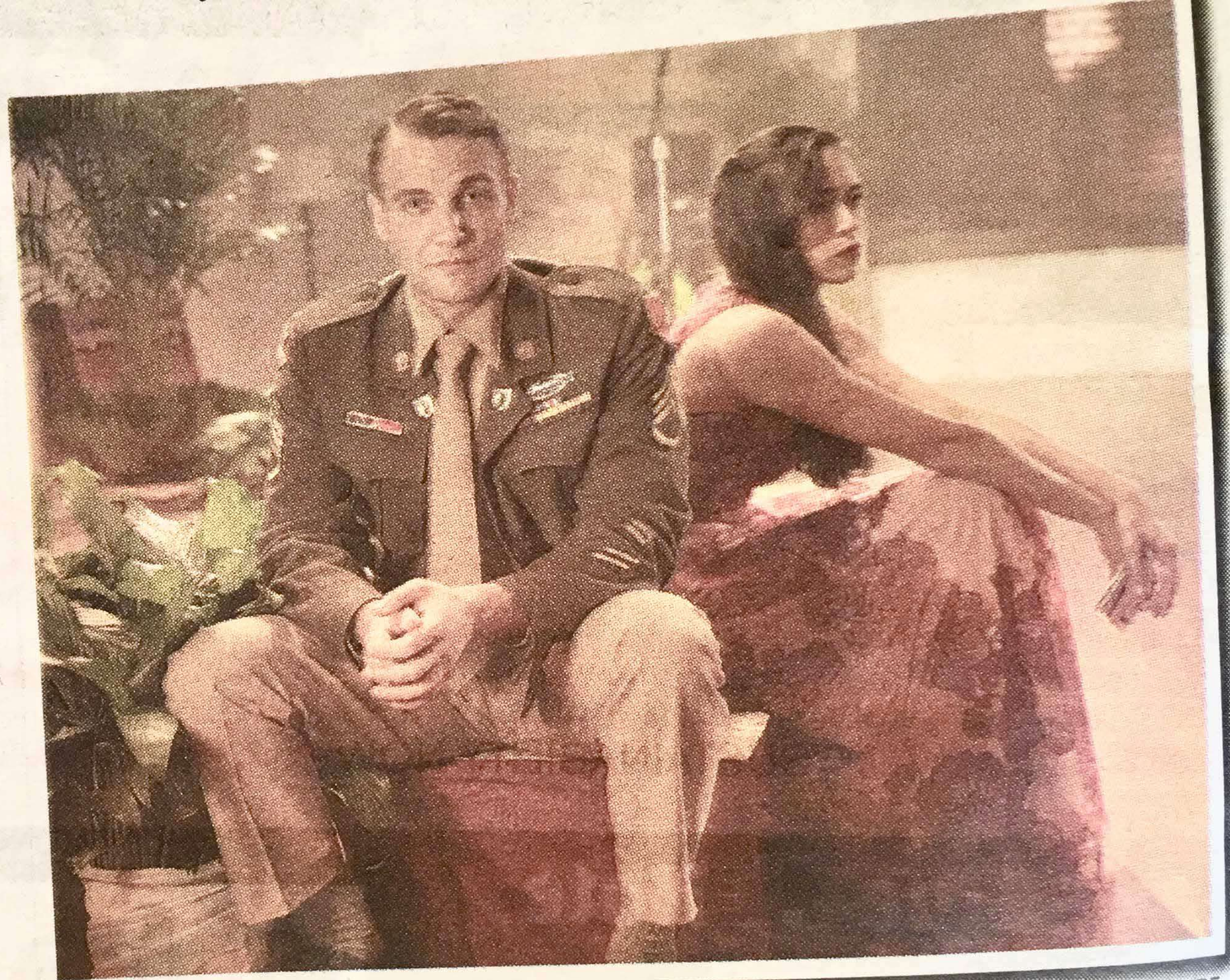
THURSDAY

Local WWII short film screens at Hawaii Theatre

During the war years, taxi dancers were an inexpensive, tasteful way for soldiers to get companionship. A woman would dance with soldiers for a small fee, collected in 10-cent tickets, and if the soldier ran out of tickets, she would “taxi” off to dance with another soldier.

Now local auteur Brayden Yoder has created “The Last Taxi Dance,” a short film set in a dance club during World War II. His period drama, which is still in final production stages, stars local actress Danielle Zalopany as a taxi dancer “who resents some of the changes that have come with all the influx of mainlanders and servicemembers coming to Honolulu,” Yoder said. She meets a serviceman (Max Holtz) who’s forgotten something at the club and eventually forms an understanding with him.

“It’s a bit of a modern lense on this historical story. It tells the story from the Native Hawaiian’s perspective,” said



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Yoder, who used local talent for his cast and crew and shot the film in the former Indigo restaurant in Chinatown. “The theme of the story is about connection: how do we talk to one another other in this day and age?”

People can get a sneak preview of the short film at a fundraiser at Hawaii The-

atre on Thursday. The event will include appearances by Zalopany and other cast members, a filmed, behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie and a sneak preview of the trailer, as well as live music and food. There will be two events, one from 5 to 7 p.m. and another from 8 to 10.