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Calling all film enthusiasts! Get ready for cine-magic at the 46th annual Hawai'i International Film Festival (HIFF), running from October 21 to November 5. Enjoy two weeks of funny, touching, endearing, and creative short and feature films from around the world, delighting audiences in Honolulu, followed by screenings across the Neighbor Islands.

Visitors lucky enough to be in town during the festival should pencil in time for a movie or two at the Pacific's biggest East-West film fest. Every movie lover, from couch potato to critic, is sure to find a few new favorite flicks on the list of 84 films, including 10 World Premieres, four North American Premieres, 10 U.S. Premieres, and three International Premieres. Guests can hang out alongside emerging filmmakers, Indigenous storytellers, and Asian and Pacific Islander voices, acclaimed selections from Cannes, Sundance, Berlin, and Busan film festivals, as well as an exceptional showcase of films made in Hawai'i.

HIFF46 will kick off with the World Premiere of **The Navigator**, directed by Jordan Manley, on October 21 at the historic Hawai'i Theatre Center. This Made in Hawai'i documentary tracks legendary Native Hawaiian navigator Nainoa Thompson, nearly 50 years after he became the first Native Hawaiian in six centuries to navigate from Hawai'i to Tahiti without modern tools. In a final voyage back to the open ocean, Thompson sails 2,400 miles with a crew of student navigators, relying on the stars, nature, and teachings from master navigator Mau Pailug.



Opening Night also marks an important homecoming for HIFF as the festival returns to the Hawai'i Theatre for its Opening Night celebration for the first time since the pandemic.

"It is a tremendous honor for HIFF to open our 46th Festival with the World Premiere of **The Navigator**, a film that could not be more deeply connected to Hawai'i and to who we are as a festival," said Jean H. Lee, newly installed HIFF Executive Director. "Nainoa Thompson's legacy reaches far beyond an extraordinary achievement in navigation. It represents the reclamation and perpetuation of ancestral knowledge, a living connection across Oceania, and the responsibility to pass that knowledge to the next generation."

While all 84 films hadn't been announced at press time, plenty of exciting films have already been revealed, including the Centerpiece film, **Drifter**. Actor and filmmaker Sung Kang steps behind the camera for **Drifter**, a visceral love letter to car culture, community, and Hawai'i's 1990s underground drifting scene. Following its World Premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, HIFF will host the film's Hawai'i Premiere. Kang, whose work across the Fast & Furious franchise helped redefine Asian American representation in global popular culture, will attend to present his film to Hawai'i audiences.

"It's incredibly exciting to present the Hawai'i premiere of **Drifter** as HIFF's Centerpiece Presentation. Hawai'i was one of the earliest places where Japanese drift culture took root in the West in the 1990s, helping establish a community that would eventually grow into a global phenomenon," said Anderson Le, HIFF's Artistic Director. "That community embraced Sung Kang through his iconic role as Han in the Fast & Furious films, and **Drifter** brings that connection full circle. The film is a deeply personal love letter to drifting and the people who built the culture, making its Festival premiere in Hawai'i especially meaningful."

Some other exciting World Premieres

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Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, so you know Waikiki will be crazy, but although there are a ton of events on the 31st, the weeks leading up to the big day will also be filled with plenty of fall festivities. Here are a few activities happening this month; as always, many events are announced only a week or two in advance, so check back for updates.

## Fall Festivals

### Aloun Farms' 24th Annual Pumpkin Patch

Saturday & Sunday, October 17-18 & 24-25

Bring the whole family out to the farm to pick their own locally grown pumpkins, stroll through sunflower fields, shop for fresh, local produce, meet local vendors, and spend the day in a relaxed, authentic farm setting at the festival's new location at the Aloun Country Market in Kunia. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 entry. [alounfarms.com](http://alounfarms.com).

### Waimanalo Country Farms Fall Harvest Festival

September 26 - November 11

Enjoy the day at Waimanalo Country Farm as you wander the pumpkin patch, sunflower fields, and a country market offering fresh-squeezed lemonade, farm honey, homemade cornbread, and more, while snapping photo ops in the fields. Weekdays: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (\$12 entry). Sat/Sun: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (\$15 entry). [waimanalocountryfarms.com](http://waimanalocountryfarms.com)

## Haunted Houses

### Haunted Plantation Nights: Apparitions

October 9-10, 16-18, 23-25, 30-31

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## Publisher's Letter



### Stories & Storm Surges

Remember when I said in August I thought we might get hit this year? I was supposed to be wrong! And I kinda meant one — not one a week. This weekly hurricane threat and them lining up across the Pacific, one after the other, is getting old. Lala, Lowell, Norbert, Odalys... we keep this up, and we're gonna have to cycle back to the start of the alphabet before the season is over. We've got a long way to go until then, so here's hoping everyone stays safe and dry during however many more we will see this month.

But assuming they all stay away, there is a lot to do this month. And not just Halloween, haunted houses, pumpkin patches, and parties. Don't worry, there's plenty of those, but October is an amazing month for stories as well.

Most of you probably know what mo'olelo is, but for those of you new to the islands, the short answer is story. But mo'olelo is more than just a story. In Hawai'i, stories were never merely entertainment. They were a way of remembering who you were, where you came from, and how you were connected to the people and the 'āina around you. Mo'olelo is how Hawaiians preserved their past and shared that knowledge and culture through many generations. It can hold the memory of a family, the history of a place, the deeds of an ancestor, the wisdom of a kupuna, or the lessons learned from generations who came before... and this month, they can get pretty spooky (Morgan's Corner, anyone?). Fortunately, there are multiple opportunities to catch some of the best storytellers on the island, from multiple chances to listen to master storyteller Lopaka Kapanui, who can scare the living heck out of you while educating you on the island's history, to Hawai'i's oldest and largest storytelling celebration and everything in between. These are incredibly unique, fascinating, and fun opportunities for your visitors to take advantage of, and yourself as well. If you've never been, I suggest you put it on your list. It really is quite the experience, Halloween or not! Check out the list of events we were able to get our hands on and have a Spooktacular time!



## Yada Yada



Chris Nakano

Most recently, he served as Guest Experience Manager at Prince Waikiki. Earlier in his career, he managed major events at the Hawaii Convention Center and booked nationally recognized artists for venues including the Blaisdell and the Hawai'i Theatre. As Director of Beverage & Activations, Chris will oversee the resort's beverage strategy, entertainment offerings, and more, developing innovative offerings that enhance the guest experience and drive revenue. • Congratulations to **Mark Macapinlac**, who was recently promoted to Guest Service Manager at the **Kaimana Beach Hotel**. Mark joined the Kaimana

**Highgate Hawaii** recently announced **Christopher Nakano** has been named Director of Beverage & Activations at **'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach**. Chris brings nearly 20 years of experience in hospitality, entertainment, events, and business leadership.

'Ohana in August 2025 as a Guest Service Agent. His strong work ethic and tremendous growth made him the perfect candidate for promotion.

• **MC&A Hawai'i** recently announced that **Grace Hurt** as been named Director of Sales. Grace joins MC&A with a background in sales, business development, and event management in Hawai'i's hospitality industry, bringing a mix of entrepreneurial experience, extensive travel expertise, and relationship-focused leadership. Previously, she served as a Senior Event Manager at Grand Wailea Resort and most recently ran her own consulting and freelance business providing hospitality services. • Another Grace has been added to the team at **The Ritz-Carlton O'ahu, Turtle Bay**. **Phoebe Grace** has joined the Keiki Guidepost team at the luxury property. Please welcome her and other newcomers to the industry.



Grace Hurt



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include local films such as **Protecting Kaho'olawe: 50 Years of Aloha 'Āina**, a heartfelt documentary that captures Kaho'olawe's poignant history. It marks 50 years since the historic first landing by the "Kaho'olawe Nine" and highlights generations of restoration and activism. Also featured is "Making the Line," a beautiful film that explores the art of hula—celebrating deep ancestral traditions while thoughtfully embracing the realities of modern life in the 50th state. The film follows two queer Kanaka Maoli Kumu as they guide a diverse group of students as they prepare for the Merrie Monarch Festival.

HIFI is the only film festival in the State of Hawai'i recognized as an Academy Award®-qualifying festival for short films. Winners of HIFI's qualifying short film categories become eligible for consideration in the Academy Awards® Short Film competition, providing filmmakers with a direct pathway toward Oscar® consideration and placing Hawai'i on the global stage for emerging cinematic talent. The Man and the Tree is one of the qualifying films making its World Premiere at HIFI. A local film that surrounds a mango tree that has been part of a man's history for three generations. When the city demands its removal, a dying grandfather beats the

authorities to it — and offers the tree, along with himself, a new kind of homecoming.

Let's not forget the New American Perspectives, a longstanding partnership between HIFI and the Vilcek Foundation that celebrates immigrant and foreign-born artists whose work has shaped contemporary American cinema.

"Diversity sparks dialogue," said Rick Kinsel, President of The Vilcek Foundation. "The richness of today's cinematic landscape is made possible by the contributions of immigrants, Indigenous, and independent artists from around the globe."



Henry Ian Cusick

Two of the films The Vilcek Foundation is presenting include the U.S. premiere of **Los Vampires**, starring Henry Ian Cusick. Born in Peru to a Peruvian mother and a Scottish father, he was raised in Spain before moving to Trinidad and Tobago and then to Scotland; he exemplifies the type of actor The Vilcek Foundation seeks to spotlight with New American Perspectives. Cusick moved to Hawaii in 2005 to take a role on **LOST** and has made the island his home ever since. He made his directorial debut in 2013 with the short film **Dress**, which premiered at the

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# EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

## BISHOP MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF ALOHA 'ĀINA

The Museum, a proud partner of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ōhana, is organizing a series of presentations in honor of their 50th Anniversary and reaffirm Aloha 'Āina. These will coincide with Hōkūle'a's first voyages in 1976, which significantly shifted the understanding of aloha 'āina advanced by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ōhana fundamentally changed the perception of what it means to be Kanaka Maoli. [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org).

## ALA MOANA DEBUTS TWO NEW FLORAL ART INSTALLATIONS

Ala Moana Center has debuted two immersive floral art installations inspired by Hawai'i's natural beauty as part of its new Moments in Bloom seasonal experience. Wave of Flowers, a large-scale sculptural installation on Mall Level 2 in the 'Ewa Wing, and Paradise Arches, in Center Court on Mall Level 2, features more than 1,200 silk floral stems and foliage, transforming two areas of the Center into immersive experiences that invite guests to step inside the structures and grab photos. [alamoanacenter.com](http://alamoanacenter.com).

## DELICIOUS NEW FOOD TRUCK OPENS ON THE NORTH SHORE

Don't miss the inaugural Flavors of Waikiki Restaurant Week, October 1–11. Highlights include a four-course prime rib and lobster dinner at Liliha Bakery; New York-style favorites at Giovanni Pastrami; a whole roasted branzino at Appetito; A5 Japanese Wagyu and lobster at Tanaka of Tokyo; special lunch dishes and a four-course dinner at Kani Ka Pila Grille; a seasonal cocktail at Pakini Bar & Lounge; a seafood boil at Cajun Crab; a three-course menu at Roy's Waikiki with dishes like macadamia nut-crusted Hawaiian white fish and Hudson Valley duck breast; and steak-and-shrimp or steak-and-lobster dinners at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

## PACIFIC FLEET SUBMARINE MUSEUM OPENS NEW EXHIBITS

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum has introduced new exhibits and interactive experiences. Developed over two years, these include highlights of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Arctic submarine operations, improved control room displays, interactive experiences, a large-format, 8K interactive table that allows visitors to explore a series of stories, and hands-on activities, bringing America's Submarine Force to life. [bowfin.org](http://bowfin.org).

## HOMA OPENS NEW EXHIBIT: ART & THE BRAIN

The Honolulu Museum of Art presents Vital Connections: Art & the Brain, an exhibit exploring creativity and human health through January 10, 2027. Featuring art, immersive environments, and neuroscience research to show how aesthetic experiences influence emotion, attention, memory, and well-being, to create an immersive environment where visitors learn how art affects their minds and bodies. [honolulumuseum.org](http://honolulumuseum.org).

## LONOHAHA OPENS A WAIKĪKĪ CHOCOLATE TASTING ROOM

Lonohana Chocolate, which grows its own cacao on the North Shore, has opened a Chocolate Tasting Room at Waikiki Beach Walk. It's like a wine tasting, but for chocolate. The intimate room only seats eight, and the 30-minute experience explores cacao's history and offers six tastings of products to highlight flavors. Costs \$15 per person and includes a cacao-fruit drink, 10% off retail, and 20% off a factory tour. [lonohana.com](http://lonohana.com).



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Hawaii's biggest and scariest haunted attraction returns for its 21st blood-curdling edition. This year's theme, "Apparitions," introduces a brand-new terrifying lineup of spirits, scares, and spine-chilling experiences to the historic setting, transforming it into a dark, immersive haunted experience featuring themed areas, actors and special effects. This event is not for the faint of heart, pregnant women, those prone to seizures, heart or respiratory issues, or kids under 13. Hawaii Plantation Villages. Likely from 7 to 11 p.m. \$20. [hawaiihauntedplantation.com](http://hawaiihauntedplantation.com).

### **Trial of Fears "Island Quarantine"**

**October 9-11; 16-18; 22-25; and Oct. 29-Nov. 1**  
Trial of Fears, presented by Waikiki Trolley, combines 'haunted house' and 'escape room' elements. This year's storyline involves a mysterious parasite infecting O'ahu, with guests entering a containment facility that has completely failed. Featuring immersive sets, live actors, frightening encounters, and interactive challenges as guests work together to escape. Buca di Beppo's old space, Likely opens at 7 p.m. \$38, Express Pass \$46. [trialoffears.com](http://trialoffears.com)

### *Spooky Stories*

#### **38th annual Talk Story Festival**

**October 10**

Hawai'i's oldest and largest storytelling celebration has been honoring Hawaiian culture through oral history for nearly 40 years. This year, they celebrate "Pride in Paradise," with moving pride stories from speakers across Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ community. Honolulu Civic Center. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Free. [honolulu.gov/dpr/events](http://honolulu.gov/dpr/events)

#### **Mo'olelo in the Park: Myths & Legends of HI**

**October 11**

Celebrate Halloween with a Hawaiian twist at Sea Life Park Hawai'i, featuring ocean-themed mo'olelo, educational activities and stories about local sea life in Hawaiian traditions. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. One child free with each paid adult; ages 3 and under free. [sealifeparkhawaii.com](http://sealifeparkhawaii.com).

#### **A Night of Spooky Stories**

**October 29**

One of Hawai'i's leading storytellers, Lopaka Kapanui of Mysteries of Hawai'i, will share spooky tales by candlelight at Vintage Books as guests enjoy Halloween-inspired cocktails and a full menu. Sip something wicked. Hear something stranger. Costumes are welcome, and each seating will have a best-costume prize. Two seatings at 5:30 & 8 p.m. [vintagebookshawaii.com](http://vintagebookshawaii.com)

## *Parties*

### **Boos and Brews at the Zoo**

**October 24**

Boos and Brews at the Zoo features a costume contest, trick-or-treat trail, games, family activities, and conservation experiences. Adults 21+ can sample beers with the Octo-Bear Brew Package for \$25, which includes eight 4-ounce tastings from participating breweries. Extra drink tokens cost \$3 for 4-ounce tokens or \$6 for 8-ounce tokens. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for keiki, free for children 2 and under, and \$45 with the brew package. 5 to 9 p.m. [honoluluzoo.org](http://honoluluzoo.org).

### **Ghouls 'n Gamblin'**

**October 29**

A frightfully fun annual fundraiser, sponsored by Elite Parking, benefits the Special Olympics Hawaii and the Waikiki Community Center. Guests are invited to eat, drink, play, and test their luck at casino games. Costumes encouraged, with \$500 on the line for the best one. Hilton Waikiki Beach. 6:30 to 10 p.m. \$30, includes casino cash. [eliteparking.net](http://eliteparking.net)

### *Trick or Treat at the Mall*

#### **Kapolei Shopping Center's Pumpkin Patch**

**October 24**

Stores and restaurants will pass out treats during this free, family-friendly Halloween trick-or-treat event, and a kid-sized pumpkin patch with 300 mini pumpkins. Kids can pick a pumpkin and decorate it for free while supplies last. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. [kapoleishopping.com](http://kapoleishopping.com)

#### **Royal Hawaiian Center's Costume Contest**

**October 25**

Join the Halloween Keiki Costume Contest in The Royal Grove, where infants to 10-year-olds and parents can showcase costumes for prizes. Contests are judged in four categories, offering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes, plus a Grand Prize of a \$250 Royal Hawaiian Center Gift Card and two flight vouchers valid on Alaska or Hawaiian Airlines flights between Hawai'i & North America. 2 to 5:15 p.m. [royalhawaiiancenter.com](http://royalhawaiiancenter.com).

#### **Ka Makana Ali'i's Keiki Costume Contest**

**October 28**

The mall's annual costume contest is open to the following age groups: 0-4, 5-8, 9-12, and 'Ohana. Judging categories include Most Creative, Spookiest, Funniest, Best Character/Celebrity Look-Alike, and Best Coordinated Theme in the 'Ohana Category. Each division and

category will award 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners, with more than \$3,000 in prizes. A magic show begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the contest. Center Court. 4 to 7:30 p.m. [kamakanaalii.com](http://kamakanaalii.com).

## Pop-Up Bars

### Nightmare Bar

Opening in mid-October

The Nightmare Bar returns this October with an all-new Halloween pop-up experience at Ala Moana, located in the former Surfers Bakery space. Exact dates to be announced. Likely 6 p.m. to midnight. [17aproductions.com](http://17aproductions.com).

## Halloween Night

The big day brings plenty of options for all

### Halloween Festivities at the Reef

Enjoy a day of family fun at the A'o Cultural Center. The event begins with a Pumpkin Contest from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., where guests can vote for their favorite carved pumpkin by the Outrigger team. At noon, keiki can create Halloween bags for trick-or-treating. At 2 p.m., Trick or Treat at Retail Hale lets kids visit shops for treats. Free and open to the public. OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki.

### GOLDEN: A K-Pop Halloween Kids Party!

This family-friendly event features a dance floor filled with K-Pop hits, pop anthems, and movie remixes, with Halloween costumes highly encouraged for all ages. Blue Note Hawaii. Noon, doors open at 11 a.m. \$17.50 to \$25. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com)

### Princess Rave Halloween

Step into a one-of-a-kind fairy-tale dance party that blends fairy-tale themes with a lively dance-floor atmosphere, featuring colorful visuals, energetic DJs remixing hits inspired by kids' favorite princess movies and pop anthems, and a party atmosphere that lets kids work off some sugar-induced energy. Costumes are highly encouraged. Blue Note Hawaii. 3 p.m., doors open at 2. \$17.50 to \$25. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

### BOOgie at Waikiki Beach Walk

Join the festive BOOgie at Beach Walk celebration as the plaza will transform into a Halloween block party complete with a live DJ, creative costumes, and a spirited contest offering fun prizes. The free, family-friendly event invites both visitors and locals to dress up, dance, and enjoy a playful, high-energy Halloween experience at the Waikiki Beach Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. [waikikibeachwalk.com](http://waikikibeachwalk.com).

### Trick or Treat at Ka Makana Ali'i

Trick-or-treat throughout the Center on Halloween night. The festivities begin with a special Halloween Stage Show from 6 to 7 p.m. at Center Court. From 7 to 8:30 p.m., keiki can make their way through the Center to collect treats from participating tenants. [kamakanaalii.com](http://kamakanaalii.com).

### Tales of Haunted Hawai'i Halloween

Lopaka Kapanui, Hawaii's Ghost Guy, has been carrying on the ghost tour tradition from his late mentor, Glen Grant. Well-known in Hawaii's supernatural scene, his research and storytelling have filled theaters across the islands, and he is one of the most captivating storytellers on the islands and will be bringing out his best today at Blue Note Hawaii. 6:30 p.m. \$30 to \$45 [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

### Who's Bad - Thriller Nights

Experience is a high-energy live concert celebrating Michael Jackson's music, dance, and spirit. Inspired by Michael's legendary tours, it features a live band, dynamic dancers, iconic choreography, and hits like "Billie Jean," "Smooth Criminal," and "Thriller." Led by Taalib York's powerful vocals and dance, the show captures the energy of an MJ concert and is the longest-running tribute in the world. Hawaii Theatre. 7 p.m. \$54.50 to \$95.50. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

### Zombie Hideaway

On Halloween night, Zombie Hideaway takes over Don' Treehouse at the International Market Place for a one-night pop-up bar experience in Waikiki. This event is only for guests 21 and over 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. [17aproductions.com](http://17aproductions.com).

### Tiki's Annual Halloween Bash

Tiki's Grill & Bar launched the longest-running Halloween party in Waikiki when they opened in 2002. Featuring two live bands starting at 8 p.m. and a DJ keeping the party rocking from 10 p.m. until closing. In the spirit of the evening, costumes highly encouraged. This event is for guests 21 and over. 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. \$25 presale, \$40 that day. [tikis.com](http://tikis.com).

### Hyatt Halloween

Get ready for Hyatt's annual party and costume contest with over \$2,000 in prize money up for grabs! VIP tables and cabanas are also available for those looking to elevate their Halloween night. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. [hyatthalloween.com](http://hyatthalloween.com).

## Get in the Spirit

Need a costume? Find what you need at those seasonal Spirit Halloween stores. They will be at the former Saks Off 5th at Waikale Premium Outlets, the former Toys R Us in Aiea, and next to Sephora at Ka Makana Alii. [spirithalloween.com](http://spirithalloween.com).

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As The Honolulu Advertiser reported, the first 'gay parade' was a small 25-person march in Waikiki on June 30, 1974, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Revolt in New York, "a landmark incident acknowledged as the beginning of gay liberation and LGBTQ+ pride in the United States," according to the website [queerhistoriesofhawaii.org](http://queerhistoriesofhawaii.org).

Although the main parade is held in October on the island, Honolulu still celebrates National Pride Month in June, along with the rest of the country. The city raises the Pride Flag outside the Mission Memorial Auditorium and illuminates Honolulu Hale and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center in rainbow colors to honor the legacy of the Stonewall Uprising.

But in 1990, the Hawaii LGBT Legacy Foundation chose October to host its own, local celebration to coincide with LGBT History Month, National Coming Out Day, and the monumental turning point for LGBTQ+ civil rights in Hawaii, with the historic marriage equality filing at the State Department of Health on December 17, 1990. The event has grown from a modest 25 marchers in 1974 to over 30,000 in 2019. The numbers have continued to rise since the pandemic, and a record number of attendees are expected this year.

This October, Honolulu Pride returns with Pride 2026: Ho'omau, honoring queer resilience, unity, and perseverance while also celebrating the LGBTQIA+ / MVPFAFF+ community and the leaders who have helped shape its journey. The five-day celebration takes place October 14–18 with multiple events around town.

### FIVE DAYS OF PRIDE

While Saturday is the big day, Honolulu Pride is much more than a parade - it is a history of visibility, resilience, community and the preservation of Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ and māhū stories. The celebration opens Wednesday, October 14, with a Pride Kick-Off Pau Hana at International Market Place, followed Thursday by a special Pride Concert at the Hawai'i Theatre Center. Friday brings the Official Pride Opening Party at Scarlet Honolulu. Saturday's festivities continue late into the evening with the Official Pride After Party at Hula's Bar & Lei Stand. Sunday, October 18, brings the weekend to a festive close with events including a Pride drag brunch, the annual Lei Pool Party, and the official closing party. Let's look at it all a bit closer...

### GET THE PARTY STARTED

Kick off Pride week with a celebration at the International Market Place on October 14. Join the Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation for an early-evening pride pau hana featuring music, community, and aloha from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.52 and include one hosted drink, light bites, and parking validation.

### GET OUT AND BOUNCE



Big Freedia, known as the "Queen of Bounce" for popularizing New Orleans bounce music, is a nationally recognized hip-hop artist, TV personality, and an influencer who kicks off Pride weekend with a wild concert at the Hawaii Theatre on October 15 at 7 p.m. Known to fans as the "Queen Diva," Big

Freedia is a loud and proud advocate for racial and gender equality and LGBTQ+ rights. Tickets are \$74.50 to \$114.50.

### LET THE PARTY BEGIN

It's time to play at Scarlet Honolulu on October 16. Everyone is welcome to the island's top nightclub for the girls and the gays. Home to O'ahu's Drag Royalty, doors open at 8 p.m.

### A RAINBOW PARADE TO WAIKIKI



The Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival is on Saturday, October 17. Don't miss Hawai'i's largest celebration of queer joy and community as the 2026 Pride Parade fills Waikiki with color, music, and aloha. Expect bold floats, uplifting performances, and powerful voices in a high-energy march down Kalākaua Avenue. The parade begins at 3

p.m. at Magic Island and travels along Kalākaua Avenue until the revelers reach the Waikiki Shell. Expect colorful floats, music, elaborate costumes, spirited performers, and plenty of rainbow pride as the procession makes its way through Waikiki. For visitors, it is also a chance to see Waikiki in an entirely different light.

After the parade, the celebration continues at the Shell, where the Honolulu Pride Festival begins at 5 p.m. The 2026 festival will feature more than 70 community booths and live entertainment, creating an energetic evening filled with music, performances, food, community, and connection. Headliners include Aubrey O'Day of Danity Kane and Anetra of RuPaul's Drag Race season 15, with more performances by featured DJ Hector Fonseca, DJ Mark Kanemura, neighbor island drag queens, and more.

### SUNDAY WRAP UP

Wake up with the hair of the dog by heading to the Alohilani Resort for heels, humor, and hash browns at the Official Honolulu Pride Drag Brunch at 11 a.m. All tickets include an exclusive meet & greet from 10 a.m. to 11 am, with Anetra & Scarlet Business, a brunch buffet with one hosted mimosa. Tickets are \$105. 40

front-row seats are available for \$125.

After brunch, head to the pool area for the annual Lei Pool Party. Celebrate Pride with DJs, poolside vibes, nonstop energy, and the unforgettable spirit of the Honolulu community.

Although not an official Pride event, Witch Perfect gets into the spirit of the weekend at the Blue Note at 12:30 p.m. with a live-singing comedy parody based on Disney's Hocus Pocus, featuring Emmy-winning Drag Race stars Tina Burner, Scarlet Envy, and Alexis Michelle, showcasing hits from Madonna, Cher, Lady Gaga, Disney classics and Broadway standards. Tickets: \$45-\$65.

For those still standing, The Hangover: Official Closing Party will take place at ADEZ Steakhouse & Lounge located on Kapahulu. Expect craft cocktails, queer DJs, great company, and the perfect send-off for an unforgettable week.

Guests are welcome to come to one event or all. For the ultimate Pride experience, VIP passes are available for \$160. The VIP wristband grants access to the Lei Stand VIP Lounge, festival entrance, and VIP seating; free entry to the Kick-off Pau Hana, Opening Party, After Party, and The Hang Over Closing Party; and a limited palaka tote filled with sponsor swag. [honolulupride.com](http://honolulupride.com).

# YOUTH EXPLOSION

with Pastor Hank Widjaja

**DRUG ADDICT • ALCOHOLIC • STREET KID • IMPRISONED FIVE TIMES**

Embraced by Jesus' love, his life was transformed—and he became the pastor of Last Rain Ministry Church in New York.





## AT WAIKIKI BAPTIST CHURCH

424 Kuamo'o Street, Honolulu, HI 96815

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 5:00 PM**

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# Let's be Together...

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## MONDAY

### Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

*Live Contemporary & Hawaiian*  
The Barefoot Boys 5:30-8:30pm

### 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 (or others) 4:30-6:30pm  
Bryan & Halekahu 7-9:30pm  
Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am

### Eating House 1849 Waikiki 924-1849

*Live Traditional Hawaiian*  
Eric Keawe 4:30 - 6:30pm

### Heydey at the White Sands 475-6864

*Contemporary Rock*  
Laupepa Letuli & Stephen Harris 6-8pm

### Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton) 921-4600

*Live Contemporary*  
AJ Keolanui 11am-2pm  
Christian Yrizarry 2:30-5pm

### House Without a Key 923-2311

*Hawaiian music & hula by former Miss Hawaii USA Allie Chu*  
Pa'ahana Trio 5:30-8:30pm

### Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

*Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*  
Sean Na'auao 6-9pm

### Lewers Lounge 923-2311

*Jazz Pianist*  
Johnny Kukui 8-12am

### Mahi'ai Table 670-2778

*Live Contemporary*  
Jenna Keala 5-8pm

### Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Brad Kawakami 11am-2pm  
Mark Caldeira 8-10pm

### 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 5-7pm

### Rumfire 921-4600

*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm

### Shorefyre 923-7007

*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Taz Vegas 5-8pm

### 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*  
Kosuke 6-9pm

### Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108

*Solo Contemporary Guitarist*  
Kamuela Kahoano 6-9pm

### Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321

*Live Contemporary*  
Keith Batlin 1-3pm

### The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Jesse Kuikahi 3:30-6:30pm  
Johnny Valentine 7-10pm

### The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800

*Live Contemporary*  
Johnny Stahley 2-5pm

### 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. Happy hour from 2-5*  
Derrick Lee 1-3pm  
Mike Piranha 5:30-7:30pm  
Johnny Helm 8-10pm

### Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321

*Temp. closed for renovation, music moved to Tapa Bar*

### Tommy Bahama Waikiki 923-8785

*Live Contemporary*  
Brandon Onishi 5-8pm

## TUESDAY

### Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

*Backyard Hawaiian*  
Ben Kama & Kimo Baker 5:30-8:30pm

### Chart House 941-6669

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Hernan & Darin 6:30-9:30pm

### Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

*Ukulele Tuesday*  
Kahiau Lum Ho Duo 4:30-6:30pm  
Walt Keale Duo 4:30-6:30pm  
Kailua Moon 7-9:30pm  
Duva (or others) 9:30-12am

### Eating House 1849 Waikiki 924-1849

*Live Traditional Hawaiian*  
George Kuo 4:30 - 6:30pm

### Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton) 921-4600

*Live Contemporary*  
Bronson Varde 11am-2pm  
John Kukui 2:30-5pm

### House Without a Key 923-2311

*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '24 Hayley Kane*  
Delima Ohana 5:30-8:30pm

### Hula's Lei Stand 923-0669

*Island Style*  
Biku 6-9pm

### Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

*Highlighting the Henry Kapon Foundation "On the Rise" artist series the first Tuesday of every month.*  
Ryan Hooley 5-7pm  
Kala'e Camarillo 6-9pm

### Lewers Lounge 923-2311

*Jazz Pianist*  
Tommy James 8-10:30pm

### Mahi'ai Table 670-2778

*Live Contemporary*  
Keoni Ku (or others) 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

### Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Mike Piranha (or Sean Cleland) 8-10:30pm

### Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

*Live music 3x a day*  
Tehani & Sidney Spencer 12:30-2:30pm  
Pono 3:30-5pm  
Soul Purpose 7-9pm

### Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki 900-4226

*Live music 3x a day*  
Chris Murphy 12:30-2:30pm  
Tiare and Keala 3:30-5pm  
John Akapo 7-9pm

### Queensbreak at the Marriott 922-6611

*Live Contemporary*  
Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm

### Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697

*Live Local Contemporary*  
Mike Tulba 5-7pm

### Rumfire 921-4600

*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Johnny Kukui 2:30-5:30pm  
Dave Watanabe 6-9pm

### Shorefyre 923-7007

*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Taz Vegas 5-8pm

### 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*  
Mark Murray (10/4 - Tino Jacob) 6-9pm

### Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321

*Live Contemporary*

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Ben Kama 1-3pm  
**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** **922-3111**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Jesse Kuikahi 3:30-6:30pm  
 Alex Oasay 7-10pm  
**The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck** **943-5800**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Jenna Keala 2-5pm  
**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel** **739-8760**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Jason Laeha 6-9pm  
**Tiki's Grill & Bar** **923-TIKI (8454)**  
*Live Contemporary. Happy hour from 2-5*  
 Keone 1-3pm  
 Eddie Somera 5:30-7:30pm  
 Lindsey Wells 8-10pm  
**Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian** **949-4321**  
*Temp. closed for renovation, music moved to Tapa Bar*  
**Tommy Bahama Waikiki** **923-8785**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Denny Ono 5-8pm

## WEDNESDAY

**Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** **924-2233**  
*Island Vibes*  
 Danny Galura 5:30-8:30pm  
**Chart House** **941-6669**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Hi'ikua 6-9pm  
**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** **922-2268**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Keoni Ku 4:30-6:30pm  
 Taulia Lave 7-9:30pm  
 Alike Souza 9:30-12am  
**Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton)** **921-4600**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Alike Souza 11am-2pm  
 Kimo Opiana 2:30-5pm  
**House Without a Key** **923-2311**  
*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee*  
 Pa'ahana Trio 5:30-8:30pm  
**Hula's Lei Stand** **923-0669**  
*Contemporary Guitarist*  
 Jason Laeha 6-9pm  
**Kani Ka Pila Grille** **924-4992**  
*Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*  
 Ei Nei 6-9pm  
**Lewers Lounge** **923-2311**  
*Jazz Pianist*  
 Tommy James 8-10:30pm  
**Mahi'ai Table** **670-2778**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Kai Duhaylonsod 5-8pm  
**Mahina & Sun's** **923-8882**  
*Soulful Guitar on the Lanai*  
 John Akapo 6-8:30pm  
**Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** **923-7311**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Keoni Ku 11am-2pm  
 Johnny Valentine 6-9pm  
**Maui Brewing Company** **843-2739**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Scott Magz & Ethan Nash 8-10:30pm  
**Merriman's Honolulu** **215-0022**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Kamaka Camarillo 5:30-7:30pm  
**MINA's Fish House** **679-0079**  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
 Kamuela Kahoano 6-9pm  
**Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** **381-4086**  
*Live music 3x a day*  
 Shaun Garnett 12:30-2:30pm  
 Chris Murphy 3:30-5pm  
 Clara Stegall 7-9pm  
**Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki** **900-4226**  
*Live music 3x a day*  
 Kailua Moon 12:30-2:30pm  
 Jasmin Nicole 3:30-5pm  
 Chante 7-9pm  
**Roy's Hawaii Kai** **396-7697**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Maui Namahoe 5-7pm  
**Rumfire** **921-4600**  
*Live Contemporary Hits*

Jesse Kuikahi 6-9pm  
**Shorefyre** **923-7007**  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
 Taz Vegas 5-8pm  
**Signature Prime Steak** **949-3636**  
*Contemporary Pianist in the bar*  
 Pierre Grill 6-9pm  
**Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani** **921-4600**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Brad Kawakami 6-9pm  
**Swell at the Alohilani** **294-4108**  
*Solo Contemporary Guitarist*  
 Christian Yrizarry (10/14, 10/28) 6-9pm  
**Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian** **949-4321**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Jegaan 1-3pm  
**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** **922-3111**  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Alike Souza 3:30-6:30pm  
 Simple Souls 7-10pm  
**The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck** **943-5800**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Christian Yrizarry (10/14-Dave Watanabe) 2-5pm  
**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel** **739-8760**  
*Live Contemporary*  
 Ethan Capone & Reggie Padilla 6-9pm



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Dan Del Negro subs for Ethan (10/28)

## **Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)**

*Live Contemporary*

Derrick Lee 1-3pm  
Hula w/ Malu Productions 5:30-7:30pm  
Malu Productions 8-10pm

## **Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

*Temp. closed for renovation, music moved to Tapa Bar*

## **Tommy Bahama Waikiki 923-8785**

*Live Contemporary*

Mark Caldeira 5-8pm

## **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

## **Chart House 941-6669**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Tito Berinobis 6:30-9:30pm

## **Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Jenna Keala (or others) 4:30-6:30pm

Kosuke (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 5:30-8:30pm

## **Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton) 921-4600**

*Live Contemporary*

Liam Moleta 11am-2pm

Chris Salvador 2:30-5pm

## **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*

Alex Oasay 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 Yrizarry 11am-2pm

Stephen Inglis (or others) 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

Colin Devane 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 5-7pm

## **Rumfire 921-4600**

*Live Contemporary Hits*

Brad Kawakami 6-9pm

## **Shorefyre 923-7007**

*Live Contemporary Hits*

Sean Cleland 5-8pm

## **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*

Kaimi Hananoeau 3-6pm

Tad Jennings 6-9pm

## **Stripsteak 896-2545**

*Live Contemporary*

Jason Laeha 6-9pm

## **Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108**

*Solo Contemporary Guitarist*

Eddie Somera 6-9pm

## **Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

*Live Contemporary*

Randy Allen 1-3pm

Jasmine Kaleihiwa (or others) 7-10pm

## **The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Christian Yrizarry 3:30-6:30pm

Kaimi Hananoeau 7-10pm

## **The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800**

*Live Contemporary*

Paul Dunlap Jr. 2-5pm

## **The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Fireknife Dancer*

Marty Saito 5-8pm

## **Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)**

*Live Contemporary. Happy hour from 2-5*

Roddy Lopez 1-3pm

Johnny Helm 5:30-7:30pm

Kai Roots 8-10pm

## **The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760**

*Live Contemporary*

YOZA 6-9pm

## **Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

*Temporarily closed for renovation, music moved to Rumfire*

## **Tommy Bahama Waikiki 923-8785**

*Live Contemporary*

Koa Attwood 5-8pm

## **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

## **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*

Maunaloa w/ hula 4-6pm

Kawaika Kahiapo 7-9:30pm

Duke's After Dark 9:30-12am

## **Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton) 921-4600**

*Live Contemporary*

Christian Yrizarry 11am-2pm

Brad Kawakami 2:30-5pm

## **House Without a Key 923-2311**

*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoa Miller*

Sunset Serenaders 5:30-8:30pm

## **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

## **Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Johnny Kukui 11am-2pm

Alex Oasay (9/25 - Paul Dunlap, Jr.) 6-9pm

## **Maui Brewing Company 843-2739**

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

Justin Edwards (or others) 8-10:30pm

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## Merriman's Honolulu

215-0022

Live Contemporary

Matt Cockey 3-5pm  
Stephen Harris 5:30-7:30pm

## MINA's Fish House

679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits

Jenna Keala 6-9pm

## Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina

381-4086

Live music 3x a day

Jasmin Nicole 12:30-2pm  
Lance Reid 3:30-5pm  
John Akapo 7-9pm

## Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki

900-4226

Live music 3x a day

Freddy Leone 12:30-2:30pm  
Nick Wong 3:30-5pm  
Izik (or others) 7-9pm

## Original Magoos Pizza

949-5381

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Ernie Kanoa 5:30-8:30pm

## Queensbreak at the Marriott

922-6611

Live Contemporary

Johnny Kukui 6-9pm

## Rumfire

921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits

Brad Kawakami 6-9pm

## Shorefyre

923-7007

Live Contemporary Hits

Phil Schneider 5-8pm

## 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 KK spins from 1-4p

Ben Kama Duo & Dancer 4:30-7:30pm  
Johnny Helm 7:45-9:45pm

## Stripsteak

896-2545

Live Contemporary

Shane Tsukayma 6-9pm

## Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian

949-4321

Live Contemporary

Mike Piranha 1-3pm

## The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider

922-3111

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Tad Jennings 12-3pm  
Christian Yrizarry 3:30-6:30pm  
David Swanson 7-10pm

## The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck

943-5800

Live Contemporary

Justin Edwards 3-6pm

## The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel

739-8760

Live Contemporary

Johnny Valentine 6-10pm

## Tiki's Grill & Bar

923-TIKI (8454)

Live Contemporary. Happy hour from 2-5

Keone 1-3pm  
BK Espiritu 5:30-7:30pm  
Phil Schneider 8-10pm

## Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian

949-4321

Temp. closed for renovation, music moved to Tapa Bar

## Tommy Bahama Waikiki

923-8785

Live Contemporary

Chris Murphy 5-8pm

## Vintage 1901 at the Moana

921-4600

Contemporary Piano

David Swanson 6:30-10pm

## SATURDAY

### Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach

924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Ernie Kanoa 5:30-8:30pm

### Chart House

941-6669

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Hi'ialo 7-11pm

### Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki

922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Beach 5 (or others) 4-6pm  
Ells Simeona w/hula 7-9:30pm  
Justin Edwards 9:30-12am

### Heydey at the White Sands

475-6864

Contemporary Rock

Ragamuff 6-8pm

### Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton)

921-4600

Live Contemporary

Johnny Kukui 11am-2pm  
Eddie Somera 2:30-5pm

### House Without a Key

923-2311

Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoa Miller

Sunset Serenaders 5:30-8:30pm

### Hula's Lei Stand

923-0669

Contemporary Guitarist

Johnny Stahley 6-9pm

### Kani Ka Pila Grille

924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians

Ho'okena 6-9pm

### Lewers Lounge

923-2311

Jazz Pianist

Maggie Herron & Dean Taba 8-10:30pm

### Mahi'ai Table

670-2778

Live Contemporary

Danielle Parente 5-8pm

### Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian

923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Alika Souza 11am-2pm  
Dave Watanabe 6-9pm

### Maui Brewing Company

843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Julian Raso (or others) 8-10:30pm

### Merriman's Honolulu

215-0022

Live Contemporary

Kapu Copp 5:30-7:30pm

### MINA's Fish House

679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits

Alex Oasay 6-9pm

### Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina

381-4086

Live music 3x a day

JOBY 12:30-2pm  
Izik 3:30-5pm  
Javin Kai 7-9pm

### Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki

900-4226

Live music 3x a day

Randy Allen 12:30-2pm  
Pono 3:30-5pm  
Javin Kai (or others) 7-9pm

### Original Magoos Pizza

949-5381

Solo Country

Buck Giles 5:30-8:30pm

### Queensbreak at the Marriott

922-6611

Live Contemporary

Kalau Crisotomo 6-9pm

### Rumfire

921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits

YOZA 2-4:30pm  
Eddie Somera 5-7:30pm  
Bronson Varde (or others) 8-10:30pm

### Shorefyre

923-7007

Live Contemporary Hits

Sean Cleland 5-8pm

### Signature Prime Steak

949-3636

Contemporary Pianist in the bar

Keith Montross 6-9pm

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**Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian, DJ Kenny spins from 1-4pm  
 Brad Kawakami Duo & Dancer 4:30-7:30pm  
 Tangi Tully 7:45-9:45pm

**Stripsteak 896-2545**

Live Contemporary  
 Dustin Park 6-9pm

**Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

Live Contemporary  
 Darrell Aquino 1-3pm

**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian  
 Brad Kawakami 12-3pm  
 Bronson Varde 3:30-6:30pm  
 Koa Atwood 7-10pm

**Hinahina at the Sheraton (formerly The Edge) 921-4600**

Temporarily closed for renovation, music moved to Rumfire

**The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800**

Live Contemporary  
 Chris Salvador 3-6pm

**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760**

Live Contemporary  
 Cory Oliveros 6-10pm

**Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)**

Live Contemporary. Happy hour from 2-5  
 Tangi 1-3pm  
 Kai Roots 5:30-7:30pm  
 Phil Schneider 8-10pm

**Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

Live Contemporary  
 Darrell Aquino 1-3p  
 Pop Rox Hawaii 7-10pm

**Tommy Bahama Waikiki 923-8785**

Live Contemporary  
 Chris Murphy 5-8pm

**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

**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  
 Kaiona Duo 7-9:30pm  
 Tad Jennings 9:30-12am

**Hau Tree Lanai 921-7066**

Beach Sessions  
 Izik (or others) 2-4:30pm

**Hinahina (formerly The Edge at the Sheraton) 921-4600**

Live Contemporary  
 Jessie Kuikahi 11am-2pm  
 Christian Yrizary 2:30-5pm

**House Without a Key 923-2311**

Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee  
 Pu'uhonua Trio 5:30-8:30pm

**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 (10/4-Kamuela Kahoano) 11am-2:30pm

**Lewers Lounge 923-2311**

Jazz Pianist  
 Nick La'a 8-10:30pm

**Mahi'ai Table 670-2778**

Live Contemporary  
 Johnny Stahley 5-8pm

**Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian  
 Denny Ono & Kanoe Arola 11am-2pm  
 Christian Yrizary 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  
 Nikki Dee 5-7pm

**Rumfire 921-4600**

Live Contemporary Hits  
 Jenna Keala 5-7:30pm

**Shorefyre 923-7007**

Live Contemporary Hits  
 Savannah Fliers 5-8pm

**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  
 Chris Luke 7:45-9:45pm

**Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108**

DJ KK Spins Poolside from 11:30-2:30 pm  
 Jason Laeha 6-9p

**Tapa Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

Live Contemporary  
 Tad Jennings 1-3pm  
 Ben Kama Trio 7-10pm

**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian  
 YOZA 12-3pm  
 Keoni Ku (or Jason Midro) 3:30-6:30pm  
 Dave Watanabe 7-10pm

**The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck 943-5800**

Live Contemporary  
 Cory Oliveros (10/25-Kosuke) 2-5pm

**The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Fireknife Dancer  
 Mason Pilar 5-8pm

**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760**

Live Contemporary  
 Alikea Souza (or Kamuela Kahoano) 6-9pm

**Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI (8454)**

Live Contemporary. Happy hour from 2-5  
 Joe Kingston 1-3pm  
 Ellsworth and friends 5:30-7:30pm  
 Sabbath Cannon 8-10pm

**Tropics at the Hilton Hawaiian 949-4321**

Temp. closed for renovation, music moved to Tapa Bar

**Tommy Bahama Waikiki 923-8785**

Live Contemporary  
 David Aquino 5-8pm

**Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600**

Contemporary Piano  
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm



## Dining Dish



The construction at **The Edge at the Sheraton** is complete, and the bar, as we know it, is gone. From what I've been told, the old bar area will now be used for more cabanas by the pool. **Kai Market** is also gone, but don't despair. The Kai Market location will now be known as **Hinahina**, a restaurant open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with a full bar and live music that The Edge has become known for. That said, not all details were finalized at press time, so it would be wise to double-check the music schedule for **Hinahina** and **Rumfire** directly with the hotel this month, as much was still in motion when I closed the issue. 922-4422.

• Also finished with its renovation is the **Splash Bar** at the Princess Kaiulani. The bar is reopening as a brand-new space with new furniture and an updated menu, celebrating its 4th year in a row as Best Bar Food at the Hale Aina Awards and its 1st-ever Hale Aina Award for Best Cocktail Program. Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., it will also host Throwback Alley on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, featuring local-style faves served from its food truck. 931-8653. • **Vikram Garg** continues to expand his culinary presence in Honolulu with the opening of **Terns**, a new open-air dining space on the terrace outside the **Halekulani Bakery**. Named after the seabirds native to the islands (Manu-o-Kū), Terns reflects a spirit of exploration, movement, and connection. It transforms the Bakery's terrace into a relaxed yet elegant spot for globally inspired shared plates, a bespoke rum bar, an extensive beverage list, and the renown hospitality his signature restaurant, **UMI by Vikram Garg**, is known for. The evening-only concept runs Wed. through Sun. from 5 to 9 p.m., and offers a welcoming neighborhood vibe, with a menu of light bites, soups, salads, and main courses such as fresh fish, Loco Moco and Fish & Chips. Guests can also order from the UMI menu as well as Chef Vikram's new Indian takeout concept, **Masala Maya**, which was as good as I expected when I first heard about it. I really hope his next concept is a dine-in Indian restaurant. His Indian food is outstanding and we need a good Indian restaurant here! 744-4244.



## Chef's Corner

### Celebrity Chef Pyet DeSpain

Winning Next Level Chef opened many doors for Pyet DeSpain, the first Native American and Mexican chef to win a Gordon Ramsay competition, marking a significant milestone. Her identity influences her cooking, helping her connect with food on a deeper level. She aims to create emotionally resonant meals, which required understanding herself and her Indigenous, Native, and Mexican heritage. Since her win, she's collaborated with many chefs, published a cookbook, launched TV projects, traveled to Indigenous communities, & showcased her foodways globally.

#### What was your first job in the industry?

A candy shop in Kansas City when I was 15. I made waffle cones, prepared chocolate-covered potato-chip custard clusters, and served ice cream. It was the perfect first job, introducing me to the joy of creating food that made people smile.

#### When did you decide to be a chef?

I discovered my passion at 23. I enjoyed cooking but never saw it as a career. A friend suggested visiting a culinary school. I enrolled immediately after the tour. I realized the kitchen was where I felt most at peace. I found joy in learning, creating, and growing, knowing this was my calling.

#### What inspired you to pursue a culinary career?

After school, I decided to become a private chef because I loved the freedom it provided. I wanted control over my food, clients, schedule, and to build a business reflecting my vision as a chef.

#### What inspired you to mix heritage into your food?

About 3½ years after I began my business, I felt disconnected from the food I cooked. Moving from Kansas City to Los Angeles, I missed home and decided to cook foods I felt culturally connected to. I didn't really have Native or Mexican friends in LA, and I hoped sharing my traditional dishes would attract people with similar backgrounds and help me find community, reconnect with my identity, and create a sense of home in a new city.

#### How does your identity feature in your food?

Identity shapes my cooking. Knowing who you are and your background helps connect with food more deeply than just feeding others. I aim to create meals that evoke emotion. To do that authentically, I had to understand myself. Learning what it means to be Indigenous, Native, & Mexican is an journey, with each dish reflecting that story.

#### What do you wish more people understood about Indigenous cuisine and its significance?

I wish more knew what Indigenous foods are. I hope people become curious and celebrate Indigenous foods. Indigenous peoples laid foundational food practices, from agricultural knowledge to trade networks, shaping food systems around the world. Their legacy deserves recognition and celebration.

#### How did Next Level Chef come around?

Some contestants dropped out during casting, so producers called me to fill a spot. They had my application from a previous MasterChef casting. It became one of my biggest opportunities.

#### What was it like working with Gordon Ramsay?

Incredible. He expects excellence and pushes you to trust your instincts. It pushed me to grow as a chef and a leader. I'm grateful for everything I learned.

#### Who would you consider your mentor?

I don't have a single mentor. Instead, I have a network of people I deeply admire and turn to for advice, depending on what I'm navigating. I believe mentorship is incredibly important, and I'm grateful to the many people who generously share their wisdom and guidance with me.

#### What did you enjoy most about being in HFWF?

I loved learning more about traditional Hawaiian foodways while connecting with chefs, farmers, and the local community. I also had the opportunity to meet Indigenous chefs from around the world. There is a beautiful sense of family and camaraderie among Indigenous communities. Although our histories are unique, many of our struggles and values are shared. Coming together over food is incredibly healing, and I felt so warmly welcomed by the Hawaiian community.



### Steamed White Fish in Corn Husks

#### Ingredients for the fish:

- 6 dried corn husks
- 4 white fish fillets  
(cod, trout or red snapper)
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 lime, sliced in thin rounds
- 4 bay leaves
- Sea salt to taste

#### Ingredients for the Pico de:

- 2 tomatoes, diced
- ½ red onion, finely chopped
- 1 jalapeño, finely chopped
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Juice of one lime
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper

**Directions:** Place the corn husks in a bowl and cover with warm water. Soak for at least 30 minutes, or until they become pliable. Season each fish fillet with ½ teaspoon of the minced garlic and salt. Place a couple of lime slices on top of each fillet to infuse it with citrus flavor. Preheat a steamer. If you don't have one, you can improvise by using a large pot with a steaming rack or a metal colander inside. Make sure the water doesn't touch the bottom of the fish during steaming. Once the corn husks are soft, drain and pat dry. To assemble, place one softened corn husk on a clean, flat surface. Lay a piece of fish in the center of the corn husk. Add a bay leaf and about ¼ of a clove of minced garlic on top of the fish. Fold the sides of the corn husk over the fish, fold the top of the husk, then fold up the bottom of the husk to create a secure packet. You can tie the packets with kitchen twine, or use thin strips of corn husk. Repeat for the remaining fillets. Arrange the wrapped fish in the steamer, leaving space for steam to circulate. Steam the fish packets for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork (145°F). For the salsa: place the tomatoes, red onion, garlic, jalapeño, cilantro, lime zest, lime juice and salt in a bowl and mix well. Set aside to allow the flavors to meld. Unwrap the corn husk packets, and transfer the steamed fish to plates. Serve hot and garnish with fresh salsa.

**You can meet Chef Pyet DeSpain at this year's Hawaii Food & Wine Festival**

She will be at Culture in AgriCULTURE on Nov. 6th. Find tickets at HFWF.me

Web: [pyetsplate.com](http://pyetsplate.com) • Instagram: @chefpyet • FB: /pyetsplate

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## 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](http://shopinternationalmarketplace.com).

### WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been going strong since 1979. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters and artists, grab low-prices on a wide selection of products with food trucks to snack from. Upper Halawa Parking Lot. 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](http://alohastadium.hawaii.gov).

### THURSDAYS NIGHT MARKET AND SURF SHOW

Every Thursday, Wai Kai's Farmer's Market features over 50 local vendors with food, crafts, gifts, and food trucks. While you're there, don't miss the free Surf Show at 7 p.m. on the Wai Kai Wave, where local surfers drop in to compete against each other, putting on a fun, free show for all to enjoy. 4 to 8 p.m. [waikai.com](http://waikai.com).

### SECOND THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) KANIKAHILA 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](http://bishopmuseum.org).

### FRIDAYS

#### ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND LUNCHTIME SHOW

The Royal Hawaiian Band heads 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](http://iolanipalace.org)

### FRIDAYS • HOMA NIGHTS

On Friday nights head to the Honolulu Museum of Art to explore the galleries, stargaze in the courtyards, enjoy art experiences, live music, grab a drink at the HoMA Cafe, and enjoy other interactive art experiences until 9 p.m. [honolulumuseum.org](http://honolulumuseum.org).

### FIRST FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) 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 their works and restaurants are ready to serve you. [firstfridayhawaii.com](http://firstfridayhawaii.com).

### SECOND FRIDAY (OCTOBER 8) MELE AFTER HOURS

Experience the magic of Hawaiian music under the stars at Bishop Museum's Mele After Hours on the Great Lawn. This evening celebrates the richness of Hawai'i's musical heritage with an

outstanding musical lineup. Mele Apana hosts. 5 - 9 p.m. \$20 at the door. [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org).

### SATURDAYS TWILIGHT TOURS AT THE ZOO

Do you ever wonder what the zoo is like after the gates close? Explore the zoo after hours every Saturday during their Twilight Tours. Guests are taken on a two-hour guided tour of select areas of the Honolulu Zoo. Visitors get to see the bedtime rituals of some animal residents, while others are just waking up. Areas tour-goers may visit include the African Savanna, Primate Island, and the Reptiles. Twilight Tours occur rain or shine. 4:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. \$30. [honolulu.zoo.org](http://honolulu.zoo.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](http://artonthezoo.fencehi.com).

### SECOND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) 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](http://iolanipalace.org).

### THIRD SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18) MELE HALI'A

This month's Mele Hali'a will feature Uncle Sam Kaina, as he takes the stage alongside MAHIEHIE808, and the dancers of Ka Pā Nani O Lilinoe. Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Stage. 5-6 p.m. [waikikibeachwalk.com](http://waikikibeachwalk.com).

### THIRD SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20) COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Enjoy exploring the galleries and outdoor spaces and get creative with art activities.. Admission is free for kama'aina. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. 532-8700. [honolulumuseum.org](http://honolulumuseum.org).

### OCTOBER 1-4 THE RETURN OF DAMON WAYANS



Damon Wayans is best known for his three seasons as a writer and co-star on the Emmy-winning series *In Living Color*, where his writing earned him two Emmy nominations, and he created iconic characters such as "Homey the Clown."

Tickets: \$70-\$95. 6:30 p.m. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

### OCTOBER 2 THE MOTH: TIGHTROPE

The Moth returns for TIGHTROPE, an evening of extraordinary true stories about what happens when there's no clear path—only the courage to keep moving forward. Stories of balancing

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## OCTOBER 4 WIKI WIKI ONE DAY VINTAGE COLLECTIBLES & HAWAIIANA SHOW

This event is one of three vintage collectibles and antiques shows held annually. Over 100 vendors will showcase a wide range of antiques, estate jewelry, vintage fashion, aloha shirts, Hawaiiiana, and more. It takes place at the Blaisdell Center, Hawaii Suites, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6, with early entry available at \$25 from 10 a.m. [ukulele.com](http://ukulele.com).

## OCTOBER 4 A TASTE OF IRELAND

Directly from Off-Broadway and London's West End, the renowned A Taste of Ireland Company premieres its flagship show — 'A Taste of Ireland — The Irish Music Dance Sensation' — in Hawaii. Experience a night of laughter, tears, and lively jigs in a Celtic performance designed for this generation. Tickets: \$65-\$104. 2 p.m. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## OCTOBER 6 HAWAII CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY

The 31st Annual Event celebrates our keiki's potential and contributions to the community, offering activities, giveaways, food, and entertainment. Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds, near Honolulu Hale and Punchbowl Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. [hawaii cyd.org](http://hawaii cyd.org)

## OCTOBER 8 AMERICA'S TOP MEDIUM - MATT FRASER



Matt Fraser is a renowned psychic medium and spiritual teacher, known for connecting with the departed and delivering messages from loved ones. His insights and compassionate approach have earned him a loyal following, both live and on TV, including The Real Housewives of New Jersey and his show, Meet the Frasers. His authentic, down-to-earth style has made him a trusted figure in spiritual mediumship. Tickets: \$80.50-\$240.50. Meet & greet available. 8 p.m. [bampproject.com](http://bampproject.com).

## OCTOBER 8-10 HIROMI: THE TRIO PROJECT

Jazz pianist Hiromi, a recording artist for over 20 years, is known for captivating projects and dynamic performances. She gained fame through her NPR Tiny Desk Concert, which drew 2 million views; represented Japan at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics; won the 2024 Best Music Score for the animated film Blue Giant from the Japanese Academy; and received a GRAMMY for collaborating with Stanley Clarke. The New Yorker calls her artistry "dazzling." Tickets: \$35-\$45. Two shows nightly, 6:30 and 9 p.m. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 9-10 HAWAII JAZZ GETAWAY

Join award-winning jazz-fusion artist Brian Culbertson & Friends for two unforgettable nights of music. On Friday, October 9, Brian Culbertson & Friends will feature David Benoit and Paul Taylor. On Saturday, October 10, they will be joined by Candy Dulfer and Keiko Matsui. Each evening showcases an all-star lineup of world-class musicians, delivering a unique blend of smooth jazz, funk, and soulful grooves. Tickets: \$50.50-\$90.50. 7 p.m. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## OCTOBER 10 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. [jcchawaii.org](http://jcchawaii.org).

## OCTOBER 10 • MELE TŪTŪ

The Hawaiian Mission Houses invites the community to enjoy "Mele Tūtū: Songs of our Grandparents. The program invites us to explore and celebrate the memories and songs from our grandparents' and great-grandparents' era of the 1930s and 1940s. Connecting with our kupuna helps keep alive the genealogies, histories, and mana of those we honor today. Through mele, oli, and hula, Mele Tūtū embodies the spirit of caring for our elders and those who have led the way before us. 6:30 p.m. \$50. [missionhouses.org](http://missionhouses.org).

## OCTOBER 10

**HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL & HEALTH FAIR**  
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the 34th annual family-friendly festival and health fair, featuring Latin food booths, crafters, cultural displays, a vintage car show, beer garden, and live entertainment honoring Hispanic heritage. Enjoy performances by Eddie Ortiz and Son Caribe Band, Puerto Rico's Fusión Jibara and Joey Hernandez, Grupo Invasion Latina, Los Granaderos, salsa dancers, mariachi bands, and more. Entry \$10. Hosted at the American Veterans Center in Ewa Beach, from 12 noon to 10 p.m. [hispaniceventshawaii.com](http://hispaniceventshawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 11 ALII SUNDAY

Kawaiahao Church honors significant Hawaiian Royalty (Alii) with seven special Sunday services throughout the year, coinciding with their birthdays and featuring traditional Hawaiian culture. Today, they celebrate Princess Ka'iulani's birthday. 9:30 a.m. [kawaiahao.org](http://kawaiahao.org).

## OCTOBER 11 MOLOKAI HOE

Each year, over 1,000 paddlers from around the world compete in the Moloka'i Hoe, the men's world championship in outrigger canoe racing. Tell your guests to head to Duke Kahanamoku Beach, in front of the Hilton, to see the exciting finish of 74th annual Molokai Hoe as the men race 41-miles across the Kaiwi Channel. Typically, the first crews finish around 1 to 2 p.m. [molokaihoe.com](http://molokaihoe.com).

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## OCTOBER 11 • MO'OLELO IN THE PARK: MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF HAWAII

Sea Life Park Hawai'i will host a special Keiki Sunday to celebrate Halloween and Hawaiian storytelling traditions through marine-themed mo'olelo. Visitors can enjoy educational activities and attractions that highlight the importance of animals like green sea turtles, sharks, and seabirds in Hawaiian myths, emphasizing cultural and oceanic connections. A special offer includes one free child's ticket (ages 4–12) with each adult purchase, and children aged 3 and under enter free. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [sealifeparkhawaii.com](http://sealifeparkhawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 11

### SUSAN G. KOMEN MORE THAN PINK WALK

The world's leading breast cancer organization will hold its annual walk to raise funds to advance Komen's mission and provide support to people facing breast cancer now. Events begin at 7 a.m., walk begins at 8:45 a.m. [komen.org/hawaiiwalk](http://komen.org/hawaiiwalk).

## OCTOBER 11

### COMMUNITY BEACH CLEANUP

Kawaiahao Church honors significant Hawaiian Royalty (Alii) with seven special Sunday services throughout the year, coinciding with their birthdays and featuring traditional Hawaiian culture. Today, they celebrate Princess Ka'iulani's birthday. 9:30 a.m. [808cleanups.org](http://808cleanups.org).

## OCTOBER 15

### BIG FREEDIA'S HONOLULU PRIDE CONCERT

Celebrate Hawaii's larger-than-life ambassador

of New Orleans Bounce music, Big Freedia, a nationally recognized hip-hop artist, TV personality, and cultural influencer. Known to fans as the "Queen Diva," Big Freedia is a loud and proud advocate for racial and gender equality and LGBTQ+ rights. Tickets: \$80.50–\$240.50. Meet & greet available. 7 p.m. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## OCTOBER 16 • PRINCESS KAIULANI 151ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The OUTRIGGER Waikiki Paradise Hotel will honor Princess Ka'iulani with cultural programs celebrating her life, history, and connection to Waikiki. The evening begins with a lei draping ceremony at Ka'iulani Triangle Park, where community groups such as The Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors/Mamakakaua, 'Ahaui Ka'iulani, Royal Order of Kamehameha, and Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i will honor her. Afterward, guests can enjoy experiences with the Paradise Originals collective, featuring local artists including Taimane and Irie Love, as well as performances, art installations, storytelling, and collaborations. Emceed by Moses Good, the event is inspired by Princess Ka'iulani's 'Ainahau estate. [outrigger.com](http://outrigger.com).

## OCTOBER 16

### JOANN CONDUCTS BEETHOVEN'S TRIPLE

Returning to lead HSO, Conductor Emeritus JoAnn Falletta assembles soloists—pianist Lisa Nakamichi, violinist Ignace Jang, and cellist Julian Schwarz—for Beethoven's Triple Concerto, a rare work of three solo instruments

in musical dialogue. The program continues with the Hawai'i premiere of Randall Svane's Quantum Flight and Sibelius' Symphony No. 1, moving from modern energy to romantic melodies.

## OCTOBER 16

### KELLI O'HARA - DIRECT FROM BROADWAY

Kelli O'Hara has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. The Tony Award winner and Emmy-, SAG-, and Grammy-nominated actress has appeared in twelve Broadway shows, earning eight Tony Award nominations. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$74.50–\$124.50. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## OCTOBER 16-17

### JOSH TATOPI

Josh Tatofi 2026 artist-in-residence, Josh Tatofi, the "Polynesian Luther Vandross," is a multiple Nā Hökū Hanohano Award winner known for his contributions to Hawaiian music. His music blends traditional Hawaiian sounds with modern styles, promoting Hawaiian culture by sharing the language, traditions, and aloha spirit through his performances, connecting with audiences worldwide. Tickets: \$55–\$75. 6:30 p.m. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 16-17

### WWE HAWAII LIVE TOUR

WWE returns to Honolulu for the first time since 2019! Catch your favorite Superstars live in action for two consecutive nights of high-flying entertainment. Featured talent includes Seth "Freakin" Rollins, The Usos, Jacob Fatu, Oba Femi, and Liv Morgan. Tickets: \$30–\$300. Blaisdell Arena. 7:30 p.m. [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

## OCTOBER 17

### OVER THE EDGE

The annual fundraiser for Special Olympics Hawaii will have people rappelling more than 400 feet down the side of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Look up at the top of the hotel throughout the day to see people rappelling down for a good cause. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. [sohawaii.org](http://sohawaii.org).

## OCTOBER 17-18

### LEA SALONGA IN CONCERT



From Broadway to Disney, Tony Award-winning Lea Salonga, and as of last month, the first Filipina to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, joins the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra for an unforgettable night of music, memories, and classic songs.

Celebrate her remarkable career as she performs the songs that have enchanted audiences worldwide, from her iconic role as Kim in Miss Saigon to voicing Princess Jasmine in Disney's Aladdin. Experience an unforgettable evening with the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$38.50–\$128.50. Blaisdell Concert Hall. 7:30 p.m. [myhso.org](http://myhso.org)

## OCTOBER 18

### WITCH PERFECT

Celebrate Hawaii's Pride Month in Style! Witch Perfect is a live-singing comedy parody of Disney's Hocus Pocus, featuring Emmy-winning stars from RuPaul's Drag Race — Tina Burner as



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# OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winifred; Scarlet Envy as Sara; and Alexis Michelle as Mary. It includes hits from Lady Gaga, Madonna, and Cher; Disney classics like The Little Mermaid and The Lion King; Broadway standards from Gypsy and Wicked; and a unique take on 'I Put a Spell on You.' Tickets: \$40-\$65. 12:30 p.m. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 18 "DUKE" BY MOSES GOODS



After receiving rave reviews across the islands for his show "Duke," Moses Goods, known for his role in "Chief of War," is bringing his one-person portrayal of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku to the Hawaii Theatre. The show first premiered in October 2015 at Honolulu Theatre for Youth, drawing over 10,000 attendees during its five-week run. There will be two performances on Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 - \$49.50. [hawaiiitheatre.com](http://hawaiiitheatre.com).

## OCTOBER 18 THE FRANKIE MORENO TRIO

Six-time Las Vegas "Headliner of the Year" Frankie Moreno returns to Blue Note Hawaii. Known for electrifying performances, world-class musicianship, and a genre-defying style, Moreno has sold millions of records and holds the world record for the most #1 singles in iTunes chart history, with 124. Expect an evening of high-energy musicianship, spontaneous moments, and new arrangements of hits, fan favorites, and tracks from their new trio album. Tickets: \$25-\$35. 6:30 p.m. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 22 • MA'A: ESTABLISHING OUR PILINA TO KANALOA

This event is part of a year-long celebration marking 50 years since the 1976 formation of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ōhāna and the start of a major modern Aloha 'Āina movement. October 22 also marks the 36th anniversary of stopping the bombing of Kaho'olawe, a milestone. The program, the second of three, explores how Kaho'olawe teaches us to cultivate our relationship with 'Āina through a variety of panel discussions. 6-8 p.m. Bishop Hawaiian Hall. [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org).

## OCTOBER 23 • STEEL PULSE

Steel Pulse is one of the most influential British roots-reggae bands in music history. The 2026 Reggae Against Racism Tour is being presented as a celebration of more than five decades of Steel Pulse's music and activism, while bringing those themes into the current era. The name "Reggae Against Racism" is a deliberate nod to Rock Against Racism, the British movement that emerged in the 1970s in response to the rise of racist and far-right politics. Tickets: \$45-\$89.50. Waikiki Shell. 8 p.m. [bampproject.com](http://bampproject.com).

## OCTOBER 24 FELIPE ESPARZA - LAUGHTER WILL SAVE US

Comedian Felipe Esparza brings his signature storytelling, sharp observations, and hilarious take on everyday life to Hawai'i. Best known for winning NBC's Last Comic Standing, he continues to entertain audiences with his unique style and unforgettable humor. Tickets: \$40.50 - \$70.50. 8 p.m. [hawaiiitheatre.com](http://hawaiiitheatre.com).

## OCTOBER 24 PAULA POUNDSTONE



Get ready for an evening of comedy with Paula Poundstone, known for her sharp observational humor and off-the-cuff wit. A panelist on NPR's 'Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!' and host of 'Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone,' she has entertained audiences for decades with her unique take on everyday life. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$74.50-\$124.50. [hawaiiitheatre.com](http://hawaiiitheatre.com).

## OCTOBER 24 W.O.W. BEACH CLEAN UP

In honor of National Make a Difference Day, the Waikiki Ohana Workforce (WOW) will coordinate a Waikiki Beach clean-up. Meet at the Duke Kahanamoku Statue. Transportation will be provided to other clean-up areas. Continental Breakfast provided. 7 - 9 p.m. RSVP at [mail@waikikiimprovement.com](mailto:mail@waikikiimprovement.com).

## OCTOBER 24-25 RICK SPRINGFIELD



At 77, he is tearing up the stage across the country, playing high-energy concerts all over the place these days. Best known for the classic "Jessie's Girl," Springfield has enjoyed a remarkable career spanning music, acting, and decades of live performances. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$99-\$249. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## OCTOBER 25 MOON WALK AT WAIMEA

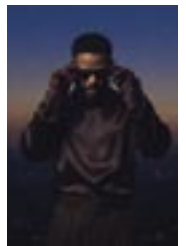
Enter the Valley for an after-dark stroll along the main pathway to the waterfall while learning about the Hawaiian phases of the moon. \$10 admission. Entry begins at 8 p.m. [waimeavalley.net](http://waimeavalley.net).

## OCTOBER 29 HALLOWEEN EDITION MARKET

This one came in too late to make the Halloween wrap up, but Wai Kai will be presenting a special Halloween Edition of our Thursday Night Market featuring local vendors, ono grinds, sweet treats, unique gifts, and all your favorite food truck finds. Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy family-friendly Halloween crafts, activities, and a costume contest filled with fun and community spirit. Plus, catch the free Surf Show while you're there. 4 - 8 p.m. See the rest of the Halloween line-up in our cover story. [waikai.com](http://waikai.com).

## OCTOBER 29-30 ERIC BELLINGER

Known for his unique mix of contemporary R&B, hip-hop, and soul. He has built a career as both a recording artist and a songwriter; he has written for and worked with leading figures in modern R&B and hip-hop, while also creating his own albums, singles, and collaborations. Thursday 7 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$40. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).



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## HIFF HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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Hawai'i International Film Festival and received the Audience Award for Best Short Film.

Cusick stars in **Los Vampires**, a fictionalized story inspired by the making of the 1931 Spanish-language *Dracula*, filmed on the same sets as Bela Lugosi's famous version. The film follows a Spanish actor who works at night on the same sets that an English-language crew uses during the day. This historical horror film imagines a rivalry between the two lead actors grows, as a string of murders plagues both productions. Using *Dracula*'s production as a backdrop, the film explores Hollywood, ambition, rivalry, immigration, and the darker aspects of



Henry Ian Cusick & Thomas Kretschmann star as the rival vampires in *Los Vampires*

the movie industry. It also considers the idea that acting can be a form of 'vampirism,' where performers are expected to consume and replicate others' identities.

Building on the O'ahu link, The Vilcek Foundation will showcase the U.S. premiere of **Sgt Haane**, featuring Alex Tarrant, known for NCIS: Hawai'i. The actor from New Zealand offers a compelling Pacific viewpoint to New American Perspectives, emphasizing the international stories and backgrounds influencing American film culture.

The Cannes Film Festival is widely considered the most prestigious and best film festival in the world, so its only fitting that four acclaimed films will be presented at HIFF46 following their premieres at the this years Cannes Film Festival in May, reinforcing HIFF's role as Hawai'i's gateway to international cinema.

Fresh from its buzzy Cannes premiere, where it became one of the festival's most talked-about films, **Club Kid** follows a hard-partying New York City club promoter whose whirlwind lifestyle is upended by the sudden arrival of the 10-year-old son he never knew he had. This outrageous yet unexpectedly heartfelt comedy collides nightlife excess with the realities of instant fatherhood. HIFF will also present **All of a Sudden**, From

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Ryusuke Hamaguchi, **In Waves** out of France, and Thailand's **9 Temples To Heaven**.

These are just a few of the dozens of films being featured at this year's Hawaii International Film Festival, but in addition to the screenings, there will also be a bit of star power.



Ke Huy Quan

Academy Award winner **Ke Huy Quan**, whose breakout role as Short Round in *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* turned into an Oscar Award years later for his role in *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, will be presented with the Halekulani Career Achievement Award at the Honoree Gala at the Halekulani at the end of the Festival. Hawai'i's own **Nainoa Thompson**, star of the opening night film, will be presented with the Jeannette Paulson Hereniko Legacy Award.

In addition to film screenings, HIFF offers educational programs and workshops for aspiring filmmakers and film enthusiasts. The **HIFILM Industry Conference** returns for its second year at Chaminade University in the Clarence T.C. Ching Conference Center. This event gathers filmmakers, storytellers, and industry professionals from Hawai'i, the Pacific, and beyond for a weekend of inspiring conversations, industry insights, and meaningful connections from October 24-25. Attendees will engage in panels and fireside chats on topics like AI, Indigenous storytelling, genre and horror filmmaking, producing in Hawai'i, and more. Networking opportunities include the Saturday evening Networking Reception at Talk Kaimuki, celebrating Hawai'i and Pacific film communities. Conference tickets are \$125 for both days and include complimentary food and beverage and free parking.

For nearly fifty years, HIFF has established itself as Hawai'i's main gateway to Asian, Pacific, and international films. However, it goes beyond just screenings. The festival showcases the top films from recent film festivals, honors Hawai'i's local storytellers, and provides a platform for local filmmakers to connect with international artists, industry experts, and audiences. Most films will be presented at Consolidated Theatres Kahala.

Tickets sell out fast, so get yours early if you are interested in a film. For current film updates, schedules, and to purchase tickets and passes, visit [hiff.org](http://hiff.org).

# That's Entertainment

## HOTELS

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

## FARMERS MARKETS

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| <b>WBW OPEN MARKET</b>                                           |                 |
| • <b>Mon</b> - Set up on the Plaza at Waikiki Beach Walk. 4-8pm. |                 |
| <b>HYATT REGENCY FARMERS MARKET</b>                              | <b>225-4002</b> |
| • <b>MonWed</b> - Hyatt Regency 1st floor waterfall atrium 4-8pm |                 |
| <b>HAWAII FARM BUREAU MARKET</b>                                 | <b>848-2074</b> |
| • <b>Wed</b> - Set up on the Blaisdell Concert Hall Lawn 4-7pm.  |                 |
| <b>KCC FARMERS MARKET</b>                                        | <b>848-2074</b> |
| • <b>Sat</b> - Kapiolani Community College 7:30-11am             |                 |
| <b>KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET</b>                                   | <b>388-9696</b> |
| • <b>Sat</b> - 919 & 1011 Ala Moana Blvd. 8am-12pm               |                 |
| <b>PEARLRIDGE FARMERS MARKET</b>                                 | <b>388-9696</b> |
| • <b>Sat</b> - Pearlridge Wai Mauka by Zippy's. 8am-12pm         |                 |

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| <b>MAKANA MARKET</b>                                          | <b>628-4800</b> |
| • <b>WedSun</b> - Ka Makana Alii - Wed 4-8p, Sun 11am-3pm     |                 |
| <b>MALAMA MARKET</b>                                          | <b>225-4002</b> |
| • <b>Wed</b> - Ala Moana Center Wing Level 2. 11am-4pm        |                 |
| <b>KAILUA FARM BUREAU MARKET</b>                              | <b>848-2074</b> |
| • <b>Thu</b> - Kailua Town Center. 4-7pm                      |                 |
| <b>ALOHA HOME MARKET</b>                                      | <b>225-4002</b> |
| • <b>Sun</b> - Kailua 340 Uluniu Street. 9-2pm                |                 |
| <b>ALOHA MARKET AT WAIKIKI</b>                                | <b>735-4510</b> |
| • <b>Sun</b> - Jefferson Elementary 324 Kapahulu Ave. 8-2pm   |                 |
| <b>KAILUA TOWN FARMERS MARKET</b>                             | <b>388-9696</b> |
| • <b>Sun</b> - 640 Ulukahiki St. at Castle Hospital. 8am-12pm |                 |

## ATTRACTIONS

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

## MUSEUMS

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| <b>BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>455-1600</b> |
| • <b>Daily</b> - 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. |                 |
| <b>BISHOP MUSEUM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>847-3511</b> |
| • <b>Daily</b> - 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.                                                                     |                 |
| <b>CAPITAL MODERN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>586-0900</b> |
| • <b>Mon-Sat</b> - Formerly known as the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Admission is always free. Open 10am - 4pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| • <b>1stFri</b> - Live entertainment and food vendors. 6-9pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |
| • <b>3rdFri</b> - Fri. Night Tempo, live music & food vendors. 6-9pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |
| • <b>Sun</b> - Museum Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |
| <b>HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>723-7167</b> |
| • <b>3rdSat</b> - 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.     |                 |
| <b>HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>447-3910</b> |
| • <b>TWThFSat</b> - 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                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| • <b>SunMon</b> - Museum Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| <b>HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>532-8726</b> |
| • <b>ThFSSu</b> - Tour & Talk Story 11am. Free with admission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| • <b>ThFSSu</b> - Highlights tour 2pm. Free with admission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| • <b>Fri</b> - HoMa Nights, open until 9pm. Free with admission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |
| • <b>MonTues</b> - Museum Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |
| <b>IOLANI PALACE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>522-0832</b> |
| • <b>TThS</b> - Audio tours available from 9am - 4pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |
| • <b>WTh</b> - Docent-led tours available from 9am - 4pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| • <b>EveryOtherWed</b> - He Mele Lahui Hawaii with Ku'uipo. 9am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| • <b>Fri</b> - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12-1pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |
| • <b>SunMon</b> - Museum Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |

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| <b>LUCORAL MUSEUM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>778-8189</b> |
| • <b>Mon-Fri</b> - 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.                                                                     |                 |
| <b>PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>441-1000</b> |
| • <b>Daily</b> - 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

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| <b>ALA MOANA CENTER</b>                                                  | <b>955-9517</b>             |
| • <b>Daily</b> - Hula Show, 3pm. <i>Centerstage</i>                      |                             |
| • <b>EveryOtherWed</b> - Royal Hawaiian Band. <i>Centerstage</i> . 11am. |                             |
| • <b>Sun</b> - Keiki Hula Show, 1pm. <i>Centerstage</i>                  |                             |
| <b>HALE'IWA STORE LOTS</b>                                               | <b>203-5700</b>             |
| • <b>Sat</b> - Live Hawaiian entertainment from 2-4pm                    |                             |
| <b>INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE</b>                                        | <b>921-0536</b>             |
| • <b>MWF</b> - Ceremonial sunset lighting of Lamaku Torch Tower          |                             |
| • <b>MWF</b> - Sunset Stories Hula Show, 6pm. <i>Queens Court</i>        |                             |
| • <b>1stTh</b> - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12pm. <i>Queens Court</i>    |                             |
| • <b>4thSat</b> - Free Fitness. 9am. <i>Queens Court</i>                 |                             |
| • <b>1st3rdSu</b> - Free Fitness. 9am. <i>Queens Court</i>               |                             |
| <b>ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER</b>                                             | <b>922-2299</b>             |
| • <b>Daily</b> - Heritage Room/Cultural Videos, <i>Helumoa Hale</i>      |                             |
| • <b>Mon</b> - Free Ukelele Lessons 11pm, <i>Helumoa Hale</i>            |                             |
| • <b>Tues</b> - Free Hula Lessons 11am, <i>Royal Grove</i>               |                             |
| • <b>Wed</b> - Free Lauhala Weaving 11am, <i>Bldg A, Level 2</i>         |                             |
| • <b>Thur</b> - Free Keiki Hula lessons 12pm, <i>Royal Grove</i>         |                             |
| • <b>Fri</b> - Free Lei Making Class 12pm, <i>Bldg A, Level 2</i>        |                             |
| • <b>Sat</b> - Hula Kahiko 5:30pm, <i>Royal Grove</i>                    |                             |
| • <b>TWThF</b> - Live Hawaiian Entertainment 5:30pm, <i>Royal Grove</i>  |                             |
| <b>WAIKIKI BEACH WALK</b>                                                | <b>waikikibeachwalk.com</b> |
| • <b>Daily</b> - The Ukulele Store offers free lessons at 4:30pm         |                             |
| • <b>Tues</b> - Ku Ha'aeo Hula Show. 4:30-6pm. <i>Plaza Stage</i>        |                             |
| • <b>Sun</b> - Free hula lessons, 9-10am                                 |                             |



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