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## Holiday Happenings



Hawaii is making sure to celebrate the holidays the best way it knows how, and nothing, including COVID precautions are going to stand in its way. If we've learned anything in the past few years, it's that life is short, and we must take every opportunity to enjoy what we have. So even though some of your favorite events might be slightly modified this year, the Islands Christmas Spirit will shine through. Here are a few of the ways you can celebrate the



The new and improved Big Santa is masked & ready to go. Pic courtesy Ala Moana Center.

holiday this year. Please note that since the City only lessened restrictions a week or two before I had to write this, I had a rough time getting information for you, as many things are still in the planning stages. Be sure to keep your ears open as more information is bound to be announced as the holiday gets closer.

But for now, what's a holiday without a lot of lights? Fortunately, **Honolulu City Lights** is on this year. You can read more about that event in the following column, but for this one, it means that the **Waikiki Trolley's Annual Holiday Lights Tour** is back. From December 5th - 26th, trolleys depart from Ward Village, next to Victoria Ward Park on Auahi Street, at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. The trolley takes guests to Honolulu Hale, where they may hop off the trolley to wander through the entire experience and take pictures before hopping onboard another trolley to return to Ward Village. Tickets are \$20 adults, and \$15 children (3-11). For more information, go to [holidaylightshi.com](http://holidaylightshi.com) or call 591-2561. As a side note, there's no need to show proof of vaccination or a negative test to get onto the trolley.

### The 2nd Annual Show Aloha Land's Winter Wonderland

returns to Aloha Stadium with a dazzling display of over 2.5 million LED lights. Tune your car's radio to FM 88.5 as you drive through the event to see the festive lights 'dance' along to the music in choreographed sequences. After you drive through the light show this year, you can park your car and walk over the bridge through the newly added 70-foot long Walking Light Tunnel to the Mega Tree for even more. Open through January 1st at the moment (if you recall, they extended it several times last year). Tickets are \$55 per car. [showalohachallenge.com](http://showalohachallenge.com). This is another event that does not need proof of vaccination since it is outside.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Big Santa at **Ala Moana Center**. Big Santa has been an iconic fixture of the holiday season for more than 60 years. What you may not know is while most of us were staying safer at home last year, the Center replaced the original 37-foot tall Santa, made of chicken wire and paper maché, with a new and improved Santa. The new sustainable 50-foot structure is made up of 30 individual pieces and a state-of-the-art integrated elevator system to simplify the installation process (remember the crane?) Big Santa is now comprised of 2,500 square feet of fiberglass and nearly 2,000 pounds of resin. Want a picture with Santa's human counterpart? Then head on down to his new location on Mall Level 2, Ewa Wing between Oakley

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Honolulu City Lights is back! The 37th annual holiday celebration will light up downtown beginning December 4th and stay on through January 2nd.

Although there have certainly been adaptations to the event, the most recognizable and essential elements remain. A beautifully decorated 50-foot tree stands proudly in front of Honolulu Hale, watched over by Shaka Santa and Tutu Mele. The "Joy" and "Aloha" selfie stations are back as well as a few new social media backdrops. Guests are more than welcome to take pictures in front of all the displays, but face coverings and social distancing will be required while waiting to take photos.

So, while the most important parts of the celebration have returned, a few events will not be part of the celebration this year. There will not be an Electric Light Parade, a concert, or a Holiday Wreath display to prevent too many people from gathering. Nor will there be vendor booths, keiki rides, or photos with Santa.

As far as lighting the tree, although there will not be a public lighting ceremony, there will be a virtual tree lighting ceremony that will be broadcast on 'Olelo Channel 53 live on December 4th at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be rebroadcast at varying times on December 19th, 22nd, 24th, and 25th.

Plans for the Christmas tree display inside the courtyard of Honolulu remain unclear at press time. For the most up-to-date information, or to purchase this year's celebratory ornament, head to [honoluluclights.org](http://honoluluclights.org).

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## Publisher's Letter



Help me ...  
help you!

Sayonara 2021. Although it is certainly ending on a higher note than it started, I'm not sure how much better it was than last. Baby steps, I know, but as far as I'm concerned, I'm ready to get back to normal, or at least a lot closer to it.

Before the pandemic, I was out and about like crazy, and I was usually always in the know. These days, although I'm certainly out more than I was this time last year, I am a lot more dependant on people reaching out to me with information so I can keep you up-to-date. While people always tell me when they begin a promotion, they rarely tell me when it ends. Regrettably, that happened to a reader this last month, who took me at my printed word on a few events in the calendar, only to find out when they got there that the promotion was no longer. COVID has made not only events more subject to change than ever before, but some of the people I have developed strong relationships with over the years to keep me in the loop didn't come back to work either. So, if I could ask each of you to let me know if you happen to run across something that has changed, I would appreciate it. I verify everything before it goes into the book, but I don't always catch when they are canceled if no one tells me. I apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced and hope that since there are many more of you than there are of me, you could guide me if you see anything written in the book that is no longer.

Along those lines, my list of New Year's Eve events isn't nearly as complete as usual. Although the Mayor relaxed restrictions at the beginning of last month, many companies had not finalized their plans by my deadline. What you see here is everything I could put my hands on at press time. Still, I highly encourage you to call around as the holidays get closer because if the Hawaii Theatre can now have 100% occupancy with a fully vaxxed audience, I fully expect a few promoters to figure out how to put on an NYE Party safely. If I hear of anything, I will post it on Facebook. Until then, I hope you and yours have a safe and happy holiday season.



# Yada Yada



Hector Morales

The Hawai'i Convention Center has hired **Hector Morales** as their new executive chef. Morales has 25 years of culinary leadership experience in Hawai'i including the Turtle Bay Resort, PCC, and most recently, the

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. • **Hilton Grand Vacations** has announced that they have recently promoted **Bryan Kaneshiro** and **Cameron Barnett** to the Marketing Manager position. Both had been working in the Concierge department and Cameron came over earlier this year from the former Expedia Local Expert team. Congrats!

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and Tesla for contactless photo sessions with Santa. In addition to your keiki photos, there will also be special times to bring your furry friends and a sensory-friendly experience for kids with special needs. Prices start at \$19.99. Book your appointments at [alamoanacenter.com](http://alamoanacenter.com). Don't want to pay for Santa Pics? Check out their Selfie Wall featuring fall and holiday-themed decor at Mall Level 2, Center Court. Last but not least, they haven't forgotten about the adults, as the annual holiday-themed pop-up bar is now open on Level 3, Ewa Wing, near Happy Wahine. Take a break from shopping with some festive cocktails at **Winter Wonderland** thru the end of the year from 2 p.m. - midnight daily.

**Royal Hawaiian Center** will have a 34-foot tree decorated Hawaiian-style with palaka décor, glittering mesh plumeria, white and pink orchids, monstera leaf designs, and more. Free photos with Santa will be available every Wednesday and Saturday through December 22nd to celebrate the holiday season. Check the times at [RoyalHawaiianCenter.com](http://RoyalHawaiianCenter.com).

Santa has not forgotten about the West Side as he takes up residency at **Ka Makana Alii**. Santa is available through Christmas Eve for holiday keepsake photos with packages starting at \$25. While you're there, stop to check out the magical snowing tree in the Macy's Wing. Skip the line and book in advance online. [KaMakanaAlii.com](http://KaMakanaAlii.com).

Kids can also grab a free **Selfie with Santa** at the **International Market Place** on Level 2 near Mitsuwa Marketplace every Thursday & Sunday afternoon. See times at [shopinternationalmarketplace.com](http://shopinternationalmarketplace.com).

Kids won't want to miss the **Pearlridge Express Holiday Train Rides**. Keiki under 48 inches tall may ride on Hawaii's only scale-model, fully-functioning locomotive daily through a dreamy holiday toyland for only \$5. Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in December (6 p.m. on Sundays). The

train stops at its final destination on January 10th. Santa will also be there for some socially distant photos (think plexiglass) from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (6 p.m. on Sundays) through December 23rd at Santa's Holiday Workshop, Wai Makai Center Court. Photos by appointment only, and prices start at \$15. [PearlridgeOnline.com](http://PearlridgeOnline.com).

Head back into Waikiki to stop by **Waikiki Beach Walk** as they celebrate the season with live music and hula on the Plaza Stage. On Saturday, December 11th, they will present a **Halau Holiday Celebration** from 5 - 7 p.m. They will then present traditional hula and song with **Seven Days Till Christmas**, a special Holiday Mele Showcase at the Plaza Stage December 19th - 25th, from 6 - 7 p.m. See the line-up at [waikikibeachwalk.com](http://waikikibeachwalk.com).

**Outrigger Hotels** gets into the spirit with a variety of events at multiple properties. Enjoy a **Tree Lighting Ceremony** followed by a Keiki Ukulele Show at the Outrigger Waikiki on December 3rd at 5 p.m. Don't miss **Breakfast with Santa** on December 18th from 8 - 10 a.m. at Kani Ka Pila Grille at the Outrigger Reef. Reservations are available at Open Table, and tickets cost \$25 for kids (4-11) and \$32 for adults.

Lastly, what is Christmas in Hawaii without **Santa Surfing** to shore in a canoe? While most of these events are private this year due to social distancing guidelines, it still makes for a great photo op from oceanfront hotel rooms or a safe distance away. The elves have told us that Santa is expected to surf into the beach fronting the Outrigger Waikiki around 9 a.m. on December 11th and most likely around 4 p.m. (time not yet confirmed) to Grays Beach fronting the Halekulani on Christmas Eve. Both of these events are for their respective hotel guests only, so kindly keep your distance. If you want an up-close pic with a surfing Santa, head to Queen's Surf Beach at 10 a.m., in front of **Barefoot Beach Cafe**, as this is the public's only chance that we know of to get up close and personal pics with the big guy! Merry Christmas!

# EXTRA *Newsflash* EXTRA

## KANI KA PILA GRILLE UNVEILS A NEW AND IMPROVED VENUE

The Outrigger Reef has spruced up the Waikiki home of Hawaiian music at Kani Ka Pila Grille by moving the location of the existing stage, installing a new stage under the halau that gives every seat in the house a clear view of the show, along with a delicious new food and cocktail menu. KKPG celebrates the tradition of kanikapila with award-winning musical artists onstage every night. Open daily 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. [kanikapilagrille.com](http://kanikapilagrille.com).

## THE GRAND LANAI IS BUSTLING WITH DINING ACTIVITY AGAIN

After a long year of having most of their restaurants shuttered, the International Market Place's Grand Lanai has sprung to life as the majority of their restaurants have either reopened, or a new tenant has moved in. All of the previous tenants that stayed have now reopened except for Goma Tei, while Skybox Taphouse, Liliha Bakery, and Moani Waikiki have joined the fun, bringing vibrancy back to the Grand Lanai we've missed so much.

## THE PLANETARIUM AT BISHOP MUSEUM CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Bishop Museum's J. Watumull Planetarium has served over six million visitors and students over 60 years of continuous operation. On December 11th and 12th, the Planetarium will celebrate with shows all day long during regular museum hours with space science activity tables, giveaways during every show, and a mid-century Aloha Pop-up shop with commemorative anniversary items. [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org).

## NATIONAL GUARD CAN GET INTO PEARL HARBOR FREE

On December 13th, 1636, the first militia regiments in North America was organized in Massachusetts. As the oldest military organization in America, its members serve during times of war and emergency. In honor of the Guards 385th anniversary, Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will waive the admission of all active duty and retired Guard personnel (and their families) to all of their memorials and museums on December 11 & 12. Just present a valid military ID at the entrance. [PearlHarborHistoricSites.org](http://PearlHarborHistoricSites.org).

## CHART HOUSE LAUNCHES A NEW WEEKEND BRUNCH

Head down to the Chart House every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for weekend brunch and football. The brunch menu features breakfast classics such as eggs benedicts, mochi waffles, omelettes and a pupu menu filled with Chart House favorites. Brunch rolls into happy hour from 2 - 5:30 p.m. 941-6669.

## LEWERS LOUNGE AND LA MER HAVE BOTH REOPENED

The Halekulani reopened both La Mer and Lewers Lounge late last month. La Mer, Hawaii's only AAA Five Diamond, will operate every Friday and Saturday evening from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Their intimate cocktail lounge known for its live jazz musical performances, is now open every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. [halekulani.com](http://halekulani.com).

## THEATRES AND STAGES ARE REOPENING FOR LIVE EVENTS

After 19 long months, a lot of places have recently reopened given the new rules on inside events. We do not have a list of all of them, but you can count Kawaihao Church, Hawaii Theatre, Blaisdell Concert Hall, and Rick Bartolini Presents as part of those entities that have finally reopened. Vaxxed & Masked is the new way to go.

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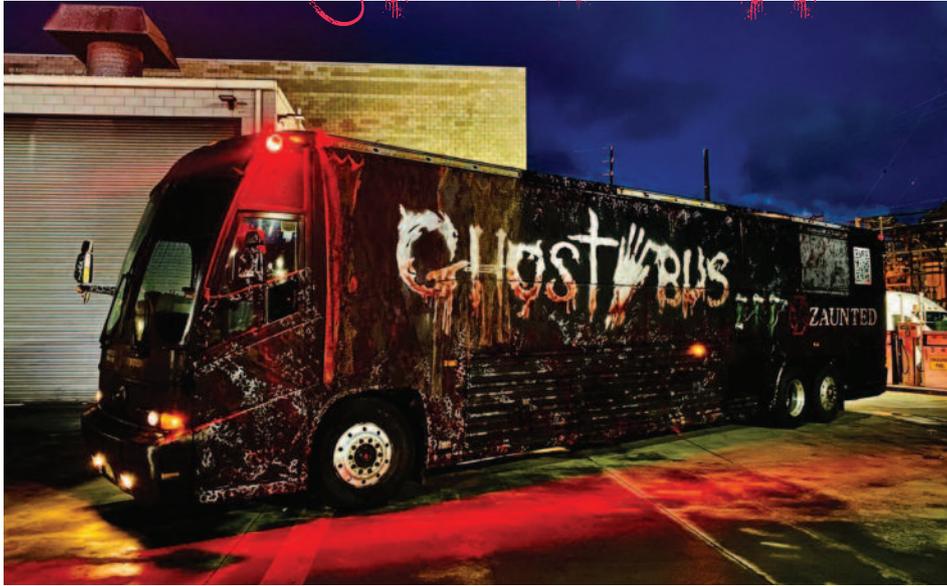


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# Come Aboard... If You Dare

It's not often something Honolulu has never seen comes to town, but there is a new activity out there that's conveniently located, doesn't take much time out of your day and is reasonably priced. Come aboard the Ghost Bus... if you dare!

A Ghost Bus? In December? Isn't that a Halloween thing? Well, it turns out horror is its own thing in Japan, and JTB



US. produced by Japanese people. Under his direction, they have completely transformed an old JTB tour bus into created a unique 'haunted house.' The Ghost Bus doesn't actually drive anywhere, and you don't walk through it like a traditional haunted house, but trust me, none of that matters. The Ghost Bus makes excellent use of audio-visual sensory effects and

partnered with a master of Japanese got involved to create a year-round attraction here in Hawaii.

"JTB Hawaii wanted to do something exciting and positive for the local community as we have all faced difficulties and challenges due to the COVID pandemic," said Hiroyuki Kitagawa, President & CEO of JTB Hawaii, Inc. "We think Ghost Bus Hawaii will be a fun entertainment activity for everyone to enjoy. We hope many people in Hawaii will come to experience the unique, Japanese-style 'Obake Yashiki' and enjoy the Ghost Bus."

So, what is Japanese horror? Well, to start, it's quite different than American horror. According to an article written by author Takuma Go in 2015, *Defining Fear: How Fear differs in Japan and the U.S.*, "The Hollywood-style of horror has become more effective at portraying fear

in a direct fashion, based in the direct sense of physical fear that comes from the idea of being attacked, eaten, or killed by various creatures and monsters. This type of fear comes from the real fear humans feel when we sense physical danger and is a fear that transcends cultural barriers. Thinking about it, for a multi-cultural country like America, this type of fear is what should be expected. On the other hand, Japanese audiences prefer the 'scary' type of fear that affects them indirectly and psychologically. This is the type of fear that quietly builds up, creating an impending sense of intangible doom. Many Japanese people feel that the image of a ghost just standing nearby, doing nothing, is much more fear-inducing than other images. Most American's may look at these situations and think, "What is scary about a ghost that doesn't attack you?" But it's this sense of foreboding silence that truly induces fear into Japanese audiences."

Compared to Hollywood horror and other horror genres, Japanese horror features several different story-telling and cinematic techniques which scare, surprise and entice viewers to keep watching. Japanese horror is far more psychological; fear comes from what isn't shown onscreen and, for that reason, leaves you thinking about the story long after, and the Ghost Bus certainly accomplishes that.

Japan's legendary haunted house specialist, Michael Yamaguchi, has been creating unique horror attractions in Japan for over 20 years. He's also known for designing special effect makeup for amusement parks and T.V. shows. Ghost Bus Hawaii is the first year-round permanent haunted house in the

incorporates live actors to transport passengers to a frightening dimension. The experience was not very long, it's only around 15 minutes from start to finish, but we all agreed that it was the right amount of time when we got off. At \$15 for visitors and \$13 kama'aina, it's also not going to break any budgets, even for a larger family to experience this unique type of Japanese horror, once only available in Japan. The Ghost Bus is parked in the vacant lot across from the Waikiki Beach Marriott main entrance at the corner of Kuhio and Ohua Avenues. Although the bus is primarily stationary, it can be driven to locations across Oahu and is available for private parties, so even though the attraction is open daily, there may be a rare occasion when it is not available due to a custom showing, but their website will keep you informed.

What else do you need to know? They do not offer parking at the site. There is street and public parking available nearby. Please arrive 10 minutes before your reservation time. All COVID guidelines in place at time of entry will be enforced. At the moment, that means all guests aged 12 and older must show proof of full vaccination or a negative test result taken within 48 hours of entry with their identification upon checking in. Children must be at least 8 years old to enter the bus, and all children between the ages of 8 - 13 years old must be accompanied by adult. Open from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. daily, tickets are available to be booked online in 30-minute increments at [ghostbushawaii.com](http://ghostbushawaii.com).

Once inside the bus, there is nowhere to escape. Are you brave enough to experience the Ghost Bus Hawaii? Come aboard, if you dare.

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## MONDAY

**Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233  
*Live Contemporary & Hawaiian*  
 The Barefoot Boys 5:30-8:30pm

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

**Deck. at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel** 931-4488  
*Mai Tai Mondays with Live Contemporary*  
 Freddy Leone (or others) 5pm-8pm

**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Britt Kino (or others) 4-6pm  
 Shawn Pimental (or others) 7-9pm  
 Dave Watanabe 9:30-11:30pm

**House Without a Key** 923-2311  
*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee*  
 Pa'hana Trio 5:30-8:30pm

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

**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 (or Phil Strauss) 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*  
 Kaleo Kahumoku 6:30-9:30pm

**Swell at the Alohilani** 294-4108  
*Solo Contemporary Guitarist*  
 Drew Henmi 6:30-9:30pm

**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Johnny Valentine 7-10pm  
 Kapena Delima (12/8) 7-10pm 5-8pm

**Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Michael Piranha 5-7pm  
 BK Espiritu 7:30-9:30pm

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

## TUESDAY

**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 5:30-8:30pm

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

**Deck. at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel** 931-4488  
*Tequila & Taco Tuesday with Live Contemporary*  
 Shane Kainoa (or others) 6pm-9pm

**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Taz Vegas (or Alike Souza) 4-6pm  
 Taulia Lave Duo (or The Waves) 7-9pm  
 Darrell Aquino (or others) 9:30-11:30pm

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

**House Without a Key** 923-2311  
*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '21 Allison Chu*  
 Delima Ohana 5:30-8:30pm

**Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992  
*Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*  
 Kala'e Camarillo 6-9pm

**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

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

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

**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*  
 Dave Watanabe 3-6pm

**Rumfire** 921-4600  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
 Christian Yrizarry (or Phil Strauss) 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*  
 Drew Henmi 6:30-9:30pm

**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Alex Oasay 7-10pm

**The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay** 293-6000  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Jenna Keala 6:30-9:30pm

**Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Reggae*  
 Biku 5-7pm  
 Kelandy Diaz 7:30-9:30pm

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

## WEDNESDAY

**Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233  
*Island Vibes*  
 Danny Galura 5:30-8:30pm

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

**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Drew Henmi (or others) 4-6pm  
 Shar Carillo (or others) 7-9pm  
 Mark Caldieia (or others) 9:30-11:30pm

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**Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992  
*Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*  
 Ei Nei 6-9pm

**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*  
 Johnny Valentine 5-9pm

**Maui Brewing Kailua** 518-2739  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
 Scott Magz (or Brett Kino) 6-8pm

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

**MINA's Fish House** 679-0079  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
 Kamuela Kahoano 6-9pm

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

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*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*

# E Pili Kākou

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Stan Albrecht 5-8pm

## THURSDAY

**100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki** 944-4494  
*Live Contemporary & Hawaiian*  
Chris Salvador (or Mike Tulba) 6-8pm

**Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233  
*Live Contemporary & Hawaiian*  
Keoni Coelho 5:30-8:30pm

**Chart House Waikiki** 941-6660  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Tito & David 6-9pm

**Deck. at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel** 931-4488  
*Live Contemporary*  
Freddy Leone (or others) 5pm-8pm

**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Scott Magz (or others) 4-6pm  
Kona Chang Duo (or others) 7-9pm  
Ellsworth Simeona (or others) 9:30-11:30pm

**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

**House Without a Key** 923-2311  
*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Universe '97 Brook Lee*  
Ei Nei 5:30-8:30pm

**Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992  
*Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*  
Kawika Kahiapo 6-9pm

**Mahina & Sun's** 923-8882  
*Hawaiian Contemporary on the Lanai*  
Kelly Boy DeLima 6:30-9:30pm

**Maui Brewing Company** 843-2739  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Taz Vegas (or others) 6-8pm

**Maui Brewing Kailua** 518-2739  
*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 (or Chris Salvador) 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*  
Johnny Helm 3-6pm

**Rumfire** 921-4600  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Kamuela Kahoano 6-9pm

**SHOR at the Hyatt Regency** 923-2311

*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Johnny Stahley 5:30-8:30pm

**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*  
Alika Souza 6:30-9:30pm

**The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Mike Izon 7-10pm

**The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay** 293-6000  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Dave Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm

**The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel** 739-8760  
*Live Contemporary*  
Kapena Delima 6-9pm

**Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Reggae*  
Malu Productions 5-7pm  
Ashton Nicolas 7:30-9:30pm

**Tommy Bahama Restaurant** 923-8785  
*Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.*  
Alex Oasay 5-8pm

**Vintage 1901 at the Moana** 921-4600  
*Contemporary Piano*  
David Swanson 6-9pm

## FRIDAY

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

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

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

**Deck. at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel** 931-4488  
*Live Contemporary*  
Shane Kainoa (or others) 6pm-9pm

**Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268  
*Live Contemporary Hawaiian*  
Maunalua 4-6pm  
Kawika Kahiapo 7-9pm  
Alika Souza (or others) 9:30-11:30pm

**Hard Rock Cafe** 955-7383  
*Live Contemporary*  
Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm

**House Without a Key** 923-2311  
*Hawaiian music & hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoë Miller*  
Kapalama Trio 5:30-8:30pm

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

**Lewers Lounge** 923-2311  
*Jazz Pianist*  
Tommy James 6:30-9:30pm

**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*  
Johnny Stahley 5-9pm

**Mariposa** 951-3420  
*Live Contemporary*  
Chris Salvador 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 6:30-8pm

**Rumfire** 921-4600  
*Live Contemporary Hits*  
Johnny Helm (or others) 6-9pm



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<b>Signature Prime Steak</b>	<b>949-3636</b>
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Grant Carvalho & Rocky Holmes	6-9pm
<b>Sky Waikiki</b>	<b>979-7590</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
John Akapo	5-8pm
<b>Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Donald Fialkowski	6:30-9:30pm
<b>The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider</b>	<b>922-3111</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alex Oasay	7-10pm
<b>The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel</b>	<b>739-8760</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Jeremy Hirokawa	6-9pm
Eric Lee (12/10)	6-9pm
Grant Kono (12/24)	6-9pm
<b>Tiki's Grill &amp; Bar</b>	<b>923-TIKI</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian, Alternative, Pop-Rock, Reggae</i>	
Biku	3-5pm
RootsKai	5-7pm
Malu Productions	7:30-9:30pm
<b>Tommy Bahama Restaurant</b>	<b>923-8785</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.</i>	
Chris Murphy	5-8pm
<b>Vintage 1901 at the Moana</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Contemporary Piano</i>	
David Swanson	6-9pm

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki</b>	<b>944-4494</b>
<i>Live Contemporary &amp; Hawaiian</i>	
Donald Fialkowski	6-8pm
<b>Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach</b>	<b>924-2233</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
The Barefoot Boys (or others)	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Chart House Waikiki</b>	<b>941-6660</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Tito Berinobis	6-9pm
<b>Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki</b>	<b>922-2268</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Kala'e Camarillo (or others)	10am-noon
Jenna K. (or others)	1-3pm
Kaiona Band (or others)	4-6pm
Christian Yrizarry (or others)	7-9pm
Alika Souza (or others)	9:30-11:30pm
<b>Hard Rock Cafe</b>	<b>955-7383</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Kailua Beach Buddies	6-9pm
<b>Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince</b>	<b>622-7558</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Mike Izon	5-7pm
<b>House Without a Key</b>	<b>923-2311</b>
<i>Hawaiian music &amp; hula by Miss Hawaii '73 Kanoë Miller</i>	
Kapalama Trio	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Kani Ka Pila Grille</b>	<b>924-4992</b>
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Ho'okena	6-9pm
<b>Lewers Lounge</b>	<b>923-2311</b>
<i>Jazz Pianist</i>	
Tommy James	6:30-9:30pm
<b>Mahina &amp; Sun's</b>	<b>923-8882</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian/Blues on the Lanai</i>	
Josh Akapo	6:30-9:30pm
<b>Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian</b>	<b>923-7311</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Dave Watanabe	5-9pm
<b>Mariposa</b>	<b>951-3420</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Aisaiah Jacobs	2:30-5:30pm
<b>Maui Brewing Company</b>	<b>843-2739</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Johnny Suite (or others)	6-8pm
<b>Maui Brewing Kailua</b>	<b>518-2739</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Scott Magz (or Phil Strauss)	7-9pm
<b>Merriman's Honolulu</b>	<b>215-0022</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Stephen Harris	5:30-7:30pm
<b>MINA's Fish House</b>	<b>679-0079</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Johnny Helm	6-9pm
<b>Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina</b>	<b>381-4086</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Izik and Evan Khay	6:30-8pm
<b>Rumfire</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Drew Henmi (or Phil Strauss)	6-9pm
<b>SHOR at the Hyatt Regency</b>	<b>923-2311</b>

<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Kevin Okamoto	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Signature Prime Steak</b>	<b>949-3636</b>
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Grant Carvalho & Rocky Holmes	6-9pm
<b>Sky Waikiki</b>	<b>979-7590</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
John Akapo	5-8pm
<b>Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Puna Moleta	6:30-9:30pm
<b>Swell at the Alohilani</b>	<b>294-4108</b>
<i>DJ/Big Wave Pro Surfer Keala "KK" Kennelly Spins Poolside</i>	
DJ KK	1-4pm
<b>The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider</b>	<b>922-3111</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Chris Salvador	7-10pm
<b>The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel</b>	<b>739-8760</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Jeannette Trevais (or Johnny Valentine)	6pm-9pm
<b>Tiki's Grill &amp; Bar</b>	<b>923-TIKI</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian, Alternative, Pop-Rock, Reggae</i>	
RootsKai	5-7pm
Kelandy Diaz	7:30-9:30pm
<b>Tommy Bahama Restaurant</b>	<b>923-8785</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.</i>	
Chris Murphy	5-8pm
<b>Vintage 1901 at the Moana</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Contemporary Piano</i>	
David Swanson	6-9pm

## SUNDAY

<b>Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach</b>	<b>924-2233</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alika Souza	11am-2pm
Art Kalahiki	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Chart House Waikiki</b>	<b>941-6660</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Dean & Dean	6-9pm
<b>Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki</b>	<b>922-2268</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Paul Dunlap (or Ben Kama)	10am-noon
Christian Yrizarry (or others)	1-3pm
Henry Kapono	4-6pm
Kaiona Duo (or others)	7-9pm
Kaimi (or others)	9:30-11:30pm
<b>Giovanni Pastrami</b>	<b>923-2100</b>
<i>Reggae Pop Music</i>	
Kelandy	6:30-9:30pm
<b>Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince</b>	<b>622-7558</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
John Stahley	5-7pm
<b>House Without a Key</b>	<b>923-2311</b>
<i>Hawaiian music &amp; hula by Miss Hawaii USA '21 Allison Chu</i>	
Pu'uhonua Trio	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Kani Ka Pila Grille</b>	<b>924-4992</b>
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Nathan Aweau	6-9pm
<b>La Hiki Restaurant at the Four Seasons</b>	<b>679-0079</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Jenna Keala (or Kamuela Kahoano)	11am-2pm

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<b>Longboard Lounge at the Alohilani</b>	<b>294-4108</b>
<i>DJ/Big Wave Pro Surfer Keala "KK" Kennelly Spins</i>	
DJ KK	11am-2pm
<b>Mahina &amp; Sun's</b>	<b>923-8882</b>
<i>Award-winning ukulele on the Lanai</i>	
Trishnalei	6:30-9:30pm
<b>Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian</b>	<b>923-7311</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alex Oasay (12/5, 12/25)	5-9pm
Johnny Helm (12/12, 12/19)	5-9pm
<b>Mariposa</b>	<b>951-3420</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Zaysha	123pm
<b>Maui Brewing Company</b>	<b>843-2739</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Chris Murphy (12/5, 12/19)	6-8pm
Keith Batlin (12/12, 12/26)	6-8pm
<b>Maui Brewing Kailua</b>	<b>518-2739</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Kamuela Kahoano (or Phil Strauss)	7-9pm
<b>Merriman's Honolulu</b>	<b>215-0022</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Cassie and Selwyn	5:30-7:30pm
<b>Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina</b>	<b>381-4086</b>
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Sienna Souza	2:30-4pm
Jenna Keala	6:30-8pm
<b>Rumfire</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Danielle Parente (or others)	6-9p
<b>SHOR at the Hyatt Regency</b>	<b>923-2311</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Christian Yrizzary (or Jeremy Hirokawa)	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Signature Prime Steak</b>	<b>949-3636</b>
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Keith Montross	6-9pm
<b>Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani</b>	<b>921-4600</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
David Aquino	6:30-9:30pm
<b>The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider</b>	<b>922-3111</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Dave Watanabe	7-10pm
<b>Tiki's Grill &amp; Bar</b>	<b>923-TIKI</b>
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Eddie & the Coconuts	3-5pm
Ellsworth & Friends	5:30-7:30pm
<b>Tommy Bahama Restaurant</b>	<b>923-8785</b>
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2-5 p.m.</i>	
Glen Domingo	5-8pm

European café. The menu's filled with artisan coffee, tartines, crêpes, poutines, quiches, delicious sandwiches, Croque Monsieur & Madames, duck confit, escargot, and freshly baked Parisian pastries, including beignets. For a gal who lived in Europe for several years, I was in heaven and cannot wait to go back. Open for champagne brunch and artisan lunch daily from 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., happy hour is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and dinner is offered on Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30 – 8 p.m. 888-2055. • It was a good food month for me, as one of my longtime faves finally reopened. **Sansei Seafood Restaurant and Sushi Bar Waikiki** is back – as are all those iconic menu items such as the Panko Crusted Ahi, Lobster-Blue Crab Ravioli, and Crab Truffle Ramen – as well as an extensive sushi menu. One big change? You can only order Sansei food at Sansei and DK food at d.k Steak House. The days of the hybrid kitchen we all got so spoiled with are gone. Don't forget, their 50% off deal is one of the best in town that has people lining up to get in the door. It is featured every Sunday and Monday from 5:15 - 6 p.m. Open 6 days a week from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., closed on Wednesday. 931-6286. • More big opening news? **Herringbone Waikiki** has reopened under the management of the Aoki Group. The menu remains essentially the same but does include a few new items and recipe refreshes. I haven't been able to get in yet to see what those menu refreshes mean, but you'll be happy to know they brought back their popular Oyster Hour from 4 - 6 p.m. daily and have plans to offer live music in the bar each Friday night, but no further details on that were available at press time. Dinner service begins at 5 p.m. and brunch is offered on weekends from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 797-2435. • Are you cuckoo for Coco Puffs? Well, loosen those belts up because **Liliha Bakery** has opened at the International Market Place in the former Yauachta location. The iconic eatery has been delighting residents and visitors alike for over 70 years. Serving all-day breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m., expect all your favorites such as oxtail soup, omelets, various loco-mocos, and over 100 different fresh hand-made

pastries. Their garlic shrimp was fabulous, and that pasty bar. oh my! This location will also be the first one to offer a full bar. See the full menu at lilihabakery.com or call 922-2488. • While at IMP, head downstairs to **Kona Coffee Purveyors** to check out their new line of tartines by multiple James Beard Award-winning pastry chefs, **Belinda Leong** and **Michel Suas** of San Francisco's **b. patisserie**. Wanting to offer guests a lunch option, they have launched three open-faced sandwiches which are divine. Choose from a Ham & Cheese with Gruyere, Swiss and bechamel (my fave), a Turkey BLT with avocado mayonnaise, and a Mushroom Ragout with caramelized onions, Gruyere, and bechamel. All of these tartines on are freshly baked sourdough bread (from a 25-year old starter the chef has been nurturing for years). These sandwiches are offered daily between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$14. Kona Coffee Purveyors is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 450-2364. • Just a few steps down the street, one of my favorite places to hang out in Hawaii Kai has opened a Waikiki location. **Tex 808 BBQ & Brews** is now open under The Laylow in Waikiki, offering their signature Texas BBQ smoked low and slow and the occasional Taco Tuesday! The Waikiki locatin also offers a new Smash burger, Loco Moco, Cajun Mahi, Cowboy Burritos, Fried Rice and Fish 'n Chips. Open Sun - Thurs from 4 p.m. - 11 p.m., Fri - Sat from 2 p.m. - 12 a.m., they have a great happy hour from 2 - 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close daily. 888-2405. • **Wicked Maine Lobster** has finally opened at the Pa'ina Lanai at the Royal Hawaiian Center! I've been waiting for this place to open since I first heard about it a year ago. I haven't had a chance to go yet, but understand a variety of Lobster Rolls, Lobster Tacos, Lobster Mac 'n Cheese, Fried Shrimp, and more await, and I can't wait to check it out. • **12th Avenue Grill** has returned to their regular service hours six nights a week from Wednesday to Monday (closed Tuesdays) and have brought back their happy hour from 5 - 6 p.m. (except Fri/Sat) 732-9469. • Finally, a sure sign that things are starting to get back to normal? **MAC 24/7** returns to their original hours of 24 hours a day, 7 days a week schedule with full bar until 4 a.m. effective December 20! 921-5564. ~ Pam

## Dining Dish

There were quite a few restaurants that opened during the height of the pandemic that I just haven't gotten to yet. Fortunately, I finally made it to check out **Farmhouse Café**, and I sure wish I had gotten there sooner! Open the door to this hidden gem, and you find a quaint

# DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Continuing Events

### DAILY • FREE UKULELE LESSONS

Free ukulele classes offered at The Ukulele Store taught by Tylee Johano award winner, Tylee Johano. Reservations required. 4:30 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

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UNTIL JANUARY 2022

### DAILY • DINOSAURS EXPEDITION: RISE OF THE MAMMALS

The second exhibit of a prehistoric trilogy to Honolulu will transport visitors back 66 million years to the Cretaceous Period when some of the most iconic dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Bishop Museum. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is on display in the Castle Memorial Building thru January 23rd. BishopMuseum.org.

### MONDAYS • FREE UKULELE LESSONS

Free ukulele classes offered at Helumoa Hale Guest Services & Heritage Room. Ukulele provided. 11 a.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

### MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS WBW FARMERS MARKET

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

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### TUESDAYS • KU HA'AHEO

Live music and hula led by kumu hula Blaine Kia has returned to the Plaza Stage. 4:40 - 6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

### TUESDAYS • FREE HULA LESSONS

Learn basic hand gestures and footwork in the art of hula at The Royal Grove. 11 a.m. royalhawaiiancenter.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 LAUHALA WEAVING LESSONS

Learn basic skills and techniques to craft hala leaves into items such as Hawaiian mats or bracelets. Open to the first 25 people. Level 2, Bldg. A. 11 a.m. Free. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

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

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been going strong since 1979. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters and artists, the Swap Meet offers 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. alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

### THURSDAYS FREE KEIKI HULA LESSONS

A hula lesson just for kids. Children, ages 5-10 years old, will learn basic hula movements to a popular Hawaiian children's song. The Royal Grove. 12 p.m. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

### FIRST FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

Honolulu's beloved monthly outdoor self-guided arts tour downtown is still being held at select vendors with full COVID modifications in place. Monthly updates about participants are finalized and published 2 days before each First Friday online at firstfridayhawaii.com or at individual merchant websites.

### FRIDAYS MAHIKU FARMERS MARKET

Experience a variety of fresh and unique products offered by local farmers, growers, artisans, and food purveyors every Friday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Ala Moana Pacific Center Courtyard. Free. mahikufarmersmarket.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 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.

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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. aronthezoofence.com.

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Kumu Hula Blaine Kia offers weekly hula program at Waikiki Beach Walk. 20 people per class. Registration & masks required. Free. 9 - 10 a.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

### SUNDAYS • YOGA IN THE PARK

The team from Core Power Yoga, hosts a free yoga class at Victoria Ward Park on Sundays. Limited space, registration required. 9 - 10 a.m. wardvillage.com/explore/activities.

### SUNDAYS KAILUA FARMERS MARKET

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### ONE SUNDAY A MONTH (DECEMBER 12) MELE HALI'A

Mele Hali'a has returned! On one special Sunday of each month, see a stand-out performance from one (or two) of Hawaii's award-winning musicians. This month see Ledward Kaapana & Jesse Gregorio take to the Plaza Stage.. 5-6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

### THIRD SUNDAY (DECEMBER 19) 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. - 6 p.m. Free. 532-8700. honolulumuseum.org.

### DECEMBER 5 KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS PRESENTS BACKYARD BBQ & MELE ON THE LAWN

The Hawaii Food & Wine Festival takes it low and slow for their last event of the year. Gather on the iconic Great Lawn for a slow-cooked feast curated by chefs from local faves Easy 'Que, Nui Kealoha Catering, Sunset Texas Barbeque, Teddy's Bigger Burgers and TEX 808 BBQ & Brews. Grilled and smoked menu items will be served alongside side dishes featuring ulu or Hawaiian breadfruit, in collaboration with the Hawaii Ulu Cooperative. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. \$250. Bishop Museum. hfwf.me

### DECEMBER 5 ALII SUNDAY

Ali'i Sundays are among the many long and honored traditions of Kawaiaha'o Church, a special celebration to honor certain Hawaiian Ali'i who are of particular importance to the Church, and at long last, they have returned to in-person services. Today, stop by to celebrate Kamehameha V. 8:30 a.m. kawaiaha'o.org.

### DECEMBER 5, 12 & 19 ALOHA HOME HOLIDAY MARKET

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# DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

artists and find unusual items! Head to Kailua for Hawaii's finest furniture makers, artisans, jewelry makers, clothing designers, food vendors, and more. 340 Uluniu Street in the parking lot by Assagio's. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. [islandcraftfairs.org](http://islandcraftfairs.org).

## DECEMBER 8 • TASTE AMERICA CULINARY SERIES BY THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION

The James Beard Foundation hosts the first-ever Taste America event in Hawaii in collaboration with Chef Bao Tran of Mad Bene and Chef Robynne Maii of Fête. Guests will enjoy a multi-course meal with beverage pairings, created just for this special night through a unique chef collaboration. Only the 5 p.m. seating remains open. Tickets at [jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica](http://jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica).

## DECEMBER 9-10 SHEILA E.

Sheila E. certainly lived The Glamorous Life in the 80s and 90s as both Prince's drummer and musical director before putting out her own chart-topping tunes. The Queen of Percussion takes the stage at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$45 - \$55. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## DECEMBER 11 HAWAII KAI HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Head on over to the Hawaii Kai Towne Center, grab a seat and watch the 24th annual Christmas Boat Parade as elaborately decorated boats make their way around the marina. Parade begins at 6 p.m. [hawaiikaitownecenter.com](http://hawaiikaitownecenter.com).

## DECEMBER 11 TOKIMONSTA

The American record producer and DJ from Los Angeles born Jennifer Lee actually began her musical career as a classical pianist, before electronic music lured her away in college and has since collaborated with the likes of Anderson Paak and has received a Grammy nomination. 9 p.m. \$20 - \$30. [bampproject.com](http://bampproject.com).

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The Hawaii Symphony Orchestra performs the single most-performed piece of classical music worldwide, Handel's Messiah. 7:30 p.m., 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$27 - \$99. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## DECEMBER 11-12 JON B.

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## DECEMBER 12 HONOLULU MARATHON

The 2021 Honolulu Marathon Weekend is officially a go! Runners are required to be vaccinated and the start will be staggered in groups of 200. The gun goes off at 5 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park. Prepare for a day filled with closed roads and traffic delays. [honolulumarathon.org](http://honolulumarathon.org).

## DECEMBER 12-16 ISLAND CRAFTERS MARKET

Browse dozens of locally made products such as apparel, candles, laser etched home goods, papale, hand sewn totes, baby items and local snacks. 2nd level, International Market Place by Mitsuwa Marketplace. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. [islandcraftfairs.org](http://islandcraftfairs.org).

## DECEMBER 15 FRANK DE LIMA

He is Hawaii's beloved Babooze, aka Glen Miyashiro, aka, Frank DeLima, one of our most popular comedians for the past 45 years or so, and tonight, for one show only, his outrageous sense of humor will be on display. 7 p.m. \$25 - \$35. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).



## DECEMBER 17-18 PAULA FUGA HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY

Hawaii's Queen of Soul, Paula Fuga, is "Home for the Holidays" for two nights in December. Two shows nightly. 6:30 & 9 p.m. \$35 - \$45. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## DECEMBER 17-18 MAKAHA-KALIKIMAKA AT THE HAWAII THEATRE

Join The Makaha Sons, along with special guests Iolani & Natalie Ai Kamau'u, Maria Raquel Higa (Rocky Brown), Robi Kahakalau and Ei Nei as they celebrate the season. Hawaii Theatre. 7:30 p.m. \$35 - \$50. [hawaii theatre.com](http://hawaii theatre.com).

## DECEMBER 18 COMING TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Award-winning entertainer Josh Tatofi takes to the stage for a family-friendly holiday concert with special guest Justin Kawika Young. Tickets: \$39.50 - \$150. Waikiki Shell. 7 p.m. [bampproject.com](http://bampproject.com)

## DECEMBER 19 • ALII SUNDAY

Kawaiahao Church celebrates select Hawaiian Alii who are of particular importance for the Church by holding seven special Sunday services in their honor around their birthdays throughout the year. Stop by to celebrate Bernice Pauahi Bishop. 8:30 a.m. [kawaiahao.org](http://kawaiahao.org).

## DECEMBER 19-21 • CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII WITH JAKE & THUNDERSTORM

Jake Shimabukuro celebrates Christmas in Hawaii featuring The Voice alum Thunderstorm Artis and Japanese master percussionist Taku Hirano. Two shows nightly. 6 & 8:30 p.m. \$45 - \$55. [bluenotehawaii.com](http://bluenotehawaii.com).

## DECEMBER 22, 23 & 25 DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC

This 11th annual college basketball tournament will consist of eight teams competing in twelve games over three days in a traditional bracket format. This years teams include BYU, Liberty, Northern Iowa, South Florida, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Wyoming, and of course, UH. Stan Sheriff Center. [diamondheadclassic.com](http://diamondheadclassic.com).

## DECEMBER 31- JANUARY 1 FUKUBUKURO

International Market Place will be celebrating Fukubukuro over two days featuring "lucky bags" that offer contents priced at half the full retail value. The bags will be offered at participating stores on December 31 and January 1, while supplies last. Expect all of the malls to celebrate this popular shopping event.

Events are changing daily due to the current COVID situation, be sure to verify events of interest before going.

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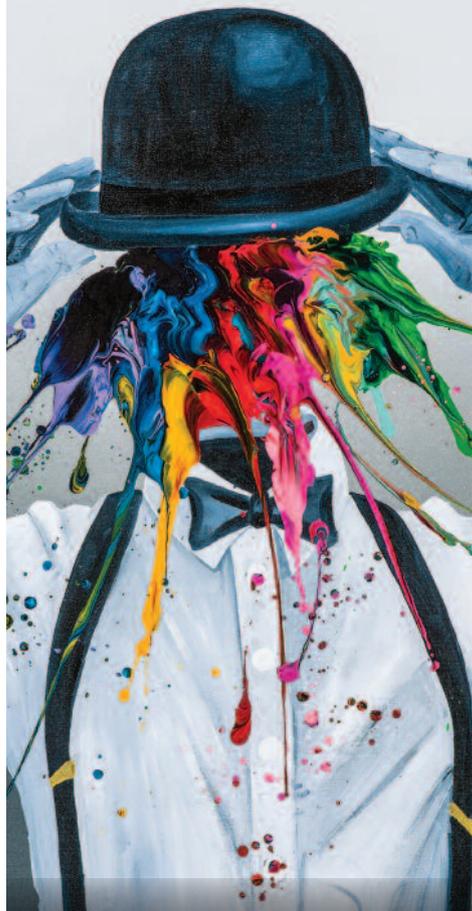
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## Chef's Corner dk Steakhouse Chef Albert Balbas

Albert Balbas has spent most of his Culinary career in the DK Restaurant's system working his way up from a dishwashing position at Sansei to the Executive Chef of dk Steakhouse. He has worked in the Waikiki kitchens of both Sansei and dk for 17 years, and is about to celebrate his 20th year as Executive Chef. He is credited with building the dry aged beef program at the steakhouse and does everything from the curing and hanging to cutting and cooking the steaks himself, keeping the program entirely in-house.

### What is your first childhood food memory?

My Mom's Pancit has always been ingrained in my childhood memories and is still my favorite dish to this day. She used to cook at Filipiana Restaurant on River Street back in the day.

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

I had to learn to cook at a very early age due to the fact my mom was always out of the house and my dad only knew how to cook 2 things, eggs and toast. Me and my siblings all had "go-to" dishes we would make and I wanted to outdo them all.

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

In 1994 I started working at Villa Pizza in Aloha Tower. I did a little bit of everything there, even cashier.

### Describe the best dish you ever remember and why you remember it?

The 55 day Dry-Aged "prime" Bone in Rib Eye at David Burke's Prime House in Chicago; It was a whole experience, we got to take a tour of the kitchen and visited the famous "Himalayan Salt Wall" in their dry aging room. Pure inspiration.

### How did you spend the shutdown?

Working! I worked straight through the shutdown at Vino. What a crazy experience working with an all chef line-up and getting to watch and learn every day from an amazing team. Chef Adrian Solarzano from Sansei, Chef Keith Endo formerly of Vino, Chef Garret Cho our Corporate Chef, Chef Greg Gaboan Sansei's head Sushi Chef, and of course, DK himself.

### Who would you consider your mentor and why.

Chef Ivan Pakh is my mentor. He gave me my first shot at being a chef and he taught me to cook in a more creative way and allowed me to try new things. Plus he's a bad-ass cook!

### How would you describe your style of cooking?

Homestyle recipes and flavors with restaurant artistry and flair.

### What's your favorite dish on the menu?

Our Red Wine Braised Short ribs, not the dish so much, but the style cooking it represents. I love "low and slow" type dishes which really allow time for flavors to develop and marinate while keeping textures tender and soft.

### Ever been on (or would like to go on) a culinary adventure? Where would you go and why?

I would love to tour Asia, especially Japan so I could take a ramen tour or do some sort of noodle crawl through the different countries to try all the different styles, ingredients, and flavors.

### What's your biggest pet peeve thing about working in a kitchen?

Seasoning! Don't forget to check and adjust. A dish that is way under seasoned or a dish which is over seasoned could ruin a whole dining experience.

### What restaurant do you like to go to when not working?

Currently Fête. But to be very honest, I really miss TOWN and Ed Kenney.

## Bresaola Carpaccio Salad



### Ingredients:

40 oz Bresaola (*air-dried and salted meat*)  
20 oz. Baby Arugula  
20 oz. Asparagus (one stalk)  
3 pcs Cherry Tomato Red  
1 pc. Jalapeño  
2 lvs Thai Basil  
2 oz. Balsamic Glaze Pesto (*see recipe below*)  
5 oz. Bread  
2 oz. Parmesan Cheese

### Pesto Recipe:

1 oz Chopped Macadamia Nuts  
2 oz. Chopped Basil

2 oz. Extra Virgin Olive Oil  
1 oz. Grated Parmesan Cheese  
*Blend and enjoy*

**Directions:** Slice the Bresaola thinly and line plate bottom. Grill asparagus stalk and slice into 5-6 pieces, put into small mixing bowl. Cut cherry tomatoes in half and place in bowl with asparagus. Slice pickled red jalapeño and place in bowl (*amount will depend on the level of spice you like*). Chop Thai basil and mix into bowl with vegetables. Toss vegetables in extra virgin olive oil and season to taste. Slice bread thinly and top with extra virgin olive oil and parmesan cheese, grill or bake lightly until cheese is melted. Place 2 oz. pesto over bresaola and top with mixed vegetables, place arugula on top. Drizzle plate with balsamic glaze and shave parmesan cheese to garnish.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

I really do expect a lot more events to pop up between now and then, but those events are still being pieced together right now. Here's what we have thus far.

## Bill Maher Live



Don't miss Bill Maher's New Year's 10th Anniversary special with special guests Nikki Glaser and Christopher "Kid" Reid. Surprise guests always stop by. In year's past Woody Harrelson, Paul Simon, Eddie Vedder, and Sean Penn stopped by to name a few. Who will show up this year? 7:30 p.m. Blaisdell Concert Hall. \$49.50 - \$130. ticketmaster.com.

## New Year's with The Green

Ring in the New Year with one of the most successful reggae bands to come out of Hawaii. Two shows nightly. 6:30 & 9 p.m. \$65 - \$85. bluenotehawaii.com.

## Tom Segura

Actor, comedian, and writer Tom Segura is one of the biggest names in the comedy business, and he is bringing his I'm Coming Everywhere World Tour to ring in the New Year with two shows to choose from. 7 & 9:30 p.m. \$69 - \$150. bampproject.com.

## NYE Luau at the Hilton

Ring in the New Year at the Hilton Hawaiian Village with a special holiday Luau on the Great Lawn with a decadent multi-course dinner, including Filet and Lobster, a full luau show and additional live musical acts. \$295. 941-5828.

## NYE Cruises on the Water

Paradise Cruises will have offering special NYE cruises onboard the Star of Honolulu, Dolphin Star. Check paradasecruises.com.

## New Year's Rockin' Eve Countdown

Rock-A-Hula will be offering a very special NYE show starting at 9:15 p.m. complete with fireworks on the screen. rockahulahawaii.com.

## Make Dinner Reservations

Literally every restaurant and hotel out there sent me a special menu for their Christmas and New Years Eve holiday prix-fix menus. Call a few of your favorite restaurants for details and make your reservations soon. They will most likely all sell out early.

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