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Duke's OceanFest is Back!

Like most every thing else, Duke's OceanFest took last year off thanks to COVID-19, but Waikiki's premier



ocean sports festival is returning August 24th to 29th just in time to celebrate its 20th anniversary with seven days filled with a variety of events and competitions that celebrate the sports Duke loved.

"Duke's OceanFest is back! Waikiki wasn't the same last year without this annual celebration of the legendary Duke Kahanamoku and his lifetime of accomplishments for Hawai'i and ocean sports worldwide," said Chris Colgate, co-chair of Duke's OceanFest. "Duke's OceanFest signifies everything that Duke stood for, the way he lived his life with love and aloha, and how his enduring spirit of kindness and goodwill continues to inspire people here in the islands and around the world."

For those who might have forgotten a bit of your local hero history during quarantine, OceanFest is a fun and festive tribute to the life and legacy of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku – Hawai'i's legendary Olympic champion, surfing pioneer and Ambassador of Aloha.

Renowned as Hawai'i's greatest athlete, Duke Kahanamoku won six Olympic medals, including three gold medals in swimming, from 1912 to 1932, and is recognized as the "Father of International Surfing." In his prime, Kahanamoku was the world's fastest swimmer, the single-most influential person to popularize surfing around the world, a champion paddler and steersman, and his legacy continues to inspire watermen and women today.

Duke is fondly remembered as an exemplary and self-sacrificing individual. In 1925, he rescued eight men from heavy seas by pulling them up onto his surfboard and paddling them into shore. Then Newport Beach Police Chief at the time, Jim Porter, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times saying, "Kahanamoku's

performance was the most superhuman rescue act and the finest display of surfboard riding that has ever been seen in

the world. Many more would have drowned but for the quick work of the Hawaiian swimmer." In addition, Duke was a magnanimous and gracious "one-man visitor's bureau" welcoming waves of visitors to the Hawaiian Islands throughout his lifetime. OceanFest was developed to celebrate Kahanamoku's competitive nature and this unflinching aloha.

Later in life, Duke Kahanamoku was revered as Hawai'i's Ambassador of Aloha. Captured in his own words, he conveyed the power of the Aloha Spirit in the following, known as Duke's Creed:

"In Hawai'i we greet friends, loved ones and strangers with Aloha, which means with love. Aloha is the key word to the universal spirit of real hospitality, which makes Hawai'i renowned as the world's center of understanding and fellowship. Try meeting or leaving people with Aloha. You'll be surprised by their reaction. I believe it and it is my creed. Aloha to you."

The 20th annual Duke's OceanFest will feature exciting ocean and beach competitions during the week of Duke Kahanamoku's birthday anniversary (August 24, 1890). For those who are unable to attend Duke's OceanFest in person this year, they will be celebrating his actual birthday on Tuesday, August 24th with a Virtual Duke's Day, where everyone no matter where they are, are invited to create their own personal celebrations of Duke and share their images on their social media pages with the hashtag #DukesOceanFest.

All actual competitions and events for Duke's OceanFest will be staged at Kūhiō Beach, Queen's Surf in Waikīkī, fronting Duke statue, unless otherwise noted. See full schedule on page 14. For more information, visit DukesOceanfest.com.

Help your Guests Hike Safely



Have you been watching the news lately? Notice a familiar theme aside from the daily COVID count? It seems the Honolulu Fire Department has been busy airlifting more hikers than usual off of our trails, and it seems that lately, they are saving more visitors than locals.

In 2019 there were a total of 524 rescues performed by the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). During the 1st six months of 2021, there have already been 348 rescues. That's 66% of the 2019 total. (we decided to skip over the 2020 numbers for obvious reasons). Nearly half of these rescues are high-angle rescues or those that refer to rescue operations involving people stranded in remote locations, such as hikers. At this rate, we will surpass the 2019 numbers in just a few short months.

You can help bring those numbers down. Most rescues are avoidable with a little bit of advance knowledge. People

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The Craziiness Continues

Wow, the past month or two has been somewhat insane. Hawaii is busting at the seams with visitors. I don't know how you guys are dealing with it; it's nuts out there. Sadly, we are also seeing a trend that many of these visitors aren't very educated in our islands or our culture, nor do they seem to care. Recent videos of badly behaving tourists touching endangered monk seals and turtles have sparked outrage. There has also been a sharp rise in rescues from visitors seeking out hikes and adventures promoted on social media without the knowledge or preparation necessary to keep themselves safe. I think Josh Green's idea of using the Pono Pledge is a good one. Making every visitor watch a PSA on the plane before landing and signing a pledge upon arrival should help to educate visitors about general safety precautions and cultural awareness. But, even that won't be enough. We need to do more. The lack of knowledge, consideration, and apathy these visitors display is putting themselves, our first responders, and our resources in jeopardy. You guys are in a position to help with this problem. When a visitor comes to your desk asking about potential hiking trails, swimming spots, beaches, or places to see wildlife, I urge you to take a moment to pass along some of your knowledge. We all know not to touch a monk seal. Not only is it a federal offense that carries a hefty fine, but it's also very dangerous. No one should ever have to be told not to 'ride' a turtle in the water, yet, it keeps happening. So many of our visitors are heading off to hike or swim in places they saw on social media, without any idea of the inherent dangers in the area or if their fitness level is up to the task, that serious injuries or worse keep happening. There has been such a surge in rescues recently that I reached out to the Honolulu Fire Department to see how we could help. I asked them if they had a chance to talk to each of you personally, what they would ask you to share with your guests. The tips listed in the Hiking Safely article are from them. Would you please take a moment to review all of them and share what you feel is appropriate to your guest's questions? Quite a few of them are just common sense. Stay hydrated, bring your cell phone, assessing your capabilities, etc. So many of these injuries and rescues are entirely preventable. You guys are on the front line with these guests. Let's help them learn what it means to be pono, and to help keep themselves safe.



Madeline Noa

Madeline Noa has been appointed general manager of *Gourmet Events Hawaii*. Many of you are familiar with her from her over 20 years in the industry with various activity companies – most recently as senior sales manager at Robert's Hawaii where she was responsible for overseeing all of the concierge desks and reservation agents. • The *Hale Koa Hotel* has

been busy filling out its front office staff with a some new hires. **Tianya Malama** has been named Front Office Manager, and **Miriam Pa'alani** the Assistant Front Office Manager. New Guest Service Agents include **Renee Kashiwamura**, **Kassandra O'Conner**, **Cecily Hunkin**, and **Beverly Ting**. Welcome! • Happy Anniversary to the **International Market Place**. August 25th marks their 5th anniversary and they have an entire month of events to mark this significant occasion, made even more special after this past year. Check out all the activities on the back cover.

August Reopening Updates

Republik Reopens for Live Shows!

One of the hardest hit industries during the pandemic was certainly live music venues. So I am thrilled to share that The Republik has announced indoor shows are finally coming back. As you might imagine, they are required to follow strict guidelines outlined by the state to reopen, and it is imperative all attendees are aware and follow these rules to ensure concerts can continue to take place. The rules are as follows: Per current guidelines, all attendees must provide either proof of full vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 48 hours of the event prior to entry. Maximum capacity shall be limited to 50% of the maximum occupant load of the indoor facility or room at issue. Attendees must wear face coverings at all times when indoors, except when eating or drinking (as applicable). Please do not hassle them for enforcing these rules, as they did not create them, and they simply have to follow them to open up again. Let's get Hawaii rocking again! bampproject.com.

Royal Hawaiian Center Resumes Complimentary Cultural Classes

Guests can once again enjoy complimentary cultural classes at the Royal Hawaiian Center where they have the opportunity to learn how to play the 'ukulele, dance hula, weave laulaha and make lei during the day, and watch music and hula performances in the evenings with the return of and expansion of its current live Hawaiian entertainment. No reservations are needed, but space is limited due to COVID restrictions, so come early. See schedule at RoyalHawaiianCenter.com.

Tapa Bar Brings Back Live Music

The Tapa Bar is bringing back nightly entertainment from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Fridays to Wednesday evenings. On Thursdays, the Henry Kapon Foundation will feature an emerging artist from 6 – 7 p.m., followed by one of Hawaii's iconic entertainers from 7:30-9:30 p.m. hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/bars.

Bali Steak & Seafood Reopens

The longest running AAA Four Diamond-awarded restaurant in Hawaii, Bali Steak & Seafood at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, has reopened with an elevated prix fixe dining experience for breakfast and dinner. Offering a two-course prix fixe breakfast highlighting fresh island ingredients. Dinner features a three-course menu where locally sourced ingredients come to life with an artisan touch. The restaurant is now open Wednesday to Sunday from 7 - 10 a.m. and from 5:30 - 9 p.m. The prix fixe dinner menu starts at \$80 and breakfast at \$40. Kid's menus available. HiltonHawaiianVillage.com/Dining/Bali-Steak-and-Seafood.

Mele Hali'a Returns to Waikiki Beach Walk

The monthly musical showcase has returned to Waikiki Beach Walk. Mele Hali'a takes place on the Plaza Stage from 5 to 6 p.m. on the 3rd or 4th Sunday each month. The showcase returns on August 22 with Nathan Aweau. Mark your calendars as Maunalua takes the stage on September 19th and Robi Kahakalau & Kala'e Camarillo perform October 17th. waikikibeachwalk.com.

Sea Life Park Extends Hours

Sea Life Park has extended their hours of operation another hour, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays through Tuesdays, so that guests may enjoy a second Aloha Nai'a presentation at 3:30 p.m. The Park remains closed on Weds and Thurs. sealifeparkhawaii.com.

Waikiki Aquarium Reopened

Another one of our most popular attractions finally reopened last month after being closed for over a year. The reopening comes with some new rules of course, like face coverings for everyone over the age of two, walk-ins on a first-come-first-serve basis and a new online ticketing system. It is recommended visitors buy tickets online first. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. waikikiaquarium.org.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

HYATT REGENCY LAUNCHES NEW HAWAIIAN DINNER SHOW

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki has launched a new Hawaiian dinner show at Na Lea Terrace on the 3rd floor every Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Ku'uipo Kumukahi, Ho'okela Hawaiian Heritage & Culture Center's director of Hawaiian culture, the show includes the sounds, music, and dance of Waikiki and a three-course Hawaiian dinner menu for \$129. For an additional \$20, guest also get preferred seating, a welcome Mai Tai and a lobster added to their dinner. For tickets call 237-6196.

BOB HOPE EXHIBIT AT PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM

A new exhibit shares the story of entertainer, patriot, and humanitarian Bob Hope, who rose to fame during World War II entertaining the troops, has landed at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. "Bob Hope: An American Treasure" has been traveling across the globe since 2011 and features personal items, historic artifacts, and short clips as it takes guests back in time along with the legendary comedian, from his family's arrival at Ellis Island to the battlefields and training grounds of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, to Broadway, Hollywood screens, and even the golf course. Exhibit cost is included with your Museum admission. Open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. pearlharboraviationmuseum.org.

HAWAII NAUTICAL DROPS SCUBA DIVING FROM TOURS

Holokai Catamaran has opened a new check-in on the second level of Waikiki Beach Walk near Noa Noa. Please be sure to tell your guests to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled departure time. Holokai offers several cruises daily including two Turtle Canyon Snorkel Sails, a 3 p.m. Tradewind Sail and a 5:30 p.m. Sunset Sail. sailholokai.com.

COAST GUARD GETS FREE ENTRY INTO PEARL HARBOR

In honor of the Coast Guard's 231st birthday on August 4th, The Battleship Missouri, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum and Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum will offer free admission to active duty and retired Coast Guard personnel and their families on August 7th-8th. Pacific Historic Parks will offer free self-guided audio tours and the Pearl Harbor Virtual Reality Experience. Valid military ID required to enter. PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

STATE CLOSES ACCESS POINT TO MAUNAWILI FALLS TRAIL

Maunawili Falls Trail is closed for the next two years while the state makes improvements, as well as building a comfort station and parking lot. Please let your guests know not to go there

HANAUMA BAY PRICE HIKE IS NOW IN EFFECT

On July 1st the price for visitors to get into Hanauma Bay jumped from \$12 to \$25. The fee increase applies to non-local visitors 13 years and older. Entry remains free for locals, all kids 12 years & younger, and active-duty military. All proceeds go directly to education, maintenance, and research. Since April, entry has been a combo of online reservations and walk-in/drive-in procedures. Currently, 25% of the entry is maintained for walk-ins. Demand remains high. hanaumabaystatepark.com.

SEA LIFE PARK INTRODUCES MANANA MELE HAPPY HOUR

Sea Life Park has introduced a family friendly pau hana for the summer. Manana Mele will be held Fridays through Sundays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. until September 26. Every weekend will feature local artists alongside Kumu Blaine Kia. Guests may linger to enjoy live music, pupu, drinks, and more at the Beach Boy Lanai. Parking and admission is free after 4 p.m. Ledward Kaapana and Kailua Moon are just a few of the performers that kick off next month. sealifeparkhawaii.com/manana.

A prix fixe menu with a priceless view.

The moment you arrive, you'll be greeted by sweeping ocean views and the gentle breeze of this open-air setting, the perfect place for a spectacular meal. Join us for breakfast or dinner, and savor every course of a prix fixe menu featuring only the freshest and finest ingredients our island has to offer.

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PARK WEST

The largest art gallery in the world has opened at Waikiki Beach Walk and became the first concierge event we put on in 18 months... and boy did they wow everyone. Catered by Gourmet Events Hawaii, everyone who attended received a loaded gift bag and got to pick a painting of their own that the gallery framed and sent to them. The gallery is also a museum offers something for all budgets. 859-4871



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are commenting that they are seeing a new type of visitor in town. Some may not be as well educated on the perils some of Hawaii's hikes can bring without proper preparation, as well as a surge of visitors who are seeing specific 'secret' locations on social media and heading out to explore unprepared.

Regardless of whether you're a visitor or a resident, HFD urges the public to practice common sense before venturing outdoors to avoid endangering themselves or others and possibly becoming another rescue statistic. "Be mindful of the elements like the changing weather or when it might be too dark," said Senior Fire Helicopter Pilot Dustin Harris. "As pilots, it's vital to take many factors into account when we fly over the island searching for lost or injured individuals."

Some essential safety tips include:

- Bring a cell phone with a full battery
- Bring water and stay hydrated
- Keep track of time to avoid hiking at night
- Do not rely on social media for excursion planning

We reached out to HFD to get some tips they would ask you to share with your guests when they come to you asking about hiking trails. Would you please take a few moments to share some of these tips with them? An ounce of prevention could save your guest from severe injury or worse. No one comes to Hawaii to end up in an ambulance.

Tips for Hiking Safely

~ Planning the Hike ~

Bring Your Cellular Phone, Flashlight, Foul Weather Clothing, Whistle

In case of an emergency, your cell phone can be a lifesaver. Ensure that your battery is fully charged before your hike. We recommend packing an external backup battery.

Pack Food (Snacks) and Water

Stay hydrated and prepare for the unexpected.

Inform Others of Your Plans

Let someone know which trail (name and location) you plan to hike on, when you expect to return and who is in your hiking party. If something should go wrong, rescuers will have accurate information on where to start searching.

Hike with a Partner

Don't hike alone. Frequently, people who

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get into trouble are alone. In case of an emergency, your partner's help can be invaluable. Don't separate from your group.

Get Information about the Trail

Before hiking, learn about the trail you intend to hike so you will know the route, where to start, and the degree of difficulty. When you get to the trail's entrance, read and follow signage. Be aware of restricted or closed paths.

Assess Your Capabilities

Compare your level of fitness, ability, and experience with the trail description. Be practical and realistic. There are a wide variety of trails in Hawai'i, so pick one that suits your level.

Check Weather Conditions

Sunny and clear mornings are sometimes followed by rain and wind later in the day. Flash floods are dangerous possibilities in the narrow gulches. Call the National Weather Service for the latest forecast. While on the hike monitor the weather. When hiking into valleys or crossing streams, be mindful of rain conditions along the mountain top or ridges that can suddenly raise the water level in the stream. Use extreme caution if attempting to cross a swollen stream, rushing water is very powerful. It is better to find an alternative route or wait until the water subsides.

Wear Proper Clothing

Dress in layers so you can protect your skin from the intense tropical sun. A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended. Hiking boots offer traction and ankle support to prevent slipping and injuries on muddy trails and slick or sharp rocks. Light rain gear is good to carry because of the quickly changing weather conditions.

~ During the Hike ~

Stay on the Trail

Most accidents happen when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs. Staying on the trail greatly reduces your chances of having a serious

fall or getting lost. Hawaiian forests are not like mainland forests—the growth is very dense, and it is easy to become disoriented. Thick overgrowth can mask dangerously steep drop-offs. Thin, sharp lava rock can crack beneath your weight above deep holes or lava tubes.

Monitor Individuals

Monitor everyone's condition. Dehydration, sunstroke, hypothermia, and fatigue can hit even experienced hikers.

Avoid Undue Risks

Climbing waterfalls and following narrow ridgelines or gulches off the trail can place you in danger. Rock climbing is extremely dangerous due to the crumbly and porous nature of the volcanic rock. There have been fatal accidents from crumbling rock...don't take the chance.

Watch the Time

Getting a late start increases the possibility of getting caught in the dark. Know your turnaround time and stick to it to allow enough time to return. If you're caught by darkness, stay put unless you are very familiar with the trail and have a flashlight.

~ In Case of An Emergency ~

Call or Text 911: Ask for Fire/Rescue. Tell them which trail you're on and what happened.

Be Visible: Wear or wave a brightly colored item in an open area during the day. At night, use a flashlight or camera flash.

Be Noisy: Use a whistle to attract attention.

Remember This if You Run into Trouble

Stay Calm: Objectively assess your situation before making any decision. Stay calm and positive.

Stay Put: You will be found more quickly and reduce the chances of getting into further trouble, especially after dark, by staying in one place. This is why it is important to notify someone of your hike location and destination.

Stay Warm: Wind and rain can drain your body of warmth and be life-threatening. Get out of the wind and use your rain gear or extra clothes to stay warm.

Let's work together to make sure our visitors have the best possible vacation possible. A little advance knowledge and preparation can make all the difference in the world between amazing memories or tragedy.

FREE EVENTS

at Waikiki Beach Walk



Mele Hali'a
featuring Nathan Aweau
Free concert every 3rd Sunday!
August 22, 5-6pm, Plaza Stage

Feather Flower Class

Free feather flower classes.
Wednesdays, 11am & 2pm
at The Royal Room
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Sundays, 9-10am, Plaza

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MONDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
 Dustin Park 6-8pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
 David Asing 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Camarillo Brothers 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jenna K. (or others) 4-6pm
 YOZA (8/9, 8/23) 7-10pm
 Ellsworth Simeona (8/2, 8/16) 7-10pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Sean Naauao 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Monday Vibes on the Lanai
 Brent Limos 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry 8-10pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Slack Key guitarist
 Freddy Leone 5:30-7:30pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live Contemporary
 Gabe Miller or Dustin Park 6:30-8pm

Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
 Chris Salvador 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Keith Montross 6-9pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 Johnny Helm 6:30-9:30pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Valentine 5-9pm

The Edge at the Sheraton Waikiki 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ben Kama (or Keoni Ku) 5-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Sonny Kapu 5:30-7:30pm
 Push O Verse 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
 Jeremy Hirokawa 5-8pm

TUESDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian

Mike Tulba 6-8pm

Amuse Wine Bar 237-5428
Live R&B & Contemporary
 Chris Salvador 7-9pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Backyard Hawaiian
 Ben Kama 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ryan Tang Group 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Denny Ono (or others) 4-6pm
 Christian Yrizarry (or others) 7-10pm

Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Acoustic Soul, R&B and Pop
 YOZA (or others) 6:30-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Robi Kahakalau & Kalae Camarillo 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Electrifying Acoustic on the Lanai
 Laupepa Letuli 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Eric Lee 5-9pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary
 John Kema 5:30-7:30pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Fia 6-8pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live Contemporary
 Johnny the Third (or others) 6:30-8pm

Off the Lip Bar at Turtle Bay Resort 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jenna Keala 7:30-10:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
 Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Keith Montross 6-9pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Nu'u Kahalehau 5-8pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

The Edge at the Sheraton Waikiki 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jason Midro 5-8pm

The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kaimi Hananoeau 4:30-7:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jason Laeha 5:30-7:30pm

Ashton 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
 Johnny Kukui 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
 Chris Salvador 6-8pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Island Vibes
 Danny Galura 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Tulba 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alike Souza (or others) 4-6pm
 Kala'e Camarillo 7-10pm

Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Acoustic Guitar Soul, R&B
 Jason Laeha 6:30-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Ei Nei 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Soulful Guitar on the Lanai
 Cameron Achuela 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Randy Allen 5-9pm

Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Preston Kauwe (or Kamuela Kahoano) 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary
 Gabe Miller 5:30-7:30pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live Contemporary
 Izik and Evan Khay 6:30-8p

Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
 Mike Tulba 6-9pm

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
 Johnny Helm 5-8pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 John Stahey 6:30-9:30pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry 5-9pm

The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel 931-4488
Old School Vinyl/ R&B/ Hip Hop
 DJ Lowtide 6-9pm

The Edge at the Sheraton Waikiki 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

E Pili Kākou

music schedules subject to change

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Kamaka Camarillo 5-8pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ben Kama 5:30-7:30pm
 Push O Verse 8-10pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
 Stan Albrecht 5-8pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Contemporary & Hawaiian
 Sonny Kapu 5-8pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito & David 6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Taz Vegas (or others) 4-6pm
 Kona Chang Duo (or others) 7-10pm
Eating House 1849 Waikiki 924-1849
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Shane Kainoa 5-8pm
Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Live Contemporary
 Billy Sage 6:30-9:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Kawika Kahiapo 6-8pm

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Hawaiian Contemporary on the Lanai
 Kelly Boy DeLima 6:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Tulba 8-10pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
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 Scott Magz (or Taz Vegas) 6-8pm
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Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jason Laeha 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary
 Laupepa 5:30-7:30pm
MINA's Fish House 679-0079
Live Contemporary Hits
 Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live Contemporary
 Sienna Souza 6:30-8pm
Off the Lip Bar at Turtle Bay Resort 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kaimi Hananoeau 7:30-10:30pm

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 Kamuela Kahoano 6-9pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Grant Carvalho & Rocky Holmes 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary
 John Akapo 5-8pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dave Watanabe 5-8pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Randy Allen (or Mike Izon) 5-9pm

The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel 931-4488
Acoustic/Country/Pop
 Jared Ming 5-8pm
The Edge at the Sheraton Waikiki 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kaimi Hananoeau 5-8pm

The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm 4:30-7:30pm
The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760
Live Contemporary
 Kapena Delima 6-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Malu Productions 5:30-7:30pm
 Ashton 8-10pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Art Kalahiki & Friends 5-8pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Tulba 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Maunaula 4-6pm
 Ben Kama Trio (8/6) 4-6pm
 Kawika Kahiapo 7-10pm

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
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Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Slack Key on the Lanai
 Dustin Park Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Cory Oliveros 5-9pm

Mariposa 951-3420
Live Contemporary
 Chris Salgado 2:30-5:30pm
Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 City Boys 6-8pm
Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Dion "Boogie" Scott 7-9pm
Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022
Live Contemporary
 Shane 5:30-7:30pm
MINA's Fish House 679-0079
Live Contemporary Hits
 Jenna Keala 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086
Live Contemporary
 John Akapo 6:30-8p
O Bar at the Alohilani 294-4108
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Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 John Stahley (or others) 5-8pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111



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Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Alika Souza (or others) 5-8pm

The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760

Live Contemporary
Zanuck Lindsay (or others) 6-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

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The City Boys 3-5pm
RootsKai 5:30-7:30pm
La Pepe 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785

Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.

Chris Murphy 5-8pm

Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600

Contemporary Piano
David Swanson 6:30-9:30pm

SATURDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki 944-4494

Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
Jason Midro (or others) 6-8pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
The Barefoot Boys 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Tito Berinobis 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Paul Dunlap (or others) 10am-noon
YOZA (or others) 1-3pm
Alx Kawakami Band (8/7) 4-6p
Kaiona Band (8/14, 8/28) 4-6pm
Beach 5 (8/21) 4-6pm
Christian Yrizarry (or others) 7-10pm

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383

Live Contemporary
Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm

Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince 622-7558

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Mike Izon 5-7pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Hookena 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882

Contemporary Hawaiian/Blues on the Lanai
Josh Akapo 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Dave Watanabe 5-9pm

Mariposa 951-3420

Live Contemporary
Aisaiah Jacobs 2:30-5:30pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Shay Marcello (or others) 6-8pm

Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Scott Magz (or Kamuela Kahoano) 7-9pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022

Live Contemporary
Chris Salvador 5:30-7:30pm

MINA's Fish House 679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits
Randy Allen (or others) 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

Live Contemporary
Izik and Evan Khay 6:30-8pm

O Bar at the Alohilani 294-4108

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Helm 6:30-9:30pm

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100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki 944-4494

Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
Keoni Ku 6-8pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Alika Souza 11am-2pm
Pono Kaeo 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Dean & Dean 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Kala'e Camarillo (or others) 10am-noon
Ellsworth Simeona (or others) 1-3pm
Henry Kaponu 4-6pm
Kaiona Duo (or others) 7-10pm

Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100

Reggae Pop Music
Kelandy 6:30-9:30pm

Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince 622-7558

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Stahley 5-7pm

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La Hiki Restaurant at the Four Seasons 679-0079

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Merriman's Honolulu <i>Live Contemporary</i> Cassie and Selwyn 5:30-7:30pm	215-0022
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina <i>Live Contemporary</i> Sienna Souza 2:30-4pm Jenna Keala 6:30-8pm	381-4086
O Bar at the Alohilani <i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i> Dustin Park 6:30-9:30pm	294-4108
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Michelin star! I had completely forgotten he grew up in Ewa Beach and it seems he recently decided to move back home. He is such a nice guy, so humble and gracious and truly appreciative of his team and the island's bounty. He has created a menu driven by the freshest ingredients available at that time, so expect items to change regularly based on what foods are at their peak. Menu items include items such as New Zealand Mussels in a coconut red curry sauce, Crispy Whole Sunfish, Double Char Siu Pork Chop with a taro hash, pizzas, burgers (even a vegan one), salads, and more. A stand-out for me was the Char-Grilled He'e. Grilled octopus with fennel salad, roasted potatoes, and Portuguese sausage. That dish was spot on. Perfectly plated, presented and an amazing burst of flavors. For all you foodies out there, this place has just moved to the top of your can't miss list. 293-3287. • I was fortunate enough to try **STRIPSTEAK**'s new menu, and everything was as delicious as before, if not more so, since it has been so long since I dined there. Favorites like their signature Tuna Tartar, Lobster Tacos and Instant Bacon are back, along with some exciting new dishes like Foie Gras or Tandoori Octopus Robata Skewers and Jidori Yazy Chicken. The Hot Stone Wagyu was another great addition, where guests sear strips of wagyu on the hot stone and add on their own seasonings from a selection provided. But of all things, one item that stood out the most was their tomato 'caprese', where they replaced the mozzarella with a creamy tofu that was out of this world. I literally just want a bowl of that tofu topped with their pesto - and a spoon. I didn't know vegan food could taste that good. I have to say it's nice to see a restaurant known for their steaks making a conscientious effort to cater to vegans. There are a lot of vegan options on this new menu. 896-2545 • **Restaurant Suntory** has refreshed its menu with new options, including a 3-course lunch set that changes monthly and few Miyazaki Wagyu dinner specials. Open from 11:30 a.m -1:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 9 p.m. daily. 922-5511. • **Kona Abalone** has moved from Market City to a new location on Kapahulu across from the Public Library. Known for its live abalone flown in from Kona three times a week, there is a take-out menu includes a wide variety of abalone dishes and bento boxes. Open at 10 a.m. daily, until 5 on weekdays and 3 on weekends. 941-4120 • **Café 410** has opened in the former Plantation Café outside of the the Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra lobby. This new restaurant offers ala carte breakfast items. Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - weekdays and 7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on weekends. 955-4811.

Dining Dish



It's not often I'm rendered speechless, but when I opened the email telling me that three-time James Beard nominee **Graham Elliot** was the new Executive Chef at **Pounders Restaurant**, my jaw hit the floor. I mean, this guy was named Food & Wine Magazine's "Best New Chef" in 2004 and has received a



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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

DAILY FREE COVID TESTING

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DAILY • BEYOND VAN GOGH: THE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

This unique multimedia experience has been selling out since it opened at the Hawaii Convention Center last month. Features more than 300 of Vincent Van Gogh's masterpieces and takes the art lover into a three-dimensional world. The exhibit has been extended through September 26th. vangogh-honolulu.com.

DAILY • FREE UKULELE LESSONS

Free ukulele classes offered at The Ukulele Store taught by Na Hoku Hanohano award winner, Tyler Gilman. Reservations required. 4:30 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

DAILY • POW! WOW! THE FIRST DECADE FROM HAWAII TO THE WORLD

Pow! Wow! may have been canceled in Kaka'ako this year, but Bishop Museum to the rescue! This exhibit showcases over 160 of the most notable Hawai'i-based artists, sculptors, and international street artists, with 30 artists

creating murals and installations within the gallery and throughout Bishop Museum's 15-acre campus. Open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily thru September 15th. bishopmuseum.org.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS WBW FARMERS MARKET

Browse locally grown produce and a variety of made in Hawai'i products at Waikiki Beach Walk's Market on the Plaza. Free. 4 - 8 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

TUESDAYS • KU HA'AHEO

Enjoy music and hula led by kumu hula Blaine Kamalani Kia. Waikiki Beach Walk, Plaza Lawn. 4:30-6 p.m. Free. waikikibeachwalk.com.

WEDNESDAYS LEARN TO MAKE MELE

Learn to make a feather flower lei from a third generation master in the art of feather lei making every Wednesday from 11 - 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 - 2:30 p.m. in The Royal Room. Limited to 4 people. Reserve in advance. Free. 499-7408. waikikibeachwalk.com.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been going strong since 1979. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters, artists from all over the world, the Swap Meet offers discounts on a wide selection of high quality products. A rotating host of food trucks are also on hand. Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sundays from 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

FRIDAYS KAMA'AINA FREE ON FRIDAYS

The Honolulu Museum of Art is now offering free admission for Hawai'i residents every Friday from 4 - 9 p.m. 532-8700.

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

Honolulu's beloved monthly outdoor self-guided arts tour downtown is back with safety modifications in place. Various art galleries and eateries offer specials between 6 - 9 p.m. Monthly updates about participants are finalized and published 2 days before each First Friday online at firstfridayhawaii.com.

FRIDAY & SATURDAYS FREE LEI MAKING CLASS

Enjoy an hour-long lei making lesson in the Building B Breezeway on Level 1. Limited to 16 people per class. All classes are first-come first-served, no reservations allowed. Free. 1 p.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY MALU NIU EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

See live music and hula in the Royal Grove from 5:30-6:30 p.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

SATURDAYS • FREE HULA LESSONS

Free 120-minute lauhala weaving lessons in the outdoor eating area of Waikiki Food Hall Co., Level 3, Bldg. C. Limited to 5 people. 2 p.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

SATURDAYS KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

Browse through an abundance of fresh local produce, artisan foods and wares from dozens of vendors. Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. farmloversmarkets.com.

SATURDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET

Fresh island produce, seafood, flowers and more are available from over two-dozen vendors at Kapiolani Community College. 7:30 - 11 a.m. hfbf.org/farmers-markets/kcc.

SATURDAYS PEARLRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

Dozens of vendors offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants and freshly made treats. A pop-up cafe offering seating and live music rounds out the day. Free. 8 a.m. - noon. farmloversmarkets.com.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

See the works of local artists displayed on the Zoo fence on Monsarrat Avenue opposite the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Works include original paintings, prints and photographs. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. artonthezoofence.com.

FIRST SUNDAY (AUGUST 8) NA KŪPUNA NIGHTS

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki celebrates Hawai'i's elders the first Sunday of each month with Na Kūpuna Nights at the Na Lea Terrace on the 3rd Floor. Featuring live Hawaiian music, arts and crafts, and food. \$80. 5 - 8 p.m. 237-6196.

SUNDAYS • FREE HULA LESSONS

Kumu Hula Blaine Kia offers weekly hula program at Waikiki Beach Walk. 10 people per class. Registration Required. Free. 9 - 10 a.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.



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SUNDAYS • KAILUA FARMERS MARKET

Wander through multiple vendors offering an abundance of fresh local produce, food and more. Now located at Kailua Cinemas parking lot. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. farmloversmarkets.com.

THIRD SUNDAY (AUGUST 15) FAMILY FREE SUNDAY

The Honolulu Museum of Art Family Free Sunday has been offering free admission to kama'aina on the third Sunday of the month since 2004. Family Sundays are still largely virtual for now, but they are offering free museum admission to those that would like to come in with reservations 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Free. 532-8700. honoluluuseum.org.

AUGUST 6 - 7 • WINDBORNE MUSIC RETURNS WITH THE MUSIC OF QUEEN & LED ZEPPLIN

Oh ladies! Brody is back! The beloved Brody Dolyniuk and Windborne Music is bringing two of their favorite shows back to Hawaii as Conductor Brent Havens, partners up with the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra for a rocking weekend of classic rock. They perform Led Zepplin on Friday night and Queen on Saturday. Waikiki Shell. 7:30 - 9 p.m. \$25-\$60. myhso.org.

AUGUST 8 HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR FESTIVAL

The 39th annual Slack Key Guitar Festival will "Waikiki Sytle" this year, featuring Ledward Kaapana, Jeff Peterson, Makana and more. Steaming live on their Facebook page with limited inperson seats available for \$15. Blue Note Hawaii. 12 - 3:30 p.m. bluenotehawaii.com.

AUGUST 8 • ALI'I SUNDAY

Kawaiaha'o Church has reopened in person church services, and that means the return of Ali'i Sundays, a celebration of selected Hawaiian Royalty who were of particular importance for the Church with a special Sunday service in their honor. Today they honor Kamehameha 'Ekolu. 9 - 10 a.m. 469-3000.

AUGUST 8 NATIONAL SPAM® MUSUBI DAY

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AUGUST 12 - 14, 20-21 HFWF SUMMER CULINARY SERIES

In anticipation of the 2021 Hawaii Food & Wine Festival, HFWF has partnered with Foodland for a Summer Culinary Series. There will be five chef-and mixologist-driven events across two weekends such as Oodles of Noodles with Roy Yamaguchi, Escape to Southern France with Jeremy Shigekane. Full schedule at hfwf.me

AUGUST 13 DON HO BIRTHDAY

The International Market Place will be celebrating Don's Ho's birthday throughout the day with a lei draping on his statue at 10 a.m., "Suck 'Em Up Show" at Queen's Court at 12 p.m. and showing a Don Ho Tribute Film throughout the day from 1 - 6 p.m. and Henry Kapono and Friends will be stopping by.

AUGUST 13 - 15 RHAPSODY & RACHMANINOFF

Maestro JoAnn Falletta and piano soloist Lisa Nakamichi close the summer with a program featuring Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony and Gershwin's ever-popular Rhapsody in Blue. Waikiki Shell. 7:30 - 9 p.m. \$25-\$60. myhso.org.

AUGUST 15 • KALANI PE'A

Two time Grammy® Award winner Kalani Pe'a sings everything from classical, musical, ballads, R&B, soul to traditional and original Hawaiian music with his amazing vocals and fabulous stage presence. One night only. Two shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$25 - \$35. bluenotehawaii.com.

AUGUST 21 • STREETLIGHT CADENCE

This fun loving, high energy local band who won our local Hard Rock Rising competition not once, but twice, is back to perform for one night of fun at Blue Note Hawaii. Two shows only at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$25 - \$35. bluenotehawaii.com.

AUGUST 21 MAKAPU'U TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Sea Life Park kicks off the 5th anniversary of their concert series with Anuheia, Kupaoa, and Mike Tulba. GA \$49.50, VIP \$74.50 includes dinner and Park access at noon. 5 - 11 p.m. sealifepark.com.

AUGUST 21 • LIKKLE JORDEE

Live concerts at the Republik are back! Kicking it off is local reggae artist Likkle Jordee, who shared the stage with some of California's biggest names such as The Green, Rebelution, and more. Special guests Lion Fiyah and

Kelandy. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. \$25. The Republik. bampproject.com.

AUGUST 22 • TAIMANE

The 2019 Hōkū Favorite Entertainer of the Year winner has sold out her past four consecutive concerts and this one should be no exception. If you haven't seen this fiery lady onstage playing everything from shredding Led Zeppelin to beautiful Hawaiian melodies in her bare feet, you really are missing out. One show only. 7 p.m. \$35 - \$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

AUGUST 27 • THE NATURAL PARKS

This quartet's roots are embedded in pop, cinematic electronics, organic orchestration, and rock energy. They've racked up over 90 million streams over the past 7 years and sell out shows on tour. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. \$25. The Republik. bampproject.com.

AUGUST 28 • KEIKI HERO CON

Sea Life Park is teaming up with Mana Comics and other partners to host an epic comic hero celebration. Activities include a scavenger hunt, coloring crafts, mermaid sightings, face painting, and more. Those in costume will have a chance to win a comic collection and an opportunity to meet a dolphin. sealifeparkhawaii.com.

AUGUST 29 • ALI'I SUNDAY

Kawaiaha'o Church celebrates certain Hawaiian Royalty who were of particular importance for the Church with a special Sunday service in their honor. Today they honor Queen Liliuokalani. 9 - 10 a.m. 469-3000.

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Honolulu Magazine invited industry members from around the island to check out the Beyond Van Gogh exhibit. Some walked through briefly and others stood back or even took a seat on the floor for some time while the mesmerizing images flashed across the walls and floor. It truly is an experience like no other. The exhibit has been extended to Sept. 26th, and the Convention Center has brought in musicians Fri & Sat from 6 - 9 p.m. vangogh.honolulu.com.



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Are you a Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers fan? When they opened their location in Hawaii Kai last year, the wait in the drive-line was upwards of 2 hours, and that line did not go down all day! Well, in honor of the fact they are about to open their first Waikiki location, one lucky concierge will win FREE Raising Cane's for a year – That's one free box combo every week for 52 weeks – and all they have to do is try the crispy made to order chicken fingers, Texas toast, secret Cane's Sauce, coleslaw, crinkle-cut fries, some freshly squeezed lemonade and post their experience on one or more of their personal social media platforms. Oh, and that first box combo, that's on the house as well.

On **Monday, August 9th**, the day before the grand opening, concierge are invited to visit the newest Raising Cane's location in the Paina Lanai Food Court at the Royal Hawaiian Center. Stop by any time between **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** or **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** to pick up a free box combo. Spin the prize wheel for some Raising Cane's gift cards and logo items, meet General Manager Rudy Elfonso, and pose for a picture with *The Oahu Concierge's* own Emcee Extraordinaire Lance Rae (a.k.a. Lancey Poo). And we all know when Lance is around, everyone has a great time (even without tequila).

Fun Fact? Raising Cane's was founded by Todd Graves in 1996 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is named after his yellow Labrador. Bet you didn't know that!

This contest is open to front-of-the-house hotel industry workers only, such as a concierge, front desk agent, guest services, bell, or valet. Please bring your hotel ID or business card, or feel free to show up in uniform on your break. The free box combo will be available to the first 150 hospitality workers to stop by.

To enter the contest, each concierge will have to post a picture or story onto their personal social media platforms with the hashtag #raisingcaneswaikiki. Lance will give you the scoop on how to create the perfect prize-winning post when you're there.

Raising Cane's at Royal Hawaiian Center will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 10th.



Chef's Corner

Mugen Executive Chef Jason Yamaguchi

Although cooking runs in the family, Chef Jason Yamaguchi is blazing his own trail in the culinary world. The nephew of Roy Yamaguchi, he has worked alongside such culinary greats as Joachim Splichal of Patina and Michael Mina. Just a few months after opening, they were forced to close, and an 8-course Japanese & French fusion tasting-menu doesn't really take out well. Hear how he reacted and adapted.

I understand Mugen was your vision. How did you manage to get the opportunity to sell it?

A good friend of mine was working with the owners from Japan, and when it came time to locking in a chef, they called me and asked if I was interested. So, I flew out the next day and met with them and the rest was history.

5 months after Mugen opened, it was forced to close. What went through your head?

The first thing that went through my head was how do we keep all the employees working. And how long will we have to run operations like this.

Was it difficult to reinvent your tasting menu to an affordable take-out option to reopen?

It was easy, we simply got together and said what would we want to eat and how to do we make it affordable to the mass's that still wanted refined food in a take-out form.

How was the COVID roller-coaster for you guys?

For us it was a good time to finish the remodel and refine what we do at our own pace. A lot of time was spent reflecting and strategizing on how to make things even better. Now that we have re-opened, we are currently booked for the next 3 months.

Let's talk about you. Tell us about your first childhood food memory?

Growing up I was always exposed to good food from my parents. A lot of times they couldn't find a babysitter so they would take me on their dates. My first vivid food memory though was when I was at my grandparents' house and my grandfather was making his mac/potato salad and watching the joy it brought to everyone that day.

What prompted your interest in cooking?

I was in San Francisco and my uncle invited me and my dad to his new restaurant that just opened in the city. During dinner I went down the pass to watch what was going on in the kitchen. And my

uncle asked, "So when are you going to start working with me?"

What was your first job in the industry?

Roy's Newport Beach was where it all started.

Which one of those great chefs you've worked with stand out the most?

I learned a great deal from all of them, but for me Joachim Splichal taught me how to not only refine my techniques but also the business side of the industry.

Who would you consider your mentor and why?

My mentor and big brother Chris Garnier was the one who gave me the foundation and the reason why I am where I am today. Chris was always real with me and showed me the school of hard knocks.

Where do you find your inspiration?

Inspiration is found everywhere, whether it be from my travels, to something I saw somewhere, to the chefs I work with throwing out ideas and then building off of that.

Congratulations on being selected as one of the Hawaiian Airlines Featured Chef Series. How do you plan to curate a menu that will show your vision in that environment?

The menu we put together was assembled based on the salinity in the air at that elevation and build to around the logistics of everything. But Ross Saito and team are the best at what they do and making sure the chefs are able to still express themselves and show their style of cooking.

What's do you like to do when you aren't working?

Typically, I'm hanging out with family and enjoy sports or searching for whatever I'm craving.

Is there any other information you'd like to share?

We are working on offering a communal tasting on Saturdays which will consist of an addition 6-8 courses and extensive wine pairing.

Parisienne Gnocchi



Courtesy Aqua-Aston Hospitality

Gnocchi

300 grams flour
450 grams milk
100 grams butter
9 grams salt
300 grams eggs
300 grams parmesan

Parmesan Foam

453 grams Heavy Cream
453 grams Milk
150 grams Parmesan
7.5 grams Agar

Gnocchi: Sift flour. Heat the butter and milk. Add flour. Mix up salt, eggs and parmesan (adding 1 yolk at a time). Transfer to piping bag. Cut and boil. Transfer to container and toss in olive oil. Next, head up a none stick pan and place 10-12 pieces of Gnocchi in the pan and cook until lightly golden brown. Remove and season lightly with sea salt. **Equipment needed:** Sauce pot, standing mixer, spatula, pastry bag.

Parmesan Foam: Using a sauce pot, bring all in ingredients to a simmer. Pass through a chinois. Fill ISI half way add charge 2 times. **Equipment:** Sauce pot, chinois, 2oz ladle, ISI container.

Plating: Start by releasing the parmesan foam on the dish until you have about 1 cup worth on the plate. Next take your golden brown gnoochi and arrange atop the foam. Finish with freshly grated parmesan cheese and prendre plaisir.

MUGEN is located inside ESPACIO, the Jewel of Waikiki

Hours: Dinner is served Tuesday – Saturday. Two seatings at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Phone: 377-2247

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Bringing The Music Back

Henry Kapono has always supported up-and-coming artists and goes out of his way to provide opportunities for the next generation. He is so passionate about this that he created the Henry Kapono Foundation (HKF), whose primary mission is to support Hawaii's entertainment industry and perpetuate his life-long passion for music. "Growing up surrounded by music, the spirit of Aloha, and grateful for the support given to me through the years," he says, "I am even more grateful that the Henry Kapono Foundation can continue to give back to Hawaii."

Once the pandemic hit, the Foundation raised over \$180,000, in which 100% of the donations were converted to (\$500) grocery gift cards for music industry professionals and their families. As the industry reopens, the Foundation is finding ingenious ways to support the project, get musicians back to work, out into the public eye, and on stage.

His successful Artist2Artist Concert Series just finished its 4th season at the Blue Note Hawaii, selling out thirteen weeks of shows that featured thirteen of Hawaii's music icons as well as thirteen emerging artists. Overall, these performances put over 100 people back to work.

Now, the Foundation has created a new partnership with the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Together, they are "Bringing the Music Back" to the Tapa Bar. While there will be live music there nightly, Thursdays will feature a special concert series that runs along the same thought process as his Artist2Artist series. They will have an emerging artist, new to the Hawaii music scene, come on from 6 - 7 p.m., followed by a legendary musician from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. August's schedule wasn't available at press time. However, the emerging artists and iconic lineup will rotate and include entertainers such as Robi Kahakalau, Alx Kawakami, Kala'e Parish, Johnny Valentine, Sean Cleland, and Kala'e Camarillo, and Mike Tulba.

The goal of this new partnership between the Henry Kapono Foundation and Hilton Hawaiian Village is to support as many entertainers with meaningful work and give everyone a chance to shine. Of course, it also gives locals and visitors alike another opportunity to see some of the finest musicians Hawaii has to offer. To see August's lineup, head to their website at hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/bars.

If you would like to learn more or donate to the Henry Kapono Foundation, please visit henrykaponofoundation.org.

Duke's OceanFest Schedule of Events

All events held at Kuhio Beach unless otherwise specified

Tuesday, August 24th

Duke Statue Sunrise Lei Draping (7 a.m. - 8 a.m.)

The 131st anniversary of Duke Kahanamoku's birthday is honored with a special ceremony where Duke's statue is decorated with lei. **Location: Duke Kahanamoku Statue**

Surfing Exhibitions (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

- **AccesSurf Adaptive Surf**

Dedicated to athletes who have found that the ocean and surfing helps them to overcome their physical challenges.

- **Legends of Surfing Longboard Contest**

In memory of the legendary waterman who have passed this last year: Greg Noll, Joe Quigg, Ben Aipa, and Derek Ho.

- **Papa He'e Nalu Traditional Alaia Surfing Demo**

(tentative) Surfers using classic solid redwood surfboards from the early 1900s will take to the waves at Queen's Beach. See how surfers used these huge boards to ride the waves of Waikiki.

- **Tandem Surfing Exhibition**

(tentative) Tandem surfers present a dazzling display of duet surfing artistry.

Duke's OceanFest Opening Ceremony

(5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Competitors and fans are treated to a festive opening ceremony that features Hawaiian music, traditional hula and the always-popular decorating of Duke Kahanamoku's statue with fresh flower lei. **Location: Duke Kahanamoku Statue**

Wednesday, August 25th

Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Surfing Classic: Day 1

(8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

During Day 1 of this pro-style surf competition, teams of amateur surfers are matched with the sport's legends in a one-of-a-kind surf meet.

Head High Wines World of Foil Challenge: Day 1

(10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Come watch the best foilers in the Islands fly over the waves at Queen's beach.

Raising Cane's Going to the Dogs SurFUR COMPETITION

(9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)



Photos by Kelli with an Eye

Four-legged surfers will lead their owners into the waves for this one-of-a-kind "compETition."

Thursday, August 26th

Surfing Classic: Day 2 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Day 2 of this pro-am style surf competition

Foiling Challenge: Day 2 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Foilers continue to battle it out to be named the champion. Also featuring a strapped exhibition heat, showcasing foiling acrobatics.

Friday, August 27th

Surfing Classic: Day 3 (7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Don't miss the finals of this pro-am surf meet.

Waikiki Nights presented by Pieology

(6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Enjoy an evening featuring surf films and talk story with famed surfers on the sand. Watch "Rabbit Kekai, Waikiki Beach Boy" followed by "A View from a Blue Moon" - the first surf film shot in 4K, that follows our own Olympian, John John Florence and pals surf his favorite spots around the globe

Saturday, August 28th

Duke's Waikiki Ocean Mile Swim

(8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)



This popular open-ocean race along the Waikiki shoreline attracts hundreds of swimmers. The race starts and finishes in front of Duke's Waikiki restaurant.

Red Bull Party Wave (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

The Party Wave is another fan favorite. Decked out in themed costumes, teams will perform a skit on the beach and then paddle out on their homemade surf vessels and try to ride the best wave they can on it. Hilarity always ensues.

Outrigger Hotels and Resorts AAU Jr's Beach Challenge:

Day 1 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Teams square off in a fun-filled beach volleyball competition. **Location: Queen's Sand Volleyball Courts.**

Sunday, August 29th

Matson Menehune and Kōkua Surf Fest

(7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

This special pro-style surf competition intends to help encourage surfing among Hawaii's youths and introduce them to the Legacy of Duke Kahanamoku and his spirit of aloha. For many, this will be their first experience in the competitive surfing world.

Duke's Waikiki Paddleboard/SUP Race

(9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

In the 1960s and 1970s, this competition was a tradition for paddlers to race to Diamond Head Buoy from the Outrigger Canoe Club and back. Paddleboarders race from Kaimana Beach to the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort.

Surfboard Water Polo (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Six-person teams will play water polo on surfboards, the same way Duke Kahanamoku, his brothers and fellow beach boys did in Waikiki. **Location: Kapahulu Breakwall**

AAU Jr's Beach Challenge: Day 2 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

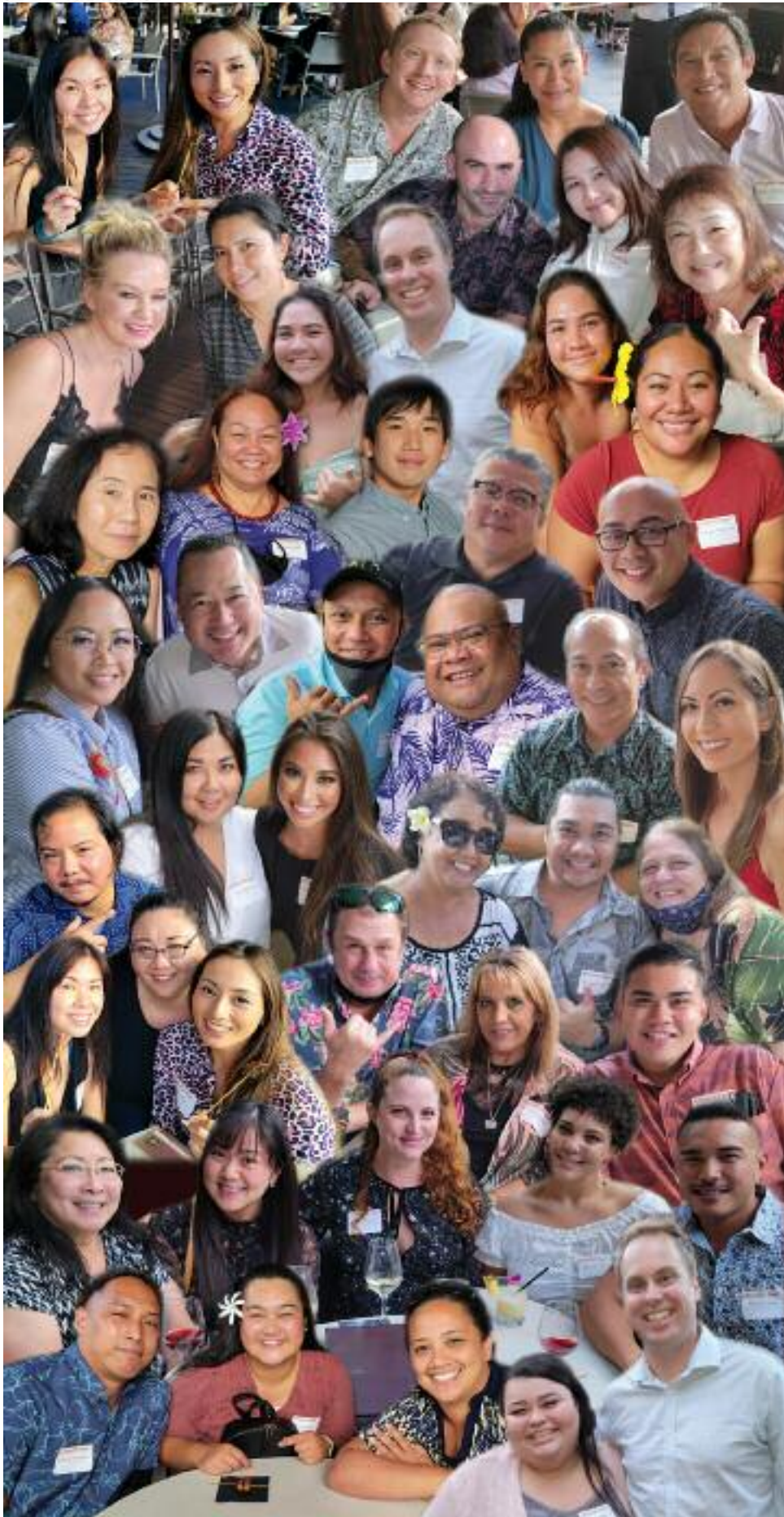
Teams continue the beach volleyball competition. **Location: Queen's Sand Volleyball Courts.**

Head High Wines Virtual Downwind Foil Challenge Presented by Voyager Foiler

From August 1st through August 24th foilers can compete in a virtual race to see who can complete a 2-mile course from Kaikoo's to Kai'mana Beach the fastest.



In another great sign of the times, STRIPSTEAK reopened and hosted our first restaurant concierge event in eons. We took over their outside lanai, while waiters hand passed samples from the menu which included signature favorites and some great new menu additions while guests got a chance to talk one on one with the new management team. It was great to see the restaurant bustling after so long. Dinner Tues-Sun at 5 p.m. Happy Hour at 4 p.m. 896-2545.



Raising Cane's **Very Important Caniacs Concierge Contest**

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers Opens First Waikiki Restaurant at Royal Hawaiian Center

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 Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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7:00 pm
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AUGUST 1 - 2

ShoreFyre Weekend Concert
featuring Tavana
6 - 8 pm

AUGUST 5

Royal Hawaiian Band
11 am - 11:45 am
Queen's Court

AUGUST 13

**Honoring the
Legendary Don Ho**
Statue lei-draping
10 am - 5 pm
Level 1 Banyan Court

DON HO FILM SHOWING
25-minute showings to occur
throughout the day
12 - 5 pm
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DON HO TRIBUTE SHOW
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12 - 1 pm
Queen's Court

AUGUST 19

Royal Hawaiian Band
11 am - 11:45 am
Queen's Court

Hawaii Symphony Orchestra
6 pm - 7:50 pm
Queen's Court

AUGUST 20 - 22

ShoreFyre Weekend Concert
featuring Natural Vibrations
6 - 8 pm
ShoreFyre Level 3

AUGUST 25

5th Anniversary Day
LEI-MAKING & LIVE MUSIC
12 - 3 pm
Queen's Court

MARKET PLACE MELE
by Haku Collective Artists
4 - 6 pm
Queen's Court

AUGUST 27 - 29

Tiki in Waikiki Festival
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and a cocktail competition.

AUGUST 27

**Tiki in Waikiki Blessing &
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AUGUST 29

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Competition**
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