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SPLASHING GIANTS



Every winter on O'ahu, the ocean comes alive with the return of humpback whales. These gentle giants travel thousands of miles from Alaska to Hawai'i's warm waters between mid-December and mid-April to mate, give birth, and raise their calves. Sometimes all it takes is standing along the shore, feeling the trade winds, to see a misty spout appear on the horizon. For locals and visitors alike, whale season is a shared secret between the islands and the sea.

Whale watching is one of my favorite activities each year. Observing these majestic creatures in the wild provides a memorable experience and can often become the highlight of any trip. Humpback whales travel incredible distances, with some migrating up to 5,000 miles between breeding and feeding grounds. Fortunately, they come back to our coast each year, giving us the chance to observe them closely—a sight I never tire of watching.

According to the Hawaii Wildlife Fund, "Beginning in October, mother whales nursing their calves usually arrive first in Hawai'i. Then juveniles and mothers with their yearlings come, teaching them the migration, and often weaning them here

in Hawaiian waters. The adult males arrive next, double the number of adult females who follow. Finally, the pregnant females arrive, after feeding up to the last minute in Alaska. The waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands are among the most important habitats for humpback whales. Humpbacks prefer two major areas in Hawai'i: the four-island region of Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kaho'olawe, and the Penguin Bank, a tongue of shallow water extending 25 miles southwest of western Molokai." But that doesn't mean we don't see our fair share of whales on Oahu.

O'ahu is special because whale watching is simply woven into everyday life. Whale watching in Hawai'i doesn't always require a boat. Along the South Shore, from Diamond Head to Makapu'u, early morning walkers often pause as tails lift and backs roll just offshore. On the West Side, near Ka'ena Point and Makaha, the coastline offers wide, open views where breaches can feel surprisingly close. Bring binoculars if you can, but even without them, the whales often make themselves known with dramatic splashes or a slow, graceful dive that ends in a raised fluke.

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Valentine's Day *Island-style*



Valentine's Day on O'ahu doesn't need a big plan or a packed schedule. The island has a way of doing the hard work for you—all you have to do is show up and enjoy it together. No fancy plans, no big budget—just you, your favorite person, and a whole day to enjoy together.

The day starts best with an early walk along the beach. Waikiki in the morning is calm and almost quiet, the sand still cool and the sky slowly turning pink. Shoes come off, coffee goes in your hand, and suddenly you're talking and laughing without distractions. It's a simple way to feel close before the day really begins.

Breakfast doesn't need to be fancy. A small local spot with fresh fruit, pancakes, or warm malasadas is perfect. Sharing bites, wiping powdered sugar from each other's fingers, and planning the day ahead feels way more romantic than a white tablecloth ever could.

After breakfast, you wandered. That's the best way to do O'ahu anyway. Take a stroll through Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe, where the mountains look like they're posing just for photos, or perhaps a relaxed walk up the

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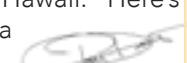
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WHALE Season!

Well, 2026 is here, and so far, so good. I hope everyone had a great holiday and was able to get some time off to spend with loved ones. I took two weeks off and got more sleep during that time than I have in the past two months! Man, I love vacation! The funny thing is, I actually hung out at the beach while I was gone. I live in Hawaii, but it takes leaving the island to go to a beach. Guess it's true what they say: How do you tell a local from a tourist? Locals don't have a tan because they're always working. True! At least for me. That said, it's whale season, and I'll be on the water as much as I can to try to see those magnificent creatures so maybe I'll finally get a tan. We went out the weekend we got back to town, and a pair of whales hung out near us for nearly an hour. As they left, one of them put on a spectacular breach about 150 yards away. Absolutely amazing. Whale season is definitely one of those times when I feel really lucky to live in Hawaii. Some of your guests may never have had the chance to see these animals up close, and we get the privilege to watch them year after year. I remember one year I was in a meeting with an executive at the Hyatt Regency. He had a great view of the beach outside his window, and there was a whale out there that kept breaching again and again. I guess that's why he had his desk set up so his back was to the window. I could never get much work done with the show those whales were putting on. Being on the water with them is special, so encourage your guests to take a boat tour if they can. But if they can't, they just need to keep their eyes on the water because they will see them. I sat on my lanai at the Hilton one year and watched them for an hour.

This month also hosts the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, and Lunar New Year, offering many opportunities to go out and enjoy yourself. Clearly, every restaurant is planning something special, but if you can't get in, the island offers plenty of other options for romantic activities. We truly are fortunate to live in Hawaii. Here's wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!



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Kainoa Daines

After spending 14 years at the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau, **Kainoa Daines** has embarked on a new chapter. He now heads up sustainability and cultural initiatives for

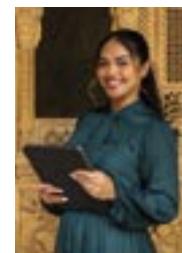
Kyo-Ya Hotels & Resorts,

overseeing their six properties in Hawaii and California: Moana Surfrider, Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Sheraton Prince Ka'iulani, Sheraton Waikīkī, Sheraton Maui, and the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. He has been named the company's Director of ESG (Environment, Social, and Governance) and Culture,

helping shape a more sustainable future. •

Heidy Vicente has been appointed Complex Director of Sales and Marketing for the **AC Hotel** and the **Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach**.

It's a full circle moment for Heidy, who started her career at the Front Desk at the Courtyard before being named Front Office Manager. She then moved into an Area Sales Manager role, before being named Director of Sales at the AC Hotel. Most recently, Heidy served as Director of Sales and Marketing at the Ambassador Hotel. Congrats!



Heidy Vicente

Valentine's Day

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Makapu'u Lighthouse Trail, stopping often—not because you were tired, but because the views were too good to rush, and hopefully a whale breach or two in the distance.

Late morning is made for exploring. Maybe you drive with the windows down toward the North Shore, stopping whenever something catches your eye—big waves, food trucks, or a quiet beach pull-off. Or you head east to Lanikai, where the water is clear and calm, perfect for swimming or just floating side by side. If you're feeling adventurous, kayaking or snorkeling together adds a little excitement and a lot of smiles.

Lunch is casual and local. A shared plate from a food truck, a \$5 manapua from a bakery, musubi from 7-11, or a poke bowl split between you can sometime taste better than anything fancy. Sitting on a curb, the beach, or a picnic table, you talk about memories, dreams, and the simple joy of being exactly where you are.

In the afternoon, slow things down. A couple's massage, a nap in the shade, or simply sitting on the sand watching the ocean can feel like a reset. O'ahu has a way of reminding you that doing nothing together is still doing something special. Waikīkī Beach too crowded to get some you time? Head over to Ala Moana Beach Park or Kaimana Beach in hopes of finding a beach less traveled. If you really want to take the romantic angle, stop by Halona Blow Hole and hike down to Cockroach Cove, which has a far more romantic nickname, Eternity Beach. Yes, that is the actual beach where Burt

Lancaster and Deborah Holmes filmed that infamous kiss in the Academy Award winning movie "From Here to Eternity," back in 1953. If that doesn't set the mood, I don't know what will.

As the sun starts to set, it's time for one of the island's greatest gifts—sunset. Whether you watch from Sunset Beach, Makapu'u Lookout, Magic Island, China Walls, or right where you already are, it never disappoints. The sky puts on a show, and for a few minutes, everything else fades away.

Dinner can be whatever feels right. A beachside restaurant, takeout poke eaten under the stars, or a casual spot with live music all work just as well. What matters is the relaxed pace, the warm air, and the feeling that there's nowhere else you need to be. Of course, those of you looking for a full restaurant experience know that virtually every restaurant in town offers something special for Valentine's Day; just remember to make your reservations early.

End the night with a walk, some shave ice, or just sitting together listening to the waves. No schedule. No pressure. Just the island and each other.

That's the secret to Valentine's Day on O'ahu—it's not about planning the perfect moment. It's about letting the island create it for you, one easy, beautiful moment at a time.

Valentine's Day doesn't need big gestures or big spending. It just needs someone who knows the island, pays attention to the details, and cares enough to make the day feel effortless.

That's what a great concierge does—they turn a simple day into a story worth remembering. Sometimes, all you need is an island, a shared day, and each other.

EXTRA EXTRA Newsflash

NORTH SHORE SHRIMP FAVE FUMI'S NOW AT ALA MOANA

Twenty years after Fumi's Kahuku Shrimp first opened, they brought Fumi's original North Shore garlic shrimp recipe to the Makai Food Court, along with their Salt & Pepper and Hot & Spicy options. They have since added Szechuan Mala Shrimp and Sweet Chili Shrimp to the menu as well as adding a lunchtime Mix & Match option which allows customers to choose two different flavors – 4 pieces of each – in one order. fumiskahukushrimps.com.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO BECOME A DOCENT

Interested in exploring Hawaiian history? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with visitors and students? Becoming a volunteer docent might be the ideal opportunity for you. Registration is now open for the docent program at The Hawaiian Mission Houses. Docents will be trained in managing tour groups, interpretive techniques and principles, and will gain a thorough understanding of the history and archival resources of a pivotal period in Hawaiian history. The training sessions will be held over three Saturdays—February 14, 21, and 28—from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Mike Smola at msmola@missionhouses.org.

COURTYARD MARRIOTT NORTH SHORE CONTINUES FREE TALKS

The Courtyard Marriott Oahu North Shore will keep its Talk Story & Makeke in the new year, celebrating island stories, talents, and traditions with feature speakers. Free and open, the events happen every second and fourth Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the hotel's conference room. On February 11, Kahuku Medical Center will discuss caring for the North Shore Community, and on February 25, Aloha Ambassador Aunty Kela Miller will share the history of hula in Ko'olauloa. Guests can also explore the "Hauoli Makeke," in the courtyard, a marketplace with handmade goods and cultural items. 293-4900.

ALA MOANA CENTER WELCOMES NEW TENANTS

Hawaii's largest outdoor shopping mall welcomes new tenants. Recently opened retailers include Hae Hawai'i, Kawaii Kingdom, and a second Musubi Café Iyasume location. Looking ahead, the Center will soon welcome Always A.line, Eyeland Hawai'i, and Molly Tea. For more info, head to alamoanacenter.com.

35TH ANNUAL HAWAII COLLECTORS EXPO

Hawaii Collectors Expo will be held February 20 - 22. This 3-day event is the island's largest market where vendors from across the state, mainland, and Japan showcase collectibles like vintage clothing, anime, trading cards, rare coins, antiques, Hawaiian, jewelry, comics, memorabilia, Pokémon, and more. The Expo offers an in-person marketplace to sell and promote these items. Tickets are \$10 at the box office or ticketmaster.com.

KAPONO'S AT THE LOUNGE

Over the past two years, The Lounge in Hawaii Kai has welcomed hundreds of shows and become a vibrant gathering place for live music enthusiasts. Now, this cherished waterfront venue is opening a new, exciting chapter as Kapono's at The Lounge—bringing together Henry Kapono, the Henry Kapono Foundation, and The Lounge at Island Sound Studios, Hawai'i's premier recording studio. Open Fri. - Sun. kaponosatthelounge.com.



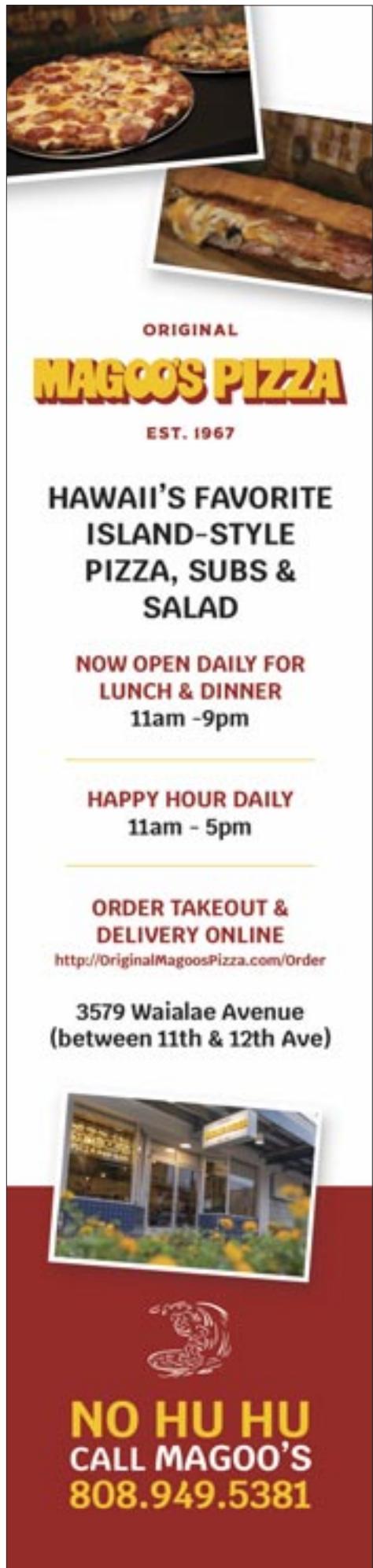
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Year of the Fire Horse



The Chinatown Parade, taking place on February 14, is always a draw. Photo courtesy: Chinatown 808

For thousands of years, long before the advent of dates and printed calendars, people kept track of time by observing the sky. The moon—whose cycle of rising, waning, disappearing, and reappearing—served as humanity's earliest clock. From this consistent lunar cycle, one of the oldest continuous traditions in the world arose: the Lunar New Year.

On Tuesday, February 17, the world turns quietly toward renewal as Lunar New Year arrives, ushering in the Year of the Fire Horse. Long before dawn, lanterns glow in windows and streets hum with preparation, echoing a tradition that stretches back more than four thousand years. Lunar New Year began as an agrarian rite in ancient China, marking the end of winter and the hopeful return of planting season. Over centuries, it evolved into the most important festival across East and Southeast Asia, carried forward by families, empires, migrations, and memory.

Each lunar year is characterized by the Chinese zodiac, a 12-animal cycle paired with five elements—wood, fire, earth, metal, and water—forming a sixty-year repeating calendar. 2026 is governed by the Horse and the Fire element.

Traditionally, the Horse is a symbol of energy, independence, and movement—a year believed to favor courage, bold decisions, and forward motion. As with every Lunar New Year, the celebration is rooted in cleansing the old to make way for the new. Homes are swept clean, debts are settled, and red decorations—symbols of luck, protection, and joy—replace the fading colors of the previous year. Families gather for reunion

dinners, sharing dishes rich with meaning: dumplings shaped like ancient coins for prosperity, long noodles for longevity, and sweet rice cakes to lift fortunes higher.

Lunar New Year lasts for fifteen days, ending with the Lantern Festival during the first full moon. Hawaii celebrates the Lunar New Year with enthusiasm, and you can hear fireworks and lion dances all month long. Keep those little red envelopes, *lai-see*, filled with new money handy, as they symbolize good luck, prosperity, and help ward off evil spirits. Despite regional differences, the core meaning is universal: honoring ancestors, strengthening family bonds, and welcoming the future with intention.

There are several ways for you to celebrate the Lunar New Year this month.

On February 7th, leaping lions kick off the New Year at **Kapolei Shopping Center** with a lion dance from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Afterward, the lions, with drummers and cymbals, parade through the center, blessing merchants and inviting good luck. Spectators can feed the lions and take photos. kapoleishopping.com.

On Saturday, February 14, Island residents and visitors can get ready to gallop into the Year of the Horse at Chinatown 808's popular **Chinatown Festival & Parade** as it celebrates its 50th year. The festival will take place in Aala Park and on N. Beretania Street between Maunakea and Aala Streets, with the parade starting at 4:30 p.m. along Hotel Street from the Hawaii State Capitol through Chinatown.

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The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Aala Park): Activities and entertainment, including free bounce houses at the ASB Keiki Fun Zone, craft booths, lion and dragon dance performances, and martial arts demonstrations.
- 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Aala Park): Pony & donkey petting area.
- 4:30 p.m. (Hotel Street): Lunar New Year Parade starts at Hawaii State Capitol Lawn traveling along Hotel Street through Chinatown.
- 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Aala Park): All activities continue except for bounce houses.

The celebration will also include lion and dragon dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, and a special appearance by a 150-foot dragon.

The parade starts at the Hawaii State Capitol lawn at 4:30 p.m., with participants in their best Lunar New Year costumes. Enthusiastic participants will march down Hotel Street toward Chinatown. Spectators can enjoy lion dance and dragon performances, see festival queens and their courts, and watch local cultural groups, kung fu martial artists, and dignitaries. After the parade, an opening ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on the Aala Park Stage. For more details, visit chinatown808.com.



Don't miss the lion dance at The Royal Grove.
Photo courtesy: Royal Hawaiian Center

Royal Hawaiian Center will host celebrations for the Year of the Horse from February 15 to 28 with a special gift with purchase. On Thursday, February 17, visitors can watch a Lion Dance from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Royal Grove. Following that, from 5:30 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m., the Lions will

perform throughout the Center and at participating stores and restaurants. Guests can also collect a custom Royal Hawaiian Center Red Lai See from Helumoa Hale to feed the Lion.

There will be another lion dance on Saturday, February 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., a traditional Chinese Folk Dance on Sunday, February 22 from 3:30 - 4 p.m. and Calligraphy by Ina Chang on Saturday, February 28 from 3 - 6 p.m. All events take place in the Royal Grove. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

On Saturday, February 21, **Outrigger Hospitality** will celebrate the Lunar New Year by sending Lion Dancers to each of its properties. Your guests can see the performance at the following locations and times:

- 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
OUTRIGGER Waikiki Paradise Hotel
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beach Resort
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Embassy Suites by Hilton Waikiki Beach Walk

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Pole jumping at Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Waikiki Beach Walk retail stores and restaurants

5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Hilton Grand Vacations Club Hokulani

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Club Wyndham at Waikiki Beach Walk

Although rooted in China, Lunar New Year is celebrated across Asia and around the world. In Vietnam, it's Tết; in Korea, Seollal. From Southeast Asia to communities abroad, it remains an essential link connecting the past and present. Lunar New Year has endured through dynasties, migration, and modernization because it resonates with a fundamental human desire — to pause, reflect, and start fresh. Something we should aspire to these days. Whether your guests celebrate it or not, let them know to keep their ears open. If they hear the drums, take a moment to walk over and experience these historical traditions in action.

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During winter in Hawaii, humpback whales engage in courtship behaviors, with males often competing for females' attention. You definitely earn bonus points if you catch a competition pod in action. It's rare but incredibly exciting. Female humpbacks typically give birth to one calf every two to three years. Calves are born in our warm waters and stay with their mothers for up to a year. Newborns measure 12 to 15 feet in length and can weigh up to 2 tons. They grow quickly, gaining as much as 100 pounds daily from their mother's rich milk. The islands' protected waters offer a safe environment for calving, serving as a sanctuary for these vulnerable calves during their early months. As a result, Hawaii is a vital breeding and calving ground for humpback whales. In 1992, the government designated these waters as a marine sanctuary to better protect the species. This designation, part of the North Pacific Humpback Whale Sanctuary, safeguards their migratory routes and calving areas, leading to a significant increase in their population—from an estimated 2,000 in the early 1990s to over 21,000 whales estimated to visit Hawaiian waters annually in recent years.

For those who head out on the water, whale-watching tours turn the experience into a shared adventure. Guides point out spouts, explain whale songs that travel for miles, and help you spot playful calves staying close to their mothers. There's a quiet thrill in the quest of scanning the horizon looking for a tell-tale sign, and then the rush of excitement



when you or a fellow passenger finds one and shouts out its location. If you're lucky, you'll catch a breach as the gigantic mammal bursts out of the water as if showing off for everyone onboard. If you're lucky, you'll see a calf learning to breach repeatedly, like a pogo stick.

For those who want to head out onto the water, there are a ton of whale-watching tours to choose from. Many of them turn the experience into a shared adventure. Guides point out spouts, explain whale songs that travel for miles, and help you spot playful calves staying close to their mothers. Boats keep a respectful distance, allowing the whales to move freely, and there's a peaceful excitement in simply floating as a whale chooses to pass by. Sometimes it's a breach that steals the show; other times it's a quiet moment when a whale surfaces, looks almost curious, and slips back beneath the waves.

Whale watching on O'ahu isn't just about what you see—it's about how it makes you feel. The island slows you down, the ocean invites you to listen, and for a few unforgettable moments, you're reminded that O'ahu isn't only about beaches and city lights. It's also a front-row seat to one of nature's most beautiful winter traditions, happening just beyond the shoreline.

Every moment on the water can turn into a magical whale watching adventure, especially in February. It's the perfect time to catch a glimpse of these majestic creatures off our coast. Any boat out there can become your personal whale watch, so don't hesitate to jump on a beach cat at the last minute for some unexpected fun. Feeling adventurous? Why not try parasailing for a more surreal experience? While spotting whales from above isn't always guaranteed, it's pretty incredible when it does happen. Taking a doors off helicopter tour? Keep your eyes peeled for that bright turquoise color whales seem to have when they are just

beneath the surface.

No matter how you choose to see them, whale watching on O'ahu is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that never loses its magic.

For those of you who want to get on the water, here are a few companies you can look into.

Best Oahu Tours by AYC
andyyoucreations.com

Dolphin Excursions Hawaii
dolphinexcursions.com

Dolphins and You
dolphinsandyou.com

Go Hawaii Watersports
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Hawaii Nautical
hawaiinautical.com

Hawaii Ocean Charters
hawaiioceancharters.com

Majestic by Atlantis
majestichawaii.com

North Shore Catamaran Charter
sailingcat.com

Ocean Adventures Hawaii
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Ocean Joy
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Pau Hana Sailing
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15th Honolulu African American Film Festival

Each winter, the Honolulu African American Film Festival returns as a thoughtful and enduring cultural tradition. Now in its 15th year, the festival stands as a testament to the power of cinema to educate, connect, and celebrate the richness of African American and global Black experiences.

Since its launch in February 2012 for Black History Month, the Honolulu African American Film Festival has become a staple at the Honolulu Museum of Art, showcasing the finest Black cinema to the city. This year, the festival features eight feature films and a short film program that celebrate Black excellence in art and justice.

The festival starts with an opening reception that welcomes guests into a shared space of art, dialogue, and cultural appreciation. The opening event, on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m., will have a West African vibe in honor of the film *The Fisherman*, shot in Ghana. The evening features a buffet dinner, live music, a cash bar, and the Hawai'i premiere of *The Fisherman*.

The festival includes insightful post-screening discussions that are currently being developed and will be added to the online film descriptions once confirmed. Throughout its multi-week run, the festival features a curated selection of feature films, documentaries, and short works. These films span various genres and regions, presenting stories that explore history, identity, resilience, creativity, and daily life. Some stories are personal and intimate; others tackle larger social and cultural issues. Together, they create a cinematic mosaic that showcases the diversity and depth of Black storytelling.

The festival's enduring success largely relies on its dedicated volunteer committee, which includes Daphne Barbee-Wooten, Ethan Caldwell, Tadia Rice, and Sandra Simms.

"For the 15th festival, we have developed a program that features a strong mix of documentaries and narratives that address justice—and joy," says Daphne Barbee-Wooten, a civil rights attorney. "Equality and justice are so important in these times of pushback and attempted elimination of civil rights that people have fought so hard to achieve. At the same time, it is essential to share uplifting stories to keep hope alive. It is important for us to bring these films to Honolulu."

As the festival marks its 15th

anniversary, it balances legacy with forward momentum. It continues to honor established filmmakers while amplifying emerging voices, reinforcing its role as both a cultural archive and a platform for new work.

This year, for the first time, HoMA issued a call for submissions to HAAFF, specifically for short films. The selections will be screened on Feb. 13 and 28. Experience the next generation of Black voices and perspectives through this collection of short films by emerging filmmakers.

The film festival runs from February 5 to March 1. For more details head to honolulumuseum.org.

Schedule of Films

The Fisherman

Directed by Zoey Martinson, 2024, Ghana, 105 min.
Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m., Mar. 1 at 2 p.m.

Paint Me a Road Out of Here

Directed by Catherine Gund, 2025, USA, 90 min.
Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., Feb. 12 & 21 at 2 p.m.

The Inquisitor

Directed by Angela Lynn Tucker, 2025, USA, 98 mins.
Feb. 6 at 2 p.m., Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Outdoor School

Directed by Ime N. Etuk, 2025, USA, 84 min.
Feb. 7 & 13 at 2 p.m., Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Eyes of Ghana

Directed by Ben Proudfoot, 2025, USA, 90 mins.
Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

Bam Bam: The Sister Nancy Story

Directed by Alison Duke, 2024, Canada, 98 mins.
Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

HAAFF 2026 Shorts

Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

We the Surfers

Directed by Arthur Bourbon, 2024, France/Liberia, 51 min.
Feb. 19, 22, 27 at 2 p.m.

Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round

Directed by Ilana Trachtman, 2024, USA, 90 min.
Feb. 20 at 2 p.m., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.



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Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Kamaka Camarillo (or others)	6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Paul Dunlap (or Grace Welton)	4:30-6:30pm
Bryan & Halekahu	7-9:30pm
Ellsworth Simeona	9:30-12am
Hard Rock Café	955-7383
Contemporary Rock or Production duo	
ODDible	8-10pm
Heydey at the White Sands	475-6864
Contemporary Rock	
Laupepa Letuli	7-9pm
House Without a Key	923-2311
Hawaiian music & hula by former Miss Hawaii Allison Chu	
Pa'ahana Trio	5-8pm
Hula Grill	923-4852
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Keoni Ku (or others)	2-4pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians	
Sean Na'auao	6-9pm
Lewers Lounge	923-2311
Jazz Pianist	
Johnny Kukui	8-10:30pm
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Live Contemporary	
Jenna Keala	5-8pm
Mai Tai Bar at Ala Moana	947-2900
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Mark Caldeira	7-10pm

**Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian**

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

923-7311

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**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Walt Keale Duo	4:30-6:30pm
Stephen Inglis (or others)	9:30-12am

House Without a Key**923-2311**

Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '24 Hayley Kane	
Delima Ohana (or others)	5-8pm

Hula Grill**923-4852**

Contemporary Hawaiian	
Kawika Kahiapo	2-4pm

Hula's Lei Stand**923-0669**

New Orleans Blues and Jazz	
Cajun Peaches	6-9pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille**924-4992**

Highlighting the Henry Kapono 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	5-8pm

Mahina & Sun's**923-8882**

Electrifying Acoustic on the Lanai	
Kokonut Point	6-8:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at Ala Moana**947-2900**

Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Aaron Ono (or others)	4-7pm

Sam Kapu III (or others)	8-11pm
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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	8-10:30pm

Moani Waikiki**466-2629**

Live Hawaiian/Country music	
Ricky Kamai	6-9pm

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

TUESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
Backyard Hawaiian	

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Roy's Hawaii Kai	396-7697	Tommy James	8-10:30pm
<i>Live Local Contemporary</i>		Mahi'ai Table	670-2778
Mike Tulba	4:30 - 6:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Rumfire	921-4600	Kai Duhaylonsod	5-8pm
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>		Mahina & Sun's	923-8882
Dave Watanabe	6-9pm	<i>Soulful Guitar on the Lanai</i>	
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636	John Akapo	6-8:30pm
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>		Mai Tai Bar at Ala Moana	947-2900
Keith Montross	6-9pm	<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600	Kimo Opiana (or Lance Reid)	4-7pm
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		Ben Kama (or others)	8-11pm
Kosuke	6-9pm	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311
Swell at the Alohilani	294-4108	<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>		Stephen Inglis (or Paul Dunlap, Jr.)	11am-2pm
Lovejack	6-9:30pm	Johnny Valentine (or others)	6-9pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111	Maui Brewing Company	843-2739
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Stephen Inglis (or Paul Dunlap, Jr.)	3:30-6:30pm	Scott Magz & Ethan Nash	8-10:30pm
Alex Oasay	7-10pm	Merriman's Honolulu	215-0022
The Edge at the Sheraton	921-4600	<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
<i>Live Hawaiian Music</i>		Kamaka Camarillo	5:30-7:30pm
YOZA	1-4pm	MINA's Fish House	679-0079
Johnny Kukui	4:30-7:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI	Kamuela Kahoano	6-9pm
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		Moani Waikiki	466-2629
Keone	1-3pm	<i>Contemporary Hawaiian/Country Music</i>	
Eddie Somera (or Johnny Helm)	5:30-7:30pm	AJ Keolanui	7-10pm
Lindsey Wells	8-10pm	Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina	381-4086
Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian	949-4321	<i>Live music 3x a day</i>	
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		Shaun Garnett	12:30-2:30pm
Ben Kama	1-3pm	Chris Murphy	3:30-5pm
WEDNESDAY		Clara Stegall (or others)	7-9pm
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233	Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki	900-4226
<i>Island Vibes</i>		<i>Live music 3x a day</i>	
Danny Galura	5:30-8:30pm	Kailua Moon	12:30-2:30pm
Chart House	941-6669	Jasmin Nicole	3:30-5pm
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		Chante	7-9pm
Hi'iakua	6-9pm	Roy's Hawaii Kai	396-7697
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268	<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		Maui Manahoe	4:30 - 6:30pm
Keoni Ku	4:30-6:30pm	Rumfire	921-4600
Taulia Lave	7-9:30pm	<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Alika Souza	9:30-12am	Brad Kawakami	6-9pm
House Without a Key	923-2311	Signature Prime Steak	949-3636
<i>Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee</i>		<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Pa'a'hana Trio	5-8pm	Pierre Grill	6-9pm
Hula Grill	923-4852	Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600
<i>Contemporary Rock</i>		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Ronson Asuncion (2/11-Ronson Asuncion). 2-4pm		Brad Kawakami	6-9pm
Hula's Lei Stand	923-0669	Swell at the Alohilani	294-4108
<i>Contemporary Guitarist</i>		<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>	
Jason Laeha	6-9pm	Eddie Somera	6-9:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992	The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>		<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Ei Nei	6-9pm	Alika Souza	3:30-6:30pm
Lewers Lounge	923-2311	Simple Souls	7-10pm
<i>Jazz Pianist</i>		The Edge at the Sheraton	921-4600



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Live Hawaiian Music
 Kupu Dalire Na'auao 1-4pm
 Dave Watanabe 4:30-7:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar
Live Contemporary
 Derrick Lee 1-3pm
 Hula w/ Malu Productions 5:30-7:30pm
 Malu Productions 8-10pm

Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian

Live Contemporary
 Randy Allen 1-3pm

Vintage 1901 at the Moana

Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 6:30-10pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach

Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
 Alika Souza 5:30-8:30pm

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

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Duva (or others) 4:30-6:30pm

Gabriel Goes (or others) 7-9:30pm
 Scott Magz 9:30-12am

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

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

Hula Grill
Contemporary Guitarist
 YOZA 2-4pm

923-TIKI

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

Kani Ka Pila Grille

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

Lewers Lounge

Jazz Pianist
 Ethan Capone & Rocky Holmes 8:30pm-12am

Mahi'ai Table

Live Contemporary
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

Mahina & Sun's

Hawaiian Contemporary on the Lanai
 Kelly Boy DeLima 6-8:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry 11am-2pm
 Stephen Inglis (or Paul Dunlap, Jr.) 8-10pm

Maui Brewing Company

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Sean Cleland 8-10:30pm

Maui Brewing Kailua

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Grace Welton (or others) 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu

Live Contemporary
 John Kema 5:30-7:30pm

MINA's Fish House

Live Contemporary Hits
 Jesse Kuikahi 6-9pm

Moani Waikiki

Contemporary Island Music
 Randy Allen 7-10pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina

Live music 3x a day
 Jesse Kuikahi (or others) 12:30-2pm
 Nick Wong (or others) 3:30-5pm

Chante Duo 7-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki

Live music 3x a day
 The Mauve 12:30-2:30pm
 Bronson Varde 3:30-5pm

Javin Kai 7-9pm

Queensbreak at the Marriott

Live Contemporary
 Cory Oliveros 6-9pm

Roy's Hawaii Kai

Live Hawaiian Contemporary
 Hoku Zuttermeister 4:30-6:30pm

Rumfire

Live Contemporary Hits
 Brad Kawakami 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak

Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Grant Carvalho 6-9pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani

923-0669

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tad Jennings (2/12-Justin Edwards) 3-6pm
 Kaimi Hananoeau 6-9pm

Stripsteak **896-2545**

Live Contemporary
 Jason Laeha 6-9pm

Swell at the Alohilani **294-4108**
Solo Contemporary Guitarist with dancer
 Drew Henmi (or Eddie Somera) 6-9:30pm

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

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry 3:30-6:30pm
 Kaimi Hananoeau 7-10pm

The Edge at the Sheraton **921-4600**

Live Hawaiian Music
 Alika Souza 1-4pm
 Chris Salvador 4:30-7:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar **923-TIKI**

Live Contemporary
 Roddy Lopez 1-3pm
 Johnny Helm 5:30-7:30pm
 Roots Kai 8-10pm

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

Live Contemporary
 Jegaan 1-3pm

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

FRIDAY

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

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm

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
 Maunalua 4-6pm
 Kawaika Kahiapo (2/6, 2/13) 7:9:30pm
 Kahiau Lam Ho (2/20) 7:9:30pm
 Jasmine Kaleihiwa (2/27) 7:9:30pm
 Randy Allen (or Jeegan) 9:30-12am

Hard Rock Cafe **955-7383**

Live Contemporary
 Psycho Tropical (or others) 8:30-10:30pm

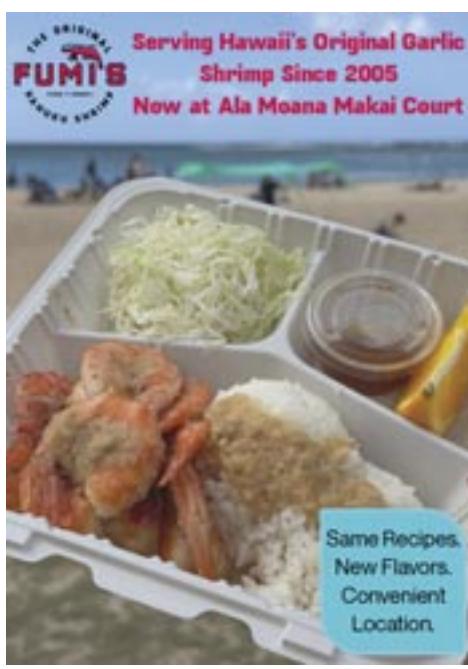
House Without a Key **923-2311**
Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoe Miller
 Sunset Serenaders 5-8pm

Hula Grill **923-4852**

Contemporary Rock
 Randy Allen (2/27- Ben Meija) 2-4pm

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

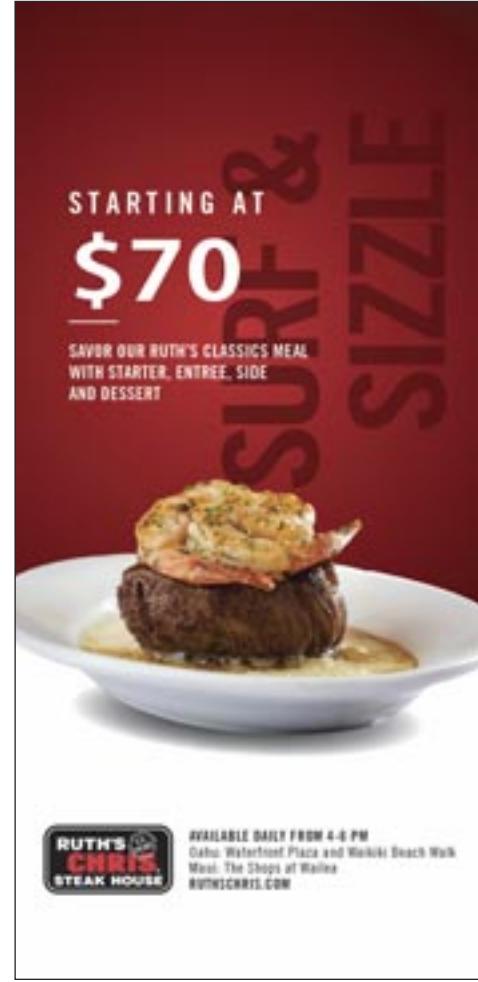
Kani Ka Pila Grille **924-4992**
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians



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Ka Hehena	6-9pm		Live Contemporary Hawaiian, DJ Jem spins from 1-4p	Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Lewers Lounge		923-2311	Ben Kama Duo & Dancer	Ho'okena
Jazz Pianist			4:30-7:30pm	6-9pm
Maggie Herron & Dean Taba	8pm-12am		Johnny Helm	
Mahi'ai Table		670-2778	7:45-9:45pm	
Live Contemporary			Stripsteak	896-2545
Eddie Somera (or others)	5-8pm		Live Contemporary	
Mahina & Sun's		923-8882	Shane Kainoa	6-9pm
Slack Key on the Lanai			The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111
Jeff Rasmussen	6-8:30pm		Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Mai Tai Bar at Ala Moana		947-2900	Chris Salvador	12-3pm
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			Kailua Moon	3:30-6:30pm
Aaron Ono (or Paul Dunlap Jr.)	4-7pm		Kamuela Kahoano	7-10pm
Every Day Aloha Band (or others)	8:30-11pm		The Edge at the Sheraton	921-4600
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian		923-7311	Live Hawaiian Music	
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			Christian Yrizarry	1-4pm
Brandon Serrano	11am-2pm		Brad Kawakami (2/13-Mark Caldeira)	4:30-7:30pm
Johnny III	6-9pm		The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck	943-5800
Maui Brewing Company		843-2739	Live Contemporary	
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			Justin Edwards	2-5pm
Keith Batlin (or Deah & Duva)	8-10:30pm		The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel	739-8760
Maui Brewing Kailua		518-2739	Live Contemporary	
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			Johnny Valentine	6-10pm
Randy Allen (or others)	6-8pm		Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI
Merriman's Honolulu		215-0022	Live Contemporary	
Live Contemporary			Keone	1-3pm
Matt Cockey	3-5pm		BK Espiritu	5:30-7:30pm
Stephen Harris	5:30-7:30pm		Scott and Koko	8-10pm
MINA's Fish House		679-0079	Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian	949-4321
Live Contemporary Hits			Live Contemporary	
Jenna Keala	6-9pm		Mike Piranha	1-3pm
Moani Waikiki		466-2629	Vintage 1901 at the Moana	921-4600
Traditional Reggae			Contemporary Piano	
Hana	6-9pm		David Swanson	6:30-10pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina		381-4086	SATURDAY	
Live music 3x a day			Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
Noe (or others)	12:30-2pm		Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Lance Reid	3:30-5pm		Ernie Kanoa	5:30-8:30pm
John Akapo	7-9pm		Chart House	941-6669
Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki		900-4226	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Live music 3x a day			Hi'ilalo	7-11pm
Freddy Leone	12:30-2:30pm		Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
Nick Wong	3:30-5pm		Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Izik (or others)	7-9pm		Beach 5 (or others)	4-6pm
Original Magoos Pizza		949-5381	Ells Simeona w/hula	7-9:30pm
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			Justin Edwards	9:30-12am
Ernie Kanoa	5:30-8:30pm		Hard Rock Cafe	955-7383
Queensbreak at the Marriott		922-6611	Live Contemporary	
Live Contemporary			Tad Jennings	8:30-10:30pm
Johnny Kukui	6-9pm		House Without a Key	923-2311
Rumfire		921-4600	Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoe Miller	
Live Contemporary Hits			Sunset Serenaders	5-8pm
Stephen Inglis (or Paul Dunlap, Jr.)	4:30-7:30pm		Hula Grill	923-4852
Drew Henmi	8-10:30pm		Contemporary Rock	
Signature Prime Steak		949-3636	Kamaka Camarillo (or others)	2-4pm
Contemporary Pianist in the bar			Hula's Lei Stand	923-0669
Keith Montross	6-9pm		Contemporary Guitarist	
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani		921-4600	Johnny III	6-9pm
			Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992



MINA's Fish HouseLive Contemporary Hits
Alex Oasay 6-9pm**Moani Waikiki**Live Contemporary Blues and 90s
Keith Batlin 6-9pm**Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina**Live music 3x a day
Sierra Lucia 12:30-2pm
Javin Kai 3:30-5pm
Izik 7-9pm**Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki**Live music 3x a day
Randy Allen 12:30-2pm
Pono 3:30-5pm
Javin Kai (or others) 7-9pm**Original Magoos Pizza**Solo Country
Buck Giles 5:30-8:30pm**Queensbreak at the Marriott**Live Contemporary
Kalau Crisotomo 6-9pm**Rumfire**Live Contemporary Hits
YOZA 4:30-7:30pm
Bronson Varde 8-10:30pm**Signature Prime Steak**Contemporary Pianist in the bar
Keith Montross 6-9pm**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 8-10pm**Stripsteak**Live Contemporary
Dustin Park 6-9pm**679-0079****The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider**Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Brad Kawakami 12-3pm
Bronson Varde 3:30-6:30pm
Koa Atwood 7-10pm**The Edge at the Sheraton**Live Hawaiian Music
Johnny Kukui 1-4pm
Eddie Somera (Paul Dunlap, Jr.) 4:30-7:30pm**The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck**Live Contemporary
Andy Vibe 3-6pm**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel**Live Contemporary
Cory Oliveros (2/14-Jason Laeha) 6-10pm**Tiki's Grill & Bar**Live Contemporary
Tangi 1-3pm
Roots Kai 5:30-7:30pm
Phil Schneider 8-10pm**Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian**Live Contemporary
Darrell Aquino (2/7-Mark Caldeira) 1-3pm**Vintage 1901 at the Moana**Contemporary Piano
David Swanson 6:30-10pm**SUNDAY****Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach**Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Ben Kama 10am-1pm
Art Kalahiki 5:30-8:30pm**Chart House**Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Paka 10:30am-1:30pm
Dean & Tito 6:15-9:15pm**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki**Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Henry Kapono 4-6pm
Kaiona Duo 7-9:30pm
Tad Jennings 9:30-12am**Hard Rock Cafe**Contemporary Rock
Allie and the Waves 8-10pm**Hau Tree Lanai**Live Contemporary music
Izik 2:30-5pm**House Without a Key**Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee
Pu'uhonua Trio 5-8pm
Jason Midro 8:15-10pm**Hula Grill**Contemporary Rock with Hula
Stephen Inglis (or others) 2-4pm**Kani Ka Pila Grille**Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Nathan Aweau 6-9pm**La Hiki Restaurant at the Four Seasons****922-3111****Live Contemporary Hawaiian**

Jenna Keala (2/1 - Kamuela Kahoano) 11am-2:30pm

Lewers LoungeJazz Pianist
Nick La'a 8-10:30pm**Mahi'ai Table**Live Contemporary
Johnny III 5-8pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian **923-7311**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Denny Ono & Kanoe Arola 11am-2pm
Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm**Maui Brewing Company**Live Contemporary
Jason Laeha 8-10:30pm**Merriman's Honolulu**Live Contemporary Piano
Grant Carvalho 5:30-7:30pm**Moani Waikiki**Contemporary Local Contemporary
Dustin Park 7-10pm**Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** **381-4086**

Live music 3x a day

Kush 12:30-2:30pm
Sierra Lucia 3:30-5pm

Teanu (or others) 7-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Waikiki **900-4226**Live music 3x a day
Randy Allen (or others) 12:30-2:30pmKoa 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 (or Bronson Varde) 6-9pm**Roy's Hawaii Kai**Live Hawaiian Contemporary
Kanikapila Sunday 4:30 - 6:30pm**Rumfire**Live Contemporary Hits
Jenna Keala 4:30-7:30pm
Alex Oasay 8-10:30pm**Signature Prime Steak** **949-3636**Contemporary Pianist in the bar
Keith Montross 6-9pm**Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani** **921-4600**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian - DJ Mau spins from 1-4pmKailua Moon & Dancer 4:30-7:30pm
Chris Luke 7:45-9:45pm**Swell at the Alohilani**DJ KK Spins Poolside from 2-5 pm
Jason Laeha 4:30-7:30p**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider**Live Contemporary Hawaiian
YOZA 12-3pm
Keoni Ku (or Jason Midro) 3:30-6:30pm

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Dave Watanabe	7-10pm	
The Edge at the Sheraton		921-4600
Live Hawaiian Music		
Christian Yrizarry	1-4pm	
Jesse Kuikahi	4:30-7:30pm	
The Grove at the Modern Pool Deck		943-5800
Live Contemporary		
Mike Tulba	3-6pm	
Tiki's Grill & Bar		923-TIKI
Live Contemporary		
Joe Kingston	1-3pm	
Ellsworth Simeona	5:30-7:30pm	
Kelandy Diaz	8-10pm	
Tropics Bar at the Hilton Hawaiian		949-4321
Live Contemporary		
Tad Jennings	1-3pm	
Vintage 1901 at the Moana		921-4600
Contemporary Piano		
David Swanson	6:30-10pm	

Dining Dish

Hy's monthly Sunday Brunch Buffets are continuing in 2026. Their signature prime rib, leg of lamb, corned beef, and Caesar salad is on the menu as well as steamed snow crab, oriental style fish, crab cake eggs benedict, a seafood bar, and more. The brunch will be available on February and March 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with more dates expected soon. 922-5555. • Popular NYC Japanese cocktail bar **ROKC**, which stands for ramen, oyster, kitchen, and cocktails, opened in the former Westman Café location at 280 Beach Walk. Known for their cocktails and ramen, the menu closely resembles the original in New York and has been getting rave reviews since they soft opened late last month. Open for dinner from 5 to 11 p.m., it's closed on Sundays. Find them on Instagram @rokchawaii. • A new steak house has opened in the space formerly occupied by the Blind Ox on Kapihulu. **ADEZ Steakhouse & Lounge** is open daily from 5 p.m. to midnight, extending to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and offers handcrafted cocktails, steaks that guests can grill at their tables on hot stones, and a \$65 three-course Tasting Menu. adezhawaii.com. • The Lounge at Island Sound in Hawaii Kai is now known as **Kaponos at the Lounge** and offers Sunday Brunch, featuring handcrafted cocktails and live music by the water from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. View the menu online at kaponosatthelounge.com.



Chef's Corner

Mugen Pastry Chef Sonja Oliveri

Born and raised in Germany, Sonja grew up working in her family's restaurants. In high school, she assisted her grandmother with baking cakes for the restaurant, which led her Grandma to encourage her to pursue a bakery apprenticeship. Her father asked a customer-owner of the well-known Café Wild Wermelskirchen—if she could do an apprenticeship there. Despite initial concerns about her age, she secured the position and embarked on a three-year hybrid program combining practical work and classroom learning, opening her eyes and inspiring her to aim high. Her journey ultimately led to Hawaii.

What is your first childhood food memory?

Growing up, I was always at restaurants because my family owned a couple of family-style places, and we spent most of our time there. I can hardly remember a time when we were at home. But it was great—during dinner, we could order whatever we wanted, and the staff felt like family.

What was your first job in the industry?

Aside from my family's restaurants, my first real job was the pastry apprenticeship program at Cafe Wild Wermelskirchen. However, when I finished the program, I didn't think I'd work in pastry. I didn't like how rigid and repetitive it was. So I ended up signing up for another three-year apprenticeship program at the Excelsior Hotel in Cologne, where I learned how to cook.

Who would you consider your mentor?

I had many mentors: my grandma for standing up to guys in a time when women in the kitchen was rare; my dad, who taught me to skin and butcher venison and believed in me; Herr Wild, who guided me through pastry; Herr Nestler, the Excelsior's chef, for supporting his team after tough days; Herr Kaufman and his wife, who trusted me to run their pastry department and pushed me to attend master pastry school. Many others have taught me, and I look forward to more, as I love learning and growing.

What did you do after you graduated?

I worked at my parents' restaurant for a couple of months first, but when I was certain I didn't want to take over the family business, I applied to all the best restaurants in Germany to be a commis de cuisine. I wanted to aim for the stars.

So what happened?

Mr. Kaufman of Zur Trube, a two-star Michelin restaurant, invited me to an interview and convinced me to run his pastry department. I was so nervous and under pressure. I didn't want to disappoint him. He mentored me and sent me to sugar classes with Ewald Notter and to check out

Team Germany for the Pastry World Cup, but that wasn't for me. Eventually, he advised me to go to Master Pastry School to hone my craft.

How was your experience?

I really enjoyed working there. We had a very young team. We also had our own house that Mr. Kaufman rented to his employees, so we were all very close and constantly encouraged each other.

What's the most important thing you learned?

Teamwork, using the best ingredients with simple recipes, no fuss or additives. Just fresh good food

Name a dish you're most proud of.

My Christmas Stollen Bread. It's probably the oldest family recipe I have, and it allows me to connect with my ancestors in a small way.

How did you end up in Hawaii?

I came to Hawaii because of Mr. Goessing, the former GM of the Kahala Mandarin Oriental. My sister babysat his kids in Germany. He met my mom at a party, and she told him I wanted to work on a cruise ship but needed English skills. He offered me 18 months in Hawaii for a management trainee program. I applied, got my visa, and arrived a few months later.

Are you in charge of the afternoon tea menu?

Yes, I've changed the tea menu a few times already. I like to keep things fresh and interesting.

What do you like most about living here?

Probably the community and all the different influences. The weather is pretty awesome too.

What do you miss most about Germany?

My family and the quietness I grew up with in the countryside, it gives one space for solitude and watching nature.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

I like to spend time with my family, garden, cook, and craft on my days off. If anyone is interested in pictures of my work they can look at my Instagram: @sonja4423



Strawberry Basil Jam

Ingredients:

450g Strawberries washed & chopped small	125g sugar
2 Lemons - zest and juice	35g powdered apple pectin
1/4 bunch Fresh Basil finely chopped	500g sugar

Yield: 6 small jars

Directions:

Prepare jam canning jars and lids by washing and sanitizing them. Bring strawberries, basil, lemon juice and zest to a boil. Combine first sugar, salt and pectin, then slowly stir it into the boiling fruit. Bring mixture back to a full boil and add the second sugar and cook until slightly thickened, around 1-2 minutes. Pour the jam into the jars with around 1/2" headspace, clean the rim of each jar to assure a good seal. Cover with the lid and screw it on fingertight. Leave the jars sitting for 12 hours. You can check if the jar seal is tight by pressing the lids down after that time. If they still make a popping sound, you didn't achieve a good seal, and you should refrigerate the jam. However, if it seems that you can't push down the middle of the lid, it is sealed well and will be shelf-stable for about 1 year.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

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

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

TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY ARTS AT MARKS LATEST EXHIBIT

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) KAIWI'ULA NIGHT MARKET

The Kaiwi'ula Night Market takes place at the Bishop Museum every third Wednesday. It's a new monthly opportunity to gather, enjoy good eats and amazing crafts from a rotating list of local vendors. bishopmuseum.org.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been going strong since 1979, but recently relocated to the Upper Halawa Parking Lot. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters and artists, grab low-prices on a wide selection of quality products with food trucks to snack from. Wednesdays & Saturdays:

8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sundays, 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$2 admission ages 12 & up, \$1 for locals. aloahastadium.hawaii.gov.

FRIDAYS ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND LUNCHTIME SHOW

The Royal Hawaiian Band returns to 'Iolani Palace for its popular lunchtime concerts. Held on most Fridays, the concerts are free and open to the public. 12 - 1 p.m. iolanipalace.org

FRIDAYS CHAMPAGNE FRIDAYS AT PARK WEST

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

FIRST FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 6) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

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

SECOND FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 13) BISHOP MUSEUM AFTER HOURS

Enjoy after-hours access to the Museum and explore the grounds, experience unique exhibitions, hear about the latest scientific discoveries, and engage with Hawaiian cultural practitioners in an evening of tributes, mele, and hula. The inaugural Ka Makou Kōnane

Invitational Tournament will be the centerpiece of this month's event. 5 - 9 p.m. \$15 at the door. (\$10 pre-sale). bishopmuseum.org.

FRIDAYS HOMA NIGHTS

On Friday nights, explore the galleries, stargaze in the courtyards, enjoy art experiences and music, and connect with the museum community, bar service at the HoMA Cafe, and other interactive art experiences until 9 p.m. honolulumuseum.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. artonthezoofencehi.com

SECOND SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14) KANIKAPILA MA KAIWI'ULA

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

SECOND SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 8) KAMA'ĀINA SUNDAYS

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

THIRD SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15) COMMUNITY DAY

The third Sunday of the month is Community Day at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Enjoy exploring the galleries and outdoor spaces and get creative with two art activities. Free for kama'āina. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 532-8700. honolulumuseum.org

THIRD SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15) MELE HALI'A

Waikiki Beach Walk celebrates Hawaiian music with an award-winning musician one Sunday a month on the Plaza Stage. This month, join renown steel guitar legend Greg Sardinha & Friends. 5-6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1 HAWAII CANNABIS EXPO

The Expo showcases companies in the medical cannabis industry, including clothing, lifestyle, glass art, accessories, hydroponics, farming, testing, dispensaries, and more. It provides accurate info and education on safe cannabis access in Hawaii for registered patients. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. Fri. 3 - 7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets: \$17-\$34. hawaiicannabisexpo.com.

CELEBRATING 1 YEAR IN WAIKĪKĪ



The poster for Cirque du Soleil's 'Auana' features a vibrant, colorful illustration of performers in traditional Hawaiian attire (leis, hula) against a backdrop of a setting sun and a hula dancer. The text 'CIRQUE DU SOLEIL' is in orange, and 'AUANA' is in large, stylized red letters. Below the title, it says 'NOW BOOKING SHOWS THROUGH 2026'. At the bottom left is the 'OUTRIGGER. WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER HOTEL' logo. On the bottom right is a QR code with the text 'SCAN FOR INFO' above it.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3-4 FIVE FOR FIGHTING

The music of Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum singer-songwriter and pianist known for emotionally resonant, piano-driven pop/soft rock, Vladimir John Ondrasik III, who performs under the name Five for Fighting, has been featured in hundreds of films, television shows, and commercials. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$40-\$65. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 5 • A BOB MARLEY BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE BY KEITH BATLIN

Local favorite Keith Batlin pays tribute to the legend, Bob Marley, on the day before what would have been his 81st birthday. 5 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$35. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 5-28 • HONOLULU AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

The 15th Honolulu African American Film Festival kicks off on February 5 with an opening reception and the Hawaii Premier of the heartwarming Ghanaian comedy "The Fisherman." The festival showcases films that celebrate the Black experience at home and abroad. Doris Duke Theatre. Find movies, times, and prices at honolulumuseum.org. Thru Mar 1.

FEBRUARY 6

GROUNDATION - A TRIBUTE TO BOB MARLEY
Groundation is a reggae tribute band celebrating Bob Marley's life, music, and message. They perform energetic, faithful renditions of his songs, capturing roots reggae, Rastafarian themes, and messages of unity, peace, and justice, reflecting his lasting influence on reggae and popular music. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50. The Republik. bampproject.com.

FEBRUARY 6 REGGIE WATTS

Reggie Watts is a musician, actor, and writer best known for his improvised musical comedy that blends beatboxing, looping, keyboards, and absurdist humor, as well as his time as the bandleader on CBS's 'The Late Late Show with James Corden.' Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$50. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 6 & 7 PUNAHOU CARNIVAL


The Punahou Carnival started back in 1932 and has become a beloved tradition that now attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year. Enjoy fresh malasadas, mango chutney, kiddie games, and E.K. Fernandez rides. White Elephant treasures, the Art Gallery, and live musical entertainment are among the many highlights that draw fans each year to the annual Punahou Carnival. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. punahou.edu.

FEBRUARY 7 JOSH GROBAN

Josh Groban, a five-time GRAMMY® Award nominee and multi-platinum artist celebrated for his unique vocals and genre-spanning talent, is coming to Hawai'i for his first-ever performance. Don't miss out on this one-night-only show at the Blaisdell Arena. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$79. VIP experiences are available. ticketmaster.com.

FEBRUARY 7 • KAPOLEI WELCOMES THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH LIONS



Welcome the Chinese Lunar New Year with lion dancers showcasing their athleticism as they perform dramatic moves atop platforms. The troupe will then make their way through the center to bless merchant locations and summon good fortune for the new year. Complimentary fortune cookies will be passed out to spectators, while supplies last. The fun near Sushi Bay. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kapolei Shopping Center. kapoleishopping.com.

FEBRUARY 7 • FOGHAT

The WAVE (Henry Kapono, Tavana, Anthony Pfluke, Danny Carvalho and Ryan Perez) will be presenting two shows at Kapono's at the Lounge at 5 and 8 p.m. kaponosatthelounge.com

FEBRUARY 7 & 8 • FOGHAT


Foghat, the English rock band from the 1970s, is famous for tracks like its 1975 hit "Slow Ride" and "Fool for the City," and for its distinctive blend of American hard rock and British blues. "Slow Ride" remains one of the most iconic rock songs

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ever. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$45-\$60. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 8

BRAHMS AND THE BLACK DRAGON

Witness the world premiere of the Western orchestra version, performed by geomungo virtuoso Yoon Jeong Heo. Led by Music and Artistic Director Dane Lam, the program combines theology and mythology with Messiaen's Les Offrandes Oubliées and Brahms' Symphony No. 4. Tickets: \$42.50-\$136.50. Hawaii Theatre. 4 p.m. myhso.org.

FEBRUARY 8 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Who will it be? Wherever you plan to watch the game, be sure to make those reservations early.

FEBRUARY 10 TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Enjoy a screening of the acclaimed film To Kill a Mockingbird (1962), one of the most influential and lasting movies in American cinema. Adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, it poignantly examines justice, compassion, and moral bravery through the perspective of young Scout in a small Southern town. 11:30 a.m. Free. hawaiiitheatre.com.

FEBRUARY 10 MEI SEMONES

Continuously honing in on her signature fusion of indie rock, bossa nova, jazz and chamber pop

in a way that highlights her technical prowess on guitar, Mei Semones, the 24-year-old Brooklyn-based songwriter and guitarist is quickly establishing herself as an innovative musical force. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$40. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 11-12

JAKE SHIMABUKURO & PURE HEART



Jake Shimabukuro first gained fame as a founding member of Pure Heart in the 1990s, blending island, folk, pop, and acoustic styles, earning Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards and modernizing Hawaiian music. His skill and adaptability led to solo success, especially after his 2006 viral cover of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," establishing him as a global ukulele ambassador. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$40-\$50. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 12 • PEABO BRYSON



Peabo Bryson, the iconic singer known for his rich voice and decades of success. A two-time Oscar and Grammy winner, he's released over 20 albums and rose to fame in the late 1970s with major R&B and pop hits. His crossover peak includes Disney classics "Beauty and the

Beast" with Céline Dion and "A Whole New World" with Regina Belle, both #1 hits and Oscar winners. Bryson continues to tour around the world and in 2025, celebrated 50 years in the industry. Tickets: \$70.50-\$110.50. Hawaii Theatre. 8 p.m. myhso.org.

FEBRUARY 13 & 14 • ALL 4 ONE



If you've ever been in love, you've heard of All-4-One and their hits like "I Swear," "I Can Love You Like That," and more. The Grammy-winning group is famous for soulful love songs that top charts and win awards. Their debut single "So Much In Love" went RIAA Gold and reached top 5 pop. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$45-\$55. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 13 - 16 • HAWAII RAINBOW WARRIORS BASEBALL VS. GONZAGA

UH Warriors begin a 4 game series against the Gonzaga Bulldogs. Les Murakami Stadium. 6:35 p.m. Sun. 1:05 p.m. hawaiiathletics.com.

FEBRUARY 14 CHINATOWN FESTIVAL & PARADE

Celebrate the Year of the Horse at Chinatown 808's 50th Chinatown Festival & Parade in Aala Park and N. Beretania Street, from Maunakea to Aala, with the parade starting at 4:30 p.m. on Hotel Street from the Hawaii State Capitol through Chinatown. Join the festivities including lion and dragon dances, martial arts, food and craft vendors, keiki activities, live entertainment, and traditions for luck and prosperity. chinatown808.com.

FEBRUARY 14 • SEADUCTION

Spend Valentine's Day with the fishes as the Waikiki Aquarium presents its annual Seaduction, an evening filled with live music, delectable cuisine from Chart House Waikiki, and insights into the mating behaviors of marine animals. Dinner options range from a buffet, to romantic tables of two with a three-course dinner to one exclusive table for 8 in front of the Hunters on the Reef exhibit with all the bells and whistles. The evening begins with a champagne reception and gallery-viewing at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets start at \$80. fowaquarium.org.

FEBRUARY 14 A STYLISTIC VALENTINE'S



The Stylistics will be joined by Hawaii's favorite, Na Leo Pilimehana, and The Manhattan's in this special Valentine's Day concert at the Blaisdell. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$99-\$229. ticketmaster.com.

FEBRUARY 15 ROOFTOP STARGAZING

Get an up-close and personal look at the moon in the Hawaiian night sky at the free Rooftop Stargazing Event at Royal Hawaiian Center located on the fourth floor of Building A. 7:15-9:15 p.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

2026 LUNAR NEW YEAR
Saturday, February 21st
More information at WaikikiBeachWalk.com

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FEBRUARY 15

WAIKELE LUNAR YEAR CELEBRATION



Enjoy Lion Dance performances while shopping at Waikiki Premium Outlets as they celebrate the new year with pole jumping at noon, followed by a lion dance and in-store blessings at participating retailers at 1 p.m. Stop by Center Stage to take part in free giveaways and fun photo ops with the lions. Free. waikelepremiumoutlets.com.

FEBRUARY 15 • DINNER AND A SHOW WITH ROBERT CAZIMERO

Enjoy an evening of Hawaiian Music, hula, friends, and the legendary Robert Cazimero at Chef Chai while enjoying a 3-course meal. Dinner at 6, show at 7 p.m. \$125. 585-0011.

FEBRUARY 15 STEELY DEAD

Steely Dead is a touring band that combines influences from the Grateful Dead and Steely Dan. Renowned for their lively performances and soulful covers, they seamlessly blend Steely Dan's polished studio sound with the improvisational spirit of the Grateful Dead. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$45-\$55. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 17 • ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER CELEBRATES THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Enjoy a center-wide Lunar New Year Lion Dance celebration beginning at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grove. At 5:30 the lions begin to dance throughout the Center until around 8 p.m. as the spread good fortune to participating stores. Guests can pick up a custom Royal Hawaiian Center Red Lai See from Helumoa Hale to feed the Lion. royalhawaiiancenter.com

FEBRUARY 17 & 18 • JULIAN MARLEY

 Julian Marley, the son of reggae icon Bob Marley and Barbados-born Lucy Pounder, grew up immersed in music. As a Grammy-nominated roots-reggae musician, singer-songwriter, producer, and humanitarian, he swiftly embraced a musical lifestyle from a young age. Becoming a skilled, self-taught musician, he mastered instruments such as bass, drums, guitar, and keyboards and released his first album in 1996. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$75. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 19 & 20 • TOWER OF POWER

 Tower of Power, formed in 1968, is known for its explosive horn section and groove-heavy sound. Blending funk, R&B, soul, and jazz, they gained fame in the 1970s with hits like "What Is Hip?", "You're Still a Young Man," and "So Very Hard to Go." Renowned for musical precision and rhythm, they became a sought-after horn section and continue to influence funk and soul. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$85-\$115. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 19 - 22 • HAWAII RAINBOW WARRIORS BASEBALL VS. WICHITA STATE

UH Warriors begin a 4 game series against the Wichita State Shockers. Les Murakami Stadium. 6:35 p.m. Sun. 1:05 p.m. hawaiiathletics.com.

FEBRUARY 20 - 22 35TH ANNUAL HAWAII COLLECTOR'S EXPO

Hawaii Collectors Expo is the island's biggest three-day Expo, bringing together vendors from across the state, the mainland, and Japan. It's a lively in-person marketplace where guests can find and enjoy a wonderful variety of collectibles like vintage clothing, anime, trading cards, rare coins, antiques, Hawaiian, jewelry, comics, sports and movie memorabilia, Pokémon, and more. Tickets: \$10. ticketmaster.com.

FEBRUARY 21 • CIRCLE JERKS

This hardcore punk band formed in 1979 is known for their fast, aggressive sound and political lyrics. Founded by Keith Morris after leaving Black Flag, they became key to the West Coast hardcore scene with their debut album Group Sex, a brief but explosive record that defined the genre. Recognized for their raw energy, anti-establishment attitude, and lasting influence on punk, they symbolized Southern California hardcore punk. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40. The Republik. bampproject.com.

FEBRUARY 21 OUTRIGGER RINGS IN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Outrigger Hotels & Resorts celebrates the Lunar New Year by sending Lion Dancers to visit each of their properties. They start at the Waikiki

Paradise from 9:15 -9:45 a.m., head to Outrigger Waikiki from 10-11:15 a.m., Waikiki Beachcomber 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Embassy Suites from 1:45 - 2:15 p.m., Outrigger Reef from 2:30-3:15 p.m., Pole Jumping at Waikiki Beach Walk from 5 - 5:30 p.m., Hokulani from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m., and Club Wyndham at Waikiki Beach Walk from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Kung Hei Fat Choy!

FEBRUARY 22 • WAILING SOULS

 The Wailing Souls, mainly Winston "Pipe" Matthews and Lloyd "Bread" McDonald, were early roots reggae vocalist friends of Bob Marley. Their sound, rooted in Jamaican traditions and influenced by African-American soul, evolved from gentle harmonizing in rock-steady to a rawer style by the early 1970s. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 25 • ELI-MAC

 A Filipino native who moved with her family to Hawaii as a youngster, Camile (Eli-Mac spelled backwards) Velasco was a rebel early on, blending her island music roots with her love of R&B and hip-hop. At 18, Camile secured a spot on the hit TV show American Idol as a Top 10 finalist in Season 3. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

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An Exclusive Q & A with Josh Groban

Josh Groban is one of those artists whose voice you recognize almost immediately—warm, rich, and full of emotion. He's a singer, songwriter, and actor known for blending pop music with classical and Broadway influences in a way that feels both powerful and approachable.

Finally, 25 years after becoming a household name, Josh Groban will perform at the Blaisdell for the first time ever on February 7th. Members of the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra and the BYU Choir will join him onstage.

As of press time, tickets are still available. There is even one solo seat available in the front row. Tickets start at \$60.75. For those seeking the ultimate VIP experience, just over a dozen VIP Soundcheck tickets remain, which include a premium reserved seat in rows 1-10, an exclusive pre-show stripped-down performance by Josh Groban, a Q&A session, a group photo with Josh Groban, and more for \$525. Find out more at rbpconcerts.com.

Rick Bartalini of Rick Bartalini Presents said, "My goal is simple: bring Hawai'i

Q: Why haven't you ever performed here?

Josh: It has been a dream for me to play Hawai'i! I think the only reason it hasn't happened is logistics. What makes Hawai'i so special is also what makes it a little bit challenging to bring a whole tour back and forth from the mainland. To have this opportunity now is something I've been looking forward to for my entire career and I promise to bring everything I have to some very wonderful and patient fans!!

Q: What are you most excited about to be coming to perform in Hawai'i?

Josh: We're starting the whole world tour in Hawai'i. I can't think of a more beautiful, culturally inspiring place to rehearse and kick things off. The fact that it's my first show there ever and having 25 years of music to choose from, it's super important for me to blend old and new and represent every era my fans and I have been through together. I have felt so much love from Hawai'i my whole career and this is my chance to give thanks and show it right back.

Q: You've been known to pull up audience members. Do you preselect them?

Josh: Honestly, it's always spontaneous if it feels like there right night or moment



the show and let them in on that process. Then I sing some stuff for them that may or may not be in the actual concert that gets my voice warmed up and I take questions and have fun sharing stories. It's a wonderful way for me to break the ice with a select few before the thousands roll in.

Q: You've been here before. What's on your must-do list while you're here?

Josh: Hawai'i is very grounding for me. The harmony with nature is a reminder to take breaths, live in the present, and remember what's important. I always try and get out for a hike, or to swim. I want to hear live music, eat some spam musubi and see friends old and new.

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FEBRUARY 26 • BLACK UHURU

Derrick "Duckie" Simpson is the founder and leader for the most recognized and prolific reggae band for over 50 years. He started singing with his pals Winston "Pipe" Matthews and Lloyd "Bread" McDonald of Wailing Souls, and recorded four tracks with them before forming his own group. (Makes you wonder if he'll show up early to see their show on the 22nd). Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$35-\$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

FEBRUARY 27

HAPASYMPHONY FEATURING KEAUHOU

Keauhou will return to the HapaSymphony series for a night of Hawaiian music, as they perform their classics and originals alongside the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$43.50-\$137.50. Blaisdell Concert Hall. myhso.org.

FEBRUARY 28

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS HO'OLAULE'A

It's the 101st anniversary of this annual cultural festival featuring entertainment, shopping, food trucks, rides, plant sale, silent auction, game booths, and crafts for the keiki. This year's theme honors the Native Hawaiian practice of ocean navigation. Drawing inspiration from Hōkūle'a, the theme design perpetuates its legacy of innovation and relentless courage. Bishop Museum. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. kskholalauea.com.

FEBRUARY 28

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2026: YEAR OF THE HORSE

Celebrate a Lunar New Year finale as Dane Lam guides your the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra offers an all-star lineup of seasonal favorites, including renowned violinist Cho-Liang Lin and the amazing talent of 16-year-old pianist Sophia Liu. 7:30 p.m. Blaisdell Concert Hall. myhso.org.

FEBRUARY 28 • TEA & TREASURES: A PRIVATE ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an intimate behind-the-scenes look at rarely seen artifacts paired with traditional afternoon tea and hands-on historical activities with live music by Jason Laeha. 11 a.m. Hawaiian Mission Houses. \$150. missionhouses.org.

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HOTELS

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

FARMERS MARKETS

WBW OPEN MARKET	
• Mon - Set up on the Plaza at Waikiki Beach Walk. 4-8pm.	
HYATT REGENCY FARMERS MARKET	225-4002
• MonWed - Hyatt Regency 1st floor waterfall atrium 4-8pm	
HAWAII FARM BUREAU MARKET	848-2074
• Wed - Set up on the Blaisdell Concert Hall Lawn 4-7pm.	
HALE'IWA FARMERS MARKET	388-9696
• Thurs - Located at Waimea Valley. 2-6pm	
KCC FARMERS MARKET	848-2074
• Sat - Kapiolani Community College 7:30-11am	
KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET	388-9696
• Sat - 919 Ala Moana Blvd & 210 Ward Avenue. 8am-12pm	
PEARLridge FARMERS MARKET	388-9696
• Sat - Pearlridge Mauka by Macy's. 8am-12pm	
MAKANA MARKET	628-4800
• WedSun - Ka Makana Alii - Wed 4-8p, Sun 11am-3pm	

MALAMA MARKET	225-4002
• Wed - Ala Moana Center Wing Level 2. 11am-4pm	
ALOHA HOME MARKET	225-4002
• Sun - Kailua 340 Uluniu Street 9-2pm	
ALOHA MARKET AT WAIKIKI	735-4510
• Sun - Jefferson Elementary 324 Kapahulu Ave. 8-2pm	
KAILUA FARM BUREAU MARKET	848-2074
• Sun - Kailua Town Center. 4-7pm	
KAILUA TOWN FARMERS MARKET	388-9696
• Sun - Enchanted Lake Center by Kailua Cinema. 8am-12pm	

ATTRACTIIONS

FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN	768-7135
• Daily - Hawaii's oldest Botanical Garden in the midst of downtown open 9am - 4pm. \$5/\$1 keiki (kama'aina \$3)	
• Daily - Free docent-led tours at 10:30am. Reservations rec.	
HONOLULU ZOO	926-3191
• Daily - The Zoo is open from 10am - 4pm. Last Entry at 3pm. GA \$21 adult/\$13 keiki (kama'aina \$10/\$6).	
• Sat - Explore the Zoo after the gates close 5:30-7:30pm.	
KILOHANA HULA SHOW	
• MTW - Free hula show 9:30- 10:30am. Kuhio Hula Mound	
KUHIO BEACH HULA SHOW	843-8002
• Sat - Free show 6:30-7:30pm. Kuhio Hula Mound	
THE RETURN OF KAPAEAMUH	629-9895
• Wed - Free show 6:30 - 7:30pm. Kuhio Hula Mound	
WAIIKIKI AQUARIUM	923-9741
• Daily - The Aquarium is open from 9am - 4:30pm. GA \$12 adult/\$5 kids (kama'aina \$8).	
• 1st3rdTue - Hawaiian Plant Tour. 1:30pm. Free w/admission	

MUSEUMS

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL	455-1600
• Daily - Relive stories of war, victory, and the road to peace onboard the "Mighty Mo." Join a guided tour in English, Japanese, Chinese, or Korean or explore the ship at your own pace. Digital tour maps in various languages are available. 8am-4pm. More info available online at ussmissouri.org.	
BISHOP MUSEUM	847-3511
• Daily - The 15-acre campus offers a chance to learn about the cultural and natural heritage of Hawai'i across three different exhibition buildings. Daily planetarium shows, a native Hawaiian botanical garden and more. 9am-5pm.	
CAPITAL MODERN	586-0900

• Mon-Sat - Formerly known as the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Admission is always free. Open 10am - 4pm.	
• 1stFri - Live entertainment and food vendors. 6-9pm	
• 3rdFri - Fri. NightTempo, live music & food vendors. 6-9pm	
• Sun - Museum Closed	
HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM	723-7167

• 3rdSat - Free one-hour guided tours through various exhibits with a firefighter recounting HFDs history the 3rd Saturday of every month. 9am - 2pm on the hour. 620 South Street. Reservations required. Book online: fire.honolulu.gov then hit the submit request button and click museum tours.	
HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES	447-3910
• TWThFSat - Docents led tours through the oldest existing frame house in the Islands. 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. Self guided tours 10am - 2pm. Gift shop open 10am - 3pm	
• SunMon - Museum Closed	
HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART	532-8726

• ThFSSu - Tour & Talk Story 11am. Free with admission.	
• ThFSSu - Highlights tour 2pm. Free with admission.	
• Fri - HoMA Nights, open until 9pm. Free with admission.	
• MonTues - Museum Closed	
IOLANI PALACE	522-0832
• TThS - Audio tours available from 9am - 4pm	
• WTh - Docent-led tours available from 9am - 4pm	
• EveryOtherWed - He Mele Lahui Hawaii with Ku'uiyo. 9am	
• Fri - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12-1pm	
• SunMon - Museum Closed	

LUCORAL MUSEUM	778-8189
• Mon-Fri - Free self-guided tours featuring gemstones, a one-of-a-kind dinosaur egg, and create your own jewelry. 10% off gift shop with mention of Oahu Concierge. 10am-5pm.	
PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM	441-1000
• Daily - Vintage aircraft in battlefield hangars at Pearl Harbor, outdoor exhibits, flight simulators, and the Bob Hope: An American Treasure Exhibit. Shuttle & Tickets at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center or PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org.	

SHOPPING CENTERS

ALA MOANA CENTER	955-9517
• Daily - Hula Show, 5pm. Centerstage	
• EveryOtherWed - Royal Hawaiian Band. Centerstage. 11am.	
• Sun - Keiki Hula Show, 1pm. Centerstage	
• Daily - Pau Hana Music Series, 5:30pm. 'Ewa Wing Stage	

HALE'IWA STORE LOTS	203-5700
• Sat - Live Hawaiian entertainment from 2 -4pm	

INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE	921-0536
• MWF - Ceremonial sunset lighting of Lamaku Torch Tower	
• MWF - Sunset Stories Hula Show, 6pm. Queens Court	
• 1stTh - Royal Hawaiian Band. Free. 12pm. Queens Court	
• 3rdTh - Free Lei Making Workshop. 12pm. Queens Court	
• 4thSat - Free Fitness. 9am. Queens Court	
• 1st3rdSu - Free Fitness. 9am. Queens Court	

ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER	922-2299
• Daily - Heritage Room/Cultural Videos, Helumoa Hale	
• Mon - Free Ukelele Lessons 11pm, Helumoa Hale	
• Tues - Free Hula Lessons 11am, Royal Grove	
• Wed - Free Lauhala Weaving 11am, Bldg A, Level 2	
• Thur - Free Keiki Hula lessons 12pm, Royal Grove	
• Fri - Free Lei Making Class 12pm, Bldg A, Level 2	
• Sat - Hula Kahiko 5:30pm, Royal Grove	
• TWThF - Live Hawaiian Entertainment 5:30pm, Royal Grove	

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK	waikikibeachwalk.com
• Daily - The Ukulele Store offers free lessons at 4:30pm	
• Tues - Ku Ha'aeo Hula Show. 4:30-6pm. Plaza Stage	
• Sun - Free hula lessons, 9-10am	



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

BALI OCEANFRONT	
20% off all Food & Beverage. Hilton Hawaiian Village, 941-2254.	

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

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

MAUI DIVERS JEWELRY	
Receive 20% off every purchase at any location. Hotel ID or business card is required for verification. Cannot be combined with other discounts or promotions. 946-2929.	

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE	
Complimentary Appetizer valued up to \$22 with the purchase of 2 entrees. Waikiki Beach Walk, 440-7910. Restaurant Row, 599-3860.	

SAN PAOLO PIZZA AND WINE	
20% off food and drinks with hotel ID. Not combinable with any other discounts. 1765 Ala Moana Blvd. 425-5396	

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