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Fire in Motion



The World Fireknife Competition is an competition filled with contestants around the world. Pictured here is Fumiya Matsushima of Fukushima, Japan, the 1st runner up in 2024 who returned last year for yet another amazing, if not winning, performance. The shows these guys put on will keep you on the edge of your seat

It's a staple of every great lu'au or evening of Polynesian entertainment, the spinning, twirling fire dancers who leap and twist and lick the fiery flames right off of their whirling poles. For many visitors, this is one of the most exciting parts of the evening, and each May, we get a chance to see some of the world's best fireknife dancers perform live in Laie. For one explosive weekend, the Polynesian Cultural Center's main theater is filled with flames, drumming, and rhythmic chant as dancers from around the island and the world don their lavalava as the competition heats up. But for those of you who are unaware, the origins of the fireknife are not based here in Hawaii.

The fireknife traces back to the islands of Samoa, where it began not as entertainment, but as a disciplined demonstration of warrior skill.

Known as 'ailao, this early practice involved the use of the nifo oti, a carved wooden weapon with serrated edges. Warriors trained extensively to master its movement, developing precision, coordination, and control. Performances were presented to chiefs and at important gatherings, serving as reflections of strength, readiness, and cultural identity. At this time however, there was no fire—only

the technique and discipline of the warrior. As time passed and the need for combat declined, 'ailao evolved. The movements were preserved, but their purpose shifted from warfare to ceremony. The practice became a cultural performance, maintaining its structure while adapting to new settings.

A significant turning point occurred in 1946 with Uluao "Freddie" Letuli. While performing in San Francisco, he watched fire eaters and baton twirlers, fascinated by the way flames could transform their performances. In that moment, inspiration struck. What if the warrior's knife could burn? Letuli took the traditional nifo oti and wrapped cloth around both ends. He soaked them in fuel and ignited it. As the flames roared to life, he began to spin. This innovation transformed the performance, adding both visual intensity and greater difficulty. The fire required greater control and awareness, elevating the skill needed to perform successfully.

From that point forward, the fireknife became a distinct and recognizable art form. It spread across Polynesia and gained prominence in cultural presentations, particularly in Hawai'i, as it was introduced into the lu'au's across the Island chain.

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Quiet Connection Lantern Floating Festival Returns



Tens of thousands will assemble on the beach at Magic Island for the 28th annual Floating Lantern Festival on May 25th. Photos courtesy of Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i.

Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i, the largest Memorial Day event in the U.S., will return to Ala Moana Beach on Monday, May 25, for its 28th year. Under the theme 'Many Rivers, One Ocean,' which represents shared journeys and interconnectedness, this treasured tradition draws residents and visitors from around the world to honor fallen service members and remember loved ones. The ceremony offers a time for quiet reflection, gratitude, and healing, peaking at sunset with the release of 6,000 candle-lit lanterns carrying messages of remembrance, prayers, and affirmations along the shoreline, which are set afloat on the water to carry your gratitude and prayers for all spirits and forms of life that came before us.

The annual ceremony brings together people from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, aiming to create a

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Publisher's Letter



MAY DAY IS LEI DAY IN HAWAII

I have no idea whether you will receive this magazine in time for May Day, as I am running behind schedule again, but I hope you all took a moment to smell the flowers in the air, wore a lei, and, of course, gave a lei. Remember to send your guests to head to Kapi'olani Park for the Annual Lei Day Celebration. This free, iconic, Hawaii event features a massive lei contest exhibit, live Hawaiian music, hula performances, and local craft vendors. It showcases thousands of exquisite, handmade lei and fosters a festive, family-friendly atmosphere that honors Hawaiian culture.

We held five concierge events over the past five weeks, a bit closer together than I prefer. Two of them had to move their dates because of the storms and that put them all on top of each other. Mahalo to everyone for coming and for being communicative. However, there were more no-shows than were acceptable. I always count on a few because life happens, but I need to remind some of the newcomers of the rules. If you no-show, you will not be invited to the next event. I don't care if you cancel; it happens. Something comes up, or you simply don't feel like it. I get it. I don't need an excuse, but I do ask that you tell me.

So, here's the deal. No worries if you need to cancel; I understand things come up. Just a quick heads-up to let me know—whether it's in advance or at the last minute—so I can offer your spot to someone else would be greatly appreciated. Most of these events have tightly controlled seat counts, and we want to make sure everyone who wants to join gets the opportunity, especially since our hosts work hard to prepare everything. We recently had a dinner with a long waitlist, and a few folks from the hotel with that waitlist didn't show up, which really isn't fair to your co-workers who asked to come, and I had to tell them we were sold out. If you can't make it, a simple message helps keep everything running smoothly and fairly for everyone. Remember, if someone doesn't show up without informing me, they might have to sit out the next event—just to keep things fair and ensure everyone gets a chance to participate. So, please, if your plans change, just send a quick note. Mahalo plenty!

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Kateryna Shvaikovska

Kateryna Shvaikovska has joined the *Outrigger Hospitality Group* as the Executive Assistant for Sean Dee, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. Originally from the Ukraine, she moved to Hawaii twelve years ago to join Highgate's management training at what was then the Pacific Beach Hotel. She then moved to the Aulani to work at the front desk and then with Disney's Vacation Club. Welcome to Outrigger, Kateryna! • Also new to the team are **Daniel Lofton**, who joins as Vice President of Hawai'i Revenue Strategy, and **Marissa Beauregard** as Social Media Director. Lofton will oversee revenue strategies across Outrigger's Hawai'i properties, focusing on pricing, demand forecasting, and inventory management to enhance competitiveness in leisure and group markets. He brings industry experience, from Duetto Research, where he was a founding member and Senior Director of Hospitality Solutions. His previous work

with Outrigger's revenue team makes his transition seamless. Beauregard will lead strategy, distribution, content collaborations, creation, and social interaction. She also brings extensive brand and content expertise from her time with Wai'aleale Hawaiian Volcanic Beverages where she served as Senior Manager of Social Media and Content. • *The Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau* announced three new leadership appointments to strengthen the organization as it moves beyond the traditional destination marketing, to treat Hawai'i as a living system to be stewarded, not simply a product to be sold. Please welcome **Jena Zarro** as managing director of integrated communications, **Mitsue Varley**, who previously served as Asia regional director for the O'ahu Visitors Bureau, joins as director of international business development, and Matthew Clarkson serves as senior director of data intelligence. Welcome aboard!



Marissa Beauregard

EA MAI 'EIIWA: PATTERNS OF PRACTICE

A POWERFUL NEW EXHIBITION FEATURING THE WORK OF NĀLANI KANAKA'OLE, SIG ZANE, AND KŪHA'O'Ō'IMAİKALANI ZANE OPENS AT THE BISHOP MUSEUM

A compelling new exhibition is now open at the Bishop Museum. *Ea Mai 'Eiwa: Patterns of Practice* that showcases that celebrates the creative practice of *Hula 'Aihā'a*, a distinct style of hula that is lively and vigorous, inspired by the eruptive volcano personas of Pele and Hi'iaka, in which dancers perform with deeply bent knees and make dynamic movements, created by Edith Kanaka'ole.



Archival hula garments designed by Nālani Kanaka'ole along with new and archival sketches and artworks by Sig Zane are part of the display. Photo courtesy of the Bishop Museum.

The exhibition showcases the works of her daughter, Nālani Kanaka'ole, who sadly passed away earlier this year, Sig Zane, & his son, Kūha'o'ō'imaikalani Zane. This artist family presents works deeply rooted in hula 'aiha'a.

By combining new and existing works with botanical specimens and cultural treasures from Museum's collections, the exhibition explores themes of migration,

community resilience, and environmental stewardship — providing insight and inspiration.

As dedicated members of Hālau o Kekuhi in Keaukaha, Hawai'i, the artists' work in both visual and performing arts

is constantly energized and supported by hula. From Nālani's artistic direction and choreography to Sig Zane's photography and textile designs, and Kūha'o's graphic design and immersive installations, each artist expresses 'ike handed down through generations.

Nālani's niece, Kau'i Kanaka'ole says, "You don't have to understand it all to enjoy it all, just appreciate being let in to an artist's intimate story and creative process and hopefully, it will pique curiosity into people's own stories, history, and culture."

The exhibit will be presented in 'Ōlelo & English thru Sept. 20. bishopmuseum.org.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

ALA MOANA CENTER WELCOMES NEW TENANTS

Ala Moana Center has a handful of new stores now open, including women's clothing store, Always A.Line, Columbia Sportswear, Eyeland Hawai'i, an immersive VR arcade, Space 62, and Tandoori Express on street level 1. This month, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue opens in Makai Market, while Molly Tea, founded in Shenzhen, China and Taiwanese dumpling Supreme Dumplings will open on Mall Level 2. alamoanacenter.com

GRAND LANAI RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS TO IMP

Grand Lanai Restaurant Week returns to the International Market place May 1 to 10. The event features "unique-to-the-week" prix fixe menus and special culinary creations as 5 popular establishments restaurants showcase the finest local ingredients, creative preparations, and globally inspired recipes and techniques. Diners will enjoy special prix fixe menus for a special package price. Participating restaurants include Eating House, Stripsteak, Herringbone, Liliha Bakery and Kuhio Avenue Food Hall as they offer limited time special dishes and beverage selections. Live musical entertainment is planned at several venues. More info at shopinternationalmarketplace.com.

THE PAGODA HOTEL UNVEILS ITS RENOVATION & REFRESH

The Pagoda Hotel recently completed a comprehensive renovation, featuring refreshed guest rooms with modern island-inspired decor and upgraded furnishings. The corridors and exterior have been revitalized to harmonize with the hotel's original 1964 architecture. A curated art wall displays works by local artists including Zak Noyle, Kamea Hadar, and Nick Kuchar. The hotel's famous koi ponds have also undergone major restoration. Rainbow Drive Inn is set to take over the iconic floating restaurant in the coming months. pagodahotel.com.

GARDEN CLUB OF HONOLULU FLOWER SHOW OPENS MAY 8

Honolulu's biggest botanical event—the Garden Club of Honolulu's triennial show—takes place at the Honolulu Museum of Art from May 8 to 10. Held every three years, it attracts thousands to see flower arrangements, horticultural displays, photography, botanical jewelry, and needle arts by club members.

SALTY GIRL POP-UP AT THE HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART

Fans of Salty Girl's ocean-inspired jewelry can explore the newest pieces on May 2 and 3 when designer Amber Chesebro joins the HoMA Shop. Her collection, featuring necklaces, rings, earrings, and bracelets, showcases detailed metalwork and incorporates gemstones, shells, pearls, and fossilized shark teeth, turning each piece into wearable art, perfect for Mother's Day. No admission required. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. honoluluuseum.org.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT WAIKIKI UNVEILS IT'S REFRESH

Courtyard® by Marriott Waikiki Beach has also unveiled a multi-million-dollar transformation, offering a refreshed 405-room experience. Each guestroom, including the 850-square-foot Penthouse, has been redesigned as a residential-style retreat, reflecting a modern island aesthetic. The revitalization features an open-air lobby and lounge overlooking a lush pool, as well as several dining options from ZETTON, Inc. marriott.com.

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Wrapping up a series of three West Oahu events, Sakura Kapolei invited hospitality members from Ko Olina, Kapolei, Ewa, and the North Shore to check out its popular All-You-Can-Eat sushi & teppanyaki menu available Monday through Thursday. Unlike traditional buffet-style dining, all dishes are made to order, ensuring quality, freshness, and presentation. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of sushi rolls, sashimi, appetizers, and hot kitchen items, along with teppanyaki dishes prepared fresh in the kitchen and happy hour drinks. sakurakapolei.com.



Lantern Floating Festival

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moment of collective remembrance, harmony, and international friendship. The community is invited to honor fallen service members and loved ones in person each year at Ala Moana Beach. Candle-lit lanterns bearing remembrances, prayers, and affirmations to perpetuate the goodness of those remembered will be set afloat at Magic Island at sunset.

But have you ever wondered about its origins?

Every Memorial Day, Americans honor those who have fallen in service to their country. Its origins trace back to stories of women in the South who, after the Civil War, visited cemeteries to decorate Confederate soldiers' graves. Inspired by the neglect of Union soldiers' graves, they also laid flowers. Over time, the tradition expanded to include all loved ones and fallen soldiers. In 1970, Shinnyo-en founder Master Shinjo Ito visited Hawai'i, paying respects at Punchbowl and the Arizona Memorial. Moved by this experience, he envisioned hosting a lantern-floating event to promote peace. After his death in 1989, his daughter Shinso Ito, regarded as his most accomplished disciple, became head of Shinnyo Buddhism. She is one of the few women to attain the highest priestly rank of Daisojo and become a Buddhist master and Shinnyo-en head priest. Her Holiness Shinso Ito fulfilled his wish by founding the first Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i in 1999. For the first three years, the Festival took place at Ke'ehi Lagoon before relocating a few miles south to Ala Moana Beach Park in 2002, where it has been held ever since.

"Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i provides a space for our community to come together in remembrance and gratitude," said Rev. Craig Yamamoto, community relations liaison of Shinnyo-en Hawai'i. "In moments when the world can feel uncertain and heavy, gathering in quiet reflection reminds us that we are not alone. Each lantern represents a story, a memory, and a heartfelt expression of love and hope. As these lights float upon the ocean, they reflect the truth that our lives are deeply interconnected and that compassion for one another is more important than ever. We are honored to offer this opportunity for people to come together in reflection and shared humanity."

Lantern distribution kicks off at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day at Ala Moana Beach and continues until 4 p.m., or until supplies are gone. No reservations needed—just come early! This year, to show its appreciation, Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i is offering a special lantern request line dedicated to military personnel, so Hale Koa take note.

This is open to Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, Retired Military, and their immediate family members—just bring a valid military ID. It's a heartfelt way for our military community to participate and be part of this meaningful event.

Please refrain from floating homemade lanterns during the event. The lanterns used in the Lantern Floating ceremony are tested for flammability in all weather conditions. Homemade lanterns could pose safety risks to other participants and volunteers who retrieve them from the water. Moreover, our lanterns are specially designed to stop against lines that are drawn across the water, preventing them from drifting out to sea. Other homemade lanterns might float into the ocean, creating environmental concerns. Any such lanterns recovered will not be returned to their owners.

The day starts early for those wishing to float a lantern. A Lantern Request Tent opens at 10 a.m. at the park, offering one lantern per party or family on a first-come, first-served basis until 3 p.m. or supplies run out. The lanterns are free, but donations are appreciated and will benefit the City & County of Honolulu's beautification of Ala Moana Beach Park. After collecting a lantern, volunteers will help assemble them and provide markers for writing messages.

The powerful ceremony is expected to attract over 50,000 residents and visitors,



who will witness the enchanting moment when candlelit lanterns cast a warm red-orange glow over the deep blue ocean. The sound of conch shells will mark the start of a diverse, multicultural entertainment lineup at 6:30 p.m., featuring a taiko performance by Shinnyo Taiko, Hawaiian oli, hula, music, and Buddhist sutra recitations. Shinso Ito will deliver a message of hope and peace before joining four community leaders to light the Light of Harmony. Following this, a bell will ring to signal the passing of candles from person to person as participants wade into hip-to-chest-deep water to release their lanterns, symbolizing thousands of souls gently bobbing on the water.

The public is invited to share their special remembrances online for the upcoming event. The ceremony will be broadcast live on KHON2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and streamed online. For more information head to LanternFloatingHawaii.com.

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Fire in Motion

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In the early 1990s, the tradition entered a new phase with the creation of the World Fireknife Championships. The competition brought together performers from around the world, establishing a formal platform to evaluate skill, creativity, and technique. Participants demonstrate increasingly complex routines, combining traditional foundations with modern innovation.



Pulefano Galea'i

A little history about the man who brought the World Fireknife Championship to life. Born on April 4, 1945, in Mapusaga, American Samoa, Pulefano Galea'i learned his cultural background, including the 'ailao, from his father and grandfather. In 1954, Pulefano moved to Hawaii and lived in Laie on Oahu's north shore. At age nine, he volunteered at the Hukilau Luau with his parents, participating in cooking, ceremony, dancing, singing, and the traditional knife dance. He learned from his father and later shared his talents with others. A true visionary and leader, he worked at the Polynesian Cultural Center for well over two decades. He is credited for launching the World Fireknife Festival at the Center in 1993, and his relatives have kept the Galea'i name at the top of the winners' board for years with no less than 7 of them placing amongst the leaderboard over the years. He retired in 2009 as the Director of Cultural Islands, and sadly passed away in 2021.

At the Polynesian Cultural Center, the fireknife became one of the most recognized and anticipated performances, introducing audiences from around the world to its origins and evolution. This aligns with the experience visitors have when they go to PCC. It's not just a visitor experience so much as it's a lesson in traditions important to the Polynesian cultures.

Today, the fireknife stands as both a cultural tradition and a competitive performance art. While it has evolved in presentation and scale, its core remains rooted in the discipline, precision, and heritage of its origins—continuing a legacy that began with the warriors of Samoa and now reaches audiences around the world, and this month, an opportunity for your guests to go see the world's best compete for bragging rights at this illustrious festival.

Time does not make this dangerous and exhilarating art any easier. The knives are sharp, and the fire is real. A quick look at Facebook shows dozens of groups dedicated to the art of Fire Knife dancing, where they constantly share stories and tips with each other, including keeping aloe in their tool kit for every performance. The fire is real... and hot! While many of the dancers have large callouses on their feet that do help protect them a bit, they are still playing with fire and sharp objects, and they often get burned and cut. Aloe can be a performer's best friend. This is a dangerous sport, but they start young, with kids taught on wooden instruments before moving on to the more dangerous ones. Don't believe any parent would let their child play with fire and knives? Then you clearly don't live in Laie, where fireknife is part of the culture. Don't miss the two Junior Divisions during the festival on May 6th, where entrants as young as 6 years old have vied for the



Junior & Intermediate Championship – it's truly amazing to see the skills these youngsters display.

This year, the festival takes place from May 6th to 14th at PCC's Pacific Theatre. The Juniors take the stage on Wednesday the 6th. The preliminaries are free at 9:30 a.m., and the finals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

The qualifying round for Men's Division are also free to see at 9:30 a.m. on May 12th. On May 13th the Women's

Competition take place at 6:30 p.m. The Top 20 men will also perform at the time. Tickets are \$15.

The prestigious Men's Finals take place on May 14th during the Intermission of Ha: Breath of Life Show. Tickets for this breathtaking final are \$94.95 for adults and \$75.96 for keiki aged 4 to 11.

If your guest want to see something they simply cannot see anywhere else, send them to PCC to see the best fireknifers in the world do what they do best. Do not try this at home! Tickets at worldfireknife.com.

A large graphic for Kaula Lū'au. It features a silhouette of a fireknife dancer holding a flaming knife against a sunset background. The text is bold and white and orange. At the bottom, there are social media icons, a QR code, and contact information.

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- Casamigos House of Friends** 922-0811
Live Contemporary
 Danielle Parente (5/18-Jenna Keala) 5-7pm
- Chart House** 941-6669
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamaka Camarillo (or others) 6-9pm
- Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Paul Dunlap 4:30-6:30pm
 Grace Welton (5/4) 4:30-6:30pm
 Denny Ono (5/18) 4:30-6:30pm
 Bryan & Halekahu 7-9:30pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am
- Heydey at the White Sands** 475-6864
Contemporary Rock
 Laupepa Letuli & Stephen Harris 6-8pm
- House Without a Key** 923-2311
Hawaiian music & hula by former Miss Hawaii USA Allie Chu
 Pa'ahana Trio 5-8pm
- Hula Grill** 923-4852
Live Contemporary Hits
 Keoni Ku (or others) 2-4pm
- Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Sean Na'auao 6-9pm
- Lewers Lounge** 923-2311
Jazz Pianist
 Johnny Kukui 8-10:30pm
- Mahi'ai Table** 670-2778
Live Contemporary
 Jenna Keala (5/18-Danielle Parente) 5-8pm
- Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** 923-7311

- Live Contemporary Hawaiian*
 Brad Kawakami 11am-2pm
 Mark Caldeira 8-10:30pm
- Maui Brewing Company** 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 K Crisostomo (or Tim Vigilla) 8-10:30pm
- Merriman's Honolulu** 215-0022
Live Slack Key guitarist
 Ruth & Norm Foster 5:30-7:30pm
- Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** 381-4086
Live music 3x a day
 Jason Midro 12:30-2:30pm
 Lana 3:30-5pm
 Sienna Souza 7-9pm
- Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki** 900-4226
Live music 3x a day
 Pono 12:30-2:30pm
 Shawn Garnett 3:30-5pm
 Dustin Park 7-9pm
- Roy's Hawaii Kai** 396-7697
Live Contemporary Hits
 Nick La'a 4:30-6:30pm
- Rumfire** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
 Stephen Inglis 11-2pm
 AJ Keolani 2:30-5:30pm
 Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm
- Signature Prime Steak** 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Keith Montross 6-9pm
- Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Lovejack 6-9pm
- Swell at the Alohilani** 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 Kamuela Kahoano 6-9:30pm
- The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111
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 Jesse Kuikahi 3:30-6:30pm
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Ukulele Tuesday
 Walt Keale Duo 4:30-6:30pm
 Kailua Moon 7-9:30pm
 Stephen Inglis (or others) 9:30-12am
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- Mahi'ai Table** 670-2778
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 Keoni Ku 5-8pm
- Mahina & Sun's** 923-8882
Electrifying Acoustic on the Lanai
 Kokonut Point 6-8:30pm
- Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Liam Moleta 11am-2pm
 YOZA 6-9pm

- The Edge at the Sheraton** 921-4600
Temporarily closed for renovation
- The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay** 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Fireknife Dancer
 Kuhio Travis 5-8pm
- Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI (8454)
Live Contemporary
 Derrick Lee 1-3pm
 Mike Piranha 5:30-7:30pm
 Johnny Helm 8-10pm
- Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian** 949-4321
Live Contemporary
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- Queensbreak at the Marriott** 922-6611
Live Contemporary
 Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm
- Roy's Hawaii Kai** 396-7697
Live Local Contemporary
 Mike Tulba 4:30-6:30pm

TUESDAY

- Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233
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Rumfire	921-4600	Tommy James	8-10:30pm	
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>				
YOZA	11-2pm	Mahi'ai Table	670-2778	
Johnny Kukui	2:30-5:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
Dave Watanabe	6-9pm	Kai Duhaylonsod	5-8pm	
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636	Mahina & Sun's	923-8882	
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>		<i>Soulful Guitar on the Lanai</i>		
Keith Montross	6-9pm	John Akapo	6-8:30pm	
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311	
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Kosuke	6-9pm	Stephen Inglis (or others)	11am-2pm	
Swell at the Alohilani	294-4108	Johnny Valentine	6-9pm	
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>		Maui Brewing Company	843-2739	
Lovejack	6-9:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111	Scott Magz & Ethan Nash	8-10:30pm	
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		Merriman's Honolulu	215-0022	
Stephen Inglis	3:30-6:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
Alex Oasay	7-10pm	Kamaka Camarillo	5:30-7:30pm	
The Edge at the Sheraton	921-4600	MINA's Fish House	679-0079	
<i>Temporarily closed for renovation</i>		<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>		
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI (8454)	Kamuella Kahoano	6-9pm	
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina	381-4086	
Keone	1-3pm	<i>Live music 3x a day</i>		
Eddie Somera (or others)	5:30-7:30pm	Shaun Garnett	12:30-2:30pm	
Lindsey Wells	8-10pm	Chris Murphy	3:30-5pm	
Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian	949-4321	Clara Stegall	7-9pm	
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki	900-4226	
Ben Kama	1-3pm	<i>Live music 3x a day</i>		
		Kailua Moon	12:30-2:30pm	
		Jasmin Nicole	3:30-5pm	
		Chante	7-9pm	
		Roy's Hawaii Kai	396-7697	
		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
		Maui Manahoe	4:30-6:30pm	
		Rumfire	921-4600	
		<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>		
		Keith Batlin	11-2pm	
		Kimo Opiana (5/20, 5/27)	11-2pm	
		Dave Watanabe	2:30-5:30pm	
		Chris Luke	6-9pm	
		Signature Prime Steak	949-3636	
		<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>		
		Pierre Grill	6-9pm	
		Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600	
		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
		Brad Kawakami (or Justin Edwards)	6-9pm	
		The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111	
		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
		Alika Souza	3:30-6:30pm	
		Simple Souls (or Keahi Delovio)	7-10pm	
		The Edge at the Sheraton	921-4600	
		<i>Temporarily closed for renovation</i>		
		Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI (8454)	
		<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
		Derrick Lee	1-3pm	
		Hula w/ Malu Productions	5:30-7:30pm	
		Malu Productions	8-10pm	
		Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian	949-4321	
		<i>Live Contemporary</i>		

WEDNESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
<i>Island Vibes</i>	
Danny Galura	5:30-8:30pm
Casamigos House of Friends	922-0811
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Christian Yrizarry	5-7pm
Chart House	941-6669
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Hi'ikua	6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Keoni Ku (5/6-Denny Ono)	4:30-6:30pm
Taulia Lave	7-9:30pm
Alika Souza	9:30-12am
House Without a Key	923-2311
<i>Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee</i>	
Pa'ahana Trio	5-8pm
Hula Grill	923-4852
<i>Contemporary Rock</i>	
Ronson Asuncion	2-4pm
Hula's Lei Stand	923-0669
<i>Contemporary Guitarist</i>	
Jason Laeha	6-9pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Ei Nei	6-9pm
Lewers Lounge	923-2311
<i>Jazz Pianist</i>	

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Randy Allen 1-3pm
Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
 Alika Souza 5:30-8:30pm

Casamigos House of Friends 922-0811
Live Contemporary
 Keoni Ku 5-7pm

Chart House 941-6669
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis 6:30-9:30pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tehani (or others) 4:30-6:30pm
 Clara Stegall (or others) 7-9:30pm
 Scott Magz 9:30-12am

Eating House 1849 Waikiki 924-1849
Live Traditional Hawaiian
 Shane Kainoa 5:30 - 8:30pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee
 Walea 5-8pm

Hula Grill 923-4852
Contemporary Guitarist
 YOZA 2-4pm

Hula's Lei Stand 923-0669
Contemporary Guitarist
 YOZA 6-9pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Sean Na'auao 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311

Jazz Pianist
 Ethan Capone & Rocky Holmes 8:30pm-12am
Mahi'ai Table 670-2778
Live Contemporary

Keoni Ku 5-8pm
Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Hawaiian Contemporary on the Lanai

Kelly Boy DeLima 6-8:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Christian Yrizary 11am-2pm
 Stephen Inglis 8-10pm
Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Phil & Nick Duo (or Koa Music) 8-10:30pm
Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary

John Kema 5:30-7:30pm
MINA's Fish House 679-0079
Live Contemporary Hits

Jesse Kuikahi 6-9pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live music 3x a day

Jesse Kuikahi 12:30-2pm
 Landon Chung 3:30-5pm
 Chante Duo 7-9pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki 900-4226
Live music 3x a day

The Mauve 12:30-2:30pm
 Bronson Varde 3:30-5pm
 Javin Kai 7-9pm
Queensbreak at the Marriott 922-6611
Live Contemporary

Cory Oliveros (or others) 6-9pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Live Hawaiian Contemporary

Hoku Zuttermeister 4:30 - 6:30pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits

Alika Souza 11 -2pm
 Chris Salvador 2:30-5:30pm
 Brad Kawakami 6-9pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar

Grant Carvalho 6-9pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Tad Jennings 3-6pm
 Kaimi Hananoeau 6-9pm
Stripsteak 896-2545
Live Contemporary

Jason Laeha 6-9pm
Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist with dancer

Eddie Somera 6-9:30pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Christian Yrizary 3:30-6:30pm

Kaimi Hananoeau (5/21-Johnny Kukui) 7-10pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Temporarily closed for renovation

The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Fireknife Dancer
 Marty Saito 4-7pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)
Live Contemporary
 Roddy Lopez 1-3pm
 Johnny Helm 5:30-7:30pm
 Roots Kai 8-10pm

Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321
Live Contemporary
 Jegaan 1-3pm

Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm

Casamigos House of Friends 922-0811
Live Contemporary
 Tad Jennings 5-7pm

Chart House 941-6669
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 TJ 4:15-7:15pm
 BK & Friends 8-11pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Maunaula 4-6pm
 Kawaika Kahiapo (5/8-Kahiau Lam Ho) 7-9:30pm

Randy Allen 9:30-12am
 Bobby Moderow (5/22) 9:30-12am
 Tavana (5/19) 9:30-12am

House Without a Key 923-2311
Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoë Miller
 Sunset Serenaders 5-8pm

Hula Grill 923-4852
Contemporary Rock
 Randy Allen 2-4pm

Hula's Lei Stand 923-0669
Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kalau 6-9pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Ka Hehena 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Jazz Pianist
 Maggie Herron & Dean Taba 8pm-12am

Mahi'ai Table 670-2778
Live Contemporary
 Eddie Somera 5-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Slack Key on the Lanai
 Jeff Rasmussen 6-8:30pm

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Dustin Park 6-9pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Brad Kawakami 12-3pm
 Bronson Varde 3:30-6:30pm
 Koa Atwood (5/30-Lovejack) 7-10pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Temporarily closed for renovation
The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800
Live Contemporary
 Andy Vibe 3-6pm
The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760
Live Contemporary
 Cory Oliveros (5/9-Jason Laeha) 6-10pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)
Live Contemporary
 Tangi 1-3pm
 Roots Kai 5:30-7:30pm
 Phil Schneider 8-10pm
Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321
Live Contemporary
 Darrell Aquino 1-3pm
Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm

SUNDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ben Kama 10am-1pm
 Art Kalahiki 5:30-8:30pm
Casamigos House of Friends 922-0811
Live Contemporary
 Johnny Kukui (or Denny Ono) 5-7pm
Chart House 941-6669
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Paka 10:30am-1:30pm
 Dean & Tito 6:15-9:15pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Henry Kapono 4-6pm
 Jasmine Kalehiwa (5/10) 4-6pm
 Kaiona Duo 7-9:30pm
 Tad Jennings 9:30-12am
Hau Tree Lanai 921-7066
Live Contemporary music
 Izik 2:30-5pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee
 Pu'uhonua Trio 5-8pm
Hula Grill 923-4852
Contemporary Rock with Hula
 Stephen Inglis (or others) 2-4pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Nathan Aweau 6-9pm
La Hiki Restaurant at the Four Seasons 679-0079
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Jenna Keala 11am-2:30pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Jazz Pianist
 Nick La'a (5/3-Johnny Kukui) 8-10:30pm
Mahi'ai Table 670-2778
Live Contemporary
 Johnny III 5-8pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Denny Ono & Kanoë Arola 11am-2pm
 Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm
Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary
 Connor Johnson (or Samoan Santana) 8-10:30pm
Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary Piano
 Grant Carvalho 5:30-7:30pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live music 3x a day
 Kush 12:30-2:30pm
 Sierra Lucas 3:30-5pm
 Teanu Duo 7-9pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki 900-4226
Live music 3x a day
 Randy Allen (or others) 12:30-2:30pm
 Koa Inna Vision 3:30-5pm
 Soul Purpose 7-9pm
Original Magoos Pizza 949-5381
Kanikapila Night
 Leonard Jenkins & Joe Chang 5:30-8:30pm
Queensbreak at the Marriott 922-6611
Live Contemporary
 Stephen Inglis 6-9pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Live Hawaiian Contemporary
 Kanikapila Sunday 4:30 - 6:30pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
 Jesse Kuikahi 11-1:30pm
 Kosuke 2-4:30pm
 Jenna Keala 5-7:30pm
 Alex Oasay 8-10:30pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Keith Montross 6-9pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian - DJ Mau spins from 1-4pm
 Kailua Moon & Dancer 4:30-7:30pm
 Jason Midro & Dancer (4/19) 4:30-7:30pm
 Chris Luke 7:45-9:45pm
Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108
DJ KK Spins Poolside from 11:30-2:30 pm
 Jason Laeha 3-6pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 YOZA (5/10-Kailua Moon) 12-3pm
 Keoni Ku 3:30-6:30pm
 Dave Watanabe (5/31-Jason Laeha) 7-10pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Temporarily closed for renovation
The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800
Live Contemporary
 Mike Tulba 3-6pm
The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Fireknife Dancer
 Mason Pilar 5-8pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)
Live Contemporary
 Joe Kingston 1-3pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 5:30-7:30pm
 Kelandy Diaz (or Sabbath Cannon) 8-10pm
Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321
Live Contemporary
 Tad Jennings 1-3pm
Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm



Hot Lines

Here's a few numbers for you to find out the latest in live music from places that change daily or don't update us regularly, since we strive to put out correct info and can't possibly list them all.

Anna O'Brien's	946-5190
Deck	931-4488
Earl's Waikiki	751-2299
Hard Rock Cafe	955-7383
Irish Rose Saloon	947-3414
Kelley O'Neil's	926-1777
Lucky Strike Honolulu	664-1140
Moani Waikiki	466-2629
Mai Tai Bar Ala Moana	941-4400
Off the Wall	593-2337
Tommy Bahama	923-8785

Dining Dish



Vintage Books, Kaimuki's beloved hidden gem, relaunched its weekend brunch service, offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. last month. Marking an exciting new chapter, Vintage Books has also welcomed *Keith Endo*, as its new Executive Chef. Chef Endo's dynamic culinary background ranges from the Top of Waikiki to VINO to Ki Club Hawaii. Originally from Hilo, Chef Endo's culinary journey began at just 12 years old. After graduating from KCC, he refined his craft across Hawaii before leading the kitchen at VINO. He

later traveled to San Francisco and Italy to master pasta-making and explore regional cuisine, shaping his philosophy around fresh, locally sourced ingredients and simplicity. Trust his Italian instincts, his pappardelle was one of the few reasons I actually left the house during COVID. He brings a fresh perspective to Vintage Books brunch experience. A few of his new dishes include Jumbo Lump Crab Benedict with Yuzu hollandaise, Smoked Salmon Avocado Toast with edamame hummus, French Style Omelette with lemon ricotta and shiitake mushrooms, Steak & Eggs with ribeye and chive hash browns, and Vintage Books Breakfast Burrito with cochinita pibil pork, to name a few. Also, don't miss Celler Select Wine Mondays as all wines by the glass or bottle are 25% off. 736-4917. • Five years after closing its renowned King Street location, **Alan Wong's Kahala** officially opened its doors the former Hoku's location at the Kahala Hotel & Resort last month and although I haven't been, initial reactions has been positive. Open for dinner from 5-10 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, the Kahala's beloved Sunday brunch is also back, prepared by Kahala's kitchen staff, but will eventually include a few dishes by Alan Wong. 739-8760. • **Tonkatsu Tamafuji** has relocated to a significantly larger space downstairs from its former location, which was on the second floor of Hee Hing Plaza. The restaurant has now opened on the first floor of the same plaza, in the space previously occupied by Growlers USA. Notoriously beloved by famed chefs around the world and beyond difficult to get into, here's hoping the new space allows more diiners to get their hands on its beloved crispy, tender, perfectly fried katsu. Open Mondays, Wednesdays to Fridays from 4 to 9:30 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, it is closed Tuesdays. 922-1212. • **Arden Waikiki** is offering its Graduates Eat Free promotion this month. There must be a minimum of 4 people per reservation, wath only one graduate (preschool through college) per group with a max discount of \$80 per grad. Restrictions apply, check the restaurant for all the details when booking your table. 791-5151. • Last, but not least, **Happy Mother's Day!** Make those reservations early!



Chef's Corner

Hau Tree Executive Chef Chaz Wilmore

Originally from Pittsburgh, Chef Chaz Wilmore developed a passion for food and cooking at an early age. By third grade, he knew his dream was to become a chef. After relocating to the islands in 2020, he joined the Highhate 'ohana in 2021. Over the years, he advanced from Sous Chef to Chef de Cuisine and now serves as Executive Chef. He is recognized for both his culinary skills and his outstanding leadership in the kitchen. His dedication to excellence and his ability to motivate others have been key to Hau Tree's ongoing growth and development.

What is your first childhood food memory?

I don't have one specific first memory, just the good times spent with friends and family – and all enjoyed around food! My passion for food was sparked at a young age by my grandmother, whose early morning cooking inspired my love for the kitchen.

What lessons from your grandmother do you carry with you today?

Don't be afraid to try new things. New Day, New Opportunities.

What was your first job in the industry?

I started my first job when I was 15 at McDonalds.

Where did you train?

The Arts Institute of Washington.

Who would you consider your mentor?

I would say each one of my previous chefs have poured something intangible into the way I think and work, but I work with chef Zack Ridenhour at Rustico Restaurant in Alexandria, VA and Sixth Engine in DC for a span of about 4-years which really drove my curiosity to always push for more.

How would you describe your cooking style?

Very homie with a splash of all of my life experiences.

Do you have any plans for the menu?

Yes! Hau Tree is iconic. Its an honor to steward its culinary legacy. New must-discover dishes are coming soon. Stay tuned!

Do you have any tattoos? It seems like most chefs I know have tattoos. Is it a chef thing?

Yes, I currently have 5 tattoos. Though I do have a "chef like" tattoo I don't feel my

occupation is the reasoning behind getting them. I honestly gravitated to the art and environment of the shop while going with an older cousin to get her tattoo retouched at an early age.

When did you move to Hawaii?

I moved here in October of 2020 so almost six years ago.

How was the transition from Pittsburgh to Hawaii?

Having previously lived in three other places for about 10 years each, I am pretty used to change. I will say Hawaii is truly a special place and it's one of a kind.

What do you miss most about the mainland?

The ability to go on spontaneous road trips, especially living on the east coast.

What about living in Hawaii have you enjoyed the most?

The warm and relaxed nature of the locals. The people that live here really are the reason why this place is so special. The blue waters, valleys and mountains – awe inspiring.

What do you like to do most on your days off?

When I'm not at the restaurant I like to unplug. Mostly like watching movies, beach days and always getting something good to eat.

What's your favorite restaurant to go to when not working?

So many fun new places poppin' up – I keep it diversified, but a simple classic is Kaimuki Shokudo – they have a little bit of everything to choose from.



Ahi Tartar

To make the Harissa Yogurt:

- 16 oz Greek Yogurt
- 20 grams Shallots, brunoise
- 15 grams Harissa
- 10 grams Sesame Oil
- 5 grams Salt
- 3 ea lemons, zested

Baguette Crostini:

- 3 ea baguette, sliced
- Lemon zest, as needed
- EVOO, as needed
- salt, as needed

To complete:

- 100 grams Nakaochi
- 35 grams Harissa Yogurt
- 1 Tbl Salt
- 5 grams Trout Roe
- 5 grams toasted white sesame seeds
- 5 grams chives
- 6 ea crostini

The Hau Tree Lanai is located beachside at the Kaimana Beach Hotel
 Brunch: 8am-1:30pm (7:30am on weekends) • Pau Hana: 2-5 p.m. • Dinner: 5-9 p.m.
 Ph: (808) 921-7066 • Web: kaimana.com/dine'hau-tree • Instagram: @thehautree

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS O NĀ LANI SUNSET STORIES HULA SHOW

Honoring the rich history and sense of place of the International Market Place through song & dance, beginning at sunset with the lighting of the Lamakū Torch Tower on Kalākaua Avenue and leads to the Queen's Court. Free. 6 p.m. shopinternationalmarketplace.com.

TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY ARTS AT MARKS LATEST EXHIBIT

Don't miss the latest monthly exhibit at the Arts at Marks, and be sure to stop by and meet the artists at Pau Hana Friday on the first and final Friday of the month from 5 - 8 p.m. Open Tues-Sat. 12 - 5 p.m. artsatmarks.com.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been going strong since 1979, but recently relocated to the Upper Halawa Parking Lot. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters and artists, grab low-prices on a wide selection of quality products with food trucks to snack from. Wednesdays & Saturdays: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sundays, 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$2 admission ages 12 & up, \$1 for locals. alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

FRIDAYS

ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND LUNCHTIME SHOW

The Royal Hawaiian Band returns to 'Iolani Palace for its popular lunchtime concerts. Held

on most Fridays, the concerts are free and open to the public. 12 - 1 p.m. iolanipalace.org

FRIDAYS CHAMPAGNE FRIDAYS AT PARK WEST

Watch a live painting session as resident artist Cam Rose paints in the window along Lewers Street while sipping on a complimentary glass of bubbly at Park West Gallery. Waikiki Beach Walk. 4-9 p.m. parkwestgallery.com/hawaii.

FIRST FRIDAY (MAY 1) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

Downtown comes alive the first Friday of every month as art lovers fill the streets for Honolulu's outdoor self-guided arts tour. Stores spill out onto the sidewalk, and artists are on hand to chat about to their works, and restaurants are ready to serve you. firstfridayhawaii.com.

SECOND FRIDAY (MAY 8) MUSEUM AFTER HOURS

The Kaiwi'ula Night Market has been merged with After hours to give even more options to explore. Enjoy after-hours access to the Museum and explore the grounds, experience unique exhibitions, hear about the latest scientific discoveries, and engage with Hawaiian cultural practitioners in an evening of tributes, mele, and hula, good eats and crafts from local vendors. 5 - 9 p.m. \$15 at the door. (\$10 pre-sale). bishopmuseum.org.

FRIDAYS HOMA NIGHTS

On Friday nights, explore the galleries,

stargaze in the courtyards, enjoy art experiences and music, and connect with the museum community, bar service at the HoMA Cafe, and other interactive art experiences until 9 p.m. honoluluuseum.org.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

Art on the Zoo Fence is a group of resident Hawaii artists that meet every Saturday and Sunday to display and sell art and photography on the Zoo fence on Monsarrat Avenue opposite the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. This is the only outdoor art venue in Honolulu that has proudly been displaying art since 1953. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. artonthezoo fencehi.com.

SECOND SATURDAY (MAY 9) KANIKAPILA MA KAIWI'ULA

Bring your 'ukulele, or borrow one that's there. Join in to learn some new techniques, share mo'olelo or just enjoy the music as Ukulele Guild of Hawai'i members lead guests through selections from the Hawaiian Songbook. Free with Bishop Museum admission. Bowman Hālau Wa'a. 10 a.m. bishopmuseum.org.

SECOND SUNDAY (MAY 10) KAMA'AINA SUNDAYS

Kama'aina Sundays offer entertainment and cultural workshops. Held every second Sunday, the free monthly event provides unique opportunities to enjoy live performances, engage in Hawaiian crafts and explore the historical significance of 'Iolani Palace. Take advantage of free tours, entertainment, activities and food options. Free tours available to the first 500 guests with proof of residency. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. iolanipalace.org.

THIRD SUNDAY (MAY 17) MELE HALI'A

Waikiki Beach Walk celebrates Hawaiian music with an award-winning musician one Sunday a month on the Plaza Stage. This month, guests can see Maelia Carter and students from her award-winning hula school Ka Pa Hula O Ka Ua Noe O Wa'ahilae. umu Maelia is currently one of the judges at the Merrie Monarch Festival. 5-6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

THIRD SUNDAY (MAY 17) COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Enjoy exploring the galleries and outdoor spaces and get creative with two art activities.. Admission is free for Hawai'i residents. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 532-8700. honoluluuseum.org. Free for kama'aina. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 532-8700. honoluluuseum.org.

APRIL 30-MAY 10 2026 ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Discover the work of Hawaii Quilt Guild members at this year's quilt show, "Hands Stitching Together." The featured artist is Annette Ichiki, and special guest Poakalani Hawaiian Quilting is highlighted. Explore a gift shop featuring handcrafted items by guild members. Some quilts on display are also for sale. The show returns to the 2nd-floor atrium of Na Lama Kukui, located at 560 N. Nimitz Highway (formerly Gentry Design Center). Free admission. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Sat, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. hawaiiquiltguild.com.

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MAY 1 MAY DAY IN WAIKIKI

KumuZ Nā Kumu Hula Karl Veto Baker & Michael Lanakila Casupang offer a special concert, Beneath Our Hawaiian Skies, featuring Hālau I Ka Wākiu, Ikaika Blackburn, Natalie & Iolani Kamauu, and Mālie Lyman. 7 p.m. \$41-\$62. bishopmuseum.org.

MAY 1 97TH ANNUAL LEI DAY CELEBRATION

The City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation's Annual Lei Day Celebration is held on May 1st of each year, rain or shine, any day of the week. The all-day event features a wide variety of island musical & hula performances, Hawaiian cultural protocol, the world-renowned Lei Contest, lei-making workshops, artisans, and merchants, all in a family-friendly setting. Kapi'olani Park. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. honolulu.gov/parks/program.

MAY 1 HOMA LEI DAY CELEBRATION



The Honolulu Museum of Art welcomes Raiatea Helm and some of her closest musical friends to the Central Courtyard stage for an evening of music, hula, art, food, and community from 5-9 p.m. \$35. honolulumuseum.org.

MAY 1 HAWAIIAN AIRLINES MAY DAY

The star-studded program will feature Keauhou, Robert Cazimero, Keali'i Reichel, Hālau Nā Kamalei o Lilīehua, and more. Enjoy the May Day Mākeke, a marketplace featuring local vendors and artisans, with plenty of food and beverages for purchase from 5-9 p.m. \$35. bishopmuseum.org.

MAY 1 NAOMI WATANABE FROM TOKYO

Naomi Watanabe is a famous Japanese comedian, actress, and fashion icon known for her Beyoncé impersonations and for breaking beauty standards in Japan. She is touring North America in Spring 2026 with her new show. 7 p.m. Tickets sold out at press time. 7 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.

MAY 1-10 GRAND LANAI RESTAURANT WEEK

Previously held in October, the Grand Lanai Restaurant Week event showcases local ingredients and innovative preparations as participating restaurants creates limited-time special dishes and curated prix-fixe menus at special prices. More information available at shopinternationalmarketplace.com.

MAY 2 EAST HONOLULU FOOD FESTIVAL

The 18th annual East Honolulu Food Festival celebrates local cuisine. In "Under the Moon in Old Hawai'i." more than 20 Hawaii restaurants and purveyors will be on-site, offering a fabulous culinary adventure. Guests can immerse themselves in lively activities ideal for all age groups, from a keiki zone to live entertainment and more. Tickets start at \$100. Star of the Sea. 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. theehff.com.

MAY 2 ANNUAL VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK

Get ready for the annual visitor industry charity walk starting at 7 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park. Be sure to snap pictures of you and your colleagues along the way and email them to publisher@oahuconcierge.com by May 7th. charitywalkhawaii.org.

MAY 2 2026 FLORES DE MAYO & FILIPINO FIESTA

At this annual celebration of Filipino culture, enjoy authentic Filipino food and desserts, nonstop live entertainment, activities for all ages, cultural experiences, and a marketplace featuring local businesses and community organizations. Filipino Community Center. Free. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. filcom.org.

MAY 2 11TH ANNUAL MANU O KŪ FESTIVAL

Conservation groups, educators, and others are invited to enjoy games and activities to engage participants of all ages in learning about the Manu O Kū. This white fairy tern is Honolulu's official bird. Booths manned by groups working together to help these birds thrive in our urban environment will be available as live entertainment, a kid's nature-themed costume contest, art, and more. The event is free. 'Iolani Palace. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. conservehawaii.org.

MAY 2 GARY OWEN: NO HARD FEELINGS TOUR

Gary Owen has entertained audiences for over

two decades with his sharp humor and fearless storytelling. Known for his unapologetic, rule-breaking style, his material draws from personal life, military service, and everyday absurdities that connect people. With a growing fanbase across social media, Owen has become one of the most in-demand comedians today. After record-breaking, sold-out performances nationwide, he announced his first major North American theater tour, No Hard Feelings, starting early 2026. The 7 p.m. show is sold out, so a 9:30 p.m. show has been added. \$45.50-\$244.50. hawaii theatre.com.

MAY 3 KALANI PE'A MAY DAY 2026



hawaii theatre.com.

Celebrate Lei Day with 4x Grammy winner Kalani Pe'a and special guests Mākena, Kumu Hula Chinky Māhoe & Kawai'i'ūla, and more at his 8th Annual May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i Concert. Hawaii Theatre. \$60.50-\$165.50. 3:30 p.m.

MAY 5-8 • HAWAII' ADAPTIVE SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

AccesSurf Hawai'i will host the 2026 Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships at Queens Surf Break in Waikiki, featuring four days of competition, community, and celebration. The event showcases surfers with disabilities and

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Free Weekly Events at Waikiki Beach Walk®

Sunday Ka Lei Hula, 9:00-10:00am

Monday Waikiki Makers Market,
4:00-8:00pm

Tuesday Kū Ha'aheo, 4:30-6:00pm

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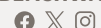
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promotes ocean accessibility and inclusion. It includes multiple adaptive surfing divisions and community events such as a welcome ceremony on May 4 at 5 p.m. at the Duke statue, a film screening, and awards. Spectators are welcome to enjoy adaptive surfing in Waikiki. accessurf.org.

MAY 6

THE INCREDIBLE PAULK FILM SCREENING

This special public screening marks the Hawai'i premiere of The Incredible Paulk, a documentary chronicling the inspiring journey of adaptive surfing champion Aaron Paulk as part of Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships. The film

follows Paulk's path as a world-class parasurfer, Navy veteran, entrepreneur, and advocate, capturing a story of resilience, purpose, and impact beyond the water. The film will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. SWELL Restaurant & Pool Bar at the 'Alohilani Resort. 7 to 8 p.m.

MAY 6

JUNIOR WORLD FIREKNIFE CHAMPIONSHIP

As a precursor to the men's and women's finals of the World Fireknife Championship later this week, be prepared to be amazed as competitors as young as six years old take the stage for the Junior and Intermediate Competition. 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Polynesian Cultural Center. worldfireknife.com.



**MAY 8
TAYLOR DAYNE**

Taylor's groundbreaking debut single "Tell It To My Heart" made her an overnight international star in 1987. She is one of the few artists in music history to successfully crossover into

nearly every genre and chart, with hit singles in pop, dance, R&B, adult contemporary, and rock. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$54.70 and \$140.50. 7 p.m. hawaiiitheatre.com.

MAY 8-9

MICRO MANIA MIDGET WRESTLING

The MicroMania Midget Wrestling Tour is a high-powered, explosive, athletic Pro Wrestling show with just the right touch of comedy added in to make for an unforgettable 90-minute action-packed BIG event, just not necessarily for big people. Tickets: \$35 - \$69.69. The Republik. 8 p.m. bampproject.com.

MAY 9

JCCH CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES FAIR

Meet and shop with local vendors at the monthly JCCH Craft & Collectibles Fair. Browse a selection of Japanese and Japanese-inspired items while supporting small business owners. The JCCH Gift Shop and Gallery will also be open. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. jccchawaii.org.

**MAY 9 • KIKILO KE KAPU:
A NIGHT OF MELE, OLI AND HULA**

The Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives invites the community to join Kikilo Ke Kapu: "Looking to the Past and Future of Kapu," the latest event in its Mele Program. Kikilo, meaning to look deeply or observe with focused attention, is both an ancient Hawaiian custom and a vital modern duty. The event encourages participants to examine Hawai'i's sacred sites and history—specifically the kapu that uphold the genealogies, histories, and mana of generations of k̄naka—and to honor the communities responsible for their protection. Through mele, oli, and hula, Kikilo Ke Kapu highlights the core Hawaiian value of Mālama 'Āina, Mālama Kānaka: caring for the land and caring for the people are interconnected.

MAY 9

HAPA MAMA WITH JOHNNY VALENTINE



Celebrate Mother's Day early by treating mom to a memorable night out with an exclusive tribute only Johnny Valentine can deliver. Composer-in-Residence Michael-Thomas Foumai conducts your Hawai'i Symphony

Orchestra for a mother-of-all HapaSymphony performance, featuring covers and original songs from Johnny's "Mom's I Love Forever" playlist! 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$42.50 - \$136.50. myhso.org.

MAY 9

AMY HANALI'I-GILLIOM

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Hanohano Award winner and Grammy-nominated vocalist, Known for her powerful voice, emotional depth, and ability to blend traditional Hawaiian and contemporary music, her performances reflect disciplined training, cultural heritage, and deep connection to place, family, and legacy, captivating audiences with heartfelt renditions of Hawaiian songs, original compositions, and favorites, whether singing a ballad or sharing a reflective moment. Set in the waterfront atmosphere of Kaponos's, the night offers a rare chance to experience Hawai'i's iconic voice up close. Two shows 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$65. kaponosatthelounge.com.

MAY 9

KALA'E & KALENA - MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special evening of love, family and connection as multi-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners Kala'e + Kalena take the stage for a spirited, one-show-only concert. As a husband-and-wife duo, Kala'e and Kalena showcase soaring harmonies and musicianship that reflect the powerful bond they share on and off the stage. Backed by their band, Kala'e and Kalena are set to deliver an evening of heartfelt songs that honor the spirit of Mother's. 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

MAY 9 • JOHNNY HELM



Johnny Helm returns to the Velvet Monkey after a sold-out show, delighting fans with his soulful vocals, acoustic folk-rock style, and multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award nominations. Known in Hawai'i's music scene, he offers heartfelt originals, thoughtful covers, and new songs live for the first time. These intimate shows provide a rare opportunity to experience Johnny up close, where every lyric and story feels personal. Set in the intimate Velvet Monkey venue upstairs, the 8 p.m. show is already sold out. 5 p.m. \$35. kaponosatthelounge.com.

MAY 9

ANNUAL KO OLINA CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The 10th family-friendly festival is filled with arts & crafts activities, featuring a paniolo-themed lineup of activities and rides, live entertainment, and a screening of Toy Story on the beach at Ko Olina at sunset. Tickets: \$25-\$45, with event parking and shuttle transportation included. 3-8 p.m. koolinachildrensfestival.com.

MAY 9

WE ARE SAMOA FESTIVAL

It's Hawai'i's largest Samoan cultural gathering, and a premier showcase of Samoa's traditions as high school students of Samoan ancestry demonstrate their cultural knowledge by competing in a series of traditional practices, including protocol and speech-making, basket weaving, coconut husking and fire making, costuming, poise, dance, and interpretation. 9 a.m. Polynesian Cultural Center Pacific Theatre. Tickets \$15. worldfireknife.com.

MAY 10

ADAM GOLKA PLAYS MOZART

Polish-American pianist Adam Golka, praised by the Washington Post for his "brilliant technique

and real emotional depth," performs Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23. Conductor Emeritus JoAnn Falletta comes back to lead a program of classical favorites, featuring Michael Torke's energetic Javelin and Dvořák's Symphony No. 6. A preconcert chat will happen at 3 p.m. 4 p.m. Tickets: \$42.50 - \$136.50. myhso.org.

**MAY 12
SPYRO GYRA**

Spyro Gyra is an American jazz group with a career spanning over five decades, making them one of the most enduring acts in contemporary jazz. Formed in 1974 in Buffalo, New York, the band started as a local casual bar band. It evolved into a distinctive blend of jazz improvisation, R&B, funk, and pop, creating a polished, melodic style. Today, Spyro Gyra continues to perform and record, known for their ability to evolve while maintaining a sound that is both sophisticated and widely appealing. Two shows at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40-\$55. bluenotehawaii.com.

**MAY 12-14
FIREKNIFE FESTIVAL**



Watch the world's most talented fire knife warriors unite for a heated competition at the Annual World Fireknife Championships. See the best in the world as they spin, twirl, and flip flaming knives to earn the coveted title of World Champion. The men and the women compete on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and the Women's Champion will be named. \$15, Men's Finals take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday during the intermission of Ha: The Breath of Live. Polynesian Cultural Center. \$94.95. worldfireknife.com.

MAY 14

BOWLING FOR SOUP DOES HONOLULU

Bowling for Soup is finally coming to Honolulu. Founded in 1994, the rock band is best known for its singles "Girl All the Bad Guys Want", "1985", "Almost", "Punk Rock 101", and "High School Never Ends" The Republik, 8 p.m. tickets: \$39.50. bampproject.com.

MAY 14-15

JACK JOHNSON'S SURFILMUSIC

SURFILMUSIC traces Jack Johnson's journey from surfer to filmmaker to musician—blending rare surf footage, personal archives, and the stories behind the songs influenced by the ocean, friendship, and exploration. Each evening will feature a film screening, talk story, and a special acoustic performance. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show 7 p.m. Tickets: \$75. Blaisdell Concert Hall. bampproject.com.

MAY 16

NEW FACE NEW TOUR WITH KATHY GRIFFIN

Kathy Griffin is a Grammy-winning comedian and LGBTQ+ icon, celebrated for My Life on the D-List and holding the record for most televised specials. Known for her unfiltered celebrity satire, she begins her New Face New Tour on January 9, 2026. Her resilience shines as she shares her sharp wit with audiences across North America. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$60.50 and \$170.50. 7 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.

MAY 17

HONOLULU TRIATHLON

All events for the annual Triathlon will start and finish at Ala Moana Beach Park. The elite wave for the Olympic Trials will start at 5:45 a.m., with all other levels starting in waves afterward. Traffic will be affected in the area for several hours. honolulutriathlon.com.

**MAY 22-23
MARLON WAYANS**



Marlon Wayans is an American actor, comedian, writer, and producer from the famous Wayans family. He gained attention on *Living Color*, created by his brother Keenen, and starred with his other brother Shawn in *The Wayans Bros.* He is known for roles in comedy films

like *Scary Movie*, *White Chicks*, and *Little Man*, which feature over-the-top humor, parody, and a cult following. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$70. bluenotehawaii.com.

MAY 22-23

MARIAH THE SCIENTIST

Mariah the Scientist is an American R&B singer-songwriter known for her introspective lyrics and melodic sound. Her 2026 "Hearts Sold Separately Tour" supports her fourth studio album of the same name, featuring hits like "Burning Blue." Mariah the Scientist is an American R&B singer-songwriter recognized for her introspective lyrics and melodic style. Her 2026 "Hearts Sold Separately Tour" promotes her fourth studio album, which shares the same title. The Republik, 8 p.m. Both shows were sold out at press time. bampproject.com.

MAY 25

LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY



Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i returns to Ala Moana Beach to celebrate its 28th anniversary. One of the more popular festivals

that takes place all year long, the event used to bring more than 50,000 people to Ala Moana Beach Park to send specially made candle-lit lanterns into the ocean to honor their loved ones. This year, there will be 6,000 lanterns set afloat at sunset. Ceremonies start at 6:30 p.m. and are simulcast on KHON and webcast live at lanternfloatinghawaii.com.

MAY 25

MAYOR'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The 75th Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony features several presentations and tributes, including an oli, speeches from Mayor Rick Blangiardi and other dignitaries, a color guard, wreath presentations, a firearm salute, a military aircraft flyover, taps playing, performances from the Royal Hawaiian Band, Sounds of Aloha, and hula from the Lei Court. Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. 8:30 a.m. More info at; honolulu.gov/dpr/events/75th-mayors-memorial-day-ceremony.



Chong Qing Hot Pot Waikiki offers traditional Chinese hot pot & Korean BBQ in Discovery Bay at the old Buffalo Wild Wings location. They opened their doors to hotels in the immediate vicinity to introduce their lunch and dinner All You Can Eat concept, and it was the first time for most attendees. Offering eight different broths and an extensive choice of meats, plus a buffet of sides, sauces, and veggies, prices range from \$33.99 to \$43.99. Email chongqinghotpot0606@gmail.com for 10% off discount cards for your guests that offers you a small referral bonus.



MAY EVENTS

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MAY 25-27 • CHRIS BOTTI



For over two decades, GRAMMY® Award-winning trumpeter and composer Chris Botti has earned numerous honors, including multiple gold and platinum albums, making him the nation's top-selling instrumental artist. His performances with legends like Sting, Streisand, Bennett, Yo-Yo Ma, Sinatra, Paul Simon, and Bocelli have secured his status as a leading force in modern music. Whether with symphonies or at world venues, his crystalline, poetic sound transcends boundaries. Two shows at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$70. bluenotehawaii.com.

MAY 29-30 • ANUHEA

Multi-talented Hawai'i artist, Anuhea, is known for blending genres such as Reggae, Pop, and R&B into a style all her own, earning her multiple prestigious awards, including Hawai'i's Female Artist of the Year in 2019. 5/29 at 7 p.m., 5/30 at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Post-Concert Reggae DJ Set by Miss Lulu for the final performance at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

MAY 30 ALX KAWAKAMI

Join Alx Kawakami with his wife and guest hula artist Sarah Kamalei for an evening of Hawaiian and contemporary music with expressive hula. Known for his warm vocals and guitar, Alx shares island favorites and originals, while Sarah adds visual beauty through graceful hula, bringing songs to life. This rare performance, featuring Sarah, a former Miss Aloha Hula runner-up, is a unique chance to experience their chemistry, reflecting their artistry and fun-loving spirit. Set in the waterfront atmosphere of Kapono's, this is an amazing opportunity for visitors to see local talent up close and personal. Two shows 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$65. kaponosatthelounge.com.

MAY 30 SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL 2026

Discover how science, culture, and community action unite at the Science & Sustainability Festival to protect Hawai'i's unique biodiversity. Scientists, educators, cultural practitioners, and partners showcase their work to ensure a sustainable future for future generations. Enjoy interactive activities, along with presentations and exhibitions. Learn from those on the front lines of biodiversity research and conservation across Hawai'i. This year, the festival emphasizes Makahiki Kuleana Kahakai: the Year of Our Coastal Kuleana, celebrating our coastal ecosystems and the role we all play in caring for them. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. bishopmuseum.org.

MAY 31 • THE ILLEAGLES

This Eagles tribute band was founded in late 2016 when 6 friends came together who all loved the music of the Eagles, and each was an amazing musician in their own right. After hours and hours of studying, rehearsing, and mastering each of the Eagles classic hits, The Illegals was born. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$40. bluenotehawaii.com.

That's Entertainment

HOTELS

- ALA MOANA HOTEL** 923-2311
- **MWFSat** - Live music in the lobby, 4-6pm
- 'ALOHLANI RESORT** 922-1233
- **Daily** - Fish Feeding 10:30am & 2:30pm *O Bar*
 - **Daily** - Live Music 6:30-9:30pm *Swell Bar*
 - **Daily** - Light Monument Video Art Series 7-9pm *Swell Bar*
 - **SunWedSat** - Tank Talk 9am. *O Bar*
- COURTYARD NORTH SHORE** 293-4900
- **FSatSun** - Live music in the lobby, 6:30-8:30pm
- HALEKULANI** 923-2311
- **Daily** - Music & Hula 5-8pm *House Without a Key*
 - **Daily** - Live Jazz 8:30-10:30pm, *Lewers Lounge*
 - **TWThFS** - Afternoon Tea in the Veranda 2-5pm
 - **Sun** - Sunday brunch w/Noly Paa on piano 9:30am - 2pm
- HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE** 949-4321
- **Fri** - Fireworks at 7:45pm
 - **ThSSun** - Live entertainment, Tapa Bar. 7-10pm
- HYATT REGENCY WAIKIKI** 923-1234
- **MWed** - Farmer's Market from 4-8pm
 - **Mon-Fri** - Cultural Programs at the Ho'okela Culture Center
 - **Tth** - Walking Tour thru parts of Waikiki at 10am
 - **Tth** - Live Hawaiian music at Pualeilani Atrium, 4-6 pm
- KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** 739-8888
- **MTWThFSat** - Free Hawaiian activities at The Veranda, 10am
 - **ThFSat** - Live entertainment at The Veranda from 6-8pm.
 - **FriSat** - Afternoon Tea at The Veranda at 2pm & 3:30pm
 - **Sun** - Brunch at Hoku's w/Johnny Kukui from 10am-1pm
 - **Daily** - See the interactive dolphin programs every hour
- KA LA'I WAIKIKI BEACH** 683-7777
- **FSSun** - Live music at Wai'olu Ocean Cuisine, 5:30-7:30pm
- LUANA WAIKIKI HOTEL & SUITES** 955-6000
- **MWF** - Enjoy live music and hula on the Mezzanine 5-6pm
- MOANA SURFRIDER** 922-3111
- **Daily** - Live music at The Beach Bar, 4:30-6:30pm, 7-10pm
 - **WThFSSu** - David Swanson at Vintage1901, 6:30-10pm
 - **SatSun** - Afternoon Tea at the Veranda, 11:30am-2:30pm
- OUTRIGGER REEF WAIKIKI BEACH** 923-3111
- **Daily** - Live Hawaiian music at Kani Ka Pila Grille. 6-9pm
- PRINCE WAIKIKI** 956-1111
- **Sat** - DJ KK poolside from 2-5pm, Sun from 2:30-5:30pm
- SHERATON PRINCESS KA'IULANI** 922-5811
- **Daily** - Live music poolside 6-9pm. DJ from 3-6pm.
- THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN** 923-7311
- **Daily** - Live Hawaiian music at the Mai Tai Bar. 11am-2pm
 - **TWFSsu** - Live Hawaiian music at the Mai Tai Bar. 6-9pm
 - **MTh** - Live Hawaiian music at the Mai Tai Bar. 8-10pm
- TURTLE BAY RESORT** 293-6000
- **Daily** - Live music at The Pointe Pool Bar, 4-7pm
 - **Daily** - Live music at Off the Lip, 7pm
 - **Daily** - The Stable at Turtle Bay offers a variety of experiences
- WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT** 922-6611
- **ThFSat** - Live music, Queensbreak Restaurant 6-9pm
 - **Sun** - Stephen Inglis plays in the Lobby 6-9pm

FARMERS MARKETS

- WBW OPEN MARKET**
- **Mon** - Set up on the Plaza at Waikiki Beach Walk. 4-8pm.
- HYATT REGENCY FARMERS MARKET** 225-4002
- **MonWed** - Hyatt Regency 1st floor waterfall atrium 4-8pm
- HAWAII FARM BUREAU MARKET** 848-2074
- **Wed** - Set up on the Blaisdell Concert Hall Lawn 4-7pm.
- HALE'IWA FARMERS MARKET** 388-9696
- **Thurs** - Located at Waimea Valley. 2-6pm
- KCC FARMERS MARKET** 848-2074
- **Sat** - Kapiolani Community College 7:30-11am
- KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET** 388-9696
- **Sat** - 919 Ala Moana Blvd & 210 Ward Avenue. 8am-12pm
- PEARLRIDGE FARMERS MARKET** 388-9696
- **Sat** - Pearlridge Mauka by Macy's. 8am-12pm

- MAKANA MARKET** 628-4800
- **WedSun** - Ka Makana Alii - Wed 4-8p, Sun 11am-3pm
- MALAMA MARKET** 225-4002
- **Wed** - Ala Moana Center Wing Level 2. 11am-4pm
- KAILUA FARM BUREAU MARKET** 848-2074
- **Thu** - Kailua Town Center. 4-7pm
- ALOHA HOME MARKET** 225-4002
- **Sun** - Kailua 340 Uluniu Street. 9-2pm
- ALOHA MARKET AT WAIKIKI** 735-4510
- **Sun** - Jefferson Elementary 324 Kapahulu Ave. 8-2pm
- KAILUA TOWN FARMERS MARKET** 388-9696
- **Sun** - Enchanted Lake Center by Kailua Cinema. 8am-12pm

ATTRACTIONS

- FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN** 768-7135
- **Daily** - Hawaii's oldest Botanical Garden in the midst of downtown open 9am - 4pm. \$5/\$1 keiki (kama'aina \$3)
 - **Daily** - Free docent-led tours at 10:30am. Reservations rec.
- HONOLULU ZOO** 926-3191
- **Daily** - The Zoo is open from 10am - 4pm. Last Entry at 3pm. GA \$21 adult/\$13 keiki (kama'aina \$10/\$6).
 - **Sat** - Explore the Zoo after the gates close 5:30-7:30pm.
- KUHIO BEACH HULA SHOW** 843-8002
- **TSat** - Free show 6:30-7:30pm. Kuhio Hula Mound
- WAIKIKI AQUARIUM** 923-9741
- **Daily** - The Aquarium is open from 9am - 4:30pm. GA \$12 adult/\$5 kids (kama'aina \$8).
 - **1st3rdTue** - Hawaiian Plant Tour. 1:30pm. Free w/admission.

MUSEUMS

- BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL** 455-1600
- **Daily** - Relive stories of war, victory, and the road to peace onboard the "Mighty Mo." Join a guided tour in English, Japanese, Chinese, or Korean or explore the ship at your own pace. Digital tour maps in various languages are available. 8am-4pm. More info available online at ussmissouri.org.
- BISHOP MUSEUM** 847-3511
- **Daily** - The 15-acre campus offers a chance to learn about the cultural and natural heritage of Hawai'i across three different exhibition buildings. Daily planetarium shows, a native Hawaiian botanical garden and more. 9am-5pm.
- CAPITAL MODERN** 586-0900
- **Mon-Sat** - Formerly known as the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Admission is always free. Open 10am - 4pm.
 - **1stFri** - Live entertainment and food vendors. 6-9pm
 - **3rdFri** - Fri. Night Tempo, live music & food vendors. 6-9pm
 - **Sun** - Museum Closed
- HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM** 723-7167
- **3rdSat** - Free one-hour guided tours through various exhibits with a firefighter recounting HFDs history the 3rd Saturday of every month. 9am - 2pm on the hour. 620 South Street. Reservations required. Book online: fire.honolulu.gov then hit the submit request button and click museum tours.
- HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES** 447-3910
- **TWThFSat** - Docents led tours through the oldest existing frame house in the Islands. 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. Self guided tours 10am - 2pm. Gift shop open 10am - 3pm
 - **SunMon** - Museum Closed
- HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART** 532-8726
- **ThFSSu** - Tour & Talk Story 11am. Free with admission.
 - **ThFSSu** - Highlights tour 2pm. Free with admission.
 - **Fri** - HoMA Nights, open until 9pm. Free with admission.
 - **MonTues** - Museum Closed
- IOLANI PALACE** 522-0832
- **TThS** - Audio tours available from 9am - 4pm
 - **WTh** - Docent-led tours available from 9am - 4pm
 - **EveryOtherWed** - He Mele Lahui Hawaii with Ku'uipo. 9am
 - **Fri** - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12-1pm
 - **SunMon** - Museum Closed
- LUCORAL MUSEUM** 778-8189

- **Mon-Fri** - Free self-guided tours featuring gemstones, a one-of-a-kind dinosaur egg, and create your own jewelry. 10% off gift shop with mention of Oahu Concierge. 10am-5pm.
- PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM** 441-1000
- **Daily** - Vintage aircraft in battlefield hangars at Pearl Harbor, outdoor exhibits, flight simulators, and the Bob Hope: An American Treasure Exhibit. Shuttle & Tickets at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center or PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org.

SHOPPING CENTERS

- ALA MOANA CENTER** 955-9517
- **Daily** - Hula Show, 5pm. *Centerstage*
 - **EveryOtherWed** - Royal Hawaiian Band. *Centerstage*. 11am.
 - **Sun** - Keiki Hula Show, 1pm. *Centerstage*
 - **Daily** - Pau Hana Music Series. 5:30pm. *'Ewa Wing Stage*
- HALE'IWA STORE LOTS** 203-5700
- **Sat** - Live Hawaiian entertainment from 2-4pm
- INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE** 921-0536
- **MWF** - Ceremonial sunset lighting of Lamaku Torch Tower
 - **MWF** - Sunset Stories Hula Show, 6pm. *Queens Court*
 - **1stTh** - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12pm. *Queens Court*
 - **4thSat** - Free Fitness. 9am. *Queens Court*
 - **1st3rdSu** - Free Fitness. 9am. *Queens Court*
- ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER** 922-2299
- **Daily** - Heritage Room/Cultural Videos, *Helumoa Hale*
 - **Mon** - Free Ukelele Lessons 11pm, *Helumoa Hale*
 - **Tues** - Free Hula Lessons 11am, *Royal Grove*
 - **Wed** - Free Lauhala Weaving 11am, *Bldg A, Level 2*
 - **Thur** - Free Keiki Hula lessons 12pm, *Royal Grove*
 - **Fri** - Free Lei Making Class 12pm, *Bldg A, Level 2*
 - **Sat** - Hula Kahiko 5:30pm, *Royal Grove*
 - **TWThF** - Live Hawaiian Entertainment 5:30pm, *Royal Grove*
- WAIKIKI BEACH WALK** waikikibeachwalk.com
- **Daily** - The Ukulele Store offers free lessons at 4:30pm
 - **Tues** - Ku Ha'aheo Hula Show. 4:30-6pm. *Plaza Stage*
 - **Sun** - Free hula lessons, 9-10am



AIR PARK KARAOKE

Complimentary Karaoke Room Rental when purchase average 2 drinks per person per hour (exclude Fri. & Sat.) Must show Hotel ID. 510 Piikoi St. 2nd Fl. 591-8292.

BALI OCEANFRONT

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HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES

Free tour with hotel ID. 553 S. King Street. 447-3910.

IOLANI PALACE

Free Admission with hotel ID. GA \$30. Kama'aina \$19.95. 364 S. King Street, Reservations Required. 522-0832.

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