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From Here to Awesome: "ALL FOR MELISSA"

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Gerard Elmore's romantic comedy - All for Melissa - is a valentine to the life he experienced and witnessed on his home turf. And Elmore's home is the luscious and fragrant Hawaiian Island of Oahu.

"We set out to make a movie to put smiles on people's faces. We didn't set out to win awards. It wasn't meant to be a flashy show - but a love letter to Hawaii, a nice little tale about everything Hawaii represents," Elmore, 28, said in a recent phone interview.

This fictional feature stars Milan Tresnak as Jared, an aspiring Oahu filmmaker who has a major screen crush on a major movie star named Melissa Williams. Jared decides to track down Melissa and convince her to star in a music video, hoping, of course, to woo her and convince her to co-star in his own life. Melissa is played by Kimberly Estrada, an actress with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. And as if that wasn't enough, Estrada is trained in martial arts and was named one of People Magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People in 2006. Aloha!